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GOLDA MEIR REPORTS ON CABINET'S DECISION TO PURCHASE MORE ARMS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, briefed the Security and Foreign Affairs Committee of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today on the decision of the Cabinet this week to speed up purchase of arms and to seek international support against the renewed belligerence of the United Arab Republic.

She explained the decision was designed to counter the threat of an upset of the balance of power between Israel and the Arab states which may be caused by a continued flow of Soviet arms to the Arab countries.

The Israel Government will embark on a diplomatic and information campaign as a consequence of the United Nations "failure" to solve the anti-Israel blockade of the Suez Canal after the UN Secretary General's inability to achieve anything in conversations in Cairo on the problem, she said.

She also was understood to have replied to questions about the demilitarized zone southeast of Lake Tiberias, where clashes took place for more than a week recently, and about the stalemate which developed from Syria's refusal to remove armed military personnel from the zone in violation of the Israel-Syrian armistice agreement.

Meanwhile, it was reported here today that the Syrian representative on the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission formally rejected yesterday a proposal from Israel to discuss measures for the restoration of peaceful conditions in the demilitarized zone near Lake Tiberias.

The representative made Syria's position known to the chairman of the MAC, declaring that Syria was not willing to take part in such talks as long as Israel refuses to discuss the status of the demilitarized zone, scene of sharp fighting for more than a week recently.

Israel has consistently taken the position that the demilitarized zone is completely within Israel territory and that Syria, therefore, has no claims to the zone and cannot participate in talks on a matter which Israel considers as solely one between Israel and the United Nations.

Nasser's 'Recent Successes' in Fight Against Israel Cited in Cairo

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The delegates from eight of the ten states in the Arab League now meeting in Cairo, today heard a report on the "recent successes" of President Nasser of the United Arab Republic in his campaign against Israel and in other fields, a cable from the Egyptian capital reported. Iraq and Tunisia are boycotting the Cairo meeting because of their quarrels with Nasser.

Nasser's "victories" cited to the delegates included the World Bank Loan for the improvement of the Suez Canal; renewal of diplomatic relations between the UAR and Britain; the success of the anti-Israel economic boycott, with particular reference to the withdrawal of Regie Renault from assembly operations in Israel and of Air France from a proposed trans-Atlantic traffic-sharing agreement with El Al National Airlines; the "queue of Western Government delegations" seeking to lend money to the UAR, and the "final victory" over the Inge Toft issue.

The principal item on the agenda is the "Palestine issue," a thorny problem because of the conflicting interests of the UAR, Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon. In London the belief exists that some unified viewpoint will be developed among the Arab League delegates because of the special urgency conferred on the problem by Israel's plans to tap waters of the Jordan River for irrigation of the Negev.

The Arab states must seek to coordinate their counter-measures--an effort made necessary by the fact that Lebanon did not consult Jordan before announcing plans to divert the Hasbani River, a Jordan River tributary, as a counter to Israel's Jordan River plans. Such a diversion by Lebanon, it developed, would deprive not only Israel, but also Jordan, of much of the Jordan River waters and doom Jordan's chances to irrigate its parched territory.

Arabs Blacklist 20 Norwegian Ships for Carrying Freight to Israel

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Twenty Norwegian merchant ships are now being blacklisted by the Arab League for having in the past carried freight to Israel, according to a Norwegian Government announcement received here today. The announcement states that these 20 ships are now "barred from calling at Arab ports."

JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADER ON TRIAL IN WASHINGTON FOR CLASH WITH NAZIS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9. (JTA) -- District of Columbia court authorities deferred action today on a case involving a neo-Nazi agitator and a respected Jewish communal leader to determine applicable laws.

The case involved disorderly conduct charges on which the arrest was based of Irving Berman, 48, of Falls Church, Va., who headed the Northern Virginia Israel Bond Drive, served as president of the Arlington-Fairfax Jewish Center, and as chairman of the local chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Similar charges were lodged against J. V. Kenneth Morgan, 34, so-called "deputy commander," of George Lincoln Rockwell's "American Nazi party," a group imitating Hitler's "Brownshirts." The two men were taken into custody on charges of "disorderly conduct" after a scuffle on a downtown Washington street corner. Mr. Berman said he had been shocked to see the neo-Nazis publicly distributing handbills that called for the gassing of American Jews.

Civil Liberties Union Assigns Jewish Lawyers to Defend Neo-Nazis

The case became legally complicated today when the American Civil Liberties Union assigned two Jewish attorneys to defend the neo-Nazis on the basis of their "free speech" rights. The ACLU attorneys, David Shapiro and Lawrence Speiser, aided Morgan at the hearing today.

Rockwell's neo-Nazi supporters indicated they were amused by the idea that Jewish attorneys were defending their deputy commander, Morgan, without fee. After the hearing, Rockwell confronted the attorneys, raised his hand in a Nazi salute and said "Sieg Heil."

Mr. Berman said that defense of "free speech" in the distribution of tracts inciting to violence and murder of American Jewry was similar to defending the "right" to "raise a false cry of fire in a crowded theater."

He said he felt that the ACLU defense of neo-Nazi agitation was a "distortion of the intent of the Founding Fathers of America, our Constitution and our Bill of Rights." He added that "to urge putting innocent people into gas chambers is not a proper exercise of free speech."

Police Criticized for Protecting Spread of Anti-Semitism

The neo-Nazi material, Mr. Berman declared, was "a definite danger" to people who have "a right to live in America without fear." The police force, he said, existed for the protection of the public "and not to protect the spread of anti-Semitism."

He called Rockwell's material "garbage better fit for the sewer than for human consumption," adding that he felt "provoked and insulted." He testified that he took handbills from the hand of Rockwell, who was distributing them to passers-by and then he was "clipped from behind" by Morgan. Police did not arrest Rockwell but took Berman and Morgan into custody. They were released on payment of collateral pending trial.

Mr. Berman said he "saw red" when he realized the inflammatory nature of the material and termed his reaction "spontaneous." The case was continued until February 18. A number of Protestant ministers appeared at the hearing seeking to show their support of Mr. Berman. Considerable interest in the case has developed in the national capital area.

NEW JERSEY IS FIRST STATE IN U.S. TO OUTLAW PAINTING OF SWASTIKAS

TRENTON, N.J., Feb. 9. (JTA) -- New Jersey today became the first state to outlaw the painting of swastikas on synagogues.

Governor Robert B. Meyner signed into law a bill outlawing the defacing, damaging, or destroying of buildings used for religious, educational, or charitable purposes.

PROSECUTION SEEKS RE-TRIAL OF YOUTHS WHO DESECRATED COLOGNE SYNAGOGUE

COLOGNE, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Cologne Prosecution Office applied today to the Federal Supreme Court for a re-trial of the two youths sentenced Saturday for the Cologne synagogue desecration which triggered a worldwide eruption of anti-Semitic smearings.

The Prosecution Office wants stiffer penalties for Arnold Strunk, who was sentenced to 14 months' imprisonment, and Paul Schoenen, who received a 10-month sentence for the Christmas Eve daubings. The State had asked for terms of 27 months and 21 months.

At the same time, Dr. H. G. Van Dam, secretary general of the Central Council of the Jews of Germany, said that he felt the Cologne court had "fully recognized" the seriousness of the situation in its sentences. He said the court had made its decision "independently of public opinion," and added that a more severe sentence "would have turned these retarded men into real Nazi martyrs."

BONN PARLIAMENT TO DISCUSS ANTI-SEMITISM; GOVT. PREPARES 'WHITE BOOK'

BONN, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Parliament will formally debate the recent resurgence of anti-Semitism in this country, it was learned here today, after Gerhard Schroeder, Minister of the Interior, announced the government will have a "White Book" on the subject ready for placement before Parliament in about two weeks.

Dr. Schroeder said that, especially in relation to public opinion abroad, it is necessary "to interpret the anti-Semitic indications realistically." He warned against "over-exaggeration" of the facts involved.

Today, two members of Parliament, Social Democrat Alfred Frenzel and Christian Democrat Franz Boehm, announced they have resigned from the Resistance Fighters for a United Europe, because the current investigation into the wartime activities of Dr. Theodor Oberlaender, Minister for Refugees, is a "farce."

Dr. Oberlaender is being accused of aiding the Nazis in the massacre of Polish and Jewish intellectuals during the war at Lemberg, Poland. Prof. Boehm said in his announcement that he was resigning from the Resistance Fighters' organization and that Dr. Oberlaender's investigation should be conducted by a German agency. The current probe into Dr. Oberlaender's activities is being conducted by a committee at The Hague.

Bavarian Parliament Declares 'Abhorrence' of Anti-Semitism

MUNICH, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Bavarian Parliament declared today its "abhorrence" of anti-Semitism at a special session, after Dr. Hans Ehard, speaker of the House, requested that the government uncover the background of the recent anti-Semitic outbreaks and "take action against the offenders as well as those who are behind them." Dr. Ehard called for increased educational activities to make a repetition of the anti-Semitic resurgence impossible.

Bavaria is the only state in West Germany that has on its books a law making defamation of a minority group punishable as a crime. So far, the law has been applied only once, in the case of two Ukrainians convicted of distributing anti-Semitic leaflets.

The Bavarian Ministry of the Interior announced today that the Hungarian Arrow Cross group, which is considered fascist, has been ordered to dissolve its German headquarters by 1961 and to stop publication of its anti-Semitic periodicals.

GERMAN SCHOOL TEACHER SENTENCED TO LIFE FOR KILLING JEW

HAMBURG, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- George Marschall, a former SS man, was under sentence of life imprisonment today after being found guilty of murdering Joseph Diener, a Jew, in 1942 in the market place in Sdolbunow, Poland.

West German officials meanwhile announced the arrest of Wolfgang Seuss in the Saarland. The 52-year-old former SS guard at the Dachau murder camp had been serving a prison term in France. He is accused of killing two Jews in the Dachau camp in 1938 by throwing them into a cement mixer.

Two men accused of participating in the recent spate of anti-Semitic manifestations were given four-month jail sentences today. At Stuttgart, the sentence was imposed on a 28-year-old locksmith convicted of uttering anti-Semitic remarks. The same was meted out to a 40-year-old man at Duisburg for a similar offense.

Meanwhile, at Stuttgart, a 19-year-old youth went on trial today, accused of daubing the swastika on the bulletin board of a German army barracks. At Pinneberg, a 16-year-old boy was arrested for painting the swastika on an air force barracks wall.

Hans Wagner, of Bayreuth, near here, was sentenced yesterday to four weeks' imprisonment for displaying a Nazi symbol.

BRITISH JEWS INTERVENE FOR ADEQUATE COMPENSATION TO JEWS IN AUSTRIA

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- A hope that the Austrian Government may soon find a solution to the problem of adequate compensation to victims of Nazism in that country was expressed here today by Dr. Bruno Kreisky, Foreign Minister of Austria.

Dr. Kreisky voiced that hope after a conference with a delegation representing the Board of Deputies of British Jews, headed by the Board's president, Barnett Janner.

The delegation presented the Foreign Minister from Vienna with a memorandum, drawing attention to the need for speedy Austrian Government action on compensation for victims of Nazism, restitution for Jewish property in Austria for which no heirs can now be located, and compensation for Jewish communal property destroyed in Austria during the Nazi regime.

JACOB BLAUSTEIN HONORED BY PREMIER DAVID BEN-GURION IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, American Jewish leader, was the guest of honor today at a luncheon given by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. Foreign Minister Golda Meir and other members of the Cabinet attended the luncheon. Prior to the luncheon, Mr. Blaustein conferred with David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel.

PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL SHARPLY CONDEMNS ANTI-SEMITIC MANIFESTATIONS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- President Juscelino Kubitschek today sharply condemned the worldwide outbreak of anti-Semitic incidents. In a statement of policy he promised that the Brazilian authorities would not tolerate any anti-religious or anti-racial manifestations.

The President said that the Brazilian delegation to the United Nations had been instructed to support any international efforts to combat anti-Semitism.

The organization of Brazilian war veterans issued a statement today condemning the resurgence of anti-Semitism and called on the 3,000,000 members of the organization to stand ready to join the fight against religious discrimination in Germany "or in any other country."

In a ceremony here, representatives of all factions in the Brazilian Parliament presented a delegation of the Federation of Jewish Institutions with a proclamation signed by 300 members of the House, condemning recent anti-Jewish incidents.

JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION VOTES FUNDS FOR ISRAEL SETTLEMENTS

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish Colonization Association voted today to devote 15,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$8,400,000) for the completion and consolidation of underdeveloped settlements in Israel. The decision was made at the conclusion of a meeting of the Association's administrative council held here this weekend.

The development scheme in Israel will be implemented by the Association jointly with the Jewish Agency, and will embrace 20 to 25 settlements with a population of nearly 2,000 farm families in Israel.

Two settlements, Kfar Maimon and Tel Lachish, under construction now, are to be completed this year, according to the plans. Financial help will also be given by the Association to the agricultural faculty of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the offices in Israel for children's and youth immigration, the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot, and the Mikveh Israel Agricultural School.

The Association voted, too, to support the work of vocational training conducted by ORT, and to create a network of loan banks whose purpose will be to improve the position of the Jewish population in Israel, including facilities for integration of newly arrived immigrants. The Association will also step up its help to Jewish organizations in France aiding the large numbers of immigrants from North Africa flowing into France.

The Council re-elected Sir Henry d'Avigdor Goldsmid as president, and Rene Mayer and Max Gottschalk as vice-presidents.

ISRAEL-AMERICAN FASHION SHOW BRINGS \$100,000 TO ISRAEL BOND DRIVE

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The world premiere showing of a special collection of original styles by prominent United States and Israel fashion designers was witnessed tonight by more than 400 persons, including top New York dress industry leaders, at a dinner sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization at the Hotel Statler-Hilton.

The event was the first of a series to be held in major cities in this country and Canada to point up the development of Israel's fashion and textile industries. Ten American designers participated in the showing by contributing original styles made of Israel fabrics. The fashion showing and dinner resulted in the sale of more than \$100,000 in Israel bonds.

SMALL JEWISH COMMUNITY IN ENGLAND LAUDED FOR AID TO U.S. SERVICEMEN

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- A United States Air Force Protestant chaplain stationed at the Alconbury Air Force base, paid tribute yesterday to a small Jewish congregation in nearby Peterborough for the help given to hundreds of U.S. servicemen and their families during and since the second World War. The chaplain, Capt. Robert Moore, presented the synagogue with a plaque on behalf of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

ONTARIO GOVT. SEEKS TO OMIT RACIAL ORIGIN FROM MARRIAGE LICENSE

TORONTO, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Ontario Government is no longer interested in the racial origin of persons applying for a marriage license.

Provincial Secretary Phillips introduced in the Legislature an amendment to the Marriages Act to delete from the marriage license application form a section asking for the applicants' racial origin. "It serves no useful purpose from the standpoint of statistical purposes," Dr. Phillips told the house.

DR. RUDAVSKY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ASSN. OF PROFESSORS OF HEBREW

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. David Rudavsky of New York University has been re-elected president of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew for 1960. Dr. Rudavsky is research associate professor of education in New York University's department of Hebrew culture and education. Dr. Abraham L. Katsh, chairman of the department of Hebrew culture and education at NYU, has been re-elected honorary president.