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U.A.R. DENIES, IN LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL, ISRAELI CHARGES

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 7. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic denied today Israeli charges of renewed military activity along the Syrian-Israel border and charged in turn that Israel "has committed no less than 259 aggressive acts" in the area since the start of this year.

The UAR denial and counter-charge was contained in a letter submitted to the Security Council by Omar Loutfi, permanent representative of the UAR at the United Nations. He asked that the letter be circulated among all members of the Security Council, as Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative, had also done in reference to Israel's complaint on July 1.

The UAR letter said that the UAR did not wish to discuss Israel's charges "because an investigation is being carried out" by the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission "and so far no decision has been taken by this body." The letter added that the Israel charges were "baseless since the facts have not been established."

The UAR representative asserted that "the allegation by Israel that there is concentration of United Arab Republic troops in the Syrian-Israeli border area is totally unfounded." He said that UAR troops in the area had not undertaken any provocative measures "and it is therefore entirely false that UAR troops have renewed unilateral armed action along the Syrian border."

The letter added: "The aggressive policy of Israel with respect to the demilitarized zone is clearly indicated by the fact that Israel has committed no less than 259 aggressive acts in the said zone since January 1960, regarding which the UAR Government has submitted complaints" to the MAC.

Mr. Comay had cited five specific attacks by Syrian gunfire which had resulted in the death of one border patrol officer and gunfire attacks against UN observers. The Israel complaint cited the Syrian attacks as occurring between June 11 and June 28.

NEW BOOK ON HUNGARIAN JEWRY'S EXTINCTION CREATES STORM

TEL AVIV, July 7. (JTA) -- A new controversy over the extermination of the Jews of Hungary loomed today in the expected publication of a new book by Joel Brand, the emissary who negotiated with Nazi mass murderer Adolf Eichmann, now awaiting trial in Israel.

Supreme Court Justice Chaim Cohen and his aide, Amnon Thal, revealed they had sent a letter to the publisher asserting that the book, "Devil and Soul," contained slanderous references.

A spokesman for the publisher said at a press conference that some of the text dealing with various individuals had been changed but that another letter had been received from Thal asserting that the changes were inadequate and threatening court action to prevent publication as well as a suit for damages.

Justice Cohen was the state prosecutor in the trial of Dr. Israel Kastner, one-time leader of Hungarian Jewry, who was condemned inferentially on charges of collaborating with the Nazis in war-time Hungary.

Dr. Kastner, who was assassinated in 1957, was cleared posthumously by the Supreme Court of Israel in 1958 when that court found a 75-year-old pamphleteer, Malkiel Gruenewald guilty of having libeled Dr. Kastner. That verdict overruled a district court verdict sustaining Gruenewald.

EICHMANN TO BE GIVEN LIST OF POSSIBLE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- The Sixth Bureau of the Israel police, which is assembling data for the trial of Nazi Adolf Eichmann, will submit to him next week a list of attorneys who have indicated their willingness to serve as defense counsel in his forthcoming trial in Jerusalem, it was disclosed today.

All of the candidates for the defense assignment live abroad. Most of them are from West Germany and Austria but, in addition, lawyers in several other European countries have expressed readiness to act as Eichmann's defense counsel. Eichmann will be permitted to choose as he wishes with one exception: Israel officials have indicated that no attorney with a Nazi past will be admitted to Israel.

FRANCO MEETS WITH SEPHARDI DELEGATION; LAUDS JEWISH EFFORTS

LONDON, July 7. (JTA) -- Generalissimo Franco, the Spanish Chief of State, recently received a delegation in Madrid of the World Sephardi Federation, a member of the delegation disclosed here today.

The delegation went to Madrid to acquaint Franco with plans for the setting up in Spain and Israel of institutes to further Spanish-Jewish culture. The delegation spokesman said that the Spanish Chief of State expressed his appreciation to Sephardic Jewish communities throughout the world for having preserved with so much care the Spanish language and customs and for their intention to strengthen cultural relations with Spain.

The delegation in turn thanked Franco for the asylum granted to many Jews in Spain during World War II. Earlier Jesus Rubio Garcia-Mina, the Spanish Minister of Education, and key officials of his ministry and of the Foreign Affairs Ministry attended a reception tendered by Denzil Montefiore, president of the World Sephardi Federation.

ELECTIONS FOR ISRAEL CHIEF RABBINATE ARE SET FOR AUGUST 26

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- Election of Israel's two chief rabbis will take place on August 26, it was announced today. The date was fixed at the first meeting of the newly designated eight-man election commission. The members of the Council of the Chief Rabbinate, who also constitute the Supreme Religious Court, will also be elected on that date.

Rabbi Yehuda Leib Maimon, one of the four members of the commission designated by the Government, was elected chairman of the commission. Three of the commission will name the 70 electors who will actually vote. Forty-two of these electors will be from the rabbinate, the remainder will be proposed by the local secular authorities.

Dr. Yitzhak Nissim will be a candidate to succeed himself as Sephardic Chief Rabbi. Chief Chaplain Shlomo Goren of the Israel Army and Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik of Boston, have been prominently mentioned for the post of Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi. The office has been vacant since the death last July of Dr. Yitzhak Halevi Herzog.

ZIONIST GROUP URGES POLICY OF NON-IDENTIFICATION WITH ISRAEL PARTIES

LONDON, July 7. (JTA) -- The World Confederation of General Zionists headed by Mrs. Rose Halprin and Dr. Israel Goldstein has adopted a platform for submission to the World Zionist Congress in which it reiterated its conviction that "a policy of non-identification with any political party in Israel best serves the interest of Zionism."

The conference here of 70 delegates from 28 countries defined the further aims of Zionism as "the unity of the Jewish people throughout the world, within which Israel occupies the central position." It declared that "only by recognizing and supporting the World Zionist Organization can the interest of all the Jewish people, both inside and outside Israel, be fully served."

The conference called for an intensification of Jewish education and approved all forms of immigration into Israel while stressing the need for technicians, specialists and middle-class elements. It stressed the need for special apparatus to meet the needs of Western immigrants and for abolition of the party key system in handling new immigrants.

MAPAI READY TO RESUME EFFORTS TO CHANGE ISRAEL ELECTION SYSTEM

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- The Mapai Party was reported ready today to resume active campaigning for electoral reform to change Israel's proportional representation system to one of direct or district representation. The Government party was said to have offered the portfolio of Minister of Posts to the Poalei Agudat Israel on condition that the Orthodox party support the Mapai position on electoral reform.

Negotiations between the two parties hitherto behind the scenes, will begin officially this week. Mapai would also like to obtain the support of the ultra-Orthodox Agudat Israel faction but the latter refuse to disregard the ban against joining the coalition issued by the Aguda Moetzet Gdolei Hatorah, their Supreme Religious Council.

Israel News Briefs

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- Yehonatan Prato, former Israel diplomatic representative in Greece, has been named Israel Ambassador to Cuba.

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovak Embassy in Jerusalem announced that it is offering scholarships for advanced study in Prague to Arab graduates of Israeli high schools.

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- The Government press office has officially notified foreign correspondents that they will receive a 20 percent premium on their foreign currency earnings from abroad which are exchanged for Israel currency.

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- The National Research and Development Council has made a Sir Simon Marks Research award to Prof. G. Stein, head of the Hebrew University's department of physical chemistry, to enable him to study in England the biochemical effects of radiation.

34 GROUPS ASK DEMOCRATS TO FIGHT ARAB ANTI-JEWISH DISCRIMINATION

LOS ANGELES, July 7. (JTA) -- A spokesman for 34 national religious, labor and civic bodies of all faiths and interests called on the Democratic Party, at a hearing today of its platform committee, to pledge to "implement the repeatedly expressed opposition of the Congress to the imposition by foreign governments of discriminations against United States citizens on grounds of race or religion."

Judge Isaac Pacht of Los Angeles, vice-chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, spokesman for the 34 agencies and groups, also urged the Democratic Party to "oppose any international agreement or treaty which by its terms or practices differentiates among United States citizens on grounds of race or religion."

Judge Pacht told the platform committee that "this proposed plank deals principally but not exclusively with one of the most egregious forms of discrimination against American citizens by foreign states, the widespread campaign by Arab League countries against American Jews--a campaign that so far has been acquiesced in, if not condoned by our own government."

He explained that "broadly, the forms of this discrimination may be grouped into three categories: 1. Arab denial of entry or transit visas to American Jews; 2. Arab boycott of American Jewish businesses; 3. The exclusion of American Jewish citizens from United States Government civilian and military posts and from employment on United States defense contracts in Arab countries."

Submitted as Civil Rights Question

Judge Pacht pointed out to the committee that the proposed platform plank was submitted, for the first time, as part of an overall civil rights program rather than as a foreign policy proposal because the organizations he represented recognized that "any impairment of the citizenship rights of one group of Americans impairs the rights of all."

The spokesman noted that "official justification for our 'do-nothing policy' in this area repeatedly has been couched in terms that emphasize the need for solicitude in dealing with Arab governments so that we may protect military and economic relations presumed to be vital to our national interests."

He expressed conviction, however, that "a realistic appraisal of the Middle East will disclose that no legitimate American interest is in real danger from Arab rulers whose economic advancement is largely dependent upon American investment dollars. He told the committee that "the foreign relations of this country are more solidly grounded on principle rather than expedient."

Choice Is Between Freedom and Profit

In the past, he said, "when confronted with a threat to the liberties of its citizens--indeed, when forced to choose between continuing exactly the kind of anti-Semitism now practiced by the Arab states and risking the possibility of economic loss--this country, in the administration of Woodrow Wilson, did not waver or equivocate. The claim of freedom was accorded greater force and dignity than the claim of profit."

In addition to speaking for the NCRCAC, Judge Pacht also presented the views of the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and United Synagogue of America, among Jewish organizations.

Other organizations supporting the proposal included the American Civil Liberties Union, the Catholic Interracial Council, the Congregational Christian Churches, The Friends Committee on National Legislation, the Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Council of Protestant Episcopal Churches and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Council for Judaism Denounced

An attack against Israel by a spokesman for the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism today drew fire from platform committee members.

Rep. Emanuel Celler, Brooklyn Democrat, took sharp exception to the Council for Judaism testimony which was answered for the America-Israel Public Affairs Committee by I. L. Kenen, who told the platform members that since the Council for Judaism claimed to speak in the name of Judaism, he wanted the committee members to know that the anti-Zionist group had been repeatedly denounced by Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbinical organizations.

Mr. Kenen said he deplored the "propaganda" of the anti-Zionist group which he said "recklessly defames American friendship for Israel as a surrender to alleged minority pressures." He rejected as a "contemptible insult" to American leaders "the insinuation that support for Israel has been a mere pandering to a non-existent bloc vote at the expense of the national interest. Such misleading and dishonest doctrine defeats American interests because it fortifies resistance to peace."

Mr. Kenen urged the platform committee to include in the party's national platform planks advocating a new United States initiative for direct Israel-Arab peace talks, continued economic aid to both Arabs and Israel and guarantees to preserve the sovereignty of Israel's borders.

STATE DEPT. TO DETERMINE ADMISSIBLE REFUGEE TOTALS UNDER NEW MEASURE

NEW YORK, July 7. (JTA) -- The new immigration legislation awaiting President Eisenhower's signature, which provides for the admission of refugees into the United States, assigns to the State Department the responsibility for indicating the number of refugees resettled by other countries between July 1959 and July 1960, the United Hias Service pointed out today.

Until the State Department issues its findings, it is not possible to give a specific estimate of the number of refugees who may be immediately admitted to the United States under the measure. Similar reports will be issued by the State Department in January and July 1961 for future admissions. A number equal to 25 percent of the totals admitted to other countries will be admitted to the United States under the new legislation.

WASHINGTON STAR SAYS NAZI LEADER ROCKWELL WAS A PUBLIC NUISANCE

WASHINGTON, July 7. (JTA) -- The Washington Star editorially voiced approval today of official action against George Lincoln Rockwell and his American Nazi Party and said that this was the right procedure since Rockwell had become a public nuisance.

The paper was critical, however, of the protests that disrupted Rockwell's meeting on the Mall last Sunday and asserted that "all the hecklers accomplished was to build Rockwell up."

Rockwell was free today under bond of \$300 for appearance in Municipal Court here on July 27 on disorderly conduct charges. Assistant Corporation Counsel Clark King asked at Rockwell's arraignment yesterday that sanity proceedings be instituted.

Mr. King told reporters last night that he based his question on Rockwell's sanity on a study of Rockwell's preachings. He said "there must be something wrong with a man who advocates the extermination of an entire race."

VIRGINIA 'BLUE LAW' SHELVED PENDING SUPREME COURT REVIEW

RICHMOND, Va., July 7. (JTA) -- Chief legal officers of the northern counties of Virginia agreed today they would not enforce the State's controversial new Sunday "blue law" until the Virginia Supreme Court rules on its constitutionality. The Hampton Circuit Court recently ruled the law invalid on technical grounds.

Pending Supreme Court action, the old Sunday laws, barring all but "necessary" sales on Sunday will continue in force. The new legislation was an attempt to spell out precisely what was "necessary" and could be sold on Sunday.

RABBINICAL COUNCIL TO PUBLISH NEW EDITION OF ORTHODOX PRAYER BOOK

NEW YORK, July 7. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America will publish in September a new English edition of the Orthodox prayer book devoted to the Sabbath and Festivals.

The prayer book will be edited by Rabbi David de Sola Pool of New York. It will be distributed to congregations of the Council's member rabbis. The new prayer book, according to the RCA, will be the first such publication to be issued under the sponsorship of an Orthodox rabbinical body.

FEDERATION REJECTS FOR FIFTH TIME BID OF ORTHODOX DAY SCHOOL

MINNEAPOLIS, July 7. (JTA) -- For the fifth time in its 15-year history, the only Orthodox Jewish day school in Minneapolis lost its bid for a subsidy from the Minneapolis Federation for Jewish Service.

In June last year, the Torah Academy had its application for beneficiary status rejected by only two votes, 31 to 29. In the latest vote, the rejection was more decisive, 42 to 30 with one abstention.

The case for the 89-pupil school, which has a faculty of nine, was presented by its president, Irving I. Kutoff, who asked Federation funds only for the Hebrew department on a per capita basis in relation to hours of pupil attendance.

Dr. Albert G. Minda, a Reform rabbi, urged the board not to get "into the sensitive area of ideologies." He said an allocation to the Academy would lead in that direction. I. D. Fink, immediate past president of the Federation, argued that the sponsors of the school were seeking to pass on "to the general community the responsibility of operating the school."

BUCHWOLD TO HEAD CANADIAN FEDERATION OF MAYORS

TORONTO, July 7. (JTA) -- Mayor Sidney L. Buchwold of Saskatoon, Sask., has been elected president of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities. He is active in the affairs of the Canadian Jewish Congress.