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ISRAEL'S DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER SAYS EGYPT'S ARMY GETTING STRONGER

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres said today that the strength of the Egyptian army was growing steadily, and that it was being trained not only in conventional weapons but also in the use of non-conventional arms. He told a meeting here that, for these reasons, more efforts to strengthen Israel's defense forces were needed.

In another address, over Kol Israel, the Israeli radio network, Mr. Peres expressed the hope that, though Egypt is now developing new weapons, Israel would maintain its military forces as "a deterring factor." "If Israel will have to revert to arms," he said, "it will not disappoint its heroic past." He repeated the warning issued by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol to the effect that any Arab attack against or interference with Israel's National Water Carrier "would be regarded as an attack against Israel's sovereignty."

Speaking of Egypt's efforts to develop a multi-stage rocket, Mr. Peres said he could not understand Cairo's need for such a weapon "especially since Egypt is now in very serious economic difficulty, seeking food from the United States while spending enormous funds for a three-stage missile, the tactical need for which is not clear."

Mr. Peres also expressed Israel's anxiety over the recent rapprochement between Egypt and Communist East Germany. Israel is watching East Germany's entry into the Middle East "carefully," he said. "East Germany," he declared, "owes the Jewish people not less, perhaps more, than West Germany does."

Israel's Chief of Staff Warns Arabs on Jordan River Waters

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Israel's chief of staff of its defense forces, General Yitzhak Rabin, warned here today that, if ordered to do so, Israel's army could prevent the Arabs from carrying out their intentions to divert the headwaters of the Jordan River. He reiterated also previous warnings to the effect that Israel will hold Arab countries responsible if their people should try infiltration or sabotage against Israel's National Water Carrier.

Addressing the biannual convention of the Tel Aviv Journalists Association, General Rabin spoke of Israel's need to strengthen its army as a deterrent factor. "But if the Arabs continue with their aggressive acts against Israel, whether against Israel's waters or against our borders," he stated, "this deterrent force could be utilized as a decisive factor."

Up to now, he said, Syria has begun to carry out only preliminary work toward diversion of the Jordan River headwaters, in accordance with the decision of the Arab states. Neither Lebanon nor Jordan, he declared, has done anything as yet along this line. For the time being, he reported, Syria has begun to level and open water routes for a distance of about three and a half miles from the Baniyas river, one of the Jordan tributaries, but "no work has been done on actual digging of a canal, nor has any work been done as yet in difficult terrain."

"If and when," he continued, "the canals are built, they will be close to Israel's border. The Baniyas springs are within one mile of the Israel border, and the Wazani springs are within two and a half miles of our border. In view of Israel's latest performance, there is no doubt that, if and when action is called for, it would not be among the toughest tasks for our army to prevent the Arabs from carrying out their plans."

BEN-GURION TAKES ISSUE WITH GOLDMANN; STRESSES VIEW ON U. S. JEWS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Former Premier David Ben-Gurion took issue here last night with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, and with Dr. Goldmann's supporters in Israel's Cabinet, regarding the recent decision by the 26th World Zionist Congress to offer Israeli aid toward the strengthening of Judaism in the countries outside Israel.

Speaking before a Mapai Party seminar here, Mr. Ben-Gurion said that instead of calling upon Israel to "go to the Diaspora," the thesis should be that the non-Israeli Jews "should face Israel." He maintained that American Jews today cannot be treated as if they were part of the East European Jewish communities prior to World War I.

WEST BERLIN PARLIAMENT CALLS FOR EXTENDING PROSECUTION OF NAZIS

BONN, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The West Berlin Parliament called yesterday for punishment of all Nazi criminals in deciding to support in the Bundesrat, the upper House of the Bonn Parliament, the extension of the statute of limitations on prosecution of Nazi criminals after next May 8. The Bundesrat will open debate on the issue next Friday. The lower house, the Bundestag is scheduled to start debate March 10.

Secretary of State Gunter von Hase, the West German Government spokesman, emphasized today that no pressure of any kind would be used against members of the Bundestag when they begin consideration of a report related to the controversy over extension of the statute of limitations on prosecution of Nazi war criminals.

He disclosed that Chancellor Ludwig Erhard was still in favor of extending the effective date of the statute though he had been outvoted by the Cabinet last November when the Cabinet decided not to extend the date beyond May 8, touching off worldwide criticism. The spokesman declined to say whether the Chancellor might use his constitutional prerogative to decide policy and reverse that Cabinet decision.

The subject of the March 10 meeting will be a report by the Justice Ministry of the results of a worldwide appeal made last year by West Germany to all governments, to submit any information they had on Nazi criminals, so that criminal proceedings could be instituted before May 8. Mr. von Hase said that "in the light of that report, a quite new situation might arise."

He also discussed a related issue, a discussion in West Germany touched off by an interview in the Baltimore Sun with Dr. Karl Knapstein, the West German envoy to the United States, who spoke out strongly for extension of the cut-off date. He was quoted as saying "I have a right and a duty to speak. I have represented the views of my government as far as I could, but there are limits to this which are set by my conscience."

Chancellor Erhard endorsed the right of the envoy to express his personal views on the issue. Speaking at a Cabinet meeting, the Chancellor said that matters of conscience "cannot be dictated from above."

Dr. Knapstein also said in the Baltimore interview that the statute of limitations for murder, which dates back to 1871, was irrelevant to cases of mass murder and racial extermination. He suggested that the 20-year limitation period for murder should be counted from 1949, when the Federal Republic was formed, or even from 1955, when West Germany achieved full sovereignty.

East Germany Refuses to Deliver Documents Against Nazis

Mr. von Hase also noted that Chancellor Erhard had repeatedly stated that it was necessary to find a solution to the problem of trying Nazi murders even after May 8. He said that the East German Parliament, which has criticized the Bonn Cabinet decision, had refused to hand over to West German authorities incriminating documents on Nazis unless such transfer was done on a governmental level. Since West Germany does not recognize East Germany, this was "pure blackmail," he added.

He emphasized that, whether or not the May 8 cut-off date went into effect, there would be trials against some 10,000 Nazi defendants.

Meanwhile, former Chancellor Dr. Konrad Adenauer proposed today that West Germany extend its statute of limitations for prosecution of major Nazi war criminals by four years, instead of permitting that statute to take effect next May 8. The extension, he said, is warranted by the fact that the operative date for beginning the 20-year limitation on such trials should be 1949, when the West German Government was established, rather than 1945, which marked the official end of World War II.

Dr. Adenauer's name also figured here today in another report which alleged that, in 1960, he had made an agreement in New York with David Ben-Gurion, then Prime Minister of Israel, to ship arms to Israel. Under that agreement, it was said, West Germany has shipped American-made tanks and anti-aircraft guns to Israel. Dr. Adenauer was accused in some quarters here of having bypassed the German Parliament by making that agreement with Mr. Ben-Gurion without parliamentary approval.

LIBERAL PARTY IN ISRAEL SEEKS COOPERATION WITH HERUT; NAMES COMMITTEE

TEL AVIV, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The possibility of a limited alignment between Israel's two principal rightwing parties, the Liberals and Herut, emerged today from a 17 to 12 decision of the Liberal party to name a special committee to find ways of cooperating with the Herut.

A minority of former members of the Progressive party, led by Moshe Kol, opposed the vote and threatened to act to dissolve the four-year old union with the former General Zionists. Mr. Kol, a leader in the merger of the two parties, said the decision to name the special committee was in violation of the merger agreement. Former General Zionists in the party argued that the decision did not mean merger with Herut or even alignment but was only for a united front for the forthcoming Parliamentary elections. They said each party would keep its ideology and specific character.

SOVIET ORGAN STARTS NEW PROPAGANDA DRIVE AGAINST 'ZIONIST' TOURISTS

LONDON, Feb. 7, (JTA) -- A fresh propaganda drive charging that American tourists advocate Zionism in the Soviet Union has begun this weekend in Trud, the organ of the Soviet trade unions, according to a report received here from Moscow. Trud has often been used by the Soviet propaganda apparatus for dissemination of anti-Jewish charges, often linking such accusations with "Zionism."

An article in Trud yesterday accused an American tourist, named James Picheny, of having distributed "pro-Zionist literature in Leningrad." Trud is also reported to have revived the use of the term "cosmopolitan" as an epithet against "subversive" elements. That term harks back to Stalin's era, when "cosmopolitanism" was a charge against Jews and "Zionists."

TWO MORE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSE JOHNSON'S EDUCATION PROPOSALS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, (JTA) -- Two more Jewish organizations took positions against President Johnson's aid to education proposals over the weekend. B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League, meeting here in its annual conference, and the Jewish War Veterans of America announced their opposition to provisions that would benefit children in non-public schools.

The Anti-Defamation League adopted a resolution opposing the use of public funds for aid to "sectarian" schools at the primary and secondary levels. In a heated debate of its national commission, the League rejected a plea by its program director Oscar Cohen for "compassion for the children of America" and went on record against the President's proposals.

The pending legislation on Federal aid to education, based on the child-benefit principle, envisages support to children attending private as well as public schools. The bill would provide funds for books and educational materials for children in private and parochial schools. It also would permit parochial school children to attend supplementary education centers financed by federal funds.

The Anti-Defamation League moved decisively to take a position on the education bill in the face of reservations by some of its members that it had not devoted sufficient study to the subject. In its resolution, the ADL urged that any proposals on Federal aid to education incorporate "specific standards and safeguards" against sectarian influence on the public school system.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE ADOPTS \$4,584,000 BUDGET FOR 1965 ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7, (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League adopted a 1965 budget, totaling \$4,584,000, as it concluded its 52nd annual meeting here this weekend. Topping the ADL's 1964 budget by 30 percent, the funds will be raised through a campaign to be conducted in the major cities of the United States.

The meeting approved the ADL's reaffiliation with the National Community Relations Advisory Council. The board of governors of the parent B'nai B'rith approved that reaffiliation proposal last December. The ADL left the NCRAC in 1952. Under a formula worked out after negotiations lasting two years, the ADL will now retain operational autonomy while the NCRAC will remain a consultative, advisory and coordinating body for its seven national and local Jewish community relations bodies.

Dore Schary, president of the ADL, reported that a series of studies on anti-Semitism in the United States, being conducted for the League by the University of California Survey Research Center, will be completed by 1966. In another report, delivered by the ADL's general counsel, Arnold Forster, the League heard about the intensification of a worldwide, anti-Jewish campaign by Arabs. He disclosed that the ADL was considering placement of its researches into this subject at the disposal of B'nai B'rith units outside the United States, in an effort to countermand the "Arab-directed outbreak of bigotry."

ARGENTINE POLICE IDENTIFY 20 MEMBERS OF NEO-NAZI TERRORIST GROUP

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 7, (JTA) -- Twenty men suspected of being members of a neo-Nazi gang with whom police exchanged shots last week near the group's hide-out in a wooded area 30 miles from this capital have been identified and are now sought by federal police, Minister of the Interior Juan S. Palmero declared here yesterday. He said there were indications that the principal aim of the gang was to avenge the death of Adolf Eichmann, who was executed in Israel after a trial which provoked worldwide interest.

A delegation representing the DAIA, central organization of Argentine Jewry, met yesterday with Jose Vesco, Deputy Minister of the Interior, and urged speedy apprehension of the neo-Nazis. Among the items discovered in the gang's secret hide-away, police said, was a photograph of 27-year-old Horst Eichmann, son of Adolf, wearing a Nazi uniform. A list of prominent Argentinian Jews apparently marked for attack by the Nazis was also discovered. All of the members of the group that fired at the police escaped.

JOHNSON APPEALS AGAINST BIGOTRY IN 'BROTHERHOOD WEEK' MESSAGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- President Johnson warned the nation today against racial and religious discrimination in a Brotherhood Week statement issued through the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The President is the honorary chairman of Brotherhood Week, which starts on Feb. 21, sponsored annually by the National Conference.

The President's statement reads:

"Brotherhood Week 1965 once again makes us acutely aware of the social and economic injustice which still clouds the lives and fortunes of many of our fellow citizens. Strong differences among our people have made our land dynamic. But when disagreement corrodes into discrimination then the very diversity which has been a hallmark of our Nation's success weakens its fabric of freedom and democracy.

"Our beloved land was founded by men fleeing bigotry. Let us seek during this Brotherhood Week and throughout 1966 to sustain and deepen the spirit of liberty and equality for which our founding fathers fought and died. I urge all Americans to join now with the National Conference of Christians and Jews to work toward a society that will respect differences of ethnic background, race and religion as well as encourage an equal opportunity for every citizen."

BARON DE HIRSCH FUND ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT; AIDS JEWISH FARMERS IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Baron de Hirsch Fund, established in 1891 by Baron Maurice de Hirsch in Russia to promote Jewish colonization in Argentina and Jewish farming in the United States and other countries, announced this weekend the election of Francis F. Rosenbaum, an investment broker, as its new president. He succeeds George W. Naumburg, a retired broker and philanthropist, who resigned after 32 years as president.

Baron de Hirsch, who died in 1896, gave a total of \$100,000,000 to charitable causes. One of his major projects was the establishment of the Jewish Colonization Association which helped thousands of Jews to emigrate to Argentina and settle there as farmers. Another project was the formation of the Jewish Agricultural Society in the United States which helped Jewish immigrants to find farms and assisted them with loans.

Until 10 years ago there were about 12,000 Jewish families in the United States living as farmers, most of them poultry farmers. Their number has dwindled now to less than 5,000 because of various conditions that developed in chicken and egg farming in this country. About 2,000 of them have their farms in New Jersey and are being helped with advice and loans by the Jewish Agricultural Society.

MASONIC TEMPLE EVICTS CONGREGATION WHOSE RABBI IS CONSIDERED ATHEIST

DETROIT, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The spiritual leader of a Reform temple in nearby Birmingham who recently declared that he was an atheist has been ordered to remove his congregation from the premises of the Masonic Temple where the 140-member group held services. Rabbi Sherwin T. Wine said that the eviction notice he received gave "theological reasons" as the reason for the ouster.

The Birmingham Council of Ministers, of which Rabbi Wine is a member, has protested the action by the Masonic Temple, and urged freedom for "religious expression." Harry Velick, president of the congregation, said that in ousting the group, C. Fuller Dorr, grand master of the Michigan Masons, insisted that a positive commitment to the existence of a Supreme Being was requisite for the continued use of the Masonic Temple.

J. N. F. COUNCIL OF LONG ISLAND TO BUILD \$2,000,000 SETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A new border settlement of Israel's northern frontier, near the Syrian and Jordanian borders, will be established at a cost of \$2,000,000, it was announced here today by the Jewish National Fund Council of Greater Long Island. The announcement was made by Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, newly elected president of the Council.

A drive to raise the \$2,000,000 over a five-year period will be started immediately, Rabbi Kirshblum said. Representatives of Zionist and other Jewish organizations in the Greater Long Island area attended the meeting where the plans for the drive were formulated and approved unanimously.

SHALOM BEN-BARUCH SCHWARTZ, FORMER J. T. A. EDITOR IN ISRAEL, DIES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Shalom Ben-Baruch, (Schwartz) prominent journalist and author, died here today at the age of 78. He was one of the founders of the daily newspaper, Haboker, and was editor of the Palestine Daily Bulletin, which was founded by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and which was the predecessor of the Jerusalem Post.

Born in Balta, Russia, Ben-Baruch emigrated to Israel in 1920. He served as editor of the General Zionist weekly Hed Yerushalayim. He was also correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Jerusalem in the 1920's. He was the author of many works including "The Arab Problem," "The Poetry of Tchernichovsky," "The Jewish Problem at the Peace Conference," "Herzl in his Diaries," and "Herzl in his Letters."