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NASSER SAYS ISRAEL IS 'MASSING TROOPS'; REITERATES HIS THREATS

LONDON, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The allegation that "Israel is massing troops and mobilizing its forces" along the Syrian frontier was made today by President Nasser of the United Arab Republic in a belligerent speech in Damascus.

The address marked the second anniversary of the merger of Egypt and Syria into the United Arab Republic. The usual threats against Israel were repeated by Nasser in his speech.

SENATORS TO ACT ON U.S. BARRING JEWS FROM ITS STAFF IN PAKISTAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Members of the United States Congress today indicated that they intend to take action aimed at securing the annulment of a reported "gentleman's agreement" developed between Pakistan, on the one side, and the State Department and the U.S. International Cooperation Administration, on the other, barring American personnel of Jewish faith from assignment to the U.S. Embassy and the U.S. Economic Mission in Pakistan.

The existence of such an arrangement was revealed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by highly placed U.S. Government sources. A measure of confirmation of the agreement was indicated here by the Embassy of Pakistan. The arrangement was described as "informal" as distinct from the formal agreement made by the United States with Saudi Arabia barring American Jewish personnel from being sent for service to the U.S. base in Saudi Arabia.

Members of the U.S. Senate today said they were opening a study on the Pakistani issue in the light of a belief that it is a violation of the Morse-Javits amendment to the 1959 Mutual Security Appropriations Act. This amendment called on the President to oppose religious discrimination against Americans by nations receiving U.S. aid, Pakistan, a predominantly Moslem country, but not a member of the Arab League, receives massive United States aid.

Candidates for assignment to permanent duty in Pakistan, the JTA learned, are now being informally screened to weed out the Jews. The heads of the Pakistan desks in the State Department and ICA keep the Jewish factor in mind when passing on personnel for service in Pakistan. There are no written instructions to this effect.

Muhammed Huq, press attache at the Pakistan Embassy, said his country admitted Jews as tourists but barred "Israelis and Zionists because we do not recognize Israel." He said "we are tolerant of other religions but do not desire Israelis or Zionists."

The State Department denied that any screening of Jews took place before foreign assignment except in the case of Saudi Arabia. The ICA said it had "no comment" on the report except that its personnel had made no official complaints on the agency's policies in Pakistan. It had, the JTA was informed, no official information to confirm charges of discrimination.

It was learned, however, that a number of individuals of the Jewish faith, employees of American agencies, had been barred from assignments in Pakistan because of the new pattern of selection. In instances where the religion of the individual was in doubt, it was learned, the individuals were asked privately if they were Jewish. This was done on an informal, man-to-man basis.

The State Department, it was said here, does not consider Jews for assignment to any country that informally advises it would prefer not to receive Jews. The ICA and the United States Information Agency appear less content about the "gentleman's agreement" on assignment of personnel, but they apparently follow the State Department's lead.

Several years ago, the State Department entered into an agreement with the Saudi Arabian Government not to assign Jews to service in that country. The United States also acceded, without apparent resistance, to sentiment in the United Arab Republic, Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon against assignment of American Jews for service there.

In one known case, an individual with a Jewish-sounding name was posted for assignment to Jordan. The Jordanian Government inquired specifically into his religion. The

United States authorities, instead of rejecting the inquiry, called the man aside and asked him. It turned out that he was a member of the Unitarian Church. He was admitted.

In another known case, prior screening had failed to block the appointment of a man with a Jewish-sounding name. The host government interrogated Washington and the appointee was informally interrogated. He happened to be an American of German descent whose name was similar to a common "Jewish name." He was shocked to learn of the practice and confided to Jewish friends about it.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WELCOME NAVY'S WITHDRAWAL OF 'HAIFA CLAUSE'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Friends of Israel today expressed hope here that the Navy action, in striking the anti-Israel "Haifa clause" from shipping contracts--which has been criticized as abetting the Arab boycott--indicated a firmer United States Government stand against Arab boycott and blockade practices.

Members of Congress made known that while they welcomed the Navy's abandonment of the discriminatory clause, they would continue seeking a policy under which the Government would refuse to collaborate in any way with anti-Israel and anti-Jewish discrimination practiced by the Arab League.

(The announcement by the United States Navy that it had dropped a contract clause which in effect had abetted the Arab League boycott of Israel for nearly two years was received with satisfaction by Israel officials in Jerusalem. Hope was expressed here that this action would be followed up by practical steps to ensure avoidance of any discrimination against either ships or companies dealing with Israel.)

Department of Agriculture sources explained that a different situation pertains to another shipping issue affecting vessels trading with Israel. The United States pays ocean transportation costs to transport surplus commodities to foreign nations. But the recipient nations are entitled to make the actual shipping contracts. Therefore, the United Arab Republic, receiving U.S. surplus commodities, could refuse to approve a contract with any ship on the Arab blacklist. The UAR would have final say.

Department of Agriculture officials held that such chartering is removed from their direct control. Surplus commodities are virtual gifts, as is the ocean transportation expense, but the transactions are technically considered "sales" to be paid in local currency of the foreign nation. When paid, the United States finds ways of spending the local currency in the foreign nation for the benefit of its development and other projects.

(In New York, the American Jewish Congress urged that the Agriculture Department follow the example of the Navy and end practices aiding the Arab boycott against trade with Israel.)

ANTI-SEMITIC MATERIAL PRINTED IN U.S. SEIZED BY POLICE IN VIENNA

VIENNA, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A raid on a printing plant here and the arrest of three Viennese neo-Nazis produced evidence of an Austrian undercover Nazi group linked to the Ku Klux Klan and to an international fascist group with headquarters in Sweden, the Austrian police reported today.

Alfred Honkiss, owner of the printing plant, Herbert Drexler, a university student, and Miss Heidi Suessmayer, also a student, were charged with neo-Nazi activities. All have records of such activities, the police reported.

Large quantities of anti-Semitic material were seized in the raid. Some of it had been shipped here from the United States and Sweden. The police spokesman said some of the material was inscribed "Ku Klux Klan of America" and some was printed at Malmo, Sweden by the fascist "Social European Movement." Other material bore the stamp of "The White Brotherhood," which police said was a European branch of the KKK.

The Austrian underground group was a front for six outlawed Austrian Nazi groups whose members communicated by code. The neo-Nazis, alleged to head the Austrian front group, Leopold Windisch and Fred Borth, were arrested last month on charges of inciting public unrest. The front organization was termed by the police part of an international network of anti-Semitic groups.

ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLISHER GIVEN SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR LIBELING JEWS

MUNICH, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Franz von Bebenburg, publisher of the anti-clerical and anti-Jewish monthly, Der Quell, and son-in-law of Matilda Ludendorff, widow of one of Hitler's first followers, was sentenced here of libeling two West Berlin Jewish leaders. However, the sentence was suspended for three years.

The anti-Semitic publisher was sentenced by a Munich court to two months in prison and ordered to pay \$357 to a children's fund for publication of an article about Heinz Galinski, leader of the West Berlin Jewish community, and Berlin Senator Joachim Lipschitz. The article alleged that the two men had been "tyrannizing" the people of Berlin and that "The Jews are getting the best homes and businesses" in the city. A lower court had acquitted the publishers last month.

B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT CALLS FOR INTENSIFIED ADULT JEWISH EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The American Jewish community, which spends about \$60,000,000 annually on formalized Jewish education for its youth "will get more value for each dollar and more dollars to meet rising educational needs when there is a better-informed adult generation intellectually sensitive to these needs," Label A. Katz, president of the B'nai B'rith, asserted last night.

For this reason, he said at a symposium sponsored here by the B'nai B'rith Commission on Adult Jewish Education, intensive programs of adult study were a "critical essential" for speeding up the progress and the quality of Jewish education in the United States. Stressing that Jewish education "must mature beyond a childhood experience," Mr. Katz urged "some lively experimentation with teaching methods and group study for the fellow past 40." He warned against Jewish community attitudes which "relegate adult Jewish education to a marginal status.

"When Jewish education is neglected, the entire content of Judaism is reduced to merely an awareness, of anti-Semitism," he said. "Judaism then ceases to be a civilization. It becomes a psychological complex."

He called the "tremendous advances" in youth enrollments for all-day, afternoon and Sunday schools, up more than 125 percent during the past decade, an "encouraging demonstration of reawakened parental interest" in Jewish schooling. But he deplored "the concomitant tendency of Jewish adults to satisfy their own educational deficiencies by transferring the responsibility to their children."

Maurice A. Weinstein, acting chairman of the commission, described plans for B'nai B'rith's expanded program of adult Jewish education. B'nai B'rith, at its 1959 convention, set up a \$300,000 fund for this program.

MURRAY GURFEIN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF UNITED HIAS SERVICE

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Murray L. Gurfein, prominent New York attorney, was elected president of the United Hias Service, it was announced here today by the worldwide Jewish migration organization. Carlos L. Israels, outgoing president, and Ben Touster, a former president, were elected to the newly created post of associate chairman of the board.

Mr. Gurfein is a member of the administrative committee of the American Jewish Committee and a leader of the United Jewish Appeal. He was Chief of Intelligence for General Eisenhower's Psychological Warfare Division during World War II. He witnessed the liberation of the concentration camps and gained first-hand knowledge of the problems of displaced persons. At the Nuremberg trials he served as an assistant to U.S. Chief Counsel Robert H. Jackson.

A former member of the New York State Temporary Commission on the Courts, Mr. Gurfein is a trustee of the Citizens Budget Commission and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. The United Hias Service is a beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal.

Other elected officers are: Solomon Dingol, Adrian M. Easton, Louis Gallack, Herbert C. Kranzer, Hugo E. Rogers, Jacob J. Rosenblum, William Rosenwald and Saul Seidman, vice-presidents; Herbert C. Kranzer, treasurer; Max Ornstein and Dr. Harold M. Weinberg, associate treasurers; Abraham S. Wilk, secretary; Max Ogust, associate secretary; Edwin Rosenberg, chairman of the National Council; Daniel G. Ross, vice-chairman of the National Council; and James P. Rice, executive director.

\$1,250,000 RAISED IN CASH AT HISTADRUT CAMPAIGN NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- More than \$1,250,000 in cash was presented here yesterday for the 1960 Histadrut campaign at the mid-winter national conference of the National Committee for Labor Israel which is conducting the campaign. The 1960 goal of the drive is \$5,000,000.

Charles Zimmerman, chairman of the board of the NCLC, reported at the conference that the AFL-CIO and the Histadrut are jointly sponsoring an Institute of Labor Studies for Asian and African trade union leaders which will be established soon in Tel Aviv. Courses would include administrative techniques, collective bargaining and economics.

He said that the executive council of the AFL-CIO approved the project at its meeting earlier this month in Bal Harbor, Fla. George H. Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, announced that the American labor movement would provide half of the scholarships, costing \$175,000, for the first year of the Institute's operation. The National Committee for Labor Israel will provide the other \$175,000.

Isaiah Avrech, American representative of Histadrut, reported that the peoples of Asia and Africa had been sending delegations for short-term studies in Israel, and had been guests of Histadrut at its Workers' College. Histadrut and the Israel Government have also sent experts and technicians to various countries from Ghana to Burma to aid in the economic development of those lands, Mr. Avrech said.

WESTERN U. J. A. PARLEY TERMED 'MOST SUCCESSFUL' 18 STATES REPRESENTED

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The fifth annual United Jewish Appeal Western Leadership Conference, which ended yesterday, was described as the most successful in the series with more than 750 leaders from 48 cities in 18 states in attendance.

Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, told the delegates that the movement of refugees to Israel during the past decade was the largest and fastest immigration in Jewish history. He warned that Israel was still facing major problems of refugee absorption because one-third of the newcomers still were not adequately integrated.

Other addresses were given by Morris W. Berinstein, general chairman of the UJA, Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, Dewey D. Stone, UJA national chairman, and Charles H. Jordan, overseas director of the Joint Distribution Committee.

The conference, under the leadership of Dr. Max W. Bay, chairman and Benjamin H. Swig, co-chairman, was the kick-off for the western region campaign of the UJA.

British Jewry Raised \$72,800,000 for Israel During Decade

LONDON, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A record total of more than 800,000 pounds sterling (\$2,240,000) was raised at the annual dinner here of the Joint Palestine Appeal last night. The sum surpassed last year's contributions by 150,000 pounds (\$420,000).

Edward Sieff, chairman of the dinner, said that the JPA had raised in the last decade a total of 26,000,000 pounds (\$72,800,000) in the United Kingdom. He also told the 1,200 guests that the 1960 goal was set with two thoughts in mind--the danger of border incidents in Israel and the need to integrate new immigrants and consolidate agricultural developments.

Abba Eban, Israel Minister Without Portfolio, and Ambassador-Designate Arthur Lourie were the principal speakers at the dinner. It was Mr. Lourie's first public appearance since his arrival here early this month to take up his ambassadorial duties.

Mr. Eban told the dinner guests that Israel would consider it helpful "if the interests of the Great Powers in the preservation of tranquility and law were registered" with President Nasser of the United Arab Republic "more effectively than hitherto." He said it was still Israel's hope to ensure resumption of the relative border quiet of the past three years.

\$500,000 Collected for United Jewish Appeal in France

PARIS, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- More than 245,000,000 francs, approximately \$500,000, was collected in the United Campaign for Israel during 1959, Raymon Wallier, president of the Keren Hayesod, announced today at the organization's annual meeting.

The total, an increase of about 20 percent over 1958, was seen as auguring well for the 1960 campaign. Walter Eytan, Israel's Ambassador to France, stressed Israel's need for funds not only for the integration of new arrivals but also to complete the integration of thousands of Jews who have arrived in earlier years.

ROGOSIN FOREST PLANTED IN ISRAEL; PLAN TO HAVE 300,000 TREES

TEL AVIV, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The first sapling of the Israel Rogosin Forest was planted today near Ruhama in the northern Negev, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Rogosin, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and other officials of the Government and the Jewish National Fund. The ceremony marked Mr. Rogosin's 73rd birthday.

A total of 300,000 trees--mainly eucalyptus and pine--will be planted in the forest over a five-year period. They will eventually serve as a source of pulp for Israel's paper, rayon and plastics industries and will supply the new Rogosin rayon plant in Ashdod. The Rogosin Forest is expected to yield about four tons of pulp per acre after ten years. Israel now imports about 60,000 tons of pulp annually.

JEWISH MUSIC COUNCIL HONORS EPHROS; COMPILED 'CANTORIAL ANTHOLOGY'

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Cantor Gershon Ephros, compiler of the five-volume "Cantorial Anthology," was cited tonight by the Jewish Music Council for his contributions to Jewish music. The award was presented to him on the occasion of his 70th birthday at a testimonial dinner tendered him by the Cantors Assembly of America at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

The dinner is one of a series of events in New York marking the Jewish Music Festival sponsored by the Jewish Music Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board. Cantor Ephros is an instructor at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion School of Sacred Music.

SIMON FABER, JEWISH EDITOR, DIES IN MIAMI BEACH; WAS 75

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Simon Farber, retired editor of *Gesetzlichteit*, former Yiddish-language publication of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, died yesterday in Mount Sinai Hospital here. His age was 75.