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NEW DIRECTIVES ISSUED IN ISRAEL RESTRICT CONTACT WITH GERMANY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10; (JTA) -- New directives for limited contacts by Israelis with West Germany were issued here today to all Ministries following the approval last night by the Knesset (Parliament) of a new Government policy with regard to Israel-German cultural and educational ties.

The Knesset defeated--by a vote of 37 to 25--a Herut motion calling on the Government to cease all cultural relations with Germany. The new Government policy as outlined in the Knesset by Minister of Education Abba Eban on behalf of the entire Cabinet, was worked out by a special six-member inter-ministerial committee. Today's directives, based on that policy, include the following points:

1. No delegations, mission or groups will be permitted to go from Israel to Germany unless these visits are sanctioned by a special governmental committee;
2. There will be no German theatrical or other artistic performances in Israel; A Governmental committee will sift and recommend Israeli artists or other cultural groups that will be permitted to perform in West Germany if invited by West German organizations;
3. The Government will provide no support to Israeli students below military age who wish to study in Germany, by withholding foreign currency for subsistence required by such students and by refusing permission for their acceptance of German scholarships. Only such post-graduate and research studies essential to the State of Israel will be permitted to Israelis planning to study or do their research work in West Germany;
4. The only German personnel to be admitted to work in Israel will be those required to operate or instruct here in connection with equipment or goods acquired by Israel under the German-Israeli reparations agreement;
5. Israel is to participate in international events held in Germany, while West Germany is to be permitted to take part in such events held in Israel;
6. Visits to Israel by Germans is to be limited to "approved categories," especially to youth, students and young professionals;
7. A special Government committee is to be formed to cooperate with representatives of Israeli institutions of higher learning who will send lecturers and leading personalities in Israeli academic life to West Germany to lecture and to provide information about Israel.

In explaining the Government's feeling that restrictions had to be imposed, Mr. Eban declared: "We are situated here between the past and the future. We are not free to ignore either. The very existence of any limitation shows that at this hour the present is nearer to the past than to the future."

At the same time he pointed out that an absolute ban on German contacts would have been a "racist" approach, ruling out contact with Germans not born during the Hitler era or those whose anti-Nazi attitude is a matter of record.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON ARAB REFUGEES CLARIFIED BY KNESSET DEBATE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10; (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, today clarified in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, the stand of the Government on the Arab refugee problem, which was a major issue at the United Nations General Assembly last month. She reiterated that the Israel Government considers the resettlement of the Arab refugees in Arab lands as the only solution to the problem. She also said that the Israel Government opposes giving the refugees a "free" choice between returning to Israel or resettlement in Arab countries.

The Foreign Minister made her statement during a debate in the Knesset where the opposition parties criticized the voting of the Israel delegation on the Arab refugee issue at the UN General Assembly. Three opposition motions--presented by Herut, Mapam and the Liberal Party--calling for a full-scale debate on Israel's voting on the issue at the UN, were defeated by a vote of 37 to 25.

The opposition parties contended that the Israel delegation had accepted a United States proposal, giving the refugees "free choice" between being repatriated to Israel.

or settlement in Arab lands. They said this vote by Israel's delegation went counter to a Knesset resolution, adopted November 6, laying down a policy for insisting only on refugee resettlement in Arab lands;

Mrs. Meir told the Knesset that her delegation voted against the American proposal when the clause calling for "free" choice came up for a separate ballot; However, she maintained, the delegation had no alternative to accepting the American resolution when the draft as a whole was put to a vote, because the U.S. resolution "contained other, positive features;"

The Foreign Minister insisted the Knesset resolution of November was not violated; She declared the U.S. resolution provided that it is up to Israel to decide "if and who and when" an Arab refugee is to be admitted, even under "free" choice; The Government, she said, never took the stand that "not a single refugee" is to be admitted; She said Israel is also safeguarded by the fact that it still insists that any refugee admitted must agree, under an old UN resolution, "to live at peace" under Israeli rule;

U.S. CONGRESS RECONVENED; HAS 11 JEWISH MEMBERS; ONE LESS THAN IN 1961

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- The second session of the 87th Congress opened today with one less Jewish Congressman than it had during the first session last year.

Missing is Democrat Lester Holtzman, who represented New York's Sixth District of Queens, who was elected to the New York State Supreme Court. The vacancy will be filled by a special election for which a date is still to be set; Mr. Holtzman's retirement now leaves 11 Jews in both houses of Congress.

Senator Thomas J. Dodd, who is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said here today that he will introduce a resolution during the early days of the new Senate session, urging that the United States use its good offices to attain an Arab-Israel peace treaty. Declaring that he considers Arab-Israel peace "a very important question, one of first priority," Sen. Dodd stated: "I consider Israel a great stabilizing factor for us in the Middle East. If there is no peace, Israel cannot play that role."

The Senator, a Democrat, recalled that President Kennedy had pledged during the election campaign in 1960 to help bring peace in the Middle East. In discussing general Middle Eastern affairs, the Senator said he considered Gamal Abdel Nasser, president of the United Arab Republic, a dictator of the Hitler-Mussolini stripe.

BULGARIA'S RELUCTANCE TO SETTLE EL AL CLAIMS REGRETTED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Golda Meir today expressed regret over the fact that the Bulgarian Government had not yet settled the claims of the victims who lost their lives in the El Al aircraft shot down over Bulgaria in July 1955. Mrs. Meir was replying to a question in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, as to what steps the Government planned for obtaining redress over the incident.

The Foreign Minister expressed the hope that Bulgaria will show readiness to settle the "distressing human episode" in the near future; Fifty-eight persons lost their lives when the El Al Constellation was shot down over Bulgaria on July 27, 1955. A week later, the Bulgarian authorities announced their intention of punishing those responsible and compensating the families of the victims.

BULGARIAN CHIEF RABBI, RELEASED ON BOND, SPEAKS OVER TELEPHONE TO ISRAEL

RAMAT GAN, Israel, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Asher Hananel, Chief Rabbi of the Bulgarian Jewish community, told relatives here last night over long-distance telephone that his health was improving and that he was at home after being released on bond for reasons of health, following his sentencing to four-and-one-half years' imprisonment by Bulgarian authorities for allegedly "speculating and smuggling."

The relatives, who spoke with Dr. Hananel in Bulgarian, said today that they intend to approach the Bulgarian authorities with a request to grant the rabbi an exit permit to go to Israel, where most of his family now lives.

NASSER GETS \$22,400,000 FROM INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- A total equivalent to \$22,400,000 has been made available to the United Arab Republic, the International Monetary Fund announced today. The drawing--half in pounds sterling, and half in United States dollars--is to be repaid within 12 months. Prior to today's transaction, outstanding UAR drawings from the Fund amounted to \$49,800,000.

In announcing the arrangement today, the Fund stated: "The United Arab Republic is experiencing balance-of-payments difficulties which have been intensified by a sharp decline in agricultural production. Pests have caused a decline in the cotton crop of more than 30 percent, and other crops have been affected in a similar way. It has been agreed in the circumstances that the country's foreign payments problems should be the subject of further consultation with the Fund in the near future."

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE DISCUSSES ACTION ON OFFENSIVE JOKES BY COMEDIANS

NEW YORK, Jan. 10; (JTA) -- A "distressing number" of comedians are now combining offensive stereotypes of minority groups with "sick" humor in their routines to project "a morbid, outrageous and damaging picture of whole groups of Americans," Jacob Grumet, associate chairman of the civil rights committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, declared today.

The tendency to combine stereotyped with sick humor is a new one, Mr. Grumet said. "Without going into the psychology of the sick comedian, the idea seems to be that anything goes for a laugh, up to and including jokes that suggest indecent or grotesque conduct on the part of clergymen."

Mr. Grumet spoke at the opening session of the 49th annual meeting of the National Commission of the Anti-Defamation League at the Savoy Hilton Hotel. The meeting will conclude on Sunday, January 14 when Ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson will be presented the League's annual America's Democratic Legacy Award.

"In night clubs from Las Vegas to New York, in major television shows, and on records, this disturbing pattern is being repeated, doing its harm to the delicate fabric of inter-group understanding in the United States," Mr. Grumet said. "Recently, in one short span of time, more than 35,000,000 persons heard comedians on three different television shows denigrating the rabbinate."

"Two generations ago, when offensive jokes about minority groups were far more current, at least the clergy was considered sacrosanct and not made the butt of cruel humor in the mass media of the day," Mr. Grumet said. He noted that many comedians who "combine gross, unfair stereotypes with sick humor, are often themselves members of minority groups." Somehow, they think this fact gives them special license to ridicule-- in the most vicious ways possible-- their own faith or religious institutions," he said.

Calls for Combatting Distorted Characterization of Jews

Mr. Grumet reminded his audience that the League was founded 49 years ago expressly to combat harmful, distorted characterizations of Jews on the stage and in the press. "In the 1940's to 1950's there was much sensitivity on the subject," he said. "One of the lessons of Hitlerism and World War II was that there was nothing funny about jokes that stimulated prejudice against minority groups. Most comedians learned that the anti-Jewish or anti-Catholic or anti-Negro joke simply had no place in the big time of the entertainment world."

"But now sick humor -- iconoclastic, irreverent and sometimes plain pathological -- is being used on the mass media to bring back all the old canards and cruelties," Mr. Grumet added. He made clear that neither he nor the League opposed dialect or other types of humor that treated minority groups in a sensitive or understanding fashion and did not cater to prejudice.

"Except for this new tendency, I believe that circumstances have changed for the better," he said. "There is now less inclination on the part of the American public to accept the stereotype. What may have offended only the Negroes years ago now offends millions of others. What would offend Jews would now offend millions of Christians."

"But we have not yet reached the point where we can look back on the old stereotypes as dead history. We may some day be able to listen to the Pat and Mike jokes, the Izzy and Moe fables, the Sambone-Rastus routine and view them merely as characters from a certain era that have no relationship with the present but that in their way were part of the mores and customs and humor of their time. Perhaps the improvement of taste on the part of the worldwide audiences will automatically drain out the vulgarity and leave instead only the truth and vitality of some of these old-time patterns of humor."

"But the current tendency on the part of a distressing number of the most successful of today's comics is to reach backward. They are bringing vulgarity up to date by combining stereotypes with sick humor to project the morbid, outrageous and damaging picture of whole groups of Americans," Mr. Grumet said.

N. Y. STATE BODY POSTPONES DECISION ON ARAMCO'S ANTI-JEWISH BIAS

NEW YORK, Jan. 10; (JTA) -- The New York State Commission Against Discrimination today postponed for at least two months a decision in a long series of legal moves designed to end discrimination against the employment of Jews by Aramco, the Arabian-American Oil Company, which operates vast oil refining facilities in Saudi Arabia.

After two days of hearings here by a three-member panel of its commissioners, SCAD ordered the attorneys for the American Jewish Congress, which initiated the anti-bias fight, and counsel for Aramco to file briefs by February 19. After the date, each side will have two weeks more to submit briefs answering the other side. Then, SCAD will decide whether to hold further oral argument.

U.S. GRANTS \$65,000 TO HAIFA TECHNION FOR RESEARCH ON FLOUR DOUGH

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- A grant of \$65,000 has been awarded by the United States Department of Agriculture to the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology for research on methods of increasing the use of flour dough, it was reported here today by the American Technion Society.

Professor Mark Reiner, Gerard Swope research professor at the Technion, who was the co-founder of the science of rheology, dealing with the flow of materials, will supervise the research program during the next three years. The project seeks to determine the relationship "between technical measurements and rheological parameters of flour doughs prepared from wheat" in order to provide the basis for the grain's increased utilization.

Israel-grown wheat is suitable only for the baking of the flat Arab bread known as "Pitah," as well as for the production of spaghetti and macaroni, but not for the baking of American-style bread. At the present time, most of the wheat produced in Israel is exported to Italy, while Israel depends on wheat imported from the United States and Canada for its own bread-making needs. It is hoped that one of the results of the new research project will enable Israel bakeries to utilize locally produced wheat for the making of American-style bread.

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE BOARD ORDERS FRATERNITIES TO END DISCRIMINATION

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Fraternities in Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., were told by the College Board of Trustees today that they must divest themselves of any discriminatory clauses or practices "as soon as is reasonably possible." The Board said it will make a new study around January 1, 1965, and then take whatever action is needed.

The Board revealed that 17 of 19 national fraternities at Lafayette never had, or have removed discriminatory clauses from their constitutions, and that unwritten discriminatory practices by some of the 17 are decreasing. The Board also said it supported the principle that Lafayette fraternity members should have complete freedom of choice in selecting members.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY OFFERS FELLOWSHIPS FOR STUDY OF HEBREW LANGUAGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Graduate fellowships for study leading to master's or doctor's degrees in Hebrew or Judeo-Arabic studies will be offered for the academic year starting September 1962 at New York University's department of Hebrew culture and education. Dr. Abraham I. Katsh, chairman of the department, announced today.

The fellowships will be awarded under Title VI of the National Defense Education Act to encourage mastery of modern Hebrew, among lesser-studied "critical" languages. College graduates interested in pursuing careers in college or university teaching or in the Federal service for which a command of Hebrew is required are invited to apply.

Fellowships provide a stipend of \$2,250 for the academic year, plus \$600 additional for each dependent. In addition, New York University offers free tuition. Completed applications and supporting documents must be filed before January 31.

A new graduate program in Hebrew and Near Eastern studies was instituted at the start of the present academic year in NYU's Graduate School of Arts and Science. The program was planned primarily for scholars and researchers in Hebrew language and culture. NYU's School of Education also offers a graduate program of Hebrew and Judeo-Arabic courses for prospective teachers and educational administrators.

11,000 STUDENTS REPORTED ATTENDING YESHIVOT IN ISRAEL; 400 FROM ABROAD

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10. (JTA) -- There are 11,000 students in 105 yeshivot in Israel, Rabbi Zorach Warhaftig, Minister of Religious Affairs, reported here today. Overseas Jewry provides nearly 70 percent of the total 12,000,000-pound (\$6,720,000) budget of these theological training schools, he said.

Dr. Warhaftig said his Ministry will seek additional Government support for expansion of yeshivah facilities to provide for the growing number of student applicants. Of the total, of 11,000 yeshivah students, he said, about 400 are from outside Israel.

HYAM PLUTZIK, AMERICAN JEWISH POET, DEAD; WON MANY AWARDS

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Jan. 10. (JTA) -- Hyam Plutzik, a prominent award-winning American Jewish poet and associate professor of English at the University of Rochester, died here last night at the age of 50. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mr. Plutzik's poetry awards included Yale University's Albert S. Cook Prize in 1941, an award from the National Institute of Arts and Letters in 1950 and a Lillian Fairchild Award in 1959. His published works included "Aspects of Proteus," "Apples From Shinar," and "Horatio." He was a member of the Jewish Education Association.