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KENNEDY SAYS GERMAN NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS INCREASE TENSIONS IN MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, April 3. (JTA) -- President Kennedy today commented at his press conference on the Egyptian missile program, stating of the missiles and German scientists working on them in Egypt that "they do affect tensions in the Middle East." The President noted that the German Government had indicated its displeasure. (See related reports on page 2.)

On United States military assistance to Israel, Mr Kennedy said economic assistance was given, but Israel bought its own arms. He said that the United States was anxious to see tensions reduced in the Middle East, rather than to do anything to increase it. He indicated that a military balance existed, and the United States did not wish to upset it. The President said strong opposition has been expressed to the manufacture of nuclear weapons by any country in the area.

JEWS VOICE SHARP PROTESTS AT U. N. PARLEY AGAINST SOVIET DISCRIMINATIONS

GENEVA, April 3. (JTA) -- Sharpest criticisms of the Soviet Union's anti-Semitic policies, running the gamut from the ban on the baking of matzoth for Passover to closure of synagogues and imposition of death sentences on Jews convicted of so-called economic crimes, were voiced here today by Jewish representatives at United Nations Headquarters at an open meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

The accusations of official USSR anti-Semitism, including charges of anti-Jewish hate propaganda in the controlled Communist press and of violation of basic rights by the ban against Soviet Jewish religious leaders from meeting with co-religionists either inside the USSR or abroad, were detailed by Moshe Bartur, Israel's Ambassador to the European Headquarters of the United Nations, and by Dr. G. O. Warburg, speaking on behalf of the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations which has consultative status before the Human Rights Commission. The CBJO is comprised of B'nai B'rith, the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the South African Jewish Board of Deputies.

Other Jewish and non-Jewish representatives of non-governmental organizations, including the World Jewish Congress and Agudath Israel, scheduled also to speak at least in part on Soviet suppression of Jewish religion, were denied the floor by Dr. Zvigniew, Chairman of the Human Rights Commission, who represents Poland. He did give the floor, however, to the Ukrainian delegate. The latter, without replying directly to the charges voiced by Ambassador Bartur and Dr. Warburg, reiterated the old Soviet claim that the USSR Constitution "guarantees" freedom to all religious believers as well as to atheists.

All indications today pointed to the fact that the Human Rights Commission, which is scheduled to close its meeting on Friday, will adopt a draft declaration against religious intolerance in a general form without going into details. The drafting of such a declaration started yesterday after the Commission approved a draft declaration expressing "serious concern" over the existence of discrimination based on race and ethnic origin. The draft was endorsed by the Soviet bloc as part of its drive against "colonialism."

Soviet Ban on Matzoth Cited; Anti-Jewish Incitement Stressed

Ambassador Bartur told the Commission that religious discrimination is now being practiced "within the boundaries of a powerful state." Without mentioning Soviet Russia by name, he cited the ban of matzoth baking. He pointed out that the matzoth ban constituted "only one incident among many worrisome incidents on the borderline between religious and ethnical discrimination, not to use harsher words."

The Israel representative said he also wanted to mention the convictions of Russians for alleged economic crimes. "One can possibly hold different opinions about capital punishment being applied to certain offenses, for example, economic contraventions," he declared. "But I believe all can agree that when in press reports on trials of this kind, time and again care is taken by a press generally not irresponsible, to identify the religious community to which the offender belongs by pointing out that evidence was in his prayerbook or other evidence hidden in the synagogue, or other not very subtle indications of this kind, then one's deep worry and concern is not out of place."

Dr. Warburg voiced sharp criticism at plans to pass a declaration by the UN connected only with religious rights and practices. Such a declaration, while a good start,

would fall far short of the aims, he said, since even Hitler could have boasted, until Crystal Night of 1938, that he permitted Jews to practice their religion--while discriminating against them in every other field of activity, social, cultural, economic and humanitarian.

"It is perhaps singularly appropriate to note," he said, "that just a few days after this Commission completes its deliberations next Friday, Jews the world over will rejoice in celebrating a Holiday, The Passover, which symbolizes their fight against precisely religious intolerance and their age-old struggle for freedom and human dignity. Tragically, a sizable segment of the world Jewish community--some 2,500,000 to 3,000,000--will be unable to participate fully in this inspiring traditional observance simply because in consequence of--precisely religious intolerance, they are deprived of one of the dietary essentials and great symbols of the religious observance, the matzoth."

"This is not the only expression of religious intolerance in that part of the world," Dr. Warburg emphasized. "When in any country the Jewish community is not granted opportunities and means enjoyed by other major religious bodies, we are confronted with a clear example of religious intolerance leading to open discrimination. When, for instance, the Jewish religious community, alone of all major religions, is not authorized to form a central countrywide religious organization or to have formal contacts with its co-religionists in other countries, or to enjoy equal facilities of training its religious teachers and rabbis--that fact constitutes undoubtedly discrimination on religious grounds."

"Such disabilities suffered by one religious group surely show the urgency not only of the early adoption of a declaration on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance, but also the need for its implementation in practice by all member-states and non-members of the United Nations," Dr. Warburg stressed.

KNESSET TO DISCUSS GERMAN SCIENTISTS ISSUE; NO NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION

JERUSALEM, April 3. (JTA) -- The special session of Israel's Parliament demanded by opposition parties in connection with the controversy over West German scientists working in Egypt on advanced weapons will be convened on Sunday at the Knesset presidium decided last night. It will be an open meeting.

The presidium acted in response to a request signed by substantially more than the minimum 30 deputies from the Herut, Liberal, Mapam and Communist parties. The request did not contain a non-confidence motion on the issue, being based rather on the insistence of the four opposition parties that they did not get adequate information from Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion at a meeting last Sunday of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee on the issue, particularly on the forced resignation of the chief of the Security Services.

The leftist Achdut Avodah, a member of the coalition, also was reported to be dissatisfied with developments on the issue. A meeting of its central committee issued a communique supporting a Knesset resolution calling on West Germany to bring about an end to the work in Egypt of its nationals. The communique stressed that its representatives in the government and in the Knesset should see to it that there was no deviation from the Knesset resolution on the issue which was adopted unanimously.

The National Religious Party decided at a meeting last night that Moshe Shapiro, Minister of Interior and Health and a religious bloc leader, should meet the Prime Minister and ask for more information on the whole issue, including the forced resignation of the Security Services head.

GERMAN DEPUTIES ASK BONN GOVERNMENT TO CHECK SCIENTISTS IN EGYPT

BONN, April 3. (JTA) -- A group of members of the West German Bundestag called today on the West German Government to urge West German scientists and technicians to halt work in Egypt on advanced weapons. The deputies, representing three Parliamentary parties, issued the call after meeting with Bonn officials on the issue. They declared that they "condemned" the work of the scientists and they pledged to introduce measures to ban such activities.

The demand was the strongest yet made in Germany in the controversy sparked by a formal request of the Government of Israel for action to halt the weapons development in Egypt. It paralleled a similar demand made yesterday by Dr. Carlo Schmid, a vice-president of the West German Parliament, who also said that the West German scientists were acting in violation of the West German constitution.

The article in the constitution to which Dr. Schmid referred declares that any act tending to disturb peaceful co-existence of nations or leading to preparation of an offensive war is unconstitutional. The article also specifies that weapons of war can be made, shipped and distributed only with Government approval.

Dr. Schmid, who is a member of the opposition Social Democratic party, also asserted that any person helping Egypt to produce rockets, warheads or any other "devilish means," was making war more likely. He also warned that successful development of such weapons might some day encourage the Arab countries to change "the political situation" in "one brief stroke." This comment was seen in the context of the unremitting threats of the Arab countries to destroy Israel.

U. S. ENVOY IN ISRAEL RESUMES TALKS WITH BEN-GURION ON ARAB REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, April 3. (JTA) -- American Ambassador Walworth Barbour met today with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, in what was reliably reported to be a resumption of talks on the problem of the Arab refugees. The meeting was officially reported to have dealt with a review of regional problems.

The talks were in line with a previously reported United States initiative, dating back to the previous United Nations General Assembly, to seek an end to the deadlock on the issue. The resumption of the talks in Israel were delayed by the Prime Minister's recent vacation. The issue was taken up last December at a meeting between President Kennedy and Mrs. Meir in Washington.

Israel's stand in the parleys with the United States were worked out last January at a high-level meeting of the Prime Minister, Mrs. Meir and Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, and Ambassador Michael Comay, head of Israel's delegation to the United Nations. Following that meeting, the Prime Minister discussed Israel's position on the issue with Mr. Barbour last January.

U. S. Congressman Offers Plan to End Arab Refugee Problem

WASHINGTON, April 3. (JTA) -- A program to end within the next decade the deadlocked Arab refugee problem, based on turning over responsibility to the host countries for the refugee camps and on asking Israel to permit the return of aged Arab refugees, was proposed today by Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat.

The Congressman, in a report to the Foreign Affairs Committee, warned that unless the United States initiates appropriate action, the Palestine refugee problem would become more institutionalized and more difficult to handle in the next ten years. He noted that the United States has contributed \$291,000,000, or more than two-thirds of the income of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency since it was set up in 1948 to care for the refugees.

In addition to the two key proposals, Rep. Farbstein also proposed that UNRWA should stop issuing new ration cards and revamp rolls on a continuing basis to prevent fraud and abuses in the ration card system. He proposed also that financial arrangements for relief and continued vocational training of refugees should be made with the host governments through UNRWA.

More emphasis should also be placed on vocational training and education and the young refugees should be urged to seek jobs and give up their refugee status, he said. Self-supporting refugees and those who have obtained jobs should be urged to give up their ration cards and the United States should serve notice it will end its support of UNRWA, he suggested.

Finally, he proposed that Israel should compensate Arabs for property left in Israel, which Israel has agreed to do but only in the context of a general peace settlement which would take into account the losses suffered by Jews who fled from Arab countries with their properties usually confiscated.

ISRAEL DISAPPOINTED WITH EUROMART MINISTERS' DECISION TO LIMIT TALKS

JERUSALEM, April 3. (JTA) -- Official sources here expressed disappointment today over reports that the Council of Ministers of the European Common Market has authorized the EEC executive commission to continue talks with Israel on only three commodities for trade with the six Euromart nations--grapefruit, fertilizers and bathing suits.

While no official report on the decision taken during the two-day meeting of the Council earlier this week has been received in Israel, it was clear that if the reports were true, the directive fell far short of Israel's hopes for comprehensive customs arrangements with the six nations.

ISRAEL AND TURKEY SIGN NEW \$32,000,000 TRADE EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

ISTANBUL, April 3. (JTA) -- Israel and Turkey signed today a new trade agreement providing for an exchange of trade totaling \$32,000,000, a record figure.

Signing followed three weeks of negotiations conducted by the Israel Trade Mission at Ankara. The new pact provides for trade in several products which have not been exchanged between the two countries previously. Israel will export to Turkey mainly industrial goods and raw materials for industry and will import minerals and agricultural products.

NEW GOVERNMENT IN IRAQ ISSUES LAW AGAINST JEWS STAYING ABROAD

LONDON, April 3. (JTA) -- The new pro Nasser regime in Iraq issued a law yesterday imposing loss of property on any Jew leaving Iraq if he does not return within the time specified in his passport, it was reported here today from Baghdad. Such Jews also would lose their Iraqi nationality for the same reason.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS AUTHORIZES STUDY ON CENSUS ANSWERS

MONTREAL, April 3. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress reported today that it has authorized a study to determine why a large number of Canadian Jews regularly report to census takers that their religion is Jewish but not their ethnic origin as Jews.

The Canadian Government census each ten years asks every resident of Canada both his religion and his ethnic group. The Congress pointed out that by definition of the census, Jews are an ethnic group, which is described as distinct from citizenship or land of birth. Most persons who are Jews by religion, the organization added, are descended from Jewish parents, except for those who are converts to Judaism.

The Congress said that the census reports showed that "tens of thousands of Canadian Jews who gave their religion as Jewish to the census enumerators, and therefore made no effort to hide their Jewish affiliation, gave some other answer to the question on their ethnic origin."

The Canadian Jewish Congress Committee on Research discussed the issue and authorized the start of an investigation. The committee asked the Dominion Bureau of Statistics to supply a cross-classification by age, education and country of origin of all Canadians who gave their religion as Jewish but some other ethnic origin.

DISPLAYS OF NAZI SWASTIKA AND COMMUNIST EMBLEM BANNED IN MIAMI BEACH

MIAMI BEACH, April 3. (JTA) -- The Miami Beach City Council approved unanimously an ordinance outlawing all displays of the Nazi swastika and the Communist hammer and sickle on the Beach.

Councilman D. L. Powell, former mayor, introduced the resolution for such a ban. Councilman Melvin Richard offered a resolution "to lend every aid, assistance and cooperation" in Dade County and Miami efforts "in the elimination and extirpation of the odious and reprehensible practices" of groups and organizations using the two totalitarian emblems.

Howard Dixon, attorney for the local branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, opposed passage. He urged that the Council adopt instead an ordinance to eliminate "discriminatory practices in places of public accommodation" in Miami Beach.

SO. AFRICAN ORTHODOX RABBIS TO CANCEL BOYCOTT OF REFORM RABBIS

JOHANNESBURG, April 3. (JTA) - South Africa's Orthodox Rabbis were expected today to cancel a boycott of Reform rabbis and thus end a sharp dispute within South African Jewry which became so heated that the general press carried reports on "religious war" in the Jewish community.

The dispute broke out when Rabbi Ahron Opher came to South Africa from Chicago to become the senior rabbi of Johannesburg's United Progressive Jewish Congregation, the leading Reform synagogue. He made a number of statements embodying the classical Reform opposition to the Jewish Dietary laws. He also criticized Johannesburg's Orthodox-based Jewish day schools. The Orthodox rabbinate responded heatedly and issued a boycott against attendance at any Jewish or communal functions at which a Reform rabbi was present.

A heavily attended meeting of the Federation of Orthodox Synagogues approved a resolution today appealing to the Orthodox rabbinate to withdraw the boycott. Dr. Israel Ber-son, who presided at the meeting of congregational leaders, said that the boycott decision had been taken without consultation with the lay leaders. He said the lay leaders understood the resentment of the Orthodox rabbis but felt that religious strife should not be carried out into the secular field in which both groups had previously acted in harmony.

He cited the appeal from the late Judge Kuper and a letter from the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, containing a similar appeal. He then reported on a letter from the Orthodox Rabbis Association, declaring they would accede to the appeals and end the boycott if the Federation's resolution for an end to the boycott included a criticism of Rabbi Opher's remarks. Such a criticism was then incorporated in the resolution.

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE SCIENTIST WINS HIGH BRITISH CHEMISTRY AWARD

NEW YORK, April 3. (JTA) -- One of the highest British honors in the field of chemistry has been conferred on Professor Franz Sondheimer of the Weizmann Institute of Science by the Chemical Society of London, according to an announcement here today by Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the board of directors of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Professor Sondheimer, head of the Institute's Organic Chemistry Department, was named recipient of the Corday-Morgan Medal for his "contributions to the chemistry of natural products." The award, consisting of a silver medal and a monetary prize of 400 guineas (\$1,176) is presented annually to a chemist of British nationality under 36 years of age for the "most meritorious contribution to experimental chemistry" during the preceding five years.