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DANGER OF WAR AGAINST ISRAEL 'GREATLY RECEDED,' SAYS BEN-GURION

JERUSALEM, March 11: (JTA) -- The danger of war against Israel "has greatly receded during the past five years, Premier David Ben-Gurion said today addressing a regional defense meeting of the Southern Command somewhere in the Negev." He credited this to the "greater deterrent power of Israel's defense forces and the development and settlement of the Negev." He added that there was nevertheless "no guarantee that the present quiet will continue."

(In London, the Sunday Telegraph reported today that the Soviet Government is negotiating with the United Arab Republic and with Iraq for the supply of guided missiles, especially of the SA-2 type which is a defensive ground-to-air missile. The deliveries, the paper says, will be possible this year unless Soviet-Arab relations take another of their "periodic" sour turns.)

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry today informed the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization that it "views with seriousness" the Syrian attack on an Israeli police patrol boat in Lake Tiberias last Thursday when two members of the Israeli police crew were seriously wounded and hospitalized.

The report of the UN investigating team, which has not yet been received, is understood to have established that the gunfire was opened by Syrian forces and not by the Israeli boat as claimed by the Syrians. Official Israeli quarters here stress the fact that the incident was the first in a long time in which the Syrians employed recoilless guns.

A decree establishing a constitution for the Gaza Strip, the southern coastal portion of Palestine occupied by Egypt following the Israel War of Independence in 1948, and declaring the territory "an integral part of Palestine lands" has been issued by United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser, this weekend. The decree said the Palestinian Arabs in Gaza would form a national union with "the aim of restoring the usurped lands of Palestine." Most of the residents of the Strip are Palestine Arab refugees.

ESHKOL PRESENTS OPTIMISTIC REPORT TO CABINET ON COMMON MARKET LINK

JERUSALEM, March 11: (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol today presented to the Cabinet an optimistic report on Israel's prospects to secure approval of some form of link with the European Common Market at next month's session of European Economic Community Council of Ministers.

The session will have before it a report of an EEC committee which surveyed Israel's requirements for a Euromart association. The Finance Minister expressed the hope that practical suggestions would emerge which will help Israel adapt to the new situation without undue shock to the country's economy.

Following Mr. Eshkol's report, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion expressed the hope that the various sectors of the Israeli population would make every effort to strengthen the country's economy. The Cabinet Ministers decided to waive any increased cost-of-living allowances likely to be granted during the next six months. The action of the Ministers was intended to serve as an example to be followed by all high-bracket salaried persons in the face of pressure for higher wages developing along a broad front.

Following the Cabinet meeting, Mr. Eshkol said that he was planning to meet with private mortgage bankers and building contractors to arrange some kind of relief similar to that provided apartment owners holding dollar-linked mortgages. All such mortgages automatically were increased two-thirds when the Israeli pound was devalued to three to the U.S. dollar last February 9.

Germany Promises Credits to Syria; Will Discuss Investments

BONN, March 11: (JTA) -- West Germany has promised to provide up to 40 percent of a \$40,000,000 standby credit to be granted Syria through the International Monetary Fund, a spokesman for the West German Economics Ministry announced here today. He said meetings between the two governments would take place soon to discuss investments and technical and economic cooperation.

(The IMF announced in Washington, meanwhile, that it had authorized the United Arab Republic to purchase \$7,500,000 in foreign currency with its own currency. The drawing was the second to be authorized for the UAR by the Fund in the last two months. Last January, the UAR was authorized to draw \$22,500,000 in foreign currency.)

UNITED HIAS APPEALS FOR 'DEMOCRATIZATION' OF U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for an increase in the American annual immigration quota from approximately 156,000 to 250,000 was adopted here today at the 78th annual meeting of the United Hias Service at the Hotel Roosevelt. More than 1,000 delegates from fraternal, community, religious and labor organizations attended the meeting.

The resolution also asked for other revisions of the U.S. immigration and nationality laws "to reflect American democratic concepts concerning the dignity and worth of the individual." President Kennedy, in a message to the gathering, congratulated the United Hias Service for "successful efforts in the resettlement of migrants and refugees whose hardship you have translated into hope."

Senator Philip A. Hart, Michigan Democrat, chairman of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees, was the guest speaker at the meeting. He called for new immigration legislation, emphasizing that the immigration laws discriminate against immigrants from Eastern Europe. He was presented with the United Hias Service Award of Honor, an illuminated plaque, in recognition of his "contribution of outstanding significance in the field of migration and resettlement."

Gurfein Reports on Hias Aid to Jewish Refugees from Cuba

Murray I. Gurfein, president of United Hias Service, reported that "In 1961 more than 30,000 Jewish men, women and children requested and received from United Hias Service vital migration and related services. Of this number, more than 7,000 migrants and refugees received migration assistance, and this was 80 percent higher than primarily in the United States, Latin America, Canada and Australia."

"Five thousand of the assisted migrants were from Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and the Far East, and more than 2,000 were refugees from Cuba," he said.

Pointing out that "the dilemma of Jews in Cuba is not caused by anti-Semitism, but by the sudden and far-reaching economic and political changes in that country," Mr. Gurfein stated that "more than 5,000 Jews have left Cuba since the emergency arose, and the vast majority of them have been helped directly or indirectly by United Hias Service."

He reported that less than one-third of the Jewish refugees from Cuba who received migration assistance from the agency were still in Miami, while the large majority are being successfully resettled in 96 other communities in 29 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and certain Latin American countries.

350 Children Brought to U.S. from Cuba with Parents' Consent

James P. Rice, executive director of United Hias Service, stated that the agency has helped close to 350 unaccompanied children who came to the United States from Cuba with their parents' consent. Through arrangements the agency has worked out with local Jewish community organizations, these children are now living in 37 cities of 22 states, he said. Two-thirds of the unaccompanied Jewish children were placed in the homes of relatives. Almost all of the other children have been placed in foster homes, Mr. Rice said. He added that the living arrangements for all of the unaccompanied children are being supervised by child care agencies, and family reunions take place as soon as the parents are able to rejoin their children in the United States.

Governor Rockefeller of New York and Mayor Wagner cited the United Hias Service record in messages sent to the meeting. "It is inspiring to consider that in 77 years United Hias Service and its predecessor agencies have helped more than three million Jewish persons to leave countries where they were oppressed and persecuted. In addition, United Hias has aided them to establish themselves in healthful and fruitful lives in free countries," Gov. Rockefeller stated.

STREET-CLEANERS' STRIKE IN JERUSALEM ENDS; STRIKERS WIN DEMANDS

JERUSALEM, March 11. (JTA) -- Jerusalem's striking street-cleaners and garbage collectors were back at work today after a four-day strike which won them higher pay and other benefits.

They worked extra shifts Friday to clean up the city for the Sabbath. Teams of Arab workers replaced the Jewish ones one hour before candle-lighting time Sabbath eve and worked Saturday in an effort to clean up the most dangerous accumulation of uncollected garbage and rubbish.

The settlement gave the strikers the same pay as that of their Tel Aviv counterparts, retroactive to last April, as well as 12 extra vacation days or extra pay for working on holidays and evenings during the past three years.

Meanwhile, airliners of the EL AL Israel National Airlines remained grounded in Lydda Airport today, the fourth day of a work stoppage precipitated by a demand of the air crews who are to cut flying time to no more than eight hours on any one trip instead of the present 12-hour ceiling. Five chartered jets were reported by the company to be maintaining "almost regular service" on the EL AL routes.

GOLDMANN CITES THREATS TO JEWISH SURVIVAL AT W.J.C. PARLEY IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, March 11: (JTA) -- The effect of social revolution and the danger of assimilation today pose the most serious threats to Jewish survival, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, told Jewish leaders gathered here for the WJC's first Mexico-Central American-Caribbean regional conference. He called for the fullest possible cooperation of the region's communities through the World Jewish Congress in order that Jewry might "cope with its grave problems and secure its survival." The conference, which opened last night will end tomorrow.

Dr. Goldmann addressed a public session of the conference in the Jewish Sports Club attended by representatives of ten communities, as well as by about 1,000 members of the Mexican Jewish community. Among the communities represented were Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Surinam and Venezuela. The conference also heard a demand, voiced by Yehuda Elbstein, of New York, executive director of the North American executive, that Interpol, the International Police Organization, place Nazi criminals still at large high on its wanted list.

In his address, Dr. Goldmann said that there had been radical changes in the Jewish position as compared with the last century, or even until the middle of the 20th century. Then the three main issues, all of which had lost their significance or had changed in character, had been: 1. The fight against anti-Semitism and the denial of equal rights. 2. Alleviating the miserable conditions in which millions of Jews had existed; 3. The struggle for the establishment of the Jewish homeland.

Jewish emancipation, Dr. Goldmann said, had been achieved in nearly all countries of the world and although anti-Semitism continued in many areas, it had lost much of its sharpness and violence and, at present, did not seriously endanger the Jewish position. Poverty was no more characteristic for the majority of the Jewish people whose economic position in most countries was satisfactory and, as for the fight for a Jewish homeland, the creation of the State of Israel had put an end to that.

Says New Developments in World Situation Endanger Jewish Life

In place of anti-Semitism, two new developments, characteristic of the present world situation, endangered Jewish life in most parts of the globe. One was the social upheavals taking place, or which may take place, in many parts of the world which are socially unbalanced and susceptible to such revolutions. These revolutions, although not anti-Jewish in any way, may, because of their social and economic consequences, ruin flowering Jewish communities as had been the case in Cuba.

In other countries, Dr. Goldmann said, a new violent nationalism was rampant which did not deny equality of rights to Jewish citizens, but did not grant them the right and facilities to live their distinct Jewish life. The most significant example of this trend was the 3,000,000 Soviet Jews whose position as equal citizens was not threatened by any kind of an official anti-Semitism but who were, de facto, denied the possibility to maintain their Jewish character and distinct life.

Jewish poverty was no more central in Jewish life, but another, much graver, danger had developed: assimilation as a result of the disappearance of anti-Semitic persecution, increased political integration, and the economic progress of most Jewish communities. The process of growing indifference among the young generation represented the most latent danger--Dr. Goldmann stated--to Jewish survival in the Diaspora and made the question of Jewish education, of securing the Jewishness of the young generation the number one problem in Jewish Diaspora life.

To deal with all these problems, the WJC leader said that Jewish unity and the full cooperation of all sectors of the Jewish people "as expressed in the World Jewish Congress" was more essential today than at any time before. Latin American Jewry, which Dr. Goldmann called one of the most conscious and Jewish-minded parts of the Jewish people, had to play a leading role in uniting Jewry in order that it might cope with its grave problems and secure its survival, he said.

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT, IN TELEVISION ADDRESS, WARNS AGAINST BIGOTRY

BUENOS AIRES, March 11: (JTA) -- President Arturo Frondizi strongly condemned in a national radio and television address yesterday all forms of racial and religious intolerance. Both the President and Alfredo Vitolo, the Minister of the Interior, gave assurances that the full rigor of Argentine law would be applied to suppress manifestations of intolerance whenever they appeared.

The issue with which the President and the Interior Minister dealt arose from the violently extremists propaganda made by anti-Semite Alberto Uriburu two weeks ago on the radio in connection with the March 18 elections.

President Frondizi said that such manifestations in Argentina were small and represented "a false nationalism, intentionally exacerbated by interested quarters." He added

that it affected Argentine youth, "even if they are very small groups" and that he was convinced the manifestations were "only episodic."

He declared it was "the duty of parents and teachers to seek to influence this profoundly mistaken youth in order that it may be understood that the road they are taking is not only not national but destructive. The full rigor of the law will be applied every time," he warned.

Jewish Delegation Assured by Argentine Minister of Interior

Minister Vitolo gave his assurances to a delegation from the DAIA, the representative body of Argentine Jews, headed by President Isaac Goldenberg. He told the delegation that measures had been taken to repress anti-Semitic expressions on radio, television and street meetings. He cited the broadcast statement of President Frondizi:

Dr. Goldenberg expressed the gratification of the DAIA over the assurances which, he said, expressed not only a legal duty but also a concern for humanity and democracy. He emphasized Argentine Jewry's concern since recent anti-Semitic manifestations had taken on a crude neo-Nazi form; He added that they were aimed not only at Jews but also generally against democracy and that they were therefore against Argentine traditions.

Later, Dr. Vitolo told a press conference about his meeting with the DAIA delegation, stressing that he had given the assurances directly to its members; He stated again: the Argentine Government's firm resolve to prevent resurgence of every kind of racial totalitarianism. He said the Government would not exercise the previous censorship of radio and television but that at the same time it would not allow extreme nationalist groups to use the facilities or that it would cut short such talks when that became necessary.

VIRGINIA SENATE APPROVES REVOCATION OF STATE CHARTER FROM ROCKWELL

RICHMOND, Va., March 11; (JTA) -- The Virginia State Senate overwhelmingly approved this weekend a bill to revoke the State Charter of George Rockwell's American Nazi Party. The measure went through the upper chamber with no debate. The bill was identical with the one passed last week by the House of Delegates which bars the use of the words "Nazi" or "National Socialist" in the charter name of any group.

Its effect would not necessarily put an end to Rockwell's activities, however, since it leaves open the possibility that Rockwell can apply for a new charter under a different name.

The measure now goes back to the House of Delegates for engrossing prior to being passed on to Gov. Albertis Harrison for signature. Once in effect, the measure would empower state authorities to take legal steps leading for formal revocation of the present charter. A House-passed resolution condemning the Rockwell group as "an enemy of the people of Virginia and the United States" has not yet been acted upon by the Senate.

San Diego College Plans Hearing on Incident with Rockwell

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 11; (JTA) -- San Diego State College officials indicated today they planned a hearing on the incident in which a Brooklyn Jewish student attending a forum addressed by George Rockwell punched the Nazi on the jaw.

The blow, delivered by Edward Cherry, a 22-year-old physical education major, touched off a melee Thursday in which one of Rockwell's two "stormtroopers" knocked the Brooklyn youth down with a flying tackle and was in turn tackled by a group of students who rushed up to the stage.

The student audience also greeted Rockwell's anti-Semitic remarks with a barrage of eggs. The jeering students attacked Rockwell's car, breaking a window and denting it before police were able to clear a path so that the Nazi and his followers were able to get into it and drive away.

College officials indicated they were convinced that the student was "sincere and not a trouble-maker." One official said he wished the students had sat "in stone cold silence" while Rockwell was delivering his anti-Semitic speech but added that he guessed this was "too much to hope for in normal college kids."

Rockwell was invited to the college by the Committee for Student Action, a group dedicated to freedom of speech. Some 2,000 students turned out to hear him. Dr. Ernest O'Bryne, college vice-president, said Rockwell "spoke openly of killing other Americans to 'improve the country.' Our students had never heard anybody talk like that before."

ARYEH PINCUS, JEWISH AGENCY TREASURER, ARRIVES IN U.S. TO AID U. J. A.

NEW YORK, March 11; (JFA) -- Aryeh L. Pincus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Israel, principal beneficiary of the United Jewish Appeal funds, arrived here from Jerusalem to launch a coast-to-coast speaking tour in behalf of the UJA's 1962 campaign to raise \$95,000,000. He is scheduled to address more than a dozen community-wide fund-raising meetings in all parts of the country during his four-week stay.

Dublin's Jewish Lord Mayor, Robert Briscoe, arrived here to begin an extensive American tour on behalf of Irish trade with the United States and the 1962 United Jewish Appeal campaign. His first major public appearance will be as a speaker at the Inaugural Dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria on March 15, that will formally launch this year's drive by the United Jewish Appeal.