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NASSER FAILS TO INDUCE OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES TO ACT AGAINST IRAN

LONDON, July 31. (JTA) -- Efforts on the part of President Nasser of the United Arab Republic to induce governments of other Arab states to break off relations with Iran, in retaliation for the recent statement by the Shah that he would continue his de facto recognition of Israel, have so far brought no results. Reports received here today from various Arab countries indicate that their governments are hesitating to take any action against Iran.

Determined not to be isolated in his extreme action against Iran, Nasser summoned yesterday his ambassadors from all the Arab countries to Cairo to discuss the problem with them. At the same time Nasser's Foreign Ministry ordered the Iranian Ambassador to hasten his departure from Cairo.

It is now obvious that Nasser is afraid that Iran's courageous example may be emulated by other Moslem countries which are abstaining from giving recognition to Israel. Nasser's Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi indicated yesterday publicly in Cairo that the United Arab Republic is planning a boycott against Iran similar to that of Israel. However it is questionable whether other Arab countries would follow Nasser's lead in this respect. The question may come up before the Arab League Council, but the Council does not meet before August 22nd.

Iranian Envoy in Washington Calls Nasser's Action 'Shameless'

WASHINGTON, July 31. (JTA) -- The Iranian Embassy here called an unusual press conference yesterday to denounce President Nasser of the United Arab Republic for his "shameless and irresponsible behavior" in attacking the Shah of Iran for his recent statement in Teheran that he intends to continue his de facto recognition of Israel.

Dr. Khosro Khosrovani, the Iranian charge d'affaires, told the press conference that Iran had decided not to reestablish diplomatic relations with the UAR "as long as its ruler cannot even behave in accordance with the most elementary code of international behavior." Nasser had reacted to a statement by the Shah of Iran July 21 reaffirming Iran's de facto recognition of Israel by calling the Shah "a stooge of imperialism and Zionism." Iran ordered the UAR Ambassador in Teheran to leave Iran in 48 hours.

The Iranian diplomat repeated that the Shah's statement was "nothing new" and that Nasser's attacks on Iran were a pretext to end the "bridge between Iran and other friendly nations and to divert the attention of his people from his own troubles at home."

Dr. Khosrovani said that the UAR announcement of an economic boycott against Iran was a "farce." He explained that economic relations between the two countries were almost non-existent. He said that Iran did not contemplate any move on the international scene in connection with the UAR dispute at the present time. He asserted that if world opinion was correctly informed on the "much-ado-about-nothing attitude of Nasser, he will realize how foolish he is."

(Leading American newspapers, including the New York Times, the New York Herald-Tribune and the New York Post came out with editorials severely criticising Nasser for his outbursts against the Shah of Iran. They attributed his action to his fear lest the Arab states begin to realize that Israel's existence must be accepted. They castigated him for his attempt to dictate to another nation and his assumption that he is the spokesman for the entire Moslem world.)

ABBA EBAN NAMED ISRAEL'S MINISTER OF EDUCATION AT CABINET MEETING

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- The Cabinet today named Abba S. Eban as Minister of Education. Mr. Eban, who has been a Minister Without Portfolio since the formation of the current Cabinet, had served as Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations and to Washington before his election to the Knesset last November.

The Cabinet deferred action today on a proposal to postpone elections for the Chief Rabbinate pending a ruling of the Supreme Court on whether a new nominations board should be appointed.

BEN-GURION URGES AMERICAN LABOR ZIONISTS TO MAINTAIN THEIR PARTY

TEL AVIV, July 31. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion retreated slightly, at a meeting with a group of American Labor Zionist leaders, from his frequently stated contention that there were no longer any distinction between Zionists and non-Zionists.

One of his guests asked him whether, in view of his stand on the issue, it would not be advisable to give up the Labor Zionist movement and for the visitors to stop being Labor Zionists. The Prime Minister responded: "No! Just do more." He appeared delighted that so many young persons were at the helm of the U.S. Labor Zionist movement. The informal session took place at Mr. Ben-Gurion's office at the Defense Ministry.

Previously, the group met with Former Prime Minister Moshe Sharett to discuss Americans in Israel. Mr. Sharett told the visitors that he had initiated the introduction of legislation to amend Israel civil service regulations to end a requirement of loyalty oaths for Government positions, which would be retained only for certain vital posts.

Since Israel was "a special kind of country with special kinds of problems, there is no need to enforce such rules that could only harm," Mr. Sharett said. "Why place needless obstacles in the path of integration?" He added that many such problems would find their solution eventually.

This was understood to be a reference to a rule which requires civil servants to sign a loyalty oath. Such an act is contrary to the United States Constitution and many Americans are, therefore, barred from taking Government positions, except on special contracts. Murray Weingarten of Kibbutz Gesher Haziv, a former American, told the session that American settlers have founded 25 settlements in Israel.

AGUDAH TO FORM ITS OWN LABOR GROUP; BREAKS WITH POALEI AGUDAH

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- The Agudat Israel party has decided to form its own labor organization following the break in relations between the Agudah and the Poalei Agudat Israel workers party, when the latter joined the Government coalition, it was reported here today.

At the same time, a staunch supporter of Agudah, the Rebbe of Gur, has ordered all his followers to turn in their Poalei Agudah membership cards and to cease reading "Shearim," the morning paper published by the Agudah Workers party.

The Moetzet Gdolei Hatorah, the Council of Sages, denounced the Poalei Agudat Israel faction for joining the Government. Poalei Agudah's three Knesset members joined the coalition in which party leader Binyamin Mintz became Minister for Posts.

The Council declared that by joining the coalition, the Poalei Agudat Israel excluded itself from the ranks of the Orthodox, thus forfeiting the right to bear the name of Agudah. The Council expressed regret and "deep hurt" that Agudah workers had joined the Government, and said this move was the last in a series of acts against the spirit of the Council. The Council called on all members of both ultra-orthodox bodies to rally around the parent Agudat Israel party.

ISRAEL LABOR MINISTER REPORTS TO KNESSET ON IMMIGRANT HOUSING

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- Construction of rental units is desirable and possibly even essential but it cannot solve the housing problems of immigrants to Israel, Giora Josephthal, Israel's Labor Minister told the Israel Parliament.

Replying to questions concerning provision of housing for newcomers, he said that in private housing, a rental return amounting to 12 percent of the builder's investment was considered satisfactory.

He pointed out that on this basis, a builder who invested 8,000 pounds per apartment, which would build only a small two-room unit of about 150 square feet in austerity construction, would expect a rental return of 80 pounds a month which was too high for new immigrants.

COURT TO START HEARING ON ESPIONAGE CHARGES AGAINST MAPAM LEADER

TEL AVIV, July 31. (JTA) -- The trial of Aharon Cohen, veteran kibbutz member and Mapam leader, was ordered transferred today to the Haifa District Court for a hearing on espionage charges.

Cohen was arrested in October, 1958 on charges of maintaining contact with an agent of a foreign power and with passing to the agent secret information. His arrest followed months of surveillance by Israel security agents who reported watching Cohen's alleged meetings with the agent who came in a diplomatic car to Kibbutz Shaar Haamakim of which Cohen was a founder.

REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT WANTS SUEZ BLOCKADE LIFTED

CHICAGO, Ill., July 31. (JTA) -- Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican nominee for the vice-presidency and U.S. Delegate to the United Nations, said yesterday that he favored lifting all restrictions on the use of the Suez Canal. He told a press conference here at the close of the Republican National Convention that he had tried to obtain compliance with the United Nations stand on Suez transit and announced that he would keep trying.

Mr. Lodge made his remarks in response to a question by an Arab newspaperman about compliance by Israel with U.N. resolutions. Since the question was vaguely and confusingly worded, Mr. Lodge assumed it pertained to the U.N. position on Suez transit. Mr. Lodge then responded that he favored the lifting of all restrictions on the use of the Suez Canal.

ARGENTINE-ISRAELI RIFT OVER EICHMANN SEEN NEARING SETTLEMENT

BUENOS AIRES, July 31. (JTA) -- Prospects for a solution of the deadlock between Argentina and Israel over the abduction of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann were termed here today as being "quite favorable" following a meeting this week-end between Argentine President Arturo Frondizi and Dr. Shabtai Rosenne, legal advisor to the Israel Foreign Ministry. Earlier, Dr. Rosenne conferred with Dr. Diogenes Taboada, Argentine Foreign Minister.

Dr. Rosenne arrived in Buenos Aires a few hours before Israel Ambassador Arich Levavi, who was declared persona non grata by the Frondizi Government, left for Israel. Argentina had rejected repeated apologies from Israel and had again demanded the return of Eichmann and punishment of his abductors.

A brief communique issued after Dr. Rosenne's talk with the Argentine Foreign Minister said that the two diplomats had discussed the Eichmann case and that Dr. Rosenne had expressed the hope that "existing frictions" would be removed to permit "normal cordial relations" to be resumed.

ROCKWELLITES ARRESTED IN WASHINGTON; DEFACED B'NAI B'RITH BUILDING

WASHINGTON, July 31. (JTA) -- Police today announced the arrest of two of George Rockwell's neo-Nazi "stormtroopers" on charges of defacing the National headquarters building of B'nai B'rith. The two Nazis arrested, Daniel Burros, 23 and John Patler, 22 were living in the "barracks" maintained by Rockwell in Arlington, Virginia and are members of Rockwell's bodyguard.

They were arrested in front of the White House when they appeared with other Nazis to picket in protest against the confinement of Rockwell in a mental hospital by order of the District of Columbia court. Police said bond would be set at \$500 each for the two neo-Nazis.

Joseph G. Weeda, Commander of the District of Columbia Department of the American Legion said today that he had asked the executive committee of the American Legion to seek a Congressional investigation of Rockwell's "American Nazi Party." The matter is being taken up in Legion circles as a result of Commander Weeda's action.

Municipal Court Judge George B. Neilson yesterday rejected a defense motion to reconsider his commitment of Rockwell to the District of Columbia General Hospital for psychiatric observation. Rockwell was committed July 27 for about a month.

James K. Hughes, Rockwell's attorney, offered to introduce yesterday new evidence that the neo-Nazi had been committed without justification. Mr. Hughes said two psychiatrists at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, David Owens and Maurice Platnik, had volunteered to examine Rockwell and had spent almost four hours with him on Thursday. Dr. Owens came to the courtroom with Mr. Hughes to testify.

Clark King, assistant corporation counsel, opposed the motion. He said that the hearing was not a session to determine whether Rockwell was sane. He said this would be determined by the results of the psychiatric testing Rockwell was now receiving in the hospital. Mr. King argued that the only question at issue was a prima facie showing of probability of Rockwell's incompetency to stand trial and that this showing had been made in the hearing last Wednesday.

In turning down the defense motion, Judge Neilson said that "we sat here for five hours and listened to competent testimony which made out a prima facie case." The judge also declared that Rockwell, by continuing his public exhibitions in the nation's capital after having been before Neilson previously, had "raised the question of his competency. Are we going to let him continue these exhibitions?"

The judge's reference was to a series of weekly rallies on each Sunday at which Rockwell and his "storm troopers" taunted Jews and other anti-Nazis. Recent clashes at the rallies led to arrests twice of Rockwell and some of his "troopers" on disorderly conduct charges.

INVESTMENTS IN ISRAEL INCREASE THROUGH REDEMPTION OF ISRAELI BONDS

JERUSALEM, July 31. (JTA) -- The conversion of Israel bonds into local currency has increased considerably this year, mainly because of the large influx of tourists and the increased volume of private investment, it was reported here today. A total of \$13,600,000 in Israel bonds has been redeemed for Israel currency during the first half of this year as compared with a total of \$9,200,000 during the same period last year.

Israel bonds purchased abroad may be exchanged for Israel currency by tourists to cover their expenses in Israel, by charitable institutions receiving bonds as contributions and by any person investing the proceeds in Israel pounds in local enterprises.

Of the total converted during the first six months of 1960, \$6,700,000 were redeemed for investment purposes, while \$2,500,000 were exchanged by tourists. A total of \$8,800,000 worth of Israel bonds was converted during the entire year last year for investment purposes, while \$2,500,000 were exchanged by tourists in 1959.

U. S. ENGINEERING FIRM COMPLETES PLAN FOR ASHDOD PORT DEVELOPMENT

NEW YORK, July 31. (JTA) -- Details and the schedule of the Ashdod Port Development in Israel were announced here this week-end by Frederic R. Harris, Inc., the consulting engineering firm commissioned by the Israel Government to design the facilities for the City of Ashdod, at a reception given in the Plaza Hotel on the occasion of the completion of the Master Plan for the port development.

Philip M. Klutznick, American Jewish leader, and Oved Ben Ami, Mayor of Natanya, who are participating with financial investments in the development of Ashdod, attended the reception. Edward J. Quirin, president of the consulting engineering firm, expressed his "deep appreciation for the bountiful cooperation and assistance received on all levels of the Israeli Government, as well as from interested private citizens in both Israel and America." He particularly thanked Levi Eshkol, Israel's Minister of Finance, Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Minister of Transport, and the latter's predecessor Moshe Carmel.

The Master Plan for the port development, prepared by Frederic R. Harris, Inc., is based on cargo forecasts and on various economic and beach data. It calls for an off-shore development of protected water-shed by the means of breakwaters. The plan is divided into two main phases of development: a first complete phase for 16 berths; an ultimate phase for 30 berths. Construction will be scheduled according to the country's port-capacity demand.

The first immediate construction stage is being called "Citrus Phase," since its main aim is to enable the export of about 350,000 tons of citrus fruit. An extensive reduced-scale model testing program is being carried out by the Ministry in two hydraulic laboratories in France, and the results of all tests will be incorporated in the detailed design of the port structures. It is anticipated that the citrus wharves will be ready for partial use by October, 1963, and all construction included in the "Citrus Phase" development will be completed by October, 1964.

\$10,000,000 TEXTILE PLANT OPENED IN NAZARETH; WILL WORK FOR EXPORT

TEL AVIV, July 31. (JTA) -- An 18,000,000 Israeli pound (approximately \$9,900,000) textile plant, the second largest in Israel, opened today in the Jewish section of Nazareth.

The huge plant with 20,000 spindles and hundreds of spools will provide employment for 400 workers and within a year their number is expected to reach 700. Many products are destined for export. The plant was established through the cooperation of overseas Jewish investors.

SAMUEL TELSEY, FORMER PRESIDENT OF HIAS, DEAD; FUNERAL TODAY

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., July 31. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Samuel A. Telsey, 79, past president of the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) and a prominent New York City attorney. Mr. Telsey died Friday in Port Chester, N. Y.

Mr. Telsey, a senior member of the law firm of Telsey and Lowenthal was a leader of HIAS for almost 30 years, serving as president from 1947 to 1953. At the time of his death, he was a member of the board of directors of the United HIAS Service, one of whose predecessor agencies was HIAS.

In the summer of 1933, Mr. Telsey went to Europe and helped organize the HIAS European headquarters in Paris to aid the needs of refugees who were migrating as a result of Hitler's rise to power.