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U. N. TRUCE CHIEF ARRIVES IN NEW YORK TO REPORT ON SYRIAN-ISRAELI CLASH

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 1. (JTA) -- Major General Carl C. von Horn, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, arrived here last night to report in person to the Security Council about the recent events on the Israeli-Syrian border which resulted in an Israeli military raid against Syrian gun positions that have been harassing Israeli fishing and police patrol boats on Lake Tiberias.

General von Horn went immediately into conference with Acting Secretary-General U Thant. The Security Council, meanwhile, has been summoned to reconvene Tuesday afternoon to hear an oral report from the UNTSO chief. When the Council meets Tuesday, its President, assuming office, for the month of April, will be Daniel Schweitzer, Chile's permanent representative here. He is a Jew.

The Council met last Thursday to hear the complaints and counter-charges by Syria and Israel, each of which accused the other of aggressions. General von Horn had already filed a written report on the events surrounding the latest outbreak of Syrian-Israeli conflict. But Adlai E. Stevenson, chairman of the United States delegation, proposed that the Council summon the UNTSO chief for further, personal discussions.

U. N. Debate Seen as Opportunity for U. S. to Request Arab-Israeli Talks

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- The current discussions in the United Nations Security Council of the Israel-Arab problem, in connection with the recent Syrian-Israeli border clashes, present an opportunity for the United States "to take a firm position in favor of direct Arab-Israeli negotiations," Republican Senator Kenneth Keating of New York declared here today. Failure to do so, he added, will only heighten emotions on both sides.

Senator Keating characterized State Department reluctance to push more vigorously for direct Arab-Israeli peace talks as an attempt "to appraise Nasser and the Arabs"--a policy, he said, that is designed "to woo their support against the Russians."

"Don't rock the boat seems to be the most conspicuous element in our Middle Eastern policy," the Senator charged. He added that "even though the boat is leaking to such an extent that it is barely afloat, we still sit motionless within it. We refuse all efforts to bail or patch, which admittedly would be difficult."

But, said the New York lawmaker, who has frequently advocated stronger United States action in efforts to get the Arabs and Israel to sit down around the conference table, "the result of our inactivity is even worse, for it denies us--along with Israel and the Middle East--any opportunity to repair the situation while there may yet be a chance."

He complained that his repeated prodding of the State Department urging U. S. attempts at direct Arab-Israel negotiations, has brought replies "in diplomatic double-talk, which, if it says anything, implies simultaneously that, on the one hand we are doing what we can and on the other that we cannot interfere."

ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS OPEN PARLEY ON ISRAEL IN SAUDI ARABIA

LONDON, April 1. (JTA) -- Israel is the principal topic on the agenda of a meeting of Arab League foreign ministers opened today at Riyadh, capital of Saudi Arabia, it appeared from a Mecca radio broadcast monitored here today.

The broadcast stated that, among the subjects to be discussed, were Israel's project for tapping the waters of the Jordan River and Israel's efforts to establish a link with the European Common Market. The Mecca Radio reported that the foreign ministers of 11 League members had already arrived at Riyadh for the session.

EICHMANN'S LAWYER PLANS APPEAL TO ISRAEL PRESIDENT FOR CLEMENCY

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- Adolf Eichmann was back in his cell in a prison near Tel Aviv. His defense attorney, Dr. Robert Servatius, who left this weekend for Germany, said prior to his departure that the one-time Gestapo colonel "has no chance" of having his death sentence annulled by an appeals tribunal.

The attorney said he would appeal to President Ben-Zvi for clemency if the appeals tribunal upholds the judgment and sentence. He also said that at the same time he would ask West Germany to demand Eichmann's extradition so that he might be tried by German courts. The attorney admitted this was not likely.

AMERICAN ISRAEL GROUP MEETS IN WASHINGTON; WILL SUBMIT VIEWS TO STATE DEPT.

WASHINGTON, April 1. (JTA) -- The American Israel Public Affairs Committee today concluded its two-day third annual national policy conference with the adoption of a statement containing recommendations on American policy in the Middle East.

The statement, which was adopted at a session held in camera, will be presented tomorrow to the State Department, after which it will be made public. The statement will also be submitted to members of Congress. The American Israel Public Affairs Committee is a national organization which works to promote American-Israel friendship.

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, chairman of the Committee, addressing the conference, called upon the United Nations to distinguish between "those who fire shots of aggression and those who reply in self-defense." Referring to the recent Israel-Syrian clash on the Sea of Galilee, he declared there should be no double standard. "If the United Nations assumes an attitude of ambivalence or neutrality towards this violence, it will probably continue," he said. "The United Nations should get the Syrians to observe the cease-fire. If there is no shooting, there will be no shooting back."

Rabbi Bernstein urged that the U.S. Government should "make clear its conviction that Israel is here to stay, that Israel, as a sovereign nation, has every right to develop its economy to support its population, and that our country will not give its support to proposals or action designed to promote belligerence and to obstruct the economic development of the area." He said he could not understand pressures that have been brought to bear upon Israel lately to agree to take substantial numbers of Arab refugees.

"Our Government must know that short of peace with the Arabs, Israel simply cannot accept any number of refugees committed to the destruction of Israel. These proposals are futile and they may be giving the refugees false hopes," he declared. He also contended that the U.S. delegation to the United Nations had erred when it voted against the 16-nation peace initiative at the last UN session. "The United States," he said, "was committed to direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab states by former UN resolutions, and the President of the United States was committed to this by statements that he made prior to his election."

ELATH ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY; PROPOSED BY PINHAS ROSEN

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- Eliahu Elath, former Israeli Ambassador to the United States and Britain, said today he regarded his election to the presidency of the Hebrew University as not only an honor "which any graduate of the University could only have dreamed of" but also a challenge to match the achievements of his "distinguished predecessors." Elath's candidacy was proposed by Pinhas Rosen, who declined to run for the post.

The election of Elath, currently head of the Afro-Asian Institute of the Histadrut, ended a four-day election deadlock of the board of governors of the university over both the candidates for the post and the question of separating the positions of president and rector of the institution.

Judge Louis Levinthal of Philadelphia was elected chairman of the board. He is expected to come to Jerusalem in several months. Daniel Ross, who headed the nominations committee, said that George Wise, who resigned as board chairman during the board meeting, had been elected to the board as a governor for the Mexican Friends of the University.

(In New York, Dr. George S. Wise told the JTA today that "my statement of last November still holds true, that I will be glad to serve the university in any capacity, especially now that the principle for which the American delegation and I have been fighting--for the separation of the functions of the president and rector--has been put into effect.")

Mr. Ross said that a \$4,000,000 loan to the university being arranged by the American Friends organization was assured and that the university's budget would be balanced. The board decided to increase the number of members to 120 to provide for 50 percent representation by Israel members.

PRIME MINISTER OF SWEDEN LEAVES ISRAEL; IS 'FASCINATED' BY THE COUNTRY

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- Declaring himself "fascinated" by what he saw in Israel, Sweden's Prime Minister, Tage Erlander, left for home today after a week's State visit.

He told the press prior to his departure that, while no specific political or economic problems were discussed during his conferences here with Israeli leaders, including several talks with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, he hoped that his visit will stimulate the expanding Israel-Swedish relations.

The Swedish statesman invited Mr. Ben-Gurion to visit Sweden, and expressed the hope that the Israeli Prime Minister would find it possible to accept the invitation this year.

U.N. COMMISSION ELIMINATES RELIGIOUS RIGHTS FROM INTERNATIONAL PACT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 1. (JTA) -- The United Nations Commission on Human Rights decided here yesterday that a set of draft principles on freedom and non-discrimination in the matter of religious rights and practices will not be embodied into an international convention. Instead, the Commission decided, the principles may be proposed to the General Assembly for issuance as a simple "declaration," similar to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the Assembly in 1948.

As an international convention, the principles would have had the force of international law. As a "declaration," they would set up only "standards of achievement," permissive in character but not mandatory on any member state. The principles had been adopted in 1960 by the Human Rights Commission's Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

The Commission also decided not to debate this year a vital part of the draft principles, forbidding governments from denying religious groups the right to acquire materials needed for the practice of their religion. Under this clause, the Soviet Union would have been out of tune with the principles when it denies the Jews of Russia the right to bake matzo in state bakeries. This section of the draft set of principles may be debated at the next session of the Commission, in 1963.

N. Y. STATE LEGISLATURE ASKS U. N. TO INVESTIGATE ANTI-SEMITISM IN RUSSIA

ALBANY, N. Y., April 1. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to investigate anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union was passed here yesterday by the New York State Senate. The bill had been sponsored by Assemblyman Bentley Kassal, of New York.

The Legislature, which has ended its 1962 session, failed to take action on two other measures of interest to Jews. One of the proposals would have amended the State's humane slaughter statutes. This measure was opposed by representatives of Jewish organizations on the ground that it would affect Shechita. Another measure would have altered the State's Sunday closing laws, making it possible for businesses that close on Saturdays to stay open Sundays. The proposed legislation, like the bill affecting Shechita, died in the State Legislature.

MASSACHUSETTS URGES U. S. ACTION ON ARAB BOYCOTT OF AMERICAN JEWS

BOSTON, April 1. (JTA) -- Resolutions urging the State Department to take a "firm position against Arab interference in the conduct of the affairs of American citizens" were adopted unanimously yesterday by both houses of the Massachusetts Central Court. This makes Massachusetts the first state in New England to adopt such resolutions and the seventh state in the nation after California, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The petition for the adoption of the resolutions was originally submitted to the Joint Committee on Constitutional Law in January. Among those speaking in favor of the petition was Herbert B. Ehrman, chairman of the executive board and honorary national president of the American Jewish Committee, and Rep. Sidney Q. Curtiss. In the General Court, the resolutions were supported by both Democrats and Republicans and are in keeping with the 1960 platform of both parties.

The text of the identical resolution adopted in both houses reads:

"The General Court of Massachusetts respectfully urges the Department of State to take a firm position against Arab interference in the conduct of the affairs of American citizens and businessmen, to abstain from any accommodation to Arab League boycott activities and policies, whether passive or overt, to resist any efforts by Arab nations to maintain or widen its boycott activities in the United States, and to exert all possible efforts and utilize its resources to the fulfillment of the spirit and purposes of this resolution." Copies of the resolutions will be forwarded by the secretary of the commonwealth to the Secretary of State of the United States.

Resolution Urging U. S. to Act on Arabs Introduced in Michigan Senate

DETROIT, April 1. (JTA) -- A resolution calling on the United States Department of State to "firmly" oppose Arab interference with the rights of American citizens and firms to travel to, reside in or trade with areas controlled by Arab League states was introduced in the Michigan State Senate at Lansing this weekend by State Senator Charles S. Blondy.

The resolution also calls on the State Department to "redress these circumstances and conditions, and to prevent them in the future." In the preambular clauses of the resolution, Senator Blondy specifically objected to the anti-Israeli boycott as applied to American citizens and shipping, and to the banning of Jews from the United States-operated Dharhan airbase in Saudi Arabia.

AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLDS 70TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

PHILADELPHIA, April 1. (JTA) -- A wide array of addresses dealing with American Jewish history were presented here today at the 70th annual convention of the American Jewish Historical Society. Jewish scholars from all over the United States are attending the convention.

At the annual dinner tonight, special awards were presented to two noted rabbis. Dr. David de Sola Pool, of New York, was cited for his "distinguished service in the field of American Jewish history." The award for "notable scholarly work in the field of Jewish history" was given to Dr. Bertram W. Korn, of Philadelphia, noted Jewish historian.

MENTAL HEALTH OF JEWS IN NEW YORK FOUND MORE FAVORABLE THAN NON-JEWS

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Jews in New York's "Midtown" have been found in a new scientific study published here this weekend to enjoy a mental health situation more favorable than the situation attributed to Protestants and Catholics. However, a higher proportion of Jews obtain psychotherapy than do the members of the two other major religious groupings, the study showed.

The study, "Mental Health in the Metropolis, Volume I," is the result of several years' work by psychiatrists and sociologists, a number of whom are Jews. The survey showed that, while there are fewer Jews--compared with Protestants and Catholics--who are completely healthy mentally, there are also fewer Jews whose mental health is so severe as to impair their social functioning. Those Jews who are listed among the mentally ill show mostly symptoms that are mild and moderate.

The researchers showed that half of the Jews said they would solicit professional aid from a psychotherapist if they felt they needed such help. Among Protestants the percentage is 31, and among Catholics the ratio is 23 percent. The study showed that, in a mental crisis, the two Christian groups relied more on physicians and on help from clergymen, as compared with Jews.

TWO N. Y. SYNAGOGUES CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY; RODEPH SHOLOM IS 120 YEARS OLD

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Two leading New York synagogues today celebrated the anniversaries of their founding in the nineteenth century. Congregation Rodeph Sholom observed its 120th anniversary at a dinner at the Hotel Astor, while the Park Avenue Synagogue marked the 80th anniversary of its founding with a special program at the synagogue. Senator Jacob K. Javits was the principal speaker at both functions.

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, with which Rodeph Sholom is affiliated, also addressed the anniversary celebration of the Temple which was founded in 1842. Rabbi Louis I. Newman, spiritual leader of the congregation, addressed the dinner.

Among the other speakers at the anniversary assembly of the Park Avenue Synagogue, were Rabbi Judah Nadich, spiritual leader of the congregation and Dr. Milton Helfern, chief medical examiner of the City of New York and chairman of the synagogue's 80th anniversary committee. Mayor Robert F. Wagner extended greetings to the congregation which also received a message of congratulations from President John F. Kennedy.

DANISH AMBASSADOR TO U.N. HONORED FOR RESCUING JEWS FROM NAZI HANDS

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Aage Hesselund Jensen, Danish Ambassador to the United Nations, was presented last night with the annual brotherhood award of the Sutton Place Synagogue here for his part in aiding Jews to escape from Nazi hands during World War II.

He aided the Jewish community of Denmark during the Nazi occupation in 1943 and when he was secretary to the Danish legation in Stockholm he helped Jews escaping to Sweden.

LAST REBBE OF DROHOBYTCH HASSIDIC DYNASTY DIES; WAS WELL-KNOWN PAINTER

JERUSALEM, April 1. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Rabbi Abraham Shapira, the Rebbe of Drohobytch and popularly known as the Artist Rabbi, who died here Friday at the age of 77 after he was struck by a speeding automobile on Jerusalem's main street. Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim and leaders of the National Religious party were among those attending the services.

The last of the Drohobytch Chassidic dynasty, Rabbi Shapira took up painting some years ago and excelled in Jerusalem landscapes. His works were exhibited in New York several years ago. Except for some coaching on the use of colors by the late Hermann Struck, Rabbi Shapira's mastery as an artist was self taught and considered of high professional standard. He assumed the mantle of the chassidic Rebbe at the death of his elder brother.

RABBI OHANNA, SEPHARDIC CHIEF RABBI OF HAIFA, DEAD; WAS TALMUDIC SCHOLAR

HAIFA, April 1. (JTA) -- Rabbi Binyamin Nissim Ohanna, spiritual head of the Sephardic community here, died this weekend at the age of 81. A known Talmudic scholar, Rabbi Ohanna had earlier served in major rabbinical posts in Cairo, Egypt; Gaza, Palestine; and Malta. Born in Medea, Algeria, Rabbi Ohanna was brought to Palestine at the age of six and was ordained in Jerusalem. He was also a graduate of the Rabbinical Seminary in Prague.