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YAACOV SHARETT ACCUSES SOVIET UNION OF FRAMING 'FAKE ESPIONAGE CHARGE'

COPENHAGEN, July 2. (JTA) -- Yaacov Sharett, First Secretary of the Israeli Embassy at Moscow, who was ousted by the Soviet Government this weekend, accused the USSR on his arrival here last night, on his way home to Jerusalem, of trumping up "a fake espionage charge" against him.

Mr. Sharett said that he and his wife were arrested last Thursday, at Riga. He stated that both he and Mrs. Sharett had been "handled roughly" by the Russian police.

In announcing his ouster, Tass, the official Soviet news agency, had declared that the Israeli diplomat had been "caught red-handed in espionage."

Yaacov Sharett is a son of Moshe Sharett, Israel's erstwhile Prime Minister, who was the Government's Foreign Minister for a number of years.

Israel Says Ouster Is 'Flagrant Violation' by Red Secret Police

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry today denounced the expulsion by the Soviet Union of an Israel Embassy official as "a case of flagrant provocation by the secret police."

The statement was issued as a comment on the announcement by Tass, the Soviet news agency, on the reasons for the expulsion of Yaacov Sharett, the First Secretary of the Israel Embassy in Moscow.

The Foreign Ministry described the Tass statement as "a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end. Neither this Israeli diplomat nor any other Israeli diplomat has ever engaged in espionage or dissemination of anti-Soviet material in the Soviet Union.

"This is a case of flagrant provocation by the secret police," the Foreign Ministry asserted. The statement added that "the propaganda aims" of the Tass report "are obvious, and it is unlikely to deceive anyone."

LOUISIANA JUDGE, FRIEND OF KENNEDY, HOLDS SECRET TALKS WITH ARAB RULERS

WASHINGTON, July 2. (JTA) -- The personal views of Arab leaders on Arab-American relations will be reported to President Kennedy this month by Judge Edmund R. Reggie, of Crowley, La. He is described here as a "personal friend" of Mr. Kennedy who has been quietly visiting Arab capitals in the wake of Mr. Kennedy's recent letter to Arab Heads of State.

The State Department declined to comment on the Reggie trip, except to say he had delivered a lecture at Amman, Jordan, on "the protection of the individual's rights in the American legal system," and that Judge Reggie had observed at first hand the plight of the Arab refugees.

Judge Reggie's trip, according to authoritative sources, was informal and unofficial, although Mr. Kennedy had asked him to return to Washington with a personal report for the White House.

It appeared, from inquiries, that the Executive Department sought to avoid publicity of the meetings between Judge Reggie and various Arab rulers. The Reggie undertaking was described as consistent with a number of current moves, some secret, to improve Arab-American relations.

SENATE URGED TO REAFFIRM FOREIGN AID CLAUSE BARRING ARAB BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, July 2. (JTA) -- Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, chairman of the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee, today issued a statement calling on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to retain an anti-discrimination clause which Chairman J. W. Fulbright, with State Department agreement, is seeking to delete from pending Mutual Security legislation.

Rabbi Bernstein said: "This anti-discrimination statement is a temperate reaffirmation of principles adopted by Congress last year, and was written into the Foreign Aid bill by the Administration itself."

He said there had been wide criticism of the United States failure to challenge discrimination by foreign governments against American citizens and "failure to insist that all our citizens are entitled to equal protection."

His committee was "gratified when Peace Corps director R. Sargent Shriver, Jr., announced that the Peace Corps would not go into countries that discriminate." Because the Peace Corps stand is consistent "with America's best traditions," Rabbi Bernstein said, "it is all the more regrettable therefore to learn that the clause may be deleted by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee."

Dr. Bernstein voiced hope that the Senate committee "will reconsider and reaffirm the position Congress has taken on this issue in the past."

Peace Corps Anti-Bias Policy Applauded, Foreign Discrimination Denounced

WASHINGTON, July 2. (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., commending the Peace Corps for its ruling against religious bias in assigning Peace Corps members to any countries in the world, contrasted that stand here today with "the refusal on the part of other Federal agencies" to rule out bias "in aiding nations that practice discrimination."

Applauding the policy against bias announced by R. Sargent Shriver, Jr., director of the Peace Corps, who has announced that his agency will not aid nations that impose racial or religious bans against Peace Corps personnel, I. L. Feuer, commander of the JWV, stated: "Mr. Shriver's refusal to accede to blackmail by foreign governments, many of whom are accepting aid from this country, should be the forerunner of a long-awaited policy by our Government to assure protection for American citizens abroad regardless of religion or race."

CONGRESSMAN CHARGES STATE DEPT. 'APPEASEMENT' OF ARABS IN TRAVEL CURBS

WASHINGTON, July 2. (JTA) -- Rep. Seymour Halpern of New York told Secretary of State Dean Rusk this weekend that the State Department's position on discrimination against American citizens of the Jewish faith by Saudi Arabia was "indicative of a tendency of appeasement." The effect, he asserted, "is the translation of Arab bias into United States discrimination among its own citizens, officials and employees."

The New York Congressman's charges came in a letter replying to a communication from the State Department dealing with the refusal of Saudi Arabia to grant him a visa for a stop-over at the Dhahran airbase. The letter, signed by Brooks Hays, Assistant Secretary of State, said that, as long as the Arab-Israel conflict continued, the Arab States "will normally refuse entry to persons who have strongly supported Zionism or Israel. Rightly or wrongly, they view such activity as inimical to their security interests."

The State Department official, dealing with Mr. Halpern's question as to why Section 108 of the Mutual Security Act had not been invoked, said that "discrimination is a worldwide problem, and is scarcely likely to be eliminated by pressure or coercion." The clause gives the President discretionary power to withhold Mutual Security aid from a country discriminating against American citizens because of their race or religion.

"What is required," said Mr. Hays, "is persistent, patient persuasion which will, hopefully, ultimately break down such disturbing practices."

Denounces Insult to Patriotism, Insists on Visa to Saudi Arabia

Alluding to the State Department reference to the Arab position that a visit such as his might be "inimical to their security interests," Rep. Halpern said: "I find such reasoning a gratuitous insult to my patriotism as an American citizen, and certainly will insist that the Department defend my rights to travel freely abroad in any nation receiving U.S. assistance, on a basis of equality with any other American citizen. I hereby formally request the Department of State to assist me in obtaining the necessary visa for this contemplated private tour at my own expense."

Rep. Halpern said: "My work and private travel are those of an American. They have nothing to do with my personal faith, and I am shocked that the Department is convinced that it would be 'pressure and coercion,' as you put it, to defend the rights of Americans abroad in nations benefiting from U.S. assistance programs."

Rep. Halpern termed it "puzzling" that the State Department policy differed from that voiced by R. Sargent Shriver, Jr., head of the Peace Corps, who told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the Peace Corps would not assist nations that discriminated against its personnel on grounds of race or religion. Rep. Halpern said "the evasive and equivocal stand of the State Department is in sharp contrast to that of Mr. Shriver. I can see no reason, if the Peace Corps can effectively insist on defending the religious and racial rights of its personnel, why the State Department cannot implement the same policy."

ISRAEL SIGNS PACT FOR EXPORT OF 800,000 TONS OF POTASH, WORTH \$30 MILLION

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) -- Israel has just signed its largest single foreign trade agreement, calling for the export of \$30,000,000 worth of potash, aggregating 800,000 tons, it was announced here today by Menahem Bader, director-general of the Israeli Ministry of Development. The pact was entered with "a Far Eastern country," Mr. Bader said, without disclosing the name of the country.

BEN-GURION SEEKS 'ABSOLUTE MAJORITY'; PARTIES HIT MAPAI IN HOT CAMPAIGN

TEL AVIV, July 2. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today asked the country to return his Mapai Party to the next Knesset (Parliament), in the elections scheduled for August 14, "with an absolute majority." He made that plea at a Mapai rally here, as the election campaign entered its third week, with all 15 parties on the lists stepping up their drives for votes, hammering away at the recent "Lavon Affair" which had brought about the fall of the Government, calling for election reforms, and stressing Israel's security problems.

"Mapai could carry on with its program without an absolute majority," Mr. Ben-Gurion told the meeting here at Mapai headquarters, "but, for the sake of the country, we must not give up the hopes for an absolute majority." Mapai has never had an absolute majority in the Knesset, depending always until now upon coalitions in which Mapai has been dominant.

Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister and ex-Foreign Minister, speaking at Bat Yam, near this city, urged election reforms so as to eliminate Israel's many splinter parties. However, at a rival meeting, conducted by the new Liberal Party, Mapai was chided for that attitude, and was accused of encouraging splinter groups. Liberals and members of Ahdut Avodah, at other rallies, also accused Mapai of being split itself, asking the voters "which of the Mapai parties are you being asked to vote for--that comprising Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir and Sharett, or the party of Moshe Dayan and Shimon Peres?"

Mapam and Herut speakers charged that Mapai "was approaching dictatorship, instead of the democracy we cherish." They alleged that "Mapai people have feared to reveal the truth of the Lavon affair."

EICHMAN ON STAND IN JERUSALEM FOR THIRD WEEK OF DIRECT TESTIMONY

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) -- Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi war criminal charged with master-minding the annihilation of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe during the Second World War, will resume testimony tomorrow after nearly two weeks of direct questioning by defense attorney Robert Servatius. The accused has attempted to explain away incriminating evidence in prosecution documents by attributing such material to bureaucratic inaccuracies and careless record keeping.

Eichmann will also begin what may be his final week of direct testimony facing the growing impatience of the three-judge tribunal and an increasingly cool relationship between the accused and his own defense counsel. All three justices have, on numerous occasions, admonished the defendant not to embark on lengthy discourses over irrelevant details in reply to questions. Eichmann's differences with his attorney were climaxed this weekend over attempts by Dr. Servatius, at the direction of the three judges, to eliminate unnecessary documents and testimony, in an effort to speed the trial.

Upon completion of Eichmann's direct testimony, the prosecution will get its first chance at cross-examining the defendant, who chose to testify under oath.

ARAB REFUGEE QUESTION EXPLODES IN ISRAEL; COMAY TO REPORT TO CABINET

JERUSALEM, July 2. (JTA) -- The Arab refugee problem and the dominant Mapai Party's stand on that issue following Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's recent discussion of the subject with American President John F. Kennedy, was hotly discussed in the Cabinet here today, and exploded in partisan attacks outside the Cabinet.

With Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative at the United Nations, due here by next Sunday, the Cabinet will resume discussion of that topic next week. The Government is maintaining strict secrecy regarding whatever plans it might have on the refugee issue, and it is expected that Israel's policy on the question, to be implemented at the next session of the UN General Assembly next September, may be decided in a week.

Meanwhile, the left-wing Mapam is accusing Mapai of maintaining secrecy about the Kennedy-Ben-Gurion talks on the refugee issue--while informing the Mapai members of the Cabinet at a caucus. Mapam accuses Mr. Ben-Gurion of having adopted its policy for admission into Israel of some refugees, at least those who may be reunited with their families here--but keeping that decision secret due to the current Knesset (Parliament) election campaign.

PAUL BAERWALD, PHILANTHROPIST, LEADER IN U. J. A., J. D. C., DIES AT AGE OF 89

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- Paul Baerwald, philanthropist and retired American banker, a founder of the Joint Distribution Committee, later chairman and honorary chairman of the JDC, died last night at his summer home at Elberon, N. J., aged 89.

He was also a former honorary chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, a member of the UJA's national campaign executive committee, and the philanthropist in whose name the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work in France, was named. Joseph Meyerhoff, general chairman of the UJA, expressed "profound regret" over Mr. Baerwald's passing.

Mr. Baerwald was a leader in farm resettlement organizations for Jews in the 1920's. He held honorary degrees from Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

EMANUEL NEUMANN CALLS FOR REORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN ZIONIST MOVEMENT

BRETTON WOODS, N.H., July 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, honorary president of the Zionist Organization of America, called today for a reorganization and consolidation of the Zionist movement in the United States. Addressing the annual convention here of the New England Zionist region, Dr. Neumann urged thoughtful and responsible leaders of all groups to consider the problem at once in a spirit of Zionist comradeship and dedication to the overall vital interest of the Zionist movement.

The Zionist leader declared that the serious problems, confronting American Zionism today, required a much higher degree of coordination and unity of action than is possible under existing circumstances, with eight or nine independent Zionist organizations functioning simultaneously in the same fields. The movement, he said, remains too fragmented to meet the new challenges facing it.

"Since the ideological differences between these groups on the American scene are minimal, there is no good reason why greater unity and increased efficiency should not be brought about, even if it involves certain structural changes," Dr. Neumann declared.

BOND SALES EXCEED HALF BILLION MARK; NEW DRIVE CALLS FOR \$173,000,000

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- The sale of Israel bonds has exceeded the half-billion-dollar mark, reaching \$500,169,000 as of this weekend, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, announced here last night. The amount, he said, was obtained through sales by more than 25,000 volunteers in the United States, Canada, Latin America and Western Europe. Of the total sum, 85.9 percent was sold in the U.S.A., and 6.4 percent in Canada.

Pointing to the amount as "the largest, publicly subscribed loan in the United States for any foreign country," Dr. Schwartz said the Bond organization must in the immediate future obtain \$173,896,150 more to fulfill the requirements of the current, second Israel Development bond issue.

A.A. Feinberg, president of the organization, hailed the achievements to date as "an important milestone in Israel's development program." He said attainment of the half-billion-dollar goal was the objective established in May 1951, when the first bond drive was launched in this country with an address by Israel's Prime Minister, David Ben-Gurion.

U. J. A. MID-YEAR TOTAL REACHES \$33,500,000, UP OVER 1960 COLLECTIONS

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- A recent spurt in cash collections by the United Jewish Appeal has resulted in the realization of a mid-year cash total of \$33,500,000, it was announced today by Israel D. Fink, UJA national cash chairman. This represents an increase of \$1,500,000 over the first half-year collections in 1960, according to Mr. Fink.

"This clear gain over last year," Mr. Fink declared, "is a most heartening development. Less than two weeks ago, indications were that we would barely match our 1960 total. The recent spurt in collecting cash against campaign pledges reflects a six percent increase in communities both large and small throughout the country, and indicates that, with a sustained effort through the rest of the year, we will meet our full 1961 cash goal."

The all-out spring collection drive, led by Mr. Fink, was launched on April 22 in connection with the State of Israel's Bar Mitzvah anniversary. It was, he noted, "significantly spurred by late May reports of sharply increasing cash needs facing UJA's overseas member agencies, the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency." These needs, based on new factors governing the rate and pattern of Jewish immigration, were reported to the 54-member UJA national cash committee on a nationwide telephone hookup, in which Mr. Fink was joined by Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, and Charles H. Jordan, JDC overseas director-general.

CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE, ONE OF OLDEST IN NEW YORK, PLANS NEW BUILDING

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- Plans to construct a new edifice for the Central Synagogue, here, one of the three oldest congregations in New York, were announced today by Matthew H. Ross, president of the Reform congregation. The new structure, on the site occupied by the present temple, which was built in 1870, will be called the Jonah B. Wise Memorial Building, commemorating the name of the rabbi who officiated at the synagogue for 34 years until his death in 1959.

The new building, Mr. Ross said, will be nine stories and will include 18 classrooms, meeting rooms, a library and museum, congregational offices, rabbi's studies, a small auditorium, social lounge and related facilities. Isaac Stern, chairman of the synagogue's building committee, noted that the present six-story structure is inadequate for the needs of the congregation which now numbers more than 1,200 families and accommodates many religious as well as nonsectarian groups. Herbert Schwartz heads a new fund-raising drive for the congregation.