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BEN-GURION DISCUSSES MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS WITH BRITISH PREMIER

LONDON, March 17. (JTA) -- Israel Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion arrived in London today and conferred for two hours with British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan. The talks were informal with no fixed agenda.

Upon landing at the airport, Mr. Ben-Gurion said that he had come to Britain "to meet the British Premier and to discuss matters of mutual interest to Israel and Britain about measures to be taken to strengthen Middle East peace." "I am in favor of complete disarmament in the Middle East with mutual inspection before world disarmament begins," he said.

He summed up his seven-day visit to the United States as "very enjoyable and satisfactory." He said he had found in the United States friendship and understanding for Israel's cause.

Mr. Ben-Gurion said that it was with "a sense of deep satisfaction" that he set foot on British soil. "I am very happy that recent years have seen a growing mutual understanding and cordiality in relations between our two countries," he declared. Britain had a special place in the historic memories of Israel's people and we will always recall with profound gratitude Britain's contributions in the first stages of our national regeneration in our homeland.

"I remember with the greatest admiration my visit to this country in 1940 when I was able to witness for myself the valiant and indomitable spirit of the people of this island who withstood with such outstanding courage the rain of fear and destruction poured down on them by Hitler's airforce. The Israeli people appreciate Britain's contributions historically and in our time towards civilization," he added. "The Israeli people share with the British people a devotion to democratic values and to freedom and peace."

Arab states with missions in London protested strongly against Mr. Ben-Gurion's visit. Ibrahim el Ahdab, the Lebanese Ambassador to Britain and senior Arab envoy in London, called on John Profumo, British State Minister. However, the British official refused to accept the protest and said Mr. Ben-Gurion's visit was a private one.

Some 60 Arab students demonstrated at the airport entrance carrying placards with the legends "Another Suez Collusion" and "No More British Arms to Israel." Police dispersed them.

Mr. Macmillan tendered a luncheon to Mr. Ben-Gurion before the two Prime Ministers began their talks. The guests included Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, Lord Morrison, Sir Simon Marks, Mr. Barnett Janner, Hugh Gaitskell and Sir Francis Randall, former British envoy to Israel.

Question of Arms for Israel Raised in British Parliament

LONDON, March 17. (JTA) -- The British Government today refused to give assurance to members of the House of Commons that requests for arms by Israel would not be met by Britain before the matter is discussed in the House. "I could not give so frank an assurance as that," R. A. Allan, Foreign Office Undersecretary, told the Parliament today.

The assurance was asked by Dingle Foot, a Laborite, who wanted to know what requests the British Government had received for the sale or transfer of rockets or other arms to Israel. Mr. Allen replied that as a matter of general principle, the Government felt it was not in public interest to disclose whether requests for arms had been received from other governments or to state the extent, if any, to which particular requests would be made.

Mr. Allan told the House that the question of big power supply of arms to Middle East countries was not on the agenda of the 10-power disarmament conference now underway in Geneva. He was asked to what extent it was the British Government's

policy to seek the cooperation of the Soviet Government in maintaining a balance of arms among Middle East countries, as specified in the 1950 Tripartite Declaration.

Mr. Allan said that the British Government holds the view that it was the duty of the major powers to "show restraint" in supplying arms to Middle East countries and that this view was "well known" to the Soviet Government. Labor Deputy Dennis Healey said that it was "highly undesirable" that Middle East nations "should waste their money piling up armaments" when agreement between the major powers could make this unnecessary. He asked if the British Government was negotiating with the Soviet Union to reach some formal agreement on the problem.

Mr. Allan replied that the British Government was fully aware of the dangers of an arms race in the Middle East "or anywhere else. That is why particular importance is attached to the ten-power conference." However, he added, "there are no negotiations on this matter at the moment."

Nasser Protests Against Ben-Gurion's 'Behavior' in U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic today protested to the State Department against the "behavior" of Israel Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion in the United States.

The UAR cited especially a statement by Mr. Ben-Gurion on March 16 before the Jewish Theological Seminary in which he was quoted as saying: "I want you to come to Israel to live, and to create, and to suffer with us, and if, God forbid, should it be necessary, to fight with us." The UAR termed this an attempt "to instigate a segment of the people of the United States to immigrate to Palestine to fight the Arab peoples."

EISENHOWER PROPOSES SWEEPING LIBERALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION LAWS

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today called for a sweeping liberalization of immigration laws that would end racial and national quotas and provide special admission for victims of religious persecution.

Mr. Eisenhower requested legislation that would bring 308,000 immigrants into the country annually instead of the present quota of half that number. The immigration limit would be based on the 1960 census rather than the 1920 census. The 1920 census still governs immigration quotas. Provisions would be added to provide a haven especially for victims of political and religious persecution.

Opposition to the proposal developed in Congress immediately. Rep. Francis E. Walter, Pennsylvania Democrat, said it had no chance whatever to gain Congressional adoption. Rep. Walter is chairman of the House Immigration Subcommittee and co-author of the controversial McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.

President Eisenhower asked Attorney General Rogers to draft legislation to implement the requested changes. A section of the new proposal would empower the President to authorize parole into the United States of refugees selected by the Secretary of State. Refugees were defined to include "persons who have been forced to flee from Communist territory or from a country in the Middle East because of persecution or fear of persecution based on race, religion, or political opinion."

A controversial requirement for information by visa applicants as to "race and ethnic classification," section 222 of the Act, has from time to time been used to force persons of Jewish faith to identify themselves as such. A section of the President's requested new legislation "would eliminate this requirement since the terms are not susceptible of definition and have served no useful purpose in the administration of the Immigration and Nationality Act."

SENATE ADOPTS MEASURE TO PROTECT SYNAGOGUES FROM BOMB TERRORISTS

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- The Senate today inserted a broad new anti-bombing amendment into the Civil Rights bill to protect synagogues and other institutions. The measure was adopted by a vote of 87 to 0.

The amendment prohibits the transportation, or aiding in transportation, in interstate commerce, of any explosive with knowledge or intent that it will be used against any building or other property in an effort to interfere with its use for religious, educational, charitable, residential, business, or civil purposes.

A penalty of death or life imprisonment could be imposed in event that a bombing results in fatal injury. If a physical injury is caused, guilty persons could be jailed for 10 years and fined up to \$10,000. Property damage alone could be punished by one year's imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

A \$1,000 fine and a year's prison sentence were provided for conviction of phoning or mailing threats to bomb synagogues, schools, or similar buildings. This measure was added to the original bill which would make it a Federal crime to flee across a state line to avoid prosecution in a bombing case.

BONN MINISTER SEEKS REHABILITATION FROM CHARGE THAT HE KILLED JEWS

BONN, March 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Theodor Oberlaender, West German Minister for Refugees, denied today reports that he had been urged to resign by the Honor Tribunal set up by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic party to investigate his Nazi past.

Dr. Oberlaender, who has been under fire for months on charges that he participated in the massacre of Jews in Lemberg in then Nazi-held Poland during World War II, asserted that he had been "made a mass murderer while I was a Minister. I demand as a Minister to be fully rehabilitated."

Leaders of the Christian Democratic party, of which Dr. Oberlaender is a member, reportedly have urged him to resign without delay because his continued presence in the Government might embarrass Chancellor Adenauer during the latter's current visit to the United States.

GERMAN MINISTERS TO DISCUSS CHARGES AGAINST FORMER NAZI JUDGES

WIESBADEN, March 17. (JTA) -- Ministers of Justice of the West German states will meet here on April 8 to discuss again accusations leveled by Communist East German authorities against former Nazi judges and prosecutors now holding positions in West Germany, it was announced today.

The meeting was arranged despite a statement by a spokesman for the West German Ministry of Justice on March 4 that the photostatic copies of trial documents presented by Hans Melsheimer, East German Attorney General, were "propagandistic" and that some of the material was "superfluous" because action had been started against some of the jurists.

The Hessian Ministry of Justice announced that charges against three officials in the Hessian judiciary were being reviewed. In Hamburg, the Attorney General's office said that no disciplinary action had been started against officials named by Czechoslovak and East German sources. The material did not warrant action, it was asserted.

GERMAN JUDGE FACES LEGAL ACTION FOR EMPLOYING NAZI WHO KILLED JEWS

BONN, March 17. (JTA) -- Legal action was inaugurated at Kiel today against a judge accused of employing a doctor charged with "mercy killing" of Jews during the Nazi regime. At the same time, in Munich, former Nazi Press Chief Helmut Suenderman, one of National Socialism's Propaganda Minister Josef Goebbels' principal aides, was ordered acquitted after a court hearing during which he was accused of making anti-Semitic statements.

The judge in Kiel is Dr. Ernest Buresch, president of the Schleswig-Holstein Social Court. He was charged with employing Werner Heyde, alias Dr. Fritz Sawade, although he knew a warrant was out for the arrest of Heyde-Sawade. The latter is awaiting trial on charges of murdering Jewish and political prisoners during the Nazi regime.

At the Munich hearing, Suenderman was accused of saying in a recent speech that the Nazi pogroms against Jews in 1938, including the "Crystal Night" atrocities in November of that year, were "the inevitable result of Jewish hate-mongering." After seven hours of testimony against Suenderman, however, Judge H. Thomas ruled that no prima facie case existed and ordered acquittal for Goebbel's former top aide.

GERMAN STUDENTS SURVEY POSSIBILITIES OF TEACHING JUDAISM IN UNIVERSITIES

BONN, March 17. (JTA) -- The Association of German Students Organizations announced today it was studying the possibilities of intensification of teaching about Judaism and Israel in West German schools and universities. The study is being made in cooperation with the Friedrich-Ebert Foundation.

The Association said a conference of experts would be called in June to consider the study and to make specific recommendations. Conference participants will include school administrators, theologians, social scientists and other educators. The Association declared that "systematic and long-term study of Judaism and Israel will prevent anti-Semitic attitudes from developing from the outset."

A campaign to raise funds for scholarships for Israel students and for possible exchanges of students and professors between Israel and West Germany will begin soon throughout the Federal Republic, the West German News Agency reported today. The campaign will be organized by the "Working Committee for International Understanding Among Youth." The organization is described as a private one with a membership of 3,500 persons.

SHARETT COMPLETES TEN-DAY VISIT IN MEXICO; DUE IN NEW YORK TODAY

MEXICO CITY, March 17. (JTA) -- Former Israel Prime Minister Moshe Sharett will leave here for New York tomorrow, following a successful ten-day visit to Mexico during which he launched the 1960 Keren Hayesod campaign and met with Mexican Government officials. He was honored at receptions and dinners and visited Jewish communal institutions.

The Keren Hayesod drive, stimulated by Mr. Sharett's appearance, is meeting with enthusiastic support from all sectors of the Jewish community. Mr. Sharett was received by Mexican Foreign Minister Manuel Tello and by the Permanent Commission of the Chamber of Deputies. A reception in his honor, attended by members of the diplomatic corps, was given here by the Israel Embassy.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT MODIFIES PROPOSAL ON 'NAZI MURDERERS' IN PRAYERS

JERUSALEM, March 17. (JTA) -- Varying interpretations given in the Israel press to a proposal from President Ben-Zvi for a change in the proposed standard prayer for dead in behalf of the victims of Nazism prompted the President today to send another letter to Rabbi Jacob Toledano, Minister of Religious Affairs, to clarify the proposal.

In his first letter, the President asked that the words "German murderers" be replaced with the words "Nazi murderers." In making the request, the President said the proposed change would extend the prayer to include the Nazis of other countries who had participated in the killing of Jews. He said also that the phrase "German murderers" ignored the fact there had been anti-Nazis among the Germans and that it indicted the whole German people.

In his second letter, the President explained that the original text did not specify the identity of "the murderers of our brethren" and that, in his first proposal, he had meant to assure that the prayer would "make express mention of German Nazis, enemies of Israel" and also that the prayer would "not ignore those who did not belong to the German nation but who also shed the blood of our brethren." The President added, in his second letter, that to clarify the question, he was now proposing that the phrase in question read: "by the German Nazis, their allies and satellites."

DELEGATION OF JEWS INJURED IN NAZI CAMPS RECEIVED BY DR. ADENAUER

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- German Chancellor Dr. Konrad Adenauer today promised to intercede to ensure justice for Jews who suffered physical injuries in Nazi concentration camps, according to a Jewish delegation which met here with the Chancellor.

Moses I. Socachevsky, chairman of the Committee of Nazi Victims Deprived of Justice and Compensation by the German Medical Service, reported that Dr. Adenauer promised to do "everything in his power for justice in disability cases."

The group protested against the "inhuman attitude" taken by German medical officials and indemnification agencies in the processing of claims of Nazi victims for injury to health incurred in concentration camps. The group sought review of claims by an objective board rather than by "the long distance diagnosis" of "hostile medical bureaucrats" including ex-Nazis.

CANADIAN JEW AWARDED GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MEDAL AS OUTSTANDING POET

MONTREAL, March 17. (JTA) -- Irving Layton of this city has been awarded the Governor General's Medal as the outstanding poet of Canada. He is the third Canadian Jewish writer, following A. M. Klein and Adele Wiseman, to win the highest award open to a Canadian writer.

Mr. Layton, born Lazarowitch, is the author of a half score of small volumes of poetry issued over the past fifteen years. His collection "A Red Carpet for the Sun" has just been issued in Toronto. He is a teacher in the Herzliah High School, the secondary school division of the United Talmud Torahs of Montreal and has written considerably in prose and in poetry on Jewish themes.

COLLEGE OF JEWISH STUDIES OPENED IN MILWAUKEE; CONVOCATION HELD

MILWAUKEE, March 17. (JTA) -- A proposal that credit be given in public elementary and high schools for subjects taught in supplementary religious schools was made here by Dr. Abraham G. Duker, president of the Chicago College of Jewish Studies. He spoke at a convocation dedicating the Milwaukee College of Jewish Studies.

Dr. Duker said that this would be "a partial but effective remedy for some of the challenges to the school system during this age of science." He urged specifically that such credit should be given for "languages taught by the different ethnic and religious groups."