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JEWS IN MOROCCO DISTURBED OVER BITTER ATTACK ON JEWISH COMMUNITY

PARIS, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Jews in Morocco were reported here today as being greatly worried over a bitter attack launched yesterday against the Jewish community there by the Istiqlal Party, the dominant party in the government. The attack was made in the Istiqlal newspaper *Al Alam*, which charged the Jewish communities with sending a delegation to the World Jewish Congress parley held last week in Geneva.

The paper, which often reflects the government's view, said that the delegation was headed by David Amar, secretary-general of the Council of Moroccan Jewish Communities. It presented the World Jewish Congress as a "Zionist" body, and said that reports of the Geneva meeting were distributed "clandestinely" to Jews throughout Morocco.

The article was interpreted in Paris today as indicating that new anti-Jewish measures may be contemplated in Morocco. *Le Figaro*, a leading Paris newspaper, said that, should it be proven that Moroccan Jews, "even in a private capacity and without official mandate," attended the parley, the situation of Morocco's remaining 160,000 Jews would become serious, with unpredictable consequences.

Leader of Moroccan Jewish Communities Vehemently Denies Charges

The Paris daily reported from Morocco that large sectors of the Moroccan Jewish community had joined in the criticism of Mr. Amar, asserting he had no right to expose them to difficulties by attending the Geneva conference or by sending other delegates. Mr. Amar has vehemently denied that he was in Geneva. It was suggested that a misunderstanding might have developed from the fact that, while he was not in Geneva at the time, some World Jewish Congress publications listed him as an observer.

The Paris daily expressed the belief that, when King Hassan II returns from the conference of neutral countries in Belgrade, he would investigate the matter and that, if he found that Amar's contention of not attending the Geneva conference was correct, the whole matter would be dropped. However, the daily added, if the King accepts the Istiqlal thesis that even the presence of "observers" is the Jewish community's responsibility, then the situation of the Jews of Morocco would be seriously affected.

In attacking the alleged participation of Moroccan Jews in the World Jewish Congress conference, the official organ of the Istiqlal Party requested "merciless sanctions" and said: "If the elected leaders of the Jewish community have failed in their duties as Moroccan citizens and prefer to serve Zionist doctrine and Israel, this means that the persons they represent are deliberately and consciously hostile to national Moroccan policy."

The denunciation by *Al Alam* came as an unexpected blow since, in recent weeks, there had been reports that the Government had decided to implement the policy of liberalizing Morocco's attitude toward Moroccan Jews promulgated by the late King Mohammed V shortly before his death.

The Central Statistics Service of the Moroccan Government published this week the results of the 1960 census of the population showing that there are now 159,803 Jews in Morocco. Of these, 151,245 live in 117 urban centers and the remainder in rural areas. The five largest Jewish communities are: Casablanca with 70,026 Jews; Rabat with 11,008 Jews; Marrakesh with 10,007 Jews; Meknes with 10,894 Jews and 87,032 Jews in Fez. There are also 6,232 Jews in Tangier; 4,103 in Teutian; 3,118 in Sefrou and 2,917 in Sseaou-ria, formerly Mogador.

Jews in Algeria Uneasy as Terror Increases; Several Injured

ALGIERS, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- Considerable uneasiness among the Jewish population exists here, as a result of new Jewish victims in a series of terrorist outrages.

At Setiff a grenade was thrown into the Bagatelle cafe, wounding a number of persons including Joseph Atlanti, a disabled veteran of the first World War. A plastic bomb was also thrown recently into an apartment in the Bab el-Oued quarter of Algiers wounding a Jewish property owner, Prosper Atlan.

An Algiers Jewish merchant was also shot and died of his wounds. And late last week, a grenade was thrown into a cafe in the Bab el-Oued quarter injuring two Jews.

TWO-FOLD RESPONSIBILITY OF U.S. ZIONISTS STRESSED AT Z.O.A. CONVENTION

NEW YORK, Aug. 31. (JTA) -- "American Zionists have a two-fold responsibility--to the welfare of Israel, but no less, to the future of Jewish life in the United States," Max Bressler, president of the Zionist Organization of America, declared here tonight in his Presidential address at the opening session of the 64th annual ZOA convention.

The four-day convention, attended by delegates from 44 states, was also addressed by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey and Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman. Mayor Robert F. Wagner greeted the 1,200 assembled delegates and alternates on behalf of the City of New York.

"The day is still far off when the Jews in America can dismiss from their minds the concern about the security of the State of Israel which they helped to bring into being," Mr. Bressler said. He emphasized that "Israel cannot proceed on its way without the full aid and cooperation of the 5,500,000 Jews in the United States."

"The current prosperity which many of our tourists observe in Israel is only a veneer," he said; "Nor can the current peace on Israel's borders be taken seriously. The delivery of heavy weapons to the Arabs by the Soviet Union and the failure of the United States to sell similar arms to Israel, may encourage aggressive action against Israel." At the same time he pointed out that "the aim of Zionism is far from being attained through the creation of the Jewish State." This aim, he stated, will only be realized when Jewish continuity and full development in countries outside of Israel is assured.

American Jewry Lacks Dynamic Leadership, Bressler Asserts

Touching upon the future of American Jewry, the ZOA leader said that "while the Jewish community in this country is outstanding for its dynamism and generosity in fund-raising--particularly for Israel," it is, in terms of cultural and spiritual attainments and in historic consciousness, "like a flock without a shepherd, lacking in dynamic leadership that is capable of arousing them from their state of apathy and indifference without preparation to meet the challenging uncertainties that lie ahead."

"We close our eyes to the sad spectacle of seeing the greatest number of our youth drifting away from Judaism," he continued, "spurning the acquisition of Hebrew knowledge and ignorant of our glorious heritage. The contemporary young generation is a confused generation, one that gropes for guidance, for an answer to their problems but find it difficult to find any." He said: "It is no over-statement to assert that great as are the tensions that face the State of Israel, the menace that confronts the Jewish community of the United States and its perpetuation on the American soil is just as great, if not greater."

Warning about the "peril of assimilation that threatens the very existence of our American Jewish community," Mr. Bressler stated: "We in the Zionist movement generally, and of the Zionist Organization of America in particular, must provide the measures that would ward off this great threat to our survival as Jews. When we think of ways and means of counteracting assimilation, it is Jewish education that must come to mind."

His appraisal of the American Jewish position also demanded "reciprocal arrangements where other minorities join in the fight against anti-Semitic forces in this, our own land" in the same way that American Jews have always participated in the struggle for the preservation of equality and freedom for all races.

Pessimism Expressed on Washington's Position towards Israel

The head of the ZOA recalled the great hopes of "a new era of America-Israel relationships" that were engendered by Mr. Kennedy's "memorable utterances at our 63rd annual Convention less than a year ago, bravely and enthusiastically discussing the whole problem of the Middle East."

"Today, eight months and more after his induction into his high office, we shall retain our belief that President Kennedy will make good the statements made by Senator Kennedy," he said, but admitted that "as time goes on, this confidence I harbor is being put to an increasing strain."

Mr. Bressler questioned "President Kennedy's correspondence with the Arab Chiefs of State with regard to the Arab-Israel relations," and added that "some go as far as to attribute this correspondence to an American effort to placate Arabs' ruffled spirits that were aroused by the visit of Israel's Prime Minister in the United States."

"While we do not have before us the full text of President Kennedy's message to the Arab Chiefs of State, we do know definitely from the portions published in Arab newspapers that, in dealing with the problem of Arab refugees, President Kennedy dealt mainly with compensation and repatriation by Israel, and without even once mentioning resettlement in Arab countries as a means of solving the refugee problem," the ZOA president said;

He expressed concern over the stand our Government will take when the problem of Arab-Israel relations come up before the forthcoming sessions of the UN General Assembly. "The cruelties of history forbid us to be optimistic," he stated. "To me the indications are that this stand, once taken, will not be unequivocal in favor of the State of Israel."

SENATE-HOUSE CONFERENCE COMPROMISES ON CLAUSE AGAINST ARAB BIAS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31, (JTA) -- Keen disappointment was expressed in Congressional circles friendly to Israel today over the adoption last night by Senate-House conferees of an anti-bias clause in the Mutual Security Bill that followed the weak Senate wording, rather than the stronger House version.

The final bill, as sent to Congress today by the Senate-House conference, stated:

"The Congress declares that it is the policy of the United States to support the principles of increased economic cooperation and trade among countries, freedom of the press, information, and religion, freedom of navigation in international waterways, and recognition of the right of all private persons to travel and pursue their lawful activities without discrimination as to race or religion.

"In the administration of all parts of this Act, these principles shall be supported in such a way in our relations with countries friendly to the United States which are in controversy with each other as to promote an adjudication of the issues involved by means of international law procedures available to the parties;

"Accordingly, the Congress hereby affirms it to be the policy of the United States to make assistance available, upon request, under this part, in scope and on a basis of long-range continuity essential to the creation of an environment in which the energies of the peoples of the world can be devoted to constructive purposes, free of pressure and erosion by the adversaries of freedom;

"It is the sense of the Congress that assistance under this part shall be complemented by the furnishing under any other Act of surplus agricultural commodities and by disposal of excess property under this and other acts."

Wording of Clause Influenced by State Department

The wording adopted by the Senate-House conference indicated a victory for Senator J.W. Fulbright, in that it hewed to the Senate stand, which was far weaker than the specific and firm House version. The House had drafted a provision urging termination of aid to discriminatory nations. The Senate had accepted final wording that represented a weakened interpretation of the already weak clause in this year's Administration-aid bill.

It was learned today from a participant in the Senate-House conference meeting that the State Department made known its preference of the weaker Senate version in keeping with what the Department termed the necessity of a fluid policy of non-identification in Arab-Israel disputes and in the national security interests of the United States.

Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, who is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, today termed the language in the anti-bias clause "vague and ineffectual" in that it does not insist on distribution of aid in a manner to give effect to America's principles. He said he regretted the "unfortunate compromise that failed to take an adequate stand against Arab boycott and blockade tactics and Arab discrimination against American citizens of Jewish faith."

Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, who took a leading role in the Congressional fight for a strong anti-bias clause, termed the final wording "a retreat from the previous stand of the United States, particularly tragic because it will only encourage Arab intransigence."

He said the compromise was "not even an actual 'compromise' in the true sense, in that it followed the watered-down Administration approach to which the chairman, Fulbright, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, added more water, apparently with the tacit agreement of the State Department." He termed the so-called "compromise" as a "step away from the expression of the sense of Congress voiced in previous years in Mutual Security legislation."

600,000 CHILDREN TO START NEW SCHOOL YEAR IN ISRAEL TODAY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 31, (JTA) -- Some 600,000 children will start the new school year tomorrow in overcrowded classrooms and with the threat of a teachers' strike still unresolved.

Record expenditures during the year of 13,000,000 pounds (\$7,280,000) on new school facilities failed to eliminate the overcrowding. A new strike is most likely among teachers of high schools in which graded tuition fees, averaging 500 pounds (\$280), are insufficient to meet teacher demands for 15 percent salary increases. The elementary school teachers insist on reduction of the large classes and better gradings which would result in higher pay.

ISRAEL SIGNS NEW INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON REDUCING STATELESSNESS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 31, (JTA) -- Israel today was one of the first three members of the United Nations to sign a new international agreement designed at reduction of the number of cases in which persons become stateless as a result of conflicting nationality laws.

At ceremonies here concluding a three-week conference which adopted the agreement, the new international treaty was signed on behalf of Israel by Meir S. Divan, director-general of Israel's Ministry of the Interior. The two other first signers were Britain and Holland.

WINNIPEG JEWISH WELFARE FUND RAISES TUITION IN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

WINNIPEG, Canada, Aug. 31, (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Fund of Winnipeg announced today that tuition fees for all community-supported Jewish schools will be raised 10 percent for the coming school year. In making the announcement, S.L. Morantz, chairman of the welfare fund's education committee, said that Winnipeg's day school tuition fees were probably the lowest in North America.

All families sending children to the Winnipeg Talmud Torah, the Peretz Folk schools and the South End Branch of the Talmud Torah will be affected by the increase; Mr. Morantz said that the increases were made necessary by the rising costs of Jewish education, specifically a ten percent increase in teacher salaries and a five percent contribution this year to a new pension fund.

The official also disclosed that his committee was reviewing all fee assessments to determine whether the basic fee should not be raised for families judged able to pay a larger portion of the actual costs of education of their children. He said some families pay the full cost and the rest are billed on a sliding scale based on ability to pay. The review is the first family-by-family study in four years.

CHICAGO JEWISH BODIES ESTABLISH COMMUNITY HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL

CHICAGO, Aug. 31, (JTA) -- The Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago and the Board of Jewish Education announced today the establishment of a united community Hebrew high school under joint sponsorship. It is the first such school in Chicago.

The afternoon high school, which expects an initial enrollment of from 400 to 500 students, will have branches in four Chicago suburbs. The new high school will provide facilities for continued Jewish education for graduates of elementary Jewish schools who previously had to turn to sectional and congregational high schools to continue their Jewish studies.

LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE INTRODUCES SEVERAL COURSES IN MODERN HEBREW

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 31, (JTA) -- The City College of Los Angeles is offering during the coming fall, credit courses in elementary and intermediate modern Hebrew.

The courses include reading, writing and essentials of Hebrew grammar and also content on the geography, customs and culture of Israel. Each course will meet five times a week and will enable students to earn four college credits for each semester.

CANADA-ISRAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BE ESTABLISHED, CONSUL ANNOUNCES

MONTREAL, Aug. 31, (JTA) -- Plans to establish a Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and for a visit to Canada by an Israeli trade mission soon were announced today by Yechiel Narkiss, Israel's commercial consul in Montreal.

He said the projected chamber, the national committee of which is headed by Samuel Steinberg of Montreal, was the outgrowth of talks last May between George Hees, Canadian Trade and Commerce Minister, and Israeli Trade Minister Pinhas Sapir.

The trade mission will seek to acquaint Israeli businessmen and manufacturers of consumer goods "with various production techniques and with an idea of Canadian needs and tastes to make Israeli products conform with the very special qualities acceptable in Canada," the consul added. He said that Israel purchased in 1960 \$6,500,000 worth of Canadian products while Canada imported about \$2,500,000 in Israeli merchandise.

INTERNATIONAL LIBERAL CONGRESS DECIDES TO HOLD NEXT MEETING IN ISRAEL

BRUSSELS, Aug. 31, (JTA) -- Delegates to the tenth Congress of the Liberal International decided today to hold the next meeting of the organization's enlarged Council in Israel next February.

The delegates also elected Sam Segal, delegate of the Liberal party in Israel, as chairman of the committee for overseas countries. The Congress, which will conclude tomorrow, is being attended by representatives from 10 countries and delegations of several liberal parties in exile.

U.S. ATHLETES WIN TEN MEDALS AT WORLD MACCABIAH GAMES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 31, (JTA) -- United States athletes participating in the sixth Maccabiah Games at Ramat Gan, near here, have thus far taken 10 medals. They also won second place in each of six men's events, while one of the Americans, Judy Shapiro, of California, got third in the 800-meter run. Americans in the track and field competition, who had been favored in that sport, won three of the 10 men's and women's titles.

The first gold medal winner among the Americans, thus far, is Milton Friend, of Malden, Mass. A rifleman, he won the small-bore contest with a score of 579 out of a possible maximum total of 600 points. In the 100-meter sprint, second, third and fourth places were taken by Americans--respectively Jonas Spiegel, a University of Maryland graduate; Stan Freed, Temple University, Philadelphia; and Steve Robbins, University of Arizona.