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STATE DEPARTMENT MAKES PUBLIC ITS VIEWS ON EGYPTIAN MISUSE OF U. S. AID

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The Department of State responded today to a petition by 16 members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, pertaining to Egyptian misuse of United States aid. It said that the Administration "fully subscribes to the principle enunciated in the report on the Committee on Foreign Affairs on August 8, 1963 that economic assistance in the Near East should be administered so as to discourage conflict and promote stability."

The Department's views were made known by Robert E. Lee, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, in a letter to Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, the only Jewish member of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. Lee said the "deep concern" voiced by Rep. Farbstein and the concern of the other committee members who joined him in the petition was "appreciated." The State Department offered to review the security situation in the Near East and explained steps taken to assure the security of Israel and other states.

NEW SOVIET GOVERNMENT ASSURES ARAB COUNTRIES OF CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP

LONDON, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Assurances that the change in Soviet leadership marked by the ouster of Premier Khrushchev will not affect "Arab-Soviet friendship" have been given by Soviet envoys in four Arab capitals this week, it was reported here today from Cairo.

The strongest assurance to that effect was given to President Nasser of Egypt, according to Al Ahram, the Cairo daily which is close to the Nasser regime. Al Ahram reported that President Nasser was sent a Soviet note declaring that the Soviet Union would maintain strong ties with Egypt and would continue to recognize President Nasser's "vanguard role" in Asia and Africa.

Similar messages were delivered in person by Soviet ambassadors in Baghdad, Damascus and Beirut, the capitals of Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. A Syrian military delegation is now in Moscow negotiating for Soviet arms; Under Khrushchev, the Soviet Union was a major supplier of modern weapons to the Arab countries.

FIVE GERMAN ROCKET EXPERTS LEAVE EGYPT; 500 STILL AT WORK THERE

LONDON, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- At least five of the West German rocket experts working on rockets for Egypt were backing West Germany today, according to a report from Bonn. They were said to have included Prof. Hans Goercke.

Dr. Goercke, one of Germany's leading rocket experts, was indirectly a figure in an incident in Switzerland early in 1963 when two men, one an Israeli, were arrested and tried on charges of threatening Dr. Goercke's daughter, to persuade the scientist to quit his work in Egypt and return home. The two were convicted and expelled from Switzerland.

At the same time, it was reported today from Cairo that the Egyptian Government had approved funds in foreign currency to expand the work of the West German scientists and technicians on rockets and other advanced weapons.

The reports, based chiefly on talks with some of the leaders among the West German scientists employed by Egypt, quoted the Germans as denying that some rocket experts have been "lured" away by offers of higher salaries presumably made by the German Government.

The Germans at Cairo reportedly said that about 500 Germans are still at work on rockets and on jet aircraft for Nasser's arsenal. Conceding that about 30 lower echelon aircraft workers left Egypt recently, those remaining say that these 30 departed only on expiration of their contracts. They claimed that two Germans are applying for each job vacated here, and insisted that the rocket team is "virtually intact."

Arab Envoys in India Walk Out of Dinner; Object to Pro-Israel Guest

NEW DELHI, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The ambassadors of Lebanon, Iraq and Morocco stalked out of an official Government dinner for a Lebanese journalist last night when the host at the event, the Information Officer of the Indian Foreign Ministry, refused to accede to the demand by the diplomats to evict from the gathering Dr. Romilla Thapar, a lady member of the faculty of Delhi University, on the grounds that she was a member of the India-Israel Friendship League.

ISRAEL MINISTERIAL BODY DISCUSSES MOUNTING INFLATIONARY PRESSURES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21: (JTA) -- Israel Treasury sources reported today that the rise of Israel's international trade deficit and the impact of mounting inflationary pressures were discussed at a special meeting of the Ministerial Economic Committee.

The importance of the talks was emphasized by the fact that Prime Minister Levi Eshkol presided over the meeting of the committee. Usually such meetings are under the chairmanship of the Finance Minister. The committee continued to discuss measures to cut consumer spending, which is currently well above the three percent maximum increase laid down by Israel's economic planners.

The Cabinet members also discussed the labor shortage caused by the current high level of economic activity. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir was reported urging his fellow Cabinet Ministers to show more restraint in their budget proposals for the coming fiscal year.

ISRAEL'S COLLECTIVE SETTLEMENTS SEEK TO DEVELOP INDUSTRIAL PLANTS

HAIFA, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- A conference of 107 managers of industries of Israeli collective settlements was told here that the kibbutzim must ensure a sound economy by developing modern industrial plants.

Arye Bahir, chairman of the Organization of Kibbutz Industries, said that the collectives would never give up their agricultural base. However, he stressed that sound growth required modern industrial output. He said that such plants would also provide productive work for kibbutz members as they became too old to work in the fields.

The delegates discussed the possibility with Gen. Yaacov Dori, president of the Haifa Institute of Technology, of the creation of a special Technion school of technology at which kibbutz industrial managers could learn the skills needed to operate such plants. Gen. Dori told the managers that the Technion was willing and able to undertake industrial research to make Israel's industry second to none but that Israeli industry would have to support such research and use its findings in a "reciprocal arrangement."

Gen. Dori noted that there are now 200 kibbutzim operating industrial enterprises with annual sales of 200,000,000 pounds (\$66,000,000.)

INTERNATIONAL AERONAUTIC FEDERATION OPENS CONGRESS IN ISRAEL

REHOVOT, Oct. 21: (JTA) -- The International Aeronautic Federation opened its 57th Congress at the Weizmann Institute here with an address by Israel's Transport Minister Israel Bar-Yehuda, who returned from an official visit to the Scandinavian countries.

During ceremonies opening the Congress, in which 43 aeronautical clubs throughout the world are participating, the Federation's Gold Space Medal was awarded in absentia to Valentine Tereshkova, the Soviet astronaut who last year became the first woman to go into orbit in space. The medal was received on her behalf by V. K. Kekkinski, the head of the Soviet delegation, who also received the Federation's Tissandier certificate on behalf of the Russian parachutist, Ventina Silverstova.

France was also honored when a Gold Medal was awarded, also in absentia, to Mme. Jacqueline Auriol for her "entire aeronautical career beginning in 1948;" Vice Admiral R. B. Pirie, of the United States Navy, was among the recipients of the Tissandier award as was Rina Levinson, an Israeli pilot who has been flying gliders since she was 14 years old and who now operates an air taxi service in Israel.

NEW SOVIET REGIME REFUSES TO FINANCE U. N. FORCES IN GAZA AREA

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 21: (JTA) -- The new leadership of the Soviet Union is just as adamant as the Khrushchev regime was in refusing to contribute "a single kopeck" to the United Nations Emergency Force stationed in the Gaza area and to the United Nations peace-keeping operations in the Congo, Secretary-General U Thant learned here today from Nikilai T. Fedorenko, Moscow's permanent representative.

The USSR has consistently refused to pay anything toward the operation and upkeep of UNEF since that force was established in 1956 to guard against Egyptian incursions against Israel on the Gaza Strip border and Sharm el-Sheikh, overlooking the Gulf of Akaba. Similarly, Moscow has refused to pay for the UN expenses in the Congo. It owes the United Nations \$52,600,000 on both those accounts.

In a conference with Mr. Thant, Mr. Fedorenko reiterated his Government's refusal to make any payment on those accounts which, according to Moscow, were voted "illegally" by the General Assembly. The United States has indicated that, unless the USSR pays up, it should be denied a vote in the next Assembly. Meanwhile, postponement of the opening of the Assembly, scheduled for November 10, is still being discussed. At the same time, it was revealed that behind-the-scenes agreement has been reached on election of the Sudanese Ambassador, A. H. Adeel, as president of the forthcoming Assembly.

JEWISH COMMUNISTS URGE NEW MOSCOW GOVT. TO 'CORRECT' POLICY ON JEWS

PARIS, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Jewish Communist leaders from a number of Western countries urged the new Soviet Government to "correct" the Moscow policy of suppressing Jewish culture, and to intensify official efforts to combat anti-Semitism in the country, it was learned here today.

The Communist leaders, who came here to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Paris Yiddish Communist daily, Neie Presse, reportedly agreed at a meeting last Sunday that "there is something to correct" in the policy toward Jews in the Soviet Union.

(In Mexico City, Yaacov Hazan, a Mapam member of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, severely criticized the Soviet Union today for discrimination against Jews in the USSR. He voiced his criticism at a press conference.)

Indiana Senator Appeals to New Soviet Government on Jews

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind., Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The new Soviet Government was urged here by Senator Vance Hartke to abolish oppression of Jewish religious and cultural life in the Soviet Union. The senior Indiana senator spoke at the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation.

Sen. Hartke pointed out that, in protesting against the Soviet policy on Jews, Americans are not acting with malice but in the interest of all mankind. The senator is a sponsor of the Senate resolution passed last year which, condemned religious persecution in the Soviet Union. The resolution called on the Soviet Union "in the name of decency and humanity to cease executing persons for alleged economic offenses, and fully permit the free exercise of religion and the pursuit of culture by Jews and all others within its borders."

SOVIET PUBLICATIONS COUNTER WESTERN CRITICISM ON TREATMENT OF JEWS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Soviet publications circulated entirely among readers outside the USSR were seen here today as having undertaken a campaign to counter Western criticisms against the denial of religious and cultural rights to the Jews in the Soviet Union. Articles in the publications, distributed here by the Soviet mission to the United Nations, picture Soviet Jews as enjoying freedom of religion as well as full political and cultural rights.

The latest issue of USSR, an illustrated magazine printed for distribution solely in the United States, carries an article and photographs depicting the recent celebration in Moscow's Central Synagogue of the 70th birthday of the capital's chief rabbi, Rabbi Yehuda-Leib Levin. The article states that the chief rabbi's birthday observance was attended by Israel's Ambassador in Moscow, Yosef Tekoah, by rabbis from Moscow and Odessa, and by leading Christian clergymen representing the Russian Orthodox Church.

Featured is a portrait taking up almost a full page showing Rabbi Levin delivering a sermon on behalf of peace. The podium in front of the rabbi is decorated with a cloth showing the dove of peace and the Hebrew word "Shalom." Other photographs show Ambassador Tekoah, other members of the Israeli Embassy staff in Moscow, members of the synagogue's congregation, and a Rabbi Geshl Gevich, identified as "an alumnus of the Yeshivah headed by Rabbi Levin."

Articles dealing in general with the political and cultural life of Jews in the USSR are included in two successive issues of Soviet Weekly, a publication issued in London for British readers. One is a lengthy piece by Aaron Vergelis, editor of Sovietskije Heimland, the only Yiddish magazine in the USSR, giving the usual statistics intended to prove that there are no discriminations against Jews in his country. This article is illustrated with photographs showing large audiences attending Jewish cultural events in Vilna, Lithuania.

Another Soviet Weekly article is devoted to an effort to disprove that synagogues in the Soviet Union have been demolished. This piece claims that, contrary to reports in the foreign press in the United States and Britain, the synagogue in Minsk, reported closed down, has actually moved to rented quarters in another location, when the city had to raze the "dilapidated synagogue building" as well as "other old houses in the street."

NEW YORK MAYOR ADDRESSES STREET RALLY ON STATUS OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner told a street rally in Manhattan's fur district today that Americans "dare not be silent" about the discriminations against Jews in the Soviet Union.

The Mayor and B'nai B'rith president Label Katz joined in appealing to a luncheon hour gathering of 1,500 persons to support public protests against the religious and cultural oppression practiced by the USSR against Russian Jewry.

More than 5,000 listeners and passersby signed copies of a seven-point petition appealing to Soviet authorities to permit "unrestricted worship and religious instruction, the restoration of Jewish communities abroad, an end to 'scapegoating' of Jews for economic crimes, reunion of Jewish families separated by the Nazi holocaust and eradication of anti-Semitism" in the Soviet Union.

HAIFA TECHNION OPENS ITS 41ST ACADEMIC YEAR WITH 3,600 STUDENTS

HAIFA, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The Haifa Institute of Technology opened its 41st academic year at its new campus on Mount Carmel today with more than 3,600 students, including 800 freshmen. A special course in agricultural engineering for students from developing countries was opened for the third year with 80 students.

Gen. Yaacov Dori, Technion president, told the first student assembly that he regretted that the Government was not giving "sufficient attention" to the institution and its needs. He urged more Government aid to "this, the only higher institute for technological education in Israel."

OFFICIAL DELEGATION OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT TO VISIT ISRAEL

BRUSSELS, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- An official delegation of the European Parliament, invited to Israel by the Knesset, will arrive in Israel next Sunday for eight days. The delegation will be headed by Jean Duvieusart, president of the European Parliament and a former Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Belgium.

The delegation members include seven Christian Democrats, four Socialists, three Liberals and one non-party member. They include three Belgians, two from Luxembourg, four French, three Dutch, two Germans and one Italian. In addition to the members of the European Parliament, the delegation will include three administrative members.

BRAZILIAN PUBLISHER THREATENED FOR DISTRIBUTING PRO-ISRAEL BOOKS

RIC DE JANEIRO, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Police were investigating today threats against a Brazilian publisher who was warned that his plant would be set afire if he refused to withdraw from distribution two pro-Israel books.

Roberto das Neves, owner of the Germinal Publishing House, told police that he received threats by mail and by telephone demanding that he withdraw from publication two books--"The New Israel" and "The Fifth Evangelical,"--both friendly toward Israel and very popular.

The threatening letter was inscribed with a swastika and signed "Grand Master." Its faulty Portuguese interspersed with some Spanish expressions, indicate that it was written by anti-Semites from abroad.

'DIARY OF ANNE FRANK' MADE REQUIRED READING IN SCHOOLS IN SICILY

RCME, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The Italian Ministry of Education has acceded to a request by the Sicilian educational authorities to make the "Diary of Anne Frank," the account of a young Dutch-Jewish girl of her experiences in hiding to avoid deportation by the Nazis, required reading in all schools in Sicily.

SIR BARNETT STROSS NAMED PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY IN LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Sir Barnett Stross, 75-year-old Jewish Labor Party member of Parliament and chairman of the British OSE organization, has been named Parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Health in the new Labor Government.

SHIMSHON ARAD ARRIVES IN MEXICO TO ASSUME POST OF ISRAEL AMBASSADOR

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Shimshon Arad, former Israeli Consul in New York, arrived here today to take over the post of Ambassador to Mexico. He is scheduled to present his letters of credence later this week to President Adolfo Lopez Mateos. He succeeds Simcha Pratt, who has been transferred to a Foreign Ministry post in Jerusalem.

TWO JEWISH GIRLS FROM SOVIET RUSSIA WIN OLYMPICS GOLD MEDALS

TOKYO, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Two of the gold medals won to date in the Olympics by Russian athletes went to Jewish sisters, Tamara and Irena Press. Tamara won the women's 90-meter hurdles. Her sister won in the pentathlon last week.

SIR ADOLPH BASSER, AUSTRALIA'S GREATEST PHILANTHROPIST, DEAD; WAS 78

MELBOURNE, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Sir Adolph Basser, Australia's greatest philanthropist, died in Sydney today at the age of 78. His contributions to charity in the past 15 years have been estimated at 1,000,000 pounds sterling (\$2,800,000.)

Born in Krakow, Poland, he came to Australia when he was 20. He was knighted in 1962 for philanthropic services. He had made large contributions to Jewish causes.