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ISRAEL REPORTED "FAR IN BACKGROUND" OF THE EISENHOWER-MACMILLAN TALKS

WASHINGTON, March 23. (JTA) -- United States official sources said today they considered it "highly unlikely" that President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Macmillan discussed such questions as the migration of Eastern European Jews to Israel or new Egyptian restrictions on transit of Israel cargo through the Suez Canal. These or similar issues of immediate concern to Israel were not included in the Eisenhower-Macmillan review of Middle East problems, officials indicated.

Neither the White House nor the State Department would formally divulge details of the Middle East agenda of the meetings which terminated here today after a final White House call by Macmillan. But both U.S. and British official sources provided a picture showing the Iraqi situation in the forefront and Israel far in the background. (Reports from Washington in today's press in London said the Israel-Arab relations were discussed by Eisenhower and Macmillan.)

The main emphasis of the talks on the Middle East pertained to a formula to stem Communist influence in Iraq, it was learned. Both the United States and the United Kingdom are seriously concerned over Communist penetration in Iraq. In this context, the question of a new western relationship with President Nasser of the United Arab Republic was discussed.

In view of the arrival here today of Jordanian King Hussein, sources said it was probable that the Jordan question was also reviewed by Eisenhower and Macmillan. King Hussein may receive a U.S. commitment for an increased flow of American military equipment for his forces as a result of his current discussions here.

Vice President Nixon today welcomed the king at an airport ceremony accompanied by full military honors. The king arrived aboard a U.S. military airplane from San Francisco. He and Jordanian Prime Minister Samir Rifa'i will meet with President Eisenhower and authorities of the Departments of State and Defense.

WESTERN POWERS TO SEEK RELEASE OF ISRAEL'S CARGO SEIZED BY EGYPT

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today decided to mark time in regard to calling for a United Nations Security Council meeting on Egypt's latest cargo confiscations in the Suez Canal, apparently assured that Western Powers are doing all they can diplomatically to get Egypt to release the seized cargoes.

Today's special meeting of the Cabinet was concluded with the issuance of a communique that mentioned only the fact that Foreign Minister Golda Meir had reported about her trip to the United States and France, from which she returned this week-end.

The Government is understood to be still awaiting further information in regard to the diplomatic steps taken at Cairo by some of the Western Powers; by some of the countries--including West Germany and Ceylon--whose cargoes were seized; and by the United Nations Secretariat.

It is understood that the leading Western Powers view Egypt's latest action, in seizing cargoes in foreign bottoms because the freight had originated in Israel, as a matter of grave importance going beyond the context of Israel-Arab disputes.

Some of the Western Powers are understood to be of the opinion that it would be best at this time not to give the Soviet Union the opportunity of posing again as "the Arabs' best friend," a posture the USSR is fairly certain to take if the issue came to open debate in the Security Council. The West hopes it might continue pushing the United Arab Republic closer to the Western orbit.

U. N. OFFICIALS START DEMARCATION WORK ON ISRAEL-SYRIAN BORDER

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- The first stage of a project for erecting markers along the Syrian-Israeli frontier, which was agreed upon last December when Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld visited Israel and the United Arab Republic, was begun today.

Twenty-four United Nations observers started the work along a stretch of border about nine and a half miles in length, north of Lake Huleh. The markers to be erected follow the

Palestine-Syrian demarcation line agreed upon in 1923 in a treaty between France, which at that time had jurisdiction over Syria, and the British Mandatory Power controlling Palestine.

When the first stage of the new demarcation has been finished; the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization will discuss with Israel and Syria the markings to be undertaken in the second stage of this operation.

So far, no progress has been reported in regard to a second plan proposed by Mr. Hammarskjold to Israel and the United Arab Republic, for possible pacification of the Israeli-Syrian border. That plan envisages a special study of tensions between the two countries to be undertaken by Maj. Gen. Carl C. von Horn, chief of staff of the UN supervisory group, as personal representative for the Secretary General. Gen. von Horn was rebuffed by the highest UAR officials when he made a special trip to Cairo last week to discuss that plan. No Egyptian official of high rank could find time to see Gen. von Horn.

ISRAELIS REACT TO NASSER'S REVELATION OF PLAN TO ATTACK ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- Israelis today saw their Government's defense posture as fully justified, in the light of a revelation made yesterday in Damascus by Gamal Abdel Nasser himself, disclosing that he had planned an all-out, "decisive" attack against Israel several months ago.

Israel's man in the street read the dispatches reporting Nasser's speech in Damascus with a mixture of chagrin against Nasser's readiness to attack, and satisfaction over Israel's Government's constant alert against just such a possibility. Referring to the incidents along the Syrian-Israel border last year, Col. Nasser said in his speech:

"We decided to enter a decisive battle against Israel if aggression continued," he said. "We then asked Kassim, under the terms of our military agreement, to stand with us against Israel and send Iraqi army units, but Kassim refused. I sent Kassim two more messages on the same subject, but up to now he has not answered. We knew we would be alone if we entered a conflict with Israel."

Viewing the Nasser revelation with utter gravity, Israelis were nevertheless amused by his statement admitting that, alone, he does not dare stand up against Israel. The Israel press also noted Nasser's statement, in which the Egyptian dictator said that the Soviet Union had not aided him during the Suez-Sinai crises in 1956. In the past, Nasser had praised the USSR volubly for its help in 1956.

ARABS FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES IN ISRAEL; POLICE TAKE PRECAUTIONS

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- The Israel police authorities today took measures to prevent disorders in the all-Arab city of Nazareth as a result of clashes that took place between Communist Arabs there and those favoring the policy of Col. Nasser, president of the United Arab Republic who charges Moscow with interfering into internal affairs of the Arab countries.

The measures taken today by the Israeli authorities included the ban of a Communist member of the Israel Parliament, Emile Habibi, who wanted to visit Nazareth where Arab youths raided the distribution center of the Communist Arab newspaper "Al Itihad," confiscated copies of the newspaper, and burned the papers in a public bonfire. Other clashes between pro-Communist and pro-Nasser Arabs have taken place in other parts of Israel.

JEWISH SPEAKERS AT U. N. BODY ENDORSE FRENCH STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 23. (JTA) -- Israel's Attorney General, Haim Cohn, and Dr. Isaac Lewin, spokesman here for the World Organization of Agudath Israel, today staunchly endorsed a French proposal affirming United Nations recognition of the right of asylum as a basic human right. Both spoke before the UN Commission on Human Rights, currently in session here.

Israel, said Mr. Cohn, could not understand fears voiced in some countries that the right of asylum would constitute interference with the sovereign rights of those states. The declaration proposed by the French delegation, said the Israeli expert on jurisprudence, provides a "clean" standard, a "code of ethics." He urged the UN to recognize "the long-standing human right to asylum from persecution."

Dr. Lewin, endorsing the French proposal, proposed amendments, particularly emphasizing one giving the right of asylum to persons whose religious rights are endangered. He suggested that the declaration introduced by France could be improved if it held that: "Every person whose life, physical integrity or religion is threatened, in violation of the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, shall be regarded as entitled to seek asylum."

Citing the biblical origin of the concept of asylum, Dr. Lewin pointed out that Judaic law did not restrict the right of asylum to "the children of Israel alone, but stressed that it must be applied also to 'the stranger and the settler among them.'"

ANTI-SEMITISM IN GERMANY EVOKES DISCUSSION AT INTERNATIONAL PARLEY

MUNICH, March 23. (JTA) -- The question of resurgent anti-Semitism in Germany occupied a major place on the agenda of the Congress of European Resistance Fighters, which convened here last night.

"The resurgence of anti-Semitism and national Socialism must be met with strong measures," Georges Bidault, former Premier of France, told the Congress at its opening session. However, M. Bidault stated, the "real enemy" now "is in the East."

Rudolph Pecher, well-known author, expressed apprehension about the danger of fascism in Germany, declaring that "Nazis and anti-Semites again play a role in German public life." Former resistance fighters, he said, "are being systematically defamed and denounced by old Nazis, and there are no laws or regulations to stop them."

On the other hand, Dr. Joseph Mueller, Christian Democratic deputy in the Bavarian Parliament, who had been during World War II a liaison officer for the Vatican in the fight against Hitler, warned against "over-estimating" the danger of neo-Nazism.

"There are Nazi underground organizations all over the free world," said Dr. Mueller, "including Texas, U.S.A." Reports that influential Nazis occupy important positions in the German Federal Republic are "in general, exaggerated," he declared.

Dr. Mueller denied that there is any danger that former officers of the SS would infiltrate the new German army. He declared that careful screening by the West German army command has kept down such former SS applicants for commissions from 150 applications. There are less than 50 former SS men among the new army's officers, he said.

German Youth Groups Inaugurate Activities Against Anti-Semitism

BERLIN, March 23. (JTA) -- Responsible West Germans are fighting the resurgence of anti-Semitism in the country by organizing activities especially among the German youth.

A group of youths here announced today that an exhibit on anti-Semitism and its disastrous consequences during the Hitler regime is being organized for showing in major cities throughout the Federal Republic. The project is receiving the support of the Berlin State Institution for Political Education, under the sponsorship of West Berlin's Mayor Willy Brandt.

A further manifestation of the fight against anti-Semitism was seen here today in an announcement by the German Students Association, which has just held a meeting at Marburg, that it is organizing a demonstration against anti-Semitism to be conducted in May at the site of the former Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Similar student demonstrations will be held at the same time on the campuses of all leading universities and colleges throughout the Federal Republic.

Arab Students Blamed for Anti-Jewish Agitation in Germany

WASHINGTON, March 23. (JTA) -- No West German government will ever again condone anti-Semitism and it is a group of Arab students that is now a main source of anti-Jewish agitation in West Germany, Jakob Altmaier, a Jewish member of the Bundestag, today told a press conference here.

Altmaier said hundreds of Arab students now enrolled at German universities came to Germany because, for political reasons, they no longer go to Paris or London to study. In Germany, he said, the Arabs spread anti-Jewish propaganda and strive to end the flow of reparations.

Altmaier blamed the United States for clearing and employing ex-Nazis in a belief they were reliable anti-Communists. He claimed that the Federal and local governing bodies in West Germany strongly oppose anti-Semitism. Recent anti-Jewish incidents should not be regarded as typical of the nation, he said. He characterized the German people as desiring a return of Jews to Germany to enrich the country's cultural life.

NAZI PHYSICIAN COMMITS SUICIDE IN JAIL; MURDERED INMATES OF BUCHENWALD

BONN, March 23. (JTA) -- Former Nazi concentration camp physician Erich Wagner, 46, committed suicide in prison here today after being held for six months on suspicion of having murdered camp inmates by lethal injections.

Dr. Wagner, who slashed his wrists with a razor, was arrested last August after witnesses in a trial of concentration camp guards named him as a doctor who killed prisoners at the notorious Buchenwald camp maintained by the SS in the 1939-40 period.

DR. JONAS SALK, DISCOVERER OF ANTI-POLIO VACCINE, TO VISIT ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, March 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Jonas Salk, discoverer of the vaccine providing immunization against infantile paralysis, will visit the State of Israel in early May, it was learned today.

Dr. Salk advised the Israel embassy of his plans and said he looked forward to the trip which he expected to be an enriching experience. While in Israel, Dr. Salk plans to visit hospitals and medical facilities.

Z. O. A. REQUESTS ZIONISTS TO MAKE "SACRIFICIAL GIVINGS" TO U. J. A.

PITTSBURGH, March 23. (JTA) -- Zionists throughout the United States were urged to mobilize themselves for "sacrificial giving" to the United Jewish Appeal, in a call issued today by the national executive of the Zionist Organization of America, at the conclusion of its two-day session here.

The call was issued following a report from Zalman Suzayev, former Israel Deputy Minister of Commerce, who said that all elements of the population in Israel are ready to make great sacrifices to help in the absorption of new immigrants. He expressed the opinion that, with the overhauling of Israel's economy, the volume of export from Israel can be substantially increased and thus contribute to the absorption through employment of the new immigrants.

Principal speakers at the meeting included Abraham Redelheim, ZDA president; Dr. Max Nussbaum, chairman of the national executive's council; and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive. Mr. Redelheim stressed the fact that Israel's warm reception of the immigrants imposes severe hardships on her economy. Dr. Neumann urged that, in addition to doubling or trebling their contributions to the UJA, American Jews should also make large-scale investments of private capital in Israel's economy.

REFORM JEWS ASK POPE TO CONVOKE A "SUMMIT" PARLEY OF ALL RELIGIONS

NEW YORK, March 23. (JTA) -- Convocation of "a summit conference of the spiritual leaders of all mankind" is being advocated in a letter to Pope John XXIII from Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Dr. Eisendrath made public today a letter he had written to the Pope, asking that the Pontiff's call for a world-wide ecumenical council include not only Christians but all faiths.

The proposal for an ecumenical council of unity of all Christians was made recently by Pope John XXIII. In his letter, Dr. Eisendrath, as spokesman for 1,000,000 Reform Jews, proposes expansion of the plan, to make the projected world-wide convocation on "all inclusive council of world peace."

SETTLEMENT FOR HOMELESS IN GERMANY TO CARRY NAME OF ANNE FRANK

MUNICH, March 23. (JTA) -- A settlement for homeless foreigners will be established near Cologne, and will be named after Anne Frank, according to an announcement made here today at the Congress of the Union of Resistance Fighters for a United Europe.

The announcement was made by a Belgian priest, Rev. Dominique Piere, winner of a Nobel peace prize. The priest said that ground will be broken May 31 for construction of the village that will bear Anne Frank's name.

MRS. ROOSEVELT ARRIVES IN ISRAEL AS GUEST OF FOREIGN MINISTRY

JERUSALEM, March 23. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt arrived here last night for a week's visit as a guest of the Foreign Ministry. Accompanying Mrs. Roosevelt was one of her grandchildren, Nina Roosevelt, 16, daughter of Elliott Roosevelt.

During her stay here, Mrs. Roosevelt will be entertained by President Itzhak Ben Zvi, Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, and Foreign Minister Golda Meir. Among other places, she will go to Tel Aviv, where she will be an honored guest at the annual Purim celebrations there.

JOHANNESBURG MAYOR OPENS ISRAEL'S PAVILION AT SO. AFRICA TRADE FAIR

JOHANNESBURG, March 23. (JTA) -- Mayor Ian Maltz of Johannesburg stated today that Israel's policy, which he sees as calling for peace in the Middle East, is of vital significance to the Union of South Africa "because whatever happens north of our Union affects our own security." Mayor Maltz made this statement at the opening of the Israeli pavilion at Rand, where the country's biggest trade fair, the annual Easter Show, is being held.

There are strong bonds of friendships between Israel and South Africa, the Mayor declared, and it is important to strengthen the bonds through increased trade between the two countries. Another speaker at the ceremonies was Gabriel Doron, Israel's Consul-General here, who said that the gradually increasing Israeli-South African trade is of mutual benefit to both countries.

ISRAEL HONORS MEMORY OF JOSEPH TRUMPLEDOR; ARMY PARADE HELD

TEL AVIV, March 23. (JTA) -- Special ceremonies were held yesterday to honor the memory of Joseph Trumpledor, a hero of the early days of the Jewish settlement in Palestine, who, with a number of other young Jews, was killed in 1921, while defending what was then the northernmost Jewish settlement, near Tel Hai. A special Army parade was held, and youth organizations marched to Trumpledor's tomb.