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MOSCOW SPREADS FALSE REPORTS ABOUT "PLANNED" ISRAEL ATTACK ON EGYPT

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) -- Two reports by Tass, the official Soviet news agency, alleging Israeli plans to attack Arab states, were labeled by a Foreign Ministry spokesman here today as "fantasy" and "crude fiction."

One of the Tass reports, purportedly originating in New Delhi, said that Foreign Minister Golda Meir has allegedly "agreed with the United States and France on plans for joint military operations against the United Arab Republic." The Tass canard declared that, under the joint plans, the Western bank of the Jordan and the Sinai Peninsula would be occupied, while Jordan's King Hussein would be compensated by ruling over a Jordanian-Syrian State.

The second "crude fiction" circulated by Tass declared that preparations have been made at Istanbul for the Turkish and Israeli general staffs to direct joint attacks against Arabs, primarily against Iraq's ruler, Gen. Kassem. This report was datelined Athens.

Observers here noted that, in the past, Moscow spread reports of alleged imminent attacks by Israel against Arab states, whenever it wanted to frighten the Arab rulers into tightening their relations with the Soviet Union.

Moscow Broadcasts Pledge to Aid Nasser Against "Israeli Peril"

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- The American Committee for Liberation, an anti-Communist organization which monitors Soviet broadcasts, today reported that the Soviet Government is telling the Arabs through the Moscow Radio that the Soviet Union would come to the aid of the United Arab Republic in the face of "the Israeli peril." The text of the Moscow broadcast reads:

"The Israeli military preparations show the shortsightedness of those Arab statesmen who claim that imperialism has left the Arab world. No, we regret to say that the threats coming from the imperialists of the West have not ended. The quick reaction by Israel to the internal differences and the incitement of the anti-Soviet campaign in the UAR are clear evidence of this.

"Many people may be asking: 'What is the stand of the Soviet Union toward the Israeli peril to the UAR under the present circumstances?'

"There can be only one answer to this question, and that is that the Soviet Union opposes the enemies of peace and the independence of peoples, irrespective of Arab considerations. The Soviet Union supported and will always support the independent Arab states. The Soviet Union has always struggled and will continue to struggle against the aggressors who are trying by outside instigation to violate peace in the Middle East. This the Soviet Union has always done and will continue to do."

ISRAEL CABINET GETS 200-PAGE REPORT ON FALSE CALL-UP OF RESERVES

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today was given a 200-page report from a special Inquiry Commission, dealing with the "false alarm" radio call-up of military reserves, on April 1. Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, in his capacity as Minister of Defense, submitted that report to the Cabinet, which will formulate its own decision on the incident at its next regular meeting, a week from today.

Gen. Chaim Laskov, chief of staff of the Israeli defense forces, also appeared before the Cabinet to report on the call-up incident. Mr. BenGurion told the Cabinet that the radio announcement, which actually concerned a call to only three military units, totalling 1,200 reservists, had "sowed panic among the populace." Last week, four opposition parties submitted motions of non-confidence against the Government in Parliament, on account of this issue. The motions were defeated.

VATICAN CIRCLES REPORTED FAVORING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

ROME, April 12. (JTA) -- Vatican circles are understood to be in favor of establishing diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Israel, it was indicated here today by Ecomond, an Italian news agency.

"There has been favorable comment in Vatican circles on the statement made recently by Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion to a group of American journalists concerning Israel's desire to establish diplomatic relations with the Apostolic See," the Italian news agency reported.

ARABS BLACKLIST 97 MORE FOREIGN SHIPS FOR CARRYING CARGO TO ISRAEL

PARIS, April 12. (JTA) -- Ninety-seven ships have been added to the Arab League's anti-Israel blacklist, according to a report received here by Le Monde, leading French newspaper. The action was taken at the meeting of the Anti-Israel Boycott Committee at Damascus.

The owners of these vessels are being "punished" for transporting cargoes to Israel. The vessels will receive, in Arab ports, only minimal services, just enough to enable them to get to the next port. Of the total of new ship names added to the boycott list, 17 are American-owned, while 35 are British, nine French, five German, and six Turkish.

ISRAELI DRUG MANUFACTURERS FORM EXPORT GROUP; WILL SELL DRUGS ABROAD

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) -- Eight leading manufacturers of drugs in Israel have formed an export firm, in cooperation with the Ministry of Trade and Industry, to sell drugs in the overseas market, it was announced here today. The drugs, to be exported under a common label, have already been received favorably by foreign buyers. The new firm is expected to export between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 worth of drugs annually.

At the same time, it was announced today that Baker, Perkins, Ltd., a prominent British firm, has signed a preliminary agreement for production in Israel of a bromide compound, using an inexpensive process invented by the Israel Mining Industries. The new process enriches relatively poor ores.

The British firm will erect a pilot plant at Sdom, at a cost of \$250,000, and will also advance \$115,000 annually toward obtaining a supply of bromide. The project is expected to open new possibilities for increasing Israeli exports.

ROGOSIN RAYON PLANT IN ISRAEL TO BE EXPANDED; \$5,000,000 ADDED

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) -- Investors headed by Israel Rogosin, American industrialist, will expand the rayon plant at Ashdod, building an additional plant worth \$5,000,000, according to an agreement announced here today. Mr. Rogosin left for the United States today, after having come here to negotiate the latest agreement.

The new building will be twice as large as the present plant, which produces nylon threads for fabrics and tires from basic chemical materials. The existing plant, completed only last December, already produces each month 250,000 tons of tire and fabric yarn, plus 100,000 tons monthly of nylon and rayon for textiles.

Israel's gross national product rose 12 percent during the fiscal year ending March 31, the Ministry of Labor reported today. The increase was credited to a four percent jump in labor productivity, the introduction of modern equipment in Israel plants and a larger labor force.

The report noted significant gains in agriculture and construction work but no notable increase in white collar worker output and "substandard" conditions in administrative efficiency. The report termed "miraculous" the speed of adjustment of immigrants from backward countries to modern technology in Israel.

ISRAELI ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS BUILD PROJECTS IN AFRO-ASIAN LANDS

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) -- Solel Boneh's Overseas and Port Construction Company is now employing 250 Israeli engineers, technicians and mechanics on development projects in several Asian and African countries, the company, an Histadrut affiliate, announced today.

Among the countries are Cyprus, Ghana, Burma and Western Nigeria where Solel Boneh is a partner in local construction firms. A similar arrangement is being negotiated for Guinea, officials said, adding that invitations to Solel Boneh to participate in such overseas projects greatly exceed the company's capacity.

At the same time, it was reported today that 300 Israel foremen, engineers and technicians are supervising the construction of an airfield and a quay, as well as large public buildings and roads, in Ghana. The report was made at a special meeting at Kfar Saba, called to advance relations between Israel and the new African nations. Representatives of Ghana and Liberia attended.

ELIAHU DOBKIN, JEWISH AGENCY LEADER, ARRIVES IN U.S. TO AID IN U. J. A. DRIVE

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Eliahu Dobkin, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, arrived in New York yesterday, following a visit to South America. He joins an 18-man Emergency Mission of Israel's leaders, some of whom are now visiting key American Jewish communities to help leaders of the 1959 United Jewish Appeal seek increased aid on behalf of more than 20,000 new immigrants who have poured into Israel during recent months.

Included as Emergency Mission members who have already been in this country were Mordechai Bentov, Israel Minister of Development; Israeli Barzilai, Israel Minister of Health and Posts; and other members of the Jewish Agency executive and members of the Israel Parliament.

HESSE HIGH OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH OBSTRUCTING PAYMENT TO NAZI VICTIMS

WIESBADEN, Germany, April 12. (JTA) -- High officials of the Hesse State Indemnification Office, and of the local office in this city, have been charged with obstructing payments to victims of Nazism by "super-bureaucratic" practices operated along lines of "Prussian exactness."

Figures revealed here by the Hessian Ministry of the Interior show that the Wiesbaden indemnification office paid in the last year less than half of the sums appropriated for indemnification. Of 93,000,000 marks allocated, only 45,000,000 have been paid. The figures also show legal costs for indemnification in the last year amounted to 350,000 marks--50,000 marks above the legal costs anticipated.

Federal Government officials at Bonn have criticized the indemnification officials in this city. They declared that the figures here prove "the animosity against indemnification supported by certain influential officials in the Wiesbaden office, under the cloak of formal legalism."

W. J. C. URGES U. N. TO BE EFFECTIVE IN HANDLING PERSECUTION COMPLAINTS

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- A plea that the United Nations evolve an effective way of responding to petitions from victims of persecution has been voiced by the World Jewish Congress here. Speaking at the UN Commission on Human Rights meeting in New York, Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, representative of the WJC, said that in spite of years of discussion, and though it was common knowledge that large numbers of people in various parts of the world were subject to discrimination and persecution, the UN had not yet evolved an effective method of responding to such victims.

It was not a solution, Dr. Perlzweig declared, to ask the victims of persecution to wait until the adoption of a Covenant on Human Rights. Before such a covenant was completed by the General Assembly, years would elapse. Then the text would have to be adopted by a diplomatic conference, and even then it could not become effective before sufficient governments had ratified it. Multitudes of people would continue to suffer until this process was completed.

The WJC representative addressed a strong plea to the Commission to keep the issue on the agenda and to continue the search for a solution of "one of the gravest problems of our time." In view of the fears expressed by some governments that UN action on human rights would invade their sovereignty, he urged that the problem be re-examined with a view to organizing the cooperation of those governments willing to receive and answer inquiries and complaints from the UN. He pointed out that at the last session a number of governments had publicly stated that they had no objection to the publication of complaints against them with their own replies.

ZIONIST CONFEDERATION DISCUSSES CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION OF W. Z. O.

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Proposed changes in the constitution of the World Zionist Organization, which will be taken up at the forthcoming session of the Zionist Actions Committee to be presented to the World Zionist Congress next year, were discussed at a meeting here of leaders of the World Confederation of General Zionists, of which Mrs. Rose Halprin and Dr. Israel Goldstein are co-chairmen.

There are at present two committees in Israel working on these changes--the Constitution Committee, and the Noy Committee, which is a 19-man body under the chairmanship of Melech Noy, appointed by the last Actions Committee to study the structure of the World Zionist Organization.

The chairman of the meeting, Mrs. Halprin, analyzed the changes contemplated in the revised constitution, and reported on the findings of both committees in Israel. Primarily, she pointed out, a number of points in the present constitution have been made obsolete by the creation of the State of Israel, and have rendered the position of the World Zionist Organization anomalous. After a lengthy discussion of the Noy and Constitution Committee findings, the meeting resolved:

1. It takes the stand that the 500 mandates determined for the Zionist Congress be apportioned as follows: one-third for Israel and two-thirds for the rest of the world, plus an additional 15-20 delegates to be chosen by and from tiny Jewish communities having 400 souls, with the understanding and cooperation of the Jewish Agency.

2. The Shekel should remain as a token, confined exclusively to the Congress year; price of the Shekel to be determined for each country individually.

3. The size of the Actions Committee--100 members--should not be reduced, otherwise maximum representation cannot be assured for all of world Jewry, including the most far-flung communities.

4. A subcommittee should meet with representatives of the Noy Committee in Jerusalem, prior to the sessions of the Actions Committee, to discuss its findings and present the viewpoint of the Diaspora-based World Confederation of General Zionists. This subcommittee to be composed of: Mrs. Halprin; Dr. Miriam Freund and Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson of Hadassah; Judge Louis E. Levinthal; Lawrence Freiman, Canada; Barnett Janner, M. P., England; Melech Topiol, France; Dr. Adolfo Fastlicht, Mexico; and Dr. M. Vođovatz, Argentina.

JEWISH CONGRESS DISAVOWS APPROVAL OF NON-SECTARIAN SCHOOL PRAYER

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress announced here today that its Long Island branch still opposes the introduction of prayers in the public schools, in spite of a statement by Rabbi Abraham V. Goodman, of Lawrence, L. I., who agreed to a compromise for the use of a "non-sectarian" prayer in the public schools.

The dispute involves a public school district, covering several Long Island townships where parents are objecting to prayers in the schools. Rabbi Goodman, in a compromise with a Catholic priest, the Rev. William Galloway, agreed to cancel protests against use of the prayer. Under the compromise between the rabbi and the priest, school children in the district would be required each day to recite the fourth stanza of "America," singing to "Our Father's God."

In a statement, Abraham H. Klugsberg, executive director of the local American Jewish Congress unit, said: "Rabbi Goodman was speaking for himself only--and not for the South Shore Jewish Community Council--in voicing approval of the Board of Regents prayer. We wish to express emphatically our opposition to all prayers in public schools, whether they be called sectarian or non-sectarian. Prayer belongs in the home and in houses of worship; it has no place in a public school. Of course, there can be no objection to the singing of 'America' or any other patriotic hymn in the public schools. Patriotic songs belong in the public schools, just as prayers do not."

"YOUTH ALIYAH DAY" OBSERVED IN N. Y. ; PRATT STRESSES EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- One of Israel's greatest strengths lies in its ability to provide "genuine education" to its children, Simcha Pratt, Israel Consul-General, asserted here today. He stressed that the Jewish State is developing future generations of citizens "who understand the vital necessity of democracy as a prerequisite to human survival."

Mr. Pratt spoke at ceremonies marking the tenth annual Child's Day for Youth Aliyah at the Israel Consulate, under the auspices of Hadassah, Pioneer Women, and the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America. Youth Aliyah is an international agency for the rescue, relief and rehabilitation in Israel of homeless Jewish children. Hadassah is the official representative of Youth Aliyah in the United States.

Mr. Pratt characterized Israel's educational objectives as "Education for Freedom," stating that "ours is an educational system under which our children are taught to respect the rights of others, to appreciate other people's opinions, and to cherish the freedom of democracy and peace." He paid high tribute to Youth Aliyah, pointing out that "by ministering to the needs of underprivileged children, Youth Aliyah is making an inestimable contribution to the welfare and well-being of Israel and to that peace we hope to achieve in the Middle East and in the world as a whole."

Mrs. Henry Goldman of Hadassah, United States chairman for Child's Day for Youth Aliyah, told the audience of more than 200 persons that Youth Aliyah plans call for the absorption of 10,000 Jewish children within its institutions in the two-year period ending December 31, 1960. This, she said, would bring to 100,000 the number of young people handled by Youth Aliyah since its inception in 1934. During this period, she added, Hadassah has contributed \$36.5 million to "the humanitarian work of Youth Aliyah."

AMERICAN ZIONIST LABOR ORDER DEDICATES NEW \$500,000 HEADQUARTERS

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Simcha Pratt, Consul-General of Israel, today called upon the world to help Israel build peace in the Middle East on the basis of democracy. He was one of the principal speakers at a ceremony dedicating the new \$500,000 headquarters of the Farband Labor Zionist Order, a 46-year-old fraternal organization with 30,000 members in the United States and Canada.

"Israel," Mr. Pratt said, "knows that it can be at peace with all peoples. Israel knows that all peoples would benefit from such peace. Peace in our region would lead, certainly, inevitably, toward peace in the world. Peace in our region would lead toward the happiness of many, many millions of individuals who want the good things of life because the good things are here and obtainable. Israel appeals to the world: Help us build that peace."

Meyer L. Brown, national president of the Farband, said that the \$500,000 building brings all of the organization's staff facilities under one roof. "It is a mistake," he declared, "to consider the Farband as purely a Zionist and fraternal order. We have brought to bear on social issues the pressure of an organization dedicated not only to the welfare of the American Jewish community and Israel but also in behalf of urgently needed social and welfare legislation. We intend to continue to do so."

Louis Segal, general secretary of the Farband, said he was astonished at the apathy of American Jews in relation to Israel's emergency situation. Pointing out that Israel is beset by problems of absorbing and integrating immigrants and by the threat to her security, he assured that Farband would "do its utmost to prod American Jewry." He said "the one shock treatment which must be averted is the shock of a disaster to Israel, stemming directly from American Jewish indifference, which would re-awaken American Jewry when it was too late." Another speaker was Samuel Bonchek, national vice-president of Farband.