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ISRAEL EMBASSY CONTINUES TALKS ON ARMS IN WASHINGTON; SEEKS ACTION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The Israel Embassy is continuing what it regards as satisfactory negotiations on a list of important arms it seeks to buy. In the meantime, the State Department announced today that "relatively small quantities" of defensive military supplies have been sold to Israel.

Today's State Department expression does not mean that the new major arms list submitted by Israel has been acted upon. It pertains to the relatively unimportant items for which export licenses have been issued to Israel for some time, including the last two months.

The reference by the State Department to the provision of military supplies to Israel was not meant to indicate approval of the Israel "shopping list" submitted this summer after the pro-Nasser upheaval in Iraq. Rather, said a high State Department official, today's comments were intended to refute Egyptian propaganda that the United States has agreed to furnish Israel an important amount of arms.

The Israel Embassy is planning continued talks with the Department and regards negotiations as developing in a satisfactory manner. Joseph Reap, spokesman for the State Department, who made today's official announcement, said:

"The United States has never been and is not now a major supplier of arms to Israel. News reports published in Cairo and reported to Washington to the effect that the United States has agreed to provide large quantities of offensive arms to Israel are incorrect. While it is not the policy of the United States Government to release information as to military purchases here by other nations, it can be said that relatively small quantities of arms of a defensive character were purchased by Israel from the United States."

He declined to make known the dollar value of the equipment sold or to specify its type or nature.

U.S. FIRMS STUDYING EXPANSION OF DEAD SEA CHEMICAL WORKS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- "Give us the tools and we will do the job," Israel's Minister for Development, Mordecai Bentov, today told delegates to the International Israel Bond Conference during a luncheon in their honor at the Weizmann Institute at Rehovoth. The 350 delegates assembled from the United States, Canada and Latin America.

Mr. Bentov, who outlined Israel's development possibilities, laid greatest stress on the potentialities of the Negev. Noting that the southern Israeli desert was sparsely settled, he said that the government's goal was to develop the area to the point where it would be as heavily populated as the northern part of the country is at present.

To achieve this goal, he said, Israel must exploit its natural resources, take advantage of its pleasant climate to build up attractive tourist facilities and, finally, make the most of its geographical location as a link between the Red Sea with its African and Asian hinterland and the Western nations.

Mr. Bentov revealed that two American firms were currently studying the Dead Sea chemical works with a view to increasing its annual output to \$25,000,000; European chemical firms were negotiating for a part in expanding the phosphates industry, and the bromine industry was already entering the international market as a serious competitor. In all, these mineral resources could be exploited to provide an additional \$70,000,000 a year income--about one-quarter of the country's current trade gap.

The Minister laid great stress on the importance of Israel's position as the only country other than Egypt which had access to both the Red and Mediterranean Seas. This geographical advantage should be pressed, he insisted, by laying down a large pipeline for speedy, cheap and uninterrupted flow of vital oil to the Western markets.

Mr. Bentov hailed the achievements of the Israel Bond Organization, noting that funds derived from the sale of bonds are an "essential ingredient in the recipe for Israel's economic independence."

JORDAN REFUSES TO ALLOW U.S. JEWISH SERVICEMEN TO ENTER ITS TERRITORY

LONDON, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Jordan has refused to allow American Jews serving in the United States armed forces in Lebanon to enter Jordan territory for leave visits, Jordan newspapers reaching here today reported.

The Jordanian condition has snagged negotiations between the Jordanians and headquarters of the U.S. forces in Lebanon looking toward parties of American soldiers entering Jordan for tours of the Holy Places, the Jordan press said.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MRS. MEIR'S GOING TO U.N. ASSEMBLY CONSIDERED PREMATURE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry issued a clarification today of an announcement yesterday that Foreign Minister Golda Meir would head the Israeli delegation to the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly. The gist of the clarification was that the decision on Mrs. Meir's presence in New York would not be made for a few more days.

Observers here could not see the necessity for today's official statement. The earlier communique, dealing with Mrs. Meir's appearance before the Knesset Security and Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday, stated: "Mrs. Golda Meir expressed her readiness to appear before the committee again before leaving for the United Nations General Assembly."

MAPAM DEMANDS "SUMMIT CONFERENCE" ON SALE OF PLANT TO U.S. INVESTORS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The Mapam Party has decided to convene its central bodies to discuss the government's decision to sell control of a nationalized fertilizer and chemical producing plant to private American interests, it was revealed today.

Observers discount the likelihood that the Mapam will upset the coalition Cabinet over the issue at this time, despite a threat by Development Minister Mordecai Bentov, Mapam leader who violently opposes the sale. Mr. Bentov charges that the plant, which falls under the jurisdiction of his Ministry, is being sold for 20,000,000 pounds though its value is 45,000,000 pounds.

It is understood that the Mapam leadership has demanded a "summit conference" of the three labor parties in the Cabinet--Mapai, Mapam, Achdut Avoda--to iron out differences over the issue. The Mapam views the proposed sale of a 50 percent interest in the plant as a test case of the principle of keeping nationalized economic facilities under government control. Sale of such property, the left-wing Socialist party claims, conflicts with the interests of the Israeli people.

U.S. DELEGATION MAY ACT AT U.N. ASSEMBLY ON RUSSIA'S REPRESSION OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- James J. Wadsworth, deputy U.S. representative to the United Nations, has asked the State Department to carefully study the possibility of action at the forthcoming General Assembly session on the issue of Soviet persecution of Jews. This was made known today by Rep. Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, who released the text of a letter from Mr. Wadsworth.

The letter indicated the United States may respond to Rep. Keating's request for UN action on Soviet repression of Jews. A subsequent communication, received late today by Rep. Keating from Henry Cabot Lodge, head of the U.S. delegation at the United Nations, shared concern over the plight of Russian Jewry and assured the Congressman of Mr. Lodge's "wholehearted support."

Mr. Lodge said that he found Rep. Keating's letter on his return to his UN office. He therefore wrote a letter supplementary to the one released earlier today from Mr. Wadsworth. "Rest assured," Ambassador Lodge wrote, "that I completely share your revulsion and anger at the maltreatment of Jews in the Soviet Union and have tried in the past to leave no stone unturned to call attention to what has happened. What you are doing in keeping world public opinion focused on this problem can be of the greatest value. You are certainly on the right track and you can count on my wholehearted support."

Rep. Keating expressed gratification at this development. He voiced hope that the State Department would "see its way clear to push for a sustained and powerful investigation and indictment of the Soviets for their base treachery" in mistreating the Jews and other minorities.

On August 23, Rep. Keating wrote Ambassador Lodge that the American delegation "might well bring" the problem of Soviet anti-Semitism to the attention of the world and seek some means of solution. Describing official Soviet policy, Rep. Keating told Mr. Lodge: "This organized anti-Semitic drive, reminiscent of Hitlerian tactics, threatens to wipe all semblance of Jewish culture from the map of the Soviet Union."

Mr. Wadsworth, answering for Ambassador Lodge, recalled that on a number of occasions in the past the United States brought the attention of the UN to Soviet persecution of minorities, including Jews. He said the American delegation remains anxious "to do everything we can through the United Nations to seek some way to deal with the problem."

DELEGATION OF C. J. F. W. F. REPORTS ON DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Israel's future ability to support itself, and its progress toward that essential goal were discussed by the delegation of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds with top leaders of the Israel Government in Jerusalem, it was reported here today by Herbert R. Abeles, CJFWF president, following the return of the delegation to New York.

Mr. Abeles, who headed the delegation--the first to be sent by the federations and welfare funds to Israel since the establishment of the Jewish State--said that the discussions were conducted as a basis for help to Israel from the Jewish communities in the United States and other countries. The Jewish federations and welfare funds are the backbone of the United Jewish Appeal and of other fund-raising drives for Israel in this country.

"We looked specifically at what Israel must do to close its foreign trade gap of almost \$300 million," Mr. Abeles reported. "That's what Israel consumes and uses over and above what it produces--and what it now makes up in various forms of aid--our philanthropic dollars, Israel bonds, German reparations, personal indemnifications, intergovernmental aid, coming chiefly from the United States.

Israel's Anticipated Reduced Income Forms Background of Discussions

"The background for this discussion was the fact that reparations income will cease in the early or mid-1960's; repayments on Israel bonds must begin about that time (1963), cutting income from that source by about one-third. Just to make up these losses will require close to \$90 million or more in exports while holding down imports. To cut into the gap will require an even greater expansion of exports. And that's complicated by the fact that personal restitution payments--now at the level of \$45 million annually--will also decline greatly in the mid-1960's," Mr. Abeles stressed.

"The key elements in moving toward self-support," the CJFWF president continued, "will be Israel's agricultural and industrial development--the opportunities for the immigrants to find and keep gainful employment. That means a great expansion of private investment, domestic and foreign.

"Private investment was the fourth point of the original Four Point Program launched in 1950-51 (the other three points were philanthropic aid, mainly through UJA; Israel bonds; and intergovernmental aid). But there has been no central organization to help develop private investment, and the level has remained static and much too low. Ideas and plans for increasing private investment--and how they will relate to philanthropic aid--ran through a number of our major discussions."

"We centered our talks on the work and needs of the Jewish Agency for Israel, as the major beneficiary of our Welfare Funds, and as the major operating organization in Israel for immigration, and for the absorption of immigrants. Many of the immigrants who come to Israel through the help of the Jewish Agency continue to require help for some five to seven years thereafter and there's a longer period before they begin to repay that help.

"It was very clear to our group that in the drama of rescue and mass immigration, too little attention has been paid in the U.S. to these massive, continuing needs--that these are fundamental and far more costly than transporting the refugees--and that much needs to be done in our understanding and programming for that fact.

Responsibilities of U.S. Jews for Own Communal Needs Explained

While looking into the needs of Israel, the CJFWF delegation also interpreted to the Israelis the responsibilities of American Jews for Jewish communal needs within the United States: "We explained what our federations, welfare funds, and community councils are and what they do--how we raise funds centrally through federated campaigns for major Jewish needs everywhere--and how these funds then flow to Israel from our welfare funds through the UJA, Hebrew University, Technion, and other institutions," Mr. Abeles emphasized.

"This ran through many of our discussions--but we had a special opportunity to explain American developments in a meeting with a cross-section of 30 key leaders, and in another discussion with the editors of Israel's 20 leading daily newspapers--all molders of public understanding and opinion," the CJFWF president reported.

"The cooperation of the Israelis in arranging our discussions was magnificent. They made available all of the time and resources we asked. We had two extraordinary sessions with Prime Minister Ben Gurion--and very fruitful discussions too with President Ben Zvi; with Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister and chairman of the Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency; with David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, responsible for Israel's economic planning; Dr. Dov Joseph, treasurer of the Jewish Agency; Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister; and others."

The delegation had an "especially helpful discussion" also with the staff of the U.S. Operations Mission--responsible for administering our American governmental aid program to Israel. "We closed our consultations in Israel with a meeting at which we presented to officials of the Jewish Agency the highlights of our findings. They are now reviewing the substance of that discussion and will be in further touch with us about the matters involved," the CJFWF president's report stated.

DR. GOLDMANN PROTESTS TO BONN ON MOVING REMAINS OF NAZI VICTIMS

LONDON, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, sent a strong protest today to Heinrich von Brentano, West German Foreign Minister, over the reported agreement between Bonn and Paris to disinter the remains of Nazi victims from their common grave at the concentration camp and permit the reburial of the remains of French nationals and others in special cemeteries.

Dr. Goldmann's note to von Brentano said that moving the remains would cause "anguish and anxiety" to survivors of the Nazi camp and to relatives of the victims. It will have no practical significance, he pointed out, because of the decomposed state of the bodies.

(Representatives of North German Jewish communities met in Bremen, meanwhile, to protest the French reinterment plan, terming it "unnecessary and an unjustified outrage." The parley decided to take further steps to foil the plan.)

Jewish Survivors of Nazi Camps Protest Reburial of Hitler's Victims

TEL AVIV, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- An Israeli organization of survivors of the Nazi holocaust, Shearit Hapleita, protested today West Germany's intention of reintering the remains of those who were murdered in the Bergen Belsen camps and buried in common graves. It called such action a "real defilement of the dead and a deep offense to human feelings."

In an open letter to the entire Israeli press, the survivors' organization hit the alleged Franco-German agreement to separate Jews and others and rebury them in a special ceremony. "We ourselves helped carry the remains of our dead along with others into the common cemetery and it was already then impossible to identify the bodies, owing to the state of decay."

500,000 CHILDREN TO ATTEND SCHOOL IN ISRAEL; 900 NEW TEACHERS ADDED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Half a million Israeli school-children, including 44,000 Arabs and 50,000 new pupils, registered for school today. The end of the vacation found 900 new teachers at classroom desks, 60 additional Arab teachers in state schools for Arab children.

One thousand new classrooms were put into service, providing seating space for over 40,000 pupils. More than another 1,000 units must still be constructed to provide for 50,000 children still on a "second shift" in various schools around the country.

ISRAEL YOUTH ORCHESTRA WINS FIRST PRIZE IN WORLD MUSIC CONTEST

THE HAGUE, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The National Youth Orchestra of Israel won first prize in the third World Music Contest sponsored by Queen Juliana of Holland. The contest was held at Kerkrade, Holland.

Israel Ambassador Hanan Cidor accepted, in behalf of the young Israeli musicians, the first prize--a fine hand crafted lyre studded with ivory, gold and silver. It was made by a famous Dutch artisan.

EISENHOWER SIGNS BILL FOR NATIONAL SHRINE FOR JEWISH WAR DEAD

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The White House today received word from President Eisenhower's vacation headquarters at Newport, R. I., that the President has signed a bill providing for a national shrine for Jewish war dead.

Rep. Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, introduced the measure, which grants U.S. Government recognition to the "Jewish War Veterans of U.S.A. National Memorial, Inc." The shrine is located in the national headquarters building of the Jewish War Veterans organization in Washington.

DR. NEUMANN LEAVES FOR SOUTH AMERICA ON KEREN HAYESOD MISSION

NEW YORK, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America and member of the Jewish Agency executive, is leaving tomorrow for a speaking tour of South American countries, it was announced here today. He has undertaken this tour at the request of the Keren-Hayesod in Jerusalem.

Dr. Neumann will visit Lima, Peru; Santiago, Chile; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Montevideo, Uruguay; Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In all the South American countries he is scheduled to address Zionist public rallies and to meet with leaders of local Jewish communities.

SO. AFRICAN JEWRY ERECTS MONUMENT IN MEMORY OF EUROPE'S MARTYRED JEWS

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 3. (JTA) -- The foundation of a monument to the memory of Europe's martyred Jews was erected at the local Jewish cemetery. Survivors of concentration camps formed a guard of honor with flaming torches. The audience wept as Chief Rabbi Louis Rabinowitz memorialized the Jewish martyrs.