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WASHINGTON DISMISSES NUCLEAR MILITARY POTENTIAL OF ISRAEL AND EGYPT

WASHINGTON, July 29. (JTA) -- State Department sources said today that Israel and Egypt have been urged to subscribe to the American-British-Soviet ban on nuclear weapons testing as part of the overall policy of the United States, and not because the nuclear potential of the two countries is being taken seriously.

There is no current evidence to justify either Israeli or Egyptian fears of nuclear attack from the other, it was stressed. It was emphasized that, in the official American view, neither of the two countries is within sight of nuclear arms capability, although the United States desires abandonment of any such objectives in the Middle East.

(Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser announced last night in Cairo that his government would adhere to the nuclear test ban treaty initiated in Moscow last week by the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union. At the same time, it was reported in London that Egypt is now operating "at least one plant full time producing poison gas.")

Israel Cabinet Expected to Vote Adherence to Nuclear Test Ban Pact

JERUSALEM, July 29. (JTA) -- Israel's adherence to the nuclear test ban agreement signed in Moscow last week, is expected to be decided unanimously when the pact comes up for discussion at next week's Cabinet meeting, it was reported here today.

The United States and Britain have officially invited Israel to join in the agreement, in accordance with the third article of the pact which permits accession at any time by other countries. The invitations were extended to Israel by the British and U.S. ambassadors during the past few days.

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol meanwhile welcomed the three-power nuclear agreement as a "positive step towards the relaxation of international problems." Addressing a conference here of an Israel Bond leadership group from Chicago, Mr. Eshkol also expressed hope that the resultant change of atmosphere would bring about improvement in the situation of Soviet Jewry, and that "Russian Jews will at some future date be able to rejoin families here, and also come to participate in the workings of society."

Eban Sees No Immediate Effect on Middle East by Test Ban

STOCKHOLM, July 29. (JTA) -- The nuclear test ban treaty initiated in Moscow last week by the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union is "not, in itself, enough to affect the Middle East situation," Abba Eban, Israel's vice-Prime Minister, declared here today. "Later developments," he said, may affect the situation. "But," he added, "the lessening of world tensions will favor our region."

Mr. Eban made that statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency upon his arrival this morning to attend a meeting of scientists discussing the contributions of science to the welfare of humanity. The Israeli vice-Premier is president of the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot.

His first official meeting here was with Sweden's Prime Minister Tage Erlander, with whom he exchanged impressions regarding the general international situation. It was Mr. Erlander's first conference with a member of the recently-formed Israeli Government.

STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES CLOSING DOWN OF U. S. CONSULATE AT HAIFA

WASHINGTON, July 29. (JTA) -- The State Department today announced the closing of the U. S. Consulate at Haifa, to achieve "more effective administration of overseas operations." The business of the Consulate will be transferred to the U. S. Embassy in Tel Aviv. The Consulate will be phased out by September 1.

ISRAEL SENDS SECOND SHIPMENT OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO SKOPJE VICTIMS

TEL AVIV, July 29. (JTA) -- A second shipment of medical supplies comprising blood plasma, antibiotics, typhoid serum and medical instruments for the victims of the earthquake in Skopje, Yugoslavia, was flown from Lydda Airport to Belgrade today, in response to a request by the Yugoslav authorities to the Israel legation in Belgrade.

The Israel charge d'affaires in Belgrade, meanwhile, reported today that he was continuing in his efforts to determine the fate of Skopje's 105 Jewish families. The Yugoslav Immigrants Association in Israel has decided to sponsor a fund-raising campaign for the relief of disaster victims.

ULTRA-ORTHODOX YOUTHS CONTINUE STONING BUSES IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 29. (JTA) -- Ultra-zealous Orthodox youths of the Neturei Karta organization continued stoning buses last night, while their elders held an open-air massmeeting denouncing alleged Sabbath violations. The Neturei Karta demonstrations, begun Saturday, resulted in the arrest of 18 youths. Two policemen were injured, and numerous buses carrying Christian pilgrims entering Israel from Jordanian territory through the Mandelbaum Gate, were damaged.

During last night's demonstration, Amram Blau, one of the Neturei Karta leaders, addressed a crowd of his adherents in Yiddish, denouncing Sabbath desecrations. He threatened that, next Saturday, "all of Jerusalem will assemble to defend the Sabbath." Meanwhile, youthful followers continued attacking buses, throwing passengers into a panic. The Hamkasher Cooperative, whose buses were the cause of the demonstrations, continued today to bypass passenger routes through the two districts inhabited by the ultra-Orthodox -- Mea Shearim and Bet Yisroel.

Of the 18 youths arrested Saturday, 12 were remanded to jail for five days each. They were being held for hearings, and not sentenced, as erroneously reported earlier. Six others were freed on parole, to be tried with the 12. Among the six was 16-year-old Jacob Warhaftig, a son of Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, Minister for Religious Affairs. The youth is a student at an Orthodox yeshiva here.

Magistrate Moreno Levy, who heard the police charges of rioting against the arrested youths, ordered that those being detained be given facilities in jail to observe Tisha-b'Av, the traditional Jewish day of mourning over the destruction of the two temples. Tisha-b'Av starts at sunset tonight.

W.J.C. REPORTS TO U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL ON ACTION AGAINST BIGOTRY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress today submitted a memorandum to U.N. Secretary General U Thant outlining its actions in seeking to secure legislation in various countries that would ban racial incitement.

The document covered activities by WJC affiliates, including the American Jewish Congress, the Canadian Jewish Congress, the DAIA -- central body of Argentine Jewry -- as well as by the organization's New York headquarters and offices in other parts of the world.

Among the actions outlined by the WJC submission were efforts by the American Jewish Congress in the struggle against prejudice and discrimination. The memorandum gave details of specific activities in this connection, including preparation of a model bill to prohibit discrimination in housing and public accommodation, support of fair employment legislation, and action in connection with Sunday closing laws.

The WJC concern for furthering human rights was emphasized in a letter to the Secretary-General, accompanying the detailed statement. "The World Jewish Congress believes that Jewish ethical teachings as well as the long history of their persecution, place upon Jews a special responsibility to work for the recognition of the dignity and equal rights of all human beings," the letter said. It sees racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance as "one of the greatest obstacles to a satisfactory settlement of basic international conflicts and peaceful cooperation among peoples."

The world Jewish body, which has consultative status at the United Nations, submitted its report in line with a resolution adopted by the last General Assembly on "manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance."

EX-NAZI NAMED DIRECTOR OF AUSTRIAN AUTOMOBILE PLANT; WORKERS PROTEST

VIENNA, July 29. (JTA) -- A former Nazi SS officer, Dr. Franz Allitsch, has been named managing director of Austria's largest automobile manufacturing plant, Autocar Fabrication Simmering Graz Paukerwerke. The appointment was protested by the plant's employees.

RABBI REPORTS ON JEWISH AID IN NEGRO STRUGGLE FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

CHICAGO, July 29. (JTA) -- The American Jewish community, which has been involved in the quest for civil rights for a long time, has now developed "a new sense of urgency regarding inequality to the Negro," a representative of the Reform rabbinate told a Catholic conference here. This view was expressed by Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of the Commission on Interfaith Activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, in an address before the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice.

Judaism, said Rabbi Brickner, is committed to the Negro cause both theologically and morally, advocating human equality "because it is right." At the same time, he noted, "the security of the Jewish community is inextricably bound to the security of all groups, since practices of discrimination and segregation against others are a direct threat to the status of the Jewish community."

Tri-faith clerical participation in civil rights demonstrations, he said, has shown that "Jews are neither hostile to rabbinic involvement nor afraid of community consequences." He reported a number of actions being carried out currently by Jewish groups on the national as well as the local levels.

He called attention to the formation of a rabbinic task-force of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis by the Synagogue Council of America, for participation in peaceful racial demonstrations. Jewish lay leaders, he said, are increasingly joining picket lines and sit-ins, and broad programs of grass-roots community action are undertaken by Jewish community councils.

Jewish Congregations Raise Funds to Assist Negro Cause

Rabbi Brickner also reported that Jewish congregations are conducting drives for funds to assist the Negro cause in various cities; the Philadelphia Jewish community, as an example, has adopted a program grant of \$25,000 to cover "a variety of actions"; a congregation in another city raised \$1,300 at a Friday evening Sabbath Service for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and over \$5,000 was raised by a congregational Social Action Committee in Toronto, which also resulted in the establishment of that city's first Human Relations Commission.

The rabbi felt that the "increase" of Jewish activity in behalf of the Negroes' cause is due to the fact that "American Christendom has increased the degree of its own involvement."

"Jewish efforts have been given real impetus by the new tri-faith activity," he said. "While organizations, nationally, have been willing to be in the vanguard of the civil rights program, locally, Jews have heretofore felt that theirs was not the responsibility to be the first in a community to take the initiative. This attitude is still prevalent. The Jewish community will move only as fast and as far as their Christian neighbors. Therefore, I cannot too strongly emphasize the advantage of inter-religious action."

He admitted that there still exists a gap between the pronouncements and recommendations of national agencies and what "the individual members of a specific Jewish community are willing to accept and initiate." He stressed, however, that, in his opinion, this picture would be the same within the ranks of Protestantism and Catholicism as well.

F.B.I. RAIDS HOME OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY BACKER; DISCOVERS ARMS

HANOVER, N.H., July 29. (JTA) -- Speros Lagoulis, long known to be associated with the American Nazi Party and other right-wing causes, was placed under \$2,000 bail here today on charges of possessing unregistered deadly weapons.

His summer home at Pittsburg, near the Canadian border, was raided by Federal agents and New Hampshire and Massachusetts officials. In the cottage, according to Attorney General William Maynard, the authorities discovered a Mauser submachine gun and two semi-automatic pistols. The bail was fixed by the U.S. Commissioner here, and steps will be taken to present the case to the September Grand Jury, where an indictment will be sought, Mr. Maynard said.

According to Mr. Maynard, Lagoulis has been under surveillance for a year, since, the State official said, his "affiliations and activities with the American Nazi Party" became known. A resident of Boston, Lagoulis operates a bookstore there, selling extreme right-wing literature.

EX-NAZI SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR KILLING JEWS IN GHETTO

BAMBERG, Germany, July 29. (JTA) -- Georg. Schlosser, 49, a former policeman here, was sentenced to a life term in prison for murdering Jews in the Czeszochowa Ghetto, in Poland, during World War II. Specifically, he was convicted of the murder of three Jews. He had been a Nazi guard in the ghetto.

FORD FOUNDATION SELECTS BRANDEIS TO STUDY COMMUNITY PLANNING FOR AGED

WALTHAM, Mass., July 29. (JTA) -- The Ford Foundation has commissioned Brandeis University to undertake a three-year study of the obstacles to effective community planning for the elderly, it was announced here today. Dr. Robert Morris is principal investigator and Robert Binstock is research associate for the \$120,000 study, which will begin in January. Both are members of the university's Florence Heller Graduate School for Advanced Studies in Social Welfare.

The study will be conducted in a number of communities across the country. Dr. Morris, professor of community planning, was social planning consultant for the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, prior to coming to Brandeis. Mr. Binstock is a teaching-fellow in the Department of Government at Harvard University, and a research associate at Brandeis.

U.S. JEWISH YOUNGSTERS RETURN FROM 'MITZVAH' MISSION IN PUERTO RICO

NEW YORK, July 29. (JTA) -- A group of nine Jewish youngsters returned here from Puerto Rico last night, after a month-long working visit organized under the Mitzvah Corps program of the National Federation of Temple Youth, the Reform youth movement affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

During their stay on the island, the youths engaged in such manual tasks as ditch digging and construction of hurricane-proof cement houses. In the evenings, they taught basic English to their hosts, and sang Yiddish folk songs.

FACSIMILE OF FIRST PSALM BOOK PRINTED IN U.S. PRESENTED TO ESHKOL

JERUSALEM, July 29. (JTA) -- A facsimile of a Psalm Book published in 1649, the first to be printed in the United States, was presented to Prime Minister Levi Eshkol here today by Harry Zaidenburg, on behalf of an Israel Bond leadership group from Chicago.

Premier Eshkol, who was given a standing ovation by the group at a reception in his office, told the visitors that it was a source of great joy that Israel was repaying the 1951 bonds "through the toil and achievements of Israel's populace." He added, however, that this did not signify the end of the country's development needs.

David Zysman, director of the Chicago Bond campaign, predicted that Israel bond sales in Chicago would reach \$5,000,000 in the current year, representing an increase of \$700,000 over last year's figure.

MCCOCCW PUBLISHES NEW MONOGRAPH ON SHOLEM ALEICHEM IN RUSSIAN

LONDON, July 29. (JTA) -- The late Sholem Aleichem was praised "not only as a great Jewish classic but a great figure in world literature," in a new monograph on Sholem Aleichem issued by the State Publishing House in Moscow today. The book, by Hersch Remenik, a Soviet Jewish literary critic, was published in Russian in a deluxe edition, lavishly illustrated, according to a Moscow dispatch received here.

Treating Sholem Aleichem in the traditional Communist appraisal as a "proletarian" writer, Mr. Remenik, in his introduction to the volume, declared that "although much has been written about Sholem Aleichem, there is still room for a new appraisal." The great Yiddish author was called by Mr. Remenik "both a writer and a social critic."

In connection with the publication of the monograph, it was noted here that, since the Soviet regime came to power in 1918, 502 editions of Sholem Aleichem's works have been published in the USSR, in 20 languages, including Yiddish. However, it was pointed out that the Yiddish-language editions were the smallest in number of copies issued. Altogether, a total of 225,000 copies of the Sholem Aleichem in all of the 20 languages have been distributed to date.

JEWISH YOUTH CLUBS IN POLAND SUFFER FROM LACK OF YIDDISH TEACHERS

LONDON, July 29. (JTA) -- Jewish youth clubs throughout Poland, which are the major sources of instruction in Yiddish language, literature and Jewish history, are currently suffering from an acute shortage of instructors with sufficient Jewish knowledge, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

The problem is especially difficult with regard to Yiddish language instruction, since the other subjects can usually be taught in Polish.