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U.S. AMBASSADOR SEES BEN-GURION ON CRISIS; CHIEF RABBI MAY ASK FASTING

JERUSALEM, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Walworth Barbour, United States Ambassador to Israel, conferred here for more than an hour today with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. Although American Embassy officials said that the conference had been scheduled a week ago, it was understood that the talks concerned the possible Middle East repercussions arising out of the latest developments in the crisis over Soviet missile bases in Cuba.

Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim expressed anxiety today over the world crisis. He indicated that he would issue a call to Jewish communities throughout the world to proclaim a day of fasting and prayer if there were any further deterioration in the critical world situation.

ARAB PRESS, RADIO LINK U.S. GRANT OF MISSILES TO ISRAEL WITH CUBA ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Elements of the Arab press and radio, citing the supply of Hawk missiles by the United States to Israel, are attacking the American quarantine of Cuba, it was established here today. The Damascus, Syria, newspaper, "Sawt al-Arab," said: "The White House decision to provide this imperialist prop (Israel) with up-to-date supersonic missiles, and to grant it more loans and financial and economic aid, represents the climax of the hostile attitude adopted by United States imperialism toward the Arabs."

(At the United Nations, experts today stressed inconsistencies in the position being taken by the Arab states on the Russo-American crisis centered about Cuba. The Arabs have been critical of United States action in imposing a naval quarantine on Cuba to prevent the further delivery of thermonuclear weapons to the island. They support proposals for United Nations pressure on the United States to halt any action until the UN will have had opportunity to consider the situation. The Arabs voice strong criticism of the naval quarantine imposed by the United States while, at the same time they continue a long-standing complete economic blockade of Israel.)

(Arabs at the UN have not hesitated to combine their criticism of Washington's Cuba policy with attacks on Washington's alleged bias in favor of Israel, as reflected in the agreement to supply Israel with defensive missiles. A veteran observer ironically noted that the Arab States, which flatly refuse to sit down at the peace table with Israel, were piously advising the United States to sit down with the Soviet Union and seek pacific settlement of their differences.)

The Damascus newspaper, which reflects the Syrian Government views, said that placing these up-to-date weapons, that are ready for aggression, at Israel's disposal--a time when Israel is announcing its determination to complete the final phase of the project to divert the course of the Jordan River to the Negev desert by force; and at a time when the United Nations will begin debating the United States Johnson Plan, which is primarily designed to rehabilitate the Palestine Arab refugees and finally liquidate the Palestine problem--clearly reveals how terrible the new United States plot against the Arabs is."

According to "Sawt al-Arab," the Arabs, who through their own experiences have become aware of the intentions of United States imperialism and its aggressive actions against them, expected this kind of overt antagonism and plotting. "All Arabs," it added, "are asked to counter the plot about which Syria gave the alarm, in order to deal to the world the true nature of United States imperialism and the intentions of the usurper of Palestine."

STATE DEPT. SEEKS FORMULA TO EASE ARAB REFUGEE ISSUE UNDER U.N.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Reports of the "death" of the blueprint by Joseph E. Johnson for settlement of the Palestine Arab refugee problem are exaggerated, and the spirit of the proposals remain very much alive, State Department sources said today. Indeed, a formula is being sought to implement the mandate of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission with which Dr. Johnson was entrusted, it was revealed.

The United States, a member of the PCC along with France and Turkey, still regards the Arab refugee problem as a priority matter and the leading unresolved irritant

in Arab-Israel relations. Some United States diplomats are convinced that, if confronted with an option, most Arab refugees would elect not to return to territory now a part of Israel.

It was stressed here that no final decision has been taken regarding the Johnson proposals. As far as America is concerned, the Johnson refugee undertaking is a continuing operation, State Department sources said. They felt that Dr. Johnson's mandate had not yet been suitably discharged, and that work to achieve an acceptable solution lies ahead. As far as America is concerned, the Johnson proposals are a "continuing operation." The importance of the PCC mandate on Arab refugee settlement to the peace and security of the Near East was emphasized.

FIVE ISRAELI ARABS ARRESTED AS EGYPTIAN SPY RING IS SMASHED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Israeli officials announced today the arrest of five Israeli Arabs as Egyptian spies, and the smashing of a well-organized espionage ring maintaining contact with Egyptian intelligence.

Interrogation of the five Arabs revealed that they recently returned to Israel from the Gaza Strip. When arrested, officials said, the Arabs were carrying large amounts of money in Israeli pounds, and a collection of Israeli identification documents.

Officials said the ring held its meetings in the Tel Aviv zone. A member of the group recently crossed into Gaza with a Jewish girl friend who was arrested there and held as a hostage for the Arab's "good conduct."

SOVIET COURT SENTENCES SIX JEWS TO DEATH, SENDS NINE TO PRISON

LONDON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- A Chernovitz court in the Soviet Union has sentenced six Jews to death, and given prison terms to nine others, on charges of speculation in gold and foreign currency, the Moscow radio announced today. Sentencing followed conviction after a two-week trial, according to the Soviet newspaper Pravda Ukrainy, which had noted that many of the 150,000 Jews of Chernovitz have relatives abroad. All personal property of the 15 defendants was ordered confiscated. The six sentenced to die were to be executed by shooting.

The indictment charged that 55 pounds of gold ingots, diamonds and foreign currency were found in possession of members of the alleged ring. One of the defendants was an 81-year-old man, Alter Bronstein, who was accused of currency dealings amounting to more than \$100,000. He was one of the six sentenced to die. The other five were listed as Yefim Margoshes, Moishe Meyer Zayats, Srul Zimilevich, Isaak Ronis and Felika Mester. (It was believed in London that the death sentences were carried out before the Moscow radio announcement.)

Those sentenced to varying prison terms were Hersch Shternberg, Esther Weinbern, Enzel Koifman, Samuil Levantal, Mendal Flomenboim, Hersh Nagel, Leonid Sherman and Yankel Kohen. The name of the 15th defendant was not publicized.

The indictment accused the defendants of having had contacts in Moscow, Lvov, Kiev, Kishinev, Minsk and Brest, all cities with large Jewish populations. Chernovitz is a city in Bukovina, which was annexed by the Soviet Ukraine after World War II.

Goldmann Announces Effort to Talk to Soviet Leaders About Jewish Problem

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, disclosed here today that the WJC was seeking to hold "constructive discussions" with Soviet leaders on the situation of Soviet Jewry. Dr. Goldmann, who is here to attend a conference of Latin American communities sponsored by the World Jewish Congress, told a news conference here today that so far there has been no reply from Soviet authorities to the WJC proposal for talks.

Dr. Goldmann stressed that the situation of Soviet Jewry was the problem of greatest concern to world Jewry today.

More than 220 delegates from nine Latin American countries are participating in the conference which is also attended by representatives of major international Jewish organizations.

SCHACHT LAUDS CANADIAN POLITICIAN FOR HAILING NAZI 'REFORMS'

MONTREAL, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, the financial wizard who guided the economic destinies of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich, has emerged from obscurity to congratulate a Quebec Social Credit leader for the Canadian's endorsement of the Nazi "economic reforms."

Real Caouette, Quebec leader of the Social Credit Party, and the man generally credited with its unexpected victory of 26 seats in the June elections to the Canadian Parliament, disclosed receipt of the commendation from Schacht in the course of a political debate. Caouette had stated that "I admire Hitler's economic reforms and I am aware that he took his people out of its misery." Schacht wrote to the Quebec politician from Germany "I was very pleased to see this statement because it is justification of the economic policy with which I was entrusted in the years 1933 to 1938."

Caouette explained his position after publication of his original statement as regret that Hitler "used for war instead of for peace the ideas he had," and said he opposed the dictatorial methods of Hitler and Mussolini.

MORE DEFENDANTS IN MASS TRIAL OF NAZIS ADMIT KILLING JEWS IN MINSK

COBLENZ, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Two more defendants in the trial of 14 former SS officers and men on charges of murdering 70,000 persons in Nazi-occupied White Russia during World War II admitted today they had participated in the mass killings.

Johannes Feder, a former SS officer and a Criminal Investigation Department inspector in Cologne after the war, said he had "merely supervised" the transportation of Jewish men, women and children from the Minsk Ghetto. He testified he had seen the gassing of Jews in specially built vans and that, subsequently the bodies were thrown into a ditch for disposal. The indictment against the 14 ex-Nazis charges that they killed more than 30,000 Jews.

A. Merbach, 50, charged with murder in 24,000 cases, admitted guilt in the killing of some 5,000 Jews whose execution he said he had to witness. He said that, in the spring of 1942, he had taken part in the execution of 1,000 Jews and that, on another occasion, when 10,000 persons "had to be killed" within three days, he was in charge of their transportation. He testified that, after each shooting, the riflemen were supplied with alcoholic drinks.

Previously, Georg Heuser, the key defendant, who had been CID chief in West Germany's Rhineland-Palatinate, told the court he had been at least "partly guilty" in the killings. Frank Stark, born in St. Louis but raised in Germany, who was charged with murder in 4,652 cases, admitted to active participation in mass executions of Jews on two occasions. He said that, as "a convinced Nazi," he never gave the orders for their execution "a second thought."

On Monday, Rudolf Schlegel, one of the few defendants who did not find a postwar haven in the West German police force, cited a large excavation where victims were forced to lie down for execution and said "I was stationed at the ditch and I also shot." The indictment charged Schlegel with the murder of 5,280 persons.

Former SS Officer to Face Trial for Murdering 70,000 Jews in Poland

KIEL, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Martin Fellencz, a 53-year-old former SS officer, will go on trial November 14 before the Flenburg Jury Court on charges of murdering 70,000 Jews in Poland during World War II, the Flenburg prosecutor's office announced today.

Fellencz, who has worked as a bookkeeper and served as a Free Democratic Party town councillor in Schleswig after the war, was charged with committing the mass murders mainly in Lublin and Cracow. He was accused in a 256-page indictment supported by more than 100 files of documentary evidence. During the trial, which is expected to last at least six weeks, 120 witnesses will be called from Israel, the United States, Canada and Belgium.

AT LEAST FIVE JEWS BELIEVED ELECTED TO HIGH OFFICES IN BRAZIL ELECTIONS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- While the figures are still unofficial, it appeared today that Brazilians voting in the general elections throughout the country, October 7, elected at least five Jews to Federal and state legislatures.

The ballot count as it stands now shows that Emanuel Weisman, of this city, has been elected as a deputy to the Federal Legislature. In addition, three other Jews, Francisco Silbert and Gerson Bergher of Rio de Janeiro, and Jacob Salvador Zweibel, of Sao Paulo, were elected as deputies in the Legislature of the State of Guanabara. Previously, it had been announced that Dr. Aaron Steinbruch, president of the Federation of Jewish Organizations of Rio de Janeiro, had been chosen to the State Senate, the first Jew in this country ever to be elected a Senator.

The ballots of the elections held more than two weeks ago are still being counted, and official figures will not be known for about two weeks more. It appeared likely to observers here that three more Jews have been chosen--two to state legislatures and one as a Mayor.

LUBAVITCHER TO ERECT SEMINARY FOR JEWISH GIRLS IN PARIS SUBURB

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The largest Jewish girls' seminary in Europe will be built in a Paris suburb by the Lubavitcher Hassidim, according to an announcement here today. To be known as Beth Rivkah, the school will be located in Yerres, outside Paris. Work is scheduled to start within a few weeks, the announcement said.

ISRAEL ACCEPTS CHICAGO PLAN FOR REBURIAL OF JEWS WHO DIE ABROAD

JERUSALEM, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- A proposal by a Chicago burial company to establish a cemetery for reburial of Jews in Israel has been accepted by the Minister for Religious Affairs, though he opposes the idea in principle, a spokesman for the Ministry said today.

The spokesman commented on press reports that Minister Zerach Warhaftig had granted a license to the Chicago Shalom Memorial Park Company for that purpose. The spokesman said that representatives of the Chicago firm had been told that, since the company had received the necessary permit two years ago, before Dr. Warhaftig was named Minister, he considered the project as "a fait accompli."

U.S.A. IS 'UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY' FOR JEWISH CULTURE, SCHOLAR SAYS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- A leading Jewish educator asserted here today that, whatever American Jews do for culture, "we make sure it is at least an ocean away." He rejected the argument that "there will be an automatic transmission of Jewish culture from Israel" to the United States.

The speaker, Dr. Judah Shapiro, secretary of the board of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, also told the board of directors of the National Council of Jewish Women that the United States was "an underdeveloped country for Jewish culture." The board is holding its annual four-day convention at the organization's national headquarters here.

Mrs. Leonard Weiner, NCJW vice-president, announced that the organization has set up a \$5,000 scholarship grant, to be awarded annually for four years for original research and writing on Jewish life. The initial grant was awarded for the current year to Dr. Erich Rosenthal, associate professor of anthropology-sociology at Queens College, for a study on the American Jew in terms of group cohesion.

Mrs. Charles Hymes, president, announced that the organization was forming a nationwide service corps for senior citizens, modeled on the Peace Corps. Under the plan, retired people would volunteer to help staff undermanned health, welfare and educational services in their communities on a non-sectarian basis.

SUBURBAN SCHOOL BOARD REJECTS OPPOSITION TO BIBLE READING IN SCHOOLS

LEVITTOWN, N.Y., Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The school board of suburban Levittown formally rejected today demands of a group of parents, including Jews, for an end to the practice of opening the school day with reading from the Bible.

Robert S. Hoshino, president of the school board, said the parents "enjoy no lawful authority to interfere with participation by the children of others who choose to join in the daily exercises." This stand, and the contention that attendance for any part of the exercises was not compulsory, was outlined in a document submitted to the New York State Education Department. The statement also maintained that the program did not violate either federal or state constitutions. The next step in the dispute will be a public hearing by the state education commissioner, Dr. James E. Allen, Jr.

NAZI SUES A.D.L., CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, FOR \$1,100,000 DUE TO ARREST

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Ralph Forbes, 22-year-old "trooper" in George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi party, acted as his own attorney today in U.S. District Court in arguing against a motion to dismiss his \$1,100,000 damage suit arising from his arrest while picketing the film "Exodus" here.

He is suing the City of Philadelphia, the police department and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, asking \$100,000 for alleged suffering and inconvenience which followed his arrest. The \$1,000,000 balance is "punitive," he claims.

Leonard Orloff, ADL attorney, countered with a motion to dismiss the suit. The neo-Nazi argued that the ADL had "conspired" in collusion with the City and the police to deny his Nazi party its political rights because the Jewish people were trying to set themselves up as "a superior race."

ORT WOMEN STRESS NEEDS IN FRANCE, ISRAEL DUE TO HEAVY IMMIGRATIONS

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The decision to concentrate major efforts of the Women's American ORT during the coming year on expanding the organization's vocational training facilities in France and Israel was announced here today by Mrs. M. Rosenberg, national president of the women's group.

Addressing the organization's national board conference here, Mrs. Rosenberg pointed out that major Jewish population shifts had put increasing pressure on ORT networks in the two countries. "We are compelled by the demand for admission to our schools to expand everywhere, but tidal wave immigration to France and Israel means that we will focus much of our attention on these two countries during the coming year," Mrs. Rosenberg declared.

HANAN RUBIN, DEPUTY SPEAKER OF ISRAEL'S PARLIAMENT, DIES AT 54

JERUSALEM, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Hanan Rubin, a deputy speaker of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, and a member of the House since 1949, died today at the age of 54.

Born in Germany, Mr. Rubin settled in Palestine in 1933 and became active in the Hashomer Hatzair, the Mapam youth movement, and, after the establishment of the State, he became a Mapam Knesset member. He had been a delegate to a member of the World Zionist Congresses.