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KHRUSHCHEV PROMISES NASSER TO 'MATCH' ARMS GIVEN BY WEST TO ISRAEL

LCNDON, May 21. (JTA) -- The Daily Telegraph reported today from Cairo that Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev had promised Arab leaders during the current visit to Egypt that the Soviet Union would more than match in supplies to the Arab countries any modern weapons given to Israel by the Western Powers. The United States, Britain and France were named specifically.

The Soviet Premier was understood to have specified that this promise applied particularly to aircraft, rockets and guided missiles.

The Soviet leader met yesterday with Ahmed Shukairy, the head of the recently formed "Palestine entity," allegedly representing the Palestinian Arab refugees. Shukairy told the Soviet Premier that the "Palestine Entity" regarded the "liberation" of Palestine from Israel as inevitable. Premier Khrushchev restated to Shukairy his earlier pledge of support for the Arab stand on the Palestine issue.

LCNDON REPORTS BLUEPRINT READY FOR DIVERTING JORDAN RIVER HEADWATERS

LCNDON, May 21. (JTA) -- The Arab plan to divert the tributaries of the Jordan River as a step to hamper Israel's tap of the river for its National Water Carrier project is now being implemented, Sadah Al Ahmed, the Kuwait Foreign Minister, asserted here today. He said that a special appropriation for the purpose was made after the Cairo summit meeting of heads of 13 Arab states last January.

Informed sources here said that Kuwait had paid to date at least 250,000 pounds sterling (\$700,000) for the first stage of the diversion project, which will cost an estimated 6,000,000 pounds (\$16,800,000). It was indicated that the diversion project has reached the blueprint stage in Arab capitals, but that no actual digging will start until a unified Arab military command is set up to prevent "any Israeli counteraction."

The Kuwait official, who came to London to discuss the Jordan River water issue, said that, in his talks with Sir Alec Douglas-Home, the Prime Minister, and Foreign Secretary R. A. Butler, he had not asked for assistance but only for British neutrality in the water dispute. It was pointed out here that neutrality was in fact the official British attitude, subject to the reservation that, if either side took military action, Britain would ask for United Nations intervention.

Egyptian Takes Case to Australia; Menzies Plans to Visit Israel

MELBOURNE, May 21. (JTA) -- Ali Sabri, Egyptian President Nasser's foreign adviser, arrived in Canberra today on his 15-nation mission to seek support for Arab opposition to Israel's National Water Carrier project.

His appearance in Australia was his fourth stop. He has already visited Cambodia, Thailand and Burma, and said that the Arab case had been received "with perception" only by Cambodia and Burma. He said he plans to present to Australian Prime Minister Robert Menzies the view that Israel's position in the Middle East is an "aggressive one," and that the Arab countries have decided to thwart Israel's plans to tap the Jordan River by "diverting the headwaters of the River."

Australian newspapers noted that the Prime Minister has already indicated his views toward Israel by scheduling a visit to Israel on June 16, the first such trip by an Australian Prime Minister.

GERMAN SOCIALIST PROMISES CONTINUED FIGHT AGAINST SCIENTISTS IN EGYPT

TEL AVIV, May 21. (JTA) -- The West German Social Democratic Party will present to the Parliament in Bonn a new bill designed to make it difficult for German scientists to continue working on Egypt's armament program, aimed at Israel, Prof. Karl Schmit, one of the German opposition party's topmost leaders, declared here today. Prof. Schmit is deputy chairman of the Bundestag, the lower house of West Germany's Parliament.

Noting that there is no bill dealing with the scientists in Egypt before the Bundestag now, Prof. Schmit said his party's draft measure, to be introduced in the fall, will force the Government and the other parties "at least to show their hands" on the issue. The Bonn

Government, which had introduced a bill on this problem into the Bundestag, withdrew its draft when a paragraph touching upon the passports held by the scientists in Egypt failed.

Professor Schmit, visiting here as a guest of ORT, expressed "deep regret" over the work of the German scientists in Egypt which, he said, could bring on another act of genocide. Legally, he said, nothing can be done by West Germany against those scientists. Even a bill aimed at them, he declared, could only place difficulties in their paths but could not entirely prevent German scientists from going to Egypt. However, he noted, no action whatever can be taken now, until next autumn.

In regard to German-Israeli relations, he said he favored normalization. "Relations may be good or bad," he stated, "but there must be relations." He added that, when the West Germany-Israeli Reparations Agreement expires next year, "there will be some sort of continuation that will lead to normalization."

In reply to a question on another point, he said he favored the extension of West Germany's statute of limitations to permit further trials of Nazi war criminals.

Golda Meir 'Shocked' By Plans to Halt Trials of Nazi War Criminals

JERUSALEM, May 21. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, said in Parliament today that it was "shocking" to think that some Nazi criminals would avoid punishment because of the expiration of the statute of limitations next year on prosecution of such criminals.

Replying to three motions concerning the May 1965 expiration date, Mrs. Meir added that Israel was not motivated by revenge in its insistence that all Nazi criminals be punished, but by the feeling that "mankind could not breathe" as long as Nazi criminals found refuge in other countries, such as Egypt. She added that those who had slaughtered Jews by the million in Europe "naturally find a safe refuge among those intending to perform similar deeds." When Mrs. Meir expressed objection to a plenum debate on the issue, the matter was referred to committee.

AUSCHWITZ TRIAL DEFENSE COUNSEL ACCUSES PROSECUTION WITNESS OF MURDERS

FRANKFURT, May 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Hans Laternser, chief defense attorney in the Auschwitz mass murder trial, asked the court today to call four witnesses to testify against a Polish prosecution witness who last Friday made a series of grave charges against a number of the 22 defendants.

After a lengthy legal wrangle between Dr. Laternser and the prosecution, Presiding Judge Hans Hofmeyer granted the request. On the strength of the testimony by Joseph Krall, a Polish survivor of the death camp, Hans Stark, 42, youngest of the defendants, was arrested in the courtroom last Friday for detention. He had been free on bail. Krall accused Stark not only of complicity in murder but also of having personally killed Auschwitz inmates.

Dr. Laternser, who has been associated with legal defenses of Nazi war criminals since the Nuremberg tribunals, told the court that his four witnesses would refute much of Krall's testimony and prove that Krall killed two men at Auschwitz. The defense attorney said that two of his four witnesses were relatives of Stefan Bandera, a Ukrainian nationalist leader assassinated by Soviet agents in Munich in 1959. Krall, on questions from Judge Hofmeyer, said he knew that two relatives of Bandera had been interned at Auschwitz but he insisted he had never seen them.

In further testimony today, Krall accused defendant Klaus Dylewski of having shot many Auschwitz inmates, and of having tortured and gassed many others. He also accused defendant Peri Brod of having taken part in gassing prisoners.

1964-65 KEREN KAYEMETH BUDGET EARMARKS 60% FOR AFFORESTATION PROJECTS

JERUSALEM, May 21. (JTA) -- The Keren Kayemeth (Jewish National Fund), set its 1964-65 budget at more than 52,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$17,000,000). Ambassador Yacov Tzur, board chairman of Keren Kayemeth in Jerusalem, noted today. (The JTA Daily News Bulletin of May 21 reported incorrectly, owing to a garbled transmission, that the budget had been voted by the World Zionist Organization's actions committee).

Ambassador Tzur said 60 per cent of the budget, set by the organization's permanent finance and budgetary committee, had been earmarked for afforestation, which will include the planting of 6,000,000 trees in various areas in Israel. Twenty per cent of the budget, he said, will be used for debt repayments.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS TO PICKET FAIR DESPITE PERMIT REFUSAL

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress announced today that it would go ahead with plans to picket the Jordanian Pavilion at the New York World's Fair next Monday despite the refusal of Robert Moses, president of the World's Fair Corporation, to grant a permit for such a demonstration. In announcing the decision of the AJC to proceed with the picketing, Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the organization, said that he would lead the demonstration accompanied by 12 national officers of the group. He said they would picket in an orderly manner in front of the pavilion.

EDUCATOR URGES TRIPLING OF JEWISH COMMUNITY FUNDS FOR JEWISH SCHOOLS

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 21. (JTA) -- A leader in Jewish education today urged Jewish communities to triple their allocations for Jewish schools to at least 30 per cent of the funds expended for all Jewish communal purposes.

In an address to the opening session of the 38th annual conference of the National Council for Jewish Education, Dr. Elazar Goelman, president of the organization and dean of Gratz College in Philadelphia, cited data showing that allocations by Jewish federations for Jewish education had been about nine and one-half per cent of the total funds received by local Jewish agencies from federations and community chest allocations during the past five years. He said the latest data showed that the budget for public schools represented well over 40 per cent of public expenditures in communities throughout the United States.

In a report on the enrollment in Jewish schools in the Greater New York area during the 1963-64 academic year, Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, executive vice-president of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, said that total enrollment in all types of Jewish schools in the area had increased to 144,876, as compared with 144,342 during the previous academic year. He said the overall figure did not include an estimated 10,000 children attending released time classes.

He noted that past experience had indicated that enrollment patterns in Jewish schools in New York City tended to be paralleled by enrollment in Jewish schools throughout the United States. He deplored the fact that "everyone gives lip service to the school, yet it is the weakest, most defenseless, most neglected organism, a convenient target of criticism and attack for our failures at home, in the synagogue and in the community."

WASHINGTON SEES PRESSURES FOR AMENDMENT ON SCHOOL PRAYERS RECEDING

WASHINGTON, May 21. (JTA) -- The possibility that Congress might be stamped into approving the proposed Becker constitutional amendment, which would void the Supreme Court ban on prayers in public schools, is diminishing informed sources on Capitol Hill said today.

Rep. Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat who is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee which is hearing testimony on the issue, expressed the belief that the tide had turned in the debate. He said "sober judgment is beginning to make itself felt." In addition, a number of Congressmen who initially supported and testified in favor of the amendment sponsored by Rep. Frank Becker, New York Republican, have changed their minds.

In continuing testimony, a number of Jewish spokesmen expressed opposition to all proposals to void the Supreme Court ruling. They included Rabbi Edward E. Klein of New York, testifying for the Central Conference of American Rabbis; and Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress.

Congressmen reported a noticeable change in the tone of their mail on the prayer issue. When the hearings began five weeks ago, mail was heavily in favor of such proposed amendments. Foes of the amendment contended that an organized, well-financed pro-amendment mail campaign was underway. But the testimony of the majority of witnesses for religious organizations--Jewish and Christian--as well as of legal experts has been strongly anti-amendment.

Dr. Prinz, now a rabbi in Newark, who had served as a rabbi in Berlin prior to World War II, told the Committee that religious instruction in German schools had failed to prevent the rise of Hitler and the excesses of Nazism. He disputed the position that public school prayer recitation and Bible-reading encouraged national or personal morality, a position he termed "false both in theory and practice."

Rabbi Klein stated: "The proposed amendment would not make children or their schools more religious or moral. Religion must be both taught and caught by precept and example in the home, in the synagogues and churches. Religion and the home must not look to the school to do their work. Prayer needs an atmosphere of solemnity and reverence. To make it a classroom exercise is to demean prayer and render it meaningless."

Professor Willard Heckel, dean of the Law School of Rutgers University, told the Committee today that the proposed amendments "should be resisted by all who are concerned about the preservation of freedom and individual rights." He warned that human freedom "will not last long if unpopular decisions of the Supreme Court can be overruled by constitutional amendments." Theodor Garsich, president of the North American division of the Seventh Day Adventists, warned that the proposed amendments "would tend to magnify religious differences" and carried the threat of religious strife.

AMERICAN JEWS START TWO DAYS OF PRAYER TODAY FOR RUSSIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- Jews throughout the United States will begin tomorrow a two-day period of prayer for Soviet Jewry. Twenty-four national Jewish organizations are sponsoring the prayer observance. The call for prayer days was issued by the Synagogue Council of America. The services will emphasize the denial to Soviet Jews of rights granted other religious groups by the Soviet Government.

PHILADELPHIA'S ALLIED JEWISH APPEAL RAISES \$4,411,238 IN 1964 DRIVE

PHILADELPHIA, May 21. (JTA) -- The 1964 Allied Jewish Appeal has raised a total of \$4,411,238, it was announced tonight by Leonard Goldfine, campaign general chairman, at the closing dinner of the drive. The 1964 campaign--the 26th such drive--was launched on March 4. It involved more than 10,000 volunteer solicitors and resulted in some 90,000 gifts.

Mr. Goldfine, in announcing the campaign's results to more than 300 community and campaign leaders, emphasized that while the drive has been formally concluded, it cannot be considered as ended until every pledge card has been covered and every contributor has been given the opportunity to make a gift.

Judge Nochem S. Winnet, president of the Federation of Jewish Agencies, sponsor of the Allied Jewish Appeal, announced that Jack F. Adler will succeed Mr. Goldfine as general chairman of the 1964 campaign. Mr. Adler had been advance gifts chairman.

ISRAELI OFFICIAL ANNOUNCES NEW SYSTEM TO HALT SCHOOL DROP-OUTS

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- Far-reaching changes will be introduced in Israel's school system beginning next term to speed integration and halt drop-outs among the children of Middle Eastern and North African families, who now number 55 per cent of the population. This was announced here today to the national executive committee of the National Council of Jewish Women by Eliezer Shmueli, director of the Post-Elementary School Authority in Israel's Ministry of Education.

Mr. Shmueli is one of 120 Israeli educators and welfare specialists who received graduate training in American universities, sponsored by fellowships provided by the Jewish women's educational and service organization. He addressed a noon session of the executive committee, whose four-day meeting at the Council's national headquarters opened yesterday.

One-third of Israel's 50 academic secondary schools will be transformed in the fall, declared Mr. Shmueli, into schools offering not only four-year matriculating diplomas for those going on to universities, but also less exacting four-year "finishing diplomas" for pupils who may enter business, the officer corps or other non-professional careers, and "practical" diplomas after two or three years of vocational study for pupils who will go on to office work, banking, accounting, nursing and technical fields.

The official explained that this plan is expected to benefit the 50 per cent of children who now drop out of academic secondary schools because "at least the child will be able to graduate and won't suffer the stigma of failure." "He will be able to go to work, too, for which he is not now prepared after dropping out of an academic course," added Mr. Shmueli. "This will be important to Israel's economy, which is badly in need of skilled and semi-skilled workers."

N. J. LEGISLATURE DEFEATS SLAUGHTER BILL THREATENING KASHRUTH

TRENTON, N. J., May 21. (JTA) -- The Assembly of the New Jersey Legislature has defeated a so-called "humane slaughter" bill which, if enacted, would have affected shechita in the State of New Jersey and might have affected the supply of kosher meats to New York City, whose markets are almost entirely dependent on the output of slaughter houses in this state.

The bill was introduced in the Legislature early during the current session by Assemblyman Robert Berglund, of Burlington County, and John W. Davis, of Salem County. For months, while Jewish organizations were protesting against enactment of the measure, the Assembly's committee dealing with the issue held no hearings. Finally, a hearing was scheduled for last Monday--which was the second day of Shevuoth, when a demand was made that the session be adjourned because it conflicted with a Jewish holiday.

The hearing was adjourned, but the two sponsors of the bill suddenly decided to bring it to the floor of the Assembly for a vote. In that ballot, the bill was defeated 27 to 19. The measure would have prohibited shackling and hoisting of animals, on the grounds that such practices were "inhumane."

100,000 JEWISH DISPLACED PERSONS SETTLED IN NEW YORK IN 15 YEARS

NEW YORK, May 21. (JTA) -- Some 100,000 Jewish displaced persons and refugees have been settled in New York City since July 1949, when the New York Association for New Americans was organized as an immigrant aid agency by the United Jewish Appeal, it was reported today at NYANA's 15th annual meeting here. Martin Kleinbard was elected president of the New York Association for New Americans, succeeding J. Clarence Davies, Jr., who was chosen chairman of the executive board.

DENVER JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER CONTINUES SABBATH CLOSING POLICY

DENVER, May 21. (JTA) -- The board of directors of the Jewish Community Center here has voted to continue the present policy of keeping the Center closed on Saturdays.

The issue of opening the Center on the Sabbath or keeping it closed has agitated the Denver Jewish community for some time. The Rabbinical Council of Denver has recently requested that the Sabbath closure policy be maintained. The vote by the Center board has resolved that issue.