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EGYPT THREATENS TO USE ROCKETS AND MISSILES AGAINST ISRAEL

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- Radio Cairo today warned, in a Hebrew language broadcast, that the United Arab Republic possesses enough rockets, missiles and other modern weapons, "capable of annihilating Israel in one attack."

The broadcast, monitored here, lumps together a number of recent Middle East developments as "proof" of a "concerted imperialist-planned operation" against the U. A. R. The events include the recent Egyptian-Israeli jet-plane battle, Jordan's complaint against the U. A. R. closing the Jordanian-Syrian border, and an Iraqi allegation that the U. A. R. was sending fedayeen into Iraq.

BRITAIN NOT INTERVENING IN ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN SUEZ DISPUTE

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- The British Government is not "intervening" in the current dispute between Israel and the United Arab Republic about the latter's action in halting ships carrying Israel cargoes through the Suez Canal.

That was announced in the House of Commons by John Profumo, Minister of State. The Government was asked by Aneurin Bevan, the Labor Party's "shadow Foreign Minister," what further action has been taken, or is contemplated, to ensure freedom of shipping to and from Israel through the Suez Canal.

Mr. Profumo replied that her Majesty's Government position on passage of ships through the Canal was stated recently, and he continued: "But I understand that the matter is being discussed through United Nations channels, and I do not think it would be helpful to intervene."

(In Washington, Israel Charge d'Affaires Y. Herzog met today with under-secretary of state Robert D. Murphy for talks presumably including the issue involving the Danish ship "Inge Toft" which is being detained by Egypt at the entrance to the Suez Canal.)

BEN GURION DISCUSSES BAN ON IMMIGRATION NEWS WITH ISRAEL EDITORS

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- A six-member committee, consisting of three Government officials and three newspaper editors, was formed here today to study for a month the Government's ban on publication of news about immigration unless such news is issued officially by the Government.

The committee was named after a meeting between newspaper editors and Prime Minister David Ben Gurion. Most of the editors came to the meeting firmly opposed to the immigration news blackout announced by the Government last week. However, after listening to the Premier, they agreed to give a trial to the implementation of the new rule.

Representing the government on the six-man committee are one government official who will act as secretary of the committee, the chief of Army intelligence, and the government's chief censor. The committee is to resume discussion of the ban after a month's study.

Meanwhile, the Israel Government has issued a new order for the appointment of a military censor to implement its ban on publication of immigration news. The military censor can prevent, in advance, publication of news, including items on which the government might not be able to make a court case for punishment.

The right-wing Herut today submitted to Knesset a bill to abolish the government's right to use the State Secrets Law to ban immigration news. The measure is expected to come up for a vote this week, with slight chance for approval.

U.S. ASKED TO SET UP SPACE SATELLITE TRACING STATION IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- The Israeli Astronautical Society, which has its headquarters at Haifa today asked American authorities to set up in Israel a space satellite tracing station, to be operated by Israeli crews.

Moshe Arens, president of the society, who is a lecturer on aeronautics at the Haifa "Technion," said today that the proposal is being studied by officials in Washington. There is only one space satellite tracing station in the Middle East now, located in Iran.

KNESSET GETS BILL PROVIDING CONCESSIONS FOR FOREIGN INVESTORS

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- A Government-sponsored bill to provide more extensive concessions for capital investments in Israel was introduced in Parliament here today by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol. He described the measure as "the most liberal in the world" among countries with controlled economy.

The new measure would exempt foreign investors from the inheritance tax even if the investor became a local resident or an Israeli citizen. The measure supersedes an older bill passed by Parliament in 1950.

FOREIGN CURRENCY INCOME EXCEEDS EXPENDITURES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- For the first time since the establishment of Israel, foreign currency receipts were larger than foreign currency expenditures, during the fiscal year 1958-1959, according to Dr. Zvi Dienstman, foreign currency controller for the Israel Treasury.

Foreign currency revenue during the period, Dr. Dienstman announced today, totalled \$608,000,000, exceeding the earlier estimate by 3.5 percent. Expenditures aggregated \$574,000,000, which was 2.2 percent below the estimate for the fiscal year.

Total reserves at the end of March, Dr. Dienstman announced, were \$140,000,000, the highest ever recorded by Israel at the end of a fiscal year. Foreign indebtedness increased by \$52,000,000, reaching a total of \$597,000,000. However, Dr. Dienstman noted, there was a "welcome" trend away from the "inconvenient" short-term debts to the cheaper long-term debts.

The controller also announced that, of the \$374,000,000 of State of Israel bonds sold, \$57,000,000 worth had been converted by owners into Israeli pounds; \$7,000,000 has been repaid in dollars; while \$310,000,000 worth of the bonds are still outstanding.

ISRAEL GOVT. SCORED FOR FAILING TO EDUCATE YOUTH ON DIASPORA JEWRY

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- Strong criticism of the Israel Government for "failing to fulfill its obligation to establish a firm bridge between Israeli Jews and Jewry outside Israel" was voiced here today by Abraham A. Redelheim, president of the Zionist Organization of America.

Mr. Redelheim, speaking at a dinner here conducted by the ZOA, stated that Israeli youth is unaware of the fact that American Zionists exist. He challenged the Government with the question: "What have you done, that your children may know of the part that we played in the establishment of the State?"

Former Gen. Moshe Dayan, addressing a youth rally at Ramat Gan, indirectly supported the attitude of the American Zionist leader. Gen. Dayan stressed the fact that, without Jewry outside this country, "and mainly American Jewry," Israel would not have been able to maintain the present balance of power in the Middle East.

ISRAEL INTRODUCES PRIORITY SYSTEM IN SENDING EXPERTS ABROAD

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- There have been so many requests from foreign countries for technical assistance from Israeli experts that the Cabinet yesterday found it necessary to create a special inter-departmental committee to supervise Israel's aid to other countries. Thus far, this year alone, 20 requests have been received for the help of Israeli experts, several of these applications coming from Latin American countries.

The new inter-departmental committee met today and decided tentatively to give priority to requests for experts from five areas: West Africa, Burma, Iran, Turkey and Ethiopia. All five of these areas have either firm commitments from Israel now or maintain very close contact with Israel.

The committee decided also to give priorities to countries where Israeli experts are needed for projects to be carried out jointly by local enterprises and by Israel. An example of such a project is the joint housing construction development to be carried out in Brazil by Brazilian interests in conjunction with Solel Boneh, the construction subsidiary of Histadrut.

KNESSET GETS BILL ADVOCATING CIVIL MARRIAGES, DIVORCES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- A bill permitting civil marriages and divorces in Israel was introduced in Parliament here by the left-wing Mapam party. The bill would remove "personal status" from exclusive jurisdiction by the rabbinate. Under present legislation, all marriages and divorces must be performed only under religious auspices.

JEWISH CANDIDATE WINS SEAT IN COMMONS; IS 19TH JEWISH MEMBER

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- J. Mendelson today became the 19th Jewish member of the House of Commons, after winning the Labor Party's seat in by-elections in Penistone, Yorkshire.

WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENT VOTES 3,000,000,000 MARKS FOR INDEMNIFICATION

BONN, June 15. (JTA) -- West Germany's Parliament this weekend adopted a budget of 3,000,000,000 Deutschmarks for indemnification of victims of Nazism during the current fiscal year. The sum is exactly the same allocated for this purpose last year.

AUSTRIA EXPECTS TO COMPLETE PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS ABROAD IN 1960

VIENNA, June 15. (JTA) -- The Austrian government circles today estimated that the payment of 550,000,000 schillings of compensation to Austrian victims of Nazism living abroad will be completed by the end of 1960 - within four years instead of 10 years as originally anticipated.

Official statistics made available here today show that, so far, almost 400,000, - 000 schillings have been paid out to the persecutees. Of the total, 175,000,000 went to persecutees living in the United States, and 60,000,000 schillings to former Austrian victims of Nazism now residing in Israel.

U.S. AND AUSTRIA EXCHANGE NOTES ON AUSTRIAN PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- The U.S. State Department disclosed today that the deadline for filing claims for confiscated furniture and other types of personal property seized during the Nazi regime in Austria has been extended from June 30 to December 31, 1959.

This was revealed in an announcement that the Governments of Austria and the United States exchanged notes on May 30 concerning the Austrian Fund of \$6,000,000 For the Settlement of Certain Property Losses of Political Persecutees. The Fund was established to settle claims of persons who suffered from racial, religious or political persecution in Austria from March 13, 1938 to May 8, 1945, and whose bank accounts, securities, mortgages and cash were subjected to forced transfers or confiscated.

The State Department said the Fund also would settle claims of such persecutees for making of certain types of discriminatory payments, such as the special tax levied on Jews permitted to flee from Austria during the Nazi regime. The State Department stressed that all persecutees who sustained such losses were entitled to file claims regardless of present residence. Claim forms will be available at the Austrian Embassy, or at the nearest Austrian Consulate after enactment of Austrian legislation to implement the agreement.

The announcement also noted that persecutees whose pension rights or insurance policies were confiscated in Austria were reminded that the deadline for filing insurance policy claims was June 30, 1959.

The State Department also announced that the Austrian Government had agreed to send legislation to the Austrian Parliament to provide "adequate compensation" in line with the Third Austrian Restitution Law "to those claimants under that section of the law who have not accepted other settlements of their claims for certain agricultural property and who were subject to racial, religious or political persecution "during the 1938-1945 period."

Austria Agrees to Extend Time Limit On Claims for Heirless Property

The Washington announcement drew attention to the fact that the Austrian Government had enacted an amendment to the Austrian War and Persecution Property Damage Law which "in effect increases the amounts which are to be awarded to certain claimants residing abroad for confiscated furniture and certain other personal property." It is in this category that the deadline for filing claims has been extended to December 31.

The announcement said that the official forms for filing such claims were not distributed, pending enactment of the amendment. The forms are now available at the Austrian Embassy here or at Austrian consulates in New York, Chicago, Detroit, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Dallas, Miami, Atlanta and Cleveland.

It also was announced that the Austrian Government had agreed to enact legislation to extend the time limit for persecutees who failed to file a restitution claim within the time limits "provided in Austrian restitution laws for the restitution of property, legal rights and interests which are now considered in Austria to be heirless or unclaimed expropriated property."

The announcement said such claimants would be able, after the extension is enacted, to obtain satisfaction of their claims, providing such claims are filed within three months after receipt by a claimant of a request to file a claim or in other cases within one year after the enactment of the pertinent Austrian legislation."

GOLDA MEIR ON STATE VISIT IN MEXICO; IS HONORED BY GOVERNMENT

MEXICO CITY, June 15. (JTA) -- Practically every sector of Mexican life, governmental, Jewish communal and general press, is participating toward making the state visit here of Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, a brilliant success.

Mrs. Meir was met at the International Airport here, upon her arrival from Chile, by Foreign Minister Manuel Tello. She visited Mr. Tello at the Foreign Ministry, then paid a formal visit on President Adolfo Lopez Mateos. She presented to the President an 18th Century, silver, etrog cup, and gave the Foreign Minister an oil painting by an Israeli artist, Anna Schicho. Later, she placed a wreath at the foot of the Monument to Mexican Independence. She was accompanied on her official visits by Israel's Ambassador here, Gen. David Shaltiel.

A special session was held here today in honor of Mrs. Meir by the Joint Permanent Commission of the Mexican Senate and Chamber of Deputies. The Commission is Parliament's continuation group during a period when Parliament is not in session. A special gala reception was also given for Mrs. Meir in the salon of the Foreign Ministry, where the guests included members of the Mexican Cabinet and the diplomatic corps.

Special audiences were given for Mrs. Meir by the Ministers of Labor and Education, where Mrs. Meir discussed with the respective Ministers the labor and educational legislation and practices in Israel.

Meanwhile, at the Foreign Ministry, a cultural agreement was signed today between Israel and Mexico. Under the pact, exchanges are provided for students, lecturers and university professors from each of the countries. Special stipends will be granted, under the agreement, to Mexican students who will study in Israel, and to Israeli students who will pursue their studies in this country. Foreign Minister Tello signed the agreement on behalf of Mexico, while Mrs. Meir signed for Israel.

BRITISH JEWS MAKE SUBSTANTIAL GIFTS TO WEIZMANN INSTITUTE IN ISRAEL

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- A new animal house costing 50,000 pounds sterling for the Department of Experimental Biology at the Weizmann Institute in Israel and a contribution of 275,000 pounds to the Institute's Central Endowment Fund were announced by Lord Rothschild at a dinner in honor of Abba Eban, former Israel Ambassador to the United States.

Lord Rothschild emphasized the great importance of the endowment fund "without which the Weizmann Institute cannot achieve stability." Isaac Wolfson announced a gift of 100,000 pounds and Marcus Sieff, co-host for the dinner, announced he had received substantial contributions from 20 donors for the Institute endowment fund.

15 STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, June 15. (JTA) -- Fifteen graduates, men and women, received degrees last night at the 31st annual commencement exercises of the College of Jewish Studies, here. The diplomas were awarded by Samuel N. Katzin, chairman of the board of trustees of the college, and Dr. Abraham G. Duker, president.

An honorary degree of doctor of humane letters was awarded to Robert Szold, former president of the Zionist Organization of America and chairman of the board of the Palestine Economic Corporation. United Hias Service was presented with a citation on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

RABBI EISENDRATH NAMED AMERICAN "CLERGYMAN OF THE YEAR"

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has been named the "Clergyman of the Year" by the Religious Heritage of America, an interfaith group of Jews, Protestants and Catholics organized to remind Americans of the religious background of American history. Rabbi Eisendrath was chosen by a committee of 500 religious leaders and religious writers.

VENEZKY NAMED CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL GIFTS FOR REFORM JUDAISM FUND

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Julian B. Venezky of Peoria, Ill., prominent Jewish leader has been named national chairman for special gifts by the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism. Mr. Venezky will head the drive for the solicitation of leading gifts in the effort for 1959-1960 which will open on July 1 with a goal of \$3,558,000. The nationwide religious campaign is headed by A. B. Polinsky of San Diego, California.

Funds raised through the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism are divided equally between its two beneficiaries: the Union of American Hebrew Organizations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the only center for the training and ordination of Reform rabbis.