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KENNEDY INDICATES EGYPT WILL GET U. S. AID DESPITE DEALING WITH MOSCOW

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- President Kennedy indicated at his press conference yesterday that the United States would ignore the Keating-Halpern amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act which opposes U. S. aid to nations like Egypt which use their own resources to buy Soviet arms. The amendment expressed the sentiment of Congress but is not mandatory or binding on the executive department.

The President said it was not a moral issue because some countries receive aid from both East and West. He stressed that the United States must make a judgment as to what serves the long-range interests of the United States and feels that American aid is consistent even if the nations buy Soviet arms, in that it helps them maintain sovereignty and independence.

Egypt was not specifically named but it was clear that Egypt, India and perhaps other countries were in the frame of reference of the question.

The Keating-Halpern amendment established the principle that America should concentrate on aiding nations that do not divert their own resources for purchase of Soviet military equipment. Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, who sponsored the amendment in the House, has formally requested President Kennedy, in connection with the coming appropriations measure, to prepare an explanation for Congress on "the whole perplexing question of why we ignore Israel's military needs while indirectly subsidizing Egypt's purchase of late-model Soviet jets, tanks, submarines, and so forth."

Rep. Halpern said in a communication to President Kennedy that the arms imbalance between Israel and the Arab states "has reached a dangerous point where Nasser is tempted to consider reckless adventures." He told Mr. Kennedy that "Israel is the only anti-Communist nation on earth, threatened by Soviet equipped forces, which has turned to us pleading for the right to purchase balancing arms and gotten no favorable response."

U. S. Policy on Arab-Israel Talks Indicated by State Dept.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) - A high State Department official indicated today that the United States would like to see the Arab refugee problem settled before encouraging any peace talks between the Arabs and Israel. Harlan Cleveland, Assistant Secretary of State for International Affairs, said today in a letter to Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, that the State Department favors Arab-Israel peace but "our reservation about the present Israeli initiative relates to its timing--and hence to its utility."

Mr. Cleveland said the State Department considers the Arab refugee problem of primary importance because of the continuing human suffering, inherent tension, and financial burden. Since Dr. Joseph Johnson, special UN emissary to the Middle East, is approaching a "crucial phase" in United Nations negotiations to solve the Arab Refugee deadlock, it "seems to us that the maximum efforts of the United States, as well as of the countries in the area, should be devoted to seeing these important negotiations through to a successful conclusion." Rep. Farbstein is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Assistant Secretary of State Frederick G. Dutton said today that there was little the State Department could do to prevent Arab countries from denying entry to American citizens who visit Israel first. Mr. Dutton was replying to a complaint by New York Republican Senator Jacob Javits on behalf of two New Yorkers who were denied entry to Iraq and Syria, during their tour of the Middle East.

U. N. Envoy Charged with Prematurely Releasing Report to Arabs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- John Davis, the Commissioner General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, has prematurely released to Jordan a report on the Arab refugees which he will submit to the UN General Assembly session in September, it was learned here today. Mr. Davis' partiality toward Jordan became known when the Jordan radio began quoting from his report prior to its proper submittal to the General Assembly.

Mr. Davis' conclusion, reportedly, was that all plans involving dispersal of Palestinian Arab refugees and their resettlement in host countries have failed because of the refugees insistence on returning to Israel "their usurped homeland."

BEN-GURION BRIEFED IN SWEDEN ON SHELTERING FROM ATOMIC ATTACKS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion spent the second day of his state visit to Sweden today visiting points of interest in Stockholm, particularly the city's mammoth air raid shelter.

After a briefing from Swedish civil defense officials, the Prime Minister was taken to the shelter which is in the heart of Stockholm, located more than 120 feet under one of the city's biggest churches. The Prime Minister expressed his admiration for the shelter, which is regarded by experts as the best that has been built and capable of sheltering 15,000 people for several days.

The Prime Minister questioned his guides on the protection provided by the shelter against radiation, the percentage contributed by the Government to building such shelters in Sweden and related matters. He was very impressed by the security awareness of the Swedish people.

He had lunch at Foreign Minister Oesten Unden's home and later visited a technological high school. He spent about an hour at the Stockholm Historical Museum, examining ancient Swedish coins and Viking armor on display there. After attending a reception given by Israel Ambassador Arye Aroch, he had dinner with the executive of the Social Democratic party and trade union.

DR. JOSEPH TAL FUNDAL TODAY; WILL BE BURIED IN MAPAI SETTLEMENT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The funeral of Dr. Giora Joseph Tal, the Israeli Minister of Development and Housing, will take place in Jerusalem tomorrow, it was announced today. After the funeral rites, interment will take place in the Galed settlement in the Jezreel Valley to which the late Mapai leader had belonged.

Dr. Joseph Tal's death was described by Dr. Nahum Goldmann in a statement as a loss to the Jewish people, Israel and the Zionist movement of "one of their outstanding leaders." Dr. Goldmann said the Israeli Minister was a person "gifted with great intellectual talents, with tremendous ability to work and loyal to the Zionist ideal as very few are, a human being of perfect integrity and warmth of heart, an organizer and administrator of the first rank."

The president of the World Zionist Organization added that Dr. Joseph Tal "saw the problems of Israel and Jewish life as a real statesman. In all his positions, both in Germany and in Israel, as director of the Absorption Department of the Jewish Agency, as Treasurer, as Minister of Labor and Minister of Development and Housing, he made tremendous contributions to the solution of the tremendous problems Israel had to cope with."

"A Western educated man, he was from early youth the personification of the best halutzic type which enabled Zionism to win its victories," Dr. Goldmann stated. "In the history of our generation, who will remain one of the most admirable and beloved figures, remembered for his devotion, his character and his achievements."

CONDUCTOR OF ISRAEL OPERA ORCHESTRA CHARGED WITH AIDING NAZIS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Hirsch Berenblatt, conductor of the Israel Folk Opera Orchestra, denied today charges of participating in rounding up Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland and handing them over to the Gestapo for extermination.

According to the charge sheet, Berenblatt served as head of the Jewish police in occupied Poland and in that capacity rounded up 7,500 Jews and helped the Gestapo put them on trains which took them to Nazi death camps. He was further accused of rounding up scores of Jewish children from orphanages and handing them over to the Gestapo. Another accusation was that he took money from Jews under threats to turn them over to the Gestapo if they refused to pay.

In denying the charges, the Jewish musician said that two Polish courts had completely cleared him of all charges of collaboration with the Nazis. The charges were based on testimony of various survivors. The musician asked for a preliminary hearing.

GERMANY PLACES ORDER WITH ISRAELI FACTORY FOR 500,000 SHORTS

BCNN, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The West German Government said today an order had been placed with an Israeli textile factory for 500,000 shorts for the West German federal forces.

Similar orders, placed previously with Israeli firms, touched off a debate in Israel over doing such business with West Germany.

14 GREEKS ON TRIAL IN EGYPT FOR ALLEGEDLY SPYING FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic prosecutor today demanded the imposition of the death penalty on the 14 Egyptian-born Greeks on trial for allegedly spying for Israel, it was reported in a cable from Alexandria. The defendants were put on trial a month ago.

ITALIAN POLICE ARREST GERMAN SOUGHT FOR KILLING JEWS IN RUSSIA

BONN, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Erhard Kroege, 58, a former German Army Major wanted by the authorities here for his part in mass executions of Jews in the Soviet Union during the Second World War, has been arrested by Italian police at Bologna, it was reported here today.

EICHMANN'S AIDE, SENTENCED FOR KILLING JEWS, APPEALS VERDICT

FRANKFURT, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- A prosecution bid for a stiffer sentence than the five-year imprisonment imposed last month on former SS Captain Otto Hunsche was followed today by the filing of an appeal by Hunsche's attorney against the sentence.

Hunsche, a close associate of Adolf Eichmann, was sentenced July 13 on conviction of charges he contributed to the murder of about 600 Hungarian Jews. The Frankfurt jury court rejected the demand of Frankfurt Chief Prosecutor Heinz Wolf for a life sentence at hard labor. The jury court deducted from the five-year term 37 months for time Hunsche served previously, leaving 23 months of the five-year sentence to be served.

The chief prosecutor filed an appeal yesterday to set aside the verdict as a first step toward seeking a longer sentence. Today, Dr. Hans Laternser, who was Hunsche's defense attorney, appealed the five-year term. He had asked for Hunsche's acquittal during the trial.

NAZI INHUMANITIES STRESSED AT MEETING OF GERMAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS

MUNSTER, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- "We want to overcome our sufferings and forgive but we must insist upon and state the truth so as to avoid a repetition of similar inhumanity," Canon Reinhold Friedrichs declared here today at an international meeting of some 100 Roman Catholic priests and monks, all survivors of the Dachau concentration camp.

The cleric's will attend the Bergen-Belsen "Hour of Atonement" organized by the 79th convention of German Roman Catholics opening in Hanover tonight.

In Kassel, a demand was voiced today that all denazification files should be destroyed unless they concerned crimes. The demand was made by Ludwig Schneider, Free Democratic member of the Hesse Parliament. He said that such files should have been destroyed or publicly burned "to testify that the denazification era was over."

CARDINAL OF PORTO ALLEGRE BACKS JEWISH REQUESTS TO ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Cardinal Don Vincente Scherer of Porto Allegre assured a Jewish delegation today that he would give his full support to the Jewish request to the forthcoming Ecumenical Council to delete anti-Jewish expressions from all Catholic texts.

The delegation of the Confederation of Jewish Communities in Brazil handed the Cardinal a memorandum asking his support for the request. The Cardinal told the delegation he supported the contents of the memorandum without reservation. He added he would immediately communicate his position to his "good personal friend," Cardinal Bea at the Vatican, who is directing preparations for the Ecumenical Council.

B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH ASKED TO DEVELOP ACTIVITIES IN EUROPEAN LANDS

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Delegates to the 18th annual convention of B'nai B'rith Girls were asked here today to intensify efforts in organizing Jewish youth communities of continental Europe.

"With exception of a few B'nai B'rith youth organization units currently in existence, there is virtually no directed, Jewish-oriented program of activities for continental Europe's Jewish youth by which they can continue to identify with spiritual ties and binds of Jewry," Janet Ross, Bournemouth, England, told 200 delegates participating in a seven-day conference. Miss Ross, a 17-year-old member of the organization, is attending the parley as representative of B'nai B'rith youth of Great Britain.

"BBYO's broad-scaled programs and diverse activities are ideally suited to Europe's Jewish youth community needs," she said. She added that she is particularly concerned with Jewish youth of Nazi-ravaged countries "where Jewish life has been slow in recovering." A similar appeal was made to the 39th annual convention of Aleph Zadik Aleph, B'nai B'rith Youth organization's teen-age boy's division, by 17-year-old Maxwell Gold of Hull, England.

LEIPZIG JEWS REOPEN THE ONLY SYNAGOGUE IN THE EAST GERMAN CITY

LONDON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The only synagogue in Leipzig, East Germany, was consecrated today after the completion of the redecoration of the interior of the building which was used as a storeroom during the Nazi regime. There are some 300 Jews in the city today compared with a Jewish population of nearly 10,000 in 1938.

U.J.A. SPECIAL FUND DRIVE IN WASHINGTON BRINGS HIGHEST RESULTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Contributions to the Special Fund of the 1962 United Jewish Appeal drive in the national capital area are topping the entire nation in terms of percent increases over the special fund raised in 1961, it was reported today by Hyman Goldman, general campaign chairman, and Joseph Ottenstein, president of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater Washington.

"All indications point to a final result here of a special fund in 1962 surpassing that of 1961 by 50 percent," said leaders Ottenstein and Goldman. The rate of increase, they said, reflects the "intense response and keen understanding" by metropolitan Washington Jewry "of the emergency conditions underlying the vast movement of peoples in the critical year 1962."

The upsurge in contributions to the special fund from this area, they stated, far outstrips the national average, as well as running substantially ahead of the special fund raised in any other single large-city campaign. The dollar version of this accomplishment is shown in the most recent progress report with total pledges to the 1962 special fund of the Greater Washington UJA drive now well over \$570,000. With the 1962 campaign still several months to go before year's end, this interim total is already far ahead of the D.C. area's final special fund total last year of \$410,000 as of Dec. 31, 1961.

The regular fund, too, is running well ahead of last year and has already exceeded \$1,110,000. The rate of increase for the regular fund is approximately ten percent higher than that portion of the 1961 drive.

ARAB LEGATIONS IN CYPRUS ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT AGAINST 'EXODUS'

NICOSIA, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Israeli and Arab diplomatic missions here exchanged sharp statements today over the film, "Exodus," now showing in two Nicosia theaters under police protection.

The diplomatic missions of Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia issued a joint statement denouncing the film, which deals with the Jewish struggle for the creation of Israel. The Arab statement asserted that it was an "anti-Arab" film which "distorts reality." The Arab statement also contained the usual charges that Israel had "usurped" Arab homes and territory.

The Israel Embassy described the joint statement as "slandorous and distorting" and added that the Arab criticism conflicted with the "basic policy of the Republic of Cyprus of maintaining and developing friendship and cooperation with all nations. We are confident that the Cyprus Government will take appropriate steps in this matter."

VAN CLIBURN GIVEN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION AT ISRAEL FESTIVAL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Van Cliburn, the young American pianist, scored a resounding success last night in his Israel debut as the first guest musician at the Music and Drama Festival organized by the Israeli Government. The Piraikon Theater of Greece will begin performances of "Elektra" tonight.

Cliburn played Rachmaninoff's Third Concerto with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra directed by George Singer and the enthusiastic audience applauded in unison until he presented an encore. The festival, expanded this year to include drama, will continue until September 10. Igor Stravinsky will conduct his own works. Other features will include appearances by the Amadeus String Quartet of London and the Musici chamber ensemble of Rome.

ISRAELI FOLK DANCING GROUP APPEARS AT FESTIVAL IN ISTANBUL

ISTANBUL, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- An Israeli folk dancing group comprised of 29 students from the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, will make an appearance tonight at the large open-air theater in Istanbul as part of the International Students Festival organized by the Turkish Students Federation.

The Israelis are scheduled to appear also in Ankara, Ordu and Izmir as part of their month-long tour of Turkey. This is the first time an Israeli group has been invited by the Turks for its festival.

MRS. ELY JACQUES KAHN, LEADER IN JEWISH WELFARE WORK, DEAD

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Mrs. Ely Jacques Kahn, a prominent leader in various Jewish welfare and philanthropic causes, died here yesterday at the age of 72. She was president of the New York section of the National Council of Jewish Women from 1935 to 1941 and chairman of the Greater New York Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board during the Second World War.

She also had headed the women's division of the Joint Distribution Committee campaign. In 1938, she was presented with the B'nai B'rith Award for the work of the National Council of Jewish Women in "untiring and outstanding humanitarian service." She is survived by her husband, Ely Jacques Kahn, a well-known architect.