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WASHINGTON TALKS END WITH PLEDGE TO SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY OF FREE LANDS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The Middle East and its problems were taken up only peripherally, as one of the areas of latent international tensions, during the two day conference between President Johnson and British Prime Minister Douglas-Home, which ended here today.

The official joint communique issued after the talks does not contain any mention of the Middle East - nor of the Cyprus crisis - but the joint statement stresses that "both governments reaffirm that in all these fields their aim remains solely to achieve and safeguard the integrity and stability of the countries of the free world on the basis of full independence."

In this connection, it was noted here that Britain and the United States have pledged themselves to guarantee the integrity of the Israel-Arab borders under the Tripartite Agreement of 1950 which was also signed by France.

MOSCOW PROSECUTOR DEMANDS DEATH FOR 11 JEWS; PRISON FOR NON JEWS

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The death penalty for 11 Jews who faced the long secret trial in Moscow on charges of "economic crimes" was requested by the prosecution at the conclusion of the trial last Friday, according to reports reaching here today from Moscow. Another Jew involved in this trial, listed as Shakerman, had already been sentenced to death earlier in the week as the "ring leader" of the group.

For each of the 12 non-Jews involved in the trial the prosecution asked prison terms of 15 years. The sentences for the 23 are expected to be issued within a few days, the Moscow reports indicated. The trial, originally expected to be a "show trial," lasted several weeks and was held in camera.

Izvestia, official organ of the Soviet Government, revealed that the accused were arrested following a denunciation to the police by a relative of Shakerman, whom the newspaper described as a "former doctor." The arrests were made last October, according to the newspaper, which claimed that the ringleaders of the group were Jewish, naming them as Shakerman, Roifman, Galperin and Braslavsky.

Izvestia had charged that the defendants were part of a ring which operated a subrosa knitting mill in the workshop of a neurological institute in a Moscow suburb. The group allegedly acquired 58 knitting machines and 460 tons of raw wool from illegal sources and the goods allegedly were sold at markets and train stations with the compliance of agents of a government unit who allegedly had been bribed.

In calling for a "show trial," Izvestia said it was citing the fact that some of the defendants were Jews "because we do not pay attention to malicious slanders aroused in the western press from time to time. They are tried as criminals--not as Jews, Russians, Tartars or Ukrainians."

Since July 1961, when death sentences were reintroduced in the Soviet Union for economic crimes, it is estimated that around 190 persons have been tried, convicted and executed on such charges. Of these, at least 95 were reported to have had obviously Jewish names and 11 others were thought to be Jewish.

TWO NAZI 'MERCY KILLING' PHYSICIANS COMMIT SUICIDE; FACED TRIAL

FRANKFURT, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Two Nazi physicians, accused of killing more than 200,000 persons under the Nazi "racial party" program, committed suicide within the last 24 hours. One of them was the notorious Dr. Werner Heyde, 61, who headed Hitler's "mercy killing" program, and the other is Dr. Friedrich Tillman, 60, a former director of the Nazi euthanasia death office in Berlin. Both were to go on trial next Tuesday.

Dr. Heyde committed suicide in prison today by hanging himself. Dr. Tillman fell to his death from the ninth floor window of a Cologne office building yesterday and died instantly. Dr. Fritz Bauer, Hesse chief prosecutor, said reports he had received indicated that the Tillman death was a suicide. Another physician-defendant, Dr. Gerhard Bohne, fled to a South American country last August. Unofficial reports listed him as living in Buenos Aires.

A district spokesman said that, despite the dramatic developments affecting the key defendants, the trial will get underway here next Tuesday as originally scheduled. He said

the remaining physician-defendant, Hans Hefelmann, will be "in the defendants' dock." A spokesman for the Hesse district attorney's office said "we are investigating Dr. Heyde's death although there is every indication that no mismanagement or violation of prison regulations were involved. He was alive at 9 a. m. this morning when guards made a routine check of his cell. During another check he was found hanging from a radiator pipe, "

Dr. Heyde was once one of Germany's most brilliant doctors who became a professor of psychiatry at the University of Wuerzburg when he was only 37. As a principal in the euthanasia program, one of the most closely guarded secrets of the Nazis from 1931 until its abolition in 1941 under Catholic Church pressure, Dr. Heyde and several other physicians--including a child specialist--systematically murdered 70,000 mentally ill and retarded children, feeble-minded adults and other "biologically and racially inferior" persons. Carbon oxide gas was used. The objective of the program was "the racial purity of the German people. "

Dr. Heyde Escaped from U. S. Internment Camp Following Arrest

The Heyde trial is expected to have a much greater impact on Germans than prior war crimes trials because relatives of the Heyde murder program victims are all Germans. Even the scene of the killings is not far from the courtroom in Limburg. The Hadamar Asylum, one of the six places used in the euthanasia program, is only three miles from Limburg. More than 20,000 victims were murdered there.

In addition, the Heyde case was shot through with political implications. Originally arrested by Allied troops in 1945, Dr. Heyde escaped from a United States internment camp in 1947 and slipped into Schleswig-Holstein, West Germany's northernmost province.

Using the alias of Dr. Fritz Sawade and forged identity papers, Dr. Heyde obtained employment as a doctor with the city administration of Flensburg and soon advanced to the post of medical adviser for state courts. His wife, Erica, meanwhile had him declared dead and collected nearly \$16,000 in widow's pension payments from 1952 to 1959, a scheme which also netted her a one-year prison term for fraud.

Most of the high-ranking state officials with whom Heyde-Sawade was in contact in Schleswig-Holstein knew his identity. The political scandal which followed Heyde's arrest in November 1959 was followed by an eruption, the tremors of which are still being felt in provincial government circles. Heyde's suicide follows closely on that of Ewald Peters, Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's chief of security, who killed himself in a Bonn prison cell after being arrested last week on charges of having participated in the mass slaughter of Russian Jews during World War II.

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES SIGN PACT WITH ISRAEL ON TECHNICAL AID PROGRAM

PARIS, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Talks between the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and Israel ended here today with the signing of agreements for Israel's cooperation in implementing the OECD's technical aid programs for 1964. The OECD is an organization set up by European countries to facilitate economic cooperation.

One of the agreements provides for the holding in Israel of an OECD seminar on regional development and growth. The aim of the seminar, to be held later this year, is to make an analysis of organizational and institutional procedures for regional development planning and implementation of such planning in participating countries.

Representatives of national policy-making and planning from four Mediterranean member countries of the OECD will join with Israeli experts in the conference. The OECD plans to engage Yehuda Landau of the Israel Regional Development Study Center of the National and University Institute of Agriculture as a consultant for preparation of the seminar.

Another agreement provides for a number of Israeli experts to be sent to Crete to aid local authorities in preparing a comprehensive economic development plan. This will include agriculture, industry, tourism and other services. The project will be carried out in the coming months.

The agreements were signed by Michael S. Harris, deputy secretary-general of OECD, and Moshe Bartur, Israel's permanent delegate to the European office of the United Nations in Geneva. An OECD spokesman emphasized the important role which Israel has in the field of technical aid as a whole. He said that the OECD, as with many other international organizations, availed itself gladly of the services which Israel can provide in execution of the OECD assistance programs designed for member countries particularly in the Mediterranean area.

KING AND QUEEN OF BELGIUM ARRIVE IN ISRAEL THIS WEEK-END ON VISIT

BRUSSELS, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Details of the visit to Israel of King Baudouin and Queen Fabiola of Belgium this Sunday were announced here today. The royal couple and their entourage, who are currently on a tour of the Far East, will enter Jerusalem through the Mandelbaum Gate on Sunday morning, February 16 and will be welcomed there by Israeli President Zalman Shazar.

They will then proceed to Haifa and, after spending the night at the Dan Carmel Hotel, will leave the following morning for Nazareth and, en route, will see the forest planted in honor of King Albert and Queen Elizabeth the present King's grandparents. They will also view the newly inaugurated King Baudouin Forest.

LEADER OF ARABS IN ISRAEL EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN ESHKOL'S POLICY

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The positive and negative aspects of the status of Israeli Arabs were described today by the deputy mayor of Nazareth, who is a leading Arab politician, to an audience at a meeting held in the committee room of the House of Commons.

Abdul Aziz Zubi, a leading member also of the leftist Mapam party, told the British audience that the positive aspects could be summed up in terms of better education, health services, national insurance and a general improvement of the living standards of the 250,000 Israeli Arabs.

He described the military government in the Arab areas as one of the negative aspects, asserting it stemmed from the philosophy that Israel is for the Jew only and that the convenience and just demands of the Arab Israelis could be ignored. He added that there was an increasing number of Israeli Jews in all walks of life, including members of the Government and Parliament and political leaders who have declared that Israel's security had not been served by the military government.

The Arab leader said that Premier Levi Eshkol had already shown that he was not committed to follow the policy of former Premier David Ben-Gurion who strongly fought all efforts to relax military government in Arab areas. Zubi added that Premier Eshkol had promised further improvements in the condition of the Israeli Arabs and that the Arabs trusted him to implement the promises.

Urges Appeal for Arab-Israel Peace Over Heads of Leaders

Discussing the Israel-Arab deadlock, he said: "Israel is a fact and Arab leaders who think it can be made to disappear are politically blind and are indulging in wishful thinking. There is room for an appeal to the Arab masses above the heads of their leaders to tell them that peace is in the interest of Jews and Arabs alike. The Arab masses would grasp such an appeal by instinct, as they often do in political matters."

The Arab leader said that peace in the Middle East would have to come some day and that it could be brought nearer by such Israeli actions as a declaration of a policy now in regard to the problem of the Arab refugees. He said not all of the refugees could return to Israel or want to, but some could and should, without affecting immigration of Jews. He said the "world at large" could contribute to eventual peace by giving up "the habit" of backing two rival sides. He asserted that the Middle East should be excluded from the arms race by an East-West agreement.

He also discussed the current Arab-Israel controversy over Israel's project to irrigate the Negev by diversion of Jordan River water. He said that the late Eric Johnston, as emissary of then President Eisenhower, worked out a plan 10 years ago for regional use of the water, with specific allocations to Jordan, Syria and Israel. He added that "Israel has never used more than its allocation and does not intend to."

CONGRESS GETS RESOLUTION SUPPORTING U. N. DECLARATION ON MINORITIES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Congressman Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, today submitted to the House of Representatives for approval the draft of a resolution in support of the declaration issued by the U. N. Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

"This declaration is a fine statement and delineation of the rights of minorities the world over," Rep. Farbstein said, "I feel very strongly that Congress should act affirmatively to support this most important declaration directed towards freedom of thought and religion. Now is the time to reaffirm our faith in all fundamental human rights, in the dignity and inherent worth of the human individual, and the tolerance that must be practiced by all nations."

Congressman Farbstein's resolution, if adopted, would express "the sense of the Congress that the United Nations should forthwith adopt a universal declaration calling for the elimination of all religious intolerance and all discriminatory practices against religious and ethnic groups."

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS OPENS 1964 DRIVE; \$1,051,000 BUDGET ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The 1964 campaign of the American Jewish Congress opened tonight at a dinner honoring Theodore Bikel, actor and singer. Robert Wechsler, campaign chairman who presided, announced the organization's 1964 operating budget had been set at \$1,051,000.

Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the Congress, cited Mr. Bikel's "outstanding contributions to the advancement of Jewish cultural life and the strengthening of human rights for all Americans."

MIAMI'S 1964 COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL OPENS WITH \$580,000 IN PLEDGES

MIAMI, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Four hundred Miami Jewish community leaders pledged \$580,000 at the opening dinner of the 1964 Combined Jewish Appeal of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. Rabbi Irving Lehrman, spiritual leader of Temple Emanuel, is chairman of the 1964 campaign.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE FAVORS RECITATION OF PRAYERS IN SCHOOLS

LANSING, Mich., Feb. 13. (JTA)-- The Michigan Legislature adopted today a resolution asking Congress to propose a Constitutional amendment providing for the right to recite prayers in public schools. After a half-hour of debate, the House of Representatives passed the measure which was previously adopted by the Senate.

During the debate, Sen. Milton Zaagman, a Grand Rapids Republican who sponsored the resolution, said that ultra-liberals were trying to force religion out of the nation. The main opponent of the proposal was Sen. Charles Blondy, Detroit Democrat, who cited the Supreme Court decision against such prayers and the opposition of various groups.

LOS ANGELES JEWISH LEADER INSTALLED AS JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Superior Court Judge Lester William Roth, long active in the Jewish community of Los Angeles and in civic and social service organizations, was installed as judge of the District Court of Appeals by Chief Justice Phil Gibson.

Judge Roth, 69, was born in New York and received his law degree from the University of Southern California in 1916. He served as a lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps and on his return to civil life in 1919 started a spectacular legal career, with much of his time devoted to government service. He served as Superior Court Judge in Los Angeles from 1931 to 1936 and justice pro-tem of the District Court from 1934 to 1937.

HAROLD SPAET, MIAMI JEWISH LEADER, NAMED CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

MIAMI, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Harold Spaet, Miami Metropolitan Commissioner and Jewish communal leader, has been named by Governor Farris Bryant to fill the Circuit court vacancy created by the death last week of Judge Robert Anderson. Mr. Spaet tendered his resignation from the commission for a term which would have ended later this month. His appointment by the Governor is through January 1965.

Judge Spaet, a past president of Temple Israel and of the Miami Jewish Home for the Aged, is also a former vice-mayor of Miami Beach and served on the Miami Beach City Council for eight years. He is also a former associate municipal judge. He is now honorary president of the Jewish Home for the Aged and a member of the Board of the Children's Home Society of Florida.

REFORM RABBI TELLS POPE HE WILL SEEK TO COUNTERACT 'THE DEPUTY'

ROME, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Rabbi William F. Rosenblum, of New York, one of the leading Reform rabbis of the United States, said yesterday he had told Pope Paul VI that he and other American Reform leaders would try to offset the effects of the first American performance of "The Deputy," which will open in New York on February 26.

The play, which has evoked controversy in every city where it has been performed, charges that the late Pope Pius XII failed to speak out against the wartime Nazi mass murder of European Jewry. Rabbi Rosenblum said the group of Reform leaders would make an effort to tell "the true story" of the efforts of the late Pontiff to help persecuted Jews during the war.

CORRESPONDENT OF AMERICAN YIDDISH NEWSPAPER EXPELLED FROM LIBYA

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Chaim Shoshkes, a correspondent for the Jewish Day Journal here, has been expelled from Libya following his arrest by Libyan police while he was visiting a Talmud Torah in Tripoli, according to a cabled report sent by him from Tunis and published in the paper today.

Dr. Shoshkes said in the report that he was arrested along with H. Rokach, head of the Jewish community in Tripoli. He said he was questioned for 14 hours mainly about his relations with Israel.

PHILADELPHIA MAYOR PROCLAIMS 'ZIONIST MOBILIZATION MONTH'

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Mayor James H. J. Tate today proclaimed the period of February 15 to March 15 as "Zionist Mobilization Month" when an intensive campaign will get underway to enroll Philadelphians as members of the Zionist Organization of America.

In ceremonies here this morning, an official proclamation marking the event was read by Fred T. Corleto, managing director, on behalf of Mayor Tate. Among those taking part in the ceremonies was a delegation representing the Philadelphia Zionist Organization, local branch of the Zionist Organization of America, headed by Milton Gold, president.

PROF. JONES TO LECTURE ON AMERICAN CULTURE AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Professor Howard Mumford Jones of Harvard University has been named visiting lecturer in American Culture and Civilization at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in the chair established by the late Samuel Paley of Philadelphia. This was announced today by Lionel R. Bauman, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. The two previous Samuel Paley Lecturers at the Hebrew University were the late American poet Robert Frost and Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, president of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions.