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ISRAEL DISSATISFIED WITH U.S. FAILURE TO DENOUNCE SYRIAN AGGRESSION IN SECURITY COUNCIL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- By his offer to the Security Council yesterday to study at first hand the circumstances of the Syrian attack on Israeli villages two weeks ago, UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold has taken upon himself a personal responsibility for the situation and Israel expects him to take steps to prevent recurrence of such attacks, top governmental circles indicated here today.

These same circles did not hide today their dissatisfaction with the failure of Henry Cabot Lodge, American delegate, to denounce unequivocally the Syrian aggression. Mr. Lodge's attitude, the Israelis feel, forced the British and French--though they were firmer than Mr. Lodge--to tone down their statements so as not to appear out of step with Washington.

There is a feeling here that Mr. Lodge's failure to make the obvious point is linked with Assistant Secretary of State William Rountree's current trip to the Middle East to woo the Arab leadership, particularly President Nasser.

It was noted that when Israel appealed to the Security Council, aware of the possibility of a Soviet veto, it had no illusions about the likelihood of drastic anti-Nasser action by that body. However, faced with the choice of sitting quietly and taking a beating without action, retaliating immediately or appealing to the Council, the only practical choice was the one taken. The Council meeting had the added virtue of giving Israel a world forum to explain its case and to publicly warn the United Arab Republic of the consequences of further aggression.

Meanwhile, Israel has agreed to a UN Truce Supervision Organization proposal that UN observers patrol the Israel-Syrian border region. Accompanied by Israeli liaison officers, the UN observers will patrol demilitarized and other areas near the border. It is thought the proposal was made to guarantee calm on the border prior to and during Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's forthcoming visit to the Middle East.

(The British Government reported today that it had made representations to the United Arab Republic over the murder last month of Mrs. Joyce Mary Doran, wife of a British air attache in Israel, who was gunned down near the Syrian border. Britain's representations have been made through Geneva. London maintains no diplomatic relations with Cairo since the Sinai-Suez campaign.)

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT TO PRESENT 1,500,000,000 POUNDS BUDGET TO KNESSET; LARGEST EVER

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A record budget for the 1959-1960 budget year of 1,500,000,000 pounds, about 90,000,000 more than the current budget, will be sent to Knesset next month, it was disclosed today.

It was also revealed that the budget has been sharply criticized by both left-wing parties, Achdut Avodah and Mapam. Achdut Avodah was reported opposed to the drastic cuts made for the development budget and Mapam reportedly objected to the projected taxes.

Although the next budget provides for a slight increase in revenue from direct taxes, both left-wing parties have complained that indirect taxation provides too high a proportion of the budget. This position is in conflict with the repeated advice of foreign experts who have consistently urged the Israel Government to reduce the percentage of revenues derived from direct taxation.

The Israel Treasury announced today that the liberalization of currency regulations by which Israelis may obtain at virtually a free rate \$100--announced and then and then suspended for a week--will go into effect this week. The privilege is available to Israelis traveling abroad or needing foreign currency for other personal reasons.

A further easing of currency controls also was announced. Owners of foreign securities will be permitted to sell the securities to banks and receive upwards of \$100 in foreign currency for travel abroad.

ISRAELI OFFICIALS ORDERED TO GIVE REASONS WHEN REJECTING REQUESTS OF CITIZENS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Knesset last night passed a bill making it mandatory for Israel Government officials to give reasons--in writing, if requested--for rejecting an application or request of a citizen.

The new law, approved during the third reading of the measure, has only two exemptions. One is a situation involving state security. The other is one in which a person's private or professional secrets are involved.

However, even in such cases, the applicant is given the right to appeal to the courts to determine whether such reasons, when offered in support of rejections by Government officials, are the real reasons.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT AND CINEMA OWNERS AGREE ON GERMAN FILMS; BANNED CATEGORIES DEFINED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The mere fact that a film uses the German language is not reason for banning its showing in Israel, Minister of the Interior Israel Bar Yehuda and a delegation of cinema owners agreed today.

At the same time, Mr. Bar Yehuda pointed out to the delegation, which had come to complain of picketing of film houses showing such films, that the increasing number of German language films being shown in Israel 15 years after the Nazi destruction of 6,000,000 Jews was responsible for the hostility.

Mr. Bar Yehuda reiterated the principles governing the banning of films in Israel. A film may not be shown: 1. If it was made in Germany or in a German-occupied country during World War II; 2. If it was made in any country, but shows Nazis in a favorable light or describes Germany or an occupied country in such fashion as to falsify the "terrible truth" of the Nazi regime; 3. If it was made with the participation of a former Nazi or one associated with the Nazi theater or film industry.

HISTADRUT BODY FAVORS GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF ISRAEL'S BUS SERVICE; MINISTER OPPOSED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A Histadrut committee studying the inter-urban bus situation in Israel recommended today that the cooperative monopoly of bus service be replaced with a government controlled and partly-owned arrangement, in the interests of public service.

The Histadrut committee suggested the formation of a single national bus corporation and two regional companies. It suggested the national government own 50 percent of the stock of the national company, with the Histadrut obtaining ownership of ten per cent and the remaining 40 going to Egged, the present central cooperative in the bus field. The regional companies, to serve within cities and communities should also include in its partnership the municipal governments involved, it was proposed.

As had been expected, the cooperative movement is in violent opposition to the recommendation. Totally unexpected, however, is today's announced opposition by Minister of Transport Moshe Carmel. His stand is based on the opinion that public ownership would force an increase in bus fares.

The Histadrut and Egged, one of its affiliates, have been at loggerheads for a long time. This shows up particularly when Egged demands rate increases--to benefit its cooperative members--and Histadrut charges that such rates are not in the public interest merely in the selfish interests of the cooperative members.

ISRAEL INTENSIFIES FIGHT ON LOCUSTS; LARGEST SWARMS IN MANY YEARS INVADE NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- More planes were hurled into action today against the swarms of locusts which have covered huge areas in the Western Negev and threatened widespread crop destruction.

Ministry of Agriculture officials called it the biggest swarms attacking Israel in many years. All members of settlements in the infested area have been recruited for locust action.

NORWAY TO COOPERATE WITH ISRAEL ON USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Israel hopes to acquire an atomic power plant by 1965 through close cooperation with Norway, Prof. Ernst Bergman, chairman of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission, said today. He made the statement in summing up the results of a visit here by a team of world-famous Norwegian atomic scientists who discussed the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

He said one of the principal conclusions of the discussion was that close international cooperation in the field of atomic energy was the small nations' solution because none of them individually can carry out the tremendously expensive research conducted by the major powers.

BELGIAN SOCIALIST PARTY CALLS FOR GUARANTEES OF ISRAEL'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

BRUSSELS, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Belgian Socialist Party, at a national conference here today, adopted a resolution calling for international guarantees of the existence and territorial integrity of the State of Israel.

AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL ON JEWISH CLAIMS TALKS SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT

VIENNA, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Finance Committee of the Austrian Parliament submitted to Parliament today a Government proposal to negotiate with the Jewish community on the long-delayed fulfilment of Jewish demands for compensation to victims of the Nazi period.

A plenary meeting of the Austrian Parliament will decide this week on a draft under which Catholic and Lutheran churches will receive advance payments of about 211,000,000 schillings in part compensation for losses during the Nazi regime.

Meanwhile, Parliament has passed a new entertainment tax of the equivalent of one cent on each cinema admission to finance financial aid to victims of Nazism and persons disabled in the war. The Nazi victims are expected to receive about 12 percent of the anticipated \$200,000 a year receipts.

BRITAIN TO SEEK MAXIMUM COMPENSATION FROM GERMANY FOR NAZI VICTIMS

LONDON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The British Government will make every effort to obtain maximum compensation from the German Government for British nationals who suffered damages and losses at the hands of the Nazis, J. D. Profumo, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, declared in Commons today.

He replied to a query by Arthur Lewis, Labor MP, who asked that in the forthcoming negotiations between the British--and seven other West European governments--and Bonn, London attempt to obtain for its subjects compensation and pensions at least equivalent to those which former Nazis and Nazi Party officials now enjoy.

GERMAN MINISTER SAYS UNDERGROUND HELPS ESCAPE OF NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

HANOVER, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Minister of Justice of Lower Saxony expressed the view today that there is an underground organization in Germany today which helps prevent the prosecution and punishment of Nazi war criminals.

Dr. Werner Hofmeister, the Minister, cited the escape from Germany of Hans Eisele, former concentration camp doctor, and Ludwig Zind, suspended school teacher convicted of public anti-Semitic statement. He suggested that the new Central Investigation Commission set up in Stuttgart by the Federal authorities to review Nazi crimes would have an active opposition in the underground group.

LONDON JEWISH BODY REPORTS ON DECLINE OF BRITISH FASCIST GROUPS

LONDON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- British Fascist elements have lost considerable ground in the last three months despite their efforts to obtain publicity and support, it was reported here last night by the Jewish Defense Committee to a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

The report noted that Sir Oswald Mosley and his Union Movement have suffered from the repercussions of the race riots which swept Britain recently and, with few exceptions, could find no public halls in which to gather supporters. Union Movement members who had run for Parliament were severely routed, one drawing as few as 39 votes.

The League of Empire Loyalists had also declined, despite the spate of publicity they received when they interrupted a Conservative Party meeting addressed by Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, the report said.

The Defense Committee reported that it was in touch with security officials over the preaching of anti-Semitism by and among Hungarian refugees in Britain, and steps are being considered on how to deal with the problem, it stated.

RADIO TANGIERS BROADCASTS HEBREW PROGRAMS BY ANONYMOUS SPONSOR

ALGIERS, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Radio Tangiers has for the past few nights been broadcasting a 30-minute Hebrew program entitled Kol Hatikvah (The Voice of Hope) prepared in Jerusalem.

The organization which prepares the program is unknown, its address being given only as Post Office Box 857, Jerusalem. It is presumed to be a Protestant missionary institution.

In Algiers, both Jews and non-Jews registered in classes in the Hebrew language organized here by the Jewish Agency Department of Culture. The majority of the student body comes from the ranks of the army and includes, Jews, Catholics and Moslems.

YUGO SLAVIA AND ISRAEL SIGN NEW TRADE AND PAYMENTS AGREEMENT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Yugoslavia and Israel signed here today a trade and payments agreement, it was announced today. The list of commodities to be exchanged amounts to \$6,300,000 from each party.

BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT AWARDS HIGHEST DECORATION TO JEWISH SCHOOL

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Jewish College of Bolivia, a Jewish community day school at La Paz, has been awarded the Eagle of the Andes, the nation's highest decoration, by the Bolivian Senate, it was reported here today by Rabbi G. Friedlander of La Paz.

Rabbi Friedlander who is visiting the United States to confer with leaders of the World Jewish Congress on affairs of his 3,000-member community, is the principal of the College. He said the decoration would be incorporated in the school flag. It is the first time this highest Bolivian honor has been awarded any Jewish institution or member of the Jewish community, he pointed out. The school has an enrollment of 400 pupils, of whom 25 percent are non-Jewish.

YIDDISH ENCYCLOPEDIA TO PUBLISH TWO VOLUMES ON JEWS UNDER NAZIS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Yiddish Encyclopedia, which has to date published ten volumes in Yiddish and four volumes in English, is now preparing two new volumes which are to include the history of the Jewish catastrophe in all countries which were ruled by the Nazis and their allies, it was announced here today.

The memorial books which have appeared in recent years treat of individual communities that were destroyed or deal with specific topics. There is, however, no comprehensive history of the catastrophe country by country. These two volumes will provide such a concise history. Scholarly historians, each of whom has been a resident of the particular country of which he writes, are the joint authors of the volumes.

The volumes will appear in Yiddish and it is being planned to issue them in other languages as well. The material for Volume 1 will be ready for publication during the first half of 1959 and the material for Volume 2 will be ready several months later. Volume 1 will contain monographs on the history of the catastrophe in Germany, Poland, Soviet Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Rumania. Volume 2 will tell of the catastrophe in Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Denmark and the Balkan countries.

THREE AUTHORS RECEIVE THE 1958 LEO BAECK AWARD FROM JEWS IN GERMANY

DUSSELDORF, Germany, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The 1958 Leo Baeck Prize for literature was awarded today to three writers living in Britain, Switzerland and Germany. The prize, awarded annually by the Central Council of Jews in Germany and the Central Charitable Association of Jews in Germany, in memory of the late Chief Rabbi of Berlin, amounted to 3,000 marks.

The recipients were: Dr. H.G. Adler, of London, whose second volume on the Theresienstadt concentration camp has just appeared; Dr. Ernst Ehrlich of Basle, one of Dr. Baeck's last students and author of studies of ancient Jewish history; and, Erwin Syllanus, of Voellinhausen, Westphalia, whose play about a physician in the Warsaw Ghetto, "Korczak and the Children," will shortly be produced in 30 German and European theaters.

BRAZILIAN ARTIST WINS FIRST PRIZE IN ISRAEL'S POSTAGE STAMP CONTEST

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Brazilian artist Raul Saijo walked off today with the \$1,000 first prize in Israel's international postage stamp design contest. Artists were required to deal with a Biblical subject.

Second prize went to Sewrin Jasinski of Warsaw, while the third was split between Leonard Mitchell of Wilmington, New Zealand, and Wolf Zimmermann of Dusseldorf, Germany. Artists from 24 countries submitted entries.

MEYER BROWN, LABOR ZIONIST LEADER, TO BE HONORED ON 70TH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A committee to honor Meyer L. Brown, veteran leader of the Labor Zionist movement in the United States, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, was formed here today. A testimonial dinner for Mr. Brown will be given on December 28 by the Farband-Labor Zionist Order of which he is president.

Mr. Brown is also president of the Jewish Teachers' Seminary and People's University in New York. He was instrumental in establishing, as a cooperative venture of the Histadrut and the Farband, the largest multiple insurance company in Israel--Hasneh. In 1933 he settled in Palestine and became managing director of the Judea Insurance Company, Ltd. Upon his visit to the United States on a special mission in 1941 he assumed the presidency of the Jewish Teachers' Seminary. World War II prevented him from returning to Israel.

PORTUGAL SENDS OFFICERS TO ISRAEL TO STUDY EL AL AIRLINE METHODS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A group of senior officers of the Portuguese National Airlines arrived here to study administrative and business practices of El Al, Israel National Airlines.