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BONN CABINET TO DISCUSS TODAY ROLE OF GERMAN SCIENTISTS IN EGYPT

BONN, March 26. (JTA) -- The West German Federal Cabinet will deal tomorrow with the question of the activities of West German scientists and technicians reported to be working on advanced weapons for the Nasser regime in Egypt. Israel has formally accused the West Germans of working on internationally banned weapons designed to be used against Israel.

All aspects of the issue were considered today at a departmental meeting of the affected West German Ministries. At the same time, the opposition Social Democratic Parliamentary unit urged the Federal Government to do everything possible to preserve West Germany's reputation abroad.

Foreign observers in West Germany's capital meanwhile were reported as being concerned over the fact that the Federal Government was handling Israel's urgent appeal for action to withdraw the German scientists from Egypt within the most formal and strictest legal framework, without regard to Germany's Nazi past, and with no consideration for Israel's view that the weapons under development threaten Israel's very existence.

It was noted that suggestions had been made that a action of the basic Federal law, Article 26, might provide a basis for legislation to bring an end to such West German scientific aid in working on the development of nuclear weapons in other countries. The article specifies that "activities tending to disturb or undertaken with the intention of disturbing peaceful relations between nations and especially preparations for aggressive war shall be unconstitutional" and "subject to punishment." Official sources here said, however, that West German courts probably would allow appeals by scientists against such legislation.

Israel's Protest Provokes Widespread Reaction in Germany

FRANKFURT, March 26. (JTA) -- Israel's vigorous protest, lodged with the German Foreign Ministry, against the activities of German specialists working in Egypt, has aroused widespread reaction throughout Germany. Israel's government move, claiming the acts of the German scientists affect its security, has led to front-page comments by a number of this country's leading newspapers.

The Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung commented that Germans "cannot ignore the fact that, on account of the Nazi crimes, a special relationship between the two people (Germany and Israel) has emerged." However, the paper called for examining the facts "objectively." It declared that "while recognizing Israel's vital interests, the Federal Government is unable to exercise an influence over the movement of its citizens. All the same, the Government should do all in its power to persuade the German specialists to return home."

The Deutsche Zeitung, of Cologne, said: "It was unwise for Israel's Foreign Minister to demand that Germany issue special orders restricting personal freedom. The editorial nevertheless added: "The Government and the people could impress upon their countrymen possibly not to lend their hands to the production of arms outside the NATC framework. But for the time, we are still in the dark as regards the activities of German scientists in Egypt."

The Stuttgart Zeitung weighed the pros and cons of the Israeli Foreign Minister's protest to the German Government and recalled that Germany took steps last year to influence the return from Egypt of Prof. Eugen Saenger, who had headed the Egyptian rocketry program in Cairo.

The Dusseldorfer Nachrichten declared its belief that an appeal by Germany to its scientists in Egypt to disassociate themselves from the Egyptian projects "would meet with little success." The paper said that the motive for such service abroad is monetary. "Only in exceptional cases is Jew-hatred the actual motive," the newspaper declared. "However, the crimes committed by Hitler should prevent Germans from going to the hotbed of the Near East," it stressed.

The progressive Sueddeutsche Zeitung, of Munich, appealed to the German Parliament to "raise its voice" and request the scientists in Egypt to return to Germany.

The Frankfurter Rundschau declared that the German Foreign Office should be aware of what German scientists are doing in Egypt, and stated: "German-Israel relationship is

of a special nature. Only with the greatest effort will we succeed in overcoming the past." The newspaper wondered why German passport laws have not been applied to scientists traveling to Egypt "since it was known that they endanger essential German interests."

(In London, the Daily Express urged editorially that Britain and the United States "act swiftly and decisively against the German rocketeers." The newspaper said the Nazi slogan was "Today Germany, Tomorrow the World" and with more and more West German rocket experts working for President Nasser of Egypt, the slogan may become "Today Egypt, Tomorrow Germany.")

PROF. SITTE WINS AMNESTY; WAS SENTENCED FOR TIES WITH FOREIGN AGENTS

JERUSALEM, March 26. (JTA) -- President Ben-Zvi granted amnesty today to Prof. Kurt Sitte, a non-Jew who was found guilty of contact with foreign agents and sentenced to five years' imprisonment at the end of 1960.

A noted scientist in Czechoslovakia, Dr. Sitte came to Israel and joined the faculty of the Israel Institute of Technology at Haifa.

In granting amnesty, President Ben-Zvi acted on the recommendations of scientists in Israel and abroad. Dr. Sitte had been scheduled for release in October for good behavior. He is now expected to be released next Sunday.

ACTIONS COMMITTEE BODY DECIDES TO CONVENE ZIONIST CONGRESS IN 1964

JERUSALEM, March 26. (JTA) -- The 26th World Zionist Congress will be convened in August 1964, the Committee on Problems of the Zionist Organization of the World Zionist Actions Committee decided today.

The committee heard a report by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, and then decided to set up a group to discuss structural problems of the Zionist movement. The group will be made up of representatives of the movement from Israel and from countries outside Israel. It will present proposals to the next session of the World Zionist Actions Committee.

12,000 AMERICANS AND CANADIANS LIVE IN ISRAEL; 5,000 IN KIBBUTZIM

TEL AVIV, March 26. (JTA) -- A total of 12,000 persons are registered with the Association of Americans and Canadians, 5,000 of whom live in kibbutzim, it was reported today at the annual meeting of the Association at the ZCA House here.

The 150 delegates and 500 guests at the meeting also were told that 37 American experts and their families had settled in Israel under a special program of the Jewish Agency and the Israel Labor Ministry while 28 more experts had signed contracts with private firms in Israel.

The information on the special program was given by Israel Labor Minister Yigal Alon and the information on the total number of Americans in the association by its president, Ruth Bockstein. Prizes in memory of Hadassah founder Henrietta Szold were given to a number of Americans in various settlements who have lived in Israel more than 25 years.

TURKEY DEPORTS ARAB STUDENT FOR WRITING ANTI-ISRAEL BOOK

ISTANBUL, March 26. (JTA) -- Farouk el Homoud, a Jordanian medical student at Istanbul University who recently wrote an anti-Israel book in Turkish, has been expelled from Turkey for engaging "in activities against Turkey's interests," it was announced here today.

The book, "The Stolen Motherland: Palestine," was published here last October. The student had complained that little had been written in Turkey on the "Palestine problem" and said he wrote the book to bring certain "facts" to the attention of the Turkish people.

In the book, he presented the standard Arabic version of the 1948 Palestine war and appealed to the "Turkish brethren and co-religionists" for an all-out struggle against Israel. The theme "Let's Crush Israel" was repeated several times in the book.

U. S. AID TO ISRAEL MAY BE TERMINATED IN FEW YEARS, OFFICIAL SAYS

WASHINGTON, March 26. (JTA) -- Foreign aid director David E. Bell today mentioned the forthcoming termination of aid to Israel in an address before the Magazine Publishers Association.

He stressed that aid programs to individual countries ought to be as much as possible "self-terminating" - designed to create a momentum of development so the country can eventually do without aid. He said Israel, Greece and Taiwan, with United States help, already are in a position so that aid to them might be denied in the next few years.

SWEDISH CLERGYMEN APPEAL TO MOSCOW TO RECONSIDER BAN ON MATZOZ

STOCKHOLM, March 26. (JTA) -- Two prominent Swedish Christian clergymen, who are also members of Parliament, appealed to the Soviet Ambassador here today to request the Soviet Government in Moscow to reconsider its ban against the baking of matzoth in state bakeries. The appeal was sent by the Rev. Einar Rimerfors, Liberal and a leader of the Free Church, and Chief Pastor Ake Zetterberg, of the Lutheran Church, who is a Socialist.

The ministers pointed out that baking matzoth at home is impractical for Russian Jews wishing to observe Passover because special equipment was needed for that purpose. They said they were "aware that the Government has declared its intentions not to restrict freedom of religion, but the facts do not comply with the principles." They expressed the hope that Jewish communities in the USSR would be permitted to obtain matzoth from state bakeries.

The Stockholm Jewish Community announced today it is sending matzoth to Russia. The Swedish press, on the whole, has been printing articles and editorials condemning the Soviet Union's restrictions against Jews wishing to observe Passover properly.

SOVIET SUPPRESSION OF JEWISH RELIGION ATTACKED AT U. N. PARLEY

GENEVA, March 26. (JTA) -- The United Nations Commission on Human Rights, currently in session here considering various proposals looking toward the elimination of racial and religious bias throughout the world, today heard a veiled but pointed attack against the Soviet Union's policy of discriminating against Jews in the USSR.

The attack came from Enrique Carbo, legal advisor to the delegation from Ecuador. Under the rules of the Commission's procedures, he did not mention any country by name. But he obviously aimed at the USSR as his target when he told the Commission it must study "the situation of minorities in multi-national states." "Some countries," he said, prevent minorities from exercising their religious rights and rights of worship. Such minorities, he noted, "have no possibility of complaining, despite the desperate discrimination to which they are subjected."

BRITISH NAZIS TESTING BOMBS FOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES; POLICE ON ALERT

LONDON, March 26. (JTA) -- London police detectives and explosives experts completed their investigation today into reports that an "elite" group of British National Socialists had been testing bombs for use in a terror campaign and immediately launched a hunt for the bombers.

A Senior Police official said: "If these explosives are what we think they are, they could cause catastrophe in an enclosed space and in a crowded room, they could kill."

The Daily Mail had reported previously that one of its reporters watched nine of the neo-Nazis in a forest hideout in Britain celebrate the 30th anniversary of the seizure of power by Hitler with ceremonies that included a series of bomb tests. Colin Jordan, the leader of the small but violently anti-Semitic group, is in jail on two terms involving incitement against Jews and violation of the British Public Order Act.

ANTI-SEMITES ATTEMPT TO DISTURB JEWISH LECTURER AT VIENNA UNIVERSITY

VIENNA, March 26. (JTA) -- Loud anti-Semitic remarks were heard today in Vienna University hall during a lecture by Israeli Professor A. Flusser about Essenes and Christians in the light of recent Israeli research.

After the lecture, which was attended by a large audience of students and faculty members, a poster was found on the university hall with the inscription: "Pig Jews; Out of Austria!" Police began an investigation.

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY APPROVES FAIR SABBATH PRACTICES BILL

ALBANY, N. Y., March 26. (JTA) -- The New York State Assembly approved today by a vote of 120 to 26 a Fair Sabbath practices bill. The measure goes to the State Senate next week. Governor Nelson Rockefeller has said he would sign such a measure if it was approved by both houses of the Legislature. The measure provides for local option handling of the issue. It was sponsored by the Assembly Rules Committee.

The bill permits cities, towns and villages to allow stores to open on Sunday provided that the store operator keeps another day of the week as holy time. Such labor, trade or business must be conducted as a normal routine as a means of occupation of the proprietor and members of his family.

Howard H. Squadron, chairman of the Metropolitan Council of the American Jewish Congress, one of the Jewish organizations which has fought for such a measure, lauded the Assembly action and urged redoubled efforts by backers to help assure Senate approval.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT REFUSES INVITATION TO REFORM CONVOCATION IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, March 26. (JTA) -- Both President Izhak Ben-Zvi and Religious Affairs Minister Zorah Warhaftig were reported today to have refused invitations to attend the convocation tomorrow which will mark the opening of the Hebrew Union College Biblical and Archaeological School, the first under Reform auspices in Israel.

However, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion will deliver the principal address at the convocation and President Ben-Zvi will give a reception for the Hebrew Union College Board of Governors who arrived in Israel for the occasion.

Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the sponsoring Reform seminary, told a press conference that Reform religious services would be conducted weekly in the school's chapel. We do not come here as missionaries and there is no intention to organize a Reform congregation, he pointed out. The initial disclosure of plans for a synagogue in the school evoked widespread protests from Orthodox elements in Israel.

The school, built at a cost of \$750,000, will serve as a post-doctoral research center for about 20 students annually. Honorary doctorates will be conferred during the convocation on Prof. Yigael Yadin and Prof. Carl Belgen, director emeritus of the American School of Classical Studies in Athens.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY PRESENTS BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS TO BOARD

JERUSALEM, March 26. (JTA) -- Eliahu Elath, president of the Hebrew University, told the opening session of the board of governors today that there were 8,000 students and 1,100 teachers at the university, comprising one of Israel's "most precious assets." A record total of 921 students were graduated last year, including 80 non-Jews, of whom 60 were from Asia and Africa and 112 were Israeli Arabs and Druze, he reported.

A development budget totaling 12,000,000 pounds (\$4,000,000) for meeting several vital needs of the university was presented at the opening session. When current projects are finished, they will bring to 70,000,000 pounds (\$23,333,333) the amount invested in the university's new campus to date. The meeting, which is being attended by governors from 14 countries, also received a maintenance budget for 26,270,000 pounds (\$8,756,666) for 1963-64, some 2,000,000 pounds (\$666,666) more than that of the prior school year.

Judge Louis Levinthal of Philadelphia, chairman of the board, noted that the standards of the university educational program had remained constant during the past two-year freeze of the university budget. While expressing thanks to the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency for financial support, he stressed that the primary financial responsibility rested on the Friends of the University groups abroad. Prof. Yoel Racah, university rector, stressed the need to place the faculty program on a sound basis by providing essential buildings and equipment, particularly for the science faculty.

N. C. J. W. CONVENTION PLEDGES TO FOSTER STUDY OF JUDAISM IN AMERICA

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 26. (JTA) -- The National Council of Jewish Women pledged today to continue to foster the study of Judaism and the development of Jewish community life in America. In a resolution adopted at the organization's convention, the delegates declared that "Judaism, through its teachings, has bequeathed to every Jew a rich inheritance of moral and religious values, and a strong sense of personal responsibility."

The resolution added that an understanding "of these historic principles and their modern application will preserve Jewish identity, strengthen Jewish communities and enrich the Jewish contribution to democratic life both here and abroad."

Another resolution adopted unanimously cited the "significant contribution to democracy" that has been made by the State of Israel "by building a new life of dignity and independence for its people through a democratic government." The Council appealed to the United States to continue "to give economic support to Israel through loans and other measures."

In an address to the convention delegates, Miss Hannah Stein, executive director of the Council, called on American Jewish religious and secular leaders to engage "in a free exchange of ideas" on the complex problems confronting American Jewish communities. Such an exchange of ideas implemented by a program of action, she said, can result in moving the American Jewish community from "its present thought and structure, which really belong to the 1930's and 1940's, to the completely different 1960's."

RABBI KAHN NAMED BY WHITE HOUSE TO PEACE CORPS ADVISORY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, March 26. (JTA) -- The White House today made known the appointment of Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn, National Director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, to the 23 member Peace Corps Advisory Council. The vacancy he will fill, it is believed, is that created by the death of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.