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ECHKOL OFFERS ISRAEL AID TO ARAB COUNTRIES THREATENED BY NASCER

TEL AVIV, April 27. (JTA) -- "Any Arab state menaced by Nasserist plotting could rely on Israel for support in reaching peace and stability in the region," Prime Minister Levi Eshkol said here last night addressing the opening session of the national council of the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor.

The Prime Minister pledged that "Israel would use all its resources to unite all factors wishing development for the benefit of the entire population." He did not specify the form of support Israel would be ready to give to Arab states menaced by Nasserite subversion activities; however, it was indicated later that any Arab country that responded would get a clear answer.

Mr. Eshkol denounced the policy of Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser "of threats against Israel and aggression against other Arab states," These threats, he said, force Israel to follow a policy of "continued alertness and readiness, as well as maintenance of the deterrent power, to foil any thought of aggression."

At the same time Mr. Eshkol also called on foreign powers to provide aid to Egypt, emphasizing Israel's interest in such aid that would increase the Egyptian standard of living but "not aid which strengthens aggressors." Noting that, in Egypt, Nasser has not succeeded in raising the living standards of the lower classes, and that the gap there between the poor and the rich has widened, he stated: "The day will come when our neighbors will recognize the fact that peace will bring prosperity and development for all living in this region."

The Histadrut council, which is meeting here in sessions to last four days, is discussing domestic economic questions primarily. The council also faces an internal fight between the Herut faction and the Mapai group, with the latter controlling a 55 per cent majority in the Council.

ANGLC-AMERICAN TALKS ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION STARTED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, April 27. (JTA) -- The situation in the Middle East is expected to be extensively discussed here in the coming two days at the Council of Ministers of the Central Treaty Organization, with the participation of foreign ministers of the CENTO powers-Turkey, Iran, Pakistan and Britain, and the American Secretary of State, Dean Rusk.

A direct Anglo-American discussion on the Middle East is believed to have taken place today in a meeting between Mr. Rusk and the British Foreigh Secretary, R.A. Butler. The British are primarily concerned with the Egyptian-inspired attacks against Adea and the British-protected South Arabian Federation. But the Israel-Arab dispute is also expected to be taken up in the discussions.

(President Nasser of Egypt has made a public vow "to God" that he will not rest "until we redeem Palestine to the Arab nation," it was reported here today from Yemen. Speare at a rally in Liberation Square of Sana, the Yemeni capital, he charged that Britain had always conspired against the Arabs and against their dignity and honor, adding that Britain had surrendered Palestine to Israel and Zionism,

State Department Explains Policy of U.S. Loans to Egypt

WASHINGTON, April 27. (JTA) -- When the United States makes loans to Egypt, these are used as leverage to bring about a peaceful solution of the Arab-Israel dispute, Phillips Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, declared in answer to a question in the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The statement was made during the hearing on the Administration's foreign aid program. A transcript of the testimony was released today.

Under questioning by Congressman Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, Mr. Talbot defended continued American aid to Nasser despite the Congressional amendment against aid to countries engaged in or preparing for aggression. Mr. Talbot denied that Egyptian forces will very soon be superior to Israel's, and added that "if there were a transformation of the present situation, then it goes without saying that our policy would also be re-examined."

TWC EICHMANN AIDES GO ON TRIAL FOR MASS MURDER OF HUNGARIAN JEWS

FRANKFURT, April 27. (JTA) -- After eight years of investigations, two of the late Adolf Eichmann's principal aides finally went on trial here today charged with murder, complicity in murder, criminal extortion and participation in the deportation of 437,000 Hungarian Jews, about 300,000 of whom were annihilated in the gas ovens at Auschwitz-Birkenau;

The accused are former SS Lt. Col. Hermann Krumey, Eichmann's deputy in Hungary; and ex-SS Capt. Otto Hunsche, who was Eichmann's legal advisor in Budadpest. According to the indictment, it was Krumey who had played a major role in attempting to put through the notorious "lives for trucks" deal whereby the Nazis were to receive 10,000 military trucks from the Allies in exchange for 1,000,000 Jews.

As the trial got under way today, the defendants lost some preliminary skirmishes resulting from arguments by their battery of defense attorneys. One argument was that the court here has no Jurisdiction over the case, and the counsel sought a change of venue. The court ruled against that request,

Hunsche's attorneys charged that he had been placed in "double Jeopardy," since he had already been tried by a denazification court. Judge Schmidt, presiding Justice of the court, ruled that the denazification proceedings were different from those facing Hunsche in the present trial.

Come of West Germany's most prominent lawyers are leading the defense counsel lined up on behalf of the two former Eichmann aides. One is Dr. Hans Laternser, one of the key defense attorneys in the Auschwitz-Birkenau trial. Another is Dr. Erich Schmidt-Eleichner, who is probably the most famous defense attorney in West Germany.

GERMANY OFFERS REWARD FOR ESCAPED NAZI CONVICTED FOR MURDER OF JEWS

BRUNSWICK, West Germany, April 27. (JTA) - The Public Prosecutor's office here today offered a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest of Hans Walter Zech-Nemntwich, the convicted Nazi war criminal who escaped last week from a maximum security prison here, fleeing to Switzerland. It was believed in Switzerland that Zech-Nemntwich has already left that country for a possible hideout in South America.

Police here meanwhile released Werner Plaetzer, a textile buyer from Nordhorn, who was detained last weekend along with two other men on suspicion of having helped Zech-Nenntwich foe escape. The other two men, Dietrich Zeeman, a prison warden, and Herman Gutteck, a former cell mate, are still being detained.

BARON ROTHSCHILD APPEALS FOR INCREASED AID FOR NORTH AFRICAN JEWS

PARIS, April 27. (JTA) -- An urgent appeal to the Jewries of France, the United States, Canada and Britain to increase substantially their contributions to help North African refugee settlers in France to achieve normal lives was made here last night at the opening assembly of the Central French Jewish Fund by its president, Baron Guy de Rothschild.

The Assembly of the Fund was still dominated by the problems of the mavy immigration from North Africa which almost overnight made French Jewry the largest Jewish community in Europe. Barch Rothschild reported that the Fund had set a budget of 8,000,000 francs (\$1,600,000) for:North African Jewish resettlement projects. He said that 3,000,000 francs (\$500,000) had been raised by French Jewry, and the rest was contributed by the American Joint Distribution Committee.

He reported that the 200,000 Jewish newcomers had not only made French Jewry the largest community in Europe but that they had also influenced it in the direction of becoming a coherent body. He said: "Now we are becoming a real, unified community. We have the quantitative potential, the adhesion of all members, and the desire of the leaders to become such a unified community."

He stressed, however, that French Jewry still faced many problems, and appealed to all of its members and to other communities to help. He said the goals of integrating the newcomers and assuring their full participation in Jewish life could be achieved if efforts were concentrated on both the cultural and social fields.

ISRAEL'S RAILWAY NETWORK HIT BY SLOWDOWN OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS

TEL AVIV, April 27, [JTA] -- The Israel railway network was hit by a slowdown yesterday by locomotive engineers throughout the country who are dissatisfied 'over their' classification in a new civil service system which grades them as unskilled workers. The Tel Aviv-Haifa express took twice its usual time to complete the run between the two cities, and trains in other parts of the country arrived with one or two-hour delays;

Drivers employed by the Jewish National Fund went out on a one-day strike today in support of their demands for salaries equal to government-employed drivers. The two strikes were part of a generally troubled labor situation in which nearly all of the country's civil service workers are eigher striking, have struck, or are threatening to strike over the new classification system.

RELIGIOUS AMERICAN JEWRY ACTS IN SUPPORT OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, April 27. (JTA) -- Religious American Jewry of all three denominations.-Cxthodox, Conservative and Reform--will be called upon to participate actively in a massive, national demonstration of "prayer and politics," aimed at passage by Congress of the currently pending civil rights legislation, leaders of the Synagogue Council of America announced here today.

The announcement was made by Rabbi Uri Miller, president of the Synagogue Council, which embraces lay and rabbinical organizations of the Orthodox, Reform and Conservative persuasions; and Rabbi Irwin M. Blank, chairman of the Council's Social Actions Commission.

The two Council leaders, along with about 1,000 other Jewish leaders from all over the country, including laymen and rabbis, will participate here tomorrow night in a national interreligious convocation designed to spur passage of the federal civil rights legislation.

Co-sponsoring the convocation, with the Synagogue Council's Commission, are the Commission on Religion and Race of the National Council of Churches, whose affiliates are the Protestant and Orthodox Christian churches; and the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. Rabbi Miller will be one of the principal speakers at tomorrow night's session, to be held here at Georgetown University;

The action program to be proposed for the American Jewish community, said Rabbi Blank, will lead off with a request that, at every Sabbath service in every synagogue and temple in the country, until the pending legislation is passed, there be held special prayers, sermons be delivered on the subject, and discussion of the civil rights issue be emphasized.

At the same time, Rabbi Blank said, Jews across the nation will be asked to intensity a mail campaign to members of the U. S. Senate, where the civil rights bill is being hobbled currently through a filibuster. "We have made far-reaching pronouncements against racial discrimination over the years," said Rabbi Blank. "Now is the time, by personal involvement, for members of religious institutions, inspired by their ministers, priests and rabbis, to take forthright stands for a new pattern of justice, freedom and equality for all citizens."

DISSCLVED BOARD OF LONDON SYNAGOGUE SEEKS TO FORM NEW CONGREGATION

LONDON, April 27. (JTA) -- The former board of management of the New West End Synagogue, which was discharged this weekend by the United Synagogue, British Jewry's governing synagogal body, for defying the parent body and Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie on the appointment of a new rabbi, has called a meeting for next Sunday to seek support for the establishment of a separate congregation.

Dr. Louis Jacobs, whose appointment as minister of the New West End Synagogue was rejected by Chief Rabbi Brodie, would serve as minister of the new congregation. The members of the New West End Synagogue will be invited to join the new congregation.

The honorary officers and the board of management of the New West End Synagogue had been discharged by the United Synagogue after Dr. Jacobs was appointed as minister over the objections of the Chief Rabbi, who has indicated that he believes Dr. Jacobs' views are not in line with Orthodox Judaism. The United Synagogue owns the property of the New West End Synagogue, as it does that of all affiliated congregations;

The former officers of the New West End Synagogue said today that there was no hope of a reconciliation with the United Synagogue unless it agrees to the appointment of Dr. Jacobs,

BALTIMORE JEWISH FAMILY ENABLES EXPANSION OF HOSPITAL IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 27. (JTA) -- An additional floor with 80 beds was dedicated at the Haddassah-Hebrew University hospital in Ein Karem with the aid of a \$125,000 gift from the Hoffberger family of Baltimore.

Present at the dedication ceremony were members of the Hoffberger family and a delegation of Hadassah leaders from Baltimore. The additional 80 beds will bring the hospital's capacity to 620 beds, it was stressed today by Dr. Kalman J. Mann, director general of the Hadassah Medical Organization. The opening of the new floor, he said, will also enable expansion of clinical service, development of surgery service, and teaching research in psychiatry.

TWO JEWISH SCIENTISTS IN SOVIET RUSSIA RECEIVE 1964 LENIN AWARD

LCNDON, April 27. (JTA) -- Two Jewish scientists are among the recipients of the Soviet Government's Lenin Awards for 1964, it was reported here today from Moscow. They are Benzion Bull, a physicist and Hirsch Dawidewski, a physician and medical research worker.

CLEVELAND JEWISH WELFARE FUND DRIVE OPENS WITH \$3,879,249 IN PLEDGES

CLEVELAND, April 27. (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal opened officially here with a dinner-meeting, at which II, 364 pledges totaling \$3, 879, 249 were reported, highest amount pledged at such an event. This total represented 64 per cent of the record campaign of \$5, 061, 000,

Presiding at the meeting was Arthur Dery, general chairman. Guest speaker was Dr; William Haber) dean of the University of Michigan's College of Literature, Science and the Arts. Terming the Jewish Welfare Fund and similar organizations in communities throughout the country a version of the Marshall Plan, he declared that their work had revived European Jewish life, which was developing a new crop of Jewish leaders.

Henry J. Goodman received the annual Edward M. Baker Young Leadership Award presented by The Jewish Community Federation. The campaign will close at a diamermeeting on May 14.

CANADIAN PREMIER LAUDS ALLAN BRONFMAN; ADDRESSES DINNER IN HIS HONOR

MONTREAL, April 27. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson of Canada and top figures of the Israel Government last night (Sunday) paid tribute to Allan Brontman, noted Canadian Jewish leader, who was honored as Montreal's "Man of the Year" at a dinner here sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization, Mr. Pearson, who was the principal speaker at the dinner, described Mr. Brontman as a leader "whose entire adult career has been marked by service to good causes and to the communities that make up our land,"

The Canadian Prime Minister emphasized the fact that Mr. Bronfman's record includes service not only to Israel and to the Jewish communities of Montreal and other cities, but to all sections of Canada's population, English-speaking and French-speaking, Jewish and non-Jewish. Close to \$750,000 in Israel bonds were sold in conjunction with the dinner, which was attended by over 1,000 business, civic and religious leaders,

Messages paying warm tribute to Mr. Bronfman were received from Israel's President Zalman Shazar, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir, chairman Moshe Sharett of the Jewish Agency for Israel, and numerous other Israeli leaders,

JANOFF RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN JEWISH PRESS ASSOCIATION

NEW YORK, April 27. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Press Association, meeting here at its 22nd annual convention re-elected Morris J. Janotf, publisher of the Jewish Standard, Jersey City, N.J., as president for his second term.

Cther officers elected were: Albert W. Golomb, Jewish Chronicle, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Lee Neusner, Jewish Ledger, Hartford, Conn.; Martin Korik, Jewish Record, Atlantic City, vice-presidents; Leo H. Frisch, American Jewish World, Minneapolis-St. Paul, honorary vice-president; Jimmy Wisch, Texas Jewish Post, Ft. Worth, secretary and Elias R, Jacobs, Buffalo Jewish Review, treasurer.

Named to the executive board were: Joseph Cummins, B'nai B'rith Messnger, Los Angeles; Albert Bloom, Jewish Chronicle, Pittsburgh; Conrad Isenberg, Jewish Civic Leader, Worcester, Mass. The Canadian Jewish Chronicle in Montreal was admitted to membership. The Association congratulated Jacque Back upon the 30th anniversary of the Jewish Observer of Nashville; and Mrs. Lee Neusner on the forthcoming 35th anniversary of the Connecticut Jewish Ledger.

The Association went on record as opposing in principle the so-called Becker amendment now before Congress and other amendments and resolutions which would alter or circumvent the Supreme Court decision forbidding prayers in public schools; and that the Senate be urged to ratify speedily the Genocide Convention in the United Nations; that Congress be urged to complete passage of an effective civil rights bill to assure all Americans their historic human rights without regard to race, creed or color; and pledging its increasing efforts for the alleviation and the elimination of discriminatory restrictive treatment of Soviet Jews.

PRECIDENT JOHNSON NAMES JUDGE FREEDMAN AS JUSTICE OF U.S. COURT

PHILADELPHIA, April 27, (JTA) -- Judge Abraham L. Freedman of Philadelphia, a Justice of the United States District Court for Eastern Pennsylvania, has been nominated by President Johnson to the United States Court of Appeals for the third Circuit. The nomination is now before the United States Senate.

Judge Freedman has been serving on the District Court on appointment by the late President Kennedy. His promotion, which had been expected, was announced by Sen, Joseph S. Clark, who cited his long association with the Justice, Judge Freedman served as city solicitor when Sen, Clark was Mayor of Philadelphia.

Judge Freedman has an extensive record of Jewish as well as general community service. When the Federation of Jewish Charities was merged with the Allied Jewish Appeal in 1956, he was named president of the combined agencies and held the post for three years. He is still a member of the board and the executive committee of the Federation.