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U. N. ENVOY STARTS TALKS IN ISRAEL ON SETTLING MT. SCOPUS CONFLICT

JERUSALEM, June 16. (JTA) -- Andrew Cordier, executive assistant to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, began meeting today with top Israel Foreign Ministry officials on the Mt. Scopus conflict between Israel and Jordan. Mr. Cordier, the third personal envoy sent to the Middle East by Mr. Hammarskjold to work on the Mt. Scopus problem, is seeking to find out which subjects each side wishes to raise.

It is understood that the Israelis want to discuss implementation of Article VIII of the armistice agreement which provides for the resumption of normal humanitarian and cultural activities in the Israeli enclave. Israel feels that implementation of this section is the only way to prevent further trouble on the height, since it could arrange the details of normalization while at the same time representing an expression of Jordan's willingness to honor the letter and spirit of the armistice pacts.

The Israelis hold that tension in the area of Mt. Scopus, or in Israel-Jordan relations generally, is intentionally created by Amman. Israel believes that the United States could assist by advising Jordan to adopt a less provocative attitude. It is thought that these problems were raised when Premier David Ben Gurion and United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson conferred last week-end.

SITUATION IN LEBANON IS FRAUGHT WITH DANGER, SHARETT WARNS PARLEY

BRUSSELS, June 16. (JTA) -- The present situation in Lebanon is fraught with danger, Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister of Israel, today warned the Council of the Socialist International which is meeting here.

The Council adopted a resolution calling for international guarantees for the borders of the Middle Eastern states, including Israel, and for the launching of large-scale development projects in the region under United Nations auspices. Another resolution expressed the hope that an improvement in the world situation would lead to a relaxation of tension in the Middle East.

Mr. Sharett, who is a member of the Mapai delegation to the parley, told the session that subversion of Lebanon from within and without might produce "an explosion" in the Middle East. He noted that developments in Lebanon proved Israelis long-held contention that the emergence of Israel was not responsible for tension in the region.

Mr. Sharett said the national movements of Israel and the Arab states had much in common, but that Arab nationalism were moving into "wrong channels." He called for international protection of the territorial integrity of all UN members. Mr. Sharett added that while the world powers should show an active interest in a settlement between Israel and the Arab states, they should not pressure for it, leaving the details to be worked out by the parties involved.

The one-time Foreign Minister of Israel reiterated that the Arab refugee problem must be solved chiefly through resettlement. He urged that no international support be given to nations which refuse to make peace. Finally, he appealed to the Asian countries, particularly India, to accept their great moral responsibility to work for the cause of peace in the Middle East.

ISRAEL PURCHASING 20 JET BOMBERS FROM FRANCE, PARIS NEWSPAPER REPORTS

PARIS, June 16. (JTA) -- The influential Paris newspaper Le Monde reported today that Israel was purchasing 20 jet bombers from France. A report from Jerusalem yesterday said that Israel had contracted for six twin engine bombers.

(In Jerusalem today, observers expressed the suspicion that American sources had leaked the story about French jets being sold to Israel with a definite purpose in mind. These sources stressed two important differences between the situation of Israel and the Arab states. Firstly, the Arabs are receiving the Anglo-American craft virtually as a gift. Secondly, Israel can only go to one source for its arms while the Arabs have a wide choice of suppliers.)

FEAR AMONG JEWS IN RUSSIA RAMPANT, MEMBER OF U.S. STUDY MISSION REPORTS

STOCKTON, Calif., June 16 (JTA) -- Dr. I. I. Weiss, a member of a group of American businessmen, professionals and clergymen who issued the full text of their talk in the Kremlin with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev on the situation of the Soviet Jews, made a special study of the Jews in the Soviet Union, it is emphasized in the general report issued by the group. Dr. Weiss, who is a resident of Stockton, included his observations in the general report of the group. They read:

"In Western Russia Jews did not feel free to talk much even in their own homes with me. In Leningrad and Moscow, mostly Leningrad, fear was rampant. They fear the instability and especially the unpredictability of the regimes. One never knows what tomorrow will bring. All agreed that things have eased since Stalin died but tomorrow, who knows what will come then. That's the trouble. No fear for today's regime. It's the tomorrow that is unpredictable that they fear. And they do not want to talk because they know they have informers in their midst, informers who record and say what people talk about. The records are not used today in the easy regime that is in control, but they may be used in any future regime. And that's why they do not want to talk.

"Bible classes and the internal teaching that comprises an important part of the synagogue life have been forbidden. The 20 rabbis to be, who now attend the seminary for the first time in the 40 years since the 1917 Revolution, will be nothing but leaders in their few congregations. They will cover but a small portion, infinitesimal portion of the Jewish synagogues needing rabbis. And they will be leaders but not teachers. Rabbi is a Hebrew word that means teacher, but these men will not be real rabbis. They will be religiously trained leaders."

J. D. C. CONFERENCE ON STRENGTHENING EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES OPENS IN GENEVA

GENEVA, June 16. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders from the United States and ten European countries met here today to discuss plans for more effective organization and the strengthening of Jewish communities of Western Europe newly rebuilt in the decade since they were destroyed by the Nazis and war.

This first postwar conference on European community organization and fund-raising was called by the Joint Distribution Committee, whose director general for overseas operation, Charles Jordan, is the chairman of the four day session.

The conferees were guests today at a luncheon tendered by Dr. August R. Lindt, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Dr. Lindt hailed the role of these community and welfare officials in helping solve the refugees problem, adding: "The Jewish communities, of whom you are the distinguished representatives, know what it means to help others in distress, for many of those communities have had in the past to leave countries where they were established and start a new life elsewhere. This could only be done because they found sympathy and willingness to help among their own people."

Other speakers at the parley included Edward M. M. Warburg, JDC chairman and honorary chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, Baron Elie de Rothschild, campaign chairman of the United Jewish Social Welfare Fund of France, and Henry L. Zucker, executive director of the Cleveland Jewish Community Federation, who delivered the keynote address. Mr. Zucker described the community organization's goals as follows:

"A Jewish community must be built bit by bit. It must be conceived in the minds of the leaders of the community, who are convinced that Jews have problems and opportunities in common which they must work on together. These leaders must desire that Jewish life flourish; they must believe that the great religious and moral traditions of 3,000 years have validity and meaning for Jews and for the world today; that these teachings are good for their own youth and should be transmitted to them; that Jews should live in dignity and harmony with their neighbors.

"Also, that Jewish schools and centers for social and cultural development need to be supported; that needy Jews anywhere in the world have the right to look for help to Jews in better circumstances; that Jews owe special obligations to their needy young and old, their ill and handicapped; that Jewish family life needs cultivation and strengthening, and that Jews have a responsibility to develop sensitivity among other Jews for good citizenship and active civic leadership."

HEARING ON EXTRADITION OF ARTUKOVICH STARTED IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, June 16. (JTA) -- Hearings started here today on the Yugoslav Government request that Andrija Artukovich, former Minister of Interior of the State of Croatia established by the Nazis in Yugoslavia in 1941, be extradited as a war criminal who ordered the mass execution of Jews and Serbs when he was in power. The hearing is being held before U.S. Commissioner Theodore Hocke.

"We have the testimony of 100 eyewitnesses and documents signed by Artukovich condemning civilians to death," Yugoslav Consul General Branko Karadzole said. The Yugoslav Government contends that Artukovich ordered the executions of Jews, Serbs and "enemies of the regime."

N. C. R. A. C. DISCUSSES RELATIONSHIPS AMONG JEWS, CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS

BOSTON, June 16. (JTA) -- The status of relationships among Jews, Protestants and Catholics was discussed today at the annual plenary session of the National Community Relations Advisory Council which is being held here. Participating in the frank discussion of conflicts among religious groups in this country were a Roman Catholic Monsignor, a Protestant professor of theology and a representative of the American Jewish Congress.

Monsignor Edward G. Murray told the 150 Jewish community leaders that Catholics believe religious and political authority should be separate. Recognizing that in practice some overlapping is inevitable, he said Catholics believe that in the areas of such overlapping religious authority must have primacy, since it rests upon ultimate truths.

Leo Pfeffer, American Jewish Congress representative, pointed out that among important issues upon which the faiths are divided and that cannot be completely compromised are: religion in the public schools, public aid for parochial education, Sunday closing laws, child welfare laws. "None of the groups is completely content, and none is willing to give up the struggle for adjustment closer to their respective ideals of the good society," he said.

Mr. Pfeffer recommended as the best means of maintaining mutual respect among religious groups, continuing discussion carried on according to the following "rules of fair competition:" 1. Force or coercion must not be resorted to; 2. There must be no suppression of any sect or its activities; 3. The involvement of government must at all times be avoided; 4. Ecclesiastical sanction to influence government activity must be avoided; 5. Appeals exclusively to passion and prejudice, deliberate misrepresentation irresponsible charges must be avoided; 6. There must not be resort to chauvinism; 7. Boycotts must be avoided.

The NCRAC is the coordinating agency for the relations activities of the national congregational bodies of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism in the United States, as well as for three major national Jewish civic organizations--American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans--and 42 Jewish community councils throughout the country.

HILLEL DIRECTOR FORESEES MORE CULTURALLY-MINDED JEWISH COMMUNITY

CLEVELAND, June 16. (JTA) -- American Jewry is experiencing a "psychological insecurity" that will produce a more culturally-minded Jewish community a generation from now, Dr. Judah Shapiro, national director of B'nai B'rith's Hillel Foundations, predicted today at a B'nai B'rith convention here. "Never before in its history has the American Jewish community shown such intensive concern for its cultural survival," he said.

He called this a "heartening sign" that is "combatting the negativism" which prevailed among first generation American Jews "whose primary concerns were for physical and financial security and social acceptance." The "new kind of insecurity" in which young Jews are acknowledging a need for more intensive Jewish cultural and religious learning, is reflected in the present enrollment of more than 100,000 college students in the 213 Hillel units maintained by B'nai B'rith on college campuses, Dr. Shapiro added.

BRAZIL, ARGENTINA WILL ACCEPT REFUGEES, UNITED HIAS PRESIDENT REPORTS

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- Carlos L. Israels, president of United Hias Service, on his return from a three-week visit to Latin America, today expressed confidence that Brazil, Argentina, and several other countries on that continent are "willing to accept refugees."

Mr. Israels conferred with Brazil's President, Dr. Juscelino Kubitschek, who vowed "to maintain an open door policy toward refugees and other immigrants." He said that President Arturo Frondizi, of Argentina, had assured him "that there would be no discrimination against Jewish refugees seeking to enter the Argentine," and had stressed that "immigrants are needed, especially in the less populated areas outside of Buenos Aires." Mr. Israels also visited Uruguay and Chile.

ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER TO ATTEND WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PARLEY

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- The Foreign Minister of Argentina, Carlos Florit, has accepted an invitation to attend a five-day conference of South American Jewish communities being held in Buenos Aires from July 4th to July 8th under World Jewish Congress auspices, it was announced today by the WJC office here.

About 150 delegates are expected to attend from eleven countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dutch Guiana, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. The major delegations will be from Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay.

JEWISH AGENCY TO HELP SKILLED WORKERS IN CANADA MIGRATE TO ISRAEL

MONTREAL, June 16. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency is establishing an office in Montreal to facilitate the migration of persons with limited capital and skilled workmen in particular, it was reported here today.

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS ADOPTS \$1,095,372 BUDGET

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- A record budget of \$1,095,372 for the year 1958-59 was adopted here last night by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at a meeting of its board of trustees. The Union embraces 560 Reform congregations in the United States and Canada.

The budget includes expenditures for office maintenance, salaries and programing. Some of the major items call for allocation of \$375,000 to maintain the Union's 17 regional offices, \$75,000 for religious education, \$12,000 for adult education, \$35,000 for the establishment of new congregations and "winning unaffiliated Jews to synagogue life," and \$101,000 for youth activities.

RABBI CANNOT PERFORM HIS OWN MARRIAGE CEREMONY, QUEBEC JUDGE RULES

MONTREAL, June 16. (JTA) -- A person cannot perform his own marriage ceremony in the Province of Quebec, Associate Chief Justice W.B. Scott ruled here in annulling a marriage contracted by a rabbi in Montreal nearly three years ago. The marriage was performed in accordance with Hebrew law and in the presence of several witnesses, but was not listed in any civil register.

Annulment was granted at the petition of the rabbi who recalled in his plea that his wife by an earlier marriage was alive and that that marriage had never been dissolved. The judge reprimanded the plaintiff rabbi, considering the position he occupied in the community. He said that the defendant also had not acted in good faith, as from the evidence the court was satisfied that she knew the plaintiff's wife was still living at the time of the second marriage.

ISRAEL MINISTER ASSAILS RELIGIOUS ANTI-ISRAEL DEMONSTRATIONS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Burg, Israel's Minister of Posts and a leader of the religious Zionist movement, denounced as an "outrage" tonight "anti-Israel demonstrations and street parades for religious purposes outside Israel attacking her good name."

Dr. Burg spoke as guest of honor at a dinner tendered by the Religious Zionists of America where he and Shlomo Z. Shragai, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department in Israel, received awards as "Religious Zionist of the year."

Both guests scored the Neturei Karta methods in Israel and the tactics of their supporters abroad, asserting that the controversy over the swimming pool in Jerusalem could easily have been settled by peaceful means were it not--in the words of Mr. Shragai--for "the extreme and demagogic methods pursued by a small and fanatic group."

HADASSAH PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL ENDS; GUESTS HONORED BY FOREIGN MINISTER

JERUSALEM, June 16. (JTA) -- The Hadassah tenth anniversary pilgrimage to Israel ended formally today and many of the 400 American women Zionists prepared to return to Israel after two weeks of touring. Last night, the 400 were guests of honor at a reception at the home of Foreign Minister Mrs. Golda Meir.

At a ceremony yesterday dedicating the new Henrietta Szold School of Nursing at Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson presented Hadassah President Dr. Miriam Freund with a check covering a portion of the 190,000 pounds pledged by the United States Government as a gift to Hadassah institutions here. The money will be used to build a special section for premature babies at the maternity pavilion of the medical center.

AMERICAN CANTOPS OPEN THREE-DAY CONVENTION; DISCUSS JEWISH MUSIC

MONTICELLO, N. Y., June 16. (JTA) -- The fifth annual convention of the American Conference of Certified Cantors opened here today. The organization consists of cantors serving 320 Reform, Conservative and Orthodox congregations throughout the United States.

The convention, which will last three days, will feature a workshop on "practical application of research in Jewish music" presided over by Dr. Eric Werner, well-known musicologist, Guggenheim Fellow and Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Science. It will also discuss the effect of Chassidic music on the modern synagogue service.

CHIEF RABBI OF CASABLANCA DIES; WAS DEAN OF RABBIS IN MOROCCO

CASABLANCA, June 16. (JTA) -- Rabbi Maklouf Toledano, Chief Rabbi of Casablanca and dean of Moroccan rabbis, died at Meknes last week, it was reported here today. He was 88. Rabbi Toledano was a judge of the Rabbinic Court of Morocco for the past 23 years.

DR. SANDERS, FORMER PRESIDENT OF ROTTERDAM JEWISH COMMUNITY, DEAD

THE HAGUE, June 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Herman Sanders, well known Netherlands attorney who represented Dutchmen seeking indemnification for securities stolen from them during the Nazi occupation of Holland, died here yesterday. He was 71. Dr. Sanders was at one time president of the Ashkenazi community of Rotterdam.