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ISRAEL DOES NOT INTEND TO SEEK NUCLEAR ARMS, ESHKOL SAYS IN PARIS

PARIS, July 1. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol of Israel, asserted here today that Israel has no intention of equipping itself with nuclear arms, and expressed the hope that atomic weapons will never reach the Middle East.

Israel, he said, will not be the first country in the region to possess nuclear weapons, "not only because these weapons are too expensive but also because the conventional arms now in the Middle East are already deadly and dastardly enough."

The Israeli Premier, here on a 12-day visit, made these statements at a luncheon tendered in his honor by the Association of French Diplomatic Correspondents and the Foreign Press Association. Earlier, he was received by Jacques Chaban Delmas, president of the French National Assembly, and was the guest of the Franco-Israeli Parliamentary Friendship Committee.

Last night he met for more than an hour with Pierre Messmer, French Minister of the Armies, and other top-ranking French Government defense officials, finding them "most understanding of Israel's problems and needs."

At the press luncheon, Mr. Eshkol, who had been asked what concessions Israel was prepared to make in order to reach a settlement with the Arab states, replied: "I am certain that the day will come when the Arabs will recognize Israel, as other nations in the area have done; I do not think that peace can be furthered by making concessions. Israel already occupies only one-fourth of the area of the original mandate granted by the League of Nations to Britain in Palestine--which was four times larger than the State of Israel."

"What Israel is prepared to offer the Arabs," he added, "is her friendship and her technical assistance." He challenged the Arab states to "a peaceful competition under which Israel and her neighbors would compete on such projects as the desalination of sea water--rather than in an arms race."

In reply to another question about Israel's regional aspirations, he said: "The best would be a peace treaty. Should this not be possible, we would be ready to sign a non-aggression treaty and to promote regional disarmament." More than 100 French and foreign journalists attended the luncheon, as well as Jean Bourdelle, French Ambassador to Israel, and senior officials of the French Government.

Eshkol Would Be Ready to Meet with Khrushchev

One of the journalists asked Mr. Eshkol whether he planned to visit the Soviet Union and meet there with Premier Nikita Khrushchev. He replied:

"I am prepared to meet with the Soviet Prime Minister at any time and in any place, especially in the Soviet Union; I would take such an opportunity to try to convince him that Israel is neither an imperialistic nor a colonialistic state. I would also discuss with him the situation of Soviet Jewry, for whom I would seek equal cultural and religious rights; I would also raise the problem of the emigration of Soviet Jews who desire to do so for purposes of reunification with their families--one of the most tragic problems."

In his opening remarks at the luncheon, Mr. Eshkol told his audience that "friendship with France is the cornerstone upon which Israel's foreign policy rests." He said he was "deeply touched by the friendship shown by the entire French nation, symbolized by the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister and other members of the Government with whom I had the honor to meet."

French Defense Minister Shows Understanding for Israel's Security

The mutual Franco-Israeli "understanding" of Israel's current defense posture emerged as a result of last night's conference between Mr. Eshkol, who holds Israel's Defense Ministry portfolio in addition to the Premiership, and M. Messmer, French Minister for the Armies.

Without discussing the results of that conference in detail, publicly, Mr. Eshkol told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the discussion with M. Messmer was "highly satisfactory." Tonight Mr. Eshkol was the host at a dinner he gave in honor of members of the French Cabinet, leading members of the National Assembly and other public figures.

SOVIET EMBASSY IGNORES REQUEST OF JEWISH COMMUNITY IN COPENHAGEN

COPENHAGEN, July 1. (JTA) -- The Copenhagen Jewish Community Board has been ignored by the Soviet Embassy here, after it requested an opportunity for a personal interview with Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, to discuss the situation of Russian Jewry, it was revealed here today.

The request was made prior to Mr. Khrushchev's visit to Denmark, but the Soviet Embassy never replied, it was stated by the Board. Since its request had been ignored, the Board today made public the contents of its letter to the USSR Embassy. In that letter, the Board expressed its "anxiety" and "uneasiness" over the Soviet Government's anti-Jewish discriminations, citing religious and cultural discriminations against Russian Jews; the publication by the Ukrainian Academy of Science of the anti-Semitic book, "Judaism Without Embellishment"; and the closure of many synagogues in the Soviet Union.

The letter also noted that the cultural cooperation agreement signed in 1963 between Denmark and the Soviet Union explicitly bound the two countries to contribute to unhampered development of cultural ties between them. The Board, in its letter, stressed the importance which the Soviet Jewish question has in the area of cultural ties between them. The Board, in its letter, stressed the importance which the Soviet Jewish question has in the area of cultural ties between Denmark and the USSR.

AUSTRIA ACQUITS GESTAPO OFFICER WHO ARRESTED ANNE FRANK IN AMSTERDAM

VIENNA, July 1. (JTA) -- Karl Silberbauer, the Austrian former Gestapo officer who arrested Anne Frank and her family in Nazi occupied Amsterdam in 1944, and who has been serving since the war as a police inspector here, was today acquitted by a disciplinary police court but was discharged from his post by the Ministry of the Interior. He was granted full salary up to the time of his discharge.

The police court found that Silberbauer had "only obeyed orders" when he was arresting the Frank family and that he had done so "without malice." Silberbauer had been suspended from his post last November after he was identified by Simon Wiesenthal, a Jewish engineer and head of the Jewish Documentation Center in Vienna.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EUROMART COUNTRIES BECOMES EFFECTIVE

BRUSSELS, July 1. (JTA) -- The three-year trade agreement signed here last month between Israel and the European Common Market went into effect today. The pact provides tariff concessions for 21 agricultural and industrial products exported by Israel to the member states of the European Economic Community.

These states are France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg. The agreement is the second of its kind signed between the EEC and a non-member country.

ISRAEL ESTABLISHES NEW INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH CENTER; GETS U.N. AID

JERUSALEM, July 1. (JTA) -- The National Research and Development Council today announced the establishment of a new Industrial Research Center to be based at the Technion-Israeli Institute of Technology at Haifa, which will cost 14,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$4,666,666). The United Nations, according to the announcement, has contributed 5,000,000 pounds (\$1,666,666) toward the project.

In its announcement, the Council voiced sharp criticism of the state of Government-sponsored scientific research. According to the Council, the opportunities for scientists in Government-sponsored research here are inferior to those existing in academic institutions.

A survey conducted by the Council, it was also noted, has shown that only 13 per cent of the Israelis in the college age brackets have matriculated for higher studies, as against much higher percentages in countries like the United States, Yugoslavia and Norway. The survey pointed out that, whereas 60 per cent of the Jewish youth in the United States, in these age brackets, enroll in colleges, the Israeli ratio is only 13.5 per cent.

TEL AVIV COURT INCREASES SENTENCE OF OFFICIAL GUILTY OF TAKING BRIBE

TEL AVIV, July 1. (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv District Court today added another year to the one-year sentence imposed by Magistrates Court on Yehuda Spiegel, the former Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Health who was found guilty of taking a bribe in connection with new hospital construction here.

In his appeal from the sentence handed down by the Magistrates Court, Mr. Spiegel had claimed that the money he received was not a bribe but a contribution requested from engineers, architects and contractors for the construction of a yeshiva in the south. The District Court found him guilty, however, and imposed a severer sentence.

Mr. Spiegel, who may now appeal to the High Court, is a prominent leader of the National Religious Party. He is next in line on the party's Knesset list if any member resigns or dies.

WORLD ORT UNION MEETS IN GENEVA; DELEGATES FROM 20 COUNTRIES PRESENT

GENEVA, July 1. (JTA) -- Plans for the development and expansion of ORT's worldwide network of vocational schools were approved here today by the more than 50 delegates from 20 countries who attended the two-day semi-annual executive meeting of the World ORT Union.

Calling on members to increase their efforts, Daniel Mayer, chairman of ORT's executive committee, and president of the League of Rights of Man said that there was a need to provide "the most advanced technical training for Jewish youth in all the countries in which we operate."

Noting that ORT had a "moral obligation to put our 84 years of experience in vocational training at the disposal of developing countries," Mr. Mayer cited reports of programs undertaken in cooperation with the United States, Israel and Swiss governments and with the International Labor Organization.

Dr. William Haber, president of the central board of the World ORT Union, noted that ORT, with its varied student bodies, was particularly well suited to experiment with new teaching methods: "Two years ago we pioneered a program of instruction in Europe, and now the first courses are being used in our schools in France and Israel," he declared.

Evaluating ORT's worldwide programs, Dr. Max Braude, executive director, reported to the delegates that the organization's network was taxed by the growth in long-term training for young persons in the three- four- and five-year schools and by the continuing need to refrain adults in short-term courses. "With the thousands of North African repatriates in France and the continuing movement of refugees in many parts of the world," he declared, "we must increase our fund-raising efforts by 20 per cent this year to maintain our present level and standard of services."

ORT Warns of Critical Educational Needs Among Israel's Youth

NEW YORK, July 1; (JTA) -- A report made public today by the American ORT Federation estimates that between 40,000 and 50,000 youths of high school age in Israel are neither in school nor at work. These young people are "potentially Israel's greatest social danger unless they are brought within the range of opportunity for education and training for work," the report declared.

The report warned that 12,000 Algerian Jewish refugees who fled to France in recent years face a serious "skills deficit" which is impeding their absorption into the economic life of the country. It noted that, whereas 70 per cent of available jobs call for skills, surveys indicate that 70 per cent of the refugees "brought no skills with them that are adaptable to employment in France."

"During 1964 and for many years to come, the vocational training programs of ORT in France will be grappling with the problem of instructing thousands of these newcomers, fathers and sons alike, in the skills they must have to find work, support their families and rebuild their lives," the report declared. It announced that 40,129 persons received educational and economic assistance in 582 ORT training units during 1933. Since the end of the Second World War, ORT has taught trades to over 500,000 trainees.

With ORT programs conducted in 22 countries last year, the report noted that "this network comprises the largest non-governmental system of vocational education in the world." Major activities are centered in Israel, North Africa, Iran, Poland and Western Europe. A new training service for the Jews of Bombay was expanded. Exploratory surveys were conducted among the Falasha Jews of Ethiopia, and technical school scholarships were made available to young Jews in Greece.

ORT technical assistance projects in the West African countries of Guinea and Mali, conducted under contract of the U.S. Government, were expanded under terms of a new agreement that is scheduled to run until 1967. Another African training program located at the ORT Vocational Center at Nathanya, Israel, received students from 18 nations, the report stated.

Almost 10,000 persons completed training in ORT schools last year, according to the report, which stated that practically without exception, "all found immediate employment. Often students are spoken for even before they completed their schooling."

The rapid growth of vocational services in Israel was recorded in the report which noted that enrollment in these ORT schools has grown from 1,315 in 1949 to 18,903 in 1963. The report forecast a continuing upward spiral of Israel ORT training, with over 20,000 students expected to attend ORT vocational high schools, apprentice centers, adult courses, Yeshiva training plans and other services located in 31 Israeli cities and towns during 1964.

ORT services in 1963 cost \$8,602,772, the report discloses \$1,950,000 of this was received from the Joint Distribution Committee, out of United Jewish Appeal funds, and in part from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. Another \$1,065,000 resulted from the membership activities of Women's American ORT. The report notes that more than half of ORT funds is produced overseas, much of it in the countries of operation. A projection for 1964 anticipates a deficit of \$114,500.

2,000 POLICEMEN ASSIGNED IN ISRAEL FOR JABOTINSKY CEREMONIES

JERUSALEM, July 1; (JTA) -- About 2,000 policemen will be assigned for the three-day ceremonies which will mark the reinterment of Vladimir Jabotinsky's body when it reaches Israel from New York on July 7, it was reported here today.

When the remains arrive at Lydda Airport, the Israel Defense Forces will be represented there by the top officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force. The commander of the Jerusalem District will represent the Defense Forces at the last phase of the funeral, while a military company will provide a guard of honor at the cemetery; Israel girl soldiers will place a wreath on the graves of Mr. and Mrs. Jabotinsky.

WORLD'S FAIR REJECTS N.Y. CITY COUNCIL'S OBJECTION TO JORDAN MURAL

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- The controversy surrounding the anti-Israel mural on display in the Jordan Pavilion at the World's Fair continued today. The Fair's directors issued a statement terming as "ill-advised" a resolution of the City Council calling for the immediate removal of the objectionable work of art.

In a two-page statement the Fair corporation said that what the Council was asking was "the suppression of free speech," and that it should reconsider. The American Jewish Congress termed the Fair Corporation's statement "hypocritical" and "arrogant."

JEWISH PHYSICIAN REPORTS CIRCUMCISION IS SAFEGUARD AGAINST CANCER

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1, (JTA) -- The view that circumcision is a safeguard against some forms of cancer and venereal disease was offered by Dr. Abraham Ravich of Florida, at the American Medical Association convention held here.

Dr. Ravich said that in 35 years of practice in Brooklyn he found a low rate of incidence of cancer of the cervix, prostate gland, bladder, penis and vagina among Jews as opposed to a much higher rate found among Gentiles. Dr. Ravich attributed this fact to the Jewish practice of circumcision.

Dr. Ravich told the JTA that he plans to approach the United Nations and the World Health Organization with a proposal to institute a worldwide educational program on circumcision which, he feels, will save hundreds of thousands of lives each year; This is the estimated number of people who die annually from cancer of the genito-urinary tract.

U. S. AWARDS YESHIVA UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR \$231,771 RESEARCH GRANT

NEW YORK, July 1. (JTA) -- The National Institutes of Health has awarded Dr. Herbert Goldstein, chairman of the Department of Special Education at Yeshiva University's Graduate School of Education, a five-year \$231,771 grant for a research project titled, "Psycho-Educational Research Specialists in Retardation," it was announced today.

The project is designed to develop educator research scientists who can work on the mental health problems of mentally retarded children in an educational setting, and evaluate and refine the program for such training. Four Fellows with educational backgrounds will be trained during the first year, with \$38,775 allocated from the grant.

MINNEAPOLIS TORAH ACADEMY PICKED BY UNIVERSITY AS EXPERIMENTAL SCHOOL

MINNEAPOLIS, July 1; (JTA) -- Torah Academy, a Hebrew day school founded here 20 years ago, has been selected by the University of Minnesota as an experimental school where new standards of teaching mathematics will be implemented, according to an announcement by Dr. Paul C. Rosenbloom, chief of the university's mathematics center.

The program is being financed primarily by the National Science Foundation in an effort to work out new methods for teaching science in elementary and high schools; Prof. Nathan Gottfried, of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, will supervise the new educational experiment, occupying an office in the Torah Academy's new building here. Rabbi Meier S. Eisemann is principal of Torah Academy.

AMERICAN-JEWISH SCIENTIST HONORED BY DUTCH UNIVERSITY; QUEEN PRESENT

AMSTERDAM, July 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Isaac Maurits Kolthoff, chief of the division of analytical chemistry at the University of Minnesota, has been awarded an honorary doctor's degree by the University of Gronigen. Prof. Kolthoff, who was born in Holland, was honored on the occasion of the 350th anniversary of the university. The ceremony was attended by Queen Juliana.

WILLIAM AUERBACH-LEVY, NOTED U.S. JEWISH CARRICATURIST, DIES AT 75

CSSINING, N.Y., July 1; (JTA) -- William Auerbach-Levy, noted American-Jewish caricaturist and artist, died here yesterday at the age of 75; For four decades, from 1910, he was one of the most popular caricaturists in the United States.

Born in Brest-Litovsk, Russia, he was brought to this country at the age of five, and grew up on New York's lower East Side. Mr. Auerbach-Levy was considered responsible for making caricature an integral part of the daily press in this country.