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ISRAEL'S CHANCES TO SECURE ARMS FROM U.S., BRITAIN REPORTED IMPROVED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Recent developments in the Middle East have greatly improved Israel's chances of obtaining arms from the United States and Britain, Col. Avraham Yoffe, a Defense Ministry aide, reportedly told 350 delegates to the International Israel Bond Conference here yesterday. Col. Yoffe made this statement during a briefing--inclosed session--on Israel's security situation.

Information arriving here from Washington and London today tended to confirm Col. Yoffe's evaluation. Negotiations for arms purchases seem to be going well. Shimon Peres, director general of the Ministry of Defense, concluded today his discussions with the British Defense Military and Admiralty in London and is expected back here this week-end.

Informed Israeli sources were hopeful that Washington would take positive action soon on Israel's brief arms list. One of the major problems facing Israel with respect to obtaining arms from the West is how to meet the considerable financial burden imposed by such arms purchases.

Israel Concludes Talks on Arms in Britain; Results Termed "Satisfactory"

LONDON, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- British and Israeli defense officials today concluded their secret talks here on Israel's request for arms from Britain. A statement issued jointly by the British Foreign Office and the Israel Embassy said:

"Mr. Shimon Peres, director general of Israel's Defense Ministry, has had conversations in this country during the past three days on technical and supply matters. The talks, which were confidential, were both friendly and satisfactory."

Diplomatic sources in London said earlier this week that Britain is ready to help equip the Israel Navy for anti-submarine warfare. Israel is worried by the growing fleet of submarines provided by Russia to the United Arab Republic.

ISRAEL TO BUILD \$20,000,000 ATOMIC REACTOR TO PRODUCE ELECTRICITY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Israel is considering the construction of a nuclear-fueled power station capable of producing 50,000 kilowatts of electricity, it was disclosed here by authoritative circles. The disclosure was made on the heels of a statement by Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister, that Israel expects to have an atomic powered electrical station in operation by the conclusion of her forthcoming five-year plan.

It is understood that at present estimates, the cost of building an atomic reactor to produce electric power is \$20,000,000, about twice as great as building a conventional oil-driven steam plant. However, once built, the atomic plant costs no more to operate than the conventional unit.

Despite its expense, Israel looks forward to atomic production of electric power because nuclear fuel will relieve Israel of the need for purchasing expensive fuel oil abroad and at the same time relieve her of a security headache springing from the possibility of her oil supply lines being cut in the event of hostilities. Additionally, it is hoped that when Israel begins construction, in two to three years, nuclear building costs will have been lowered by improved technology.

BRITAIN SEEKS TO ASCERTAIN THAT NASSER WILL NOT TAKE OVER JORDAN

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Indications have been received here that Britain has recently become less eager to evacuate Jordan. While the motivation for the British about-face are not clear, it is believed to hinge on United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's visit to the Middle East.

One version has it that the British are dragging their heels in the hope of forcing Mr. Hammarskjöld to take real steps to safeguard Jordan's independence instead of anticipated wishy-washy motions which would actually pave the way for a Nasser take-over in Jordan.

B'NAI B'RITH FILES CLAIM WITH GERMANY FOR ASSETS SEIZED BY NAZIS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- B'nei B'rith today made public a restitution claim against the West German Government for portable assets seized by the Nazis in 1937 and valued at \$2,500,000. Details of the claim were outlined in a memorandum which B'nei B'rith president Philip Klutznick presented to the West German Embassy here today.

The memorandum proposed a single "global settlement" covering the individual claims of more than 100 B'nei B'rith lodges that were active in 84 cities in Germany until the B'nei B'rith movement was forcibly dissolved as "inimical" to the Nazi state.

The claim involves only the movable assets that were confiscated and not the large amount of real property, including many lodge houses, a Berlin headquarters building and various orphanages and old age homes which were part of the B'nei B'rith service program in Germany. The buildings have been returned to B'nei B'rith but in most instances were destroyed in the war and worthless.

The memorandum pointed out that the Nazi confiscations, in addition to seizing cash, bank accounts and security holdings, also carried off expensive furnishings, carpeting, valuable paintings, extensive libraries, organs, kitchen and dining room equipment and similar property. To date B'nei B'rith has received less than \$10,000 in small restitution settlements from various state courts in West Germany.

Mr. Klutznick said today that restitution proceeds would be earmarked "to help re-establish the shattered communal lives of former German members of B'nei B'rith now living in Israel and South America, and to permit the reopening of B'nei B'rith in West Germany."

Earlier this year B'nei B'rith received an application from the leaders of West Berlin's Jewish community for reconstituting a lodge there. The matter has been held in abeyance, Mr. Klutznick said, awaiting consideration of the restitution claim. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer first urged B'nei B'rith's return to Germany in a meeting with Mr. Klutznick in Bonn in 1955.

WEST GERMAN MINISTER MAY DISCUSS WITH NASSER ECONOMIC AID TO EGYPT

BONN, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Ludwig Erhard, West German Minister of Economic Affairs, may visit Egypt during a four-week world tour following the forthcoming International Monetary Fund conference in New Delhi, India, it was reported today.

It is believed that Dr. Erhard, who will call on countries in need of assistance in the development of their resources and economies, will discuss with the Nasser regime the possibility of West German financial and technical aid but will not conclude any agreement with Cairo at this time.

It is believed that during the New Delhi conference he will take the opportunity presented by the presence of Israeli Finance Minister Levi Eshkol to hold a meeting with the Israeli leader.

ISRAEL GROUP SIGNS CONTRACT WITH MIDDLE EAST COUNTRY FOR ROAD BUILDING

TEL AVIV, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- Solel Boneh, the construction company, signed contracts with an undisclosed Middle Eastern country for an extensive construction program, including the building of 2,500 miles of roads, it was learned here today.

Solel Boneh has already completed a variety of building projects in Turkey, Cyprus and Ghana. It is also negotiating for contracts in Liberia and Nigeria. The latest contract includes a provision under which the construction will be carried out by a corporation in which the Solel Boneh and the government involved will each own 50 percent of the assets. Work in Ghana was carried out on that basis and the negotiations with Liberia and Nigeria look toward the same arrangement.

SUDANESE DELEGATION ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM; SAYS AFRICANS ARE PRO-ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The leader of a five-man delegation of government officials of the French Sudan, all Moslems, told Israelis today that "the peoples of Africa stand by your side, convinced that the people of Israel is not concerned with the race of a man but with the man himself."

The delegation, visiting Israel as guests of the government, was tendered a luncheon today by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol. The delegation leader, Modiba Koita Eta, who addressed the luncheon, stressed the wide area of possible cooperation between Israel and the French Sudan and the broad areas in which he said the French Sudan could learn from Israel's experience.

"We believe your neighbors will also begin to benefit from your accomplishments for the development of the Middle East and the settlement of its problems," he declared.

"GENOCIDE" STUDY ANALYZES ANTI-JEWISH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION

MUNICH, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- A detailed study of the liquidation of Jewish life in the Soviet Union was published here today by the Institute for the Study of the U.S.S.R. as part of a series of studies of persecutions of national minorities by the Soviet Government.

The study, entitled "Genocide in the U.S.S.R.," opens with the assertion that "Soviet Communist policy in regard to the Jewish question has always been guided by one ultimate aim--liquidation of the Jews as a national community and their assimilation as units in other national groups of the Soviet state."

In practice, the study establishes, this policy of liquidation has not been followed consistently. It has zigzagged back and forth and has been marked by periods of retreat which contributed to the development of processes directly opposed to the ultimate goal. "Since such retreats were based upon utilitarian or tactical considerations and slowed down the process of liquidation and assimilation, they led in the end to the application of measures involving genocide," the study points out.

The study reviews in detail the ups and downs of the Soviet policy toward Jewish culture and presents numerous facts showing how, in addition to executing several hundred Jewish writers and cultural leaders in the Soviet Union, Soviet authorities also liquidated all Jewish cultural and scientific institutions in the newly annexed territories of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Eastern Galicia, Bukovina and Bessarabia. It brings out the fact that the latest edition of the Large Soviet Encyclopedia defines Yiddish as the "former" language of Russian Jews.

The study also reveals that "harsh measures of repression" were taken against Polish Jews who stubbornly refused to become Soviet citizens. It estimates that about 600,000 of them were forcibly evacuated to the Urals and Siberia from territories annexed from Poland. It also refers to data published by the Joint Distribution Committee estimating that between a fifth and a third of the refugees perished.

Dwelling on the present "final state of liquidation" of Jewish communal and cultural life in the U.S.S.R., the study comes to the conclusion that "it is very probable that the tragedy of the Russian Jews is coming to an end before our eyes." At the same time, the study points out that linguistic assimilation has not killed the national consciousness of the majority of Jews in the Soviet Union.

"At all events the anti-Semitic measures of recent years, such as the staging of the 'doctors trial,' the mass removal of Jews from responsible positions in the state, economic, military and party apparatus, the threat of the introduction of a percentage ratio in the universities, and finally the existence of the State of Israel, to which all Jews are attracted, are factors which are impeding the efforts of the Communists to extinguish the national and religious ties of Soviet Jewry," the study emphasizes.

CAMPAIGN TO DISCOURAGE EMIGRATION OF JEWS INTENSIFIED IN POLAND

VIENNA, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The campaign started by Jewish Communists in Poland to discourage emigration of Jews from that country is being intensified in the press and by speakers at Jewish gatherings in various Polish cities, according to reports reaching here today from Warsaw.

The reports point out that the campaign is directed not only against emigration to Israel, but also against emigration to any country abroad, including the United States, Brazil and Australia. Articles are published in the Warsaw Jewish newspaper *Folkshtimne* reporting unemployment in these countries and difficulties for Jewish immigrants from Poland in adjusting to conditions of life in the new countries. Letters from immigrants to relatives in Poland, regretting leaving Poland, are also reproduced in an effort to show that Jews are better off in Poland than in the countries to which they migrate.

HUMANE SLAUGHTER LAW SIGNED BY EISENHOWER; CONSIDERS SHECHITA HUMANE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower signed into law last night a so-called humane slaughter law which sets up standards of food animal slaughter, but exempts shechita from its provisions.

The measure had been opposed chiefly by Orthodox groups which feared that the establishment of such standards might prove--as it has historically in other countries--an entering wedge in the direction of restricting or forbidding the Jewish ritual method of slaughter. Other national Jewish groups did not oppose the measure and some aided in the wording of the provision of the measure exempting religious slaughter from its terms.

The act, which becomes effective after June 30, 1960, provides that the Federal Government and its agencies may not purchase meat from slaughter houses which do not render insensible to pain food animals prior to slaughter. There are no penalties other than loss of Federal patronage for slaughterers who do not meet the legislation's requirements.

NO ANTI-JEWISH BIAS IN SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES, A.J.C. DELEGATION REPORTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The eight-member delegation of the American Jewish Committee, headed by Irving M. Engel and Jacob Blaustein, returned today from its 22-day visit to Latin American countries where the AJC leaders established closer contact with local Jewish communities and discussed problems of interest to Jews with the heads of local governments.

Mr. Engel, AJC president, reported that there is practically no anti-Jewish discrimination in the countries which they visited and that sincere efforts are being made to foster democratic regimes devoted to the maintenance and strengthening of human rights, particularly in the countries which have been dominated by dictatorship in recent years.

"The attitude of the governments and peoples toward Israel is a friendly one," Mr. Engel added. "Israel is regarded as bulwark of democracy which should be supported not only as an outpost of liberty in the explosive Middle East, but as an essential element in the maintenance of world peace," he said.

Mr. Blaustein, AJC honorary president, said that meetings and talks with members of the Jewish communities in Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Santiago and Lima revealed the heartening fact that the Jews in the four countries visited are being integrated and are making outstanding contributions to the spiritual, cultural, social and economic fields. "Their talents and skills are being devoted most effectively to the advancement of their countries," he stated.

The delegation's trip, the first ever made to South America by officers of the American Jewish Committee, had two main objectives," Mr. Blaustein declared. "First, the establishment of closer collaboration between the Jewish communities of the United States and South America and the promotion of further opportunities for immigration for refugees. Second, the establishment of closer ties generally and the exchange of views for the purpose of improving understanding between North and South Americans."

The delegation stated that it met with an encouraging response to all aspects of its goodwill mission. Meetings were held with national, state and local government officials, church dignitaries, U.S. and Israel ambassadors, diplomatic personnel, newspaper editors and publishers, lawyers, educators, welfare workers and cultural and social leaders in each country.

The delegation also included Dr. John Slawson, executive vice president of the Committee; Mrs. Jacob Blaustein, member of the administrative board; Julius H. Cohn, vice president, and Mrs. Cohn, of Newark; Martin Gang, vice president, of Los Angeles, and Dr. Simon Segal, director of the Committee's foreign affairs department.

SO. AMERICAN ZIONIST CONFERENCE URGES REVAMPING OF ZIONIST MOVEMENT

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The third South American conference of Mapai-affiliated parties closed here last night following the adoption of a number of resolutions calling for changes in the Jewish Agency structure and in the Zionist movement, urging increased chutz immigration from Latin America and expanded Jewish education. The final function was a banquet attended by hundreds of delegates from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia and Peru.

The convention of Labor Zionist groups declared that it was "indispensable" that the Jewish Agency's absorption and immigration departments be unified. It also urged revamping of the world Zionist movement on "democratic bases" and asked that Jewish organizations set up a special fund for new immigrants' orientation in Israel in respect to their trades and professions. Urging increased pioneering immigration and education, the convention asserted that no member could remain within the party unless he sent his children to a Hebrew school.

LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM DISCUSSES EDUCATION

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 28. (JTA) -- The first Latin American conference of representatives of Conservative synagogues closed here today after four days of discussion of mutual problems of religious education, religious text publication and others. Among the discussants were rabbis from Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Panama, Chile, United States and Israel, the latter participating in the parley as guest delegates.

Prof. Abraham Heschel, noted American Conservative thinker, commented at the close of the conference that he was "deeply impressed by the signs of religious stirrings in South America. The need for intellectual and spiritual reorientation is very great indeed. It is incumbent," Dr. Heschel continued, "upon Jewish scholars and leaders everywhere to bring about a revival of religious thinking as well as living."

"Many visits to institutions, schools, et cetera have duly impressed me with the fact that this is a great opportunity for such a spiritual revival. I only hope that we will not miss this great opportunity," Prof. Heschel declared.