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DE GAULLE ASSURES ESHKOL OF FRENCH SUPPORT; CALLS ISRAEL AN ALLY

PARIS, July 2: (JTA) -- The Arab boycott against Israel, the long-dormant but irritating Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal against shipping to and from Israel, and the attitude of certain Western countries to Arab pressures and boycott, were among the principal topics discussed here between Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and French President Charles de Gaulle, it was revealed here today.

No official communique was issued after Mr. Eshkol's meeting for more than an hour with General de Gaulle, on Tuesday, but leading newspapers of the French press disclosed the contents of the talk today. (A communique was issued late today. See Page 2.)

General de Gaulle had assured the Israeli Premier, according to "Combat" the liberal daily, that "France will not sacrifice Israel for the sake of her interests in the Arab world." Constantly referring to Israel as "France's friend and ally," Gen. de Gaulle showed himself as in favor of the status quo in the Middle East. He told Mr. Eshkol that any change in the equilibrium in the region could provoke "a catastrophic chain reaction." He expressed his belief that France "could exert its influence to attempt to bring about the amelioration of Arab-Israeli relations."

Eshkol Reveals Talks on Franco-Israeli Cooperation in New Project

In an interview today with Le Monde, one of the country's leading newspapers, Mr. Eshkol revealed that the two statesmen also discussed Franco-Israeli scientific cooperation in a project for extracting minerals and other riches from deep sea waters. Mr. Eshkol discussed the same project in a separate conference with Prime Minister Georges Pompidou.

This proposed undertaking, it was emphasized in most authoritative sources, is entirely different from, but complementary with, the recent agreement signed between Israel and the United States. It was stressed that there is no conflict whatever between the U.S. - Israel undertaking for desalination of sea water and the proposal for French and Israeli cooperation aimed at extracting not only minerals, but also energy and foods as well from sea water.

So far advanced was this project said to be, that a number of Israeli experts are expected to arrive in France soon to advance the proposal. Not only the President, but the Prime Minister and Ministry of Defense here were reportedly enthusiastic about the plan.

Israel's status in official French circles was further underscored here yesterday when Mr. Eshkol met with Jacques Chaban Delmas, president of the National Assembly, and Lucien Neuwirth, chief administrative officer of the French Parliament. The latter met with Mr. Eshkol under the auspices of the Franco-Israeli Parliamentary Committee, which is headed by Parliament's vice-president, Raymond Schmittlin.

French Parliamentary Leaders Express Strong Sympathy with Israel

Both M. Neuwirth and M. Schmittlin toasted Israel's Premier warmly, the latter assuring Mr. Eshkol: "If certain unpleasant winds blow toward Israel from the desert, other, friendlier winds reach you from across the Mediterranean, which forms a bridge between us." The allusion was understood clearly to be a pledge of French aid in case of an Arab attack against Israel.

Responding to those toasts, Mr. Eshkol declared that the French Parliament was "the heart of hearts" of Franco-Israeli friendship. He restated Israel's determination to continue her close ties with the French Republic, declaring: "Our foreign policy is based on this premise."

Mr. Eshkol also met with leaders of the French Jewish community yesterday, and held a special press conference for the Jewish press in this country. The session with the French-Jewish leaders was held behind closed doors, with not even the names of the local participants being announced, at their request. Mr. Eshkol told the Jewish press later that he had criticized the lack of interest in Hebrew study among Jews in France. Mr. Eshkol noted that, out of 150 students taking Hebrew courses in French universities, not more than 10 per cent are Jews.

Appealing to the Jewish press here to help awaken Jewish consciousness in this country, Mr. Eshkol pledged the help of the Israel Government, the Jewish Agency and other bodies

dealing with Jewry outside Israel to aid such Jewish consciousness development in France. Today, Mr. Eshkol placed a wreath on the monument to the "Unknown Jewish Martyr" in the French capital, visited the local Jewish community, and met with various Jewish delegations, including one representing the many thousands of Jewish refugees from Algeria.

FRENCH COMMUNIQUE ON ESHKOL'S VISIT STRESSES CLOSE TIES WITH ISRAEL

PARIS, JULY 2: (JTA) -- For the first time in the history of close relations between France and Israel, the French Government tonight formally announced the closeness of the ties between the two governments. An official French Government communique was read by Information Minister Alain de Peyrefitte, in front of a national television hookup, declaring:

"The private visit which Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol is currently paying to Paris has been an opportunity to review the Mid-Eastern problems. It is evident that France, after a strained period, enjoys excellent relations with the Arab world. For France, this does not signify, however, that our friendship with the State of Israel should be weakened in any way whatsoever. On the contrary, we believe that the good relations which we have with both sides are of a nature to contribute to the maintenance of peace and of the status quo in the Middle East. This is also the aim of the other Western Powers."

The communique was issued following a meeting of the French Cabinet at the Elysee Palace, the official headquarters of the French President, with General Charles de Gaulle presiding. Government communiques are usually hand-written by the President of France himself.

Just prior to the issuance of the communique, Mr. Eshkol renewed his personal ties with noted Frenchmen whom he characterized as "old friends." They included Guy Mollet, Prime Minister of France during the 1956-57 period of the Suez-Sinai crisis; Christian Pineau, who was Foreign Minister then; and another member of the French Cabinet at the time, Albert Gazier. These were the men, it was pointed out, "who were responsible for destinies of France at the hour of Israel's peril" in 1956-57.

ESHKOL AND PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY HOLD 'NEIGHBORLY' TALK IN PARIS

PARIS, July 2: (JTA) -- Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Turkey's Prime Minister Ismet Inonu held a half-hour conference here last night, according to an announcement made today.

Both statesmen, each visiting this country, are occupying suites in the same hotel, the Bristol. Asked about the meeting, Mr. Eshkol described it as a "talk between heads of Governments of neighboring states who happen to be also neighbors at the same hotel." Accompanying Premier Inonu to the conference with Mr. Eshkol were his Foreign Minister, Feridoun Jamal Erkin; and Nichod Erim, chairman of the Turkish Parliament's foreign affairs committee. The latter is also Premier Inonu's son-in-law.

It was understood that, during the conference, one of the problems raised was the exchange of Ambassadors between Turkey and Israel. While relations between Turkey and Israel are very friendly, neither government has an Ambassador in the other country.

NASSER SAYS WAR WITH ISRAEL IS UNAVOIDABLE; ATTACKS WESTERN POWERS

LONDON, July 2: (JTA) -- President Nasser of Egypt said yesterday that war with Israel is inevitable because "the western countries are supporting Israel in her usurpation of Palestine."

Addressing the graduation exercises of the Egyptian Air Force Academy, he claimed that "the western countries are supplying Israel with all types of arms and are ignoring the rights of the Arab peoples of Palestine." He said the Arabs will never accept peace with Israel "unless it is based on justice." He added that "the war between ourselves and Israel cannot be avoided because Israel is the aggressor."

SYRIAN GUNS SET ISRAELI FIELDS ABLAZE; THREE ISRAELIS INJURED

TEL AVIV, July 2: (JTA) -- Three Israelis--one tractor driver and two patrolmen--were injured today when Syrian positions opened fire on Israeli fields in the Upper Galilee region. The fields were illuminated as a result of the use of phosphorus bullets. The Syrians also fired on a patrol car moving along its usual route. Several fields were set ablaze and destroyed.

Israelis returned machinegun fire. United Nations observers tried five times to obtain a cease-fire but each time arrangements were violated by the Syrians who renewed their firing. A complaint has been lodged by Israel with the Mixed Armistice Commission.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT PRESENTS DIPLOMAS TO GRADUATES OF DEFENSE COLLEGE

JERUSALEM, July 2: (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar presented diplomas today to the first 26 graduates of Israel's National Defense College which was established here a year ago.

SECRETARY OF STATE ADVOCATES LIBERALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION LAWS.

WASHINGTON, July 2. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk today told the House Immigration Subcommittee that the archaic and racist immigration laws were, in effect, official U. S. discrimination against more than half the world's population.

Mr. Rusk urged Congress to liberalize the laws, stating that they were "Indefensible from a foreign policy point of view." He called for enactment of the Administration's bill to eliminate the national origins quota system. The bill would end the ethnic bias now practiced, but would not permit any great increase in the overall number of immigrants.

Chairman Michael Feighan of the Subcommittee, Ohio Democrat, condemned President Johnson's request for liberalized immigration statutes, charging that the bill would amount to "usurpation" of Congressional authority by the Executive Branch. Jewish organizations are on record as demanding the liberalization of the existing immigration laws.

Secretary Rusk said that "we in the United States have learned to judge our fellow Americans on the basis of their ability, industry, intelligence, integrity and all the other factors which truly determine a man's value to society. We do not reflect this judgment of our fellow citizens when we hold to immigration laws which classify men according to national and geographic origins."

The quota system, established in the 1920's and perpetuated by the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, assigns the largest quotas to countries in Northern and Western Europe. The Administration bill would eliminate this system gradually, by reducing all established quotas by 20 percent annually for five years. Reductions would go into a worldwide "Pool" from which all immigration would be allocated by the fifth year.

Rep. John Dingell, Michigan Democrat, also denounced the quota system. He said "it is so unrealistic that two thirds of persons who do enter this country come in under special patch up laws which the Congress has passed."

JEWS GROUPS HAIL ENACTMENT BY CONGRESS OF CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- A resolution released today by the National Community Relations Advisory Council "hailed the enactment by Congress of the strong Civil Rights bill" and expressed the belief that the bill's strong bipartisan support reflects an emerging national consensus on the role of the Federal Government in civil rights.

The Council is a national coordinating body of six major national Jewish religious and civic organizations and 74 Jewish councils in cities throughout the United States. Its resolution called for prompt and full enforcement, and urged Congress to provide the appropriations required for implementation. The NCRAC warned that the "failure to move fast enough toward the conquest of discrimination gives rise to tactics of desperation."

REMAINS OF JABOTINSKY TO BE EXHUMED TODAY FOR REBURIAL IN ISRAEL.

NEW YORK, July 2. -- The remains of Vladimir Jabotinsky, late founder of the Zionist Revisionist movement, and of his wife Yohanna, will be exhumed tomorrow from their graves in Farmingdale, N. Y., for reinterment in Israel, it was announced here today by the National Committee for the Jabotinsky Memorial.

The remains will be brought to Riverside Memorial, Amsterdam Avenue and 76th Street, where the coffins will be on view Sunday. From there, a funeral procession will take place on Monday to the Young Israel Synagogue, 15 blocks away, where special memorial prayers will be rendered by a choir of the Cantors' Association of New York.

The remains will be flown by El Al Israel Airlines on Monday night to Paris, where Israel Premier Levi Eshkol, who is now in France on a 12 day visit, will meet the plane at Orly Airport. A special memorial service will be held at the airport. The plane will then proceed to Israel.

Premier Eshkol today was lauded at a press conference here by Dr. Eri Jabotinsky, the son of the late Zionist-Revisionist leader. Prof. Jabotinsky said that Premier Eshkol's decision to reinter Jabotinsky was taken despite the fact that the Israeli Premier and the Herut leader were bitter adversaries in the past. When asked if he was satisfied with the arrangements made by the Israel Government for the re-burial, he replied: "The arrangements satisfy the requirements of my father's will."

Major Zionist and Jewish organizations will participate in the funeral procession which will depart from the Riverside Chapel at 3:30 p. m. on Monday. The government of Israel will be represented at the memorial service by Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman. In the event that Ambassador Harman, who is at present in Israel, is unable to return in time, Israel will be represented by Ambassador Katriel Katz, Israel's Consul General in New York.

DUTCH GOVT. TO ESTABLISH CHAIR FOR TEACHING OF HEBREW AND YIDDISH

AMSTERDAM, July 2. (JTA) -- The Government of The Netherlands voted a grant today for the establishment, for the first time, of a chair at the University of Amsterdam for the teaching of modern Hebrew and Yiddish language and literature.

Under the grant, courses in these subjects will be offered at the university, beginning next fall. There will be one two-hour course weekly in modern Hebrew language and literature, and a one-hour course weekly in the Yiddish department. Both courses will be conducted by Dr. Leib Fuks, chairman of the university's division of Hebraica and Judaica.

Dr. Fuks, a ranking member of the university's library staff, is also director of the Rosenthaliana Library, one of the world's most valued Judaica-Hebraica collections, bequeathed to the institution by the late Baron G. Rosenthal. He said he expects a sizable enrollment in both the Hebrew and Yiddish courses, not only from Jews but also from Christian theological students.

HERITAGE FOUNDATION OF YIVO SEEKS \$10,000,000 FOR JEWISH RESEARCH

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- The YIVO Institute for Jewish research has launched a campaign to raise \$10,000,000 for the support and maintenance of the institution and to intensify research into all phases of Jewish life throughout the world. The money will be raised by the Institute's Heritage Foundation which is headed by Bernard Walzer, a New York industrialist. Appeals for gifts were sent out today to the friends and supporters of YIVO.

The Heritage Foundation drive is designed to make possible the continuance of the Institute's program which includes: the archives, containing over 2,000,000 documents of Jewish history and culture; the YIVO library of over 300,000 volumes that depict in detail the religious, historical, sociological, economic and literary aspects of Jewish existence over the last 500 years; the Institute's scientific and cultural publications and the many conferences, forums, lectures and exhibitions held each year by the Institute.

YIVO was founded in Vilna in 1925 and was moved to New York in 1940 to escape the Nazis. At present the Institute occupies a five-story building on upper Fifth Avenue. Among the many treasures housed there are books actually used by the famous Vilna Gaon, writings by Dr. Theodor Herzl, a tractate of the Rothschild Talmud written by Anshel Rothschild in 1822, and the original manuscripts of many celebrated Yiddish writers, poets and playwrights. The Institute's main purpose, according to Julius Borenstein, chairman of the executive committee, is "to give Jews--and the world--a better understanding of Jewish life, history and culture."

BLAUSTEIN REAPPOINTED MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT ADVISORY BODY ON OIL

WASHINGTON, July 2. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein of Baltimore has been reappointed by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall as a member of the National Petroleum Council which serves as advisor to the Federal Government on petroleum matters of national significance. Mr. Blaustein was a co-founder, with his father, the late Louis Blaustein, of the American Oil Company, and is a director of the Standard Oil Company (Indiana).

CONSERVATIVE RABBIS DEPART FOR STUDY OF ISRAEL LABOR INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- A group of Conservative rabbis left from Kennedy Airport for Israel today on a three-week tour under the auspices of Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor and Cooperatives.

The rabbis will participate in dialogues with the country's leading intellectuals, and will address town meetings in Israel's new development areas, meetings in factories and communal settlements, and assemblies of Israel's working and student youth. The purpose is to get a feeling of grass roots sentiment on cultural matters of mutual concern to the people of Israel and American Jewry.

ARCHBISHOP OF BOLOGNA LEADS ITALIAN PILGRIMS ON VISIT TO ISRAEL

ROME, July 2. (JTA) -- A group of 71 Italian pilgrims, led by the Archbishop of Bologna, Giacomo Cardinal Lercaro, left here today for Tel Aviv on the start of a nine-day visit. They will follow the itinerary used by Pope Paul VI during his visit to Israel and Jordan last January.

Prior to their departure from the Rome airport, the pilgrims were greeted by Israel's Ambassador to Italy, Maurice Fisher. Cardinal Lercaro is considered one of the leaders of Italy's progressive clergy, and is known to have hidden Jews from the Nazis during the war.

JACOB KATZMAN ELECTED GENERAL SECRETARY OF FARBAND; SUCCEEDS SEGAL

NEW YORK, July 2. (JTA) -- Jacob Katzman, of New York, was elected as general secretary of Farband-Labor Zionist Order, at a special meeting of its national executive committee held here. He succeeds the late Louis Segal, who had served in that capacity for the past 38 years. Mr. Katzman was born in Boston, and attended Boston University, Suffolk Law School, and the Hebrew Teachers College there.