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STEVENSON OUTLINES U.S. STAND ON DIRECT ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 21; (JTA) -- Adlai E. Stevenson, head of the United States delegation to the United Nations, declared here today that the United States Government favors peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab states "at the appropriate time."

At the same time he explained why the U.S. delegation helped to defeat a 16-member resolution calling for direct peace talks between Israel and the Arab states which was voted down this week in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee. That resolution garnered only 34 votes in the 104-member committee with the United States and Britain voting in opposition to the draft.

Reviewing at a press conference the events that transpired at this year's UN Assembly which ended early this morning, Mr. Stevenson said that on the problem of the Palestine refugees, "we believe the restraint shown by the Assembly was wise and will help to keep the road clear toward eventual solution."

Later he was asked how he would explain the American opposition to the 16-member "direct talks" draft in view of the U.S. Government's well-known attitude favoring negotiations in all disputes. Mr. Stevenson replied: "Our opposition to that resolution was based on the fact that this was an old dispute where there was no particularly new element introduced. One side said it would not negotiate at this time and we saw no value in merely passing a resolution."

"Our main objective, furthermore, was to eliminate all elements which might cut across the mediation between the parties and the efforts to mediate by Dr. Johnson. We are for negotiations at the appropriate time and made that clear during our presentation of the case."

The "mediation" to which Mr. Stevenson referred pointed to the work of the Palestine Conciliation Commission which, last August, appointed Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, as its special envoy to the Middle East to attempt progress toward a solution of the Arab refugee problem. The PCC will continue such an effort for at least another year.

U.S. Satisfied with Defeat of Pro-Arab Amendments at U.N. Assembly

The defeat last night in the UN Assembly of the two pro-Arab amendments to the U.S. resolution on the Arab refugee issue was received with satisfaction not only by Israel but also by the United States. One amendment called for reconstitution of the Palestine Conciliation Commission and its enlargement of the present three members to five. The second amendment requested the re-constituted Conciliation Commission "to take measures for the protection of the rights, property, and interests of the Palestine Arab refugees, located in Israel."

One of the topmost members of the American delegation told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that, if the pro-Arab amendments were accepted by the plenary session, the United States was prepared to vote against its own resolution in order to kill the amendments with the rest of the Washington-sponsored draft.

Israel circles were gratified today with the overall net results of this year's very arduous and lengthy Arab refugee debate which lasted 19 sessions. The Arab delegations, it was noted, had entered this year's Assembly with great expectations of picking up heavy support from many of the new UN members. Instead, new African states and a number of older UN members spearheaded a new peace offensive which obtained votes from Africans, Latin Americans, Benelux countries, other West Europeans and three of the most important members of the British Commonwealth--Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

NATION-WIDE STRIKE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS ANTICIPATED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- A nation-wide strike of teachers in Israel's public schools appeared inevitable today after meetings between the Teachers Union and government officials failed to bring a settlement of wage demands nearer.

Top officials of the Education and Finance Ministries met with teacher representatives to explore the union demands which also called for improved working conditions. The teachers' spokesman contended that the gains had been promised them last year but that no action had been taken to implement the pledges.

U.S. AID TO ISRAEL IN SURPLUS FARM PRODUCTS HELPED COUNTRY'S ECONOMY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- The State Bank of Israel reported today that the \$152, 000, 000 worth of farm products which Israel received during the past six years from the United States under its agricultural surplus program had a deflationary effect on Israel's economy.

The report said that the American products were sold for pounds of which 160, 000, 000 (\$89, 600, 000) were invested in development programs. The bank said that Israel could close its foreign trade gap in ten years if certain conditions were achieved.

ARABS FAIL IN ANTI-ISRAEL EFFORT AT WORLD PEACE COUNCIL PARLEY

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- Arab delegates to a meeting of the Communist-dominated World Peace Council failed today in their effort to win adoption of an anti-Israel resolution.

The Arabs assailed Israel and were supported by Cheng-Chi, a Chinese Communist delegate who earlier this month attended a meeting in the Gaza Strip. The Chinese delegate, in his address, cited a clause from a "Gaza Declaration" to the effect that Israel was "a typical imperialist country." However, the Soviet and East European delegates stayed out of this portion of the debate.

Eli ezer Halevy of Achdut Avodah and Yaacov Majus of Mapam, two of the Israeli delegates, stressed Israel's goal of a peaceful settlement with the Arab countries. They expressed regret over the Arab refugee problem, which they called a heritage of the 1948 war and deplored Arab refusal to negotiate peace with Israel. Tewfik Toubi, an Arab Communist member of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, also was a member of the Israeli delegation.

BILL TO BAN PIG BREEDING APPROVED BY KNESSET IN FIRST READING

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament approved last night a first reading of a bill to ban pig breeding and the sale of pork in Israel. The vote was 41 to 19 with five abstentions.

The Knesset then sent the bill to committee for a final polishing and it will be submitted to the Knesset for the second and third readings required for enactment.

The measure, which exempts the Nazareth area from the ban because that area is inhabited largely by Israel's Christian-Arab population, differs from a 1955 law on the same topic in that it makes violation an offense. The earlier law empowered only local authorities to pass anti-pig breeding laws and 55 of Israel's 151 local authorities did legislate on the matter.

COMMUNIST GERMANY CONDUCTS ANTI-ISRAEL RADIO CAMPAIGN IN ARABIC

FRANKFURT, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- The East German Radio, in a broadcast in Arabic language beamed to Arab countries severely attacked Israel today, and charged that the trial of Adolf Eichmann, the notorious Nazi leader, was conducted in Jerusalem merely for "imperialistic" reasons.

"The Zionists have utilized the Eichmann trial in a perverse Zionist fashion," the broadcast said. "They alleged to the world that the State of Israel is the protector of Jewish interests throughout the world and that it behooves Jews to hasten to it from every direction, even though they would be going there to stand over the corpses and ruins of others."

"Israel," the broadcast asserted, "is something created by imperialism. The state has been set up as an imperialist bridgehead in the heart of the Arab world. West German imperialism, the successor of the Hitlerite regime, is extending to Israel every possible assistance and giving it annually billions of marks on the pretext of compensation for Jewish victims of Nazism."

The broadcast charged also that France, America and West Germany "helped Israel to obtain rockets for use against the neighboring Arab countries."

ASSISTANT HEAD OF NAZISTIC AUSCHWITZ CAMP RELEASED ON BAIL

FRANKFURT, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- Robert Mulka, 66, former SS colonel and assistant to Auschwitz commander Rudolf Hoess, was released on bail today following his rearrest on charges of suspicion of murder.

Mulka was arrested in November 1960 on charges of supplying trucks which transported victims from the Auschwitz railroad station to the gas chambers. He was released but again arrested on May 25 this year on orders of the Frankfurt Superior District Court.

JEWISH VICTIM OF NAZISM NAMED DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DUTCH RED CROSS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- Alfred van Embden, a Jew who was a victim at the Resienstact concentration camp during World War II, was appointed today as director-general of the Dutch Red Cross. He is president of the finance committee of the International Red Cross at Geneva.

DACHAU CAMP OFFICIAL SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR KILLING JEWS

MUNICH, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- Franz Hoffman, a former detention chief at the Dachau murder camp, was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for the murder of two Jews in 1938;

Charges of war crimes have been filed against 12,715 persons in West Germany since the end of World War II, the West German Ministry of Justice declared today in its annual report;

Of the 5,732 persons who were convicted, 12 were sentenced to death, 68 to life imprisonment, 5,178 to jail terms and 115 were penalized by fines. The courts acquitted 4,011 and 2,549 cases proceedings were closed; The report said that the prosecution of Nazi crimes will be "essentially" completed within two or three years."

NEW NEO-NAZI PARTY FORMED IN GERMANY; MEMBERS SMEARED SWASTIKAS

BERLIN, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- A new neo-Nazi party was founded, at a convention at Dortmund, yesterday; The new group, calling itself the German Freedom Party, was organized by leading members of the German Reichspartei;

Two members of that party were convicted nearly two years ago of having begun the swastika-smearing plague that swept this country and other parts of the world, after they had painted the Nazi symbol on the walls of the Cologne synagogue on Christmas Eve, 1959.

J.D.C. ANNOUNCES MERGER OF TWO YESHIVOT IN IRAN; WILL LICENSE TEACHERS

TEHERAN, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- The merger of two yeshivot in Iran which are maintained with Joint Distribution Committee funds was announced today by Theodor Feder, JDC director in Iran;

He said that the teaching staff and student body of the yeshiva in Teheran had been transferred to Shiraz and that the merged institution there had been recognized by the Iran Government as authorized to license teachers for posts in schools in Teheran; Graduates are already teaching in Jewish schools in all Iran cities;

The first yeshivot in Iran were founded and operated by Ozar Hatorah which continues to be in charge of administering the merged institution; Mr. Feder said that with the extra facilities and larger staff made possible by the merger, it was hoped in the near future that the schools would be able to provide rabbinic teaching and ordination;

HILLEL FOUNDATION RABBIS ENDORSE TEACHING RELIGION IN UNIVERSITIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- A national staff conference of rabbi-directors of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations today endorsed the teaching of courses in religion at state universities "when their purpose is limited to promoting knowledge and understanding and does not seek to indoctrinate or make converts."

The Hillel rabbis, who supervise the organization's programs on 75 major American and Canadian campuses, said that the tax-supported university can properly deal with the philosophy of religion and the history, psychology and literature of the various faiths; "But," they said, "to expect a state university to help make students more religious is to misconceive its purpose, violate the separation of church and state principle, and intrude upon the unique domain of the church or synagogue."

The Hillel staff directors were in agreement that a state university can rightfully concern itself with the study of religion "since higher education is expected to encompass the totality of human knowledge and experience;"

BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY APPLIES FOR CHARTER FROM N.Y. BOARD OF REGENTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- Bar-Ilan University in Israel has applied for a charter from the New York Board of Regents which would make the school officially an American university in Israel, it was announced here today;

Rabbi Joseph H. Loebstein, president of the Board of Governors of the university, also named that Moshe Shapiro, Israel's Minister of the Interior, has been selected to serve as head of the executive Board of Trustees in Israel; Phillip Stollman of Detroit is chairman of the Board of Trustees;

Mr. Shapiro, now visiting the United States, said today that there will be 1,000 students in attendance at Bar-Ilan next year; "Bar-Ilan is getting students from all over the world," he reported; "The son of the Minister of Commerce of Ethiopia (a Falashin Jew) has come to study at Bar-Ilan because his father wants him to get a Jewish traditional background as well as a degree;"

BEN-GURION LEAVES BURMA; PREMIER U NU SEES HIM OFF AT AIRPORT

RANGOON, Burma, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion left his home today after a 16-day state visit here as a guest of the Burmese Government; Burma's Premier U Nu was on hand at the airport to bid farewell to Mr. Ben-Gurion;

QUEBEC FEDERATION OF LABOUR CALLS FOR LEGISLATION OUTLAWING BIAS

MONTREAL, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- The Quebec Federation of Labor made public today a resolution calling upon provinces in Canada to adopt legislation outlawing racial or religious discrimination. The Federation also adopted a statement dealing with the principles of education, advocating the removal of obstacles to the placement of Jews on provincial or local school boards.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PLANS SPECIAL DEPARTMENT FOR YOUTH EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- "The World Jewish Congress is studying the possibility of establishing a special department of youth education which would deal with problems of common concern to the World Jewish Congress and to Jewish youth movements of various trends, particularly Jewish student groups."

This was announced here today by Samuel Bronfman, chairman of the North American Executive of the WJC. During the past few years, the World Jewish Congress has played a leading role in the organization of a number of Jewish seminars and meetings in various Latin American countries, Mr. Bronfman emphasized.

FRENCH ARCHEOLOGISTS EXCAVATE 2,300-YEAR-OLD SETTLEMENTS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- Remains of a "Beersheba culture" group of settlements dating back to the second half of the fourth century BCE are now being excavated by Jean Ferrot, head of the French archeological mission in Israel.

The settlements are above ground and reinforced by stone walls. They were found in an area ranging from the Negev through the coast to Mount Carmel. The excavations were started two weeks ago and will be continued until mid-January.

Finds include a group of three skeletons--a woman, child and dog--flint tools of excellent workmanship and bone implements. Volunteers on the digging include members of Kibbutz Urim, students of the Hebrew University, a visitor from Chicago and a girl from Arlington, Va.

STUDENTS FROM 30 COUNTRIES ATTEND INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- Student representatives from 30 countries are attending an international seminar which opened here today with a welcoming address by Education Minister Abba Eban.

The 40 delegates will discuss the role of the college student in developing countries and international cooperation between student organizations. The seminar is the first global gathering organized by the National Union of Israel Students.

Countries represented include Uganda, Ethiopia, Ghana, Tanganyika, Liberia, Nigeria, Burma, Ceylon, El Salvador, Norway, Sweden, Canada and others. The delegates will spend two weeks in Israel. Nine days will go for conference deliberations and the rest for tours of Israel.

MORE THAN 5,000 CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS FROM ISRAEL TO VISIT JORDAN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- Israel is increasing by 50 percent the size of its police and customs staff at the Mandelbaum Gate separating new from Old Jerusalem and adding two structures in its part of no-man's-land to avoid bottlenecks during the annual crossing by Christian pilgrims into the Old City.

Officials said that about 2,800 pilgrims were expected to cross over on December 24 for the Protestant and Catholic Christmas holiday and about 2,500 for the Eastern holiday on January 5. Jordanian officials have already rejected applications from 133 Israeli pilgrims. The second list of Jordanian rejections is expected shortly before Christmas.

LOCAL COUNCILS IN ISRAEL URGED TO ALLOCATE LARGER FUNDS FOR SPORTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21; (JTA) -- Education Minister Abba Eban called on local authorities throughout Israel to provide larger allocations for sports. He said that less than one-third of Israel's school have athletic facilities.

He stressed that the establishment last year of a National Sports Authority was an effort to advance physical education and pointed out that while the Authority's budget had been doubled to 600,000 pounds (\$336,000) this was far from adequate.

The Minister made his comments in reply to motions in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, for a discussion of the status of sports in Israel. He proposed that the matter be submitted to committee with the goal of increasing facilities by legislation to provide that all schools be equipped with gymnasiums.