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BCNN WILL SEEK TO INFLUENCE GERMAN SCIENTISTS TO LEAVE EGYPT

BCNN, March 27. (JTA)-- The West German Cabinet met today to discuss the issue of the work by West German scientists on advanced weapons systems in Egypt. The meeting took place under the chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor Ludwig Erhard in the absence of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who is vacationing in Italy.

After the meeting, State Secretary Gunther von Hase said it had always been the policy of the Federal Government to persuade German citizens in tension-affected areas whose activities could increase political tensions in those areas to return home and that the Government would continue its efforts in that direction in the current situation.

At the same time he stated that the Government had no evidence that West Germans were participating in the development and production in Egypt of atomic, bacterial and chemical weapons, but that if they were, the Government expressed its condemnation. He added that the Government planned to consider whether such "incidents" could be prevented by further legal or administrative measures.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE APPEALS TO GERMANY ON SCIENTIST ISSUE

JERUSALEM, March 27. (JTA) -- A demand that the West German Government do everything in its power to end the "criminal occupation" of German scientists helping Egypt to prepare weapons of destruction for Israel was voiced in a resolution adopted by the current meeting of the World Zionist Actions Committee at its final session today.

The resolution also called on all enlightened governments and world public opinion to express anxiety over "this new threat to the Jewish people ingathering in its homeland."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, touching on the issue of West German scientists working for the Nasser regime, said that Germany, more than any other country, should be sufficiently sensitive to the issues to forbid its nationals to participate in this kind of "so-called scientific work."

He said he hoped that a large part of the German people and their leaders were aware of this. He contended that there was much that could be done to rectify the situation, apart from the legal framework in which West German authorities have been considering the issue.

Expresses Concern Over Anti Jewish Acts in Russia

Another resolution noted Soviet Premier Khrushchev's statement, in a letter to British philosopher Bertrand Russell, that anti-Semitism was outlawed in the Soviet Union but stressed that to date there had been no tangible signs to indicate that Soviet authorities were acting against anti-Semitic manifestations in Russia.

The resolution expressed concern over the high percentage of Jews receiving death sentences for alleged economic crimes and noted that the Jewishness of those so convicted was being given special prominence in Russia.

The resolution expressed dismay over the fact that for the second year in a row, the baking of matzoth in state bakeries had been discontinued. The delegates cited the difficulties encountered in supplying Soviet Jews with matzoth from abroad.

Decrying the systematic shutdowns of synagogues by Soviet officials, the resolution asserted that the Jewish minority in Russia was discriminated against in comparison with other religious minorities and added that no progress had been made in meeting the cultural and national needs of Soviet Jewry.

The resolution also noted the cutting off of Soviet Jewry from contact with all other Jewish communities "even in the humanitarian matter of uniting families" severed by the events of the past decade.

Another resolution expressed concern over the reappearance of evidence of Nazi-inspired hate in a number of Latin American countries. The resolution expressed faith that the Latin American peoples, faithful to their democratic tradition, would awaken to the danger threatening that tradition. The resolution voiced satisfaction over the "growing Riah" from Latin America.

ISRAEL TO TRAIN PARATROOPERS FOR CONGO; PLAN ANNOUNCED AT U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 27. (JTA) -- The Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville) announced here today that Israel will form a paratroop corps for the Congolese National Army as part of a plan for the complete reorganization and retraining of all of the Congo's armed forces.

At the same time, it became known that the Congo plan, involving bilateral agreements, between the Leopoldville Government and Italy, Norway, Canada, the United States, Belgium and Israel has already been laid by Secretary-General U Thant before the UN's Congo Advisory Committee. That committee consists of 19 members of the United Nations, including Moslem and Arab states but not including Israel.

The Congo Government's announcement here confirmed previous informal reports that several NATO powers plus Israel will aid in the reorganization and retraining of the country's armed forces. The announcement, distributed by the Congolese delegation, stated that the plans had been formally made public at Leopoldville by Maj. Gen. Joseph Mobutu, commander-in-chief of the Congolese National Army.

Under the plan, according to Gen. Mobutu, Italy will organize the Congolese air force, Norway will train officers for a Navy, Canada will provide technical instruction, Belgium will be in charge of establishing and running military schools, Israel "will handle formation of a paratrooper corps," while the United States, which will not participate directly in the training program, will furnish equipment.

Prime Minister Adoula of the Congo, said Mr. Thant, has apparently "had the assurances" that the countries he has approached, "will provide the assistance required" and that "the financial responsibility for the costs of that assistance rests entirely with the assisting country." Thus, it was seen here, Israel will pay the costs involved in the establishment and training of a paratrooper corps for the Congo Army.

The training of the Congolese paratroopers, it was indicated by Gen. Mobutu, will be done in Israel at the beginning of the project. "In the first years of the program," he stated, "most of the retraining will take place outside the Congo, in schools of the supervising countries."

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE INSTITUTION OPENED IN ISRAEL; BEN-GURION SPEAKS

JERUSALEM, March 27. (JTA) -- Despite the refusal of President Izhak Ben-Zvi to attend, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion participated in a formal convocation here today, opening the Hebrew Union College Biblical and Archaeological School, first institution of its kind in Israel under Reform auspices. Mr. Ben-Zvi's refusal and that of the Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Zorah Warhaftig, were announced yesterday.

Observing that he was not expressing the view of the Israel Government, Mr. Ben-Gurion hailed the school, saying it could serve as a center "not only for great archaeologists of all faiths, but for tens of thousands of Jews affiliated with the Hebrew Union College." He himself, said Mr. Ben-Gurion, is "neither Reform nor Conservative." He said he believes in "the tenet of Jewish solidarity, which demands mutual respect on the part of all Jews."

"Two great problems," he declared, "confront the Jewish people: survival of Israel and survival of Jewry." Emphasizing "the danger of assimilation" in lands outside Israel, he urged development of Jewish content "which means, first and foremost, the use of the Hebrew language as a second tongue by Jewish youth."

A message was received here by Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of Hebrew Union College, from President Kennedy, who hailed the establishment of the school as a "laudable act of confidence in the international importance of scholarship and an eloquent expression of support Americans are willing to give it."

Among the guests at the convocation was U.S. Ambassador Walworth Barbour, who announced an American Government grant of \$213,000 to assist the operation of the school during its first year. The funds will also aid three research scholars at the school as well as 25 participants in this summer's Institute for Near Eastern Civilization.

Outlining the aims of the school, Dr. Glueck said in his address that the institution will be open to scientists of all faiths, and serve as a base for H.U.C. professors who will come here to conduct year-long seminars for students from American colleges. It will also, he said, serve American institutes engaged in research connected with the Middle East.

Referring to the Reform chapel which is part of the school, Dr. Glueck said it has not been organized for the general community here and "is not aimed at any specific segment of Israel's population."

Honorary degrees were conferred during the ceremonies on Prof. Yigael Yadin, the famous Israeli archaeologist and former chief of staff of the Israeli armed forces; and upon Dr. Carl William Blegen, professor emeritus at the University of Cincinnati and director emeritus of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Greece.

EIGHT JEWS REPORTED ARRESTED IN MOSCOW FOR BAKING MATZOTH AT HOME

LONDON, March 27. (JTA) - Eight Jews have been arrested in Moscow during the past few days for baking matzoth in their homes, the Daily Telegraph reported here today from Moscow. The newspaper also reported that "news of the arrests reached Jewish authorities in Britain."

The report indicated that Moscow police also confiscated the machinery used for baking and cutting the matzoth and that the arrested Jews were charged with "illegal manufacture of foodstuffs and speculation." The arrests were reported to have caused widespread concern among Moscow's Jewish population.

It was recalled that on March 16, Chief Rabbi Yehuda Levine of Moscow announced to his congregation that the state bakeries would for a second year not bake matzoth, that matzoth baking on a community basis would not be allowed by the authorities, and that he was advising Jews to bake matzoth in their homes.

CHRISTIANS COMPLAIN TO U.N. BODY ON CLOSING OF SYNAGOGUES IN RUSSIA

GENEVA, March 27. (JTA) -- A document referring to restrictions on Jewish life in the Soviet Union and particularly to the closing down of synagogues in Russia was presented today to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights at its current session here.

The presentation was made by the International Union of Christian Democrats. It included a paragraph appealing against Soviet taxes on priests and ministers and insisting on the need to provide the possibility to any people in any country to build and maintain places of worship.

HIGH GERMAN OFFICIAL ADMITS SIGNING NAZI ORDERS ON JEWISH PROPERTY

COBLENZ, March 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Friederich Karl Vialon, State Secretary to the West German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation, admitted in open court here today that, during World War II, he had signed documents, "in the absence of my superior," having to do with the confiscation of the property of Jews being then annihilated by Nazi commandos.

He appeared as a witness in the trial of Georg Heuser, a former leader in the Nazi SS, and 11 co-defendants, being tried for the mass murder, in White Russia, of about 170,000 men, women and children, including 35,000-40,000 Jews.

Dr. Vialon's appearance as a witness came after two efforts to put him into the case had been made by the defense. Charges against him had been sent to the court in a "brown book" supplied by Soviet authorities. Under oath, today, he conceded that the documents supplied by the Soviet Union "were not falsified." He said he was, indeed, a high official in the Riga office of the Reich Commissioner for Eastern Territories, but maintained he knew nothing about the extermination of Jews.

GERMANY'S FINAL INDEMNIFICATION LAWS MAY BECOME OPERATIVE NEXT YEAR

WEST BERLIN, March 27. (JTA) -- Any delay in completing the West German indemnification legislation to cover claimants now excluded would do harm to West Germany's reputation abroad, a Social Democratic member of Parliament and chairman of its Commission on Indemnification, told a press conference here today.

Martin Hirsch, the indemnification chairman, discussed the new legislation plans at the press conference which was called after the commission completed its deliberations here. He predicted that a law to complete the legislation would come into force at the earliest not before the end of 1963 and that additional final legislation on compensation would be unlikely to become operative before the middle of 1964.

He added that all outstanding applications under the proposed closing legislation might be settled by 1968-69. The delay of the West German Government in providing such additional compensation legislation has been strongly criticized by Jewish organizations in the field. The principal change would be to make valid claims of victims of Nazism who were in Iron Curtain countries at a 1953 cutoff date and could not therefore apply for compensation.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE VOTES ADMITTANCE OF HERUT TO JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, March 27. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Actions Committee voted today, 53 to 47, to give membership to the Herut party on the Jewish Agency executive.

The vote was preceded by a day of debate and negotiations in the Actions Committee's steering committee. Representatives of Israel's three labor parties--Mapai, Mapam and Achdut Avodah--declared in a statement to the plenary that they were opposed to Herut membership.

They contended that the composition of the Jewish Agency executive was the outcome of an understanding between the coalition parties at the last Zionist Congress which should not be upset now. However, it was clear that the labor parties had dropped threats to resign from the executive if Herut was given membership.

MINNESOTA JEWISH COUNCIL PRESENTS OBJECTIONS TO SUNDAY CLOSING BILL

MINNEAPOLIS, March 27. (JTA) -- The Minnesota Jewish Community Relations Council placed on record today a series of objections to a Sunday closing bill now before the Minnesota Legislature.

The objections were listed by Samuel L. Scheiner, executive director of the JCRC, at a hearing conducted by the General Legislative Committee of the Minnesota State Senate. He told the committee members that the proposed Sunday law would "impair our religious liberty" because it would "penalize individuals for adhering to their religious beliefs or for not adhering to any religious belief."

He said the most objectionable aspect of the bill was a section which provides an exemption for an individual preferring Saturday as his day of rest, relaxation and togetherness because the section requires that a statement denoting this choice must be filed in the office of the Clerk of District Court "in each county" in which the individual "maintains such a selling establishment."

The JCRC official said that Minnesota citizens should be given the choice "without restriction or the filing of any statements or affidavits," which he asserted would be an infringement on the religious freedom of many citizens. He added that the JCRC felt that "the mere granting of an exemption to certain of our citizens immediately stigmatizes them as second class citizens" and doubly so for those choosing Saturday rather than Sunday as their day of rest and relaxation.

"The technique of requiring minority religious groups to register with law authorities is something that is all too reminiscent of the practice of totalitarian countries," he told the committee. He argued that if the law was to be fair, equitable and just, those who choose Sunday as their day of closing should similarly be required to file a statement with the authorities.

Dr. Bernard Martin, rabbi of Mt. Zion Temple, speaking for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, set forth the Reform opposition to Sunday closing legislation. It was noted that the Sunday closing law passed in 1962 by the Minneapolis city council makes it mandatory for those who close their places of business on Saturday to file a statement with the Police Department.

SO. CALIFORNIA BOARD OF RABBIS ASSAILS SMEAR TACTICS ON TWC RABBIS

LOS ANGELES, March 27. (JTA) -- The Board of Rabbis of Southern California issued a statement here condemning the distribution by mail of "questionable and unsubstantiated material" which impugned the patriotism of two rabbis. The statement accused Paul and Marion Miller of "outrageous conduct" in mailing the material. Mrs. Miller is a candidate for election to the Los Angeles Board of Education.

"The Board of Rabbis of Southern California has viewed with increasing concern smear-attacks upon two of its honored members," the statement said. "We hereby denounce publicly the action of Paul and Marion Miller for their outrageous conduct in impugning the patriotism of two Rabbis, who are well-known and respected in our community."

CHURCH YOUTH GROUPS ATTEND INSTITUTE ON JUDAISM IN WEST HARTFORD

WEST HARTFORD, Conn., March 27. (JTA) -- Members of seven West Hartford church youth organizations have learned about Judaism at an Institute on Judaism held at Temple Beth Israel.

The purpose of the Institute, sponsored by the Senior Youth Group of the Reform synagogue, was to foster "a spirit of brotherhood based on understanding" between Christians and Jews. Ten speakers from the Senior Youth Group discussed various aspects of the three topics of the Institute: the beliefs of Judaism, the customs of Judaism and Jewish festivals.

BRONFMAN TO GIVE \$50,000 FOR ENCOURAGEMENT OF CANADIAN ARTISTS

MONTREAL, March 27. (JTA) -- Samuel Bronfman, prominent Canadian Jewish leader, and his wife, Mrs. Saidye Bronfman, have established a special, \$10,000-a-year gift, for five years, for the encouragement of Canadian artists, it was announced here today.

Under the grant, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts will acquire, each year, outstanding works by native Canadians living in this country or abroad, to help "create a stimulus in the cultural life of the Montreal community." The announcement was made by Dr. Evan H. Turner, director of the Museum of Fine Arts here.