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FRENCH PREMIER DISCOUNTS KHRUSHCHEV'S ANTI-ISRAEL TALKS IN CAIRO

PARIS, May 14. (JTA) -- French Premier Georges Pompidou dismissed today as "just words" the anti-Israel statements made this week by Soviet Premier Khrushchev in Cairo during his current visit to Egypt.

The French Premier also reiterated the basic policy of France and of the West in maintaining an equilibrium of forces in the Middle East. He made the statements at a luncheon given in his honor by the Paris Foreign Press Association.

In reply to a question about Khrushchev's pro-Arab statements in Cairo, the French Premier said: "One must not attach excessive importance to words. As far as the Middle East is concerned, the position of France and of the West is well known. It is that of an equilibrium in the area."

His comments were described as being in line with the belief of the French Foreign Ministry that Khrushchev's declarations in Cairo were made strictly for propaganda purposes.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT HAILS TRADE PACT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EUROMART LANDS

STRASBOURG, May 14. (JTA) -- The European Parliament, consisting of 142 parliamentary members of a number of European countries, approved here today a resolution hailing the trade pact between Israel and the European Economic Community and urged that the EEC take further steps to protect Israeli exports which were excluded from the agreement.

The resolution proposed that the agreement be considered "a first step in commercial and economic relations" between the six-nation Euromart and Israel and it noted "that nothing yet has been decided about certain problems which are of fundamental interest to Israel." The resolution labeled as "imperative" that any future agreements "with other third country exporters of oranges do not include, in the matter of importing of oranges by the EEC, any discriminatory ruling with regard to Israel."

Some members of the Parliament, in discussion preceding adoption of the resolution, called for admission of Israel into the Euromart as an associate but the resolution did not go that far. It referred to the mixed committee set up under the pact to implement the agreement and hear any Israeli complaints and it urged that the mixed committee also be given authority to formulate proposals "with a view to extending its fields of implementation" and to suggest "efficient formulas to solve pending questions."

The Parliament met in plenary session to discuss a report by P.A. Blaisse, president of the EEC external trade commission, in which he stressed the political importance of the EEC-Israel agreement despite "its modern contents." The agreement provides tariff concessions on a number of Israeli exports to Euromart.

Like other speakers, he described the pact as only a beginning, a first step in EEC-Israel relations, and he added that it was necessary for Israel to continue to develop exports of its oranges to the Euromart countries. The pact does not include tariff concessions on oranges.

Speakers Criticize Khrushchev's Anti-Israel Stand

Two of the speakers touched on the political aspects of Israel's relationship with the EEC. Louis Terrenoire, a close associate of French President Charles de Gaulle and a former French Cabinet member, severely criticized Soviet Premier Khrushchev for his anti-Israel declarations in Cairo this week. He called for European support for Israel "at this difficult hour in her history."

The Gaullist leader also cited the charge of "imperialism" made against Israel and that he was therefore happy about the "political value" of the EEC-Israel agreement. He said also that while he was disappointed by the "poor contents" of the agreement, he considered it a first step which would lead to a wider agreement.

A. Von der Groeben, replying on behalf of the EEC, said that the EEC felt that, while the pact did not meet all of Israel's hopes, it was a first and important step in that an agreement had been reached with the EEC and that a mixed committee had been established to review any Israeli complaints growing out of application of the pact.

GERMAN FINANCE MINISTRY OPPOSES EXTENSION OF INDEMNIFICATION LAW

BCMH, May 14. (JTA).-- A West German Finance Ministry spokesman indicated today that the Ministry would fight any attempt to liberalize or expand two amendments to extend existing indemnification benefits to victims of Nazism.

The announcement made remote the likelihood of any Parliamentary action before summer even on the minor improvements embodied in the amendments, which were introduced to Parliament last November.

"With the passage of these bills and by the time all claims will have been settled, West Germany will have paid out \$10,000,000,000 in restitution and compensation to victims of Nazi persecution," the spokesman said. "There is no way the government can be induced or pressured into going beyond the amount established in the bills now pending before the Bundestag."

The spokesman said that there would be a flood of new claims if the October 1, 1953 deadline in the current law was to be lifted. "No one knows how many persecutees have left Eastern Europe since October 1, 1953 or how many will still leave those areas and file claims for compensation," he stated, "but it is not inconceivable that lifting the deadline could cost the Government as much as an additional \$1,500,000,000 before anything is said and done." He added "that kind of money we just don't have."

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and various Jewish refugee organizations have asked that victims of Nazism caught behind the Iron Curtain who could not file by the 1953 deadline be given the same treatment as those who were able to file. One of the government amendments would set up a fund of \$150,000,000 for one-time payments for the Nazi victims who could not file. The spokesman said that the fund would make it possible to pay between \$1,000 and \$1,250 to each such victim.

On another issue in dispute between the West German Government and refugees--that of compensating victims for property confiscated by the Nazis in occupied countries--it was reported that the Finance Ministry was ready to yield somewhat. One of the amendments would provide a \$100,000,000 fund for one-time payments to cover principal claims for jewelry and household goods confiscated and known to have been shipped by the Nazis to the Third Reich.

GERMAN JUDGE DISMISSES MURDER CHARGE AGAINST TWO NAZIS WHO KILLED JEWS

DUSSELDORF, May 14. (JTA) -- A West German judge dismissed yesterday charges of murder against a former Nazi major on grounds that he really might have believed that the 40 Jewish men, women and children he ordered mowed down by machinegun fire in occupied Russia were actually spies and saboteurs.

Chief Judge Wolfgang Bierbach held that the ex-Nazi, Fritz Fischer, was guilty of manslaughter but that the 15-year statute of limitations had expired before Fischer was indicted. He also dismissed murder charges against former Nazi Lieutenant Fritz Puls, 57, on grounds that he executed the orders of his superior in "good faith" and therefore was innocent of complicity in the murders.

Judge Bierbach said that the prosecution had not proved that Fischer had the victims executed only because they were Jews. He said the Nazi had been "in a dangerous position"--he may have given the order to protect his troops from spies and saboteurs. "The 40 victims were murdered at the Kalmuck village of Peregrusni.

HUNGARIAN JEW TESTIFIES HE PAID \$280,000 TO NAZI NOW ON TRIAL IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, May 14. (JTA) -- The first witness in the trial of two of the key aides of Adolf Eichmann during the Hungarian occupation testified yesterday that he paid \$280,000 to defendant Hermann Krume and in return received immunity passes.

Julius Link told of the extortion to the court trying former SS Colonel Krume and former SS Lt. Col. Otto Hunsche. They are charged with complicity in the roundup and murder of 437,000 Hungarian Jews as well as with extortion of huge sums from their victims. The witness said that he escaped to Rumania by use of the passes and that he paid the money through SS Col. Kurt Becher.

Hunsche also testified at the trial. He said that Eichmann, who directed the roundup of the Hungarian Jews, most of whom were murdered at the Auschwitz death factory, kept Hungarian Jewish leaders waiting all day in his office as a trick while he sent 1,500 of their followers to the gas chambers. Hunsche testified that he considered this action "impolite."

KHRUSHCHEV ATTACKED IN NEW YORK FOR HIS ANTI-ISRAEL SPEECH IN CAIRO

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev was accused this morning of "having taken his anti-Semitic campaign against Soviet Jewry from the streets of Russia to the gutters of Cairo." The charge was made by Jacob T. Zukerman, president of the Workmen's Circle, the world's largest Jewish fraternal order, which opened a three-day session today of its national board of directors.

LEADER OF ORTHODOX JEWISH CONGREGATIONS TESTIFIES ON PRAYER ISSUE

WASHINGTON, May 14. (JTA) -- Opposition to any amendment to the Constitution to permit prayers in public schools, was this afternoon voiced by Moses Feuerstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. Mr. Feuerstein, however, expressed the opinion that children should be given time for a moment of meditation for silent prayer to be utilized by each child according to his own religious teachings.

He suggested that the moment of prayer could be made possible for each child by means of a card on which the prayer would be recorded. He noted that the child could take the card from his pocket and read it during the time allotted at the beginning of each school day, and that the home or church could provide the card.

He also explained that children who prefer not to pray need not do so; that his proposal would enable children of various denominations to pray in the authentic idioms of their respective tradition without violating any of the constitutional guarantees as interpreted by the Supreme Court.

Rev. Norman Temme of New York, speaking for 2,500,000 members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod told the House Judiciary Committee that "the sure road toward secularism" would be "by way of a prescribed public religion." Appearing in opposition to the variety of proposed constitutional amendments which would void the U. S. Supreme Court ban on prayers and Bible reading in the public schools, he said: "We believe that this proposed legislation would prove to be destructive of our American tradition of separation of church and state, as well as the freedom of religious worship."

\$13,000,000 RAISED BY U. J. A. IN NEW YORK; 1964 CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, now conducting its annual drive for 1964, has raised \$13,000,000 thus far in this year's campaign, it was announced today by Samuel D. Leidesdorf, chairman of the local UJA's "person-to person" telephone campaign. That phase of the drive opened at New York UJA headquarters today, and was the first of 14 telephone solicitation sessions scheduled between now and the end of June.

New York's Mayor Robert F. Wagner was the principal guest at a luncheon today when the sessions were inaugurated. Monroe Goldwater, president of the UJA of Greater New York, presented to the Mayor a 2,000-year-old oil lamp from Israel, in observance of New York City's 300th anniversary. Mr. Goldwater lauded the Mayor's years-long aid to UJA "as one of our most devoted associates and sincerest volunteer leaders."

DETROIT'S ALLIED JEWISH DRIVE CLOSES WITH \$4,640,000; SURPASSES 1963

DETROIT, May 14. (JTA) -- Detroit's 1964 Allied Jewish Campaign officially closed last night with a resounding \$4,640,000 in pledges to surpass the 1963 total, it was announced at a victory dinner by campaign chairman Charles H. Gershenson and co-chairman Abraham Borman. Dore Schary, writer, director and producer and national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, was the speaker.

Mr. Gershenson, in announcing the amount pledged, paid tribute to the efforts of the pre-campaign division chairmen, Irwin Green and A. Alfred Taubman, and vice-chairman Arthur Howard, for raising the lion's share. Late-arriving pledges, Mr. Gershenson predicted, are expected to boost the final figure to more than \$4,740,000. In 1963, \$4,550,000 was raised.

Hyman Safran, president of the Jewish Welfare Federation, paid tribute to Gershenson and Borman and the campaign army of more than 2,800 workers, and also cited Isidore Sobeloff, executive vice-chairman, and William Avrunin, associate director, for professional direction. Mr. Safran lauded Mr. Sobeloff for his administrative leadership in community planning. Mr. Sobeloff is leaving Detroit next September to become executive director of the Los Angeles Federation-Council. Immediate past president of the Detroit Federation is Max M. Fisher, current national co-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

PITTSBURGH FEDERATION REPORTS RAISING \$1,551,178; CLOSES 1964 DRIVE

PITTSBURGH, May 14. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh closed its 1964 campaign last night with a total of \$1,551,178, an amount in excess of the total \$1,543,872 raised in 1963.

General campaign chairman Leonard H. Rudolph, in addressing the assembled 250 campaign workers at the finale held at the Green Oaks Country Club, congratulated them for helping Pittsburgh become the first major city in the United States to finish its campaign with an increase over last year's achievements.

You have successfully inaugurated new campaign methods and techniques," he said, "which will set the pattern for years to come." Robert I. Hiller is executive director of the UJF and James D. Bronner served as campaign director.

5,000 JEWS FROM UNITED STATES AND CANADA SETTLED IN ISRAEL IN 1963

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- Shlomo Zalman Shragai, head of the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency, told a press conference here today that 5,000 Jews from the United States and Canada settled in Israel in 1963. He reported that with the industrialization of Israel there is a shortage of 40,000 skilled workers who can come from the free lands.

While, until now, the emphasis has been on bringing Jews from lands of oppression, the Immigration Department will now concentrate on bringing Jews from the prosperous countries, he stated. Special arrangements are being made for their absorption. He called for an American "Peace Corps" of skilled workers and scientists to help the industrial development of Israel.

AUSTRALIA AND ISRAEL REACH AGREEMENT ON EASING VISA REQUIREMENTS

MELBOURNE, May 14. (JTA) -- An agreement between Israel and Australia to abolish tourist and transit visas into Israel for Australian travelers, with reciprocal easing of such requirements for Israeli travelers to Australia was announced here today. The agreement goes into effect tomorrow.

Under the agreement, Israeli nationals holding valid Israeli passports, who want to visit Australia for no more than three months and whose entry to that country has been approved, can obtain visas without charge at any Australian Consular office. At the same time visitors to Israel, holding a valid Australian passport who wish to visit Israel for no more than three months will no longer have to get a visa before departing.

The agreement does not cover any visa issue governing temporary or permanent residence, the Israel consul, S. A. Naor, said. The new arrangement should stimulate tourism to Israel as Australian travelers will now be able to visit Israel on the spur of the moment from any part of the world.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL PRESENTS SEN. KENNEDY WITH 'JUDAISM AND PEACE AWARD'

WASHINGTON, May 14. (JTA) -- Senator Edward Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, was presented today with the Peace Award of the Synagogue Council of America, in a ceremony in his Senate office here. He accepted the award on behalf of the Kennedy family.

The award, formally known as the Judaism and Peace Award, was established in 1960 and was first presented to President Eisenhower. President Kennedy had been the candidate of the SCA for the award for 1964 before his tragic death. The award will henceforth be known as the John F. Kennedy Peace Award of the Synagogue Council of America.

In making the presentation, Rabbi Uri Miller, SCA president, cited the many achievements of the late President as he worked for a world of peace and order. The Award is an original bronze sculpture of Isaiah "Beating Sword into Plowshares" created by the artist Butinsky. The Hebrew word "Shalom" and its English translation are engraved on the statuette.

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES IN CHILE HOLDS SPECIAL SESSION HONORING ISRAEL

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 14. (JTA) -- The Chilean Chamber of Deputies held a special session today in honor of the 16th anniversary of Israel's independence which was attended by Israel Ambassador Naor. The Chilean Senate held a similar observance on May 5.

Speakers of all parties alluded to the persecutions of the Jews and lauded the progress of Israel in all fields in line with the principles of democracy and liberty. All speakers expressed hopes of peace for Israel.

Communist Deputy Rosales also denounced anti-Semitic persecution and voiced the hope that Israel and the Arab states would reach fraternal understanding. The Deputies sent their congratulations to President Zalman Shazar and the Knesset.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY PRESENTS ELIAHU ELATH WITH HONORARY DEGREE

DETROIT, Mich., May 14. (JTA) -- Eliahu Elath, president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was today given an honorary doctorate by Wayne State University here at a special convocation. Dr. Elath, who already has honorary degrees from Brandeis University and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, was Israel's first Ambassador to the United States in 1948.

IDA STERNO WHO RESCUED CHILDREN FROM NAZIS DIES IN BRUSSELS

BRUSSELS, May 14. (JTA) -- Ida Stern, a Jewish social worker well known for her wartime activities in the Jewish underground organization, the Committee for Jewish Defense, died here today of a heart attack. Using the alias, "Mademoiselle Jeanne," Miss Stern acted with exceptional courage and devotion in helping to save Jewish children from deportation and placing them with non-Jewish families or institutions.

She was arrested by the Gestapo in 1944 and imprisoned for four months at a camp in Malines but was saved from deportation with the liberation of Belgium by the Allies. Until her death, she had been in communication with many she had rescued.