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SALE OF AMERICAN-MADE TANKS BY GERMANY TO ISRAEL PERMITTED BY U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The United States Government gave West Germany permission to sell American-made M-48 medium tanks to Israel, it was officially disclosed here this weekend. The permission was requested by the Bonn Government last fall, it was revealed, in pursuance of an agreement with the U. S. A., forbidding Germany to resell or transfer the tanks to any other country without Washington's approval.

West Germany purchased 1,000 of the tanks in 1957 and 1958. The 49-ton tanks are equipped with a 90-millimeter gun. The United States rid itself of 1,000 of these weapons when they were replaced by a later model, the M-60. Officials here have refused to tell how many of the M-48's Germany has transferred to Israel, but said the number is "substantial."

Officials who disclosed the tank deal have been reluctant to discuss the entire matter. They conceded, however, that recent increases in the shipment of Soviet arms to the Arab countries, especially Egypt, might have altered the balance of arms in the Middle East to Israel's disadvantage. According to official sources here, Israel has had fewer tanks and planes than Egypt, and this imbalance was further aggravated by Egypt's recent acquisition of more modern, medium tanks and MIG jet fighters from the Soviet Union.

MAJORITY OF SENATE COMMITTEE NON-COMMITTAL ON SEVERING AID TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Seven members of the 27 on the Senate Appropriations Committee either "favor" the vote in the House of Representatives to ban further United States surplus food shipments to Egypt, or are "inclined" to back the House on that proposal, a poll conducted by the Associated Press revealed here this weekend. The House voted 204-177, last week, to halt surplus food aid to the Nasser regime, in spite of pressures by the State Department against such a proposal.

The poll of the members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, which has to consider the House resolution, showed that those who favor the House action outright are Senators A. Willis Robertson, Virginia Democrat; Norris Cotton, of New Hampshire; Gordon Allotte, of Colorado; and Roran L. Kruska of Nebraska - all Republicans. Listed as "inclined" to back the lower house on this issue are Senators Lister Hill, of Alabama, Robert C. Byrd, of West Virginia; and Clifford Case, of New Jersey. The first two in this group are Democrats, while Sen. Case is a Republican.

According to the poll, two Senators are, thus far, ready to say publicly they will oppose the House move. They are A. S. Mike Monroney, of Oklahoma and Gale W. McGee, of Wyoming. Both are Democrats. Fifteen of the 26 committee members reached, the Associated Press reported, have thus far, not disclosed their positions. Meanwhile, Sen. Paul H. Douglas, Illinois Democrat, who is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, served notice that he would support the House amendment calling for severance of food aid to Egypt.

(From Cairo, it was reported today that Egyptian authorities are making a distinct effort to tone down criticism of the United States, in the wake of the House vote for ending food shipments. The reports stated that Nasser wants to avoid "embarrassing" the Johnson Administration, in the hope that the House amendment may be negated by the Senate.)

West Germany Reported Planning to Reduce Aid to Egypt

BONN, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Angered over Nasser's invitation to East German head of state Walter Ulbricht, but reluctant to sever ties with Egypt, the West German Government is considering reducing its aid to Egypt, it was indicated here today. Bonn sees the Ulbricht visit to Cairo, which is scheduled for February 26, as a challenge to its influence in the Middle East.

The foreign affairs committee of the Bundestag, lower house of Parliament, met this weekend to discuss the Ulbricht visit to Cairo but no decision was taken. As a result of the meeting the Government was advised to consider the Ulbricht visit to Egypt as a de facto recognition by Egypt of East Germany but that, instead of severing diplomatic ties with Cairo, economic aid should be halted.

GOLDA MEIR RECUPERATES FROM ILLNESS; REPORTS AT CABINET MEETING

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, today participated in the Cabinet meeting, after recuperating from several weeks of illness. She reported on current foreign affairs to the members of the Cabinet.

Meanwhile, it was learned reliably here today that Mr. Eshkol would go to London in March to confer there with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL SENDS MISSION TO JORDAN-ISRAEL BORDER

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Secretary-General U Thant announced here that he has appointed a special mission to investigate recent border incidents on the Israeli-Jordanian frontier. He named his military adviser, Brig. Indar J. Rikhye, and Pier Spinelli, who for years has been the UN's special "presence" in the Middle East, and these two will arrive in the region by tomorrow, confer with both Jordanian and Israeli authorities, and report back to the Secretary-General within the next 10 days.

The naming of the special mission followed two visits to the highest Secretariat offices in the last three days by Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, accompanied by Lt. Col. Yaacov Monbaz, member of the Israeli Mission. They met first with Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Undersecretary for Political Affairs, then with Dr. Bunche and Mr. Thant, detailing information about a long series of Jordanian attacks against Israel during the period since December 8.

After listening to the Israelis, Mr. Thant decided on sending the special mission. He indicated that there is a "serious deterioration in the situation there." It is understood that, prior to naming the special mission, Mr. Thant conferred also with Jordan's Ambassador here, Abdel Monem Rifai.

SHAZAR LEAVES LONDON; RETURNS TO ISRAEL FROM CHURCHILL'S FUNERAL

LONDON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Israeli President Zalman Shazar, who, together with former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, took part in the funeral rites for Winston Churchill, left here today for Israel after attending a reception in his honor given by Ambassador Arthur Lourie. Mr. Ben-Gurion will remain here until Tuesday.

In a press conference at his hotel here, President Shazar hailed the "greatness" of the late British leader, who, he said, was not only "the roar of the fighting British lion" but also "the roar of humanity fighting and in distress. We Jews were in deeper distress-- and his voice was our cry."

Mr. Shazar said that he was impressed by the numbers of Jews and Israeli students who greeted him as he walked to the funeral. He could not ride because of the Sabbath. The President's aide, Col. Aryeh Raz, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Mr. Shazar had not been tired at all during the walk at a brisk pace. President Shazar had to turn down an invitation to attend a reception by the Queen in Buckingham Palace since it was felt that the additional long walk would tire him too much.

Addressing a number of Israeli editors who had come to London to attend the funeral, Mr. Shazar reminded the group of the World Zionist Congress statements calling on the Israeli press to devote more attention to informing their readers about Jewish activities in countries outside of Israel. Asserting that the papers' correspondents do not give sufficient space to such activities in their dispatches, President Shazar cited as an example the fact that the American correspondents of the papers were generally stationed in Washington instead of New York where the main center of American Jewish population is located.

ARGENTINE POLICE DISCOVER NAZI BAND PLOTTING TO KILL JEWISH LEADERS

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Argentine federal police set up a search today for Horst Eichmann, 27-year-old son of the late Adolf Eichmann, who disappeared from his home here this weekend after being involved with a Nazi gang planning terrorism against leading Jews in this country.

The existence of the gang was discovered accidentally early Friday when a police patrol combing a wooded area near the Ezeiza International Airport for derelicts had been fired on by men who disappeared in the dark. The patrol located the headquarters of the attackers, finding large quantities of weapons and explosives, scores of swastika flags, hundreds of pamphlets bearing Nazi propaganda, a photograph of young Eichmann wearing a Nazi uniform.

Also found by police were a list of 25 prominent Jews, evidently scheduled for assault by the Nazis. The list contained descriptions of the homes and offices of a number of Jewish civic leaders and businessmen. Police authorities, who refused to reveal the names of the Jews marked for attack, said today that special agents have been assigned to guard the Jews on the list. The local newspaper, Cronica, reported that the gang was planning to use some small planes to drop explosives.

GERMAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE INSISTS ON ENDING PROSECUTION OF NAZIS

BONN, Jan. 31. (JTA)-- Minister of Justice Ewald Bucher told the West German nation in a radio broadcast last night that he is still opposed to extension of the statute of limitations on the prosecution of major Nazi war criminals beyond the cut-off date of May 8. He is under pressure from members of the Bundestag, the lower house of Parliament, to stretch the statute, while hundreds of German and foreign petitioners around the world have requested that Germany keep the door open for trying Nazi war criminals beyond next May.

"We should depart neither to the left nor to the right," said Dr. Bucher, "from existing law. This means we should neither draw a final line, releasing criminals already caught, nor extend retroactively the validity of the penal code." The Bundestag is scheduled to open debate, March 10, on several draft measures, which would extend the statute of limitations for periods ranging from 10 years to 30 years.

Dr. Bucher said that it would not be Germany's fault if "some" Nazi criminals were to benefit from the statute of limitations if that statute were to make further trials impossible after next May. The Allied powers, he said, would be at fault for carrying out their "silly denazification program, subjecting each unimportant little party member to petty questioning instead of prosecuting those really guilty." He criticized foreign petitioners on this issue.

Dr. Franz Boehm, one of West Germany's outstanding fighters against neo-Nazism for many years, appealed to Dr. Bucher today to extend the statute of limitations, not only for crimes committed against Germans in Germany but also for crimes committed by Germans during the war abroad. An influential member of the dominant Christian Democratic Party, Dr. Boehm is one of 40 members of that party urging extension of the statute of limitations through a bill now pending in the Bundestag.

As chairman of the Sudeten German Landsmanschaften, Dr. Boehm also criticized Czechoslovakia for "doing little or nothing" to bring to justice those "guilty of crimes against humanity" during the expulsion of Germans from the Sudeten region. He accused Czechoslovakia of employing "a double standard" in urging Germany to try more Nazi war criminals while failing to try those who were responsible for similar atrocities against Sudeten Germans.

EUROPEAN STATESMEN URGE BONN TO CONTINUE TRIALS OF NAZIS

STRASBOURG, France, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- A resolution urging all 17 member governments of the Council of Europe, including West Germany, to prevent the application of the statute of limitations on further trials of Nazi war criminals was adopted overwhelmingly here this weekend by the Assembly of the Council. The vote was 68 to 15, with one abstention.

Most of the negative votes were cast by members of the Christian Democratic Party of Germany, while some Scandinavian and British participants also voted against the resolution. A strong plea for adoption of the resolution was made before the Assembly by H. Zadok, of Israel, one of the two Israeli observers at the Assembly. The opposition to the measure was led by the West German representatives.

GERMAN OFFICIALS INVITED BY POLAND TO EXAMINE RECORDS OF NAZIS

BONN, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The Polish Government has issued visas to a commission representing the Central Office for Investigation of Nazi Crimes, at Ludwigsburg, to visit Poland and examine records of Nazi crimes and criminals held by the Polish Government, it was announced here today. The commission applied for visas several weeks ago, but no answer was received from the Warsaw authorities until today.

Only last week Minister of Justice Ewald Bucher told the Bundestag, lower house of Parliament here, that neither Poland nor Czechoslovakia has furnished any documents regarding Nazi war criminals. The West German Government had requested all governments around the world to furnish such documents prior to the expiration of the statute of limitations on prosecution of major war criminals. The statute is due to expire next May 8. There were suspicions that Poland and Czechoslovakia were withholding the requested documentation until after May 8, so that they could make political capital of their disclosures about untried war criminals after the statute had lapsed.

SOVIET OFFICIALS ASSAIL GERMANY FOR SEEKING TO END PROSECUTION OF NAZIS

LONDON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The former Soviet Prosecutor at the Nuremberg War Crimes trial, Roman Rudenko, said this weekend in Moscow that West Germany's refusal to continue prosecuting Nazi criminals was "a gross violation of international law." "We are still shooting people for their war crimes, 20 years later," Rudenko declared. He made these statements at a press conference held to press the Soviet Government's campaign

against the West German decision. Marshal Semyon Timoshenko, Russia's World War II leader, called the Bonn stand "a profanation of the memory of Nazi victims."

(The statements of the Soviet leaders contradict an order issued by the Supreme Soviet of the USSR on Sept. 17, 1955, releasing from prisons all Soviet citizens who served in the Nazi army, the Nazi police, and "special formations" which included the notorious SS commandos in charge of mass murder of all Jews behind the Nazi occupation lines in the Soviet Union. However, some trials of Nazi collaborators did take place in the Soviet Union after the issuance of this order.)

U. A. H. C. PRESIDENT OPPOSES JOHNSON'S PLAN TO AID PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

PALO ALTO, Calif., Jan. 31. (JTA) -- President Johnson's aid to education proposals to Congress contain a threat to the principle of separation of church and state, by providing some aid to parochial schools, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the American Union of Hebrew Congregations, warned here today.

Addressing the biennial convention of the UAHC's Northern California Region, Dr. Eisendrath said: "Concealed inside the highly imaginative package of an aid to education bill is a proposal to give aid to parochial schools, a proposal which has never been adopted in this country and which was rejected by President Kennedy.

"Millions, and ultimately billions, will be poured into our parochial schools, thus depriving our public schools of the tax dollars desperately needed for the fashioning of a good public schools system in this land. And the aroma of federal funds will ultimately tempt every religious group to develop elaborate networks of parochial schools," the UAHC president asserted.

EXHIBITION OF MODERN ISRAELI GRAPHIC ART OPENS IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- An exhibition of modern Israeli graphic art was officially opened here yesterday at the Moscow State Art Museum, the largest in the Soviet Union, it was reported today by Novosti, Soviet press agency. Some 1,000 persons visited the exhibition during the first day, Novosti estimated. The exhibition includes 84 works by 12 artists, most of them of the younger generation of Israeli artists.

The opening was attended by outstanding Soviet artists and personalities. In an address at the gathering, Irina Antonova, director of the museum, said that the people of Moscow "will be happy to view the works of Israeli artists displayed here. I hope it will serve the good cause of strengthening the cultural relations between the Soviet Union and Israel." The well-known stage director, Victor Komissarzhevsky, praised the works of the Israeli artists. Israel Embassy press attache Ben Haim also spoke.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF YIDDISH STATE THEATER CELEBRATED IN WARSAW

LONDON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The 20th anniversary of the Yiddish State Theater in Poland was celebrated in Warsaw with a gala performance of "Meir Ezofovitch," the drama by Eliza Orzeskowska, 19th century Polish authoress. The performance was attended by the Mayor of Warsaw, the Deputy Minister for Culture and Arts, the director of the Ministry's theatrical department and other dignitaries.

Ida Kaminska, director of the theatrical group, was presented at the performance with a large basket of flowers sent by Lucien Motika, Minister for Culture and Arts. Oral greetings on behalf of the Jewish Cultural and Social Association, were delivered by Dr. David Sfar.

FORD FOUNDATION AWARDS \$40,000 FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS AT TECHNION

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Ford Foundation grants in excess of \$40,000 have been awarded to two research projects currently under way at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, it was announced here today by Maurice M. Rosen, president of the American Technion Society.

"The Ford grants cover two important areas of research," Mr. Rosen said. The larger part of the grant will be used by a team of Mechanical Engineering faculty members to investigate "heat transfer between fluid jets and their surroundings," while the balance of the funds will be devoted to a "study on the use of digital techniques in process control."

GEN. RATNER, DEAN OF TECHNION'S FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, DIES

HAIFA, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Brig. Gen. Yohanan Ratner, dean of the faculty of architecture of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology and head of the planning section of the Israel Defense Forces during the War of Independence, was laid to rest in the Haifa Military Cemetery today with full military honors. He died yesterday at the age of 73.

Born in Odessa, Russia, Gen. Ratner emigrated to Palestine in 1923 and joined the faculty of the Technion three years later. He was chief of staff of Haganah, the Jewish community's defense force before the establishment of the State and he served as a military attache at the Israel legation in Moscow in 1948 and 1949.