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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES MILITARY SPY CASE; QUESTIONS SECURITY CHIEF

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JTA) -- The Chief of Israel's security services came in for some sharp questioning by the entire Cabinet today, as the Cabinet, at its weekly meeting, examined the implications of the arrest of Dr. Israel Beer, Israeli military analyst, who is charged with having been a spy for an unnamed Communist country.

The country's security chief told the Cabinet about his personnel policies, the manner in which all persons handling classified materials are screened, and how his service guards secret materials.

Members of the Cabinet questioned the security chief on many details of his report. Some members of the Cabinet wanted to know how it was possible for Dr. Beer to have obtained information that they themselves did not know. Today's Cabinet discussion of security matters, arising from the Beer affair, will be continued by the Cabinet next week. At that time, the Cabinet will decide whether a special inquiry commission on security is necessary.

EICHMANN TRIAL RESUMES TODAY; PSYCHIATRIST SAYS HE IS COMPLETELY NORMAL

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JTA) -- An Israeli psychiatrist, who had 30 sessions with Adolf Eichmann during his pre-trial detention, was disclosed today to have reported that the defendant was a completely normal person. The psychiatrist examined Eichmann in an effort to detect the sources of his behavior in the crimes for which he is under trial here. He was quoted as saying: "By purely psychiatric tests, Eichmann seems more normal than I am by now."

The trial of Eichmann, accused of directing the annihilation of 6,000,000 Jews in Nazi Europe, will resume tomorrow with Dr. Salo W. Baron, professor of Jewish History at Columbia University, on the witness stand. He will testify for the prosecution as an expert on comparisons between the Jewish communities in Europe in pre-Nazi and post-Nazi days, making the impact of the holocaust on the entire Jewish people.

Prior to calling Dr. Baron to the stand, the prosecution will complete the playback of the lengthy statement made by Eichmann during the police interrogation in the Israeli jail where he was held before the trial opened. In the playback, this weekend, Eichmann claimed that Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler wanted to meet the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann to discuss with him the notorious "trucks for blood" proposal. However, Dr. Weizmann rejected the offer.

Dr. Weizmann's rejection came, according to Eichmann, through the late Dr. Israel Kastner, a leader of Hungarian Jewry who was assassinated in Israel three years ago. It was Dr. Kastner whom the Nazis used to present their ransom offer to Zionist leaders in Palestine.

There was a strong dramatic moment in the court this weekend when Eichmann said that he would have killed his own father, if requested to do so while serving the Hitler regime. "If somebody had told me 'your father is a traitor' and ordered me to kill him, I would have done it," Eichmann said during the police interrogation. Asked whether he would not have requested proof before carrying out the order, Eichmann replied, as recorded on the tape: "Such considerations did not exist at the time."

Atonement Prayer for Mass-Murder of Jews Read in Berlin Churches

BERLIN, April 23. (JTA) -- All Protestant churches in the Berlin-Brandenburg area presented their congregants today with a text indicting all adult Germans as possible accomplices to the Nazi mass-murder of Jews.

The Protestant Church officials for the area, which includes a section of East Germany, ordered the reading of the text which begins: "All Germans who were old enough to recognize the National Socialist atrocities and the extermination of the Jewish people--even if--they themselves helped their Jewish fellow-citizens--must admit that they too made themselves accomplices because of their lack of watchful and self-sacrificing love."

The text ends with this sentence: "With God's mercy we must confess to having lived for a long time in grave aberration. From now on, we turn to our Jewish fellow-citizens with feelings and deeds such that they may confide in us again."

ARABS LOSE IN U. N. ASSEMBLY THEIR FIGHT FOR 'CUSTODIANSHIP' IN ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 23. (JTA) -- The Arab bloc's only drive to put through an anti-Israel resolution at this year's General Assembly failed this weekend. Two clauses of a resolution aimed at establishment of United Nations custodianship over property allegedly left in Israel by the Arab refugees were defeated in the Assembly's closing day, failing to get the needed two-thirds majority.

One of the clauses was voted down by 44 votes in favor, 38 against with 12 abstentions; the second clause was defeated by a vote of 44 in favor, 35 against and 15 abstentions.

When the tallies were completed, a resolution which simply affirms that the next Assembly, next fall, is to review the UN's work in aiding the Arab refugees was passed by 37 to 17, with 38 abstentions. The Arab members, which had pushed for the entire resolution, were among the abstainers on their own draft, since it no longer contained the clauses objectionable to Israel.

The United States delegation led the fight for the defeat of the anti-Israel moves, and was supported by other Western powers, Latin Americans and the representatives of those new African states that belong to the French Community. Francis T. P. Plimpton, deputy chairman of the American delegation, told the Assembly that the Arab drive for property custodianship in Israel amounted to "shortsighted political manipulation."

Throughout the long fight for injection of the refugees' "property rights" into the anti-Israel drive by the Arabs, the U. S. A. had held with Israel that no resolution at all on the Arab refugee problem was needed at this year's Assembly.

ISRAEL RIDICULES ARAB LEAGUE REPORT ON EFFECT OF ANTI-ISRAEL BOYCOTT

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JTA) -- Israeli officials here today deflated as "gross exaggerations" an Arab League report, issued yesterday, claiming that the Arab boycott had inflicted very severe damage on the Israeli economy during 1960.

The League report claimed that, as a result of the boycott, 300 companies and 270 ships ceased trading with Israel in 1960, alleging that, as a result, 150 Israeli factories had "closed down." The report further stated that Israel spent \$20,000,000 fighting the boycott and suffered losses amounting to \$70,000,000.

Terming the League report "a pipe-dream," officials here said today that Israel's expenditures on fighting the boycott were actually one-tenth of one percent of the amount claimed by the Arab League. "The veracity of the entire report," the Israelis said, "may be evaluated at the same ratio." However, the Israelis said, the boycott is indeed harmful and must be fought vigorously.

U. S. URGED TO PRESS 'VIGOROUSLY' FOR SETTLEMENT OF ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., April 23. (JTA) -- The United States Government was urged tonight by Senator Kenneth B. Keating, of New York, to take more "vigorous initiative" to end the Arab economic warfare against Israel and to bring about a settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict. The Senator spoke at the 75th anniversary celebration of Temple Israel here.

"It behooves the United States above all, as the leader of the free peoples of the world, to press more vigorously for negotiation and settlement of the problems of the Middle East," he said. "In general the Government of the United States has been rather remiss in its treatment of Middle Eastern problems recently. There has been no action taken to stop blockades, reprisals and boycotts against American Jews in the Middle East. In fact, we have continued to supply foreign aid, derived from the taxes paid by all American citizens, to these very countries which discriminate against Americans.

"Furthermore, we have made no positive steps to stop the Arab boycott of Israeli and other cargo ships passing through the Suez Canal, even though such a blockade is in violation of the principles laid down by the United Nations and recognized by all nations. I myself have several times called this whole question to the attention of the State Department, most recently last month. But the reply is always the same and it is always disappointing--the United States Government is always exploring methods by which Arab blockades, boycotts, and other restrictions can be ended, but somehow it never seems to find anything. And it never seems to feel the time is ripe for a more vigorous initiative.

"Obviously, at the moment, there are other parts of the world which demand our urgent attention and our most concentrated efforts. But I can virtually guarantee that if we do wait until a crisis arises once more in the Middle East, it will be too late," Senator Keating warned.

WEST GERMANY REPORTS ON AID GIVEN TO ARAB REFUGEES IN MIDDLE EAST

DUSSELDORF, April 23. (JTA) -- The West German World Refugee Year Committee today reported to have collected 850,000 marks (\$212,000) for Arab refugees in the Middle East. It was also reported that the North-Rhine Westphalian Government had given an Arab refugee educational center machinery worth 150,000 marks (\$34,500).

ANTI-SEMITE SOUGHT BY GERMANY IS PERMITTED BY ITALY TO LEAVE FOR TRIPOLI

NAPLES, April 23. (JTA) -- Professor Ludwig Zind of Offenbach, the anti-Semitic teacher who fled from West Germany to avoid a one-year jail term for saying publicly that not enough Jews had been gassed, was en route to Tripoli today.

Zind was placed aboard an Italian ship yesterday by police who have had him under surveillance since he was released from a Naples jail on April 12. After leaving West Germany, he turned up in Naples where he was spotted by some Israeli sailors who called police.

A lower court held that his offense was a political one and refused to extradite him to West Germany. When the Rome Court of Cassation, Italy's highest court, upheld the lower court, Zind was released from jail. He reportedly had been en route to a teaching job in Egypt when he was arrested in Naples.

MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES REPORTED DISCRIMINATING AGAINST JEWISH STUDENTS

CASABLANCA, April 23. (JTA) -- Jewish students in Morocco were reported today to have been the recent victims of a new act of discrimination in a competition to send three students from Morocco to study electronics in France.

The contest was organized by an electrical energy unit on the basis that the three students with the highest grades would be sent to France. When the results showed that the top three contestants were all Jews, the initial promise was forgotten and three Moslem candidates, who ranked fourth, fifth and sixth in the competition, received the study trips instead.

The decision to ignore the three top winners because they were Jewish was reported to have followed publication of protests by Moroccan newspapers which charged that as soon as the three Jewish students finished their studies, they would go to Israel to stay. A typical Arab newspaper comment was that "Morocco must not prepare Israel's technical experts."

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT OPPOSES FEDERAL AID TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., April 23. (JTA) -- Support for President Kennedy's program of federal aid to public schools, and the elimination from such a program of government aid to religious schools, was urged here today by Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, president of the Rabbinical Assembly of America.

Rabbi Sandrow made his statement at the opening session today of the annual, five-day convention of the Assembly, attended by more than 500 delegates representing Conservative synagogues in the United States and Canada. Pointing out that support of the President's plan for federal aid to public schools is needed because "the public schools are a bulwark of our democratic system," Rabbi Sandrow declared:

"We should oppose the granting of federal aid as well as loans to private and/or sectarian elementary and high schools. The separation of church and state has been the staunchest safeguard against the involvement of any church in government or of the government in the affairs of any religious institution. We must attain this clean cut separation. This principle in no wise implies the lack of respect by government for religion."

Rabbi Sandrow alluded to an earlier section of his talk in which he had declared his devotion to intensive Jewish educational institutions, but declared that such schools "must be supported by the families who want their children trained in them or by Jewish community councils or Welfare Funds or Federations whose responsibility it is to enhance the teaching of Torah in our communities."

The opening session today also heard an impassioned plea for a deeper commitment to religion and Jewish study from a layman. The speaker was Irving Kane, of Cleveland, who is president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

"The difficulty with many discussions of the American Jewish community is that they have somehow overlooked the American Jew," said Mr. Kane. "I believe that at least in America, Jews will ultimately survive as a religious community, or not at all. When we are asked what it is that has enabled our people to survive against all outrageous fortune, against all obstacles, we know that it has been our faith. It is our highest credential in a non-Jewish world.

"What are sometimes referred to as secular activities, because they are not directly under synagogue auspices, are not only necessary but they, too, are Torah, for they were born of and are informed and infused by our religious faith. Judaism as a religion has always been a social force--it is the application of timeless principles to timely problems," Mr. Kane declared.

Calling for a new, "do-it-yourself" program to build an American Jewish culture, Mr. Kane declared: "The spread and the deepening of Jewish knowledge cannot be delegated to others. It will not be provided in some detached national or international stratosphere. It can only be achieved in each community, where people live; where their experiences are felt, where their associations, problems and values have reality and meaning."

ISRAEL'S 13TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED BY JEWS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

LONDON, April 23. (JTA) -- Celebrations in observance of Israel's 13th anniversary were climaxed here today with a public reception given by the British Zionist Federation at which guest speakers included A. Miron, Minister at the Israeli Embassy. Reviewing Israel's achievements, Mr. Miron stressed that after 13 years of existence, "We want a strong State of Israel respected by all and feared by none."

JOHANNESBURG, April 23. (JTA) -- Edell Horwitz, chairman of the South African Zionist Federation, told an Israel 13th anniversary celebration that the bonds of friendship between the Union of South Africa and Israel "have always been strong" and that "in the years which lie ahead these bonds will grow even stronger between the Republic of South Africa and Israel." Milner Park here was crowded with 20,000 people from Johannesburg and neighboring towns for the event which included a flag ceremony for those fallen in Israel's War of Independence.

LISBON, April 23. (JTA) -- The Ambassadors of Britain and the United States as well as other members of the Diplomatic Corps, Government officials and leaders in Portuguese industry and culture, were among the guests attending an Israel Independence Day reception at the Israeli Consulate General here. Special services were held in the Shaarei Tikva synagogue yesterday to mark the occasion.

STOCKHOLM, April 23. (JTA) -- Israeli Ambassador and Mrs. Arie Aroch were hosts at a reception marking Israel's 13th anniversary of independence. Guests included the heads of diplomatic missions, Government officials, members of Parliament, senior officers in the armed forces and Jewish communal leaders.

BRUSSELS, April 23. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 Belgian and foreign personalities attended a reception given by Israeli Ambassador and Mrs. Emil Najar in honor of Israel's 13th anniversary. Ambassadors of most countries maintaining missions here were among the guests, which also included Government officials, representatives of various international bodies and leaders of the Belgian Jewish community. An outstanding event in the celebrations here was an Independence Day ball sponsored by the Ambassador.

HELSINKI, April 23. (JTA) -- Israel's 13th anniversary was observed here at a reception given by Israel Minister Yehuda Gaulan and attended by Foreign Minister Rolf Torngren and other Government representatives, members of Parliament, the Diplomatic Corps, church dignitaries and leading figures in Finnish industry and cultural life. The Jewish community marked the occasion at a meeting addressed by Mr. Gaulan and Dr. Gideon Meron of Jerusalem.

BOMBAY, April 23. (JTA) -- More than 3,000 persons attended a mass rally here in observance of Israel's 13th anniversary organized by the Bombay Zionist Association. Speakers included the Mayor of Bombay who lauded Israel's achievements and expressed hope for closer relations and understanding between India and Israel.

BUENOS AIRES, April 23. (JTA) -- Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Government officials and Dr. Oscar Alende, provincial governor, were among the guests present at a reception at the Israel Embassy marking the 13th anniversary of the State. Dr. Alende, who recently toured Israel, lauded the Jewish State at a banquet given in his honor by the General Zionists. Two local dailies, Correo de La Tarde and El Mundo, published special editions in observance of Israel Independence Day, while other papers devoted leading articles to the subject.

MONTEVIDEO, April 23. (JTA) -- Israel's 13th anniversary was celebrated here with a reception at the Israel Embassy attended by members of the Diplomatic Corps, Government officials, and prominent members of the Jewish community. A special memorial ceremony was held for Uruguayans who fell in the Israeli War of Liberation. Special ceremonies were organized at the Public School Estado de Israel, where the children, most of whom are not Jewish, sang Hatikva and Israel songs.

SANTIAGO, April 23. (JTA) -- Articles and photographs on Israel's 13th anniversary appeared in newspapers throughout Chile. Jewish organizations sponsored public meetings and cultural events in connection with the holiday. A reception to diplomats in Santiago was given by Israel envoy Eliezer Doron. The West German Embassy flew its flag in Israel's honor.

POLISH JEWS IN NEW YORK COMMEMORATE HEROES OF WARSAW GHETTO REVOLT

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- Ceremonies commemorating the 18th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising were held here tonight by the Club of Polish Jews. The ceremonies included addresses by Rabbi Izaak Lewin, Yeshiva University professor; Joseph B. Schechtman, author and lecturer; and Jonas Turkow, author and a member of the resistance movement in the Warsaw Ghetto. The meeting was opened by Maximilian Friede, president of The Club of Polish Jews, a former judge in Warsaw.