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BONN SEES PRESSURES TOWARD SEVERANCE OF GERMAN AID TO ISRAEL

BONN, Feb. 10, (JTA) -- State Secretary Gunther von Hase, the West German press spokesman, confirmed here today that Spain and "other friendly nations" were mediating with the Government of Egypt in search of a solution to the West German-Egyptian deadlock over the forthcoming visit to Cairo of East German Communist leader Walter Ulbricht.

He made the statement amid growing fear that Egyptian pressure on the West German Government, linking the invitation to Ulbricht with West German military and other aid to Israel, was having the effect that both the Government and West German political parties were moving toward a position of favoring an end to military aid to Israel.

Von Hase told the news conference that Ambassador Georg Federer, the Bonn envoy to Egypt, who was called home for consultations over the Ulbricht invitation, would remain in Bonn for the time being. He also disclosed that the West German Government discussed Middle East problems briefly today. (See late dispatches on Page 2.)

It became, clear meanwhile, that the Bundestag, lower house of Parliament, would not consider in the near future a bill to forbid military aid by West Germany to countries outside of NATO, as had been proposed by Bundestag President Eugen Gerstenmaier. Von Hase had previously forecast that this proposal would be raised in the Bundestag. Both Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's Christian Democratic Union and the opposition Social Democrats said their parties would not raise the issue before Parliament.

Some Government circles were reported as fearing that Algeria and Iraq, both bitterly hostile to Israel, would invite Ulbricht if West Germany did not "draw the consequences" of the Ulbricht visit to Cairo later this month.

In a related development, former Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today issued a statement advocating that the Government break its diplomatic relations with Egypt if Cairo recognizes Communist East Germany.

East Germany Opens Sharp Campaign Against Bonn Help to Israel

BERLIN, Feb. 10, (JTA) -- East German Communist officials opened a sharp campaign against Israel and West Germany today with a statement denouncing any German help to Israel.

The statement was in the form of an article by Guenther Kerscher, assistant editor of the East German Communist daily, Neues Deutschland. The article called the Israel reparations agreement, of 1952, "help to the imperialist stronghold in the Middle East." Records indicated that Kerscher joined the Nazi party in 1937.

WILSON ASKED IN COMMONS TO QUERY ERHARD ON LIMITATIONS STATUTE

LONDON Feb. 10, (JTA) - Prime Minister Harold Wilson was asked in the House of Commons today whether he could discuss with West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard the German Government's plan to allow the statute of limitations on prosecution of Nazi war criminals to take effect on May 8. The question was asked by a member of his own Labor Party, Mrs. R. Short, "Do you think," she asked, "that, when you meet the Chancellor shortly, you could remind him of the worldwide concern regarding these proposals?"

The Premier, non-committal on whether he would put the question to Chancellor Erhard, recalled that West Germany has asked all governments to bring forth any evidence in hand regarding war crimes. Noting that the German statute of limitations is to expire soon, he said: "It has been indicated that, if evidence was produced, it might be necessary to extend this period."

Meanwhile, today, a strong delegation representing not only Jewish leaders but also prominent British non-Jews conferred here with Hesso von Etzdorf, German Ambassador to the Court of St. James, and requested that the Bonn Government extend the statute of limitations on prosecution of war criminals as "a moral and political" necessity. The Ambassador, reportedly "sympathetic" to the delegation's views, said he would refer the request to his Government.

The delegation included Alderman Sebag Montefiore, chairman of the Anglo-Jewish Association's external affairs committee; Lord Monair, former president of the International Court of Justice; R. N. Carvalho; and Judge Neville Laski; Neville Pollack,

educational officer of the Council of Christians and Jews. Letters from prominent non-Jews supporting the stand against letting the cut-off date on prosecution of Nazi war criminals go into effect were handed to the Bonn envoy. Among the signers were Baroness Asquith; Sir Henry Dale, vice-president of the Anglo-German Association and holder of the German Order of Merit; Prof. George Caplin, another recipient of the same West German honor; and Sir Harold Nicholson.

BONN JUSTICE MINISTER HEDGES ON RESIGNING IN STATUTE DISPUTE

BONN, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Ewald Bucher, the West German Justice Minister, clarified today his stand on extension of the West German statute of limitations on prosecution of Nazi war criminals, by explaining that he would accept a Parliamentary extension but not one by the West German Cabinet. He had declared Monday night on a television broadcast that he would resign if the statute was extended beyond the presently effective date of May 8. Parliament is to debate the issue March 10.

LATE DISPATCHES

CAIRO ANNOUNCES BONN AGREEMENT TO HALT ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL

LCNDON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Premier Aly Sabri, of Egypt, announced late this afternoon that West Germany has issued an order to halt shipments of arms to Israel, according to a dispatch received here from Cairo. The agreement between West Germany and Egypt, under which Egypt has promised to withhold recognition of East Germany, was achieved after three conferences today between Premier Sabry and the Spanish mediator of the Bonn-Cairo dispute, the Marquis de Nerva.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The German Embassy in Washington had no comment on dispatches from Cairo reporting that West German arms shipments to Israel have been ordered stopped. The Cairo dispatches say that the cessation of arms shipments is a quid pro quo for Egyptian non-recognition of the East German regime. A German Embassy source here suggested that, if the cessation is reported from Cairo, it probably is true.

CONGRESS AGREES ON 'SOFT' LINE OF FOOD AID TO NASSER REGIME

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Senate and House of Representatives late today approved a conference report on an agriculture supplementary appropriations bill, containing a soft version of the prohibition on further shipments of surplus agricultural commodities to Egypt.

The version finally approved by the Congress was a Senate modification of a House amendment which would have prohibited further food aid to Egypt. The Senate language allows the President to make a determination on the matter if he feels that further food aid shipments are "in the national interest." The bill now approved applies only to the balance of a current U. S. -Egypt agreement, and covers an unshipped amount of commodities valued at \$37,000,000.

U. N. MISSION COMPLETES PROBE OF JORDANIAN ATTACKS ON ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General U Thant's special representatives, Brig. Indar J. Rikhye and Pier Spinelli, completed today a special mission investigating recent Israel-Jordan border clashes, and conferred for a second time with Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister. They are expected to submit a report on their findings to the Secretary General next week. Mr. Thant sent the two men to Israel after the long quiet border erupted in a series of Jordanian snatches, attacks along the entire Jordan-Israel frontier and in Israel's enclave atop Mount Scopus.

The two men also paid courtesy calls on President Shazar and Premier Eshkol. The Premier reportedly pointed out to the UN visitors Jordan's denial of Israel's rights under the Mixed Armistice agreement covering Israeli access to the Wailing Wall, to the Mount of Olives and other Jewish holy places in the old city of Jerusalem now held by Jordan.

BEN-GURION INSISTS HE WILL PUBLISH HIS BOOK ON LAVON AFFAIR

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion reiterated today his plans to publish a book on the Lavon Affair "after military censorship clearance." Mr. Ben-Gurion made known his intentions after the Deputy Director General of the Defense Ministry sent a letter to Haggai Eshed, the Israeli journalist who compiled the book for the former Premier, warning him against publication of the work on the grounds that the book was commissioned by Ben-Gurion when the latter was Defense Minister and therefore the copyright belonged to the Government.

U. N. ASSEMBLY EXTENDS ARAB REFUGEE AGENCY MANDATE, GRANTS BUDGET

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 10. (JTA) -- By unanimous consensus, without a vote, the General Assembly extended today the mandate of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees by one year, to June 30, 1966, and authorized the agency aiding the Arab refugees to operate on a budget like the one granted for this year, amounting roughly to \$36,000,000.

HADASSAH LEADERS VOTE \$600,000 FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Leaders of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, today voted more than \$600,000 for special projects, to be launched this year, to advance its work in Israel in medical research, nursing and vocational education. The action was taken at Hadassah's annual mid-winter conference here, attended by more than 200 leaders from all parts of the United States.

The conference delegates called upon the Government of West Germany to find the way to extend the Statute of Limitations affecting the prosecution of Nazi war criminals beyond the present cut-off date of May 8, and urged the Bonn Government "to halt the participation of German citizens in plans to destroy Israel."

In acting to broaden the scope of Hadassah's programs in Israel, the leaders voted:

1. \$30,000 for the establishment of a kidney transplant research program, with an additional \$20,000 for the annual maintenance of this work. The program will be headed by Dr. Marco Caine, chief of Hadassah's Department of Urology.

2. \$350,000 for construction of a nurses' residence--a three-story structure comprising 30 efficiency apartments--for unmarried graduate nurses at Ein Karem, in the immediate vicinity of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center.

3. \$150,000 for construction of a special floor at the Medical Center to be devoted solely to various types of medical research.

4. \$50,000 for construction of an additional floor at Hadassah's Brandeis Vocational Schools in Jerusalem, to permit inauguration of a special course in industrial electronics. An additional \$17,000 was voted for equipment to be used in this course.

In other resolutions adopted by the conference today, the Hadassah leaders hit at the Arab boycott against Israel; supported a proposed amendment to the Export Control Act of 1949, introduced by Sen. Harrison A. Williams, New Jersey Democrat, which would back American firms rejecting the Arab boycott practices; urged that United States foreign aid be given only to countries using such assistance for peaceful, economic purposes; and lauded President Johnson's message to Congress in support of a new immigration bill which would eliminate the national origins quota system.

KATZENBACH URGES APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATION'S IMMIGRATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Attorney General-designate Nicholas Katzenbach today opened testimony to support the Administration's immigration bill before a Senate Immigration Subcommittee. The President's proposals, which are destined to eliminate the national origins quota system, were submitted in a special message to the Congress last month.

Mr. Katzenbach, urging abolition of the present system, said: "In such a system of selection, personal pedigree is an intolerable standard; inhumane rigidity is an intolerable method; and national self-deprivation is an absurd sacrifice." He charged that the present selection factors "are most alien to America" and must be changed. The purpose of the new legislation, he said, is "to help us chose among potential Americans according to standards that are fairer to them and more beneficial to us."

Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, appeared before the subcommittee in support of a proposal he and Senators Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, and Joseph Clark, Pennsylvania Democrat, are introducing to expedite elimination of the quota system.

NEW FULBRIGHT BILL SEEN AS POSSIBLE \$70,000,000 BCON TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Israel may have an opportunity to benefit from United States-owned Israeli currency under legislation introduced yesterday by Sen. J. W. Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat. The Fulbright bill provides that \$1,000,000,000 in surplus U. S. - owned foreign currencies be made available for bi-national educational foundations.

Israel, where an estimated \$70,400,000 U. S. - owned Israeli currency is on deposit, has been considered a country where the accumulation is in excess of foreseeable United States needs. The proposal envisages creation of foundations similar to the Carnegie, Ford and Rockefeller Foundations in the United States. They would be organized to make "comparable contributions to the internal intellectual and cultural growth" of the countries where they would be set up.

CONGRESSMAN HALPERN URGES U. S. RATIFICATION OF GENOCIDE PACT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, urged ratification of the United Nations Genocide Convention in a speech delivered in the House of Representatives today. He called for passage of a resolution expressing the sense of the House that the United States should ratify the convention "forthwith."

The New York Republican noted that the treaty has been "closeted" in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for more than 12 years, declaring: "It is inconceivable that a pact of this nature, so closely attuned to American principles of law and human justice, has not been approved by the Senate."

NEW YORK REJECTS PARK MONUMENTS COMMEMORATING HOLOCAUST VICTIMS

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The New York City Art Commission was disclosed today to have rejected proposals for two memorials to the 6,000,000 Jewish victims of the Nazi holocaust proposed for the city's Riverside Park.

The 11-member Commission took the action without any formal announcement at a January 28 meeting. The reasons for the rejection, it was learned, were that the proposed memorial would be "distressing" to children playing in the area, and that other "special groups" might also want to be similarly represented in the city's public parks. The Riverside Park site was set aside by the city in 1946 for the two memorials.

The larger one was to be a \$1,000,000, 40-foot high concrete sculpture, for which funds would be collected by the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization, which has an office in New York. It would have two scrolls bearing inscriptions of episodes of Jewish martyrdom and the names of Nazi death camps and sites of Jewish resistance. This work would have been cast by Nathan Rappaport, the artist who designed the memorial on view at the site of the Warsaw Ghetto in the Polish capital.

The second memorial was offered by the Artur Zygelboim Memorial Committee to honor the Polish Jewish leader who committed suicide in London in 1943, after learning that the Nazis had finally smashed all Jewish resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto. Mr. Rappaport designed this work also.

Commission's Sculptor Member Affronted by 'Tragic Posture'

Newbold Morris, New York City Parks Commissioner, said that the Commission had acted on the basis of a letter written by Elsanor Platt, a sculptor member of the Commission, disapproving of the plans for both memorials. The letter, circulated to Commission members before the January 28 meeting, said that the figure in the Zygelboim sculpture "is depicted in so tragic a posture that it does not seem to be appropriate for location on park land intended for recreation and relaxation." She wrote that it did not seem "desirable to confront children with a sculpture of such distressing and horrifying significance."

The City Parks Department described the proposed work as "a bronze figure engulfed in thorns and flames, sharply leaning to the front as if about to fall; emerging from the inferno are heads and hands calling to humanity for rescue."

Miss Platt criticized the Warsaw Ghetto monument as "excessively and unnecessarily large." She added that "even if it were to be smaller and in better taste, artistically, I believe that by approving it, and the Zygelboim sculpture, we would set a highly regrettable precedent." The Warsaw Ghetto group said its members had pledged \$100,000 toward the cost of the monument.

Mr. Morris declined comment on the Commission decision but said he understood that two sentiments were expressed at the January 28 meeting. One was that a city park was not a place "for reminding people of anything so unpleasant," and the other that "monuments in the parks should be limited to events of American history." He conceded that there was a statue of Joan of Arc in one city park, and one of King Jagiello of 15th century Poland in another park.

REFORM MOVEMENT VOTES 'HUMANITARIAN AWARD' TO CARDINAL SPELLMAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Francis Cardinal Spellman was named today the recipient of the Humanitarian Award of the Reform Jewish Appeal of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The award will be presented to the Catholic prelate at a dinner here on March 27.

DR. MENDEL NEUGRESHEL DEAD AT 62; YIDDISH POET ESCAPED NAZISM

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here Friday for Dr. Mendel Neugreshel, Yiddish poet, who died yesterday in New York from a heart attack. He was 62. Born in Galicia, he lived in Vienna until the Nazi occupation. He was arrested and was in a concentration camp, but managed to leave Austria and went to South America. He settled in the United States in 1940.

JOCHANAN L. RUDAVSKY DEAD AT 67; WAS LEADER IN ZIONISM AND U. J. A.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Jochanan L. Rudavsky, Zionist leader and a founder of the United Jewish Appeal, who died yesterday at the age of 67. A native of Poland, he came to the United States when he was 12, and attended local schools. He was graduated from New York University Law School in 1917 and practiced law in Brooklyn for 40 years.

He was a founder of the Brooklyn region of the Zionist Organization of America, and served as its president. He was also associate secretary of the Zionist Council of Greater New York and helped to found the UJA in New York. He was UJA chairman in Brooklyn for many years, chairman of the Hebrew Camp Massad and a past chairman of the presidium of the Histadrut Ivrit, and a member of the ZOA administrative committee for 13 years.