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ISRAEL TO GET JET BOMBERS FROM FRANCE; BEN GURION MEETS WITH U.S. ENVOY

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- Israel Premier David Ben Gurion received United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson in a private audience today. They are understood to have discussed Middle East developments in the light of the situation in Lebanon.

There was no way of confirming advance reports that the Premier would raise with the Ambassador the question of the Anglo-American decision to supply late model jet fighters to Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan. Observers here believe the Ben Gurion Cabinet has not reached a final decision whether to file a new formal request with Washington for jet aircraft to balance its arms with those of the Arab states.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry announced last night that Israel and France had signed an agreement for France to supply Israel with six Vacouture supersonic jet bombers. The new twin engine bombers, capable of a top speed of 700 miles per hour, will enable Israel to strike back at any Arab country which opens hostilities.

The only other bombers which the Israel Air Force possesses now are three B-17s, four engine American propeller driven craft known during World War II as Flying Fortresses. Israel used them in the War of Liberation ten years ago.

Andrew Cordier, United Nations Under Secretary and Secretary Dag Hammarskjold's third personal representative to try to settle the Israel-Jordan dispute over Mt. Scopus, arrived in Jerusalem this week-end from Beirut. It is understood he will confer this week with both Mr. Ben Gurion and Jordan's Premier. Yesterday he spoke with Maj. Gen. Carl C. von Horn, UN truce chief here.

50 EXPERTS ASSIGNED BY U.N. TO ISRAEL TO AID COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 15. (JTA) -- A total of 50 experts were assigned to Israel last year by the United Nations Technical Assistance Program, it was revealed today in a report issued here. The report was prepared for the UN Economic and Social Council.

The Technical Assistance Program last year gave 45 fellowships to Israeli experts for study abroad. At the same time, it hired nine Israeli experts to serve in other countries, while three foreign experts were sent by the UN to study in Israel.

One of the Program's major tasks, according to the report, was careful and critical evaluation of the efficiency applied to major projects. In that respect, the report declared, Israel ranked high. "In Israel," the report stated, "all technical assistance requests submitted by Ministries or institutions had to be accompanied by a careful assessment of results already achieved, and these were discussed at high-level government meetings."

Israel also evaluated carefully the performance of Israelis who had been abroad on UN Technical Assistance Program fellowships, the report added. It pointed out here that Israel is one of the relatively few countries where the Prime Minister's office takes direct responsibility for technical assistance.

Israel also benefited from monetary expenditures by the United Nations Technical Assistance Program, according to the report. Out of total expenditures of \$31,500,000, the Program allocated \$314,000 to Israel in 1957. Israel pledged in money a total of \$50,000 for 1957, and still owed \$30,556 of that sum as of the date the year's figures were compiled, on March 31, 1958.

Israel Gets \$300,000 Worth of Laboratory Equipment from U.N.

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- Shlomo Arazi, director of Israel's state property department, accepted title to some \$300,000 worth of laboratory and research equipment used by United Nations technical experts to train Israeli technicians. Title was transferred by Eric Ward, resident director of the UN technical assistance board.

Accepting the property, Mr. Arazi noted that the financial value of the property was far outweighed by the specialized nature of the equipment. Some of it is destined for the Haifa Technion's School of Mining Engineering.

AUSTRIA DRAFTS RESTITUTION LAW TO COMPENSATE NAZI PERSECUTEES

VIENNA, June 15. (JTA) -- The Austrian Parliament agreed yesterday to send to its finance budget committee the draft of a restitution law to cover losses by political persecutees during the Nazi regime in Austria.

The measure would cover losses suffered from March 1933 to May 1945 through confiscation, loss or destruction of household items needed by the victims to hold jobs. Persons whose income in 1955 was more than \$240 a month would not be eligible for restitution but persons over 70 years of age would receive full benefits. Special provisions are in the measure for persons living under hardship conditions now.

The coalition parties in the Austrian Government plan to establish funds of 150,000,000 schillings with payments totalling 30,000,000 schillings annually for five years. Individual payments would not exceed \$2,000 per person.

GERMAN COURT REJECTS APPEAL OF NAZI SENTENCE TO LIFE FOR KILLING JEWS

FRANKFURT, June 15. (JTA) -- The West Berlin Appeals Court rejected this week-end an appeal from a former Nazi guard who sought to set aside a life sentence imposed on him for the torture and murder of seven Jewish prisoners at Auschwitz. The ex-guard is Otto Locke.

A report that Ludwig Zind, the school teacher sentenced recently to a year in prison for anti-Semitic remarks, had been offered a job by a German school in Hamburg is not true, West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano declared yesterday.

He made the comment in reply to a question in the Bundestag. Zind, who was accused of asserting publicly that Hitler "did not gas enough Jews," declared at his trial that he was not perturbed at his expulsion from school service because he had been offered jobs by a Cairo school and a German Chemical firm. The Cairo school, which confirmed the job offer, is administered by the West German Foreign Service.

NAZI PARTY TECHNICALLY LEGALIZED IN GERMANY; NO REBIRTH FEARED

BONN, June 15. (JTA) -- The Nazi Party was legalized in West Germany this week-end in a technical move which, however, is not expected to result in the rebirth in fact of the Hitler movement. The legalization of the party was included in a bill which repealed a number of Allied occupation statutes, including the one which forbid reorganization of the Nazi Party under a maximum penalty of death.

Dr. Walter Strauss, high Bonn Justice Ministry official, said that the Bonn Constitution provided enough safeguards to take care of Germans who attempt to rebuild the Nazi political instrument.

400 LEAVE U.S. BY AIR FOR U. J. A. THREE-DAY CONVENTION IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- The biggest airlift of any American Jewish organization to Israel was underway today for 400 leaders of community campaigns affiliated with the nationwide United Jewish Appeal who are bound for the UJA Anniversary Conference to be opened in Jerusalem on June 24.

A relay of planes is carrying out the airlift from New York International Airport, with the majority of the UJA group leaving via El Al Israel Airlines. The airlift group will be among the more than 700 American visitors--key UJA leaders, campaigners, contributors and their families and guests--who will attend the three-day sessions.

The forthcoming UJA Anniversary Conference in Jerusalem will be the first UJA national assemblage ever held overseas. Leading the conferees are Edward M. M. Warburg, UJA honorary chairman; Samuel H. Daroff, UJA national cash chairman; Melvin W. Dubinsky of St. Louis, and Adolph Kiesler of Denver, both UJA national cabinet members, and Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman. Mr. Warburg, who is also chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, will stop over in Geneva, Switzerland, to preside at a conference of JDC officials.

NURSING SCHOOL DEDICATED BY HADASSAH AT MEDICAL CENTER IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- The Henrietta Szold-Hadassah School of Nursing was dedicated here this afternoon at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center. The 1,500,000 pound nursing school is one of the first of a series of buildings completed at the medical complex. It will train 150 student nurses.

At the dedication ceremony, a bust of the late Miss Szold was unveiled. Among the chief speakers at the ceremony were Ambassador Edward B. Lawson of the United States, Israel Health Minister Israel Barzilai and Hebrew University president Prof. Benjamin Mazar. Some 400 members of Hadassah, who are spending a month-long Hadassah pilgrimage in Israel, were also present.

Dr. Miriam Freund, Hadassah president, presented at the ceremony scrolls of honor to two of the original group of nurses to come to Jewish Palestine in 1918. They are Mrs. Madeline Lewin Epstein and Mrs. Ray Malin-Cutler.

N. C. R. A. C. DISCUSSES IMPLICATIONS OF RECENT BOMBINGS OF SYNAGOGUES

BOSTON, June 15. (JTA) -- The implications for Jewish community relations of the recent bombings of synagogues in the South were discussed here today at the plenary session of the National Community Relations Advisory Council which is holding a three-day parley here. The session is attended by 150 delegates from six national Jewish organizations and 42 local Jewish community councils in all parts of the country which comprise the NCRAC.

Under the chairmanship of Barney Medintz of Atlanta, NCRAC vice chairman, the session considered the significance of the bombings for the community relations programs of national Jewish organizations, as well as for the programs of the Jewish communities in the South. The delegates also heard a discussion of interreligious relationships in America today. They were addressed by Monsignor Francis J. Lally, diocesan editor, Prof. Edward Dowey, Jr., Protestant professor of divinity and Leo Pfeffer, a Jewish authority on state-church matters.

The changing role of religion and religious institutions in contemporary society, will be discussed at the parley. The delegates also will debate and adopt a comprehensive "statement of concerns," in which they will affirm or reaffirm the commitments of the member organizations to the fostering of equality and of conditions necessary for effective Jewish living, and take positions on a number of current social issues.

PEOPLE IN SOUTH NOT INFLUENCED BY KU KLUX KLAN ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 15. (JTA) -- More and more Ku Klux Klan meetings and, in some cases, White Citizens Councils are turning their efforts to anti-Semitism, the Associated Press reported here yesterday, adding, however, that the "mass of Southerners are not buying the anti-Semitic line."

In its study of synagogue bombings and the growth of anti-Jewish activities in the South, the press association said there are at least 10 Klans in the region, but that the mass of printed anti-Semitic propaganda comes from such places as Union, N.J., Los Angeles, St. Louis and Chicago. Nearly all White Citizens Councils have repudiated the anti-Jewish campaign and some councils claim Jewish members.

The Florida State's Attorney in Dade County, Richard E. Gerstein, linked the rise of anti-Semitism to the declining economic situation. "As soon as times get poor some people look for somebody to blame--Jews or Catholics," he said. The AP reported that Jews comprise less than one-half of one percent of the South's population, though some Jewish families trace their history in the region back to Colonial times.

JEWS IN UNDERDEVELOPED LANDS REPORTED FACING "SPIRITUAL DETERIORATION"

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- A six-point program for wider Jewish education for "unaffiliated Jews, in the United States and abroad, who might otherwise become bereft of faith, religiously disfranchised and morally bankrupt," was urged here today at a meeting of the board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations by Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union.

Rabbi Eisendrath, who just returned from a global trip, reported that 1,500,000 Jews living in the underdeveloped areas of the world face "spiritual deterioration." He called upon the board of trustees of the Reform Jewish movement to take immediate positive steps "to prevent this catastrophe."

In suggesting the adoption of a program of overseas religious aid, he emphasized that "vast numbers in Asia, Africa and the Western hemisphere face religious extinction simply for lack of spiritual leaders, informed teachers, adequate information, and material aid which they desperately need and desire in order to follow their faith."

The program recommended by Dr. Eisendrath is: 1. Distribution of religious educational literature and other related materials to Asia, Africa, Australia and New Zealand; 2. Recruitment of rabbis and religious school teachers for service in congregations around the world; 3. Encouragement of rabbis by their congregations to undertake preaching missions and give spiritual guidance outside the United States.

Also, 4. A special overseas loan fund to subsidize incipient or impoverished congregations whose income cannot meet the needs of their communities; 5. Scholarship funds with which to train potential rabbis and teachers from other countries to enable them to return to their native lands as qualified religious leaders; 6. Information service for the unaffiliated Jews of all countries with a view to encompassing them within the scope of synagogue life.

CHICAGO JEWISH FEDERATION OPENS NEW SIX STORY BUILDING; TO HOUSE U. J. A.

CHICAGO, June 15. (JTA) -- A new six story building of the Chicago Jewish Federation was opened here, with Governor William G. Stratton of Illinois as one of the principal speakers at the dedication ceremony. The building houses the offices of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Chicago, the Jewish Welfare Fund, and three of Federation's affiliated agencies.

JEWS IN BRAZIL PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL ZIONIST FUND DRIVE

SÃO PAULO, June 15, (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in New York, and Gedalia Zakiff, secretary of the Agency in Jerusalem, conferred here this week-end with Brazilian Zionist and United Israel Appeal leaders.

The subject of the conference was the new worldwide fund-raising campaign projected for the Zionist movement at the last meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee in Jerusalem. The Brazilian leaders pledged their fullest support to the project.

ISRAEL MINISTER OF POSTS OPENS THREE-DAY STAMP EXHIBIT IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 15, (JTA) -- Israel Minister of Posts, Dr. Joseph Burg, today opened the international stamp exhibit in honor of Israel's Tenth Anniversary at the New York Trade Show Building. Dr. Burg is the official patron of the three-day exhibition, which will feature collections of eminent philatelists. The Minister arrived in New York last week to participate in the opening of the exhibition. He is currently en route back to Israel from a good-will mission to Australia and New Zealand.

In reviewing the postal and communications developments in the State during the past ten years, Dr. Burg pointed to the role played by the postal, telegraph and telephone services in the successful expansion of the country's economy. He also stressed the importance of the country's growing communication network in the development of the Negev and the Upper Galilee. A reliable communication system, the Minister stated, was one of the essentials for the country's achievements in industry, agriculture and the expansion of the populated area into the undeveloped regions.

Dr. Burg described the functions of the Ministry's Philatelic Service as forming the link with past history and commemorating the rebirth and life of Israel, by throwing into bold relief those events which constitute history in the making. "Since the State was founded ten years ago, the stamps of Israel have been showing the world the history of the country, its people, the spirit pervading it and the truths emanating from it as well as the dynamics of the ingathering of the exiles and the conquest of the desert," Dr. Burg stated.

U.S. LABOR PRESENTS \$50,000 GIFT FOR WILLIAM GREEN MEMORIAL AT HAIFA

NEW YORK, June 15, (JTA) -- A \$50,000 contribution toward the construction of a Histadrut Cultural Center in the city of Haifa to be named after the late William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, was made today by the William Green Memorial Fund Committee. A \$50,000 check was presented on behalf of the committee by George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, to Ephraim Evron, American representative of the Histadrut executive board.

The William Green Cultural Center is another major Histadrut institution in Israel to be named after a prominent American labor leader. In 1955, Histadrut built the Philip Murray Cultural Center at Eilat, Israel's southern seaport. The five-story building now in the final stages of construction contains a 500-seat auditorium, a library, reading rooms, classrooms, recreational facilities, and an ultra modern cafeteria.

AMERICAN AND ISRAELI PLAYWRIGHTS WIN AWARD FOR JEWISH CHILDREN'S PLAY

NEW YORK, June 15, (JTA) -- The Jewish Theatre for Children, sponsors of the Golden Pen Playwriting Contest, announced today that the 1957 prize of \$1,000, offered annually for the best full-length play for children, written in English on a Jewish theme, will be divided this year between Shirley Gerson Milgrim, of Philadelphia, for her play "The Tender Champion," and Robert Friend and David Shahar, of Jerusalem, authors of "The King's Page."

The awards were made at a ceremony at the Herzl Institute here. Aviad Yafeh, director of the Israel Office of Information, accepted the prize on behalf of Robert Friend and David Shahar. Mrs. Milgrim accepted her award in person. A total of 26 plays were submitted to the contest from the U.S.A. and foreign countries.

The Jewish Theatre for Children is financially supported by grants from Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, the Jewish Education Committee of New York and membership fees of the children in more than 700 Jewish and secular schools in New York.

NEW YORK SYNAGOGUE MEMBERS PARADE TO ISRAEL CONSULATE; PRESENT TORAH

NEW YORK, June 15, (JTA) -- The first parade with a Sefer Torah in New York City took place today when members of the Radio City Synagogue marched from the house of worship to the Israel Consulate more than a mile away to present the Scroll to the people of Israel. The Scroll was accepted by Simcha Pratt, Israel's Consul General in New York.

The Sefer Torah was contributed in response to a world call issued by the Israel Ministry of Religious Affairs to Jewish communities to provide the new communities and houses of worship in Israel with hard-to-get Scrolls. This one will be flown to Israel.