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ISRAEL'S CASE AGAINST BULGARIA OPENS; WORLD COURT COMPETENCE CHALLENGED

THE HAGUE, Holland, March 16. (JTA) -- The case of the Israel Government against Bulgaria, which involves Israel's claim for \$7,462,803 in damages for Bulgaria's shooting down in 1955 of an El Al airliner, with a loss of 58 lives, opened here today before the International Court of Justice.

Representing Bulgaria, Pierre Cot, a French Communist lawyer, told the court that it is not within its competence to take up Israel's complaint. He argued that when the incident occurred, Bulgaria was not yet a member of the United Nations. Thus, he claimed, the case is not under the jurisdiction of the world court.

Israel's representative, Shabtai Rosene, will present the case tomorrow or Wednesday. A friendly atmosphere prevailed today between the Israeli and Bulgarian delegations, after the chief of the Bulgarian delegation, Nissim Mevorach, a Jew, introduced himself formally to the Israelis, prior to the opening of the court's session.

SOVIET PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV ATTACKS NASSER; VOICES WARNING IN MOSCOW

LONDON, March 16. (JTA) -- Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev today accused President Nasser of the United Arab Republic of stirring up trouble in the Near East. Commenting on Nasser's activities in Iraq, Khrushchev said "the Soviet Union is not indifferent to the situation."

The Communist leader told a party in Moscow, celebrating a new Iraqi-Soviet technical agreement, that the Soviet Union is concerned because Nasser's activities are in "a region not far from its frontiers."

"We are all pained by President Nasser's recent speech in Damascus," he stated. He added that "when the President of the UAR talks about Communism and Communists, he arms himself with the language of the imperialists."

Today's outburst by the Communist leader indicated the widest break in Soviet-UAR rapport since the arms accord of 1955. However, Khrushchev said, Russian diplomatic relations with the UAR would continue "as heretofore."

BEN GURION CRITICIZES NEHRU; SAYS HE BROKE HIS PROMISE TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion today sharply criticized Jawaharlal Nehru, India's Prime Minister, going so far as to accuse the Indian leader of breaking a promise.

In a debate in Parliament, where members of the Opposition criticized some of the Government's relations with Afro-Asian countries, Mr. Ben Gurion said that India's "much vaunted" neutrality actually manifested itself, as far as Israel is concerned, through a virtual "boycott" of Israel. India's attitude, which presumably is based on Israel's action against Egypt during the 1956 Sinai Campaign, was actually in force prior to that campaign, the Prime Minister said.

Furthermore, Mr. Ben Gurion told the Knesset, Mr. Nehru failed to visit Israel during his Middle Eastern tour, even though he had "expressly promised" to do so. So far, the Prime Minister continued, Mr. Nehru has failed to establish normal diplomatic relations with Israel.

ISRAEL CABINET BODY DISCUSSES \$590,000,000 FOREIGN CURRENCY BUDGET

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- A Ministerial Economic Commission began discussions today on a \$590,000,000 foreign-currency budget for the fiscal year 1959-1960, beginning April 1.

The new budget is \$3,000,000 higher than the last one dealing with foreign currency, and includes \$5,500,000 for a special fund for the redemption of Israel's independence and development bonds.

The budget envisages the receipt of \$160,000,000 worth of revenue from exports, \$65,000,000 from "invisible" exports, and \$60,000,000 in reparations under the West German-Israeli Reparations Agreement.

ISRAEL CABINET CONSIDERS \$500,000,000 DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR NEGEV

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- A five-year development plan for the southern section of the Negev Desert, involving expenditures totalling 900,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$500,000,000), was considered by the Government today, after submission of the plan to the entire Cabinet yesterday.

The plan envisages an increase of the area's population by 80,000, and the provision of 35,000 additional jobs in the region. Of the newly employed, 13,000 would be given jobs in new industries connected with development of the Negev's natural resources, processing of otherwise preparing for export many of the raw materials found in the Desert. These materials would be exported through the Port of Elath to countries in Africa and Asia.

Many other workers would be employed in a growing production of consumer goods for the Negev's increased population. One part of the program calls for settlement of 5,000 nomadic Bedouins on agricultural lands, making farmers of the Bedouin tribesmen.

ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER DISCUSSES MIDDLE EAST WITH FRENCH PREMIER

PARIS, March 16. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israeli Foreign Minister, conferred with the French Prime Minister, Michel Debre, today. They are understood to have discussed the general situation in the Middle East.

The meeting, which was held at M. Debre's official residence, at the Palais Matignon, lasted a little over a half hour. It was Mrs. Meir's first meeting with the new Prime Minister, and she stated upon leaving that she was very glad with the opportunity of establishing contact with M. Debre. She was accompanied to the conference by Israel's Ambassador here, Yaakov Tsur.

Arriving here last night from the United States, where she spent a month addressing Jewish groups chiefly concerned with aiding the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel Bond Campaign, Mrs. Meir declared that she was "satisfied" with American Jewry's response to the drives. During her brief visit here, Mrs. Meir will help launch the French equivalent of the United Jewish Appeal. An announcement made by the French UJA leadership today said that, in advance of the opening of their campaign, a French woman who prefers to remain anonymous has contributed 20,000,000 francs.

U. S. SCIENCE SUFFERS FROM BIGOTED IMMIGRATION LAWS, SAYS LEHMAN

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- Major responsibility for the country's loss of the wide lead it once enjoyed in scientific attainment was placed upon bigoted immigration laws by former Senator Herbert H. Lehman tonight.

"Bigoted immigration laws enacted during the past generation, climaxed by the McCarran-Walter Act of 1952, has contributed as much as any other single factor to the deadly danger in which the cause of freedom stands now," Lehman told 200 community, resettlement and philanthropic leaders at the 10th anniversary dinner of the New York Association for New Americans. NYANA, since its inception in 1949, aided 70,000 Jewish newcomers to establish themselves in the Greater New York area. It is a constituent agency of the United Jewish Appeal.

Sen. Lehman cited the contributions to nuclear physics of Albert Einstein, Enrico Fermi, Leo Szilard and Edward Teller and in the field of missiles, Dr. Werner von Braun, all of whom were admitted to the United States before the passage of the McCarran-Walter Act. "What would be the future of the cause of freedom," he asked, "if the totalitarians rather than the free world had had the primary benefit of the contributions of these geniuses?"

"I do not suggest that even before the McCarran-Walter Act our immigration laws were generous and liberal," he continued. "Who can say how far ahead in science we would be today if Congress had not created so many immigration barriers and kept out of our country so many individuals of ability and promise?" He called upon Congress and the Administration to work together in a non-partisan manner to eliminate the national-origins-quota system and discrimination measures against naturalized American citizens contained in the McCarran-Walter Act.

Sen. Lehman and Mrs. David M. Levy, the first president of NYANA, received inscribed silver-covered Bibles in "appreciation of their outstanding contributions in the fields of immigration and the integration of newcomers into the American scene." Lester Ginsburg, president of NYANA, reported that the agency last year aided more than 4,500 individuals. He estimated that during the current year the agency will aid a similar number of Jewish newcomers arriving in New York.

Summarizing the activities of NYANA during the past decade, Mr. Ginsburg reported that 35,000 families were aided by the agency's family service department, while its vocational service department found jobs for 17,000 and helped 2,400 to receive vocational training.

BRITISH JEWRY DISAPPOINTED WITH AUSTRIA'S STAND ON REPARATIONS

LONDON, March 16. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews today expressed "disappointment" with the attitude of the Austrian Government concerning the payments of reparations to Jewish victims of Nazism in Austria.

While voting at its meeting yesterday not to press the British Government for any further action on this subject, the Board nevertheless decided to continue its efforts to obtain compensation for Jewish victims who had suffered losses as a result of Nazi actions in Austria.

Austria announced a month ago that it was ready to pay \$6,000,000 under an agreement with the United States, Britain and France, consequent to the State Treaty under which the Great Powers, including the Soviet Union, recognized Austria's renewed sovereignty. The Committee for Jewish Claims Against Austria had expressed its dissatisfaction with this offer, but agreed that the three Western powers had done their best in obtaining the \$6,000,000 agreement from Austria.

A dissident group not connected with the Committee--called the World Organization of Jewish Nazi Victims from Austria--told the Board here today that it is not prepared to accept the Austrian offer, which it called "far from adequate."

FRANCE CHARGED WITH FAILING TO PROTECT HER JEWISH CITIZENS IN EGYPT

PARIS, March 16. (JTA) -- A representative of the French Jewish refugees today accused the French Government of flagrant anti-Jewish bias in "failing to react" to discrimination by the United Arab Republic against French Jewish nationals in Egypt.

Henri Cohen, in a letter to the influential Paris daily, Le Monde, asserted that French Jews, who formed 90 per cent of the French colony in Egypt, had been barred from returning to their homes after the Suez crisis. Mr. Cohen said this action was taken by UAR authorities despite an article of the Franco-Egyptian financial agreement signed in Zurich last August.

Declaring that the French Jewish refugees have been placed on a black list by the Cairo authorities, Mr. Cohen stated that the French Government had reacted "only feebly" to this discrimination because "it wants to renew its commercial ties with Egypt even if it must sacrifice French citizens of the Jewish faith" to do so.

Mr. Cohen said the situation of the French Jewish refugees was tragic. He reported that they were mainly former merchants, industrialists and landowners who have usually passed the normal employment age and must live on small Government subsidies. He said that if their property in Egypt were transferred to France, it would enable them to resume a productive life.

Mr. Cohen appealed to France "which has sacrificed a group of French citizens in the interests of world politics, contrary to the spirit of the French constitution which stipulates no racial discrimination." He added that the French Government was "morally bound" to grant the refugees financial compensation equal to the value of the property left in Egypt.

The Cohen statement contended that not a single French Jew had been granted the visa needed to enable him to return to Egypt to settle the issue of his property there. It was learned from the World Jewish Congress, however, that a very small number of French Jews had returned to Egypt but they have met with consistent bad faith on the part of Cairo authorities. The returning French Jews have been unsuccessful in efforts to obtain return of their sequestered or confiscated properties.

CZECH AMBASSADOR IN LONDON GETS LIST OF JEWS ARRESTED IN PRAGUE

LONDON, March 16. (JTA) -- Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, today gave the Czechoslovakian Ambassador here a list of Czech Jews who have been imprisoned by the government in Prague on charges of being "Zionists" or having been in contact with members of the Israel legation in Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Janner had met previously with the Ambassador to complain against the imprisonment of allegedly "Zionist" Jews, appealing for their release. The Ambassador had asked for a list of such prisoners. When he received the list from Mr. Janner today, he promised to transmit the list to his Government in Prague.

SWASTIKA EMBLEMS STREWN IN VIENNA IN FRONT OF JEWISH COMMUNITY

VIENNA, March 16. (JTA) -- Jewish community officials reported today that large numbers of swastika emblems, stamped out of metal, were being strewn nightly in several Vienna districts.

The swastikas have been found in front of the office of the Vienna Jewish Community, the ritual bathhouse and synagogue. Others have been found in the Vienna woods and on posters.

REP. CELLER PROTESTS ADMISSION TO U. S. OF EX-NAZI SLOVAK MINISTER

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA)-- Protests mounted today against the admittance to the United States of a former foreign minister of the Nazi puppet regime in Slovakia during World War II.

Congressman Emanuel Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said he was trying to find out how Ferdinand Durcansky, charged with being a war criminal and Nazi collaborator, had managed to enter the United States. Rep. Celler, speaking at a meeting of the American Jewish Congress, said he had been advised that the Immigration and Naturalization Service had no record of Durcansky's arrival here.

While Mr. Celler was addressing the Jewish Congress group, Mr. Durcansky was being honored at a luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday by the Slovak League of America. A protest against Durcansky's admittance to the U.S. has been made by the Council of Free Czechoslovakia, which charged that the Department of State had given assurances Durcansky would never be allowed to enter the United States.

"It is incumbent upon Durcansky to state how he got to this country, what his business here is, and who sponsored him," Rep. Celler declared. He cited proceedings of the Nuremberg war crimes trials, in which Durcansky was accused of having worked closely with the Nazis, resulting in the deportation of 68,000 Slovak Jews to Nazi concentration camps. Rep. Celler said the record indicated Durcansky, who served as Foreign Minister of the Slovak puppet regime, had escaped trial by fleeing to Argentina after the war.

Prior to the luncheon, Dr. Durcansky listed passages from the tenth volume of "Documents on German Foreign Policy, 1918-1945," published by the United States Government Printing Office, Washington, in 1957. One document, written by a German official to the German Foreign Office in 1939, suggested that Dr. Durcansky was not cooperating in the implementation of German foreign policy. Dr. Durcansky also said that Volume 9 listed accusations against him by the same German official, who reported that Dr. Durcansky was anti-Nazi and pro-Jewish.

74-YEAR-OLD JEWISH JUNK DEALER LEAVES \$250,000 TO YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- Charles Fraiman, 74-year-old Jewish junk dealer who lived alone in a rickety wooden house in Hatboro, Pa., bequeathed his entire fortune amounting to more than \$250,000 to the Yeshiva University, here, it was announced today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the university. Mr. Fraiman died of heart failure on February 10 in a Philadelphia hospital. He left no survivors.

Mr. Fraiman came to the United States in 1906 from a village near Lublin, and worked in a tailor shop. Later he became a house-to-house peddler, buying old clothes, before he went into the junk business. Although not a religious man, he was a lover of the Bible. When his health began to fail last year, he drew up his will, leaving his money to the Yeshiva University as a place where young men would study the Bible.

Mr. Fraiman was an enigma to all who knew him. He did not care for material comforts like a soft bed, or good heating, or fancy clothing. His home was a shamble. His clothes were little better than rags. A wood-burning stove provided the only source of heat during the cold winter months. In recent years, he rarely left his property, which was filled with junk, and spent most of his time reading the Bible and listening to news broadcasts.

His bequest came as a surprise to the Yeshiva University officials. He had visited the seminary at the university some 20 years ago. This year, the university will establish a memorial to him at its Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, a training center for traditional studies.

BOSTON PHILANTHROPIST GIVES \$100,000 AS GIFT FOR THE HAIFA TECHNION

BOSTON, March 16, (JTA) -- A gift of \$100,000 by Harry Rogal, Boston philanthropist, toward the Compton Chemical Institute at the Haifa Technion, was announced here today by the local chapter of the American Technion Society. Ground breaking for the Compton Building will be held in Haifa, June 16, the announcement said.

"Mr. Rogal's gift made possible the start on this building, which is so vital to the chemical industry in Israel," Abraham Shlager, president of the Boston chapter of the American Technion Society, declared. He announced that a testimonial dinner will be tendered to Mr. Rogal on May 24, on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

ISRAEL EXHIBIT IN GERMANY BRINGS "GRATIFYING RESULTS" ; CONTRACTS SIGNED

FRANKFURT, March 16. (JTA) -- The Israel exhibit at this year's International Fair received "most gratifying" results, "even beyond expectations," Hermann Sternberg, of Tel Aviv, director of the Israel pavilion at the Fair, declared here today. Contracts were signed with customers from many parts of Europe for many Israeli products, the most popular of them being textiles, handicrafts and citrus fruits.