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BEN-GURION'S 'WHITE BOOK' REPORTED REVEALING ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES

LONDON, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's White Book, submitted last week to Dov Joseph, Israel's Minister of Justice, contains a revelation that a West German working as a secret agent for Israel betrayed an entire network of Israeli agents in Egypt in the 1954 security mishap which brought about the ouster of Pinhas Lavon as Israel Defense Minister, a British correspondent reported here today.

Terence Prittie, diplomatic correspondent of the Guardian, who has just returned from Israel, said the memorandum contained "sensational revelations" about the "competing and interlocking" activities of Israeli and Arab secret services, with special emphasis on the activities of Col. Osman Nouri, former chief of the Egyptian intelligence service.

According to Mr. Prittie, the Ben-Gurion report alleges that the Egyptian Colonel won over Paul Frank, the German working for Israel, and that Frank agreed to work for Col. Nouri and in so doing, betrayed the Israeli network in Egypt, all of them Egyptian Jews. At least two of the Jews were executed, one committed suicide and several others were sentenced to long prison terms.

Mr. Prittie also says that, according to Ben-Gurion's report, Frank later collaborated again with Nouri when the latter was sent to Bonn to develop Egyptian secret service activities there. Frank's collaboration with Egypt in Bonn was discovered by West Germany and Frank was tried there and sent to prison for 12 years.

The British journalist described Nouri as apparently Egypt's most successful exponent of counter-intelligence against Israel and the chief architect of Egypt's intelligence network in Europe.

The most interesting item in the Ben-Gurion report, Mr. Prittie writes, was that Egypt had sent Col. Nouri to Nigeria as its ambassador and that Nouri was believed to have had a principal role in efforts to organize opposition to Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, on her visit there last week. These efforts failed and the Nigerian Government issued a statement warning against any subversive activities which were not in Nigeria's interests.

Mr. Prittie claims that Ben-Gurion decided to produce his own report on the proceedings involving Frank because he had never been satisfied that Frank had only given information to a foreign power while he was in Germany.

ISRAEL PONDERES ON OBJECTING TO BRITISH PLAN TO RAISE IMPORT DUTY

GENEVA, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Informed sources said here today that Israel has not yet decided on whether to raise before a special committee of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) its objections to the British plan to impose a 15 percent surcharge on imports.

The British decided to do so as part of a crash effort by Britain's new Labor Government to cope with Britain's rapidly growing international trade imbalance. The GATT Council held a special session on the problem and named a 12-member special committee to cope with it. The surcharge plan has evoked threats from countries exporting to Britain to retaliate with similar surcharges on British exports to them.

Israel did not participate in the GATT Council discussions and is not one of the 12 nations named to the special committee, mainly because of Israel's relatively small volume of trade with Britain. However, because GATT proceedings are unusually informal, Israel might decide to spell out its position before the special committee, though for the time being, Israel has no desire to become involved in a controversy involving much larger interests.

Israel opposes such unilateral measures as the surcharge plan and will therefore join in efforts to convince Britain to show moderation. However, Israel also reportedly feels that such alternatives as imposing quotas on imports would not be any less damaging to countries exporting to Britain. It will be one of the assignments of the special GATT committee, which is to start talks in December, to find alternatives acceptable to both Britain and supplying countries.

SYRIANS OPEN HEAVY FIRE ON ISRAELIS; FIRE RETURNED; NO CASUALTIES

TEL AVIV, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Syrian gunners opened heavy fire today on an Israeli tractor working fields north of Kibbutz Dan near the Israeli-Syrian border; Israelis returned the fire. There were no reports of casualties.

The Syrians used machineguns, recoilless guns and tank guns. About an hour after the shooting began, United Nations observers tried to arrange a cease fire but the Syrians continued shooting for some time after that. The tractor was working on fields consistently cultivated by Israeli farmers and over which there had been no indication of a dispute before.

U. J. A. ESTABLISHES NATIONAL COMMITTEE; INVITES KEY JEWISH LEADERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal is establishing a National Committee as a permanent part of its organizational structure, it was announced by Joseph Meyerhoff of Baltimore, UJA general chairman. Mr. Meyerhoff said invitations to serve on the new committee have gone out to key American Jewish leaders in communities throughout the country. He said the National Committee was being formed for these purposes:

1. To augment the national leadership of the UJA by broadening the active leadership groups in the local community campaigns in every region of the nation.
2. To maintain a close liaison between UJA national headquarters and the Committee members so that they are kept informed of urgent global aid programs of the UJA and can become an educational force in their home communities.
3. To develop a corps of speakers who can transmit to communities in their home regions the constantly changing picture of Jewish life in Israel and other overseas areas as it affects UJA-supported relief and migration operations.

"The most significant factor in the effectiveness of the UJA as the major instrument of Jewish reconstruction," Mr. Meyerhoff said, "is its dedicated and devoted leadership which represents the broadest cross-section of American Jewish communal life. Through this new National Committee, we hope to draw a larger number of communal leaders into more active participation in UJA endeavors. This will result in a strengthening of American Jewish communal life on both the local and national levels and will serve to stimulate support for UJA's mission of providing rescue, relief and rehabilitation services for refugees and distressed Jewish men, women and children throughout the world."

ARIZONA CATHOLICS URGE VATICAN TO REFUTE ANTI-JEWISH CHARGES

TUCSON, Ariz., Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The Arizona Catholic Register declared in its current issue that a "strong clear statement" from the Ecumenical Council on Catholic Jewish relations was needed because many Catholics were guilty of anti-Semitic hatred.

The publication asserted that while the official policy of the Catholic Church in the United States has never been tainted with anti-Semitism, the same cannot be said of us as individuals; "You don't have to be very old or travel very far in some Catholic circles to find evidence of real hatred of the Jewish race. Some of the slang expressions used are quite inexcusable and offensive," the Catholic organ stated.

It was for this reason, the publication declared, that "we need to have a strong, clear statement from the Council that will remove once and for all any suspicion that the Church regards the Jews as a cursed race and that to harbor hatred for them is not really a very serious sin at all, if it is a sin."

The editorial reminded Catholics that "we ought to print indelibly on our minds that the Jews were God's Chosen People, that all the first Christians, pope, bishops, priests, deacons and laity were Jews, that our most sacred writings come to us from the pens of Jewish authors, that the very prayers we say at Mass and in the priest's breviary were composed in large part by Jews."

The editorial denounced the charge of deicide against Jew as "laughable if so many did not take it seriously" and said no sane person could place the blame for Christ's death on the Jews of his time and that it was "much more irrational" to "create a sort of collective guilt and charge it to Jews living centuries later and thousands of miles from the crime."

The editorial said that American Catholics should be proud "that our own bishops are so prominent in the rewriting of a strong resolution condemning anti-Semitism. But we can also endeavor to recall our close ties to the Jewish race and to do all we can to eradicate once and for all any feeling of hatred towards those whose blood is the same as that which flowed in the veins of the sacred body of Christ."

SAN FRANCISCO COUNCIL INVESTIGATES ANTI-JEWISH BIAS IN HOUSING

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3; (JTA) -- The San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council reported today it was investigating charges by a Jewish apartment hunter who said she had been told to her face by an apartment owner that Jews were not wanted in the building;

The complainant said she had called on the managing owner of a six-story apartment building to rent a vacant apartment and that at the outset, she had been asked if she was Jewish. When she said she was, the apartment owner declared "No Jews are going to live here." The amazed applicant told the owner that she knew of several Jewish families living in the building. The owner said that when they vacated their apartments, the units would not be rented to Jews;

The Jewish applicant then asked "What have you got against Jews?" and the reply was "they cook smelly fish." That statement ended the interview. The woman reported the matter to the JCRC which immediately notified the State Fair Employment Practices Commission which enforces the Rumford Fair Housing Law. However, it was found that the complainant had waited past the 60-day statute of limitations provided in the Rumford law. The JCRC said the case was being investigated "vigorously" also through other channels;

KANSAS CITY JEWISH NEWSPAPER RECONSIDERS ITS POLICY ON INTERMARRIAGE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 3, (JTA) -- After consulting its readers and finding that most of them wanted a change of policy on the issue of printing announcements about intermarriages by members of the Jewish community, the Kansas City Jewish Chronicle has announced here that, hereafter, it will publish such announcements.

The Chronicle, only English-language Jewish publication here, solicited the opinions of its readers on the issue several weeks ago. Previously, the newspaper had not printed intermarriage announcements. Receiving what the editors of the paper called an "amazing" response, the readers expressed their opinions by mail and telephone, revealing "much compelling logic on every side." The majority, however, favored printing such announcements;

Most of the readers favoring the publication of intermarriage notices made it clear that they opposed intermarriage in principle, but felt that "the proper function of our newspaper is to print the news of Jewish activities, regardless of their religious status," the Chronicle stated. The newspaper also pointed out that "intermarriage is not confined to Reform, Conservative and Orthodox segments of the community, and the varying responses have not followed any such pattern."

"Nevertheless," the Chronicle stated, "the arguments in favor of publication have been overwhelmingly convincing. We think it best to reconsider our previous position and permit such publication in the news columns of the Jewish Chronicle when requested." Adding that "we confess to a sense of sadness in announcing this decision," the newspaper pledged to "maintain with full vigor our editorial stand that intermarriages are unwise, unsound and in violation of Jewish tradition and Jewish law."

A.D.L. OFFICIAL REFUTES \$10,000,000 'LIBEL' CLAIM BY ANTI-SEMITES

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 3; (JTA) -- A Los Angeles haberdasher, suing an official of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League here for \$10,000,000 for "libel," was in turn accused here today of using the suit as a pretext for republication of "scurilous anti-Jewish canards."

The suit had been filed by James Oviatt against Milton A. Senn, the ADL's director for the Pacific Southwest Region. According to Mr. Senn, Oviatt has now published again "notorious anti-Semitic fabrications and forgeries" for which the ADL denounced him earlier this year. Among his publications, said Mr. Senn, is the notorious anti-Semitic canard, the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

WEISMANN INSTITUTE OPENS ACADEMIC YEAR; WEISGAL AWARDED DEGREE

RENOVOT, Nov. 3; (JTA) -- Meyer Weisgal, chairman of the executive committee of the Weismann Institute, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy last night in recognition of his efforts for the Institute.

The award was presented at a ceremony at the Institute formally marking the opening of the academic year. The presentation was made by Dr. Dewey Stone, chairman of the Institute Board of Governors, and Prof. M. Feldman, chairman of the Institute Scientific Council. Twelve academic degrees were awarded to graduates.

The Charles Clore International Students Home was inaugurated at the Institute in the presence of Mr. Clore, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Mr. Sieff, Mr. Stone and Mr. Weisgal.

JEWISH MILITARY CHAPLAINS IN PACIFIC OPEN RELIGIOUS RETREAT IN TOKYO

TOKYO, Nov. 3; (JTA) -- A religious retreat for all Jewish military chaplains serving with the U.S. Armed Forces in the Pacific began here yesterday under the direction of Rabbi Aryeh Lev, director of the National Jewish Welfare Board Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy.

Rabbi Lev is conducting the retreat, which will end Friday, at the invitation of the Chief of Chaplains of the U.S. Army. During the four-day sessions, the chaplains from Japan, Okinawa, Hawaii, Korea and the Philippines are participating in prayer, study and discussion of current Jewish issues.

REFORM TEMPLE ADMINISTRATORS HOLD CONVENTION; DISCUSS PROBLEMS

DETROIT, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The changing role of the administrator in Reform temples was evaluated at the 23rd annual Workshop convention of the National Association of Temple Administrators. The association represents executive secretaries from Reform Temples of the United States and Canada.

The 150 delegates also considered the suburbanization of many communities and the centralization of the Temple as the focal point in some Jewish communities. Frank J. Adler of Congregation B'nai Jehuda of Kansas City, Mo. is president.

WORLD CHESS OLYMPICS OPENS IN ISRAEL WITH PLAYERS FROM 50 COUNTRIES

TEL AVIV, Nov. 3; (JTA) -- The Sixteenth World Chess Olympics were officially opened here last night with the participation of players from 50 countries. Premier Levi Eshkol, Deputy Premier Abba Eban and Mayor Mordechai Namir greeted the participants. The guest at the opening ceremony was Iceland's Premier Bjerni Benediktsson who is in Israel on an eight-day visit.

There are many Jews among the entries and hardly a delegation which does not include some Jewish players. Samuel Reshevsky, former United States champion, who arrived yesterday morning, said at the airport that he was planning to settle in Israel and appear under the Israeli banner at the next chess competition.

Premier Eshkol cited the Jewish contributions to the game during many generations, a fact of which "we are proud." Citing factors of history and cultural circumstances, the Premier said that Jews, being scattered among the peoples of the world, found in chess a natural outlet for the sportive competition imbued in all human beings--since no other branches of sport were open to Jews.

PAN-AMERICAN MACCABEE GAMES HELD IN ARGENTINA; NINE LANDS PARTICIPATE

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Carlos H. Perette, vice-president of Argentina, cited the fact today that the Pan-American Maccabean Games were held here for the last four days as proof that this country has again re-established "a climate of fraternity among all peoples." "The presence here of these young Jewish sportsmen," he said, "is proof of the full tolerance and understanding existing in our country."

Jewish athletes from nine countries participated in the Pan-American Maccabiade here. Included were representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Uruguay, Chile, the United States, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela. The vice-president addressed a gala ceremony closing the Maccabiade, held in the largest stadium in this city. He hailed the athletes as descendants of "the Hebraic Maccabees of the past, who fought the oppressors of their country."

BRAZIL NAMES AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL; PLACE WAS VACANT FOR SEVEN MONTHS

BRASILIA, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- President Castelo Branco named Aloisio Regis Bitencourt, a career diplomat, today as Brazil's Ambassador to Israel. The nomination must be approved by the Senate. Brazil has not had an ambassador in Israel since the present government here came to power seven months ago and the former ambassador was recalled from Israel.

Brazil's Minister of Labor Arnaldo Sussekund has been invited for an official visit to Israel. Israel's Ambassador Yossef Nahmias extended the invitation on behalf of the Israeli Government. No date has been set for the visit.

100-YEAR-OLD JEWISH CEMETERY IN NEVADA CITY RESTORED, REDEDICATED

NEVADA CITY, Cal., Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Nevada City's 100-year-old Jewish cemetery has been formally rededicated after months of work of restoration. Like other Jewish cemeteries in northern California, the Nevada City burial grounds contain the graves of Jewish pioneers who had a major role in the commercial and industrial development of the state.

The cemetery was restored through the work of the Commission for the Restoration of Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries. Mel Altman of Sacramento, is commission chairman. He took a leading part in the rededication ceremonies at which Rabbi Nathaniel Zimkind of Richmond conducted religious services.