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U. S. FIRM REJECTS ARAB DEMAND TO CEASE SERVING ISRAEL'S ATOMIC REACTOR

NEW YORK, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- A top official of the American Machine and Foundry Corporation of New York said today it had rejected an Arab League Boycott committee demand that it refuse to service the atomic reactor the corporation had helped Israel to build.

Milton Barall, vice-president of the corporation's international division, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that a report from Damascus that the corporation had been removed from the Arab League boycott list after 14 months was correct. He added, however, that the corporation not only had not pledged it would refuse service to Israel but that on the contrary, it had sent a letter to the boycott committee that it would continue to provide necessary services for the atomic reactor.

Mr. Barall said that he and Frank White, president of the international division, met with Israeli officials at the Israel Embassy in Washington on August 3 and gave that assurance to them. He explained that while the corporation had no contractual obligation with Israel after the reactor was completed, it felt it did have a moral obligation to fill orders for parts and fuel needed to keep the reactor functioning. He said the corporation had so informed the Arab League Boycott committee.

Asked why he thought the corporation's name had been dropped from the banned list, since the corporation had declined to make the demanded pledge not to provide any further services to Israel, Mr. Barall said the corporation had protested against the boycott committee and that he assumed this was the reason the corporation's name had been removed from the list.

He added that it was quite likely that AMF would be restored to the list after the boycott committee received the letter. However, despite the possibility, the decision had been made to reject the boycott committee demand, he said. The decision had been approved by the corporation's president, Moonhead Patterson, before his death a few weeks ago, he revealed.

Mr. Barall said that AMF officials had discussed the issue also with officials of the State Department and the Atomic Energy Commission, partly because the corporation's help to Israel had been made available under the United States Atoms for Peace program. He said the letter to the boycott committee emphasized that the reactor had been built for peaceful purposes and that the same assistance was available to Arab countries.

The corporation, he disclosed, had been negotiating with the boycott committee after the ban was imposed but that negotiations were broken off by the corporation when the boycott committee insisted that the corporation pledge it would not provide any services to Israel.

WASHINGTON AWARE OF ISRAEL'S SECURITY NEEDS, HIGH OFFICIAL SAYS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Myer Feldman, deputy special counsel to President Kennedy, was reported today to have given repeated assurance to Israeli officials here about the United States commitment to Israel and the Kennedy Administration's understanding of Israel's security and development needs.

The White House adviser, who returned to Washington today, was understood to have given those assurances to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and to Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, in several meetings. He spent five days in Israel as a guest of the Weizmann Institute.

It was assumed that Mrs. Meir conveyed to the White House adviser Israel's concern over threats to its security from the Egyptian military buildup and recent disclosure of rocket capability.

Vice President Johnson Will Not Visit Israel on Middle East Trip

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- President Kennedy today discussed Middle Eastern issues with the new Lebanese Ambassador Ibrahim Al-Ahdab and invited the ambassador to return to the White House this afternoon for a farewell function honoring Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson who is departing on a trip to the Middle East.

Vice President Johnson will visit Lebanon, Cyprus, Iran, Greece and Turkey to re-emphasize American support of those regimes and to dramatize American steadfastness to them. The idea of including Israel on his Middle Eastern itinerary was rejected because such a visit might be "misinterpreted" by the Arab states, it was learned.

BEN-GURION FETED IN STOCKHOLM; STRESSES ISRAEL-SWEDISH LINKS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's official visit to the Scandinavian countries was marked tonight with a dinner in his honor given by the Swedish Foreign Office at which high praise was paid to his leadership by Premier Tage Erlander. Earlier in the day, the Prime Minister was a luncheon guest of the Stockholm Town Council.

The Swedish leader described Mr. Ben-Gurion as "the symbol of the courage and determination of the Israeli people in its successful struggle for independence and democracy." He said that the Prime Minister was recognized all over the world as "the inspiring force for the efforts of the Jewish people to create under difficult circumstances a modern economically and socially advanced society and for the belief in the future which above all characterizes modern Israel."

Premier Erlander expressed the hope that "we will be able to continue our conversations on the problems confronting our countries in a world that is growing more and more interdependent and in which small countries have a responsibility to participate actively in the work for peace and better understanding."

In his reply, Mr. Ben-Gurion cited the work of two Swedish leaders--the late Supreme Court Judge Sandstrom, who served on the United Nations Commission for Palestine, and the late United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold--in aiding Israel's re-birth and development. He added that "that which binds us to Sweden more than anything else is our community of social ideals."

Prior to the banquet which was attended by some 120 dignitaries, the Prime Minister talked with Premier Erlander for 30 minutes and then visited Foreign Minister Oesten Unden. The conversations were reported general, with talks on concrete issues slated for subsequent meetings during the Prime Minister's visit.

Mr. Ben-Gurion came with Mrs. Ben-Gurion, their daughter, and military aides, arriving at Arland airport last night. They received a warm airport reception from Premier Erlander and envoys of Norway, Finland, Denmark and Iceland, the countries Mr. Ben-Gurion will visit.

Jewish children with small Israeli flags were among those who came to the airport to greet the Israeli visitors. A large Israeli flag stood at the entrance to the Dignitaries Room where an informal reception was held. A military orchestra played the Israeli and Swedish anthems, then a Swedish flag was presented to the Israeli leader.

DR. JOSEPH TAL, ISRAEL MINISTER, DIES OF HEART ATTACK IN SWITZERLAND

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Giora Joseph Tal, Minister of Development and Housing and one of the younger leaders of the Mapai party, died in Switzerland this morning after a heart attack. He was 50 years old. He had been convalescing in Lucerne after a prolonged illness. A second heart attack caused his death.

The Cabinet held an extraordinary memorial session this afternoon in which Dr. Joseph Tal was eulogized by Acting Premier Levi Eshkol, who expressed the profound grief of the Government. The Cabinet also discussed arrangements for the transfer of Dr. Joseph Tal's body to Israel for burial.

The youthful Minister, who was born in Nuremberg and educated in German universities, settled in Palestine in 1938 and served the Zionist movement and the pre-State Jewish community in a variety of posts. He had been secretary general of the Mapai party, a former treasurer of the Jewish Agency and a director of its Immigration and Absorption Department. He had also been a member of the Israeli delegation on the reparations negotiations with West Germany.

He served as a director of Youth Aliyah in Germany until 1938 and was a Jewish Agency representative in Europe and in the Jewish immigrants camp at Athlit. He served in the British Army from 1943 to 1946. He had visited the United States several times to aid the United Jewish Appeal campaign and enjoyed great respect from American Jewish leaders.

In a message cabled from Stockholm and read at the special Cabinet meeting, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, now on a state visit to the Scandinavian countries, said he was "deeply shocked by the horrible news," and added: "We have lost an exemplary halutz, a dear comrade, and an outstanding man, true in spirit and deeds to Israel. A man of the kibbutz, he was pure and helpful to the party, the Histadrut and the Israel Government. Great is the pain and sorrow of this loss."

GOVERNOR OF BANK OF ISRAEL LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON MONETARY PARLEY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, left here today for the United States where he will attend a meeting of the Board of Governors of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

He is scheduled to stop in Vienna to address a conference there of the International Economists Association and in London for a meeting with Lord Cromer, Governor of the Bank of England.

ISRAEL RESUMES WORK ON WATER PROJECT; INCITING ARABS ARRESTED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Work was resumed today in the Beit Netofa area under a heavy police guard on excavations for a water pipeline as after police made a series of night arrests of Arabs who were trying to incite Arab villagers to oppose the excavation work by force. The excavation proceeded this morning without incident although some tension was reported among the Arab villagers.

Work on the project, a key part of the Jordan River-Negev irrigation project, was suspended because of Arab objections to the pipeline's passage through their land holdings. The Haifa District Court rejected yesterday an appeal by 21 of the landowners against a condemnation order issued by the Israel Water Authority for parts of the area needed for the pipeline. The court also rejected the villagers' request for an appeal to a higher court.

Jewish and Arab farmers owning land along four miles of the proposed pipeline route have sold land to the Government at an agreed price of \$467 an acre but Arabs owning the rest of the area needed for the pipeline declined to sell. The Ministry of Finance then used its authority to expropriate the required right-of-way. The Government went into court to obtain a recovery of property order when the recalcitrant Arab farmers refused to comply.

The timetable calls for digging six miles by October when winter rains will halt the work. Digging and concrete work is expected to be finished next summer. Work on all components, which includes tunnels, canals, reservoirs, pumping and booster stations, is due to end simultaneously at the close of the 1963-64 fiscal year. Then an annual flow of 235, 000, 000 cubic yards of water from the Jordan River to the Negev is expected to start with an ultimate capacity of more than 400, 000, 000 cubic yards.

ISRAEL PROTESTS TO U. N. COMMISSION AGAINST DAY-LONG SYRIAN SHOOTING

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Israel lodged a protest today with the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission after day-long shooting yesterday by Syrian gunners in the Lake Tiberias area. No casualties were reported.

The shooting began with an attack on an Israeli police launch on the lake. In the afternoon, Syrian gunners began shooting on tractor drivers and field workers in the Tel Katzir area. This fire was returned and the Syrians halted their shooting. Shortly afterwards, the Syrians renewed shooting and again received counter-fire, the exchanges continuing until dusk.

Work continued in the area despite the shooting and in spite of a fire which started in one field as a result of use by the Syrians of phosphorus shells.

ISRAEL CANCELS PARTICIPATION IN ASIAN GAMES; NO VISAS RECEIVED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Israel withdrew today from the Asian Olympic Games which will open in Jakarta, Indonesia Friday because Indonesia failed to send identity cards to the 37 Israeli athletes named for the games. The identity cards are required for entry into Indonesia.

Moslem Indonesia was known to have been under considerable Arab pressure to prevent Israel's participation in the games. However, the Indonesian Government was obligated under regulations of the Asian Games Federation to facilitate participation by Israel which had been formally invited to send a contingent.

The Israel Olympics Committee called the Indonesian action a violation of federation regulations and said it would take steps to have the Jakarta contests disqualified.

NAZI CHARGED WITH KILLING JEWS HANGS HIMSELF IN VIENNA JAIL

VIENNA, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Former SS Colonel Hedmann Hoeffle, who was in jail awaiting trial on charges of participating in the mass killing of Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland during World War II, hanged himself in his cell yesterday.

The 51-year-old former Nazi had been named in the trial in Jerusalem of Adolf Eichmann and had been arrested in Salzburg last January. The documentary evidence against Hoeffle, who had been an assistant to Eichmann, totaled 12, 000 pages and charged him with a key role in the Nazi genocide against European Jewry.

Hoeffle, who was stationed in Lublin and Warsaw in the 1942-43 period, was accused of personally selecting Jews for the gas chambers. As a key assistant to Odilo Globocnik, the Nazi governor of Lublin, he also was charged with leading a transport of 8, 400 Vienna Jews to Nazi slaughter camps. Another charge was that he also was involved in the deportation of tens of thousands of Warsaw Jews in a six-week period to Treblinka, Sobibor and Maidanek, three of the major Nazi death camps.

JEWISH SITUATION IN SOUTH AMERICA DISCUSSED WITH STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Philip Baum, director of the American Jewish Congress Commission on International Affairs, and other AJC representatives, today discussed the Jewish situation in South America at a State Department meeting with Assistant Secretary of State Edwin M. Martin.

MONTREAL CATHOLICS BACK REQUEST FOR STATE FUNDS TO JEWISH SCHOOLS

MONTREAL, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Strong support for Jewish requests that the Quebec provincial government allocate funds from school taxes to Jewish day schools was voiced today by the influential Catholic daily, Le Devoir. Some 4,000 Jewish children attend the Jewish day schools in Montreal. All other primary schools are under Catholic or Protestant direction supported by general school tax levies.

The editorial, signed by Catholic Action leader Claude Ryan, asserted that "in granting perfect school equality to those Jews who already bear heavy sacrifices to maintain their culture, we will show the entire country the true roots from which springs our attachment to our own cultural treasure."

"We will prove that what we ask for ourselves we also want others to have," the editorial continued, adding that Quebec Jewry was divided between attachment to a universal ideal of democracy with a single school system for all children, and a Jewish loyalty which requires an intensive and separate Jewish education. The editorial noted that Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the world Jewish leader, "sees no contradiction in this polarity, but rather finds true equality in a system which ensures survival for minorities."

N. Y. JEWISH GROUPS APPEAL FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM SUNDAY CLOSING LAW

NEW YORK, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Four Jewish groups today urged the New York state legislature to pass laws granting Sabbath observers exemption from the state Sunday closing law.

Their pleas were presented at a public hearing of the Democratic State Platform Advisory Committee at the National Democratic Club here. The groups were the American Jewish Congress, the New York Board of Rabbis, the National Council of Young Israel and the Council for Sabbath observance.

Marvin Karparkin, co-chairman of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress Metropolitan Council, told the advisory committee that the New York state closing law imposed "discriminatory economic hardship and burdens of the religious observance of persons keeping a Sabbath other than Sunday." He noted that at least 12 states provide exemptions for persons like Seventh Day Adventists and Orthodox Jews "who, in good faith, close their businesses to observe a different day as the Sabbath."

"The State of New York, which has the largest population of Sabbath observers in the United States, and where the burdensome impact of Sunday laws is greatest, can do no less," he pleaded.

Rabbi Ephraim Sturm, national director of Young Israel, also urged such legislation. He called in addition for defeat of humane slaughter bills which have been repeatedly brought before the New York legislature. He raised the question of whether there was "an ulterior motive which singles out ritual slaughtering and places undue burdens upon the Jewish people."

He contended that the Sunday closing law in New York in practice "discriminates chiefly against the religious Sabbath observer who through conviction" must close his place of business on Saturday. He added that freedom of religion and conscience were violated when officials "call for periodic crackdowns on the little Jewish storekeepers who of necessity open their shops on Sunday."

The committee also heard a statement from a Jewish merchant, Charles Pam, who said he was scheduled to appear next week before Magistrates Court in Brooklyn for the third time on charges of violating the Sunday closing law "in spite of the fact that I am a strict Sabbath observer, a member of the Jewish faith and that my place of business, a small grocery store in Brooklyn, is strictly closed from sundown Friday night until Sunday morning."

LOUIS D. HOROWITZ RESIGNS AS MALBEN DIRECTOR; JOINS C. J. F. W. F. IN NEW YORK

GENEVA, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Louis D. Horowitz has resigned from his post as director-general of Malben, the Joint Distribution Committee services in Israel, it was announced here today by Charles Jordan, overseas director of the JDC. Mr. Horowitz, who served in the post since 1958, is returning to the United States to accept a position with the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

Mr. Jordan, who expressed regret over the resignation of Mr. Horowitz, paid tribute to his "brilliant" services as head of Malben, and cited his work in expanding the scope of the organization during the period, when the number of persons aided by Malben increased from 22,000 in 1958 to 48,000 in 1961. A successor will be announced shortly, Mr. Jordan said.