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BEN-GURION TELLS DE GAULLE OF HOPES ON JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM RUSSIA

PARIS, June 14. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion told President de Gaulle of France today that there was a strong possibility that Russian Jewry would migrate to Israel some day.

The Prime Minister, who also said that an increased immigration was expected from North Africa, made the remark in reply to President de Gaulle's question about future immigration to Israel. The exchange took place after the formal luncheon tendered by the French President to the Israel Prime Minister as one of the highlights of Mr. Ben-Gurion's official visit to France.

After the luncheon, which was held in the huge dining room of the official residence of the President, the Palais d'Elysee, the two leaders retired to the Palace gardens for coffee. They were joined by Premier Michel Debre, Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville, former Premier Guy Mollet, Deputy Israel Defense Minister Shimon Peres and Mr. Ben-Gurion's private secretary, Yitzhak Navon.

The assembled personalities discussed a variety of topics, such as the future of the underdeveloped countries and more specifically, Israeli topics. President de Gaulle asked a number of pertinent questions about Israel and the Jewish people, one of them that concerning future immigration. He also asked the Prime Minister for an explanation of Israel's rapid agricultural expansion.

De Gaulle Expresses 'Confidence, Sympathy and Admiration' For Israel

President de Gaulle, citing his visits to Palestine in 1931 with the French forces in Syria and one during the war years, lauded the great advances made by the Jews in Israel and the prosperity they were bringing to a once barren land. Those remarks led the Prime Minister to ask the French leader whether he had any plans to visit Israel. The General replied: "I can't rule this out but it seems unlikely for the present."

The French President, proposing a toast to Mr. Ben-Gurion at the luncheon, told the 40 guests: "I want to pay tribute to Ben-Gurion who personifies the State of Israel. I want to express my confidence, my sympathy and admiration." On a more personal note, the French leader added that he also wanted to pay tribute to the Prime Minister's "rich humor," which he said persisted despite his "hard work and multiple worries."

In responding, Mr. Ben-Gurion recalled France's humanitarian traditions and constant friendship for Israel. He said: "Although we are only a small nation, France will always find us a faithful and constant friend not only because of our common interests but also because of our common ties and spiritual aspirations."

The two leaders had a 90-minute private conversation at which only an interpreter was present. While the subjects discussed were not revealed, sources close to both delegations said that the atmosphere of the talks was "very cordial and friendly." The two leaders spent 15 minutes together before lunch in the Palace drawing room and then joined the guests for the luncheon.

The Prime Minister went to the courtyard of the Palais d'Elysee, for the luncheon after a 90-minute meeting with French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville. The Ben-Gurion-de Murville talks were longer than had been scheduled at the French Foreign Office.

The Prime Minister said at the end of the meeting that he and the French Foreign Minister had discussed common problems and the Middle East without special reference to Israel. He added that he had found in the French Foreign Minister's views an attitude toward many problems similar to that of Israel.

In an impressive afternoon ceremony, the Prime Minister placed a blue-and-white wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. Thousands of spectators applauded and cheered as the Prime Minister's cavalcade drove through the Champs Elysee. The Prime Minister, who was accompanied by French Minister Delegate Roger Frey, waved to the cheering crowd.

ISRAEL REPORTED SEEKING 40 JET FIGHTERS OF LATEST MODEL IN FRANCE

LONDON, June 14. (JTA) -- Morning newspapers here reported today from Paris that Israel has reached a secret agreement with France which will enable Israel to create the most potent air force in the Middle East.

According to the report, the agreement will now receive final approval from Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and President Charles de Gaulle in Paris. It provides for the sale to Israel of about 40 Mirage-3 jet fighters which can travel at twice the speed of sound.

The order, which is expected to involve a price of about \$40,000,000, specifies the start of deliveries to Israel toward the end of 1961, according to the press reports. The agreement, it was asserted, was reached two months ago but kept undisclosed at the request of the Israel Government.

The Mirage-3, now in quantity production, is a single-seater interceptor attack plane for the French Air Force. It has a rocket engine to supplement its turbo-jet motor for takeoff and combat. It carries cannon and rockets and can also mount air-to-ground guided missiles.

GOLDA MEIR MEETS WITH ARGENTINE ENVOY AT U. N. ON EICHMANN CASE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 14. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, held a two-hour conference today with Dr. Mario Amadeo, permanent representative here from Argentina, in connection with Argentina's ultimatum to Israel to return Nazi killer Adolf Eichmann or face an Argentine complaint to the Security Council. The conference was held in the home of the head of the Uruguayan delegation, Prof. Enrique Rodriguez Fabregat.

Mrs. Meir declined to make any comment on the conference other than remarking that "we had a very pleasant talk." Asked whether any decision has been reached on the Eichmann case or on the Argentine threat to take the grievance against Israel to the Security Council, Mrs. Meir replied that "no decision was expected." She also said she did not know whether she would hold another meeting with Dr. Amadeo.

On the other hand, Dr. Fabregat emphasized his confidence in the feeling that, despite the inability of Mrs. Meir and Dr. Amadeo to agree today on Argentina's request for the return of Eichmann to Buenos Aires, there was still a possibility of bringing the two sides into some agreement. It is understood that Dr. Fabregat suggested that Israel surrender Eichmann to the Argentine Embassy in Israel -- after which the Argentine Embassy would legally "extradite" Eichmann, placing him under Israeli jurisdiction. So far neither Israel nor Argentina has accepted this proposal.

It seemed certain, after the meeting today, that Argentina would go through with its announced plan to bring its grievance against Israel to the Security Council. The formal complaint, calling for a Security Council meeting on the issue, may be filed this week.

The permanent representatives of 19 countries that are members of the United Nations, and high-ranking officials of the U. N., including Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, were entertained at a luncheon here today, in honor of Golda Meir. Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's delegation chairman here, was host at the luncheon, held in a private dining room at United Nations headquarters.

Bonn Says Argentina Refuses to Extradite Nazi War Criminal

BONN, June 14. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the West German Ministry of Justice confirmed today reports that Argentina had failed to reply to a request last January for the extradition of Dr. Joseph Mengele, a Nazi concentration camp physician.

Mengele, who has been on the list of "wanted" war criminals for the past 15 years, was in charge of sorting out victims at the Auschwitz murder camp, dividing them into those to be gassed and those to be sent to slave labor units.

Synagogue Bombed in Montevideo; Eichmann Followers Suspected

MONTEVIDEO, June 14. (JTA) -- Police probing the bombing of a synagogue here last night sought today to determine whether there was any tie between the attack and the recent seizure of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in nearby Argentina.

The bomb touched off a fire in the synagogue and damaged nearby buildings but no one was reported injured. Unexploded bombs were found in two other Jewish places in the first outbreak of anti-Semitic violence listed here during the past several months.

ISRAEL MINISTER URGES SEPARATE FUND-RAISING BY RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, June 14. (JTA) -- Moshe Shapiro, Israel's Minister of the Interior, urged tonight "the establishment of a joint fund-raising agency of all religious bodies in the United States to fill the void created by the recent reorganization of the Jewish Agency."

The Israel Cabinet Minister, speaking here at the Golden Jubilee banquet of the Religious Zionists of America, said such a joint fund-raising agency would "contribute indispensable assistance and aid to religion in Israel by raising necessary financial means for such institutions as higher schools of learning, rehabilitation centers for refugees, religious settlements, youth training organizations and hospitals."

The sister parties of the Religious Zionists in Israel, Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi were among the parties whose allocations for constructive enterprises from United Jewish Appeal funds through the Jewish Agency will be terminated in 1961.

JEWISH AGENCY REORGANIZATION IN U.S. REPORTED HELPFUL TO U. J. A.

JERUSALEM, June 14. (JTA) -- This year's United Jewish Appeal campaign in the United States has achieved, so far, 8 percent more than last year's drive in the same period, Melvin Goldstein, administrative vice-chairman of the UJA, reported here today.

Mr. Goldstein spoke of the "beneficent influence" upon American Jewish community life in general, and upon Jewish fund-raising efforts in particular, resulting from the recent reorganization of the Jewish Agency executive in the United States. "The Jewish community," he declared, "now feels it has much more direct responsibility for Agency affairs, and is reacting favorably to this increased responsibility."

One of the principal topics discussed here by Mr. Goldstein with the Jewish Agency concerned preparations for further visits to Israel by American Jewish community leaders. Thus far, this year, more than 600 community leaders have visited Israel. During the next two months, Mr. Goldstein said, 200 more will come.

\$1,000,000 FOR U. J. A. RAISED AT HIAS DINNER; TOUSTER, ISRAEL'S HONORED

NEW YORK, June 14. (JTA) -- Contributions to the United Jewish Appeal totaling close to \$1,000,000 were announced tonight at a United Hias Service dinner following a stirring address by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister. The dinner was a testimonial to Ben Touster and Carlos L. Israels, former presidents of United Hias, the worldwide Jewish migration agency.

Mrs. Meir, reporting on Israel's achievements and on the problems faced by the country, called upon American Jewry to give wholehearted support to the United Jewish Appeal. She was introduced to the gathering as "one of the truly great ladies of our century" by Murray Gurfein, United Hias president, who stressed that family reunions are one of the main areas of activity of his organization in behalf of Jewish victims of the war and post-war periods.

Plaques were presented to Mr. Touster and Mr. Israels by William Rosenwald, a national chairman of the UJA and United Hias vice-president. The citation to Mr. Touster emphasized that he "holds the distinction of being the first president of United Hias and of guiding the organization on its far reaching mission of rescue through migration." Also that he was "a prime moving spirit in the creation of the Hias House in Beersheba, Israel, designed to accommodate scientists and technicians engaged in the heroic task of reclaiming the Negev." Mr. Israels citation stressed his personal efforts for resettlement in Latin America of thousands of Jewish emigrants from Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

\$1,000,000 HOUSING CONTRACT FOR AMERICAN SETTLERS SIGNED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 14. (JTA) -- The Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel signed a contract today for the construction of 62 housing units for American settlers. The \$1,000,000 project, which will be built by the Tel Aviv Construction Company, will be erected in a new fashionable development area near the Valley of the Cross in Jerusalem.

Funds for the construction loan and for mortgages are being provided by Hadassah, the Zionist Organization of America, the Canadian Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency and the Israel Ministry of Labor.

JEWISH AGENCY DECIDES TO AID SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS FROM U. S.

JERUSALEM, June 14. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency settlement department decided today to provide aid to a group of Seventh Day Adventist families who came to Israel from Oregon two years ago. They came in the conviction that the Messiah will come to Israel and they wanted to be present at his arrival. They settled in a collective village in the upper Galilee and recently ran into economic problems.

JOHANNESBURG JEWS OPPOSE HISTADRUT PROPOSAL TO BOYCOTT SO. AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, June 14. (JTA) -- The "overwhelming majority" of South African Jews would be "distressed" by a boycott of the Union of South Africa by any Israeli organization "and profoundly trusts that this will never happen," a spokesman of the Board of Deputies of South African Jews declared today.

The statement was made to the Afrikaans newspaper, "Dagbreek," in reply to a request from the periodical for comment on a report that Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion supported in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, a proposal by Histadrut chief Pinhas Lavon for a boycott of South Africa over its apartheid policies.

The spokesman was Edel Horowitz, chairman of the Zionist Federation, who told the newspaper that while South African Jews had no authority over Histadrut policies, he felt that relations between South Africa and Israel were cordial and that all persons concerned hope they would remain that way.

He added that Mr. Ben-Gurion's comment had been incorrectly reported and that what had been under discussion was not a boycott but a protest against events in South Africa. Mr. Horowitz said that Mr. Ben-Gurion had supported the Histadrut leader's right to protest but had at the same time clearly dissociated the Israel Government from that protest.

"There is no question of the Israel Government engaging in or sanctioning a boycott of South Africa," he declared. "On the contrary, the Government and the people of Israel are anxious to establish the closest trade relations with South Africa. As chairman of the Zionist federation, I can confirm that we are anxious to do everything possible to promote the traditional bonds of friendship and understanding between Israel and South Africa and we hope they will endure forever."

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY CHANGES PLEASE N. Y. STATE EDUCATION AUTHORITIES

NEW YORK, June 14. (JTA) -- The New York State Education Department is "quite satisfied" with the academic records of graduates who will receive doctoral degrees Thursday from the Graduate School of Education of Yeshiva University which was sharply criticized last April by the department.

Dr. Frank R. Kille, Associate State Education Commissioner, also said yesterday that he was pleased by the "constructive steps" taken since the department told the graduate school to overhaul its doctoral program and make other changes.

At that time, the department recommended a thorough scrutiny of the qualifications and study performances of candidates for doctoral degrees of the graduate school this June. The department also requested that a conference be arranged with its officials "before final decisions are made on the granting of these degrees." Dr. Kille said such a conference had been held for the approximately 17 candidates and that his department was satisfied with their records.

SKULENER REBBE ARRIVES IN NEW YORK; RELEASED FROM RUMANIAN JAIL

NEW YORK, June 14. (JTA) -- Rabbi Eliezer Zisu Portogal, the Skulener Rebbe, who was arrested last year by Rumanian authorities for aiding and maintaining homeless Jewish children, arrived here today to settle in the United States. Rabbi Portogal will assume the post of spiritual leader of a Brooklyn congregation.

The 62-year-old rabbi was released and allowed to emigrate with his family from Rumania after the intervention of United Nations Undersecretary for Special Political Affairs C. V. Narashimhan. The State Department, at the request of Jewish religious leaders here, had granted special immigration visas to the rabbi and his family.

The United Hias Service arranged for Rabbi Portogal's transportation to the United States from Rumania and European cities of transit. He is being assisted by the New York Association for New Americans in establishing himself and his family in Brooklyn.

TWO YOUTHSWIN TRIP TO ISRAEL IN FINALS OF AMERICAN BIBLE CONTEST

NEW YORK, June 14. (JTA) -- Two 15-year-old youths won trips to Israel yesterday in the national finals of the American Bible Contest sponsored by the American Zionist Council and the Israel Bible Society. Aaron Gafney, of the Rabbi Jacob Joseph School in New York, won first prize in the Hebrew division of the contest, while H. Lee Michelson of Hartford, Conn., won first prize in the English-language division.

The winners were among 70 youngsters attending Jewish schools throughout the United States and Canada, who participated in the finals here yesterday. Both first-prize-winners will attend a Jewish Agency seminar in Israel this summer.