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ESHKOL TO ARRIVE IN U.S.A. SUNDAY; SEEKS NO AMERICAN MILITARY AID

WASHINGTON, May 28: (JTA) -- No specific requests for any form of military aid for Israel is on the agenda for the talks which will take place here next week between President Johnson and Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, it was revealed here today by U.S. Government officials. Mr. Eshkol is arriving in the United States on Sunday.

The officials expressed the view that Israel's security was not a matter of urgent worry in Washington, although Israel's safety was of general concern. The opinion was also expressed that, at this time, Israeli defense forces will continue to maintain superiority over any combination of Arab forces in the foreseeable future. The conviction of official Washington is that the Arabs recognize Israel's superior military strength and also the American commitment to prevent aggression.

Note was taken in official Washington that Soviet Premier Khrushchev made no actual threats in Cairo of military action against Israel. The Cairo communique did not disclose new arms shipments to Egypt, although it did not preclude this, the officials commented. They said that rocket development in Egypt has not yet reached the point where a real threat to Israel exists.

The United States can do little about the work of German technicians in Egypt because it had inadequate influence with Nasser in this connection, the officials declared. They expressed the belief that, as long as an approximate power balance exists, no Arab-Israel conflict is likely. However, they conceded that a pronounced imbalance would bring a war risk.

Asked about American action in the event of aggression, the officials said the specific reaction would be determined by the President. They pointed out that the Kennedy statement on Israel and Arab security has been reiterated by President Johnson, and applies to both Arabs and Israelis.

Washington Considers Talks on Jordan Waters Unnecessary

No talks are considered necessary here on the Jordan water question, because of continuous contact between the two Governments. The U.S. position is that diversion should be in accordance with the Johnston plan. If the Arabs attempt a diversion beyond the Johnston plan, the United States would be opposed.

Nuclear desalination, a new concept, will be economical with time and research, the officials said. No special problems on this research are pending at the moment. Authorities expect the Eshkol talks in Washington will cover problems of mutual interest and, no doubt, will include desalination, Israeli security, and the fate of the Arab refugees.

The purpose of the Eshkol visit, the officials said, was in line with the American desire to promote understanding between world leaders. No emergency exists. The visit, however, is regarded as important, since it is the first official visit of an Israeli Prime Minister. No specific objectives are seen. The United States Government has long been concerned with the issue of Mid-Eastern peace. The Government feels exchanges are useful to clarify issues bearing on this problem.

The officials stressed that a source of special gratification to the United States has been the stability of Israel, and the wisdom and moderation of her leaders. They recalled that the United States helped Israel through substantial economic aid. They indicated that the United States is aware of Israel's difficulties, including her high defense expenditures, acute water problem, assimilation of immigrants and deficits in Israel's trade balance.

President Johnson to Confer with Eshkol; Rusk to be Substituted

President Johnson will, as scheduled, be on hand for his planned personal talks with Mr. Eshkol. But, because of a crisis conference to be held at Honolulu next week, to deal with the Southeast Asia situation, neither Secretary of State Dean Rusk nor Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara will be here to meet with the Israeli Prime Minister.

A meeting scheduled to be held Tuesday between Mr. Eshkol and Mr. Rusk will, instead, be attended on the United States side by Undersecretary of State George W. Ball. He has been designated Acting Secretary of State during Mr. Rusk's absence.

A high-ranking member of the Defense Department will substitute for Mr. McNamara at another of the scheduled Eshkol meetings. However, many of the high-ranking members

of the Defense set-up, including Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will also be in Honolulu for the crisis talks there.

United Jewish Appeal to Tender Dinner to Eshkol in New York

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol of Israel, and Mrs. Eshkol, will be guests of honor at a dinner of the United Jewish Appeal's national campaign cabinet, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here, on June 3, it was announced by Joseph Meyerhoff, the UJA general chairman.

The UJA cabinet dinner will be the first major Jewish function Mr. Eshkol is scheduled to attend while in New York. Mr. Eshkol, Mr. Meyerhoff, Max M. Fisher, associate general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, will speak at the dinner. A dinner for Premier and Mrs. Eshkol will also be tendered by the Israel Bond Organization here, on June 6.

STATE DEPT. CRITICIZED IN CONGRESS FOR \$40,000,000 LOAN TO NASSER

WASHINGTON, May 28. (JTA) -- Sharp criticism against the United States role in the grant of a \$40,000,000 standby loan from the International Monetary Fund to Egypt this week was voiced here in both branches of Congress today.

In the House of Representatives, Congressman Seymour Halpern, New York Republican and ranking member of his party on the House Subcommittee on International Finance, called for an investigation as to whether IMF rules had been violated by reported State Department pressure for granting the loan to Egypt on unusually liberal terms. In an address on the House floor, he expressed doubt as to whether the legal provisions pertaining to IMF loans permitted the granting of the loan under the circumstances reported.

In the Senate, Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, charged in a speech on the upper chamber floor that the U.S. pressures on the IMF were a "virtual endorsement of Nasser's policies of Arab expansionism." He deplored what he said was State Department haste to appease Nasser, contrasting this action with the Department's failure to help meet Israel's defense needs.

Meanwhile, the State Department denied that it had exerted pressures for the grant of the loan which, reportedly, had been opposed by America's West European allies in the IMF as well as by the U.S. Treasury. A spokesman for the State Department said: "At no time did the Department exert any pressure on the International Monetary Fund or interject political considerations into the negotiations leading to the standby agreement between the IMF and the United Arab Republic."

The Fund's action was taken despite an IMF rule which forbids such loans unless the borrowing country adopts strict internal fiscal policies to strengthen its currency, halt inflation and improve its international balance of payments. Egypt, it was pointed out by the West European members of the IMF, has done none of these things. However, under the decisive role played by the Department of State, the loan was voted, according to reports.

It was pointed out here today that the loan comes at a time when Premier Khrushchev, of the USSR, had just offered Egypt a new line of credit for a total of \$277,000,000, in addition to the Soviet Union's previous grants totaling \$1,500,000,000 in military aid and economic assistance. It was also noted that the IMF put through the loan just prior to the official visit to be paid here, beginning Monday, by Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol as a state guest of President Johnson.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE LEADER TESTIFIES AGAINST PRAYERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, May 28: (JTA) -- Another spokesman for a section of organized Jewry, Rabbi Harry Halpern, of Brooklyn, representing the United Synagogue of America, central body of Conservative Congregations, told the House Judiciary Committee here that no constitutional amendments permitting school prayers and Bible-reading are necessary.

Rabbi Halpern, speaking for the Conservative movement, told the committee, headed by Congressman Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, that there is no need for alteration of the U.S. Constitution in such a way as to overturn the Supreme Court's ban against school prayers and Bible reading.

(In New York, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher rebbe, issued another statement today, reiterating his position, favoring the voicing by school pupils of a non-denominational prayer, but opposing Bible-reading in the public schools.)

Congressman Celler, opening the sixth week of hearings on 147 pending amendments intended to override the Supreme Court's rulings on this issue, said he was sure "the tide has turned" and all of the proposed amendments would fail.

SWASTIKAS SMEARED ON WALLS OF MELBOURNE JEWISH NATIONAL LIBRARY

MELBOURNE, May 28; (JTA) -- Another incident of anti-Semitic vandalism was registered here today when swastikas were found daubed on the walls of the Kadimah Jewish National Library here. Police began an investigation.

Several weeks ago, Nazi leaflets were distributed here and in Sydney during the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt and the walls of a building housing the Melbourne Jewish newspaper were daubed with anti-Semitic inscriptions and a window in the building was broken.

MIAMI'S COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL RAISES \$1,393,500; EXCEEDS GOAL

MIAMI, May 28; (JTA) -- Announcement that the 1964 Combined Jewish Appeal had gone over the top raising \$1,393,500, over \$7,000 above its goal, and the re-election of Sidney Lefcourt for a third term as president of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, highlighted the 26th annual meeting held at the Fontainebleu Hotel.

Over 500 leaders of Federation and Combined Jewish Appeal were present at the event to hear Mr. Lefcourt praise the successful campaign and the growth of the Federation as the central instrument for the budget, planning, and fund-raising needs of the Greater Miami Jewish community.

In a special ceremony over 40 members were installed in the Golden Menorah Club and over 200 members installed in the Silver Menorah Club, recognizing contributions of over \$5,000 and \$1,000, respectively, to the 1964 Combined Jewish Appeal. Special presentation of a hand-crafted sterling silver spice box was presented to the campaign chairman by Mr. Lefcourt.

CINCINNATI JEWISH WELFARE FUND EXPECTS \$1,146,000 IN 1964 DRIVE

CINCINNATI, Jan. 28; (JTA) -- An estimated \$1,146,000 should be available for distribution to beneficiaries of the Cincinnati Jewish Welfare Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1964, Robert D. Stern, campaign chairman, told the JNF board of directors at its meeting today.

"Based on careful and conservative evaluation of cards still outstanding, we expect to top last year's total of \$1,128,503 by approximately \$17,500, Mr. Stern added. He noted that the estimates were given at this time to enable the budget review committees to begin work now on the anticipated programs and needs of JWF's beneficiaries.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN MONTANA REACHES END; SENDS ITS FUND TO U. J. A.

LOS ANGELES, May 28; (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal here has received a check for \$2,674.79 marking the virtual death of a far Western Jewish community which flourished for nearly a century.

The check had been sent by Norman Winevine, of Helena, Montana, UJA state chairman for the State of Montana. With the check came a letter explaining that the money represented the liquidated funds of the Ladies Auxiliary of Helena's Temple Emanuel, closed out by the women's organization because the city no longer has a Jewish community or a temple.

"It is with considerable sadness that I remit the enclosed check," Mr. Winevine wrote. "We have had Jewish religious services in Helena since the first white man panned gold in Last Chance Gulch. In 1891 a handsome Temple was built, and was maintained for 30 or 35 years. At various times the Ladies Auxiliary of Temple Emanuel raised funds for the repair and decoration of the temple. But with the decline of the Jewish community in this city, the funds can no longer be used for this purpose. We are therefore enclosing the entire balance of the Temple Fund. We know it will be thoughtfully spent in the rescue and rehabilitation of our Jewish brethren wherever emergencies exist."

Jewish population statistics show that there were 2,500 Jews in Montana in 1905, about 1,500 in 1907, and 700 last year, about half of these in Butte and Billings.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CONFERS 89 DEGREES

NEW YORK, May 28; (JTA) -- Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University held its sixth annual commencement exercises today, conferring 89 degrees. Of the total, four were degrees of Doctor of Philosophy, granted by the Sue Golding Graduate Division of Medical Sciences. The remaining 85 were degrees of doctor of medicine.

CENTER OF JEWISH DOCUMENTATION OPENED IN BUENOS AIRES INSTITUTION

BUENOS AIRES, May 28; (JTA) -- A Center of Jewish Documentation, intended to serve the Jewish community in this country, was dedicated here at the Sociedad Hebraica Argentina. The center is being co-sponsored by the society and the American Jewish Committee.

CLEVELAND JEWISH LEADERS TESTIFY ON CIVIL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION

CLEVELAND, May 28. (JTA) -- Religious and secular leaders of the Cleveland Jewish community joined in a presentation on civil rights before the Board of Education, urging creative steps to combat de facto segregation in the public schools.

As a result, the School Board suggested further consultations on the problem with representatives of the Greater Cleveland Conference on Religion and Race, the only time in the hearings that school board officials made such a suggestion. The Jewish Community Federation and the newly established Cleveland Board of Rabbis joined with the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and the Cleveland Area Church Federation, the central Protestant organization, in the presentation this week.

Rabbi Alan S. Green presented the Jewish viewpoint, with Father Edward J. Camile giving the Catholic stand and Rev. B.B. Whittemore speaking for the Protestants. All three also appeared as representatives of the Conference on Religion and Race.

U. S. LABCR ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OPENS 60TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

PHILADELPHIA, May 28; (JTA) -- A warning to the effect that the Zionist movement must now devote as much attention to the cultural survival of the American Jewish community as it gives to the support of Israel was voiced here tonight by Dr. Ezra Spicehandler, chairman of the national council of the Labor Zionist Organization of America-Poale Zion.

Addressing 300 delegates at the opening session of the 60th anniversary convention of the LZO, Dr. Spicehandler, who is professor of Hebrew at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, at Cincinnati, said that the sensitive American Jew faces only two alternatives--immigration to Israel "or a superhuman effort to build a strong Jewish communal consciousness in the Diaspora."

"Only by concentrated effort in the areas of Jewish education, community structuring and cultural development, can American Jewry hope to continue as a Jewish community," he emphasized. Appealing to all American Jews, "secularists or religionists, Hebraists or Yiddishists," he said, "You who are concerned with the statistics of intermarriage, the loss of a sense of Jewish particularity--join our ranks; help us to better the community, the schools, the culture which will guarantee Jewish survival."

FEDERATION OF JEWS FROM CENTRAL EUROPE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Curt C. Silberman of West Orange, N.J., was today re-elected president of the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe at the organization's annual meeting. The Federation, which is a cofounder of the Council of Jews from Germany, is actively involved in the field of restitution and indemnification. Dr. Silberman just returned from Europe where he addressed the Committee on Restitution of the West German Parliament on behalf of the Nazi victims residing in the United States.

Herbert Seeliger, who until his emigration from Germany in 1940 had been Secretary General of the Jewish Community of Berlin and member of the executive board of the National Council of Jews in Germany, has been appointed executive director of the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe. He succeeds Herman Muller, who has held the position of executive vice-president of the Federation for more than 20 years.

ANSWERS TO BEN-GURION ON 'WHO IS A JEW' TO BE PUBLISHED IN U. S.

NEW YORK, May 28. (JTA) -- Forty-four responses by Jewish intellectuals throughout the world to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's letter asking for their definitions of "Who is a Jew" will be published in a book, "Jewish Identity," of which Baruch Litvin, Orthodox Jewish leader in Mount Clemens, is editor.

Among those whose replies are to be published are the late Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog, the late Rabbi Y.L. Maimon, Israeli Chief Army Chaplain Rabbi Solomon Goren, Israel Supreme Court Justice Moshe Silberg, Justice Haim Cohen, Dr. Joseph Soloveitchik, American Orthodox rabbinical leader; the Lubavitcher Rebbe Menahem Schneerson; Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Dr. Solomon Freehof, Reform rabbinical leader; the late Prof. Yeheskel Kaufmann, Prof. Hugo S. Bergman, Prof. Ernst Simon, Prof. Harry A. Wolfson, the late Prof. Saul Lieberman, Prof. Abraham Heschel, Dr. Mordecai Kaplan, Sir Leon Simon, Y. Agnon and others.

JEWISH LEADER IN CURACAO DEAD; SERVED AS CONSUL FOR SWEDEN, GUATEMALA

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, May 28. (JTA) -- Jose Maduro, a prominent Jewish banker, died here at the age of 71. He served as consul here for the governments of Sweden and Guatemala. Mr. Maduro was the founder 12 years ago of the world-famous midget town known as Madurodam in The Hague in commemoration of his son, George, who was killed in 1940 in Holland during the Nazi invasion.