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ISRAEL PRODS GERMANY FOR REPLY ON HALTING NUCLEAR WORK IN EGYPT

JERUSALEM, March 24. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today discussed the attitude of the West German Government permitting German scientists to work on nuclear missiles in Egypt to be used against Israel. It was reported later that Israel expects from the West German Government a formal reply on this issue, and does not regard as final a statement made at a press conference in Bonn by a government spokesman, Guenther von Hase, that the German authorities could not halt the work of German scientists in Egypt.

Israeli officials were surprised by the Bonn Government's request to Switzerland, asking that the Swiss extradite Joseph Ben-Gal, an Israeli, and Prof. Otto Jukelik, an Austrian. The two are in jail at Basle, charged with having "threatened" the daughter of Dr. Jens Goerke, one of the West German scientists employed by the Egyptian Government. The German request is based on allegation that Ben-Gal and Jukelik were involved not only in trying to influence Dr. Goerke to disassociate himself from the Egyptian weapons program but also in the abortive gun attack Feb. 20 against another German rocket expert, Prof. Hans Kleinwachter.

Informed sources here today denied that Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion plans to communicate with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer on this entire subject. "So far, there is no such intention," it was stated. Mr. Ben-Gurion is still on vacation, and is not expected to return to his office until Tuesday. He did not participate in today's meeting of the Cabinet.

Bonn's general attitude is evoking misgivings in official circles here, however. "We find it impossible to understand how the German Government can treat lightly this matter, affecting Israel's very existence, and how it can be willing to plead helplessness in the face of work by Nazi-oriented experts employed by Egypt in its plan to destroy Israel," officials said.

Germany's Stand on the Issue Outlined by Federal Official

BONN, March 24. (JTA) -- The West German Government today confirmed here that it had requested Switzerland to extradite two alleged "Israeli agents"--Joseph Ben-Gal, an Israeli citizen, and Dr. Otto Jukelik, an Austrian--who had been detained in Arab charges of "threatening" the daughter of a German rocket scientist working in Cairo.

Reports from Switzerland said, however, that sources close to the Swiss Government indicated that they thought it unlikely that the request of the West German Government would be granted. The request would probably not be considered by the Swiss Cabinet before Tuesday. At Lausanne, George Brunschwig, attorney for Ben-Gal, announced that, if the Swiss Cabinet approves the request for sending Ben-Gal back to Germany, he would appeal the case to the Swiss Federal Court.

State Secretary Guenther von Hase, speaking on behalf of the Bonn Government at a press conference here, declared: "It cannot be ascertained with certainty whether the information is correct that German technicians in Egypt cooperate in producing and developing rockets to be used for aggression. At any rate, this is not done with the knowledge or approval of the Federal Government."

"It is known," he continued, "that, for a long time, the Federal Government has pursued a policy of not delivering any arms to countries where tensions exist. This policy naturally means that the Federal Government would express disapproval if the tension is being intensified by the activities of armament technicians. However, the Federal Government has no possibility of preventing German citizens from leaving the country, except when such persons act against German law or against the laws of the countries which they visit."

Facing a barrage of questions at the 30-minute press conference, the Federal official said he wished to repeat a "moral appeal" which West Germany had made to its citizens several times in the past. He said: "The Government expects all German nationals staying abroad to act in a way which does not harm the Federal Republic of Germany." He indicated "acute tension in the Middle East" between Israel and the Arab

Nations was a factor in preventing West Germany from making any overture now to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. He suggested this "might heighten tension."

Germany Cannot Prevent Scientists from Working for Nasser, Leader Says

WASHINGTON, March 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, floor leader of the Christian Democratic Union in the German Bundestag, and former Foreign Minister, today told the National Press Club here that, while he personally disapproved of German scientists working on nuclear missiles in Egypt, there was no legal basis for the German Government to interfere with such private overseas work by German nationals.

"We know that some Germans are working in Egypt on some missile program," he stated. "I can only say that I disapprove of such activities but I must also say, and that is also the same situation here in the United States, that we have no legal basis to prevent any German from working abroad. The German Government will certainly not support any such activities, but we have in our Constitution a provision for absolute freedom of movement, and in that way our hands are, of course, bound, and there are limits beyond which we cannot go."

NEW YORK RABBIS APPEAL TO U.N. TO INTERVENE WITH RUSSIA FOR MATZOTH

NEW YORK, March 24. (JTA) -- An appeal to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, requesting intervention with the authorities of the Soviet Union for permission to Russian Jews to bake matzoth or to import matzoth from this country, was sent today by the New York Board of Rabbis. The Board, comprised of Orthodox, Reform and Conservative spiritual leaders in New York, is the largest rabbinical body in the world. Signed by Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz, president of the Board, and other ranking officers of the organization, the cable stated:

"The New York Board of Rabbis is deeply distressed by the Russian Government's total ban on the public baking and sale of matzoth for the large number of Soviet Jews, thus depriving them of a religious article indispensable for the proper observance of Passover, which begins on the evening of April 8. We, the Board's officers, speaking for the entire membership, plead with the Commission that it direct an urgent appeal to the Soviet Government for the revocation of that ban. If facilities are unavailable in Russia, we are prepared to provide matzoth if permitted to do so."

British Chief Rabbi Appeals to Moscow to Permit Matzoth Baking

LONDON, March 24. (JTA) -- British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie appealed to Soviet authorities today "in the name of Anglo-Jewry" to permit Soviet Jews to have matzoths for Passover next month.

The statement cited the announcement in the Moscow Central synagogue on March 16 that, as happened in 1962, the state bakeries would not provide matzoth this year. The congregants had been advised to do their best to bake matzoth in their homes.

The Chief Rabbi cited the difficulties for Soviet Jews in such home baking and noted that any Jewish family which was able to bake more than it needs and sought to dispose of the excess to other families might well be arrested for speculation. The appeal urged the Soviet officials "even at this late hour" to reconsider the decision "and permit this basic religious requirement to be performed in an adequate and satisfactory manner."

U.N. Body to Discuss Soviet Discrimination Against Jews

GENEVA, March 24. (JTA) -- Soviet suppression of Jewish religion and culture will come under scrutiny here before the United Nations Commission on Human Rights which is now in session here. The session is drafting a UN Declaration and a UN convention to ban religious discrimination in all countries.

The Human Rights Commission meanwhile heard preliminary attacks against Soviet anti-Semitism from governmental and non-governmental representatives this weekend. Under its rules of procedure the Commission does not permit the names of countries involved to be mentioned, but representatives of Jewish organizations, of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, and of several Latin American member-states, pointedly directed their remarks against the USSR.

SOVIET EDITOR DISMISSED FOR PUBLISHING MEMOIRS OF EHRENBURG

LONDON, March 24. (JTA) - Alexander Tvardovsky, editor of "Novy Mir," the Moscow literary journal that has been publishing the memoirs of Ilya Ehrenburg, Soviet-Jewish author who has been criticizing the Stalin era with its anti-Semitism, has been dismissed from his post, according to dispatches received here today from Moscow.

The instalments of the Ehrenburg memoirs had just reached the point where the famous Russian Jewish author was about to bring out details of the Stalinist purges and persecutions against Jews, when Moscow suddenly announced Mr. Tvardovsky's dismissal. It was reported that "Novy Mir" will omit further instalments of the Ehrenburg memoirs until the author makes changes.

SHARETT WARNS ON STATEMENTS AFFECTING PRESTIGE OF ZIONIST MOVEMENT

JERUSALEM, March 24. (JTA) -- A warning against "harmful statements" apt to lower the prestige of the Zionist movement was issued at the meeting of the World Zionist Actions Committee by Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, who called the movement irreplaceable.

"Let us cease polemics and get on with the job," he said. He asserted that there had been many improvements in the movement, including the joining of new young blood, that the organizational frameworks had been strengthened and that good work had been done by the Government-Jewish Agency coordinating committee.

He said it was wise to beware of presenting a picture of the movement as being in a constant state of disagreement with the State of Israel and of the state as a divisive factor in the activities of the Jewish people. He stressed that there were activities in which the state was not engaged which were open to the Zionist movement such as education and information in Jewish communities outside of Israel.

Eliahu Dobkin, head of the youth and hechalutz department, reported that halutzic movements abroad had a membership of 36,000 and that other Zionist youth movements had a membership of 48,000. He listed a variety of procedures to extend work with youth abroad and called the shortage of youth instructors "the most burning problem." He added that while much work had been done to train instructors, it had not met the need.

A crisis appeared today to be looming over the World Zionist Actions committee on the issue of coopting members of the right-wing Herut party to the Jewish Agency executive. Mr. Sharett, as chairman of the executive, told the meeting that the Actions Committee should act on the proposal. However, later he reportedly told the Herut delegation that the time was not yet ripe for Herut to be given membership on the executive. A Herut spokesman said that if entry to the Jewish Agency executive was denied to it, the party would set up an independent political department for Jewish communities outside of Israel.

EL AL STRIKE ENDS IN ISRAEL; CREWS ACCEPT TERMS PROPOSED BY HISTADRUT

TEL AVIV, March 24. (JTA) -- Regular El Al flights were scheduled to be resumed tomorrow after striking air crews capitulated to pressure from the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, and agreed to return to work after being out 17 days.

A special committee of the Histadrut, which had opposed the strike from the outset, accepted a letter signed by the strikers stating their readiness to return to work and to accept Histadrut directives. They walked out during negotiations on a new contract.

El Al officials were not completely satisfied with the agreement, because they had demanded an individual letter from each striker. However, they accepted the Histadrut arrangement. The strike was estimated to have cost the airline about 4,000,000 pounds (\$13,000,000).

TURKEY MAY SOON GRANT DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL, PREMIER HINTS

ISTANBUL, March 24. (JTA) -- Turko-Israeli political ties are "developing fully," Prime Minister Ismet Inonu declared here today. He hinted that Turkey may soon resume diplomatic ties with Israel, interrupted seven years ago.

The Premier made the statement about relations with Israel during a news conference at which he was asked questions regarding his Government's attitude toward the recent changes in several Middle East governments. Turkey broke diplomatic relations with Israel seven years ago under pressure from Iraq which was then, with Turkey, a member of the Baghdad Pact. In reply to a question today on the subject, he said that "the organization of legations" between Turkey and Israel "will be developed."

Asked whether the recent political changes in the Middle East would alter his Government's policy vis-a-vis Israel, he replied: "Our relations with Israel operate independently, and are not subject to other policies." As for the Arab states, he said, Turkey desires better relations with them. "Their efforts to unite," he declared, "will not hamper the improvement of ties with Turkey."

ISRAEL HAS 4,000 SYNAGOGUES, RELIGIOUS MINISTRY REPORTS TO KNESSET

JERUSALEM, March 24. (JTA) -- There are more than 4,000 synagogues in Israel today compared with only 800 at the time of the establishment of the State in 1948, and 500 others are under construction, it was reported here today by Religious Affairs Minister Zorach Warhaftig during the presentation to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, of his Ministry's 1963-64 budget. The figures, he noted, did not include an additional 250 youth synagogues.

During the coming year, some 750,000 pounds (\$250,000) has been allocated for synagogues from Government funds and other sources including the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, the Silverman Trust and Heichal Shlomo, the Supreme Religious Center. Eight new synagogues are also being established in development towns by means of a grant of 750,000 pounds from Sir Isaac Wolfson, prominent British philanthropist.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN OPENS 70TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

MINNEAPOLIS, March 24. (JTA) -- The 70th anniversary biennial convention of the National Council of Jewish Women opened here today with 700 delegates from all parts of the country representing 123,000 members. The convention is scheduled to last five days.

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, addressing the opening session, cited Israel for its "magnificent" technical assistance programs to Latin America, emphasizing that this form of aid can serve as an example to be followed by the Western Powers, including the United States.

The Minnesota Democrat, who is chairman of the Senate's Disarmament Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called particular attention to Israel's recent announcement to train 200 Latin American students in modern agricultural methods this year, in augmenting its technical assistance programs in Brazil, Ecuador, Bolivia and Colombia. By the "shining example" of its own success, Senator Humphrey said, "Israel can give the people of Latin America a dimension of hope which is not confined to the power of dollars and supplies."

In a message to Mrs. Charles Hymes, president of the NCJW, President Kennedy lauded the group for having "vigorously supported every major social welfare program in recent years." Mrs. Hymes told the opening session that the Council's 70-year-old history has been one of strong commitment "to human welfare everywhere."

CHICAGO COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL MISSION REPORTS ON FINDINGS ABROAD

CHICAGO, March 24. (JTA) -- A report on their findings of the positions of Jews in need overseas was presented here today to 175 top Jewish community leaders of this city by members of the Overseas Study Mission to Europe and North Africa sent by the Combined Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Chicago under the leadership of David Silbert, CJA president.

"The French Jewish community is faced with formidable problems which it cannot meet by itself," Mr. Silbert reported. "The Jews of Morocco and other countries of North Africa, and particularly the remnant of aged and sick Jews remaining in Algeria, are living on the edge of starvation and in fear for their very lives. This is indeed the zero hour, and time is swiftly running out for us if we seek to rescue our Jewish brothers. Israel remains the hope of many of the Jews we talked with and ate with, in Paris, Marseilles and Casablanca. Many will stay in France or seek a new life in other countries, including our own, here in the U.S.A."

Other mission members who reported with Mr. Silbert were Max Robert Schroyer, chairman of the 1963 CJA division of trades, industries and professions; Harry X. Cole and Alfred P. Lasker, co-chairmen of that division; Alexander Annes, associate chairman; Mrs. Samuel E. Hokin, a member of the Jewish Welfare Fund's board of directors; and Albert A. Hutler, CJA campaign director.

WORLDWIDE OBSERVANCE OF 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF HAYIM GREENBERG

NEW YORK, March 24. (JTA) -- More than 150 rabbis throughout the United States will deliver commemorative sermons next month on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the death of Hayim Greenberg, leading labor Zionist writer and philosopher who died in New York, it was announced here today by the Labor Zionist Organization of America.

Community-wide observances marking the anniversary will be held in key cities in the United States, Canada, Latin America, Israel and Europe. Among the Israeli events marking the anniversary of Greenberg's death will be a memorial meeting at the home of Foreign Minister Golda Meir next Sunday in Jerusalem.

ABRAHAM ELLSTEIN, NOTED JEWISH COMPOSER, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 55

NEW YORK, March 24. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Abraham Ellstein, famous Jewish composer, who died suddenly this weekend at the age of 55. He collapsed Friday night while discussing the work of a fellow-composer in a synagogue in The Bronx.

Mr. Ellstein, born in New York, acquired a Juilliard School of Music fellowship when he was 18. In his youth he became a well-known piano accompanist to many stars, traveling in many parts of the world. He wrote the music for a number of operettas and musical comedies. A year ago, his opera "The Golem," based on the H. Leivick literary work of that name, was produced by the New York City Opera, after having been commissioned by the Ford Foundation.

JUDGE KUPER EULOGIZED AT MEMORIAL SESSIONS IN SOUTH AFRICAN COURTS

JOHANNESBURG, March 24. (JTA) -- Courts in Pretoria and Johannesburg were adjourned this weekend to permit judges to attend funeral services here for Supreme Court Justice Simon Kuper, the South African Jewish leader who died last week from bullet wounds fired at his home by an unknown assailant. He was eulogized earlier by Judge President Q. de Wet in the Pretoria Supreme Court and by Judges Dowling and Ludorf in Johannesburg. Some 2,000 persons attended funeral services at the Westpark Jewish Cemetery.