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RUMANIA COMPLAINS OF ALLEGED ATTACK ON MEMBERS OF LEGATION IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Rigid security measures were being enforced today at the Rumanian Legation here following a complaint by Rumania of an alleged attack by unidentified assailants upon two members of the legation staff. Officials of the legation said that the Rumanian Government took a "very serious view" of the matter.

First word of the attack came from Bucharest where the Rumanian Foreign Ministry complained to the Israeli envoy that a legation driver had been attacked in Tel Aviv. At the time of the attack the legation had made no complaint either to the police or to the Israeli Government. A legation source said that the two staff members were attacked as they sat in a parked car on a Tel Aviv street.

The Rumanian Minister Petru Manu left today for Jerusalem where he lodged a formal complaint with the Foreign Ministry. The Ministry later stated that only one unidentified man was involved in the alleged attack. Israeli officials said they learned from Mr. Manu that, on October 13, a legation employee, driving an automobile on a Tel Aviv street, was accosted by an unidentified person who allegedly tried to hit the Rumanian with a stick. The Rumanian swerved his car, according to this report, and the attacker's stick struck a rear fender of the automobile.

ISRAEL DENIES COUNTER-ACTION AGAINST FRENCH FIRM BOWING TO ARABS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman denied reports today that Israel had interrupted negotiations for construction of a huge passenger liner by a French shipyard because Renault, the government-owned French automotive firm, in a surrender to the Arab boycott of Israel, had suspended operations in this country.

Tel Aviv newspaper headlines tonight indicated that the halt in the negotiations was directly connected to the Renault issue. The negotiations were for construction of a new trans-Atlantic passenger liner for the Zim-Israel Navigation Company.

An official version today was that, actually, there had been no interruption in the negotiations, only a possible, temporary impasse which developed before the Renault closedown was announced. It was pointed out that such hitches customarily develop during complex financial negotiations.

(In Paris it was announced today that French Minister of Transport Bouron will leave by chartered jet plane tomorrow for Israel, to attend the official opening of a new subway in Haifa. A special representative of the City of Paris will also go to Haifa with M. Bouron, to dedicate the main terminus of the subway, which has been named "Paris.")

All-Party Committee in Israel Rules Out Counter-Boycott

A nine-man, all-party committee set up in Israel to fight the Arab economic boycott has ruled out a counter-boycott against such firms as Renault, the French automobile company which has yielded to the Arab boycott and halted its operations in Israel, the committee's chief disclosed today.

Meir Grossman, head of the Jewish Agency's external relations department and chairman of the committee, said that there was little that could be done to prevent such incidents as the surrender by Renault to Arab pressure. His committee, he said, had ruled out a counter-boycott of such firms.

His committee, Mr. Grossman said, had worked for the past two years, doing whatever was possible with the only force at its disposal--moral suasion--but this, he admitted, was only rarely successful.

He noted that economic boycott was illegal in many countries and thus that even if it were possible to organize a campaign against firms observing the Arab boycott of Israel and refusing to deal with Israel, such efforts might prove illegal. He said that the committee's attempts to draw attention abroad to the situation had had little success and that Jewish organizations abroad were generally reluctant to lend support.

ISRAEL FILES PROTEST AGAINST MOROCCAN BAN ON POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- A formal protest against the stoppage by Morocco of postal communications with Israel, was filed by Israel today with the Universal Postal Union at Berne, Switzerland.

The protest was in the form of a note which Israel asked to be circulated among members of the Union. Morocco announced last month that she was breaking off postal communications with Israel in deference to the Arab League boycott of the Jewish State.

PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL ARRIVES IN BURMA; GREETED WITH 21-GUN SALUTE

RANGOON, Burma, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Twenty-one guns were fired at the airport here this morning to salute Israel's President Izhak Ben-Zvi, who arrived here with Mrs. Ben-Zvi and three aides including Walter Eytan, Director General of the Foreign Ministry. This is the Israeli President's first state visit to this country.

President Ben-Zvi, dressed in white with a black hat, was greeted with the playing of Hatikva, and was met at the airport by Burma's President and Prime Minister along with members of the diplomatic corps and members of the Burma Jewish community.

In short addresses delivered at the airport, both President Ben-Zvi and President Ne Win expressed satisfaction at the degree of cooperation between the two countries and hoped for still further cooperation. President Ben-Zvi and his party will be staying in a special wing of the Burmese President's home.

BEN-GURION OBSERVES 73RD BIRTHDAY IN SDE BOKER; RECEIVES CHAD PREMIER

TEL AVIV, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion, Israel's Prime Minister and leader of the Mapai Party, took a day off today from the cares of government and the heat of a national election campaign to observe his 73rd birthday in the village of Sde Boker, in the Negev, the southern desert.

His contemplation of the area of Israel which is dearest to his heart and where he said today, he would take up residence on his retirement from office, was interrupted by a series of official delegations and well-wishers. Mr. Ben-Gurion received the visiting Prime Minister of the Republic of Chad and told him that if Israel could help his young state in any way, "we shall be only too glad to do it."

An official delegation of the secretariat of the Mapai Party also journeyed to Sde Boker to greet Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Gurion on the occasion. The Ben-Gurions announced that the birthday celebration would be combined with the second anniversary of the Beersheba Institute of Arid Zone Research. The Premier, who organized the institute, said he would spend a day there and inspect all its activities.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA REPORTED GIVING NASSER \$140,000,000 LONG-TERM CREDIT

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Czechoslovakia has agreed to supply the United Arab Republic with equipment and materials amounting to 50,000,000 pounds sterling (\$140,000,000), it was reported here today. A preliminary agreement between the two countries provides for the granting of long-term credit to the UAR for the purchase of the Czech goods.

At the same time it was also reported here from Amman that the Arab League's "Israel Boycott Office" has proposed the establishment of an all-Arab company "with immense capital and special concessions" to compete with Israeli goods in countries outside the Arab bloc, according to an Amman radio broadcast monitored here today.

The London press this morning predicted that the UAR and Australia will resume diplomatic relations, broken off three years ago after the Suez campaign. Cairo has also reportedly suggested that a full reconciliation with Britain may be announced this month, now that the Macmillan government has been reelected. Britain and the UAR took the initial steps toward a better understanding when they settled their Suez claims last February.

YIDDISH STATE THEATER OF POLAND LEAVES TODAY FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Ida Kaminska, star of the State Yiddish Theater of Poland, will leave Warsaw with her Yiddish company tomorrow for a six-week tour of Israel, according to a Warsaw radio announcement monitored here today. Madame Kaminska and her troupe are scheduled to perform in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa.

DUBINSKY ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO OPEN HOSPITAL FINANCED BY I. L. G. W. U.

TEL AVIV, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, arrived at Lydda Airport last night to participate in ceremonies opening a new hospital at Beersheba, in the Negev. Construction and equipment of the institution was financed by the union.

Mr. Dubinsky was greeted on arrival by Minister of Labor Mordechai Namir, top officials of Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, and representatives of the United States Embassy.

EISENHOWER, NIXON REVEAL STAND ON ELECTION OF JEW AS U.S. PRESIDENT

HOUSTON, Texas., Oct. 19. (JTA) -- A Jew could be elected President of the United States in this generation, 31 leaders of the Republican and Democratic Parties believe. Their views are expressed in replies to a symposium conducted by the Jewish Digest, monthly pocket-size magazine, published here.

President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon, Adlai E. Stevenson, Alfred M. Landon, most of the leading 1960 Presidential contenders, prominent members of the Senate and House, key governors, and the chairmen of the Republican and Democratic National committees were among those who answered the question posed to them by the Jewish publication. The question read:

"Now that most Americans seem agreed that a Catholic could be nominated and elected President by either of the two major political parties, we would be grateful for your opinion on whether you believe that in our generation a Jew could also be nominated and elected to the highest office in the land."

Fifty-eight percent of those who replied, out of 47 who were queried, said they definitely believed a Jew could be elected President in this generation. The other 42 percent said, in one way or another, that they hoped that before too long the electorate would do away with the tacit religious test traditionally barring all but white Protestants from the Presidency and the Vice Presidency.

Of those who replied to the inquiry, 20 are Protestants, seven are Catholics and four are Jews. Eight of them are potential nominees for the Presidency in 1960. Three of the respondents raised some question as to the accuracy of The Jewish Digest's premise that the voters are agreed that a Catholic could win the Presidency.

Stevenson, Landon, Kennedy, Humphrey Others Give Their Views

Answering for President Eisenhower, his press secretary James C. Hagerty wrote: "The answer to your question is one which greatly concerns the President. He believes with all his heart that selection of a candidate for public office, including the highest in the land, should be based entirely on integrity and ability--not on how that candidate chooses to worship Almighty God."

Vice-President Nixon replied: "It is a sign of developing political maturity that within one generation there is serious consideration being given to the nomination of Catholics for the offices of President and Vice-President. I feel certain we will see further progress in this important national aspect of our national life, so that within another generation the so-called 'Religious test' will be a thing of the past."

Adlai E. Stevenson stated: "I hope and pray that we have reached the point in this country where a man's character and ability and not his race, creed or color are the qualifications we look for in a candidate for the Presidency."

Alfred M. Landon declared: "There have been great Jewish statesmen in every age and in every country since the first scrolls of history. Therefore, why should one not be elected President of the United States--assuming he measures up on other qualifications?"

Senator John F. Kennedy said: "The practical question whether a majority of American citizens would vote for a member of a minority religious group is being answered in every election year. Apparently the voters who have elected Catholics and Jews to statewide office have based their decisions upon the qualifications of the candidates. I do not believe it is too much to hope that this can be transmitted to a national election."

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey replied: "I do not see why this would not be possible. I am personally for the best qualified man under all circumstances, regardless of his race, creed, or color. I feel that the time will shortly come, and I pray it will be in our generation, when a man's religious faith will be of no particular consequence insofar as his ability to win the Presidential nomination and election are concerned."

Senator Estes Kefauver wrote: "I am not certain your premise is correct. For the same reason I don't feel that I am in a position to give you an informed opinion on your question. I do know this--freedom to worship is a clearly defined constitutional principle in our nation. Americans and the people of the world should always aim at applying this principle to everything they do."

SIX NAZIS ARRESTED IN INVESTIGATIONS OF CRIMES IN AUSCHWITZ CAMP

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Six Nazis have recently been arrested in Germany in connection with a large-scale investigation of crimes committed at the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp, according to information received here today by the World Jewish Congress.

Chief District Attorney for Frankfurt-on-Main in a letter to Dr. Nehemiah Robinson, director of the World Jewish Congress' Institute of Jewish Affairs in New York, appealed to the WJC to help trace former inmates, scattered all over the world, who could testify in the case. He said he is "conducting a comprehensive investigation of all crimes perpetrated at Auschwitz and subsidiary camps."

J. D. C. TO HOLD ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN DECEMBER, WARBURG ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee will hold its 45th annual meeting on December 10, at the Statler Hotel here, it was announced today by Edward M. M. Warburg, JDC chairman.

Leaders of Jewish communities throughout the country, who are members of the JDC's National Council, will attend the meeting to review activities during 1959 in aid of some 200,000 distressed Jews throughout the world. A program and budget for 1960 will be adopted, and national officers elected.

KEYSERLING SURVEY ON ISRAEL'S ECONOMY STRESSES INCREASE OF EXPORTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Israel's exports have increased by 350 percent during the past eight years, while imports have increased by only 54 percent, it is indicated by Leon H. and Mary Dublin Keyserling, noted economists, in a survey of Israel's economy published today by the Israel Bond Organization.

Mr. Keyserling served as chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, in the Truman Administration, and Mrs. Keyserling has been associated with him in economic work for many years. They prepared the report after visiting Israel in August to make a detailed study of the country's economy.

The report discusses Israel's housing program, its agricultural progress, the exploitation of mineral wealth, the growth of industries, efforts to improve Israel's foreign trade position, full utilization of resources, control of inflation, and raising the standard of living. It indicates that the gross national product of the State of Israel has increased 11 percent per year between 1950 and 1958. This, it points out, is probably the highest average annual increase achieved by any country in the world during these years.

The Keyserling report emphasizes that Israel bonds, which represent about 35 percent of Israel's Development Budget, have had a major share in the expansion of the country's industries, agriculture and the exploitation of its natural resources. Approximately one-third of the investment requirements for the five-year plan which is to be started in 1960 are calculated to come from the Development Budget, to which the proceeds of the sale of Israel bonds are devoted, the report says, adding that the balance would be derived from internal savings and from foreign and local private investment.

The report sums up the aims of Israel's new five-year industrial plan, which is designed to work in combination with the plans for the further development of agriculture and natural resources. The plan has as its chief frame of reference the reduction of the current deficit on Israel's trade and service account, while at the same time improving the living standards of a rising population. Emphasis is being placed on the development of those industries whose export potentials are greatest, toward the quadrupling of industrial exports by 1965. If production goals are reached, industrial exports, including both manufactured goods and diamonds, now totaling about \$85,000,000, should rise to about \$320,000,000 in 1955, according to the Keyserlings.

WALTER HILBORN NAMED WINNER OF AWARD FOR COMMUNAL LEADERSHIP

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Walter S. Hilborn, Los Angeles Jewish communal leader, has been named winner of the fourth annual Edwin Rosenberg Award for leadership in Jewish communal service, it was announced today by Judge Sidney Goldmann, of Trenton, chairman of the Awards Committee. Mr. Hilborn was honored for his role in guiding the merger efforts of the Jewish Welfare Federation and the Jewish Community Council into the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles.

The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds sponsors the Edwin Rosenberg Award, which was made possible by a grant from the Ben and Bertha Touster Foundation. The award was established as a tribute to the outstanding leadership of Edwin Rosenberg and aims to encourage others to emulate the principles which his leadership exemplifies. Mr. Rosenberg was chairman of the negotiating committee which effected the merger of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the United Service for New Americans and the Migration Department of the Joint Distribution Committee into the United Hias Service.

The award, a hand crafted, solid silver medallion, mounted on a finely wrought silver stand, will be presented at the banquet session during the 28th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in San Francisco.

ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER CABLES CONDOLENCES ON GEN. MARSHALL'S DEATH

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir cabled condolences today to Secretary of State Christian A. Herter on the death of General of the Army George C. Marshall. Israelis recall, as the newspapers noted today, that Gen. Marshall was Secretary of State in 1948 when the United States gave recognition to the State of Israel.