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KENNEDY SAYS U. S. WILL PRESS FOR A SOLUTION OF ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- President Kennedy today told Dr. Joseph Johnson, former special Middle East envoy for the Palestine Conciliation Commission, that the Administration plans to continue to press for a solution of the Arab refugee question.

Mr. Kennedy's statement was made during a farewell White House call Dr. Johnson paid to the President before returning to his job as head of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The White House had no other comment on the brief meeting.

J. T. A. BARRED FROM STATE DEPARTMENT BRIEFING; ISSUE RAISED IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA) - The barring of a Jewish Telegraphic Agency reporter from a State Department briefing on the Palestine Arab refugee question was raised in the United States Senate today. The briefing dealt with the resignation of Dr. Joseph Johnson, Palestine Conciliation Commission special envoy to the Middle East, who studied the refugee problem.

The incident occurred on January 28 when Milton Friedman, chief Washington correspondent of JTA, was denied admission by Robert C. Strong, director of the State Department's Office on Near Eastern Affairs to a briefing he was conducting. Mr. Friedman, in seeking admission to the briefing, was informed that attendance was by invitation only. The correspondent was told that Mr. Strong had personally prepared the list of correspondents to be permitted attendance and that he did not desire a JTA representative to attend because the briefing was only for American media.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Mr. Friedman are fully accredited to the Department of State. The press section of the Department made it clear, however, that it could not overrule Mr. Strong and tell him which correspondents he was to see. Members of the State Department's press section personally expressed their regrets to Mr. Friedman.

Mr. Strong himself, in a discussion with the JTA correspondent, said bluntly that he did not approve of material Mr. Friedman had written on the Middle East, criticized Mr. Friedman for what he said was use of information from Congressional sources which, he said, reflected unfavorably on State Department policies, and complained that Israeli diplomats had used news items reported by the JTA as the basis for discussions with his department.

Incident Is Insult to Entire American Jewish Press, Senator Says

Senator Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican, said on the Senate floor today that Mr. Friedman's exclusion from the briefing was due to the fact that the State Department apparently disagreed with recent dispatches which the JTA had filed from Washington.

He said the incident was "more than an affront to an American newspaper correspondent. It is a reflection upon all the newspapers which subscribe to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency." The Senator added that he had been assured by the State Department that "there was no anti-Semitism involved in this matter."

The Pennsylvanian quoted to the Senate from a report on the incident by Merriman Smith, of United Press International, the dean of the White House correspondents' corps. Smith described the JTA correspondent as "a proud birthright American" and described the Jewish Telegraphic Agency as "an American organization which deals primarily with news concerning Jews of many nations. The agency," he pointed out, "naturally carries many items of news to and from Israel."

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency disclosed that it intends to make a full protest to Secretary of State Dean Rusk against the action by a State Department official in discriminating against the agency and denying it access to news of considerable interest and concern to the American Jewish community. JTA executives noted that this was the first time it had encountered such difficulties in any branch of the United States Government.

Mr. Strong was United States Consul and First Secretary of the American Embassy in Damascus, Syria, from 1954 to 1958. He became director of the Near Eastern Division of the State Department in 1961.

U. S. MISSILE FIRM REPRESENTATIVES ARRIVE IN ISRAEL FOR DISCUSSIONS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6. (JTA) - Officials of Raytheon Corporation, the American firm making the Hawk ground-to-air supersonic missile, were scheduled to arrive in Israel tonight to discuss with Israeli officials details of the plan for Israel to buy the missiles.

The United States announced last year approval of the sale of the missiles to Israel presumably to help restore the imbalance created by the flow to Egypt of Soviet-made heavy bombers. No details were released in that announcement, however, as to when the missiles would be sold to Israel.

Reliable sources here said that the Raytheon officials would advise on the problems, mainly technical, involved in installation and operation of the anti-aircraft missiles. These are assumed to include training of operating personnel and construction of equipment for launch and maintenance.

The arrival of the Raytheon experts coincides with an important conference of Israeli Defense Ministry representatives in various countries to discuss arms purchases. A newcomer to the conference will be the Defense Ministry representative in West Germany, an important source of arms purchases.

ISRAELI MINISTRY SUBMITS PROPOSAL TO HADASSAH ON JERUSALEM INSTITUTIONS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Israel Health Ministry submitted to Hadassah today a compromise proposal to end the deadlock over transfer of Hadassah community health services in Jerusalem to the municipality.

The dispute turned on the question of responsibility for provision of an annual budget of \$330,000 for Hadassah's clinics, welfare, school hygiene and dental services in Israel's capital which the American organization wishes to give up by April 1. When the Israel Health Ministry and the municipality refused to take over financial responsibility last month after lengthy negotiations, the Hadassah Medical Organization here mailed dismissal notices to 160 medical and administrative staff members of the service agencies.

The details of the compromise offer, sent by Deputy Health Minister Itzhak Rafael to Hadassah medical director Kalman Mann, were not disclosed. However, it was understood the proposal provided for an earlier transfer of control of the Hadassah agencies to the municipality than the Ministry had previously offered. Dr. Mann cabled the proposal to the Hadassah national board in New York.

U. N. PARLEY IN GENEVA HEARS REPORT ON ISRAEL'S INDUSTRIAL GROWTH

GENEVA, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Israeli industrial management has had "considerable success" in coping with a labor force that ranges from "former cave dwellers" to modern factory workers, Dr. J. Yanai Tabb, professor of industrial relations at the Technion Institute of Technology at Haifa, declared here today. He was one of today's principal speakers at the United Nations Conference on the Application of Science and Technology for the Benefit of the Less Developed Areas. The parley is being attended by representatives of 193 countries, including Israel, which sent 25 social and physical scientists, educators, economists and sociologists to the parley.

The methods used in less developed countries to infuse manpower into industry, to meet industrial growth, were outlined by Prof. Tabb. Variegated manpower sources, he said, are further complicated by "the general lack of experience of such institutions as Government, trade unions and other organizations" with which management comes into almost daily contact. In addition, he said, management often has to cope with "undue interference" by Government, political parties and trade unions.

In the case of Israel, he said, the Israel Government as well as other organizations and economic institutions, reached agreement on basic objectives, thus eliminating many managerial problems. "All public bodies," he said, "were involved in creating a work environment and industrial labor habits, as well as teaching people to take pride in their work." A productivity center was set up, as well as a program with the objective of improving managerial performance.

Declaring that "sufficient progress" has been made in Israel in the last few years, Dr. Tabb stated: "Our annual rate of growth of 11 percent in gross national product and an increase of productivity per employed person of about six percent" illustrate Israel's progress, and may serve as a valuable lesson to other countries.

Dr. Leo Picard, professor of geology at the Hebrew University, delivered an address on water resources. Abba Eban, Israel's Minister of Education and one of the three vice-presidents of the United Nations conference, attended a meeting of conference leaders to plan future UN efforts toward the promotion of science. Others at the meetings were leading representatives of the Soviet Union, Britain, India and Italy. The meeting took place after a dinner given by Dr. Jerome Wiesner, scientific adviser to President Kennedy, who presided at the session.

MRS. GOLDA MEIR RETURNS FROM AFRICAN LANDS TO ISRAEL; REPORTS TO PREMIER

TEL AVIV, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Golda Meir arrived here today from Teheran and immediately reported to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion on her brief visit to Iran and her tour of African countries.

TRIAL SUSPENDED OF 12 NAZIS CHARGED WITH KILLING 170,000 JEWS

BCNN, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The possibility of a mistrial developed today in the hearing against 12 former SS guards of the Chelmno extermination camp when three of the defendants became ill and the proceedings were suspended. Under West German criminal proceedings, if the trial cannot be resumed within 10 days, the trial will have to be ended and then taken up as a new procedure.

Prior to the suspension yesterday, David Gaertler, now of Munich, who had been in charge of food distribution in the Lodz ghetto, testified. The defendants are charged with participation in the wartime slaughter of 170,000 Jews at the camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

Gaertler testified that at the end of 1940 there were 150,000 Jews in the Lodz Ghetto. At the end of 1941, he said roughly 20,000 Jews from Vienna, Berlin, Frankfurt, Cologne, Hamburg and Dusseldorf, 5,000 from Prague and 8,000 from the Lodz region had been added. All of them, he said, were shipped to Chelmno and there murdered.

SOVIET WITNESSES TO TESTIFY AT THE 'MINSK TRIAL' IN GERMAN COURT

COBLENZ, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The West German Foreign Office was reported today to have granted visas to eight Soviet citizens to come here to testify against George Heuser and 11 other former Nazis being tried for the murder of some 35,000 Jews in the Minsk area during the wartime Nazi occupation.

The Foreign Office action followed complaints by the Soviet Foreign Ministry, at a press conference in Moscow last month, that the Coblenz prosecutor was ignoring evidence in the case which the Soviet Ministry sent to Coblenz. Five of the eight Soviet witnesses made statements about their experiences as Minsk victims, the Frankfurt Allgemeine Zeitung reported today from Moscow, where the statements were made at a press conference.

Laser Gilin, a plumber in Minsk, said he saw Heuser and three other defendants beating and killing victims. He said he himself was ordered to remove bodies of the victims. Bertha Gendelewitsch, a doctor, said she was a witness to exterminations in the Sluzk Ghetto at the beginning of February 1943, in which, she said, some of the defendants took part. She said she saw her mother, brother and sister killed by pistol fire but she was able to escape with her father.

SECOND GESTAPO MAN SENTENCED FOR KILLING JEWS IN TILSIT AREA

DORTMUND, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Wilhelm Gerke, 57, a former Gestapo inspector in Tilsit, was sentenced today to five years' imprisonment at hard labor for complicity in the murder of 1,109 Jews and other victims in the German-Lithuanian border region early in the Nazi occupation of the Soviet Union.

Gerke had been sentenced here for the crimes to three and a half years' imprisonment at hard labor in October 1961, at the same time that Alfred Krumbach, a former Gestapo inspector in the Tilsit region, was tried, convicted and sentenced to three years and three months for complicity in the slaughter of 827 Jews and other victims in the Tilsit region. The prosecutor appealed both sentences as too lenient and both were set aside by higher West German courts.

The Dortmund jury court yesterday sentenced Krumbach to four and a half years' imprisonment at hard labor.

ITALIAN COURT REFUSES TO EXTRADITE NAZI SOUGHT FOR KILLING JEWS

ROME, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A Bologna court rejected today a West German request for the extradition of a wartime German Army major wanted on charges of ordering the killing of 3,000 Jews in Lemberg in Nazi-occupied Ukraine in 1941.

A. Kroege, the former major, was arrested last August in Bologna during a visit as a tourist. It was not learned whether the Bologna public attorney would appeal the court's refusal.

GERMANY PUBLISHES BOOK BY EXECUTED COMMANDER OF AUSCHWITZ CAMP

MUNICH, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- "Commandant of Auschwitz" is the title of a paperback book to be published here this month. The book will contain the notes made by Rudolf Hoess during the period he was commander of the Auschwitz murder camp, the largest of all the Nazi camps.

Hoess was executed at the camp in 1947 after a war crimes trial. His book, revealing facts on the torture and mass-killing of Jews in his camp, was published previously in the United States.

GERMAN SOLDIERS SEEK TO PARTICIPATE IN ISRAEL FOUR-DAY MARCH

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- A request by a group of German soldiers to participate in Israel's annual pre-Passover national four-day march has been referred to the Defense Minister for a ruling, it was reported here today. Groups from a number of countries have already announced their participation in the march, which is held under the auspices of the Israeli Army.

BRITAIN PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF LORD SAMUEL; FUNERAL IS PRIVATE

LONDON, Feb. 6, (JTA) - The remains of Lord Herbert Samuel, first unbaptized Jew ever to serve as a member of the British Cabinet and first High Commissioner for Palestine under the League of Nations mandate, were interred today after private funeral services. He died yesterday at the age of 92. The family announced that a memorial service will be held for him at the West End Synagogue here on February 18.

Among the tributes were expressions of high regard from Jo Grimond, leader of the Liberal Party, and Lord Attlee, ex-Premier and former leader of the Labor Party. Mr. Grimond's condolences pointed to Lord Samuel's role in the House of Lords where, for years, he was leader of the Liberal Party faction. Both Mr. Grimond's and Lord Attlee's tributes recalled that Lord Samuel was regarded here, as a political leader, as the bridge between liberalism and Socialism.

Long obituaries and warm appreciations of Lord Samuel's career were printed in every leading newspaper in Britain today, many of the editorials emphasizing his achievements as the first High Commissioner for Palestine under the Mandate given Britain by the League of Nations. The Times noted that, by the time Lord Samuel left Palestine at the end of his tenure there, in 1925, he had "achieved vastly more, in the way of order and prosperity for the country, than had seemed possible." The Guardian stated he had achieved "orderly progress" in Palestine "to a remarkable degree," and noted that "he had appeared as a modern Nehemiah, the first Jew who governed the Holy Land in nearly 2,000 years."

Among other facts in the life of Lord Samuel, it was recalled today that he was appointed in 1911 to undertake a special mission to Russia on behalf of the Government's aroused protests against the Czar's anti-Semitic advisers. Although assured by the Russian Ambassador here that Russia would give him special treatment, he declined such privileges at the hands of an Czarist anti-Semitic Government. A year later, during the Mendel Beilis blood-libel trial in Kiev, he openly wrote to The Times on that issue, engaging in a public controversy with the Czarist Ambassador here.

SIR ISAAC WOLFSON URGES CHICAGO BANKERS TO INVEST IN ISRAEL

CHICAGO, Feb. 6, (JTA) -- Sir Isaac Wolfson, prominent British businessman and philanthropist, today urged Chicago banks and financial institutions to participate in a \$30,000,000 stock issue of the Development Bank of Israel, which was established five years ago as a joint venture by the Israel Government, the country's major commercial banks, the Israel Manufacturers Association and the Histadrut, the Israel labor federation.

Addressing a luncheon in his honor tendered by George S. Sax, chairman of the board of the Exchange National Bank and attended by Chicago's leaders in business and the professions, Sir Isaac, who is currently touring this country on behalf of the Israel Development Bank, said that during the five-year period since its establishment, the bank's resources increased from 61,600,000 pounds to 229,600,000 pounds. He said two thirds of the stock issue would be raised in Israel with the remaining \$10,000,000 coming from abroad.

"The governments of both Israel and America have continued to be active supporters of the bank," he reported. "The Israel Government has invested heavily in the share capital and the United States Government has made large sums available to the bank through its agency for international development and from funds deposited in its favor in Israel. The bank also acts as the Israel Agent for the United States Aid Program in loans made directly to industry," he stressed.

Although both governments support the bank financially and recognize it as the main financier of Israel's expanding industries, they do not participate in the actual administration of the bank, Sir Isaac said. "The bank's decisions rest on sound business principles and are taken by a board of directors appointed by the shareholders. Any shareholder or group investing \$1,500,000 or more is entitled to elect a nominee to the board of directors," he declared.

DR. MAURER RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY; IS 79

VIENNA, Feb. 6, (JTA) -- Dr. Emil Maurer, who survived several years in a Nazi concentration camp to return to Austria to lead the Austrian Jewish community, resigned today as president of the Jewish Community of Vienna because of ill health. He is 79. A successor will be elected on February 21.

Dr. Maurer emigrated to Britain and returned to Vienna after the Nazi regime collapsed. He was elected vice-president of the Jewish community of Vienna in 1948 and served in that post until 1952 when he was elected president, holding that position until his resignation.

He was honored for his many services to Austrian Jewry for whom he obtained improved restitution laws. He is known for his devotion to Israel which he visited several times.

THREE CITIES IN EAST GERMANY NAME STREETS FOR ARNOLD ZWEIG

VIENNA, Feb. 6, (JTA) -- The town councils of Leipzig, Dresden and Chemnitz in East Germany have adopted resolutions naming streets after the German-Jewish writer Arnold Zweig on the occasion of his 75th birthday, it was reported here today.