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SECRETARY RUSK ASK SENATORS TO DEFEAT MEASURE SEVERING AID TO NASSER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The Administration went into action today in an attempt to prevent Senate adoption of an anti-Nasser amendment, voted yesterday by the House, which would sever further shipment of surplus commodities to Egypt.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk this afternoon, aided by Chairman J. W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, summoned a meeting of all members of the Senate in the Foreign Relations Committee room. The meeting was held in executive session, but Senators later revealed that Secretary Rusk made a plea for defeat of the amendment and continuation of aid to the Nasser regime.

Meeting with the hurriedly assembled Senators, Mr. Rusk said the amendment, tied to an agriculture appropriations bill, would "usurp" the role of President Johnson in making foreign policy. Mr. Rusk sought to portray Nasser in a more favorable light, and asked the Senators to consider the future of Egyptian-American relations. Chairman Fulbright presided at the meeting and strongly supported Mr. Rusk's position. He said he would oppose the amendment, and thought policy toward Egypt was a matter for Executive Department discretion.

The State Department announced that Mr. Rusk will appear before a public hearing of the Senate Appropriations Committee tomorrow, to oppose the amendment and support continued assistance to Nasser.

EUROPEAN STATESMEN URGE RUSSIA TO ABANDON ANTI-JEWISH POLICY

BRUSSELS, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The chairman and vice-chairman of the political commission of the Consultative Assembly of Europe, which opened its current session here today, called on the Assembly to urge the Soviet Union to ease its attitude toward Jews. Both stressed particularly the denial of cultural and religious rights to Russian Jewry and the refusal of the Moscow Government to permit Jews to emigrate for purposes of reunification with their families. The Assembly has consultative status before the European Common Market.

Finn Moe, Norwegian Labor Party representative to the Assembly and vice-chairman of the political commission, drew the body's attention to a resolution dealing with the situation of Russian Jewry, now before the Commission, calling upon all member governments to urge, in their discussions with the USSR, that the rights of Jews be respected. "I am afraid," he said, "that the present conditions of the Jewish minority in the Soviet Union only helps those who are opposed to an East-West detente. I hope the Assembly will agree to a motion on this item very soon."

Paul Struye, chairman of the political commission, pointed out that no such motion is before the Assembly as yet, saying that the Commission has appointed a rapporteur to examine "the gravity" of the question. However, he deplored the fact that, according to the information thus far received, denial of cultural and religious rights to Russian Jews and refusal of permission for their emigration to reunify with their families "are as yet uncontradicted."

He, too, warned that "the attitude of Soviet authorities toward the Jewish community, particularly in religious and cultural affairs and in regard to reunification of families," plays into the hands of elements opposed to an East-West detente. He expressed the hope that a report with "appropriate recommendations" would be submitted to the Assembly's next session.

BEN-GURION JOINS ISRAEL'S DELEGATION TO CHURCHILL'S FUNERAL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion will join President Zalman Shazar to attend the obsequies for the late Sir Winston Churchill, the Government announced today.

Previous plans had included Mr. Ben-Gurion in the official delegation to the funeral, but he had not planned on going to London when the British Government indicated that Israel would be allocated only one seat in St. Paul's Cathedral, where the Churchill funeral services are to be held Saturday. Today, however, the British Foreign Office notified Israel that there would be two seats reserved for Israel at the cathedral, and Mr. Ben-Gurion's name was added to that of President Shazar.

BONN PARLIAMENT SETS DATE FOR DEBATE ON STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ISSUE

BONN, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The question of possible extension of the German statute of limitations for prosecution of major war criminals beyond the present cut-off date of May 8, 1965, will be debated March 10 in the Bundestag, lower house of Parliament, it was announced here today.

The Cabinet decided several months ago to let the statute go into effect on May 8, thus foreclosing any further prosecutions against Nazi war criminals beyond that date. However, the Social Democrats have opposed that proposal, and worldwide protests by Jewish and non-Jewish organizations and leaders have insisted that there must not be a halt to trials of war criminals.

(A dispatch today from Warsaw reported that Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Roman Catholic Primate of Poland, urged that trials against Nazis be permitted in West Germany after May 8, saying: "The time to forgive and forget is not yet ripe. The devil that flourished must be torn out by the roots.")

The Government's official spokesman, Secretary of State Gunther von Hase, refused today to comment on a statement made two weeks ago by Justice Minister Ewald Bucher, who had said that he would resign if the statute of limitations were to be prolonged. In a talk which he had ten days ago with Morris M. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, Mr. Bucher said the government would present recommendations to parliament at the beginning of March to prevent Nazi criminals "from profiting from the statute of limitations of May 8, 1965." He added that the recommendations of the American Jewish Committee that the statute of limitations ought to begin from the day the Federal Republic became a sovereign state instead of 1945 would "play a role" in further reflections

GERMAN JEWS IN LONDON APPEAL TO BONN TO PROLONG PROSECUTION OF NAZIS

LONDON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Petitions calling for the extension of West Germany's statute of limitations for the prosecution of major Nazi war criminals beyond next May 8 were sent to Bonn authorities today by the Council of Jews from Germany. The identical petitions were transmitted to the leaders of the government in Bonn as well as to both houses of the German Parliament.

Failure to prosecute Nazis after next May, the Council stated in its petitions, "would be felt as a serious injustice. We find it intolerable to think that the decision to terminate such prosecutions is the result of thorough deliberation."

"The decision," stated the Council, would set limits to prosecution of such criminals and would equate the outrageous murders of a system based on the denial of all cultural and moral values with crimes committed from individual greed, passion or revenge."

The Council told the German authorities that the statute must be extended beyond next May or abolished altogether, as in France. It insisted that Germany must recognize the fact that the Nazi deeds are "not comparable to normal crimes."

DR. GLOBKE SAYS HE MADE NO EFFORT TO PREVENT NAZI EXECUTION OF JEWS

DUSSELDORF, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Hans Globke, for 14 years the top right-hand man to former Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, told a court here today that it was not his responsibility to take steps, during the Nazi regime, to prevent the execution of Jews.

Dr. Globke had been a senior official of the Ministry of the Interior during the Hitler regime, and was the legal officer who had written the Nazi official "interpretation" of the anti-Semitic Nuremberg Laws. He was called by the court as a witness in the trial here of former officers of Hitler's SS, charged with mass shootings of Jews in Poland.

Asked by the judge whether he had done anything to halt such murders, Dr. Globke replied: "It was not my responsibility. I was in a different department. In any case, what would have been the sense in publicly opposing it." Earlier, Dr. Globke had told the court: "I heard from people who were home on leave (from the Nazi army) that shootings were going on in Poland. But I knew nothing of concentration camp victims."

FRENCH NAZIS REPORTED LISTING PROMINENT JEWS 'FOR FUTURE ACTION'

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- A French Nazi group, calling itself the "Proletarian National Socialist Party," claims that it now has 15 "cells" in France, is in touch with British and American Nazis, and is preparing to take over France and to attack leading Jews in that country, the New York Journal American reported today.

A dispatch to the Hearst Headline Service from Paris reported that the Nazi extremists have prepared a list of prominent Jews "for future action." The group's headquarters at Calais, France, the report stated, was raided by French police last week, revealing an arsenal of weapons and ammunition as well as swastika flags, Nazi propaganda and pictures of Adolf Hitler.

The dispatch named a 27-year-old Frenchman, Jean Claude Monet, a grandson of the famous French artist Claude Monet, as the "fuehrer" of the group. He was reported to have been born in Algeria of a German mother and to favor "the Arab cause." He is reported stating that his contacts include the Ku Klux Klan, the States Rights Party in the South, and George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi Party.

ISRAEL AMBASSADOR EULOGIZES CHURCHILL AT U.N. ASSEMBLY SESSION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Sir Winston Churchill was eulogized in glowing terms here today by Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative, who participated in a session of the General Assembly devoted to addresses honoring the memory of the late statesman.

Mr. Comay pointed out that Winston Churchill had declared himself openly as far back as 1908 as favoring "the historical aspirations of the Jews," declaring then that "the restoration to them (the Jews) of a center of political integrity would be a tremendous event in the history of the world." The Israeli noted that Churchill was an ardent supporter of the Balfour Declaration and the League of Nations Mandate "which gave international sanction to the Jewish national home in Palestine."

N. Y. RABBIS EXPRESS 'ALARM' OVER FEDERAL AID TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- President Johnson was lauded here today by the New York Board of Rabbis, largest group of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis in New York, for his program toward the building of "The Great Society" in all aspects of human welfare and for his immigration proposed to Congress, calling for revision of the present immigration law based on national origins. The rabbis also endorsed, at their 84th annual meeting, the President's call for an all-out struggle against poverty in America.

At the same time, the meeting adopted a resolution expressing "alarm" over the recent effort to obtain Federal aid for private and parochial schools. The resolution on Federal aid to education stated: "The religious school clearly is established to serve the sectarian purposes of the sponsoring religious group. It is a violation of our understanding of the hallowed principle of church-state separation to require the state to support religion. Furthermore, we consider it ultimately harmful to our religious institutions to depend on state funds for the furtherance of their program."

The Board also reiterated its opposition to all public school prayers and Bible reading and to "any efforts to amend the Constitution so as to permit such practices and teachings in the public schools of our land." The rabbis appealed to the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Greater New York to undertake a broader program of Jewish education.

The Board criticized the divorce laws of New York State which specify adultery as the only ground, and urged the State Legislature "to review and amend the present laws in order to provide for additional grounds for divorce than is presently permitted."

In a resolution on the plight of Soviet Jewry, the Board announced that it was "prepared and eager" to send a supply of matzoh for the Jews of the Soviet Union if that country's leaders fail to make facilities available locally to satisfy the needs of the Jewish community in time for Passover. In another resolution on international affairs, the Board denounced "the proclaimed policy of the Bonn Government" to allow the West German statute of limitations to take effect on May 8, 1965 in the prosecution of Nazi war criminals.

Other resolutions condemned the Arab boycott of Israel, and called for the suspension of aid to Egypt in view of its anti-American policies. Rabbi Max Schenk, of Brooklyn, was re-elected president of the Board for the second consecutive year.

A. D. L. REPORTS ARAB ANTI-ISRAEL PROPAGANDA EXTENDED AGAINST ALL JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- A report showing that the Arabs are conducting not only a campaign against Israel but also worldwide propaganda against Jews in general was issued here today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The report said that a sampling of the Arab press and radio showed anti-Jewish statements covering areas completely unrelated to their feud with Israel.

"Because there is rigorous government press censorship in most Arab countries, statements in major Arab newspapers are at least, authorized reports, if not actually official government releases," Arnold Forster, ADL general counsel, stated. He said that, although the Arabs claim to differentiate between Zionism and Judaism, "the evidence is all to the contrary."

The League official said Africa has been a prime Arab target. He named a pamphlet, "Israel, The Enemy of Africa," as a major document being used. The pamphlet, described by Mr. Forster as "blatantly anti-Jewish," was distributed throughout English-speaking sections of Africa. It was also made available through the Egyptian Information Department in Cairo and, this week, at the Egyptian Embassy in Washington. In it are extensive quotations from such long disproven and spurious documents as the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ MARKED IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Diplomatic representatives from five countries joined Dutch members of Parliament here last night in commemorating the 20th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp, conducted by the Dutch Auschwitz Committee. Participating in the program were the Ambassadors from the United States, Israel, the Soviet Union, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

NEW JERSEY FEDERATION ORGAN TO DROP NOTICES OF MIXED MARRIAGES

HIGHLAND PARK, N. J., Jan. 27. (JTA) -- After a full discussion of the subject by various bodies of the Jewish community, including the Rabbinical Advisory Committee of the Jewish Federation of Raritan Valley, a decision has been reached that the Jewish Journal, the Federation's official organ should not publish notices of a marriage where one partner is not Jewish.

The issue arose recently when the daughter of a prominent Jewish family here married a non-Jew who did not convert to Judaism. The Journal submitted to the Rabbinical Advisory Committee a question as to whether it would be proper to print the notice of such a marriage in the Federation's newspaper. The Rabbinical Advisory Committee decided that such a notice does not belong in a Jewish communal newspaper.

On the other hand, the committee felt there was no objection to announcing the marriage of a Jewish couple, even if it takes place before a secular authority, provided that mention is made of the secular official who performed the marriage. "The participation of a rabbi," ruled the committee, "is not a necessity to make a marriage valid according to Jewish law."

The Federation's publication committee in charge of the Journal approved the ruling of the Rabbinical Advisory Committee, but submitted the entire matter to a meeting of the Federation Assembly. The Assembly backed the ruling, holding that the Jewish Journal would give the impression, if it published a mixed marriage notice, that the Jewish community approves of mixed marriage. The resolution pointed out that "The Jewish Journal is designed to advance the religious, cultural and civic interests of the Jewish community of the area."

At the same time, the Federation Assembly ruled that refusal to print a mixed marriage notice in the Jewish Journal "does not imply condemnation or criticism of any individual." The Jewish Federation of Raritan Valley serves New Brunswick, Highland Park and six surrounding townships in this section of New Jersey. Samuel I. Hoddeson is president, and Fred A. Liff is executive director.

PITTSBURGH JEWISH FEDERATION SETS \$2,000,000 GOAL FOR 1965 DRIVE

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- An overall goal of \$2,000,000 to be raised by the 1965 campaign has been set there by the board of directors of the United Jewish Federation, with the minimum required fixed at \$1,777,140. William Stark, campaign chairman and chairman of the goal-setting committee, presented the report adopted by the board. He said there were three principal reasons for the need to increase the Pittsburgh Jewish community's level of giving.

In the overseas field, he pointed out, the United Jewish Appeal will require higher funds next year. In the United States, he noted, the budgets of all community relations agencies must be increased, particularly because "anti-democratic forces are growing bigger, bolder and more numerous." Locally he said, one of the major items included in this year's goal is a full-time chief in surgery for Mortefiore Hospital, now in the midst of a great expansion program.

A. D. DAVIS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CHICAGO JEWISH FEDERATION

CHICAGO, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- A. D. Davis has been elected president of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, it was announced here today. He succeeds Joseph L. Gidwitz, who has served for the past three years.

Active in Jewish communal affairs for many years, Mr. Davis has been vice-president of the Jewish Federation for the past three years. He was a vice-president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and is presently a member of the national council of the American Joint Distribution Committee. He also serves on the board of directors of the University of Chicago Cancer Research Foundation.

EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY ISRAELI ARTISTS OPENS IN PANAMA

PANAMA, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- An exhibition of 42 paintings by Israel kibbutz artists sponsored by the Workers Bank of Israel was opened at the Panamanian Institute of Art here last night as part of a cultural exchange program.

Among those taking part in the opening ceremonies were Israel Ambassador Levi Allon; Adolfo Arias, president of the Institute and former Panamanian Ambassador to Israel; Eduardo Morgan, president of the Institute for Panamanian Israel Relations, representatives of the Panama Government and leaders of the local Jewish community. The high standard of the works on display won general acclaim. An exchange exhibition of the works of six outstanding Panamanian artists will soon leave for Israel.