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## FCREIGN MINISTERS OPEN PARLEY IN WASHINGTON; ARAB-ISRAEL CRISIS FEARED

WASHINGTON, April 28. (JTA) -- Britain was reported here today as anticipating a major crisis in the Arab-Israel dispute within the coming months, although not the kind of crisis that may lead to open warfare.

The Arab-Israel conflict is among the major topics on the agenda of the session of the Council of Ministers of the CENTO, Central Treaty Organization, which opened here today with speeches by Secretary of State Dean Rusk and by the Foreign Ministers of Britain, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan and other CENTO powers. The major topics are being discussed behind closed doors.

Reliable sources indicate today that Britain was increasingly worried over the present status of the Israel Arab conflict feeling that Arab hostility against Israel is actually much stronger than the impression prevailing in the United States as a result of the fact that the Arab summit conference in Cairo did not declare war on Israel. The fact that tensions in the Middle East have not lessened and the endemic instability of the area has not decreased, was stressed by several of the speakers at today's opening session of the CENTO Council of Ministers.

### Britain Says Egypt and Israel Seek to Develop Nuclear Warheads

LONDON, April 28. (JTA) -- Three of England's leading daily newspapers--the Times, the Daily Express, and the Guardian of Manchester--reported here today, in connection with the meeting of the Central Treaty Organization in Washington, that both Egypt and Israel are attempting to develop some types of tactical atomic warheads.

According to the Daily Express, CENTO delegates have been told in Washington that Britain has "evidence" that both Egypt and Israel are trying to develop "minor nuclear warheads." These, the newspaper stated, are made of conventional high explosives with radioactive materials which, when they explode, spray nuclear materials over a broad area. "Israel" said the Daily Express, "might produce such warheads, possibly with French help, and Egypt could have them only with Russian help."

The Times, reporting that the Russians have supplied Egypt with minor nuclear warheads, and saying there was "evidence" that Israel might soon have such weapons, declared: "It is not suggested that Israel and Egypt are about to shower radioactive dust over each other, or that open warfare of any sort is imminent. But the British are evidently impressed with the seriousness of the Middle East situation. Their feelings do not appear to be wholly shared in the United States State Department, where the failure to move the Egyptians out of Yemen has led to no form of pressure more severe than diplomatic representations."

According to the Guardian, the possible development of a serious crisis in the Middle East this year is causing the British Government some anxiety. These anxieties, stated the newspaper, are twofold "and, in both instances, Nasser is seen as the chief culprit." One of the difficulties, the Guardian said, is the "mounting Arab belligerence against Israel over the Jordan waters." The other trouble is seen to be related to Egypt's anti-British campaign.

"If Israel and its Arab neighbors follow the policies they have threatened over the Jordan," said the Guardian, "an explosion can be expected this summer." The newspaper adds that Britain is inclined to take seriously the possibility that both Israel and the Arab states might, in the near future, acquire nuclear warheads for tactical purposes and, if they did so, "a conflict in the Middle East would clearly be very dangerous for the world at large."

## ISRAEL WINS AGREEMENT ON EXPORT TO EUROMART LANDS; TARIFFS GUT

BRUSSELS, April 28. (JTA) -- A formal agreement was finally reached last night between Israel and the European Economic Community under which Israel will receive immediately substantial cuts in tariffs on 21 of its exports to the six-nation European Common Market. The agreement is for three years.

The agreement covers reduction of duties and tariffs on Israeli export products, suspension of the 20 per cent EEC common external tariff, lowering of national duties to the external tariff reduction level and specific arrangements on some exports. Altogether the agreement deals with about 25 Israeli export items to the EEC.

## PERCENTAGE OF JEWISH STUDENTS IN SOVIET UNION SMALLER THAN UNDER CZAR

NEW YORK, April 28, (JTA) -- A higher percentage of Jewish students was permitted to attend universities in Czarist Russia than is enrolled in the USSR today, the American Jewish Congress charged today in releasing a study of Jewish participation in Soviet higher education.

The study was prepared by Prof. Nicholas DeWitt of Indiana University, one of the country's leading specialists in Soviet affairs. In his report, Prof. DeWitt said that official government statistics showed the USSR employed a quota system "as a direct discriminatory device against the admission of Jews to institutions of higher learning in the USSR." Approximately 3.22 per cent of the student population in Soviet universities is Jewish, according to the study.

In an accompanying statement, Will Maslow, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, compared the 3.22 per cent figure with the official quotas imposed on Jews in 1887 by the Czarist Minister of Education. According to the "History of the Jews in Russia and Poland" by the Jewish historian Simon Dubnow, published in 1918, the Jewish university quota was 10 per cent of the Christian university population within the Pale of Settlement, five per cent outside the Pale and three per cent in St. Petersburg and Moscow.

Prof. DeWitt, a former member of the Russian Research Center at Harvard University, said in his study that the Soviet quota system in higher education, giving preference to other nationalities over Jews in university admission, was a "major policy directive" and was "deliberately used in the USSR as a means of discrimination against Jews." Highlights of his study included the following findings:

1. While the total number of day and evening students in Soviet universities increased by 248 per cent between 1935 and 1960, the number of Jewish students decreased by 39 per cent.
2. The proportion of Jews who had completed higher education among all professionals declined from approximately 18-19 per cent in 1941 to 8.2 per cent in 1960.
3. The 8.2 per cent of university graduates who are Jews contrasts sharply with the present Jewish university enrollment of 3.22 per cent. "It is obvious that the proportion of Jewish students currently enrolled in higher education is substantially smaller than the proportion of Jews who enjoyed higher education in the past," Prof. DeWitt commented.
4. The proportion of Jews listed as "scientists" in official Soviet statistics has been in a steady downward trend during the past 20 years, decreasing from 21.2 per cent in 1939 to 8.9 per cent in 1961.

## ARGENTINE PRESIDENT RECEIVES JEWISH DELEGATION; HEARS OF INCITEMENT

BUENOS AIRES, April 28, (JTA) -- A delegation of the DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry, was received today by President Arturo Illia and expressed to him the DAIA's satisfaction about his unqualified statement that his Government would not permit foreign factors to disturb life in Argentina.

The meeting took place shortly after an Arab League rally was held here with official permission at which speakers repeatedly shouted "long live Hitler" and "Jews to the furnace" and "make soap of them." The meeting was sponsored by the "Arab Youth Union" in tribute to Hussein Triki, Arab League chief representative in Argentina.

The pro-Nazi meeting was held in a theater which was jammed by an audience which saw youth members of the Tacuara and the Guardia Nacionalista, two ultra-Nationalist and anti-Semitic groups which have been banned, repeatedly give the Nazi salute while shouting the anti-Semitic slogans.

The DAIA delegation called to the attention of President Illia the renewed anti-Jewish campaign fostered by "foreign perturbers" and described to him the details of the Arab League meeting which was addressed by Triki.

## ARGENTINE PARLIAMENTARIANS ASSURE U. S. JEWS ON CHECKING ANTI-SEMITES

NEW YORK, April 28, (JTA) -- Arabs in Argentina were charged here by Argentine Congressmen with spreading anti-Jewish propaganda in that country. The charge was voiced by Oscar Rial, member of the Argentine Parliament, speaking on behalf of eight members of the Argentine Chamber of Deputies at a reception given them by the American Jewish Committee. The eight Argentine Parliamentarians are visiting the United States under the auspices of the United States Department of State.

Speaking for the delegation, Mr. Rial told the American Jewish Committee gathering that the Government in Argentina would not tolerate any anti-Jewish acts. He pointed out that the government recently dissolved the two anti-Semitic groups, Tacuara and National Restoration group.

"Anti-Semitism is alien to the Argentine people; ninety-nine and a half per cent of the people of Argentina were against anti-Semitism," he said. He regretted the anti-Semitic incidents which took place recently in Argentina but added that reports abroad about these incidents were exaggerated.

## REP. BECKER SAYS HE SEEKS ONLY 'NON-DENOMINATIONAL' PRAYER FOR SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, April 28. (JTA) -- Rep. Frank Becker, New York Republican, testifying on his proposed amendment to permit prayers in public schools, told the House Judiciary Committee today that the intent of his amendment was for a return to "non-denominational" prayers.

He made the statement under committee questioning. One question was who, under his proposed amendment, would be responsible for determining the type of prayer. He replied: "My intent is to permit the offering of a prayer in the public schools. The handling of the matter" of the wording "can be left to local authorities." The effect of the Becker amendment would be to void the 1963 Supreme Court decision banning prayers in public schools as unconstitutional.

Questioning of Rep. Becker then turned to what he meant by "non-denominational." He was asked, as an example, whether he could accept the use of the word "Allah" as equally suitable with the word "God." He replied that he felt that a discussion of the various terms used by different religions was irrelevant. Rep. Jacob Gilbert, New York Democrat, cited that reply as dramatizing the problems involved in "getting a non-denominational prayer."

### American Jewish Committee Reports on Reactions to Prayer Ban

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- The results of a survey of national reaction to the U. S. Supreme Court decisions banning Bible reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools were made public here today by the American Jewish Committee, on the eve of its five-day annual meeting which opens at the New York Hilton Hotel tomorrow.

The survey found "widespread compliance" throughout the country despite pockets of discontent which exist in a number of regions. At the same time, however, the survey found "widespread introduction of substitute practices" for those which had been banned by the Supreme Court decision. Outright defiance of the Supreme Court was found to be most common in the South, sections of the rural North such as in New Hampshire, and in northwestern areas such as Idaho.

Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee who made public the results of the Committee's nationwide survey on the Supreme Court decisions, said that the substitute practices which the survey has found to be widely introduced, include "silent meditation, silent prayer, increased and intensified moral and patriotic exercises."

## BROOKLYN YESHIVA OFFICIALS DROP CHARGES AGAINST ARRESTED NEGRO YOUTHS

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- Ten Negro youths arrested in the attack last week on pupils of a Brooklyn yeshiva were released yesterday with a lecture by a Family Court judge after yeshiva officials dropped charges against them.

Some 16 of the pupils and two teachers of the United Lubavitcher Yeshivoh were roughed up and bruised in the attack on April 21 during a lunch-hour recess. One youth, who was seized in a citizen's arrest by a city building inspector, was sentenced last week to an 18-month term in a state training school.

Rabbi Samuel Schrage, principal of the school, said yeshiva officials had decided that prosecution of the 10 youths would not serve any purpose since they and their parents had expressed contrition for taking part in the assault. Judge Maurice Bernhardt then dismissed the charges.

## 'FULL HEARING' DEMANDED ON ANTI-ISRAEL MURAL AT N. Y. WORLD'S FAIR

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- The American-Israel Pavilion at the New York World's Fair today demanded a "full hearing" from Robert Moses, president of the Fair, on their request for the removal of an anti-Israel mural in the Jordanian Pavilion at the Fair. Last weekend, Mr. Moses had rejected the request by the American-Israel Pavilion although he conceded that the mural was "political in nature and subject to misinterpretation."

In today's telegram to Mr. Moses, Harold S. Caplin, chairman of the board of the American-Israel World's Fair Corporation, and Zechariah Sitchin, president, said: "We respectfully insist that you grant us a full hearing on the matter and see that the regulation is enforced and the offensive mural eliminated."

Mr. Moses' rejection of the request for the removal of the mural was also assailed here today by Max Bressler, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, who declared in a statement that the offensive mural "violates all canons of good taste and objectivity as well as mutual understanding, through which peace is to be engendered throughout the world, including the Middle East."

### Israel Bond Exhibit at World's Fair Depicts Rapid Development

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- An exhibit illustrating the rapid economic development of Israel made possible with the aid of Israel bonds is one of the principal features of the American-Israel Pavilion at the New York World's Fair, it was announced today by Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS URGED TO INVOLVE COLLEGE YOUTH IN THEIR WORK

LOS ANGELES, April 28. (JTA) -- Jewish community life suffers an "irreparable loss" by its failure to involve Jewish college youth in its affairs, Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn, national director of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, said yesterday. He called this neglect "one of the great shortcomings of Jewish organizational life."

American Jewry gives "too little attention to the need of developing among our young people a sense of involvement in the Jewish community, in the Jewish people and in Jewish destiny," Rabbi Kahn said in a speech at the University of Southern California. "We also fail to facilitate their transition from the campus into the mainstream of the community."

As a result, he said, after college the Jewish graduate is not readily inclined to affiliate with Jewish organizational life, "a delay in involvement that is an irreparable loss to the Jewish community." He asked that national Jewish organizations make it a "deliberate policy" to have "scores of Jewish college youth at conventions and conferences so that they can be exposed to the concern of Jewish life and the Jewish people, which we hope will some day be theirs."

The Hillel national director also criticized the "step-child treatment" given to programs of Jewish education for the college community, comparing the average of \$100 a year spent by American Jewry on primary Jewish schooling for each youngster with "less than \$10 a year to advance the Jewish knowledge of the college student." Predicting that within a few years 80 per cent of the Jewish college youth will be attending schools of higher learning, he urged that the community give "greater attention and better financing" to Jewish education for this group.

STUDENT ORGAN CRITICIZES WARSAW GHETTO EXHIBITION AT CHICAGO UNIVERSITY

CHICAGO, April 28. (JTA) -- An editorial written by a Jewish student in the Roosevelt University student newspaper has criticized a Warsaw Ghetto Revolt exhibition at the university as "performing no useful function" for the students.

The editorial asserted that it was nearly 20 years since the end of World War II and that it was time "to direct our energies to building a meaningful present that future generations may read of as a new rise of humanism instead of to the re-creation of a reality that no longer exists." The exhibit was assembled by the YIVO Institute.

The editorial proposed to the Institute sponsors of "all other similar projects that they utilize their energies to eradicate such crimes against mankind as apartheid in South Africa, fascism in American-supported Spain and Portugal, American-supported dictatorship of the right in the Americas and Asia and--most important--the plight of the Negro, the migrant Mexican worker, the Puerto Rican American, the Appalachian white and the poverty stricken throughout this land."

The Sentinel of Chicago, local English-Jewish weekly, commented editorially that if such an editorial were to appear in a German paper, "we would be up in arms, angrily pointing to it as proof that they were not properly educating their youth as to the meaning of the crime perpetrated by their forebearers. What are we to say when it happens to be our own young people, brought up in free America?"

WESTPORT POLICE INVESTIGATE SMEARING OF SWASTIKA ON SYNAGOGUE

WESTPORT, Conn., April 28. (JTA) -- Police here were investigating today the desecration of Temple Israel, where a large swastika was painted in red on one of the walls of the synagogue building. A smaller swastika was also scratched on the mail box in front of the synagogue.

A similar desecration had also taken place some time earlier at a local Lutheran church a few blocks from the synagogue where the main door of the church was marked with a swastika. Police believe both desecrations to be the work of the same culprits.

CORNERSTONE FOR SHOLEM ALEICHEM HOUSE LAID IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, April 28. (JTA) -- The cornerstone was laid here yesterday for Sholem Aleichem House, named for the famous Yiddish writer, in ceremonies attended by President Shazar and presided over by President Eliahu Elath of the Hebrew University.

President Shazar expressed the hope that the new House would become a world center for lovers of Jewish literature. Other speakers were Meyer Brown, honorary president of the Farband Labor Zionist Order, Chaim Grade, American Jewish writer, and Gross Zimmerman, a noted Jewish writer in Israel.

Among those honored with invitations to place the first cement in the ceremony were Mikhail Bodrov, the Soviet Ambassador to Israel, and the writer J. D. Berkovitz, son-in-law of Sholem Aleichem. The help of the Histadrut campaign in the United States and of Farband in initiating the new House was hailed at the ceremony.