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EBAN REVIEWS ISRAEL'S POSITION AMONG NATIONS AT ZIONIST CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Deputy Premier Abba Eban told the 26th World Zionist Congress today that until the Arab states reconciled themselves to Israel's existence, Arab hostility "must be contained within present limits and not allowed to infect other areas of international relations." He added such hostility also should be "exposed to the assault of international disapproval."

The key to peace in the Middle East, he said, may lie not within the region but with a hundred governments outside the area to which Israel and its neighbors turn for friendship and support. He proposed that those governments should commit themselves not to specific nations but to specific ideas. He listed these as including to be for peace, against war, for integrity and independence of all states, for peaceful commerce and against boycott pressures.

He noted that Israel now had diplomatic relations with 90 countries and that there was not a single country in the western hemisphere which was withholding full diplomatic ties from Israel. He emphasized the relationship of "solid, growing trust" with the United States, close ties with Latin America, "which contributed 50 per cent of the votes leading to Israel's admission to the United Nations," and close relations with the nations of the European community.

Without referring to the Soviet Union by name, he stressed Israel's desire that the great powers reach common ground in even-handed support of the integrity and independence of Middle Eastern countries. He also emphasized Israel's developing relations with the African continent.

Mr. Eban emphasized that Israel was not an isolated Mediterranean state but the focus of universal Jewish responsibility and Jewish pride. "Let the word go forth from this place that 3,000,000 Jews across the world see Israel's safety and honor as a cause worthy of every effort and sacrifice," he said. He emphasized the imperativeness of a "strong infusion" into Israel of Jewish manpower from the lands of freedom and intellectual progress.

ESHKOL CONFERS WITH U. S. AMBASSADOR IN ISRAEL ON MID-EAST DEVELOPMENTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol today received Walworth Barbour, United States Ambassador to Israel, for what was officially described as a discussion of current matters. It was assumed that recent Middle East developments, particularly activities of Egypt, were discussed at the meeting.

(In Washington, Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman today held a "routine meeting" with Under Secretary of State George Ball to discuss current problems with special reference to the Middle East.)

The Prime Minister appointed today a five-member committee to administer the joint United States-Israel project to test the possibilities of use of nuclear energy for large-scale sea water desalting. The committee is headed by Theodore Koller, until recently director of the Prime Minister's office. It includes representatives of the Finance Ministry, the Atomic Energy Commission, the Water Authority and the Electric Corporation.

LEADING SENATORS FAVOR SEVERANCE OF U. S. AID TO EGYPT; HEAR RUSK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Chairman J.W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said today that he agreed with a recent statement by Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield favoring severance of aid to countries, like Egypt, which tell the United States to "jump in the lake" or to "go to hell."

Sen. Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat, made this known following lengthy testimony before his committee by Secretary of State Dean Rusk. Mr. Rusk briefed the Senators on world problems. He reportedly avoided direct comment on the Egyptian situation and sought to justify continued American assistance to the Nasser regime.

Sen. Fulbright said he regarded Sen. Mansfield's remarks as a very appropriate conclusion. He added that "it really provoked me" when Egypt, Indonesia, and other countries permitted mobs to burn U. S. Government libraries.

U. S. OFFICIALS SEE CONTINUED AID TO EGYPT AS ISRAEL 'SAFEGUARD'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- United States officials today stressed what they said was the necessity to continue aid to Egypt, in order to use American influence to safeguard Israel by modifying Arab attitudes.

The officials said that it would not be desirable to bring about a confrontation with the Nasser regime through severance of aid, and declared that the termination of the American role in Egypt would imperil Israel. They pointed out that the American presence in Cairo was very important, and suggested that American aid was linked with Arab failure to make war against Israel on the Jordan River diversion issue.

It was also stressed that the Soviet penetration of the region might be facilitated if America ended aid to Egypt.

U. S. officials said, in reviewing Egyptian policies, that there were many evidences of moderation during 1964. They added that President Nasser interceded to weaken enforcement of the Arab boycott affecting the Chase Manhattan Bank. U. S. officials also cited what they described as progress in obtaining compensation for U. S. property nationalized in Egypt. They said that Nasser was now trying to heal the scars of recent tensions, and had offered 1,000 books to help replace those in the burned U. S. Government library in Cairo.

Maintenance of Israel's Security Said to Concern Washington

A prediction was made that the Middle East would be less quiet, and the danger of war increased if aid were terminated. In comments obviously designed to answer American organizations and members of Congress who called for severance of aid to Egypt, the officials took the line that a break with Egypt would endanger Israel and undermine American interests in the region. They said that a fundamental concern of the United States was maintenance of the security of Israel and for this reason continued American influence in Cairo was very important for Israel's best interests.

The position taken by officials is that American-Egyptian relations will never be good, but that continued American presence in Cairo, through the aid program, is more desirable than a breakdown of contact between the two countries.

They said the Russians had provided more aid than the United States and might have played a subtle role in fomenting Egyptian antagonism toward America. It was made known that several approaches had been made to reconcile American-Egyptian differences, and that Egypt may have misinterpreted the U. S. position on aid. However, these officials feel that, if relations were otherwise perfect, such misinterpretation would not have caused the extreme reaction by Nasser.

U. S. officials also cited American strategic interests in preserving relations with Nasser. They referred to the Suez Canal, oil, the need for aviation access, and other factors.

ARABS 'SUSPEND' BOYCOTT THREAT AGAINST U. S. BANK DEALING WITH ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The Arab League's anti-Israel boycott office, at Damascus, announced today that it has "suspended" its threatened blacklisting of the Chase Manhattan of New York as an agent for Israel Bond transactions.

The Arab Boycott Committee threatened the bank, which has extensive financial operations in the Arab states, that it would be barred from such dealings if it did not comply by December 31 with its restrictions against trading with Israel. The ultimatum expired on New Year's Day.

Mohammed Mabub, commissioner general of the Arab League Boycott head office, announced in Damascus the suspension of the ultimatum, according to reports from Syria. A spokesman for the bank here said the bank had not received any official word of the extension, and had no comment on the matter.

The Arab League official said that the suspension was approved after the committee received "certified documents" from the bank, which emphasized that its relations with Israel were of "a purely banking nature." He added that, if all the regional boycott bureaus in the 13 Arab League member states accepted the documents, the resolution to boycott the bank would be dropped. He said that the Egyptian bureau had already replied it found the documents satisfactory.

J. D. C. SENDS AID TO VICTIMS OF FLOOD IN TUNISIA; PROVIDES FOOD TO GOVT.

GENEVA, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee is giving aid to Jewish victims of floods caused by torrential rains in southern Tunisia, and also providing the Tunisian Government with 50 tons of United States surplus food supplies for general relief in the stricken area.

Charles H. Jordan, JDC director general, also reported that 15 Jewish families were among the 3,000 Tunisians made homeless in Zarzis, a mainland town. The JDC office in Tunis has provided food and blankets for the Jewish victims, and they have been provided temporary housing until they can return to their homes. There are no Jewish casualties among the seven Tunisians reported dead in the floods.

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL TO TAKE FINAL VOTE ON JEWISH DOCUMENT IN FALL

ROME, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Pope Paul VI has set September 14 as the opening date for the fourth session of the second Vatican Ecumenical Council and has ordered that it will be the last session, the Vatican said today.

The fact that this will be the closing session virtually assures that final action will be taken on the declaration on Christian-Jewish relations which was overwhelmingly approved at the third session last November. The declaration, which was twice revised, specifically holds that Jews, past and present, have no special guilt in the crucifixion of Jesus, all mankind being held responsible. The declaration also warns Catholics against anti-Semitic attitudes and actions.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN JOINS N. C. R. A. C.; AFFILIATION GREETED

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The National Council of Jewish Women today joined the National Community Relations Advisory Council to become the seventh national member organization of the NCRAC, which includes also 74 local Jewish councils in major centers of population throughout the United States. The NCRAC is the joint policy-forming, program-planning and coordinating body for its constituents in the field of civil rights and intergroup relationships.

The NCJW, world's oldest major Jewish women's organization, is an educational and service group with 123,000 members in 329 affiliated local units in the U. S. The Council sponsors some 1,000 community services projects in U. S. communities, a broad public affairs program for members and education and welfare services in Israel. A major emphasis of the NCJW program is on work with culturally deprived youngsters, particularly those from minority groups. It has pioneered volunteer programs in the fields of civil rights, education and help for older adults.

Both Mrs. Joseph Willen, NCJW president, and Aaron Goldman, NCRAC chairman, expressed deep satisfaction. "The common cause of better Jewish community relations, which all of us seek, will be advanced by the participation of the National Council of Jewish Women in our cooperative effort," said Mr. Goldman. Mrs. Willen called the affiliation of the NCJW with the NCRAC "another proud step forward in the Council's 71 year history of dedication to human rights and intergroup harmony."

LARGE GROUP OF JEWISH REFUGEES FROM EASTERN EUROPE ARRIVES IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Ninety-three United Hias-assisted refugees from Eastern Europe -- the largest number of Jewish migrants ever to arrive in the United States on one flight -- came in at Kennedy Airport today. The refugees will be resettled in 10 cities throughout the United States.

James P. Rice, United Hias executive director, headed a team of 11 migration workers and volunteers who greeted the refugees, and sped them to the communities throughout the country where they will be resettled with the aid of local Jewish agencies. This large number of men, women and children reflects the rising trend in Hias-assisted migrants, Mr. Rice said. He pointed out that the number of persons Hias aided to resettle in countries of the Western world rose from 5,800 in 1963 to more than 9,000 in 1964, and 11,700 will be resettled in 1965.

This flight, he said, symbolizes the pent-up demand of thousands of families in Eastern Europe and North Africa who wish reunion with their families in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Western Europe and Australia. It was noted that the flight arrived only one day after President Johnson's message to Congress, in which he urged the liberalization of immigration legislation.

Cities of resettlement for the refugees are New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Buffalo, Baltimore, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Columbus, Cleveland and Los Angeles.

REFORM RABBIS OPEN TWO-DAY PARLEY IN WASHINGTON ON COMBATING POVERTY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Rabbi Leon Feuer, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, called today for a three-faith mobilization to combat poverty and economic problems in the United States.

The CCAR Committee on Justice and Peace opened a two-day study session with experts from government, labor, management and economic and social leaders to prepare a position paper on the question and define the role of the rabbi in community and synagogue work. Rabbi Feuer saw the poverty issue "as another area in which the religions of America could unite forces as they did on civil rights."

COURT FORBIDS DISTRIBUTION OF 3,000 BIBLES IN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOLS

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The Gideon Society was barred today by a permanent injunction from its plans to distribute 3,000 Bibles to public school children in the fifth to twelfth grades in a school district. Judge Lawrence E. Monroe of Bucks County court said, in issuing the injunction, that such distribution would violate the constitutional separation of church and state.

CHICAGO RABBINATE CALLS FOR HIGH STANDARDS IN JEWISH ACTIVITIES

CHICAGO, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations of all kinds were urged today by the Chicago Board of Rabbis to refrain from programs and activities which ignored "the high standards and morals of our people."

The board made its request in a letter to officials of all synagogues and philanthropic and fraternal organizations. The letter urged that before an organization planned a project, the question should be asked as to whether it was appropriate for the Sabbath or a Jewish holiday, if scheduled on such a day, and whether the program was in keeping with the standards of the "People of the Book."

The board also asked that before an article or photograph was released to the public press, the sender should consider whether "it will reflect on the dignity and moral standards of Judaism." The rabbis said that while they did not consider themselves "exclusive keepers of the public morals," they did believe that "every Jew is his brother's keeper and every Jewish organization shares in the responsibility for the image of the entire Jewish community."

Rabbi Mordecai Simon, executive director of the rabbinical body, which represents Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis, said that the appeal referred to congregations and organizations which schedule fund-raising and other activities on the Sabbath. He said the rabbis also were concerned about Sabbath tours and trips from which worship was excluded and efforts in stage presentations considered in bad taste for a congregation to sponsor.

ORT TO TRAIN TIBETANS AS VOCATIONAL TEACHERS; U.N. TO DEFRAY COST

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- ORT has been asked to undertake a program to train Tibetan refugee youth to become instructors in vocational subjects, it was reported here today. Upon completion, the trainees will become the teaching staff of a proposed trade school for Tibetans who found sanctuary in India. The request was made by the International Council of Voluntary Agencies, which coordinates aid to this refugee group.

The first group of 15 Tibetans, aged 19-21, has already arrived in Teheran, the report said. They are being housed in a recently completed dormitory building adjacent to the school, a section of which has been set aside for them in order to allow the Tibetans to maintain their own cultural and religious milieu. After two years of study, they will return to India.

The Norwegian Refugee Council, in cooperation with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, will defray the cost of the training project. The Dalai Lama has given his approval.

AMERICAN HISTADRUT TO SPONSOR WORLD CONFERENCE ON ACCULTURATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The American Histadrut Cultural Exchange Institute today announced that it will sponsor a world conference on "Integration and Acculturation" at Columbia University's Arden-House Campus in Harriman, N.Y., on January 15-17.

The announcement was made at a gathering of civic leaders at the Harriman mansion here at which Howard J. Samuels, chairman of the Institute, was host. Dr. Judd L. Teller, executive vice-chairman of the Institute, reported that the conference would focus on problems and solutions in Israel, the United States and the new nations with tribalist tensions.

LIPSKY, J. T. A. PRESIDENT, HONORED BY JERUSALEM JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem Journalists Association tendered today a luncheon in honor of Eleazar Lipsky, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The editors stressed the importance of the JTA as the main source of news of the Jewish world and supplier of Israeli news to Jewish communities throughout the world, emphasizing the need for expansion of the JTA. Mr. Lipsky described some of the problems involved in JTA operations.

A. TABACHNICK, J. T. A. EDITORIAL STAFF MEMBER, WINS LITERATURE PRIZE

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Avrohom Tabachnick, the Yiddish poet and essayist, and A. M. Fuchs, the Israeli Yiddish novelist, were today awarded the Friedland Literature Prize for 1964.

Mr. Tabachnick, who is a Yiddish editor at the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was awarded the \$200 prize for his essay on the late poet Moshe Leib Halprin which was published in the December issue of *Zukunft*, a Yiddish literary magazine. Mr. Fuchs received the prize for his short story, "Red Her sh," published in "Di Golden Keit," an Israeli Yiddish literary magazine.