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ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS PARLEY SPLIT OVER ISSUE ON 'PALESTINE STATE'

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- A bitter split developed among the eight foreign ministers from Arab countries who are now attending a meeting of the Arab League Council in Cairo, it was reported today from the Egyptian capital. The split resulted from a demand that the part of Palestine which was annexed by Jordan should become a part of a projected Palestine Arab state to include the Old City of Jerusalem, the Gaza area and parts of Israel.

The chief proponent of this project is Premier Kassim of Iraq who this week ordered every Iraqi worker to contribute one hour's pay to a fund for the establishment of a Palestine Republic. Opposing the project is Jordan which holds that the part of Palestine which she annexed, as well as the Old City of Jerusalem, is now an integral part of Jordan.

Iraq is boycotting the Arab League Council meeting over its dispute with President Nasser of the United Arab Republic. However, the Iraqi proposal is supported at the meeting by other members of the Arab League, which contend that Jordan holds the annexed part of Palestine only as a trustee, in a parallel to the UAR control of the Gaza strip.

Proponents of the idea visualize an independent Arab Republic with the seat of government possibly in Gaza. Haj Amin, the former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem who collaborated with Nazi agents in their Middle East planning, would be the first President.

As a counter to the proposal, which includes formation of a Palestine army from among the Arab refugees, Jordan recently offered Jordanian nationality to any Arab refugee wanting it. The idea for such an army had been scheduled for discussion at the current Arab League Council meeting but Jordanian opposition reportedly had upset plans for such a discussion.

Nasser reportedly was in agreement with the idea that such a republic, financed by Iraq in part, would be a serious threat to the existing alignment of Arab states but he was understood to be against any overt opposition out of fear of driving the Arab refugees into the arms of the Communists.

Nasser, moreover, was reported to be against any settlements with Israel which creation of such a republic would imply and equally opposed to such a resettlement of the refugees, as well as against the kind of resettlement implied in Jordan's citizenship offer. It was understood that Nasser felt that the idea of Palestine and the grievances of the refugees must be kept alive as an essential tool for him in his battle with Israel on the diplomatic and propaganda fronts.

Gen. Kassim, Premier of Iraq, renewed his pledge that Palestine would be "liberated" in a lengthy speech yesterday broadcast by Baghdad Radio. Speaking at the opening of the first Congress of the Federation of Iraq Trade Unions, he promised that Iraq would aid "the future Palestine republic" with "funds, arms and struggle."

ISRAEL MUST RETAIN SUPERIORITY OVER ARAB AIR FORCES, COMMANDER SAYS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Israel Air Force must keep up with the newest developments in aeronautics and in aircraft if it is to maintain its qualitative superiority over Arab air forces, Brig. Gen. Ezer Weizmann, commander of the Air Force, declared today. He spoke at the convention of the National Aeronautical Association.

Prof. Israel Dostrovsky, chairman of the Isotopes department of the Weizmann Institute, was named today director of the new National Nuclear Research Center at Nebi Rubin.

Nebi Rubin is the site where Israel's first atomic reactor station is now being assembled. It is expected to be completed within two to three months. Prof. Dostrovsky will simultaneously direct the Scientific Development Division of the Israel Defense Ministry. He was recently named chairman of the reorganized National Research Council.

Eban Foresees Expansion of Israel's Nuclear Research Program

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- A substantial expansion in Israel's nuclear research programs through greater cooperation with western countries and with the European Organization for Nuclear Research was predicted here today by Abba Eban, Israel Minister Without Portfolio.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS URGE NAVY TO DROP POLICY OF AIDING ARAB BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11, (JTA) -- The Eisenhower Administration was under heavy pressure from both parties to drop the Navy policy supporting the Arab boycott against Israel and similar pressure from the Arabian-American Oil Company (ARAMCO) to maintain the policy.

Senator Hugh D. Scott and Rep. John A. Lafore, both Philadelphia Republicans, added their voices to the growing list of Democrats opposing cancellation clauses in contracts for transport of oil for the Navy. These clauses, in effect, foreclose bidding on such contracts by American shipowners who have done business with Israel.

The Navy was reportedly sticking to its position, a stand being supported strongly by ARAMCO representatives, the combine now negotiating a new contract with Saudi Arabia. ARAMCO representatives were understood to have warned the Navy that continued delivery of oil to United States bases in the Middle East depends on friendship with the Arab League.

DE GAULLE EXPRESSES HOPE FOR CONTINUED FRANCO-ISRAEL FRIENDSHIP

PARIS, Feb. 11, (JTA) -- President Charles de Gaulle expressed the hope today that political, economic and cultural relations between France and Israel would continue to be close and friendly. He stressed this sentiment in accepting the credentials of Walter Eytan, Israel's new Ambassador to France.

Gen. de Gaulle greeted the new envoy at the Elysee Palace in warmer terms than is normal for such ceremonies. He cited the new cultural agreement between France and Israel as one of the examples in which fruitful objectives could be achieved together.

The ceremony took 20 minutes. In his reply, Mr. Eytan recalled the close links binding the two countries. He expressed the hope that Israel and France would continue to cooperate in economic and other matters. The French Foreign Minister, Maurice Couve de Murville and members of the diplomatic staff of the Israel Embassy took part in the meeting.

REDUCTION IN KAFR KASSEM SENTENCES RECOMMENDED BY BEN-GURION

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11, (JTA) -- The reduction in the sentences of the three principal defendants in the Kafr Kassem killings on the eve of the Sinai campaign were made on the recommendation of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Shimon Peres, deputy Defense Minister said today.

Replying to a question raised in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, the deputy Minister said Mr. Ben-Gurion acted in his capacity as Defense Minister. The three men were Major Shmuel Malinki, Lt. Gavriel Deban and Cpl. Shalom Ofer. Mr. Peres said personal circumstances of each defendant motivated the recommendations.

They were among eight border police who were convicted after a lengthy trial on charges of killing 47 Arab men, women and children. Maj. Malinki had been commander of the border police battalion which opened fire on the Israel Arabs.

ISRAEL MINISTRY ORDERS SCHOOLS TO PROMOTE INTERFAITH UNDERSTANDING

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11, (JTA) -- The Israel Ministry of Education issued today a circular to all schools ordering instruction to promote understanding by pupils of all religions. The Ministry acted at the urging of Israel's interfaith Cooperation Committee, headed by Prof. Benjamin Mazar, president of Hebrew University.

Teachers whose courses included relations between Jews and non-Jews were instructed to present such material in a manner putting the Jewish aspect into a perspective of religions as part of general human experience. Schools also were instructed to organize special lectures on the relations between Judaism and other faiths.

ISRAEL'S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION REPORTED INCREASED 400 PERCENT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11, (JTA) -- Agricultural production in Israel jumped 400 percent in the first ten years of statehood, with a total expenditure on farm settlement and water resources development of 1,500,000,000 pounds, it was reported today.

The data were disclosed by a survey carried out by a public advisory committee on agricultural affairs, which reported that farm production per capita was doubled in that decade.

BLAUSTEIN RETURNS FROM ISRAEL; CONFERS WITH HAMMARSKJOLD ON SUEZ

NEW YORK, Feb. 11, (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, noted American Jewish leader, today returned from Israel where he had a series of conferences with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Foreign Minister Golda Meir and other Cabinet officials in an intensive review of Israel's political, economic and security situations.

Immediately upon his return, Mr. Blaustein met here with United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. In the long conference that took place, the Secretary General and Mr. Blaustein had a thorough discussion of Middle East problems, including that pertaining to the Suez seizure by Egypt of Israeli cargoes.

NAZI DOCUMENTS SECURED BY BRITAIN ARE IN U.S. HANDS, OFFICIAL SAYS

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- All the Nazi documents that fell into British hands after the victory over Germany in 1945 have been turned over to United States authorities, which "are in sole possession" of the records, John Profumo, Joint Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons here today.

The Government was questioned about those documents by Labor M. P. Barnett Janner, and Mrs. Barbara Castle, another Laborite. Mr. Profumo told Mrs. Castle he understands it is now the American policy to refuse access to those documents unless the request comes from an "official" source. He added that none of the documents was handed over by the British to the Federal Republic of Germany.

NUREMBERG LIBRARY TO GET 8,000 VOLUMES ON JEWS FOUND BY U.S. FORCES

BONN, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- A special library of 8,000 volumes on the history and religion of the Jews will be added to the Nuremberg city library, it was reported here today. The books were hidden from the Nazis during the second World War and were found by United States occupation forces in 1945.

The Ministry of the Interior of the State of Lower Saxony is planning to establish a collection of documents dealing with the history of the concentration camp at Bergen-Belsen, it was announced here today. When completed, the collection will be distributed to public school and adult education centers, officials said.

A 19-year-old former army private was sentenced in Stuttgart today to an 11-month jail term for posting anti-Jewish slogans on the bulletin board of his army barracks in Boeblingen on January 6. The soldier has been a member of the right-wing German Reichs party. In Bayreuth, a 19-year-old druggist and a 17-year-old apprentice were each sentenced today to three week-end jail terms for anti-Semitic activities.

GERMAN DEPUTY INSISTS ON VIOLATING NAZI LAW; ASKS FOR COURT TEST

BONN, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- A court test on whether an edict of the Nazi regime takes precedence over laws of the Federal Republic was set in motion today by Adolf Arndt, the Social Democratic party executive chairman in the West German Bundestag.

Deputy Arndt asked that his Parliamentary immunity be lifted so that criminal proceedings may be instituted against him under a Nazi collection law of 1934, which he intends to violate.

He had called for public contributions for the building of an Anne Frank youth hostel in Israel. Administrative authorities asserted that, according to the 1941 law, their permission was required for such a campaign. They added that a grant of such permission was unlikely.

EX-NAZI GENERAL WHO PARTICIPATED IN KILLING JEWS ENJOYS PENSION

HAIFA, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Haifa Documentation Center on Nazi Crimes charged today that a former SS General who was instrumental in the extermination of European Jewry is now living in West Germany as a merchant and enjoying a general's pension.

Officials of the Center said they intended to ask West German authorities to bring former Gen. Karl Wolf, now living in Kampfenhausen, to trial. The Center found a copy of a letter signed by Wolf in which he thanked German railroad authorities for their "successful operation in transferring 5,000 Jews daily to Treblinka," a major Nazi murder camp.

ROME JEWISH LEADERS ASK FOR MORE SEVERE SENTENCES FOR ANTI-SEMITES

ROME, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- An amendment to the Italian penal code, to provide stiff jail sentences for persons committing anti-Semitic or other hate-stirring actions, was advocated here today at a meeting of lawyers and leading members of the Jewish community, held at the Jewish Community Center.

The amendment would strengthen an article in the penal code which, it was agreed by discussions at the meeting, does not provide sufficient protection to ethnic and religious minorities in Italy. Under the amendment, writing, publishing or the holding of public meetings for the purpose of stirring hatred against a religious or ethnic minority would be punishable, upon conviction, by a jail sentence of one to three years. If threats are pronounced against the lives of members of minority groups, the penalties would be heavier.

YEMENITE 'INBAL' DANCE TROUPE REFUSES TO PERFORM IN GERMANY, AUSTRIA

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Plans for a European tour by Israel's Yemenite dance troupe, Inbal, were upset today by a statement from Mrs. Sara Levi Tanai, founder and leader of the troupe, that the troupe would not perform in Austria and West Germany.

The two countries have already indicated enthusiasm for an appearance by Inbal and it was learned that West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer had expressed his readiness to sponsor performances in his country.

U.S. HISTORY BOOKS PAY LITTLE ATTENTION TO NAZI ANNIHILATION OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- A survey of history books currently in use in New York City high schools has revealed that Nazi crimes against the Jews are mentioned only briefly. The Nazi atrocities, according to the survey by the New York Post, usually are dismissed in a sentence or a paragraph in the textbooks, many of which run to 700 pages.

"Making Today's World," published in 1956 by Allyn and Bacon, gives one paragraph to the Nazi era: "Hitler and the Nazis boasted of the superiority of the Aryan race, and hounded Jews out of places of prominence in business, the universities and the professions." There is no reference to Hitler's murder camps and the fate of the 6,000,000 Jews slaughtered by the Nazis.

One paragraph covers the period in "Modern History," published in 1958 by Silver-Burdett. It reads: "Many Communists, Socialists and Jews were deprived of their property, confined and brutally tortured in concentration camps or executed.

The 1955 revised edition of "World History" published in 1955 by Ginn notes that the Nuremberg decrees were meant to "cleanse" Germany of all non-Aryans. The fate of the Jews is described this way: "Thousands fled the country. Those that remained were arrested and sent to concentration camps where they suffered cruel torture, if not death."

Rand McNally's "Our Widening World," published in 1958, reports that "above all, Hitler preached hatred against the Jews." Nothing is said about the atrocities and mass murders. The revised edition of "The World's History" published by Harcourt Brace in 1954 puts the Jewish death toll at 3,000,000, a 50 percent cut in most estimates.

Another text, "Man's Achievements Through the Ages," discusses Hitler's war on Poland, and adds, "Poland had more than 3,000,000 Jews. Most of them were killed, in one way or another, during the next few years."

With the exception of two texts, none of the histories carry any pictorial documentation of the Nazi crimes. The exceptions have an impressionistic painting of the Crucifixion by Marc Chagall and the captions contrast that event with "the destruction of Jewish lives, temples and scrolls." The captions also say that "Nazi persecutions were the most barbaric of all and shocked the world."

FIRST ISRAEL SHIPMENT OF FRESH CABBAGE TO U.S. UNLOADED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The first export shipment of fresh cabbage from Israel to the United States, valued at \$90,000, was unloaded in New York today from the s.s. Zion of the Zim Lines. The initial consignment of cabbage grown on Israeli farms consists of 4,921 cases each weighing approximately 85 pounds. It was loaded aboard the Zion at Haifa on January 28.

The consignee is Sol Whiteman, Inc., of Cheltenham, Pennsylvania, reputed to be the world's largest importer of cabbage. The first shipment, most of which has already been purchased, will be marketed in New York, New England, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C. and Pittsburgh.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA LAUDS JEWISH COMMUNITY; SPEAKS IN TORONTO

TORONTO, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- An all-day celebration in Toronto, containing Canada's second oldest and largest Jewish community, marked the national climax of the celebration of the Bicentenary of Canadian Jewry.

Several thousand persons attended a meeting at which Georges P. Vanier, the Governor-General of Canada, and Mrs. Vanier, were guests of honor. The Governor-General spoke warmly of the development of the Jews of Canada in response to an introduction by Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Another feature was a Civic Luncheon tendered by Mayor Nathan L. Phillips and the Toronto City Council. Among those attending were J. K. Mackay, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and Mrs. Mackay, and Leslie M. Frost, Prime Minister of Ontario, and Mrs. Frost. Some 200 guests attended the luncheon, including descendants of the first Jewish families in Canada.

DROPSIE COLLEGE ANNOUNCES FELLOWSHIPS FOR STUDIES OF MIDDLE EAST

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Middle East Institute of the Dropsie College today announced for the academic year 1960-1961, fellowships ranging from an annual value of \$600 to \$1,000 each, available to qualified students who are candidates for the M.A. and Ph.D degrees in the languages and area studies of the modern and contemporary Middle East.

The curriculum offered by the Institute includes languages (Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, Turkish), literature, history, anthropology, sociology, economics and politics of the Middle East. Applications for fellowships should be submitted before March 15.