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ESHKOL OPENS ISRAEL-AMERICAN TALKS IN JERUSALEM ON DESALINATION

JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA) -- Israeli and American experts convened here in Prime Minister Levi Eshkol's office today to open a lengthy series of conferences designed to implement a joint U.S.-Israel effort for increasing researches toward the use of nuclear energy for desalination of sea water. The initial meeting was attended by Mr. Eshkol and by Walworth Barbour, United States Ambassador to Israel;

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Eshkol reviewed Israel's needs for water, stressing the fact that, already, Israel is utilizing 85 per cent of the country's water resources. Underscoring American-Israel friendship, the Premier voiced the hope that the joint committee will "find a harmonious way to proceed speedily to its goal;" Israel, he declared, has "sufficient manpower to contribute" to the joint project.

Mr. Eshkol praised President Johnson, not only for entering the agreement for the formation of the current joint committee, but also for his initiative in convening, this year, the International Conference on Desalination. That conference, said Mr. Eshkol, "will benefit all of mankind;" He recalled that when he conferred with President Johnson in Washington last month, it was agreed that experience to be gained from the U.S.-Israel project will be placed at the disposal of all countries throughout the world;

The joint committee is expected to continue the present stage of its discussions until about the middle of next month. Among the items on the agenda are determination of the type of nuclear reactor to be employed in the desalination research, and on the choice of a site in Israel for that reactor.

U.N. BODY COMPLETES STUDY ON LAND OWNED BY ARAB REFUGEES IN ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 27 (JTA) -- Arab refugees own 453,000 parcels of "immovable property" in Israel, spread out over an area of more than 5,000,000 acres, about 50 per cent of the area being in the Negev Desert, the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission announced here today.

The PCC has been conducting for 10 years a study trying to identify and evaluate the refugee-owned real estate in Israel. According to the PCC, the Government of Israel has given the U.N. its fullest cooperation in the study.

No announcement was made of the value of the property. However, the PCC noted that the valuation will be made on the basis of the market worth of the property as of November 29, 1947. That was the date the General Assembly voted its Palestine partition plan, which was rejected by the Arab states. The valuations will be based on the British Mandate of Palestine pound which, as of the 1947 date, was worth \$4.03.

In making the announcement, the PCC noted that the General Assembly had instructed it in 1950 to "make such arrangements as it may consider necessary for the assessment and payment of compensation" for certain Arab properties which the Arab refugees say they abandoned in Israel. In 1951, Israel had agreed, according to the PCC, "to contribute to the settlement of the question of compensation for Arab property abandoned in its territory."

A special PCC staff has been at work on the identification and valuation task. While some of the work was done at U.N. Headquarters, data had been obtained from many official sources, including archives and tax rolls of the British Mandatory administration as well as data held by refugees in the Gaza Strip, Jordan and Syria.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT DECLARES ARAB GROUP ILLEGAL; ORDERS ITS DISSOLUTION

HAIFA, July 27 (JTA) -- The Israel Government yesterday notified Al Ard, a leftist, Arab nationalist group, that it is considered an illegal organization and that its heads would be prosecuted unless they dissolved the group. According to a Government spokesman, the "real aims" of Al Ard were "to bring about the elimination of Israel as a state;"

NASSER'S WAR PLAN AGAINST ISRAEL REVEALED BY BRITISH CORRESPONDENT

NEW YORK, July 27 (JTA) -- The British Government is "increasingly concerned" over Nasser's four-pronged campaign for the destruction of Israel, Terrence Prittie, diplomatic correspondent for "The Guardian," a British newspaper, reports in the August issue of "The Atlantic Monthly."

In the article entitled, "Bombshop in the Nile: Target Israel," Mr. Prittie says the four main features of Nasser's campaign are the removal of the British from military bases in Aden, Cyprus and Libya; the building of his conventional arms strength; a crash program to produce ground-to-ground rockets; and production of weapons of genocide of both nuclear and subnuclear types.

The correspondent says that in conventional arms today Egypt has superiority over Israel, but he points out that "two wars against Israel have convinced Nasser that the Egyptians man for man are no match for the Israelis. Therefore even an immense superiority in conventional weapons and in manpower (the population of Egypt is ten times that of Israel) would not guarantee victory in a third war."

"This is why the Egyptians with the vital help of West German and other foreign scientists and technicians have been working on a crash program for the production of long and medium range rockets at their factory 333 at Heliopolis, a few miles east of Cairo," Mr. Prittie stresses.

Three main types of rockets are being developed in Egypt, the article says. The Egyptians are also building light naval craft somewhat smaller than frigates to be equipped with launching pads for rockets. These vessels, Prittie reports, could play an important part in a saturation attack on Israeli cities.

Germans Help Nasser to Build 800 Rockets for Assault on Israel

"It is believed that Nasser intends to build between 800 and 1,000 rockets for an assault on Israel," the report continues. "This will take him roughly two years at the present estimated rate of progress. The key to his success is the continued presence in Egypt, in his employ, of the two dozen West German scientists and five to six hundred West German and other foreign technicians who have been there for the past three years."

Mr. Prittie maintains that the senior scientists are paid from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a month and are generally given free housing and a domestic staff. "Few of them show the slightest desire to return home," he says. The pay and living conditions of all the technicians are far better than they would expect at home, he states.

Referring to Israeli representations in Bonn for the recall of the German scientists and technicians, Mr. Prittie says: "There is a powerful pro-Arab lobby in Bonn where a section of the Christian Democratic Party and virtually the whole Free Democratic Party are opposed to any action which could harm West German trade interests in the Middle East. West German heavy industry provides the most powerful single pro-Arab pressure group and a small group of firms has considerable influence with the federal government. This group includes steel and heavy engineering firms of Krupp, Thyssen Kloeckner and Demag which have major industrial interests in Egypt."

Complete Annihilation of All Jews in Israel Planned by Nasser

According to the correspondent, Nasser's rocket program and conventional weapons would be sufficient to secure the total military defeat of Israel, but this is not Nasser's only objective, since he has "sworn to blot out Israel completely." "To leave any Jewish ghetto in Palestine would be to keep alive the claim and hope for a Jewish National State," Mr. Prittie writes, "This is why Nasser is contemplating using weapons of genocide against Israel."

Nasser's inner circle of assistants, the correspondent reports, have been considering the possibility of a nuclear bomb of the Hiroshima type, the possibility of bribing officers of the British Air Force to fly British-based planes to Cairo with nuclear bombs, the possibility of using "radioactive rubbish bombs," and the possibility of exploding small packages of strontium 90.

Nasser's plans include the removal of the British from their Middle East bases so that they cannot come to the aid of Israel, "if Nasser were to launch an unprovoked and genocidal attack." Nasser's intention, Prittie states, is "to close the Eastern Mediterranean and the Red Sea to the West." He intends also to build a firm alliance with the Soviet Union.

INDIAN JEWS START SITDOWN STRIKE IN FRONT OF ISRAEL'S RABBINATE

JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA) -- Members of the Indian Jewish Bnei Israel community went on a sitdown strike today in front of the Chief Rabbinate building here to demand that their status as Jews be recognized by the Rabbinate.

BRITISH VICTIMS OF NAZISM TO BE COMPENSATED FROM GERMAN FUNDS

LONDON, July 27 (JTA) -- British victims of Nazi persecution who suffered in concentration camps were invited today by the Foreign Office to register for compensation from West German funds;

West Germany agreed to pay 1,000,000 pounds sterling (\$2,800,000) in compensation to such victims, it was announced in Parliament last month. It was believed that claims for such compensation here would not exceed 1,000;

CHANCELLOR ERHARD MEETS FOR FIRST TIME WITH LEADERS OF GERMAN JEWRY

BONN, July 27 (JTA) -- For the first time since becoming Chancellor, Dr. Ludwig Erhard received a delegation of the Central Council of Jews in Germany;

During the 90-minute meeting, the Jewish leaders discussed a number of current problems with the Chancellor, who issued a special statement stressing the importance of the Jewish community in West Germany. The delegation consisted of Prof. Herbert Levin, Dr. H.G. Van Dam, general secretary of the Council, Werner Nachmann and Dr. Fritz Manasse;

BRITISH SCHOOLS REPORTED PRACTICING QUOTA SYSTEM FOR JEWISH STUDENTS

LONDON, July 27 (JTA) -- Although "nothing aroused more horror and anger in Britain than Hitler's treatment of the Jews," there is still a quota system in education, and exclusion of Jews from certain clubs and professions. This charge was made by the Sunday Express yesterday in a survey entitled, "Are We Fair to the Jews?";

Calling attention to the fact that there is rarely any "formal barrier" against the Jews, the article said that most schools are operating a quota system of accepting up to ten or fifteen per cent "non-Christians." On the social level, golf and tennis clubs are "chief strongholds of anti-Semitism," with one of five golf clubs in England and four of five in Scotland excluding Jews. The survey showed that commerce and industry were free of bias but that there is a measure of prejudice against Jews in joint stock banks;

The Daily Telegraph today published a letter to the newspaper saying that anti-Semitism is "condoned and practised" in Britain, despite official denials. The writer, J.P.H. Sargent, refers to the Mancroft case and asks: "Are we now so bereft of national character that we act at the dictation of the Arab world with a commercial pistol at our heads?"

EXPLOSION IN BUENOS AIRES BUILDING USED FOR ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

BUENOS AIRES, July 27 (JTA) -- Brig. Gen. Gilberto Hidalgo Oliva, a retired Air Force officer who has been prominently identified with anti-Semitic movements in this country, announced today that he had sent a telegram to President Arturo Illia, accusing "Zionism" of having maintained an armed headquarters "ready to carry out a sinister plan" for subversion;

Gen. Oliva linked his latest anti-Semitic canard to the fact that a building on Posadas Street, which had blown up last week, resulting in the death of at least 11 persons, had been owned by a Jew, named Isaac Tesler. The apartment where the explosion occurred had apparently been used as an arsenal by Castro Communist circles here, according to police. However, Oliva called a press conference today to tie the explosion to "Zionism." Meanwhile, Federal Police Chief Nicolas Rodriguez announced that he is hunting for "left-wing terrorists" as suspects responsible for the explosion.

EDITOR OF STUDENT PAPER SUSPENDED FOR PRINTING NAZI MATERIAL

SYDNEY, Australia, July 27 (JTA) -- The Student Representative Council of Sydney University suspended today Michael McDermott, editor of the student journal, "Honi Soit," as an outgrowth of a controversy over publication of articles prepared by the Australian Nazi party;

The Student Council had protested publication of the articles while material against the Australian Nazis was not published. The student newspaper also carried an editorial charging that Jewish groups were trying to prevent publication of information about Nazi policies in the student paper.

From Melbourne, it was reported today that boys in school uniforms of the Swinburne Technical College there were seen parading in a suburb wearing swastika armbands. Two leaflets based on material prepared by the Swedish anti-Semite, Einar Aarburg, were placed in mailboxes in Elwood, a suburb heavily populated by Jews. A Jewish businessman reported he had received a threatening anti-Semitic letter telling him to get out of Australia;

CANADIAN JEWS SEEK PROSECUTION OF DISTRIBUTORS OF HATE MATERIAL

MONTREAL, July 27 (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress urged Canadian authorities today to either prosecute distributors of hate material under present law or act to strengthen existing laws to make such prosecution possible.

The statement was issued by Sydney M. Harris and J. S. Midanik for the National and Central Region Community Relations Committees of the Canadian Jewish Congress. It summarized the outcome of meetings of CJC leaders with such Canadian authorities as Attorney General Wishart and Justice Minister Guy Favreau following the flooding of major Canadian cities with anti-Jewish and anti-Negro material.

The CJC officials said that a meeting with the Attorney General had buttressed a long-standing belief, "confirmed by eminent legal counsel," that present laws were insufficient "to prevent the distribution of hate literature, a view also affirmed by Magistrate C. O. Bick, chairman of the Metropolitan Police Commission."

The CJC leaders added that they had been informed that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had investigated the problem and submitted a report on their findings to the Justice Minister. "We feel strongly that it is now up to the Minister of Justice, on the basis of the facts received, either himself to authorize prosecutions, if in his judgment the present laws are adequate, or to proceed to introduce amendments to the Criminal Code," the CJC leaders said.

They drew attention to the fact that such amendments had been proposed "by broadly based and representative organizations throughout Canada, including the Canadian Legion, the National Council of Women, the Canadian Labor Congress, the United Church, and others."

The statement recalled that there had been a recent public "outcry" against the publication of crime comics and that such publication was outlawed by legislation. The Jewish leaders asserted that "we and many others regard hate propaganda as at least as injurious and offensive as crime comics, if not more so, and certainly as properly subject to similar sanctions."

The CJC officials also said that the statements by Magistrate Bick, and by the Attorney General "have only emphasized the need for legislation, for police authorities are powerless to act without proper legislative authority. The next move is up to the Federal Government and Parliament."

DR. NELSON GLUECK REPORTS DISCOVERY OF FOURTH CENTURY PAPYRI

JERUSALEM, July 27 (JTA) -- Papyri from the Fourth Century, B.C.E., discovered in Jordan "may prove more important to the study of Jewish history than even the Dead Sea Scrolls," according to Dr. Nelson Glueck, who reported on the find.

Dr. Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, made the statement in his review of the first year's activities of the Biblical Archaeological School in Jerusalem which, he said, was already a world center for archaeological research. The papyri shed light on life in Samaria under Persian rule.

JEVISH CHOIR PERFORMS IN ANGLICAN CHURCH; HELPS REDUCE CHURCH'S DEBT

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, England, July 27 (JTA) -- A Jewish choir performed in an Anglican church here today to help wipe out the church's debt of three thousand pounds for renovations. The Zemel choir, which volunteered to perform, was served special kosher food by the villagers. The church altar was covered to spare embarrassment to the 100 youths.

"No law is being broken by covering the altar furnishings," said a spokesman for the Archbishop of Canterbury. "We are members of the Council of Jews and Christians and the visit should help improve relations between the two churches."

HEBREW U. PROFESSOR HONORED IN BRAZIL; LECTURED ON CRIMINOLOGY

SAO PAULO, Brazil, July 27 (JTA) -- Special honors were accorded here today to Prof. Israel S. Drapkin, head of the Institute for Criminology of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, who had just completed a series of university lectures as the guest of the Latin American Institute of Criminology.

He was received by the State Secretary of Justice, under whose Ministry the Institute operates, by other Government officials, and leading jurists and attorneys of Brazil. Dr. Drapkin was born in Argentina.

PRIMROSE HORN, ANGLO-JEWISH AUTHOR, DIES IN LONDON; WAS 52

LONDON, July 27 (JTA) -- Miss Primrose Horn, a niece of the late, famous author, Israel Zangwill, and a writer in her own right, died here yesterday, aged 52. A writer of short stories with Jewish themes, and of essays, Miss Horn was also the author of a biographical sketch of Mr. Zangwill, entitled "Uncle Israel."