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STATE DEPT. REPORTS ON THE KENNEDY--BEN-GURION TALKS ON ARAB REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, June 4. (JTA) -- The State Department issued a statement today, emphasizing that "the question of an understanding" between President Kennedy and Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, as to a "specific solution" of the Palestine Arab refugee problem, "did not arise" during the talk last week in New York between the two statesmen.

(Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, prior to his departure from New York for London, told reporters that he had reached "a very large measure of agreement" with President Kennedy with regard to the solution of the Arab refugee problem and that President Kennedy had a plan for the solution of this problem. He added that if the Arabs would accept this plan, "there will be a solution.")

The State Department, in its statement today, referred to a communique issued on May 10 by the United Nations Conciliation Commission, and emphasized that the U.S. Government has consistently supported the UN resolutions which envisage the solution of the Palestine refugee problem through repatriation or compensation. "It will fully support moves made by the Conciliation Commission in accordance with them," the State Department declared. At the same time, the statement revealed that President Kennedy, in his talks with the Israel Prime Minister, "stressed the importance of Israel's cooperating with such efforts as may be initiated by the UN Palestine Conciliation Commission."

The State Department's statement, issued by Lincoln White, its press secretary, reads:

"On May 10, the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine issued a communique reporting that it had met that day to consider steps which could usefully be taken in the fulfillment of its responsibilities pursuant to the General Assembly resolution--the precise number of it is 1604 (XV) - of April 21, 1961, and relevant previous resolutions. These resolutions envisage the solution of the Palestine refugee problem through repatriation or compensation.

"The United States Government has consistently supported these resolutions, and will fully support moves made by the Commission in accordance with them. Now, in their brief informal meeting in New York, President Kennedy raised with Prime Minister Ben-Gurion the subject of the tragic plight of the Arab refugees, and stressed the importance of Israel's cooperating with such efforts as may be initiated by the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission.

"Since the Commission's endeavors have not as yet taken precise form, and since in any case the responsibility lies with the parties directly concerned as they may be assisted by the United Nations Commission, the question of an understanding between the President and the Prime Minister as to specific solution did not arise."

(The New York Times reported yesterday from Beirut that President Kennedy sent letters of goodwill to the chiefs of state of the United Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon about ten days before the visit of Premier Ben-Gurion to the United States. Although it did not mention Mr. Ben-Gurion's visit, the message was meant to reassure the Arab leaders that the meeting between the President and the Israeli Premier did not alter the United States' relations with the Arab states, the Times report stated.)

BEN-GURION ARRIVES IN PARIS TODAY; WILL CONFER WITH PRESIDENT DE GAULLE

PARIS, June 4. (JTA) -- Israel Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion will arrive in Paris tomorrow from London for a three-day visit during which he will meet with President Charles de Gaulle and Premier Michel Debre. Diplomatic sources said today that he will not ask for anything and will only want to brief the French President on the latest Middle East developments.

(Mr. Ben-Gurion was resting today in England at the home of friends near Oxford. Following his arrival here on Friday, he conferred with British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and Foreign Minister Lord Home. He also paid a visit to Sir Winston Churchill. He described his talk with Prime Minister Macmillan as "very cordial.")

Mr. Ben-Gurion is scheduled to have two meetings with President de Gaulle, one before and one after a luncheon tendered by the President in his honor. Tomorrow evening some 20 French leaders will be guests at a dinner in Mr. Ben-Gurion's honor tendered by the Israel Ambassador to France, Walter Eytan.

EICHMANN TRIAL ENTERS FINAL WEEK OF PROSECUTION; 83 WITNESSES TESTIFIED

JERUSALEM, June 4. (JTA) -- The Adolf Eichmann trial, begun April 11, enters tomorrow what is expected to be the last week of the prosecution's presentation of its case against the ex-Gestapo colonel, charged with directing the annihilation of 6,000,000 European Jews under the Nazi regime.

So far, 63 sessions have been held by the court, 83-witnesses have testified, and nearly 1,300 documents have been entered as evidence--all presented by the prosecution. Dr. Robert Servatius, chief of Eichmann's counsel, has stated repeatedly that the accused himself will take the witness stand after the prosecution's detailing of its case has been completed.

Attorney General Gideon Hausner, heading the prosecution, is expected to begin showing tomorrow a series of films captured by Allied armies, bringing out details about some of the Nazi activities at Auschwitz and other death factories. Dr. Servatius and Eichmann himself have already been shown these motion picture documentaries, put on film by the Nazis.

Another line of documentary evidence likely to be developed by the prosecution this week may show what Soviet authorities did, or failed to do, in connection with the "trucks for lives" deal proposed by Eichmann to leaders of Hungarian Jewry. Testimony, thus far, has shown that some British officials had frustrated some efforts to pay the Nazis winterized trucks for permission to let a million Jews escape death. One member of the three-judge tribunal, Justice Binyamin Halevi, has asked the prosecution to re-examine the records of that proposed deal, to show how the Russians reacted to that proposal.

As the prosecution came near the end of its case, Israelis this weekend showed considerable interest in some of the documents presented by Mr. Hausner last week, showing the role played during the Nazi regime by the former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem.

The Mufti documents, captured by the Allies in Austria in 1945, show that the wartime religious leader of the Moslems had urged Hitler's Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, to do all he could to frustrate Allied negotiations with Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary, whom the Allies wanted to permit Jews to emigrate. The Grand Mufti was shown also to have written to the Rumanian and Bulgarian governments, urging them to forbid Jewish emigration to Palestine and to send them instead "under strong, energetic guard" to Nazi camps in Poland.

KNESSET DEBATE REQUESTED ON REPORT THAT ISRAEL ARMS RE-SOLD TO PORTUGAL

JERUSALEM, June 4. (JTA) -- Three of Israel's political parties--Herut, the Liberal Party and Ahdut Avodah--today demanded that the Knesset (Parliament) urgently debate reports that Israel-made "Uzi" submachine guns, originally sold to West Germany, have been re-sold by the Germans to the Portuguese authorities fighting independence forces in Angola, Africa.

The story appeared in the London Observer, and is believed by Israeli officials to have been planted as deliberately anti-Israel propaganda by Franz Von Leers, the ex-Nazi who serves the United Arab Republic as a psychological warfare expert against Jews and Israel.

Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, acting Premier, was in touch on the issue today with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who is in England, and with the Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, who is now in Denmark.

Israeli circles reported they have received assurances from the West German Government at Bonn, denying that any of the Israeli arms acquired by Germany have been sold to the Portuguese. On the other hand, Defense Ministry circles here pointed out that Israel's arms deal with West Germany contains no clauses about possible re-sale of the Israel-made weapons to a third party.

Various stories accusing Israel of collaboration with reactionary regimes have recently cropped up in the world press, and Israel is have traced the origin of many of these stories to Spain, where von Leers has contacts with former Nazi war criminals who have asylum there. One story alleged that the French rebels, who tried to stage an anti-De Gaulle coup in Algeria, had presumably obtained arms "from Spain, Portugal and Israel."

The Arab purpose for spreading these canards, it is said here, is to create anti-Israel hostility among Africans, as well as to besmirch Israel's reputation among liberal circles in Western countries.

GERMAN SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR DISTRIBUTING ANTI-JEWISH LEAFLETS

COLOGNE, June 4. (JTA) -- Bernhard Sander, 61, an insurance salesman, was sentenced here yesterday to five weeks in jail on charges of defamation of the Jews.

The Cologne Criminal Court found him guilty of distributing a leaflet by the Swedish anti-Semite, Einar Aberg, titled "Proof that the Jewish Allegation that Hitler Gassed 6,000,000 Jews is a Big Lie."

U.S. JEWRY WARNED AGAINST GROWING ISOLATIONIST MOVEMENT IN JEWISH LIFE

CHICAGO, June 4. (JTA) -- Jews in the United States were warned today against "growing isolationism" in American Jewish life which seeks to disavow ties with Israel and with Jews in other parts of the world. The warning was voiced by Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, at a meeting of the national governing council, the national policy-making body of the organization.

Dr. Prinz said that this "isolationist ideology" is finding increasing acceptance, particularly among Jewish college youth. He said this development "threatens to splinter American Jewish community life and to render impossible a fruitful relationship between American Jews and Israel."

Dr. Prinz defined "Jewish isolationism" as "the theory that American Jews are a self-sufficient, self-contained religious sect which has no concern or identification with Jews in other countries or with Israel, except perhaps for philanthropy." He called for a new relationship between U.S. Jewry and Israel based not on charity but on "political independence and cultural interdependence."

While American Jewry's sense of "belonging to America" was beyond dispute, he said, U.S. Jews at the same time have "both the right and responsibility to express their solidarity and identification with the upbuilding of Israel and with fellow-Jews in other parts of the world. Hand in hand with establishing strong and friendly ties with Israel--ties that must transcend philanthropy--the American Jewish community faces the task of creating a meaningful Jewish life that translates mere Jewish survival into positive Jewish living," Dr. Prinz declared.

The American Jewish Congress leader said recent statements by certain Israeli leaders indicated a "misunderstanding" of the real situation of America's 5,500,000 Jews, who comprise the largest community in Jewish history.

"Possessing the same rights and freedoms as all Americans and living in a society that protects and even encourages the maintenance of cultural and religious identity, American Jewry constitutes a unique development in Jewish experience," Dr. Prinz declared. "If some Israeli leaders would begin to recognize this, they would no longer try to apply outmoded Zionist terminology to the unique community that is American Jewry in the 1960's."

"They would understand that we do not conceive of ourselves as 'guests' in a country that is 'hostile' to our development. On the contrary, American Jews are fully integrated into every context of American life--social, economic, cultural and political. The desire to uproot one's self from the country of one's birth--while understandable in 1897 when Theodor Herzl forecast the doom and disintegration of Jewish life in the Diaspora--is today utterly foreign and completely unacceptable to American Jewry."

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HISTADRUT CELEBRATED IN WASHINGTON; MEANY HONORED

WASHINGTON, June 4. (JTA) -- George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor--Congress of Industrial Organizations, tonight called on all new Afro-Asian nations to emulate Israel and learn from the Israeli experience as to how it is possible "to combine democracy with socialized economy and utilize democracy for attaining speedy economic progress."

The American labor leader spoke at a dinner in his honor given by the National Committee for Labor Israel at which he was presented with a gold medalion in recognition of his support of Israeli labor. The dinner also marked the 40th anniversary of the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor.

In accepting the "Histadrut Pioneering Award," Mr. Meany predicted that "some day when there is peace between Israel and the Arab countries, when peace has come to the Middle East--as it must come one day--the experience of the workers of Israel in applying modern economic methods and political democracy will be of the greatest help to the workers and people of Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Egypt, and the other countries of the Middle East."

Former Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Elath, now co-chairman of the Afro-Asian Institute of Labor Studies in Tel Aviv, told the 600 trade union leaders at the dinner that Israeli relations with new nations transcended "the mere formal or even practical aspects of her activities in the field of international relations. He termed the cooperation established within the last few years between Israel and some of the newly created states in Africa and Asia as among "the greatest achievements in the short history of our state and as giving expression to one of the basic tenets of the Jewish concept of universal brotherhood and peace."

President Kennedy and former President Truman sent messages of greetings to Mr. Meany. Mr. Kennedy complimented the National Committee for Labor Israel for honoring the AFL-CIO leader. Mr. Truman commended Mr. Meany and lauded Israel's achievements in building "a new society" and "in the stimulation of new ideals and new hopes of underdeveloped nations." Mr. Truman added praise for Israeli workers and pioneers stating "it was my great privilege to be the first to recognize the state of Israel when it was established 13 years ago." A message of greeting was also addressed to Mr. Meany by Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

BNAI ZION CONVENTION REFUTES ISRAELI CHARGES AGAINST AMERICAN ZIONISM

MONTICELLO, N. Y., June 4. (JTA) -- A resolution rebuking recent statements by Israeli leaders against American Zionists was adopted here today at the closing session of the annual convention of the Bnai Zion, a national fraternal order. The resolution reads:

"There is no inconsistency between our ties to America and our ties to Zionism which are as close, as firm and as strong to one as to the other. Any person anywhere in the world whether here or in Israel who says otherwise does disservice to Americans and to Jews and gives aid and comfort to enemies of both--this no matter how lofty his motives and no matter how high the eminence from which he speaks.

"This convention expresses its dismay that anyone, Jew or non-Jew, inside or outside America should impugn either our Americanism or our Zionism by baseless and stubborn allegations addressed to our patriotism and devotion. We proudly affirm that we are certain of our identity; we know what we are; we are loyal and dedicated Americans and Zionists and we shall continue to be both," the resolution concluded.

The convention called for an end to the Arab boycott and blockade of the Suez Canal; asked that the U.S. urge the Arabs to discuss the refugee problem with Israel; and urged continued Point Four aid for Israel and underprivileged countries of the Middle East.

The convention attacked the hate organizations on the American scene and called for Federal and state legislation to curb their activities. The convention also called for support "for Federal aid to public school construction and teachers' salaries and also for Federal aid to higher education, within the limits proposed in pending Congressional bills supported by the Kennedy Administration and to avoid any and all diversions from the accomplishment of this vital purpose."

Norman G. Levine of New York was today elected national president of Bnai Zion. He succeeds Hyman J. Fliegel of Brooklyn, who was honored at a banquet last night with the presentation of a scroll citing his long service to Bnai Zion. Herman Z. Quittman, national secretary of Bnai Zion, reported to the convention that the organization gained a record number of 3,865 new members and the addition of 14 chapters throughout the nation during the past year.

\$1,675,000 KLAU LIBRARY DEDICATED AT H. U. C. - J. I. R. IN CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, June 4. (JTA) -- The Klau Library, a \$1,675,000 four-story structure, commemorating the name of David W. Klau, former New York civic and business leader, who had been a vice-chairman of the board of governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, was dedicated here today by the HUC-JIR. It constitutes the first phase of a \$15,000,000 master plan for the development of the college's facilities at all of its centers, here, in New York and Los Angeles.

The dedication ceremony was addressed by Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg who paid tribute to the HUC-JIR for its devotion to Judaism and to a broad field of Education. Another speaker was Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to Washington. The past and present importance of the Hebrew Union College as the oldest Reform Jewish seminary in this country was stressed by Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president emeritus of the seminary.

The four-day ceremonies here included also the ordaining of this year's class of rabbis and the awarding of 14 honorary degrees. Among those who received the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters were Secretary Goldberg; Ambassador Harman; Professor William Haber, of the University of Michigan; Professor Paul Freund, of Harvard University; Dr. William Andrew Irwin, professor emeritus of Old Testament at Southern Methodist University, Dallas; and Dr. Walter C. Langsam, president of the University of Cincinnati.

CHICAGO BOARD OF RABBIS OPPOSES LEGALIZATION OF BINGO IN ILLINOIS

CHICAGO, June 4. (JTA) -- The Chicago Board of Rabbis, representing all Jewish religious groups, declared it was unalterably opposed to the legalization of bingo in Illinois. The board said that "the undoubtedly worthy purposes served by the proceeds" could not justify "the means that are at best questionable and at worst morally reprehensible."

Touching on arguments by supporters of bingo as a means of raising funds for church and synagogue activities, the board said that "noble aims and desirable purposes" could get adequate support when they were adequately interpreted and communicated "without resort to methods that are bound to disfigure the aims and purposes themselves."

The rabbis cited the "recent shabby and shameful experience in New York City resulting directly from the legalization of bingo" and added that "racketeers and hoodlums" moved in to make religious, fraternal and philanthropic organizations "their dupe."

GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER RECEIVES 1961 UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD MEDAL

NEW YORK, June 4. (JTA) -- Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller was awarded today the 1961 Universal Brotherhood Medal of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The award was presented at the 11th annual dinner of the Seminary's Universal Brotherhood Movement attended by some 1,500 persons.