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ARGENTINA REJECTS ISRAEL'S NOTE; EICHMANN; INSISTS ON HIS RETURN

Buenos Aires, July 21. (JTA) -- The Argentine Government, in a formal rejection of Israel's latest note on the capture of Nazi mass murderer Adolf Eichmann on Argentine territory last May, insisted today that Israel comply with Argentine demands for the return of Eichmann and punishment of those responsible for his seizure in violation of Argentine sovereignty.

The Argentine Government disclosed that on July 14 it had asked Israel Ambassador Aryeh Levavi to tell the Israel Government that Argentina was not satisfied with the July 4 Israel note. In that note, Israel again apologized for the violation of Argentine territory and quoted statements made during the Security Council debate on the Argentine complaint to support the contention that the Israel apology, plus adoption of the Security Council resolution criticizing Israel, should be considered "adequate reparation" and the issue closed.

The Argentine note today pointed out that the Israel July 4 letter had cited statements by the British, United States and French delegates in the Security Council debate to the effect that the Eichmann incident could be considered closed. However, the Argentine Government stressed today, before the Security Council voted on the resolution, the Argentine delegate, Dr. Mario Amadeo, had made a statement noting that the delegate opinions being voiced were personal and not binding on the parties to the dispute.

The Argentine note then cited the statements in the Council debate made by Arkady Sobolev of the Soviet Union, Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain and others which stressed the illegality of Eichmann's seizure on Argentine territory. It complained that, despite the long interval of time since the Eichmann capture and United Nations consideration of the case, the Israel Government has not yet agreed to make the requested reparation.

Demands Explanation from Israel How Eichmann was Kidnaped

Another complaint was that Israel had not officially explained how the kidnaping of Eichmann had been carried out. In effect, Argentina challenged the truth of the Israeli contention that the abduction had been done by "volunteers" and not by official Israel Government agents. In diplomatic terms, the note suggested that Eichmann's abduction had been arranged with the connivance of the Israel Embassy in Buenos Aires and that the Nazi criminal had been removed from Argentina in an Israel El Al airliner which had brought a diplomatic mission to Argentina a few days earlier.

The Argentine note asserted also that the Argentine Government did not wish, without direct evidence, to formulate a hypothesis which would make the situation even worse by connecting the illegal action with the formal request by the Israel Embassy on May 16 for a clearance for the El Al airliner to depart with some passengers.

The Israel Embassy, said the note, had asked permission for certain persons to travel on the plane for "medical and humanitarian" reasons. The clear implication was that, under cover of this clearance, Eichmann had been placed on the airliner and flown out of Argentine jurisdiction.

The note added that in view of that situation, the Argentine Government did not find satisfactory the expressions of regret and other solutions proposed until the present by the Israel Government and it reserved the right to adopt such measures as it considered opportune.

The Israel Embassy said here tonight that it had asked permission for several persons to return to Israel on the airliner "on compassionate grounds." The Embassy asserted, however, that for various reasons -- either because of their medical condition or failure to have completed visa formalities -- those persons were unable to board the plane for the flight to Israel.

The El Al plane, a Britannia, had flown to Buenos Aires from Israel carrying an Israeli mission, headed by Minister without Portfolio Abba Eban, to attend ceremonies marking the 150th anniversary of the Argentine Revolution.

ARRESTED TECHNION PROFESSOR ADMITS PASSING DATA TO FOREIGN POWER

TEL AVIV, July 21, (JTA) -- Prof. Kurt Sitte, the internationally known physicist who headed the physics department of the Haifa Technion until his arrest in June, has admitted contacts with a foreign agent, it was reported today.

Dr. Sitte, who conducted various research projects at the Technion under contract with the U.S. Air Force, particularly in cosmic radiation, also has admitted passing information to a foreign power through that agent.

It was also reported that Dr. Sitte was sent to Israel specifically to conduct espionage and that for a long time he met once a month with a foreign diplomat who was reportedly sent to Israel to meet Dr. Sitte for espionage purposes. The meetings took place at a cafe in Haifa and were secretly photographed by Israel security forces.

Dr. Sitte at present holds a West German passport which he obtained two years ago. Between 1954, when he arrived in Israel, and 1958, he had no nationality status and traveled with an Israel "laissez passer," a document serving the functions of a passport. Police sources said that the investigation had been completed and data handed over to the Israel Attorney General's office for use in preparing an indictment.

The Czech-born physicist was reported today to have been under Israel Security Service surveillance since his arrival in 1954. It was disclosed that during his interrogation, he tried to deny the charges but when he was shown documents and photographs, he admitted his espionage activities. Subsequently, it was reported, he has cooperated with his interrogators.

The arrest took place, it was revealed, when police officers went to his home and asked him several questions for which he could not provide satisfactory answers. He is not being detained in an ordinary prison cell.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION URGED TO ACT ON ARAB BIAS AGAINST U.S. JEWS

CHICAGO, July 21, (JTA) -- Thirty-four national Jewish and non-Jewish bodies today presented a joint recommendation to the Platform Committee of the Republican party to pledge the implementation of the "repeatedly expressed opposition of the U.S. Congress to the imposition by foreign governments of discrimination against United States citizens on grounds of race or religion."

The views of the 34 organizations -- representing religious, labor and civic interests -- were given at today's hearings of the Platform Committee here by Paul Annes, co-chairman of the governing council of the American Jewish Congress. Similar views were presented by the same groups to the convention of the Democratic party in Los Angeles for inclusion in the Democratic Platform.

In his statement, Mr. Annes charged that "the widespread campaign by Arab League countries against Americans has been acquiesced in, if not condoned by our Government." He described the forms of discrimination as "1) Arab denial of entry or transit visas to American Jews; 2) Arab boycott of American Jewish business; 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."

Among the 34 sponsors of the plank are the American Civil Liberties Union, Catholic Interracial Council; Congregational Christian Churches; Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; National Council of Protestant Episcopal Churches; National Newspaper Publishers Association; National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc.; Transport Workers Union of America; United Automobile Workers of America; United Steelworkers of America.

The Jewish organizations include the American Jewish Committee; American Jewish Congress; Anti-Defamation League; Jewish Labor Committee; Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; and United Synagogue of America.

Senator Jacob Javits, New York Republican, suggested to the Platform Committee to include a plank on the Middle East pledging support to Israel against armed aggression, should Israel ask such aid. The Senator also suggested that a similar pledge be made to Arab countries. He urged that the plank should include efforts to encourage the Arab states and Israel to arrive at a mutually agreeable settlement of the causes of tension in the Middle East; continued efforts to assist rehabilitation and permanent resettlement of the Arab refugees; elimination of discriminatory practices against U.S. citizens on grounds of race or religion.

President George Meany, of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, told the Republican Platform Committee that a basic revision of immigration law is "long overdue" and that "eight years of the McCarran-Walter Act have established beyond question that it is inconsistent with the traditional American concepts of humanitarianism and democracy."

EL AL STRIKERS RETURN TO WORK; ISSUES TO BE SOLVED BY ARBITRATION

TEL AVIV, July 21. (JTA) -- Air crews of El Al Israel National Airlines called off their six-day strike early this morning after night-long discussions and agreed to return to work without winning their demands for more pay. The airline immediately announced a return to normal schedules on all flights.

The strikers gave up their battle after the International Pilots Union formally disapproved of the strike and the airline assembled substitute crews and additional flights with chartered planes. In announcing the end of the strike, the crew members said they were obeying appeals of the Histadrut, the Israel Labor Federation, which also had rejected their claims, and of the Government to return to work "so no harm would be done."

The strikers did win an agreement for establishment of a committee representing them, the Histadrut and the airline to seek a solution to the strike issues within a month. The committee was to be set up later today.

ISRAEL CABINET DECIDES TO RAISE COMPULSORY LOAN OF 15,000,000 POUNDS

JERUSALEM, July 21. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet, in a special session today, approved a compulsory loan for 15,000,000 pounds (about \$8,000,000) which the treasury said it needed to cover expenditures in the current budget which will be higher than the Treasury originally estimated.

The loan will be part of a 115,000,000 pound (about \$60,000,000) additional budget. The compulsory loan will be raised as advance payments on property taxes and on war damage insurance taxes.

The Cabinet decided to allow the Progressive Party, which strongly opposes the compulsory loan, to abstain from voting when the loan bill is submitted to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament. The Progressive Party is a member of the Coalition and under a coalition agreement, all partners are obligated to vote in Knesset for any motion or bill approved by a Cabinet majority unless the Cabinet gives specific permission to abstain.

THREE-YEAR PRODUCTION GOAL EXCEEDED BY ISRAEL; INVESTMENTS RISE

JERUSALEM, July 21. (JTA) -- Israel has met and in some cases exceeded in three years, production targets set in a four-year forecast of industrial development published in 1957, Michael Tsur, director general of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, reported today at a press conference.

He said the 1957 forecast for total investment in the 1956-1959 period was 435,000,000 pounds (about \$220,000,000) and actual investment in that period was 563,000,000 pounds (about \$290,000,000). Industrial output was expected, in 1959, to reach 194,000,000 pounds (about \$100,000,000) and actually totaled 259,000,000 pounds (about \$130,000,000) he reported.

As an example of an unexpected success, Mr. Tsur disclosed officially that in 1953, the Israel Government approved the establishment of two tire factories by what he called "an administrative misunderstanding." The intention had been to approve building of one tire factory in the belief that one plant could easily supply more than the estimated 3,000 tons of tires Israel then needed annually.

The two plants, he said, were currently manufacturing four times the estimated original annual need and that the companies are successfully marketing abroad the surplus over domestic needs. He added that the two companies will soon boost output by 50 percent, which in turn will make possible the establishment of various auxiliary industries.

He reported also that the textile industry, in which overproduction also was feared, was planning a 60 percent production increase in the coming year. He said it was found that at reduced prices considerable overseas markets were available for textile products but that a considerable expansion of capacity was needed to make price cuts possible.

ISRAEL MARRIAGE LAW AMENDED; COURTS CAN PERMIT YOUNGER MARRIAGES

JERUSALEM, July 21. (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, approved today an amendment to Israel's marriage law which gives the courts discretion in permitting marriages of girls between 16 and 17.

The minimum age for marriage remains 17. Until adoption of the amendment, the courts could permit marriage of a girl under 17 only to a man who had made her pregnant or by whom she bore a child. This condition is now abolished.

PRESIDENT, MRS. BEN-ZVI RETURN FROM MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

HAIFA, July 21. (JTA) -- President and Mrs. Izhak Ben-Zvi returned here today from a nine-day Mediterranean cruise aboard the Zim liner, S.S. Jerusalem. On hand to greet them at Haifa port were Knesset Speaker Kaddish Luz, Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Bodrov and other members of the diplomatic corps.

POLAND REPORTED PURGING JEWISH GENERALS ON ORDERS FROM MOSCOW

TEL AVIV, July 21. (JTA) -- Reliable sources reported today that a purge of two high-ranking Polish Jewish military officers had created anxiety among Polish Jews that Poland might follow the Soviet anti-Jewish policy, according to Maariv, Israel's largest daily newspaper.

The two Jewish generals were relieved of their posts at the orders of Moscow the report said. They were Gen. Komar, head of the Polish Security Services and Gen. Julius Hibner, the Deputy Interior Minister. Gen. Komar was reported to have been instrumental in helping Gomulka to become first secretary of the Polish Communist party and in helping to decrease the influence of Stalinist elements in the party.

ALL NAZI WAR CRIMINALS IN ARGENTINA RULED IMMUNE BY FEDERAL JUDGE

MONTEVIDEO, July 21. (JTA) -- A federal judge in Buenos Aires ruled that Argentina's statute of limitations guarantees immunity from prosecution after 15 years and thus bars trial for Nazi war criminals who have taken refuge in Argentina.

Federal Judge Leopoldo Isaurralde made the ruling when an extradition request by Czechoslovakia for Jan Durcansky, wanted for participation in mass murders during World War II, reached his court.

Citing the 15-year limitation, Judge Isaurralde noted that "everybody knows that World War II ended May 9, 1945." He added that since it was "obvious" that Durcansky "could not be judged under Argentine law because he has acquired immunity through the passage of time, this country cannot allow him to stand trial in another nation."

It was noted that under this ruling, Adolf Eichmann, seized in Buenos Aires and now awaiting trial in Israel for his role as the person who planned and directed the extermination of 6,000,000 European Jews, could not be prosecuted in Argentina if he were returned as Argentina has demanded.

Judge Isaurralde became involved in the Eichmann case when he accepted for trial a suit by Eichmann's wife in which she demanded punishment of the Israelis who seized her husband, as well as damages from them.

NEW OUTBREAK OF ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITY IN BRAZIL; POLICE INVESTIGATE

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 21. (JTA) -- A new outbreak of Anti-Semitic activity was reported here today from different parts of Brazil. A large swastika with the word "Death" was found painted on a wall of the synagogue in the swank Copacabana district of Rio de Janeiro. In Porto Alegre, the third largest city in the country, several Jewish homes and other buildings were smeared with swastikas and the slogan "Long Live Eichmann" as well as other anti-Jewish and anti-Israel inscriptions.

The editorial offices of various local newspapers today received copies of an anti-Semitic pamphlet distributed by "The Central Secretariat of Aryan Cavaliers in Brazil -- K. K. K." The pamphlets declared that Adolf Eichmann was not a war criminal and that "The Jews captured him only because he was familiar with the activities of Argentine Jewry." The pamphlet concluded with the words: "Help save the human race by killing a Jew."

Similar pamphlets were distributed several months ago in Buenos Aires, apparently published by the same group. Police authorities here are investigating the distribution of the hate literature in this country.

U. N. BODY TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON ANTI-SEMITISM TILL END OF YEAR

GENEVA, July 21. (JTA) -- The Commission on Human Rights of the United Nations Economic and Social Council has decided to receive communications from United Nations member countries on the issue of anti-Semitism until the end of 1960, it was disclosed here today at a meeting of UNESCO.

The action was taken at the request of Dr. Maurice Perlsweig, of the World Jewish Congress, attending the meeting of the Commission. Previously all communications had been deferred. Dr. Perlsweig pointed out that the problem was a current one and asked for the commission action for that reason.

The UNESCO meeting decided to transmit to the UN General Assembly a report of the commission dealing with the problem of racial and religious discrimination, including anti-Semitism, throughout the world.

The request for communications on anti-Semitic developments resulted from a resolution approved last January by a 14-nation Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities which established the principle that anti-Semitic manifestations were a violation of the UN charter.

During the debate here, the Polish delegate presented a picture of anti-Semitism throughout the world and contended that this "anti-social phenomenon" had disappeared in Poland.