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ISRAEL CHIEF OF STAFF VOICES WARNING TO SYRIA'S NEW REGIME

TEL AVIV, March 17. (JTA) -- A new warning to the Syrians against any aggression towards Israel was given today by General Zvi Tzur, Israel Chief of Staff at a graduation exercise of new Air Force pilots.

Referring to recent Syrian shooting in the Lake Tiberias area and a new attack by Syrian gunners on Israeli fishermen on the lake last Thursday, Gen. Tzur declared that Israel had no intention of serving as a scapegoat for Syria's internal troubles.

He said also that Israel would not accept the proposition that whatever the policy of the new regime in Syria would be, that the Syrians should create chaos in the border areas.

ISRAEL REPLIES TO SYRIAN COMPLAINT TO U. N.; PRESENTS COUNTER-CHARGES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 17. (JTA) -- A Syrian complaint to the United Nations that Israel had engaged in a series of aggressive acts against Syria in the Lake Tiberias area was challenged today in an Israeli communication to the UN which called the charges false and fabricated.

In turn, Ambassador Michael Comay, the Israeli permanent representative, cited a lengthy series of Syrian attacks on Israeli targets in the area. The denial and the counter-charges were contained in a letter to Secretary-General U Thant which Israel asked be circulated to members of the Security Council.

Mr. Comay said that a statement in the Syrian complaint, dated January 30, that an armed Israel patrol crossed the armistice line into Syria, was "a fabrication." A similar description was applied to a Syrian charge that Israeli "gunboats" approached the eastern shores of Lake Tiberias to carry out "provocative actions against Syrian citizens." Noting that "there are no Israeli gunboats" on the lake, Mr. Comay said that there were Israeli patrol boats in routine patrols on the lake "which is within Israel territory" to protect Israeli fishing and to prevent illegal intrusions from Syria.

Ambassador Comay termed both "false" and "ridiculous" a Syrian charge that an Israeli gunboat kidnaped a Syrian citizen and stole a Syrian gunboat from River Al-Masadih in Syrian territory. He pointed out it was physically impossible for an Israel boat to leave the lake, cross land and enter the river and then repeat the trip in reverse.

He added that the fact was that a Syrian fisherman who was illegally fishing on the lake was arrested by Israel police and that UN authorities had been notified and had questioned the fisherman. Mr. Comay stressed that the circulation of the Syrian letter "was the first indication the Israel authorities have ever had of the allegations" in the letter.

Mr. Comay agreed there was a serious situation and that it was due "entirely to the Syrian violations of the General Armistice Agreement." He then cited instances of Syrian aggression reported to the Mixed Armistice Commission. These included firing on Israeli fishing boats on the lake from Syrian gun positions on January 17, February 1, February 5 and March 14.

ISRAELI ARRESTED IN SWITZERLAND; CHARGED WITH 'THREATENING' SCIENTIST

JERUSALEM, March 17. (JTA) -- The Israeli press expressed astonishment today over the arrest in Basle, Switzerland, of an Israeli on a charge of allegedly "threatening" a German missile scientist working for Egypt.

The Israel Ambassador to Switzerland, Shmuel Bentsur, reported to the Foreign Ministry here that he has been denied access to the arrested Israeli and that he does not even know his name. However, he said that the Swiss authorities may permit him to see the arrested man in jail within the next few days.

The entire case involves a "cloak-and-dagger" story concerning charges that German scientists are working for Egypt, in Cairo, in efforts to develop a cobalt bomb. German police, Swiss police, Interpol operatives and, allegedly, both Israeli and Arab undercover agents are presumably part of the story, according to Swiss dispatches.

The Israeli in jail, and an Austrian arrested with him, were reportedly taken into custody after they had been trapped in a Basle hotel by the daughter of a German scientist. The woman, Miss Heidi Goerk, presumably told the Israeli and the Austrian she

wanted them to dissuade her father, Prof. Jens Goerk, from continuing to work on the Egyptian missile program which is seeking to produce some weapons that are forbidden by international law. In fact, however, she was merely laying a trap for the Israeli and the Austrian, according to the report.

German Secret Agents Participate in Arrest as 'Observers'

Professor Goerk is one of a large group of German scientists, numbering perhaps 250, who are working with Nasser to perfect and produce unconventional weapons, some of which are prohibited under international law. These scientists helped Nasser develop his rockets which, he had boasted, could hit Israel. The majority of these German scientists are understood to be employed by Egypt through Swiss firms with headquarters in Zurich.

Israel's Foreign Ministry was ready some months ago to approach the Bonn Government on this issue and has contemplated publication of a White Book giving details about the work being done by German scientists for Nasser's missile and rocket programs. The German scientists at work on this phase of Nasser's armament program are men who served the Nazi regime and now want to help Nasser destroy Israel, the reports indicated.

When the Israeli and the Austrian were arrested in the Basle hotel in connection with the Goerk case, secret agents of the Bonn Government were reportedly part of the Swiss police cordon, acting as "observers."

Swiss Neutrality Questioned in Israel; Press Indignant Over Arrest

The Jerusalem Post stated editorially today that "in a desire to protect the interests of their Arab customers, the Swiss appear to have let themselves become the instrument of a German group. We believe most Germans today do not want their scientists to be the spear-head for new assaults against the Jewish people." Other newspapers in Israel were similarly indignant over the action of Swiss authorities.

Typical of the press comment is that of Maariv, leading evening newspaper, which in an editorial today questioned Swiss neutrality in this case. "The arrest of an Israeli," declared Maariv, "after his meeting with Miss Goerk, who arrived at the hotel in Basle of her own free will, does not indicate neutrality. It indicates non-neutrality and an attitude toward Israel that cannot be explained.

"The Swiss authorities were well informed about the meeting," the editorial continued. "But, as nothing violent took place, why did they arrest the Israeli and why do they reveal such a strong attitude which culminates in a threat to try the Israeli? Israel makes efforts to prevent development of Egyptian missiles, carried out with the aid of German scientists. Are Swiss authorities interested in the success of the German-Swiss cooperation in the development of non-conventional weapons?" The paper expressed a hope that the Swiss will find a way to "end this affair."

Israeli Political Parties to Request Parliamentary Study

The Herut faction in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today notified the Speaker of the House that it wants "urgent Knesset consideration of the presence of German experts on missiles, gas and bacteriological warfare in the services of the Egyptian enemy." A number of other members of various parties in the Knesset announced they will also seek details of the entire matter to be studied by an appropriate Knesset committee, as well as release of the Israeli being held in Switzerland.

Meanwhile, Maariv's Vienna correspondent today identified the Austrian under arrest in Switzerland as Dr. Otto Jukelik, an Austrian scientist who, last year, visited Egypt and joined German experts there engaged in missile weapons development. When he realized that the scientists in Egypt were engaged in developing unconventional, dangerous weapons, the report stated, Dr. Jukelik decided to withdraw from the project and contacted Israeli circles.

According to this report from Vienna, Dr. Jukelik thought he might be able to persuade Dr. Goerke also to abandon the Egyptian project, and contacted Goerke's family. That is how the meeting between the Israeli and Goerke's daughter came about, the report stated. Whether or why Miss Goerke informed the Swiss police is still unclear, Maariv stated, "although it is clear she came to Basle voluntarily and, following the meeting, returned home to Freiburg, in West Germany."

MCCECW JEWISH DELEGATION TO PROCEED TO WARSAW GHETTO COMMEMORATION

LONDON, March 17. (JTA) -- A delegation of Soviet Jews, some of them writers, will be permitted to go abroad next month, to attend the worldwide commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto rebellion, scheduled to be held in Warsaw, according to a dispatch to the Sunday Observer here today.

The commemorative exercises, April 19 and 20, are to mark the 20th anniversary of the uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto. It was pointed out here today that this will be the first time that the authorities of the USSR will permit Russian Jews to join any international gathering abroad.

JEWISH CONGRESS CALLS REPORT ON JEWS IN NEGRO NEWSPAPER 'BIGOTED'

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- The charge made by the Amsterdam News, a New York Negro weekly newspaper, that "Jews control the city's top jobs" was condemned by the national executive committee of the American Jewish Congress, in a statement sent to the editor of that newspaper with a request to publish it "prominently" in its next issue.

The statement said that the article in the Amsterdam News, which was supposed to be a report of an unpublished survey by a Protestant group, as well as the headline of this article "presented an interpretation of the survey inaccurate in fact and bigoted in tone."

"We have battled side by side with the Negro community for many years against anti-Negro racism," the AJC statement stressed. "We cannot believe that a leading Negro newspaper intended to convey a message that would play into the hands of racists. Yet, the article seems to suggest that it is not a man's worth but his religious affiliation that should be the criterion for determining his right to hold public office; not his qualifications but his origin. This is the same philosophy expressed by Governor Barnett of Mississippi in asserting that James Meredith's color -- not his credentials -- should determine his eligibility to enter the University of Mississippi."

INTELLECTUAL STATURE OF JEWISH STUDENTS IN U.S. REPORTED DECLINED

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Horace M. Kallen, Professor Emeritus at the New School for Social Research, asserted today that the intellectual stature of Jewish students in American colleges and universities "which used to be outstanding" had declined materially "during the past generation."

Speaking at the 45th anniversary banquet of the Jewish Teachers Seminary and People's University of New York, held at the Hotel Astor, the noted philosopher and educator said the decline had been accompanied by "the displacement of Yiddish and Hebrew, which were in regular use in the Jewish enclaves, by English exclusively" in the United States.

Dr. Kallen told the 500 banquet guests that "the connection between intellectual distinction and linguistic diversity is traditional, and liberal education has always been identified with the study and use of more than one language and literature. With the Jewish people this has been a part of their way of life and a source of their achievements in the non-Jewish world. Its lapse is a serious loss which the Jewish schools can repair, if their teachers are adequately equipped for the task."

He then cited the curriculum of the Jewish Teachers Seminary, and what he termed "its design to develop in students an orchestrated competence in English, Yiddish and Hebrew" and told the audience that achievement of that design could "serve to restore the intellectual stature" of Jewish students in American colleges. He appealed strongly for more consistent and widespread support by American Jewry for the Seminary's program to help assure achievement of that goal.

'PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE' URGES JEWISH GROUPS TO OBSERVE U.J.A. ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- Recognizing the "crucial importance" of United Jewish Appeal-supported programs in the rescue, resettlement and rehabilitation of distressed Jews overseas, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations has adopted a resolution urging its member bodies to "assist nationally in the meaningful observance" of the 25th anniversary of the UJA during 1963, it was announced today by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Conference.

The American Jewish community, through the UJA, has demonstrated its "abiding commitments to values which are the very essence of the Jewish faith," the resolution declared. "Accordingly American Jews gave vast sums of money to rescue thousands of Jews in Hitler-dominated Europe, sustained the life and hope of tens of thousands in ghettos, concentration camps and hideouts, provided more than three million Jews in many lands with the basic necessities of life, and as the crowning achievement, transplanted more than one and a half million Jews to Israel and other democratic lands."

This record of accomplishment, the resolution read, is a "tribute to American Jewry, especially to the men and women throughout the country who by their example inspired their communities to achieve records of giving unsurpassed in the history of private philanthropy. Above all, what has been achieved is a tribute to the people of Israel who at great personal sacrifice kept open their doors to fellow Jews in search of freedom and matched the efforts of American Jewry in absorbing newcomers."

113 RABBIS FORMALLY ORDAINED AT YESHIVA UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- A group of 113 graduates of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University who completed their studies at the Seminary within the past four years received formal recognition of their semicha (ordination) today at a convocation in their honor. The participating rabbis come from 11 states, Canada and Argentina. Eight chaplains currently on Army duty are included in the group.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the university, who delivered the principal address at the convocation, called for the creation of a "United Nations of the Spirit" through greater reliance of moral law "as outlined in the Torah."