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U. S. OFFICIAL LINKS ARAB BOYCOTT OF AMERICANS WITH ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A Department of Commerce official indicated here today that American citizens cannot expect easing of Arab boycott practices and discriminations until progress is made toward a "general solution of the Arab-Israel problem."

The official, Bernard Blankenheimer, acting director of the Africa-Near East Division in the Department of Commerce, made it clear, however, that the Arab actions against Americans constitute "a matter of continuing and deep concern to our Government."

Mr. Blankenheimer's statement was made in response to a protest against Arab boycott and blockade tactics affecting American citizens, made by Joseph J. Barr, national executive director of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. After receiving Mr. Blankenheimer's reply, the executive of the veterans' group again called for "positive steps" on the issue by the United States Government.

In his letter to Mr. Barr, replying to the latter's original protest, Mr. Blankenheimer declared: "The boycott and other facets of the Arab-Israel problem, including the unfortunate circumstance by which nearly one million Arab refugees remain without permanent homes, can most effectively be treated by concerted international action." He saw "progress toward a general solution of the Arab-Israel problem" as offering "the most effective prospects of abating all such discriminatory restrictions and related problems." He said the United States Government would support "all concerted efforts toward this end."

The official said that American companies may be assured that discrimination against them by Arab Governments "is a matter of continuing and deep concern to our Government. Their cases will be cited as we continue to register our Government's disapproval of Arab boycott activities. Meanwhile, we shall continue to do what we can to facilitate progress toward a solution of the root problem from which these regrettable boycott and blacklisting practices stem."

Commenting on the Government's letter, Mr. Barr replied that "in our judgment, such action is not enough." He wrote Mr. Blankenheimer that "we recall a time when this attitude, which we consider placid, was not the keynote of those activities which our Government mobilized to overcome such discrimination."

"One of the finest moments in our history," Mr. Barr continued, "came with the denunciation of the treaty of commerce and friendship with (Czarist) Russia because the Russian Government had exercised discrimination against Americans on account of their religious adherence... merely reiterating disapproval is not enough. Positive steps must be taken to make the disapproval by our Government and our people an effective action which will bring about an end to such practices and threats."

SKORZENY THREATENS SUIT OVER TV SHOW BRANDING HIM A WAR CRIMINAL

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Representatives of one of the largest advertising agencies in the United States, and a major industrial firm here, face today the threat of a lawsuit by Otto Skorzeny, former officer of the Nazi SS Elite Guard, Skorzeny objected to a reference to him in a recent documentary television program on Adolf Eichmann, Hitler's specialist in mass extermination.

Skorzeny's name was used during the October 12 show on Eichmann, on a TV program sponsored by the Armstrong Cork Company. Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborne is the company's advertising agency.

Skorzeny, now living in Spain, was described on the program as being wanted by the Israel Government for war crimes. He promptly informed the company that he would sue if a retraction were not made. He said in his complaint that he was acquitted in September 1947, by a United States military court in Dachau where he had been tried on charges of having violated the rules of war.

The sponsor and the agency are understood to be weighing the evidence, as well as the question of whether Skorzeny would be successful in a lawsuit. Another problem is understood to be concern as to the reaction of the American public if an apology were tendered on a national television program to a former high officer in Hitler's Elite Guard.

\$56 MILLION PROJECT TO EXPAND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES IN ISRAEL'S NEGEV

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27. (JTA) - New chemical industries which will involve investments of 25,000,000 pounds (\$14,000,000) annually for the next four years have been started in the Negev, with the aid of overseas investors, it was announced today.

Mordechai Makleff, former Army Chief of Staff, who is general manager of the Dead Sea Works, made the report at a press conference. He also revealed that, by 1966, the value of export production of the 100,000,000-pound (\$56,000,000) project was expected to reach 25,000,000 pounds (\$14,000,000) annually. Sir Ben Lockspeiser and Dr. George Wise, members of the United Nations Technological Advisory Board, attended the press conference.

The largest part of the investment funds will be used to expand output of potash from the Dead Sea, from which markets in five continents are currently being supplied. The estimated reserves of potash in the Dead Sea were given as 2,000,000,000 tons. The Dead Sea is also the richest source of bromine in the world.

Sir Ben said the importance of bromine to industry was increasing so rapidly that Israel's exports will not be able to meet the demand. He added that 40 percent of the projected investment funds would come from overseas investors.

MOTHER BEGS FOR REUNION WITH 12-YEAR-OLD DESIGNATE TO RABBINATE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A district court judge today opened a hearing into the request of the mother of the future Rabbi of Belz that she be given custody of the 12-year-old boy. He is being hidden by his present custodians in training for the leadership of the Chassidic sect.

Mrs. Motel Rokah, widow of the late brother of Rabbi Aharon Rokah, the Rabbi of Belz, told District Judge Benjamin Cohen that the two custodians of her son, Isaacar Ber Rohah, had taken the boy to a place to which she had no access, and that she was not permitted to see him. She asked the court to appoint her as custodian so she could educate him and have him with her.

The custodians claim that, while the mother is a religiously-observant woman, she could not give the boy the education he needed to be entrusted with the leadership of the large Belz community. They also reported they had no other candidate for the post, which has been vacant since Rabbi Rokah died three years ago.

The boy is held under strict observation of his teachers and is being prepared for the post when he becomes Bar Mitzvah, next year. The boy's mother said that while it might be true that the Belzer Hassidim could not live without a rabbi, she could not live without her child.

TWO BRAZILIAN JEWS ELECTED TO LEGISLATURE, NAZI PARTY DEFEATED

RIO De Janeiro, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Gerson Berger, president of the Zionist Organization of Rio de Janeiro, and another Jew, Francisco Silbert, have been elected to the legislature of the State of Guanabara, according to final balloting tabulations completed here today. Rio de Janeiro is in Guanabara.

The complete national election results show that the pro-Nazi Integralista Party polled only 26,000 votes in the entire country, and failed to elect any candidates to the national legislature.

The Federation of Brazilian Jewish Communities today formally congratulated the newly chosen President, Janio Quadros, upon his election. Senor Quadros was accused by Communists, during the bitter election campaign, of being anti Semitic. He rejected the accusations, backing it up with announcements that he would continue Brazil's traditional friendly policy toward Israel. The outgoing President, Juscelino Kubitschek, has announced that he plans to visit Israel soon after he leaves office.

NEW ORTHODOX SUBURB RISING IN JERUSALEM; BACKED BY N. Y. YESHIVA HEAD

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A new suburb for Orthodox Jews, Kiryat Matersdorf, is being established on the west side of Jerusalem by Rabbi Shmuel Arnfeld and followers from New York, the Jewish Agency reported today. Rabbi Arnfeld was formerly the head of the Matersdorf Yeshiva in Austria, and now is head of the Hatan Sofer Yeshiva of New York.

The new suburb will have 400 housing units, 250 of which are scheduled to be finished by next fall. The suburb also will have a yeshiva, which will provide study and housing facilities for hundreds of students.

ARAB SHEIKH, SPEAKING HEBREW, LAUDS ISRAEL'S POLICY ON MINORITIES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- An Arab sheikh addressed Israel's Parliament today in Hebrew, reporting about "the progress Israel has made in the last 12 years in the treatment of minority people in our land." The sheikh is Labib Abu Rukum, of the village of Isafya, a member of Parliament. The address was his maiden, public speech in Hebrew.

AUSTRIA TO PAY FOR WRECKED SYNAGOGUES, HESITATES ON AIDING NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The Austrian Parliament last night approved unanimously a bill providing for 30,000,000 schillings (\$1,200,000) compensation to the Jewish community for the destruction of synagogues and cemeteries by the Nazis in 1938. In addition, the bill provided for annual Government payments to the Jewish community of 1,800,000 schillings (about \$70,000) for operation of community facilities.

During the debate, one deputy told Parliament that Austria had a moral obligation to pay restitution to Jews as victims of nazism. He declared that not only the Germans who were here during the Nazi regime, but the Austrians as well, "are responsible for the anti-Jewish atrocities."

A bill providing for compensation to Jewish victims of nazism in Austria is pending in Parliament, but is making slow progress. It is still not certain whether the Austrian Government will assume a major share of the cost of such a compensation program, or will expect West Germany to shoulder most of the costs.

It is also uncertain whether the Government plans to extend such payments, when and if they are made, to former Austrian Jews living abroad, or to confine the payments only to those Austrian Jewish victims of nazism living in this country now. There are about 3,000 of these victims in Austria, and about 30,000 abroad.

British Deputies Told 'Pressures' Are Being Exerted on Vienna Government

LONDON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- "Strong pressures" have been put on the Austrian Government to improve the provisions of a measure to be introduced in the Vienna Parliament, dealing with compensation to Austrian victims of Nazi persecutions, Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, declared here today.

Mr. Janner made that statement at today's meeting of the Board, referring especially to the hope that the Austrian compensation move may be extended to Austrian Jews living outside Austria. "We should not be too optimistic," Mr. Janner stated, "but there is hope that certain improvements to the proposed legislation may emerge, and that the West German Government may supplement the compensation to be paid by Austria."

GERMAN TV NETWORK DRAWS HUGE AUDIENCES FOR ANTI-HITLER PROGRAM

BONN, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The second installment of a 14-part documentary series on the Third Reich will be shown on the German Television Network tomorrow. The series opened last week with a report on Hitler's rise to power. The network estimated that more than 8,000,000 persons viewed the show, the largest number ever to have seen a program dealing with this subject.

The series will end with a program on Germany's defeat and a statistical "balance sheet of persons killed in World War II." One of the programs will deal entirely with the "Final Solution of the Jewish Question." More than 2,040 photographs, 2,000 documents, 112 posters and 119 caricatures were sifted for use on the series.

It was announced today that a movie on Adolf Hitler's life is being filmed under the direction of Paul Rotha, a British documentary film producer. The film will be distributed to European and overseas cinemas next year. It is being dubbed in English and German. The script was written by Jewish novelist Robert Neumann and Helga Koppel.

BONN PROBES GERMAN EXPORTERS TRADING WITH ARABS, AIDING NEO-NAZIS

BONN, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The West German secret service is investigating activities of West German export merchants who are engaging in trade with Middle East countries, according to well-informed sources here. It is reported here that representatives of the Allied secret services requested the inquiry.

Former high-ranking functionaries of the Nazi party and the SS are reportedly engaging in arms and munitions trade with Arab countries, and it is believed that they are using their profits to support neo-Nazi groups in the Federal Republic as well as Nazis hiding in Arab countries and elsewhere abroad. The West German secret service has for some time been investigating the financial sources of neo-Nazi groups in West Germany.

DANISH NAZI LEADER SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR ATTACKS ON MINORITIES

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Sven Salicath, Danish Nazi party leader, was sentenced to a week in jail yesterday for offenses against Danish laws protecting racial minorities.

Salicath's journal frequently publishes anti-Jewish comments and has lauded Hitler's "inspired and heroic leadership of the great Germanic struggle for Europe's liberation from the Jews."

The Nazi refused, at this trial, to give an estimate of the membership of his party, which he previously had estimated at about 1,800 persons.

U. J. A. MISSION VISITS MALBEN, ORT SITES IN ISRAEL; HEARS MOSHE DAYAN

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The members of the 120-man United Jewish Appeal mission from the United States today continued their inspection tour of institutions in this country supported by the Joint Distribution Committee through Malben, the social welfare network maintained here by the JDC for aged, sick and handicapped immigrants. The mission also visited ORT installations in Israel.

Tonight, the members of the mission met again with leaders of the Israel Government, to be apprised of current problems of immigrant absorption and Israeli expansion of its industry and agriculture. The principal speaker at tonight's session was Minister of Agriculture Moshe Dayan.

PIONEER WOMEN CELEBRATE 35TH ANNIVERSARY AT GALA EVENT IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Five hundred Americans, members of Pioneer Women, participated in a gala event here tonight when they celebrated the 35th anniversary of the establishment of their organization, and were greeted by Mrs. Itzhak Ben-Zvi, wife of Israel's President; Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion; other high officials of the Government and of the Jewish Agency; and Mrs. Ogden Reid, wife of the United States Ambassador here.

It was a tri-lingual gathering, at which Mr. Ben-Gurion addressed the American women in Yiddish; Mrs. Reid spoke in fluent Hebrew; and members of the American group responded in English. Mrs. Clara Leff, president of Pioneer Women, is heading the visit of her organization's members here.

COURT DISMISSES NEO-NAZISM CONSPIRACY CHARGES AGAINST TWO YOUTHS

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Special Sessions Court in suburban Queens County has dismissed charges against two youths of attempting to organize a neo Nazi movement.

John Wallace, 20, Hugh Barlow 20 and Richard E. Phelps, 17, were arrested last January 14, when hate scribbles, swastika armbands and similar materials were found in Wallace's home in Flushing. The three were charged with treason and conspiracy but the treason charges were dismissed a day after they were filed. Phelps was convicted on the conspiracy charge on August 17 and sentenced to three years on probation. Now the conspiracy charge was dismissed against Wallace and Barlow.

BRITISH PRO-NAZI JAILED FOR FOUR MONTHS AFTER BEATING OBJECTOR

LONDON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A Manchester magistrate imposed a four-month jail sentence today on a Salford painter who beat up a fellow passenger in a bus, when the latter objected to his expression of Nazi sentiments.

According to evidence heard in the court, Eric Hollingsworth, 30, disturbed his fellow-passengers on a bus by shouting his agreement with the "principles" of Adolf Eichmann, Nazi extermination chief now awaiting trial in Israel. When one passenger protested, Hollingsworth attacked him.

ROCKWELL, STORM-TROOPERS SCHEDULED FOR WASHINGTON TRIAL NEXT WEEK

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A case against George Lincoln Rockwell and six of his Nazi "Storm-troopers," arising from a recent "Nazis for Nixon" demonstration in front of the Kennedy-for-President headquarters here, has been continued for trial in Municipal Court next Tuesday.

District of Columbia authorities are charging Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party, and his henchmen with disorderly conduct as a result of the picketing. Placards were carried attacking "Kikes For Kennedy." Rockwell filed a motion for a bill of particulars.

BELA SCHICK RECEIVES FIRST 'MAIMONIDES AWARD' AT LOS ANGELES MEETING

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Bela Schick, of New York, world-noted pediatrician, and discoverer of the test named after him for determining susceptibility to diphtheria, received the first Maimonides Humanitarian Award of the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles, at the organization's annual fall meeting here last night.

The award was established to give "deserving recognition for outstanding achievement in every field of human endeavor." Dr. Schick was chosen for the initial award, being cited "as a living testimonial to the purposes and ideals which Maimonides so impressively advanced."

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS DISSEMINATED BY U. N.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The full proceedings of the two-week Conference held recently at Rehovoth, under the auspices of the Weizmann Institute of Science, dealing with "The Role of Science in the Development of New States," were circulated to all delegations here today by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, as an official UN document.