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BEN-GURION STUDIES ARGENTINE DEMAND ON EICHMANN; LIKELY TO REJECT IT

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion is studying the Argentine demand for the return of Adolf Eichmann, and sources close to the Prime Minister's office said today that a negative reply to Argentina was almost certain.

In reference to the Argentine threat to bring the matter to the United Nations, if Israel does not act within a week, political sources said that Israel would be rather interested in having the United Nations discuss the Eichmann case. It was pointed out that a UN hearing would restore perspective to the entire issue surrounding the case, by calling the world's attention to the enormity of the Nazi crimes against the Jewish people.

It was indicated today that there probably will not be a special meeting of the Israel Cabinet on the Argentine demand. The Government will discuss the question at the regular weekly Cabinet meeting Sunday. No special reason for haste in answering was seen since, in any event, there was still a whole week to determine action, sources close to the Premier's office said.

The Foreign Ministry declined comment on the demand of the Argentine Government for the return of the Nazi mass murderer. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said only that the text of the Argentine note was received only this morning and immediately transmitted to Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, who is acting Foreign Minister in the absence of Mrs. Golda Meir. She is now touring the United States.

Israelis were reported to feel that the Argentine reaction, however understandable in a normal case, was exaggerated and misdirected in the Eichmann situation. The reaction of shock here also dampened somewhat what was beginning to be a mounting criticism of the manner in which the Prime Minister and the Foreign Ministry had handled the aftermath of Eichmann's capture. The criticism was directed particularly at the text of the Israel note, and the reference to "volunteers" as having tracked down and seized the Nazi criminal.

Israeli Press Says Reply to Argentine Must Be "No"

Evening newspapers here carried statements on the Argentine demand headlined "NO!" in large type. Maariv declared that "it is every Jew in Israel who would say just one word in reply to Argentina -- no." The newspaper added that Eichmann should not be returned to the country where he found a quiet shelter for so long.

"Even if the price for this is high, as it may be, it is not only Israel's right to try Eichmann but also the obligation given to Israel by the 6,000,000 Jews who cannot say anything now," the newspaper, which has the largest circulation in Israel, stated.

Garcias Arias, Argentina's Ambassador to Israel, meanwhile was understood to have received instructions to report to Buenos Aires immediately and he was expected to leave tomorrow. He may call at the Israel Foreign Ministry before his departure. The fact that the Ambassador's wife is remaining in Israel was considered an indication that the Ambassador had not been recalled but only called back to make a report and for consultations.

Israeli experts on international law asserted that Argentina was in error in saying, in its note demanding Eichmann's return, that Eichmann was being charged by Israel with genocide and, therefore, he should be tried in the countries where he committed his crimes or before an international tribunal. The experts emphasized that the charges against Eichmann, as stated before Haifa Magistrate Alfred Bach, were crimes against humanity under the law for punishment of Nazis and their collaborators, which is an Israeli law.

It was also noted that the Israel-Argentine extradition treaty, while signed shortly before Eichmann's capture, has not yet been ratified by either country. Moreover, Israelis were becoming doubtful that Argentina would have extradited Eichmann, noting that Argentina has not extradited various ex-Nazis whose return has been requested by various countries, including West Germany and Yugoslavia.

It was disclosed meanwhile that when Eichmann was seized he asked to be brought to a West German court for trial. When he was told that the alternatives for him were trials either in Israel or in one of the European countries where he had directed Nazi occupation activities, he rejected the possibility of a trial in any of these countries.

ISRAEL ENVOY PLEADS WITH ARGENTINA FOR MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS

BUENOS AIRES, June 9. (JTA) -- Israel fervently desires to maintain its traditionally good relations with Argentina, Arieh Levavi, Israel's Ambassador to Buenos Aires, today told the Argentine Government. He gave that assurance in response to a formal demand, presented to him by Argentine Foreign Minister Diogenes Taboada last night, for the return of Adolf Eichmann to Argentina.

The Argentine communication said that, if Eichmann were returned, Israel could then ask his extradition "through means contemplated by international law." Under the extradition treaty signed by the two countries last May, extradition is permitted only when the crime is punishable by prison terms of a minimum of three years in both countries.

In the note, which asserted that if Eichmann were not returned in one week, Argentina would then take the issue to the United Nations, the Buenos Aires Government said that, if more than one country asked Eichmann's extradition, after his return to Argentina, he would be delivered to the country in which the most serious crime was committed or "in the case of equality, to the first petitioning country."

The note added that, if Eichmann were extradited on genocide charges, he would have to be tried either in Germany, the site of the crime, or before an international tribunal in accordance with the UN Convention on Genocide, to which Argentina and Israel are signatories. Israel's explanation that volunteers seized Eichmann constituted recognition of responsibility by Israel for "the violation of Argentine sovereignty," the note added.

"This Government understands perfectly the sentiments which Jewish people may harbor toward a man charged with extermination in the concentration camps," the note stated. Moreover, Argentina recognized that Eichmann had been living in Argentina under false documents, an "evidently irregular situation" which "was in no way in conformity with conditions for asylum or territorial refuge." But all of these circumstances, the note asserted, did not alter the obligations of UN member states to abide by international law.

Argentine Delegation at U.N. Denies Rumors on Eichmann Dispute

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 9. (JTA) -- Rumors that the Argentine Ambassador to the United Nations had been summoned home in connection with his government's reported threat to complain to the UN Security Council, against Israel's attitude regarding the case of Nazi executioner Adolf Eichmann, were officially and firmly denied here by the Argentine delegation today.

Argentina's permanent representative here, Dr. Mario Amadeo, left for Buenos Aires on May 29, the day after the Security Council had completed debate on the Soviet Union's complaint against the United States overflights of the USSR in the U-2 case. Argentina is a member of the Security Council.

Ambassador Amadeo, along with a number of other diplomats from various capitals, had been summoned home for consultations with President Arturo Frondizi, in preparation for the Argentine President's forthcoming trip to Europe, scheduled for next week, a spokesman for the delegation declared this morning. Dr. Amadeo is due back at his post here next Sunday.

The Argentine spokesman pointed out that the UN Ambassador's trip to Buenos Aires was begun before the Eichmann case had become a disputed issue between Argentina and Israel.

Argentina Refused to Extradite Nazi Charged with Killing Jews

BONN, June 9. (JTA) -- The Bamberg public prosecutor revealed today, in connection with the controversy over the Israeli seizure of Adolf Eichmann, that Argentina several years ago refused a West German request for extradition of a former German Foreign Office official accused of participation in the wartime mass murders of Jews.

The Federal Republic had asked Argentina for the extradition of Karl Klingenfuss, a counsellor in Hitler's Foreign Ministry. Inquiries into Klingenfuss' case were opened in 1952 on the basis of information obtained in the prosecution of Fritz Rademacher, another former counsellor. Rademacher was sentenced to three years and five months' imprisonment when he was convicted as an accessory in the killing of 1,300 Siberian Jews. He escaped while his appeal from the sentence was pending.

A spokesman for the West German Ministry of Justice denied today reports from Cairo that the West German Republic would ask extradition of Adolf Eichmann from Israel. "We have been deliberating such a step during the past two weeks but a request will not be made because there is no extradition treaty between Israel and the Federal Republic," he said.

Three American Producers Planning Films on Capture of Eichmann

HOLLYWOOD, June 9. (JTA) -- Three producers were reported today to be planning films based on the trackdown and seizure of Adolf Eichmann, Hitler's mass murder specialist.

Bryan Foy, in his first film for Paramount, plans to produce "The Eichmann Trackdown," with filming to start in about eight weeks. The Mirisch Company is planning "The Adolf Eichmann Story" for United Artists. Twentieth-Century Fox will make "Adolf Eichmann, Nazi War Criminal," for which it has put in a bid for film rights to the story of Tuvia Friedman, head of the Haifa war crimes documentation center.

ATTORNEY GENERAL URGED TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST AMERICAN NAZI PARTY

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- William P. Rogers, United States Attorney General, was urged today by the Jewish Labor Committee to invoke appropriate sections of the Subversive Activities Control Act Against the American Nazi Party of which George Lincoln Rockwell is the leader.

The appeal was made in a telegram signed by JLC chairman Adolph Held. Asserting that the "use of the Nazi symbol and utilization of Nazi philosophy as a political base in this country is subversive to the nation's best interests," the Jewish Labor Committee urged that, "in concert with past practices," any segment of the populace "which uses bigotry or threats of liquidation against any ethnic group as a political weapon should be branded forthwith by our Government as subversive."

"While every safeguard to ensure civil liberties should be erected, at the same time we hope that you will make known to law enforcement officials throughout the country and to the press of the world, that no group in the United States bearing the symbol of Nazism has any place in our political life or in our democratic community," the JLC said.

"The Jewish Labor Committee urges you to invoke sections of the Subversive Activities Control Act against the so-called and alleged American Nazi party," the appeal concluded.

SENATE UNIT SAYS ARABS AND ISRAEL MUST MAKE CONCESSIONS ON REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, June 9. (JTA) -- The United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, in a study report on the Middle East made public yesterday, called the Arab refugee situation the major obstacle to peace in the area and urged Israel and the Arab states to make concessions for its solution. The study was announced by Chairman J. W. Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat, who recently returned from a visit to Israel, Jordan and the United Arab Republic.

Asserting that Soviet influence in the Middle East has been declining steadily, the staff experts said they believed some steps toward an Arab-Israel settlement might now be possible. They suggested, as a first step, that the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission submit a new report on the refugee problem.

In the proposed exchange of concessions, the report said, Israel would have to make the greatest diplomatic concession by acceptance of the principle of repatriation or compensation to the Arab refugees. The Arab countries would have to make the "greatest practical" concession by acceptance of the principle that all Arab refugees who would choose not to return to Israel--which the study said would be "all but a small proportion"--could be integrated into the societies of the Arab countries.

The study noted that "as the Israelis themselves so often suggest, the Moslem refugees would be disinclined to return to a land transformed by the predominance of its Jewish culture and Jewish Government." In publishing the study report, Sen. Fulbright said it did not necessarily reflect the views of any members of the Senate committee. He said it was the last of 15 studies on foreign policy prepared as background for committee members.

SEAFARERS UNION CONSIDERS RENEWAL OF ACTION AGAINST EGYPTIAN SHIPS

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- The Seafarers International Union is taking preliminary steps to renew its action against Arab blacklisting of American ships for trading with Israel, it was announced by the SIU today.

Exactly one month ago, the SIU called off its 22-day boycott of the Egyptian ship Cleopatra, in New York harbor, after the State Department had promised to intensify diplomatic efforts to protect American ships and seamen against Arab discrimination.

That boycott, which cost the Egyptian owners of the Cleopatra an estimated \$44,000, may be resumed in the near future, it was indicated today. Paul Hall, president of the SIU, revealed that his office is compiling "fresh data" about continuance of the blacklisting by the Arab Boycott Office, affecting the job opportunities and livelihood of American seamen.

Mr. Hall made his announcement following a report today from Damascus, capital of the Syrian region of the United Arab Republic, that another American ship has been added to the blacklist. This ship, the Banner Lines "Atlantic," a vessel of 14,138 tons, registered in New York, was banned from all Arab ports for "trading with Israel."

"We have the names of other ships that have been either added to the blacklist or taken off the blacklist recently," said Mr. Hall. "We are compiling this data very carefully. Some of the data will not be complete until the ships concerned have returned to their home ports and we can interview the crews to obtain first-hand reports about whether the crews have been molested or harassed by the Arab authorities. When the data is complete, we shall file a brief on the entire issue."

The brief, Mr. Hall said, will be filed with George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, since the State Department agreement leading to the withdrawal of the Cleopatra pickets by the SIU had been made with Mr. Meany.

JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE SETS DEADLINE ON APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany reiterated today, in response to recent inquiries, that the deadline date for the filing of applications by organizations, institutions and communities seeking allocation of funds for 1961 is June 30, 1960.

The Claims Conference, by the terms of its agreement with the Federal Republic of Germany, is able to allocate funds only for those activities which contribute to the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution in accordance with the urgency of need, it was explained.

NAZI ATROCITIES OMITTED IN TEXTBOOKS USED IN PHILADELPHIA SCHOOLS

PHILADELPHIA, June 9. (JTA) -- Most of the 22 history textbooks used in Philadelphia's public and private high schools fail to explain to students the Nazi theory and practice of racism, The Jewish Exponent charged here today.

In the second of a series of articles resulting from a special study of the high school texts, the newspaper reveals that most of the history books "omit the complete story of Hitlerism." A few of the books, it is disclosed, "don't even mention anti-Semitism" as practiced under the Hitler regime. The report, citing various textbooks by title, author and publishers, shows:

1. One textbook picturing Nazi concentration camps as places into which "ministers and priests who objected to policies of fanatic devotion to the State were thrown."
2. Another textbook "which does not draw the lesson of racialism" but makes "the curious error" of stating that 3,000,000 Jews were victims of Nazism in concentration camps--instead of using the confirmed figure of 6,000,000.
3. Still another book credits Hitler with transforming Germany into "a united, energetic nation," but concedes that the "gains were won at the cost of human liberties" and that the Nazis "persecuted the Jews"--but does not mention concentration camps or genocide.

Throughout most of the texts, the study shows, there is "abysmal silence" concerning the systematic murder of Jews under the Hitler regime. One text is denounced as "fantastically deficient" in this regard. "Calculated omissions" were found in some college texts used in advanced high school classes in Philadelphia.

One text was found not only short on telling the history of Nazi racial persecutions, but also indulged in adverse criticism of Jews in America who resisted "amalgamation" by retaining for a long time "in home and synagogue traditional Jewish rites and practices." This textbook writer is shown as disapproving the fact that some American Jews spoke Yiddish and read Yiddish newspapers.

AMERICAN JEWISH DIRECTORY PUBLISHED; CONTAINS DETAILED INFORMATION

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- A 544-page Standard American Jewish Directory, containing a listing of synagogues, schools, organizations, fraternal orders, community councils and welfare funds, in a state-by-state and city breakdown, was published here today.

The directory contains an introduction by Philip M. Klutznick, American Jewish leader, a foreword by Boris Smolar, editor-in-chief of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and articles by Dr. Samuel Margoshes of the Jewish National Fund, Dr. Judah Pilch of the American Association for Jewish Education, and Dr. Jacob Rubin, an Israeli correspondent of the United Nations.

Information on Jewish holidays, Jewish historical dates, the Jewish population of countries and cities, and a bibliography are included in another section. A chapter on trades and services lists Jewish enterprises throughout the United States, including kosher butcher shops and Jewish book stores. The directory is published by Meyer Barkai, of Barkai & Jarrett, publishers of "The Illustrated Guide and Handbook of Israel."

ITALIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY EXEMPTS JEWS FROM MILITARY DUTIES ON SATURDAYS

ROME, June 9. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities disclosed today that the Italian Defense Ministry has been giving permission for the past two months for exemption from military duties on Saturdays to Italian Jewish servicemen who request it.

The decision was believed to have been made after the Ministry received a request for such Saturday exemption from the Seventh Day Adventists earlier this year. The Adventists had asked for such exemption for themselves and for Jewish servicemen. Those relieved of military duty on Saturday must make it up on Sunday.

MEXICAN ZIONIST FEDERATION STARTS MONTHLY YIDDISH PUBLICATION

MEXICO CITY, June 9. (JTA) -- The Mexican Zionist Federation which was recently reorganized under the chairmanship of Cernach Portnoy, has begun issuing a new Yiddish monthly periodical. The monthly, "Zionistische Blaetter," is edited by the well-known poet Jacobo Glantz, general secretary of the Zionist Federation.