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ISRAEL REPLIES AT U.N. TO 'MAMMOTH DISTORTIONS' OF ARAB DELEGATE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative at the United Nations, today delivered a 90-minute address replying to what he called the "mammoth speech with mammoth distortions" delivered before the General Assembly's Special Political Committee yesterday by Ahmad Shukairy, chairman of the Saudi Arabian Delegation.

In his reply to Mr. Shukairy's address, Mr. Comay once more appealed to the Arab states for peace with Israel. He told the Committee that it was the moral duty of the United Nations, in spite of all provocations by Arab representatives like Mr. Shukairy, to "throw its weight behind a peaceful and negotiated solution" of all Arab-Israeli disputes.

Mr. Comay said that the kind of speech the Committee heard from Shukairy yesterday "represents the mentality of compulsive hatred" and that Mr. Shukairy's long intervention could be summed up in these four words: "Israel must be eliminated;"

Reciting in detail the history and development of the Zionist movement, the Palestine question and the State of Israel from the first Zionist Congress in 1897 to the Balfour Declaration of 1917, the Paris Peace Conference of 1919, and adoption of the Palestine partition plan by the UN in 1957, Mr. Comay showed that, throughout the years, it had been possible to establish full cooperation between the Jews, Zionists and Israel on the one hand and the Arab peoples and states on the other hand.

The Israel representative regretted that he had to take up so much of the Committee's time for setting straight the historical record which, he said, Mr. Shukairy made an attempt to rewrite and "did distort;" He stressed that Israel still insisted now that it was possible to sign a peace treaty with the Arab states, to sign an Arab-Israeli pact renouncing aggression, and to implement an Arab-Israeli agreement for complete Middle East disarmament under proper inspection and control.

Rejects Arab Request for U.N. Custodianship over Property in Israel

Regarding Mr. Shukairy's insistence on the establishment of a UN custodianship over alleged Arab property in Israel, Mr. Comay rejected the idea totally as a proposal to interfere with the internal affairs of a sovereign state. "If this were a court," he added, "we could tear Mr. Shukairy's allegations to pieces and show without any difficulty that none of them has any bearing at all on the question of abandoned property in Israel;"

The Israeli delegate touched on another of Mr. Shukairy's demands, in which the latter called for the establishment of a UN commission to investigate the conditions under which Arabs live in Israel. Mr. Comay suggested that Mr. Shukairy might instead interest himself in a UN probe of conditions in Saudi Arabia where "slaves are bought and sold like cattle;"

He pointed out that Arabs in Israel, enjoying full democratic political, economic and social rights, have an annual income of \$1,500, while Saudi Arabians have an average annual income of \$40. "Mr. Shukairy," said the Israeli, "wants the United Nations to behave as if it was a colonial power and Israel a colony;" The UN, he added, "is not a super-government, and Israel is not a non-self-governing territory;"

The Arabs, he said, had nothing to fear from Israel but much to fear from their own internecine quarrels and disputes. He told the Committee that the real roadblock to the solution of the Arab refugee problem and to peace in the Middle East was constituted of "the type of compulsive hatred heard here yesterday from the Saudi Arabian delegate;"

"Israel for its part," Mr. Comay continued, "rejects the doctrines of hatred, violence and strife we heard expounded here yesterday with such misguided eloquence. We shall go on seeking to compose our differences with the Arab world by negotiation, and open up a better future whereby we and they will live and work together in peace, as neighbors should. It remains important that countries which have ties of friendship with both the Arab states and Israel should look to a genuine settlement of this conflict."

JEWS IN ORAN RETALIATE FOR ANTI-JEWISH TERRORISM BY ALGERIANS

PARIS, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Jewish youths in Oran seized a Moslem terrorist who threw a grenade into a cafe in Oran's Jewish quarter and tried to lynch him but were stopped by police, it was reported here today from that city.

Two Jews were wounded in the cafe bombing by the Moslem in the latest of a series of attacks by the Algerian underground movement against Jews in the strife-wracked French colony. Later, other Oran Jews ransacked Moslem shops in the Jewish quarter in protest against the anti-Jewish outrages.

BEN-GURION ARRIVES IN BURMA; IS GIVEN OFFICIAL DINNER BY PRESIDENT

RANGOON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and his entourage arrived in Burma last night three hours late but in time for an official dinner tendered by the President of Burma. The trip was delayed by the need to change planes at Teheran.

A large delegation of Burmese leaders, including the Burmese Chief of Staff Nu Win, greeted the Prime Minister. In his reply, which included a sentence in the Burmese language, Mr. Ben-Gurion expressed the hope "with all my heart," that the visit would contribute to the friendship between the two countries. The Israel Premier met today with Premier U Nu and was the guest of honor tonight at a dinner given by the Burmese Premier.

KNESSET APPEALS TO SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO PERMIT JE WISH EMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- An appeal to the Soviet Union to grant its Jewish communities freedom of cultural religious and national life and grant every Jew who wishes the right to leave for Israel was embodied in a resolution approved last night by the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

Expressing "deep concern" for the fate of Soviet Jewry, the resolution asked the Soviet Union to grant such opportunities to Russian Jewish communities without discrimination as guaranteed in the Soviet constitution. The Knesset committee discussed the issue of the recent arrests of Soviet Jewish lay religious leaders after the matter was raised in the Knesset on November 15 and referred to the committee.

FRANCE LIFTS CURBS ON ISRAEL EXPORT; SIGNS NEW TRADE AGREEMENT FOR 1962

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- France lifted today all existing curbs on the flow of Israel industrial exports to that country and undertook to buy more Israeli oranges during 1962.

The commitments were embodied in a new 1962 trade pact between the two countries which was signed today. France will buy in 1962 25,000 tons of oranges compared with 10,000 last year. Other categories of Israel farm products to France also will be greater under terms of the new pact which will enable Israel to rectify substantially its current imbalance of trade with France.

During the past year France exported to Israel \$42,000,000 worth of products while buying only \$4,000,000 worth of Israeli products. The communique announcing the new pact said that France as in the past will be able to sell products in Israel without any limitation. A number of additional farm products have been added to the list of such Israeli foods sold to France.

U. J. A. LAUDED IN KNESSET; ESHKOL REPORTS ON FUND RAISED IN U.S.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Acting Premier Levi Eshkol told Israel's Parliament today, in a report on the "great efforts" of overseas Jewish communities to help Israel meet urgent immigration and integration needs, that the United Jewish Appeal collected more than \$60,000,000 in 1960 and more than \$51,000,000 in the first ten months of 1961.

Mr. Eshkol, who is also Finance Minister, said that because of the increased immigration, the UJA undertook a special effort to raise \$10,000,000 above the regular 1961 goal for immigrant housing and integration. He also reported that in other countries, the Keren Hayesod collects \$12,000,000 annually for those needs.

"It may interest the house," he said, "that since the establishment of Israel, the UJA has transferred directly to Israel \$556,000,000 in addition to funds earmarked for the Joint Distribution Committee, part of which is spent on Malben institutions in Israel and other institutions. In the same period," he added, "the Keren Hayesod collected more than \$180,000,000. Thus, a total of nearly \$750,000,000 has been transferred to Israel by our brethren abroad."

He said he wanted to take the opportunity to send on behalf of the Government and the Knesset greetings to the UJA conference which opens in New York this weekend and through it to the thousands of UJA workers.

HILLEL FOUNDATIONS REPORT ON REACTION OF U.S. STUDENTS TO EICHMANN TRIAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The Eichmann trial drew the highest audience response of any college campus topic of the past year, the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations reported today.

Reports from Hillel directors on 75 major American campuses show that, with few exceptions, attendance was "unusually heavy" at college forums, film programs, lectures and discussions of the trial, and students had an "intense and vocal interest" in its legal and ethical aspects. Rabbi Oscar Groner, Hillel's assistant national director, said that for many young students the trial was a "first personal awareness of the real horrors of the holocaust and of the Nazi era in history as symbolized by Eichmann."

As the trial unfolded, he said, a large majority of both Jewish and non-Jewish students "were profoundly shocked by the testimony of Nazi mass murders, revealing their unfamiliarity with the Hitler period." One effect was a "marked increase" in the number of non-Jewish students and faculty members seeking information on Judaism and on the causes of anti-Semitism.

The 75 Hillel directors reported that campus opinion was strongly in favor of Israel's judicial handling of the trial and the "calm objectivity" of the proceedings. This was a sharp shift from pre-trial sentiment when many students questioned the legal basis for the trial being held in Israel. In the early weeks after Eichmann's capture, before the trial convened, a considerable number of Jewish students were found to be "uneasy" about the possibility of a negative reaction in the non-Jewish community, Rabbi Groner said. The character of the trial dissipated this feeling too, he said.

'AMERICANIZATION' OF JEWS SEEN WEAKENING JEWISH CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS

BOSTON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- A warning that the Americanization of the Jew may produce a scattering and weakening of "the vast accumulation of Jewish learning and culture" has been sounded by Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston.

The Cardinal told a meeting of the Brandeis Club here that whatever might be said against the European ghettos of past periods, "there was no reason to be anxious in these centuries about the survival of Jewish tradition and culture." He said that this living pattern "produced a Jewish community conscious of itself and one aware of the extraordinary treasures of the past which were handed down by learned teachers from generation to generation."

In contrast, he said, the complete Americanization of the Jew in this country was "a new experience for the Jewish community." He said it posed the threat that "the vast accumulation of Jewish learning and culture will now be dissipated into the wider community and in the process lose much of its strength in the generations that lie before us."

Stressing that the problem in the United States now "is the opposite of the one that faced the Jewish community in times past," the Cardinal declared: "The over-concentration of Jews in a single place has given way to the scattering of Jews in all places. Unless steps are taken to meet the challenge this new social situation presents, Jewish culture itself will be affected in the years that are before us."

He said that "the Jewish contribution to science and art and literature" in the United States as in other parts of the world, "is a massive one but it could become a purely personal contribution made by people of Jewish descent but without a basic Jewish identification."

For this reason, he advised that "alongside and encouraging the great personal efforts of individual Jews, there should be somewhere in this broad land a visible institution which in a sense can formalize and give structure to all the Jewish learning of times past and through its presence provide new inspiration for the learning and discoveries in the days ahead."

The Cardinal stated that Brandeis University, "without being in any exclusive sense Jewish, provides the home in which the riches of the past can meet the challenges of the present in terms of the universal genius of Judaism."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE HAILS CHURCHES' CONDEMNATION OF ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today hailed The World Council of Churches' "forthright condemnation of anti-Semitism as a sin against God and man." The Committee also praised that part of the resolution which it said reflected the Council's "recognition of the need to eradicate the historic accretions of prejudice in religious teachings."

In a cablegram to the Third Assembly of the World Council of Churches now meeting in New Delhi, India, the Committee stressed that the Council's unanimous adoption of the resolution condemning anti-Semitism "represents a significant advance in the deepening understanding and mutual regard between our great faiths." The World Council of Churches represents 178 Protestant and Orthodox member national churches embracing 300 million adherents.

RESPONSES VARY ON DROPPING OF CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Dec. 6: (JTA) -- Varying responses were reported today in three Eastern seaboard area cities to Jewish requests for elimination of sectarian observances in public schools during the pre-Christmas period.

In Troy, N. Y., the Board of Education decided to adopt the policy urged by the Troy Jewish Community Council to drop observances of Jewish holidays in plays and pageants in Troy public schools. The board, however, left unchanged the traditional Christmas programs in the school. Children will be excused from participation or attendance at programs which conflict with their religious beliefs, the board announced.

In Hamden, Conn., David Wyllie, the school superintendent issued a directive calling for the de-emphasis of Christmas observances in Hamden public schools. The New Haven Jewish Community Council had requested that action, recommending generally the elimination of both Jewish and Christian religious celebrations.

In New Haven, that plea was ignored. School officials said Christmas will be observed in New Haven public schools "as it has been for the past 100 years."

In River Edge, New Jersey, a town of 10,000 mostly non-Jewish, a nine-foot Menorah erected on the lawn of a Jewish family attracted praise both from non-Jews and the River Edge Lions club. The Lions Club lauded the display as helping to "improve Christian-Jewish relations" through education about Jewish religious customs.

BRAZIL POSTPONES ACTION ON DICTIONARY CARRYING ANTI-JEWISH DEFINITIONS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 6: (JTA) -- The Brazilian Cabinet decided today to postpone for two years, action on the adoption of a proposal to withdraw from use in Brazilian schools a Portuguese dictionary containing a number of anti-Semitic definitions.

Earlier this year, former President Janio Quadros ordered a special commission to study the advisability of withdrawing the dictionary from use in the schools. The two-year postponement was voted after the commission reported that it would need the additional time to study the matter. The dictionary contained such definition as: Jew--a swindler; rabbi--a devil; synagogue--a place where Jews do business.

JEWISH INSTITUTIONS IN BRAZIL WARNED TO WATCH THEIR BUILDINGS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 6: (JTA) -- Jewish institutions throughout Brazil were warned today by the Brazilian Confederation of Jewish Communities to keep close watch over their buildings and other facilities, particularly during the period beginning next Monday when the judgment in the trial of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann will be read in Jerusalem.

The warning was issued following incidents in two provincial towns, Curitiba and Porto Alegre, in which tombstones in Jewish cemeteries were broken and desecrated with Nazi emblems.

JEWS IN MEXICO HELP CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOSPITAL; LAUDED BY GOVT.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 6: (JTA) -- "Deep gratitude" to the Jewish community of Mexico, for contributing 300,000 pesos (about \$25,000) toward the construction of a new hospital in the village of Ixtapan de la Sal, was voiced today by the Federal Minister of Health, Dr. Jose Alvarez, and by the wife of the President of Mexico, Mrs. Eva Samano de Lopez Mateos.

The praise for the Jewish community was expressed at ceremonies in the village, dedicating the new hospital. The money had been contributed by the Mexican Jewish Central Committee, whose president, Dr. Sigmund Bibring, was among the principal speakers at the ceremonies. Dr. Bibring was presented, on behalf of the Jewish community, with a specially coined gold medal and parchment citation for the aid given to the hospital.

ARGENTINE PHILOSOPHER CLEANS OFF ANTI-JEWISH SLOGANS FROM STREET WALLS

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 6: (JTA) -- The noted philosopher Dr. Lanza del Vasto, who is now in Buenos Aires, today walked the entire length of State of Israel Street here and cleaned off street signs which had been defaced by vandals. Walking through the street with a ladder and cleaning brush, Dr. del Vasto told reporters: "To be against violence does not mean that one must be passive. One must begin practicing this principle in small measure."

FRENCH ARCHEOLOGIST UNEARTHES 10,000 YEARS OLD VILLAGE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6: (JTA) -- The French archeologist Jean Perrot has unearthed remains of a village in the Huleh area of northern Israel believed to be 10,000 years old, it was reported here today. The find indicates that the inhabitants of the village were among the first to cultivate wheat and barley as man advanced from the Stone Age to settled civilization.