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ISRAELIS IN WASHINGTON SEEK TO AVERT BAN ON COTTON YARN IMPORT TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, June 12. (JTA) -- Israeli officials here today initiated talks with Washington authorities with a view to preventing a possible embargo on the importation of Israeli cotton yarn to the United States as a result of the new U.S. policy to curtail cotton import from abroad.

The Department of Commerce said today, no freeze has as yet been imposed on Israeli cotton yarn exports to the United States. The Department noted that, in fiscal 1961, Israel exported 3,200,000 square yards of textiles to the United States. However, the effect upon Israel's cotton yarn industry may arise from Congressional attempts to provide relief from foreign competition to the American textile industry.

While no official action has been taken as yet, a joint Senate-House conference committee has reported out legislation that would empower the Executive Branch to take whatever steps may be necessary to reduce foreign import quotas. The legislation is designed to prevent "circumvention or frustration" of an agreement made under the Geneva Textile Cotton Arrangement of last July by countries that are not members of the arrangement. Israel is not a member of the Geneva Arrangement.

Israel, reportedly, has hundreds of tons of manufactured textiles awaiting shipment to the United States. Half of Israel's output in this field is exported to the United States.

Israeli sources here felt today that there was a good possibility that the legislation with its serious effects on Israel could be passed. However, they held out hopes for relief as a result of the current negotiations. At worst, it was pointed out, if the legislation is enacted, and the embargo imposed, such an embargo might last only until next autumn, when the U.S. cotton yarn import quotas, to be set on a country-by-country basis, would be reviewed.

Israeli Cotton Mill Owners Perturbed; May Have to Cut Production

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- Israeli cotton yarn mills may be forced to cut production, with the result that many workers would be laid off, due to the United States ban on cotton yarn imports from this country, the textile department of the Israel Manufacturers Association warned here today. Mill owners today requested the Government to find ways to aid the industry, which is threatened as a result of the new American ruling.

According to the latest figures, Israel exported \$7,000,000 worth of cotton yarn to the United States this year. The industry had planned on shipping 40 percent of its output to the U.S.A. in 1962. Editorials in today's Israeli newspapers expressed the hope that Washington would reconsider its ban and continue the policy of encouraging traditional free world trade.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY, IN REPORT TO CONGRESS, CITES U.S. AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 12. (JTA) -- United States development fund loans to Israel for fiscal 1961 totaled \$16,000,000--an increase of \$1,000,000 over the previous year--President Kennedy reported to Congress today.

But the President reported that U.S. technical assistance to Israel was reduced in fiscal 1961 to \$1,000,000 as compared with \$1,400,000 the previous year. The reduction in technical assistance, the President said, was the result of "the growth of technical competence in Israel."

President Kennedy's references to Israel were contained in his annual report to Congress on the U.S. Mutual Security Program. The lawmakers were also told that in addition to U.S. agricultural commodities for Israel totaling \$25,900,000 during the last fiscal year, U.S. advisers and technicians continue to serve in Israel on highway and railway projects, as well as on programs for mineral and industrial development.

The report showed no U.S. military aid was provided to Israel in fiscal 1961, although our Arab neighbors--Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq--did receive such aid.

Lebanon received \$172,000 worth of military aid from the U.S.A. in fiscal 1961, and was allocated \$107,000 in that category for fiscal 1962. Jordan got military aid valued at \$3,470,000 for fiscal 1961, and \$1,511,000 for fiscal 1962. Iraq's share was \$32,000 in fiscal 1961, and \$40,000 for fiscal 1962.

No figure for military aid to Saudi Arabia was mentioned in the President's report. Defense Department circles said they did not know why such a figure was omitted, but

thought it was possible that Saudi Arabia's military aid share had been in the form of purchases, rather than in grants as applied to the other Arab neighbors of Israel.

Meanwhile, the House of Representatives was preparing for debate on the big annual foreign assistance bill which has already cleared the Senate. The House version of the bill, which contains an amendment introduced by Democratic Congressman Leonard Farbstein of New York requiring the Secretary of State to report annually to Congress on measures being taken to counter Arab discrimination against American Jews, was reported today to be awaiting a clearance by the House Rules Committee before coming to the House floor for action.

The Senate bill, passed last week, contains a similar amendment introduced by Republican Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York. The Javits amendment would also require annual reports on U.S. measures being taken against Arab discrimination but calls on the President to give such an accounting as part of his regular annual reports on foreign aid as is now required by present law.

GROWING 'JEWISH ISOLATIONISM' IN U.S. DEPLORED AT JERUSALEM PARLEY

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, opened an American-Israeli "dialogue" here today with a warning that growing "Jewish isolationism" in the U.S. threatens both the vitality of American Jewry and the development of closer cultural ties between the American Jewish community and Israel.

He spoke at the first session of a three-day conference in Jerusalem's Convention Hall at which nearly 1,000 American Jews and Israelis will exchange ideas on strengthening relations between the two communities. The conference is being sponsored by the American Jewish Congress in cooperation with the Government of Israel. In his presentation at the opening session this evening, Dr. Prinz made these main points:

1. Increasing numbers of young American Jews are attracted to the "alluring philosophy of self-sufficiency," believing that they comprise "a self-contained religious sect which can continue to live happily without any identification with Jews outside the United States aside from, perhaps, philanthropic considerations." This view, Dr. Prinz said, "threatens ultimately to destroy American Jewry as it has grown and developed in this country."
2. Because of this growing belief, Israel cannot take for granted that it will be able to rely upon American Jewry in ten or twenty years as they can now. "The young American Jewish generation is not yet 'sold' on Israel," Dr. Prinz declared. He urged intensified tourism and a program offering a year's study in Israel to American Jewish university students as part of a long-range plan to establish "tens of thousands of personal relationships between Jews in the United States and Israel."
3. Jewish immigration to Israel will remain small, and Israel officials should accept this fact. "It is historically wrong and factually inaccurate to apply the ideology of European Zionism to the American Jewish scene," the American Jewish Congress leader declared. He emphasized that "American Jews are still subjected to discrimination in some fields, but while American Jews have many problems, anti-Semitism in America is not one of them."
4. While Jewish group existence is not in danger in America, "the meaning and the content of this group existence is jeopardized by ignorance of the Jewish heritage among many Jews." In this area, Dr. Prinz said, Israel can play a major role in strengthening cultural ties with American Jews through spreading knowledge of Hebrew and similar programs of Jewish education.

The American Jewish Congress leader said that many American Jews are concerned with the role of religious groups in the political affairs of Israel. There is disappointment among many American Jews with the fact that "for Israel's religious leaders the concern with ritual and tradition seems to outweigh the deeper concerns of peace and war, of justice and compassion, racism and prejudice, juvenile delinquency and other social ills," he declared.

TRIAL OF RABBI AND THREE OTHER ORTHODOX JEWS RESUMED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- The trial of a rabbi and three other members of an ultra-Orthodox collective village on charges of complicity in the abduction and hiding of 10-year-old Yoselle Shumacher was resumed today. The boy was taken from his parents in 1959 by Orthodox relatives who feared he would not receive a sufficiently Orthodox education from his Russian-born parents. Despite a search on three continents, the boy has not been seen since.

The defendants in the trial, one of two in the case, are Rabbi Binyamin Mendelsohn and three other Poale Agudat Israel members. A related case opened last week against a Kormemiat couple named Kutt, also accused of complicity in the boy's abduction. That case was recessed until June 21.

(In New York, more than 3,500 Orthodox Jews attended a meeting last night, called by the Central Rabbinical Congress of the United States and Canada, to protest "a bitter hatred campaign against religious Jews" by the State of Israel allegedly developing from the Yoselle Shumacher case. The delegates adopted a resolution protesting the arrest in Israel of six persons charged with complicity in the case.)

BULGARIA READY TO PAY DAMAGES TO FAMILIES KILLED IN DOWNED PLANE

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- The Israeli and Bulgarian Governments have reached an understanding on payments by the East European country of damages to families of victims of the shooting down in 1955 of an El Al airliner over Bulgaria with a loss of 58 lives, official sources reported today.

These sources said a final agreement on the lengthy and much-delayed settlement could be expected in a few weeks. Dr. Chaim Yachil, director general of Israel's Foreign Ministry visited Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, several days ago and expressed satisfaction with the talks he had there with Bulgarian Government officials.

After many months of futile talks with Bulgarian officials, who at first rejected responsibility for the crash and then admitted responsibility for the disaster, Israel lodged a complaint in 1959 with the International Court of Justice at the Hague. Israel told the Hague court that damages equivalent to \$7,462,803 had been claimed.

The United States Government filed a brief and evidence on behalf of six American citizens who were among the victims and who left American next-of-kin. The court decided, however, that it was not competent in the case.

MILAN'S MUNICIPAL COUNCIL DENOUNCES FASCIST ATTACKS ON JEWS IN ROME

MILAN, June 12. (JTA) -- The Municipal Council of Milan adopted a resolution today denouncing the "recent heinous incursions" into the Jewish quarter of Rome by racist and neo-fascist elements from the right-wing Movimento Sociale Italiano.

The Milanese Council expressed its "solidarity with the Jewish community." It confirmed its pledge of a "continuous fight for civilized and democratic principles and against the abominable return of racism."

The resolution was adopted as a result of fights in the Jewish quarter last week, when carloads of MSI adherents invaded the old ghetto, brandishing and shouting anti-Semitic slogans. Angry Jews mauled the MSI men, sending several to hospitals. Five Jewish youths were arrested.

SWISS CANTON VOTES TO PREVENT MEETINGS OF ANTI-SEMITIC ORGANIZATION

GENEVA, June 12. (JTA) -- The Swiss Canton of Vaud approved today by a slender majority of two votes a resolution to take appropriate steps to prevent any repetition of a recent meeting near Lausanne of the neo-Nazi, anti-Semitic "New European Order."

The meeting of the racist group was organized by G.A. Amadruz, a banking employee known for his extreme rightist and anti-Semitic activities. During the meeting, the delegates voted a motion of sympathy for Leon Degrelle, the Rexist war criminal who fled to refuge in Spain when Belgium was liberated from the Nazis.

The delegates also unanimously approved a resolution supporting the wartime activities of Nazi Adolf Eichmann, who was hanged in Jerusalem on May 31 for his war crimes against the Jews. The group publishes a bulletin in Belgium.

MARTIN BORMANN, HITLER'S DEPUTY, REPORTED RESIDING IN SOUTH AMERICA

PARIS, June 12. (JTA) -- Martin Bormann, deputy to Adolf Hitler, is alive, resides in South America, and visits Europe once every year, according to disclosures made here today by Angel Alcazar de Velasco, a Spaniard who was formerly Spain's press attache in London. Velasco, who is 52, had won from Hitler the award of the Iron Cross "for services performed."

According to Velasco, he was the chief of Nazi counter-espionage in Spain in 1940, and continued to work for the Nazis when Spain sent him to the post in London, where he served in 1941 and 1942. He said that, in 1945, a Nazi agent, bearing the code name of "Felipi," approached him in Madrid, and told him to await the arrival of "a most important personage" within a month. The person turned out to be Bormann, he said, and he took Bormann in a submarine from a fishing port in northwest Spain to southern Argentina, near Patagonia. The voyage, he said, took 21 days.

Velasco said he last met Bormann in Ecuador in 1958. The Hitler deputy by that time, he said, had aged considerably, and had changed his appearance through plastic surgery on his face.

MOROCCAN MINISTER ATTENDS JEWISH YOUTH FUNCTION IN CASABLANCA

CASABLANCA, June 12. (JTA) -- The Moroccan Minister for Youth and Sports today participated in a function organized by the Jewish youth educators. Other guests taking part in the event included a representative of the Ministry of Education and many Jewish and Moslem personalities.

The centenary of the founding of the Alliance Israelite Universelle School in Tetuan was celebrated there today with ceremonies attended by the Governor of Tetuan Province, representatives of the National Education Ministry and other senior Government officials, as well as Jewish communal leaders.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY SEEKS RE-HEARING ON ROCKWELL CASE IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, La., June 12. (JTA) -- The District Attorney's office here said today it is seeking a re-hearing of a ruling by the Criminal District of Appeals court which dismissed a conviction of American Nazi party leader George Rockwell of disturbing the peace.

Rockwell was arrested here in May 1961 after he and a group of his "troopers" wearing Nazi uniforms with swastikas picketed the showing of the film, "Exodus." They carried anti-Jewish and anti-Negro signs. A Criminal District court ruled against Rockwell but the appeals court held that the signs were not intended to incite to violence.

Rockwell came to New Orleans last week and said he would file suit in United States District court against Mayor Victor Schiro, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and police officials "for conspiracy to deprive" him of his "civil rights" and to have caused "false imprisonment." Subsequently he said he had dropped the idea.

MILWAUKEE RABBIS PROTEST TEACHING ON SATURDAY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MILWAUKEE, June 12. (JTA) -- The public school system of this city has scheduled summer sessions in such a manner that children going to those classes will have to attend school on one Saturday, June 30, and the Wisconsin Council of Rabbis today protested against this schedule.

Pointing out that Saturday is the Jewish Sabbath, the Council requested that the Board of Education alter the summer schedule. Harold S. Vincent, superintendent of schools, replied that the June 30 session will be necessary to make up for the day to be lost by students on July 4. The Board of Education referred the protest by the rabbis to a committee "for further study."

PHILIP G. WHITMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HEBREW U.

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- Philip G. Whitman of New York was today elected president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University at the annual membership meeting of the organization. Ralph Wechsler of Essex Falls, N.J., was elected chairman of the board of directors, succeeding Daniel G. Ross of New York.

Mr. Ross, who served as president from 1955 to 1959 and as acting president since 1961, was elected an honorary president together with Dr. George S. Wise of New York and Mexico City, former chairman of the board of governors of the Hebrew University and a former president of the American Friends. The other honorary presidents are U.S. Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter and Dr. Israel S. Wechsler of New York.

In his report to the annual membership meeting, Mr. Ross announced that 108 men and woman had become Founders of the New Campus of the Hebrew University since the Society of the Founders was established in June 1960. The Founders are contributors of \$25,000 or more to the development program of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. Mr. Whitman has been a member of the board of governors of the Hebrew University--the supreme authority of the University--for some 15 years, and has been prominently associated with the American Friends for many years. Prior to his election as president, he served as secretary and vice-president of the American Friends.

MURRAY D. GOODRICH, JEWISH LEADER, HONORED BY SAN DIEGO UNIVERSITY

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 12. (JTA) -- Murray D. Goodrich, a prominent Jewish communal leader and former president of the San Diego United Jewish Fund, received an honorary doctor of laws degree yesterday at the commencement exercises of the University of San Diego College for Men.

Mr. Goodrich, a member of the national council of the Joint Defense Appeal, of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, was cited for his contributions to the city, the community and the university. Mr. Goodrich was recently named president of the San Diego chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

JUDGE TOBRINER NAMED TO BENCH OF SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12. (JTA) -- Judge Matthew O. Tobriner, of the District Court of Appeals here, was elevated by Governor Edmund G. Brown to the bench of the State Supreme Court, highest court in the state. Judge Tobriner will be the second member of the local Jewish community to sit on the Supreme Court. The first was the late Judge M. C. Sloss. Judge Tobriner will assume his place on the bench on July 1.

GROUP OF MONTREAL JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS LEAVES FOR ISRAEL

MONTREAL, June 12. (JTA) -- A group of Jewish community leaders here left for Israel last night as this city's first mission for the study of the new movement of immigrants to Israel, on behalf of the Combined Jewish Appeal, United Israel Appeal and the Rescue and Survival Fund.

The group, led by Jacob M. Lowy, general chairman of the 1962 campaign, will visit refugee transit centers in Paris, Marseilles, Rome and Naples before going to Israel. After conferring with top Israeli leaders, the group is scheduled to return here to report to campaign and community leaders in preparation for the fall Joint Jewish Campaign.