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ISRAELI PRESS RAPS GERMAN-EGYPTIAN DEAL; ENVOY SEES ERHARD

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The decision of the West German Government to halt deliveries of arms to Israel, under an Egyptian threat to recognize Communist East Germany, evoked sharp criticism from the Israeli press and responsible Israeli sources today, although the Government maintained an official silence on the subject.

(A late dispatch from Bonn to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported that Israel's Ambassador Felix Shinnar, head of his Government's purchasing mission in Cologne and Israel's chief envoy in the Federal Republic, held a two-hour conference today with Chancellor Ludwig Erhard. No details of the subjects discussed were revealed, but the principal topic was believed to be Dr. Erhard's decision to halt arms shipments to Israel. An informed Bonn source said that, in any event, most of the arms earmarked by Germany for Israel had already been delivered.)

Shortly before the announcement from Cairo that West Germany had yielded to Egyptian President Nasser's pressure, Premier Levi Eshkol denounced "Arab arrogance" in trying to undermine Israel's relations with "some of the powers." Early today, the Premier summoned high officials for consultations on Israel's reaction to the development. Fears were expressed that, in addition to the dangers inherent in yielding to "Nasserist blackmail," this was the first time Nasser, using recognition of East Germany as a weapon, had succeeded in influencing Western attitudes toward Israel. Observers here said this was a precedent which could boomerang against the West.

Maariv, the evening daily, declared editorially that the manner of West Germany's "total surrender" evoked the suspicion that its wish to surrender was even stronger than Nasser's "blackmail." The editorial added that the action revealed the "true face" of the "New Germany."

Even if West Germany made the "gesture" of enacting legislation to extend the effective date of the statute of limitations on Nazi war criminals, or to recall German scientists working on advanced weapons systems in Egypt for Nasser's regime, these would be "empty gestures," Maariv stated. Asserting that, by the arms aid suspension, Bonn had forfeited Israel's trust, the editorial said there should be no more "under the counter" arrangements in such matters. In relation to Bonn's strength and its policy of "sabotaging Israel," "we have only one weapon: the moral weapon and a forceful voice," the newspaper stated.

LONDON REPORTS 'STIFF PRICE' EXACTED BY NASSER FROM GERMANY

LONDON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser exacted a stiff price for agreeing with West Germany's demand that Cairo would not recognize Communist East Germany, Cairo dispatches revealed here today. Among the items agreed to by Bonn, the Cairo reports stated, were these:

1. Germany would halt further shipments of arms to Israel; 2. West Germany would build five nuclear reactors for Nasser; 3. Bonn would cancel its plan for a meeting between Chancellor Ludwig Erhard and Israel Prime Minister Levi Eshkol; 4. Germany would refrain from extending full diplomatic relations with Israel "in the near future."

The one concession made by Nasser, it was said here, was an agreement to overlook West Germany's possible renewal of its 1952 reparations agreement with Israel, which is due to expire March 31.

ESHKOL ANNOUNCES ISRAEL'S U. S. HAWKS ARE NEARLY OPERATIONAL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The Hawk ground-to-air missiles sold to Israel by the United States under a 1962 agreement are about to become operational at one of Israel's air force bases, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol announced last night.

Addressing a Mapai Party rally at Ashkelon, Mr. Eshkol, who issued a warning against resumption of Egyptian infiltration into Israel, said that a commander and a crew for the special Hawk units have already been named, and that the missiles will soon be deployed in "appropriate" positions. Both the commander and the crew of the units have been trained

in the United States. "Emplacement of the Hawks," said the Premier, "is one more step in our continuing efforts to equip the Israeli defense forces." In speaking of renewed Egyptian infiltration, he referred to the fact that, only this week, an Israeli army patrol car ran over a mine, resulting in the injury of a number of Israeli soldiers.

The sale of the Hawks to Israel was authorized more than two years ago by the late President Kennedy to help balance Israel's defenses against Soviet deliveries of heavy bombers to Egypt and Iraq. The number of Hawks acquired by Israel under this arrangement has never been announced.

BUNDESTAG HEAD CONFIRMS CAIRO DEAL; ULBRICHT VISIT STILL SET

BONN, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Eugen Gerstenmair, president of the Bundestag, lower house of West Germany's Parliament, confirmed today a report that Chancellor Ludwig Erhard had ordered a temporary halt last night in arms shipments to Israel.

The decision was understood to have been made Tuesday and communicated to the Egyptian Government, in response to a pledge by the Nasser Government that it would not extend diplomatic recognition to Communist East Germany. However, the Egyptian invitation to the East German chief of state, Walter Ulbricht to visit Cairo, set for February 26, has not been withdrawn.

It was reported that a final decision on West Germany's military aid program to Israel would depend on the treatment extended by the Nasser regime to Ulbricht, which West German officials assume will be one without the full honors usually accorded to a chief of state.

While the West German Government maintained official silence on the suspension, Dr. Gerstenmair, in confirming the action, said "I am glad that the Government has followed our proposal at last. I hope that this decision will help to ease tension in the Middle East." He had recommended earlier this month a general ban on West German arms deliveries to any international trouble spot.

There was one report that Bonn even agreed to pull back arms already en route to Israel. This was disputed by informed sources who said that shipments now under way would be completed.

West German commitments to aid Israel with military assistance began in 1960 when Dr. Konrad Adenauer was Chancellor. Informed sources insisted that the Erhard Government remains determined to insure that Israel's security needs would be met. Supporters of military aid to Israel yielded to the Government's decision after they were assured that arms for Israel's defense against any Arab attack would be made available to Israel as needed, these sources said.

There were unconfirmed reports that West Germany might offer Israel money to replace the canceled arms deliveries.

Javits, Farbstein View Action as Threat to Middle East Peace

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, expressed "deep concern" today about the interruption of West German arms deliveries to Israel. He indicated he feared an aggravation of the tense situation in the Middle East, as a result of the West German action.

Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, sharply criticized the West German decision to stop further arms deliveries to Israel. "The Bonn Government," he said, "not only walked out on Israel, they walked out on the United States." He referred to the West German agreement with the U. S. that the Bonn regime would supply Israel with an arms to equalize the armaments balance in the Middle East.

The New York Democrat called the West German retreat "a further victory for Nasser's aggressive diplomacy." He emphasized that the United States now must take further steps to assure the security of Israel "in order to obviate the possibility of a conflagration in the Middle East." He suggested that now was a proper time to revive consideration of a U.S. - Israel mutual assistance treaty. Mr. Farbstein is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS TESTIFY, DISAGREE ON AID - TO - EDUCATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11. (JTA) - Two Jewish organizations supported and one expressed reservations about President Johnson's aid to education proposal in testimony today before the Senate Education Subcommittee.

Moses I. Feuerstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, endorsed the pending legislation. Amos Bunim, chairman of the executive committee of Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, said that his organization "finds itself in most specific accord with the President's program."

Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch, of the Commission on Social Action of American Reform Judaism, called for amendment of the pending legislation to protect the principle of separation of church and state.

GOLDA MEIR EXPLAINS ISRAEL STAND ON U. S. S. R. AND SOVIET JEWRY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Israel wants friendly relations with the Soviet Union but will not pay "the price" of shunning aside its interest in the ending of Soviet persecutions against Russian Jewry, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, told the Knesset (Parliament) here today.

The subject arose in the house on a motion that the Knesset support a protest against Soviet anti-Semitism voiced by a local organization. Proposing that the motion be referred to the Knesset's Foreign Affairs Committee, Mrs. Meir added: "As much as we desire friendly relations with all countries, it would be folly to think Israel would ever agree to buy such friendship at the expense of the welfare of any Jewish community." With only the Communist faction voting in opposition, the Knesset accepted Mrs. Meir's proposal to refer the motion to committee.

JESUIT JOURNAL URGES WORLD PROTEST ON SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- A call for "a united world protest" against Soviet anti-Semitism was issued here today by America, an influential Catholic, Jesuit weekly. Such a protest, stated America editorially, "is the best means to stay the hand of the would-be invader of human rights."

The America editorial, to be published Saturday, was entitled "Plight of the Soviet Jews," and noted that a plaque protesting against Soviet anti-Semitism was unveiled recently in front of the synagogue of Congregation Zichron Ephraim, across the street from the building in this city which houses the United Nations missions from the Soviet Union, Byelorussia and Ukraine. "It is a matter of semantics," declared America, "whether Soviet administrative policy toward its Jewish citizens is to be labeled 'persecution' or 'discrimination.' The percepts are grim enough."

America recapitulated the various facts known about the tragic situation of Russian Jewry, and declared: "Catholics have had in the past decades ample reason to know what persecution means and, by the same token, to appreciate the helping hand of a friend. The plight of the Jews in the Soviet Union should and does concern Catholics-- and not Jews only. Human liberty is indivisible."

The New York Herald Tribune, in an article today by columnist Dick Schaap quoted the press officer for the Soviet delegation to the United Nations, Mikhail Antipov, as saying that the plaque facing his mission's headquarters, on the front of Congregation Zichron Ephraim, is "violent" and "insulting." Mr. Antipov stated: "We have no problem with the Jewish people in the Soviet Union, no problem at all."

(A dispatch received in London today from Moscow reported that several Moscow rabbis have issued a statement declaring that there would be more than enough matzoh for Russian Jews this Passover. The rabbis were quoted as saying that no matzoh shipments would be needed by Soviet Jews this year, and declared that American rabbis who thought otherwise had been "profoundly misled."

(Informed sources in New York pointed out that the Soviet authorities, stung by worldwide criticisms against their anti-Semitic policies, are forcing the rabbis to issue such statements.)

ANTI-SEMITISM, KILLING OF JEWS REPORTEDLY ADVOCATED IN SPAIN

PARIS, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- A Spanish diary, openly sold and widely distributed in the Spanish province of Catalonia, unashamedly calls for the "killing of Jews," it was reported here today. The diary, on the page for March 25, 1965, has a short poem which reads: "Jesus has been resurrected--the time has come to pick up your hammers and kill the Jews."

Recent Spanish publications, including school texts, contain other anti-Semitic material. A school primer for 7-year-olds has a special chapter on the "real nature" of the Jews. The chapter consists mainly of a "description" of ritual murders allegedly perpetrated by Jews in the Middle Ages.

That chapter is followed by a number of "suggestions" for the teacher, including such proposals as: "Ask your class for other examples of Jewish treachery and murder" and "ask the class whether they would be brave enough to defy the Jewish killers, like the boy in the story, for the sake of the Catholic religion."

ARGENTINE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT DISCUSS NEO-NAZI TERRORISM

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- President Arturo Illia and his vice-president, Dr. Carlos Ferette, discussed at length today the recent disclosures that neo-Nazis are active in this country, planning terrorism against leading Argentine Jews.

After the conference, Dr. Ferette said: "President Illia and I condemn totally and energetically any racist manifestations and activities." He added that the Government will press action against any and all extremist organization "which would twist the Argentine principles" which oppose all racist ideas.

NEW YORK SHARPLY UPBRAIDED FOR VETO ON NAZI MARTYR MONUMENTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The action of the New York City Art Commission, in rejecting placement of two proposed memorials to the 6,000,000 Jewish victims of the Nazi holocaust in the city's Riverside Park, was attacked today by one of the monument sponsors and by the Workmen's Circle, a fraternal organization.

The commission barred the proposed memorials, one of them sponsored by the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization, on grounds that they would be "distressing" to park users and to avoid setting "an unfortunate precedent." The commission also held that monuments should be restricted to American events.

New York State Sen. Paul Bookson, a Manhattan Democrat and counsel for the resistance group, denounced the decision and said "the monument commemorating the Warsaw Ghetto struggle will be built."

The Workmen's Circle urged the Mayor to call a public hearing to determine whether members of the Commission "should not be reversed and censured." It called the decision one reflecting a "callous disregard of tragic historic events."

Sen. Bookson, challenging the decision, said that "the people who have given their lives in the struggle for freedom have won the right to be memorialized in the City of New York and the City will have this monument." He charged that, when representatives of the resistance group tried to meet with the commission two months ago, a representative "refused to meet with the organization."

ENGEL TO HEAD AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE DRIVE FOR \$4,700,000

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee announced today that it would seek \$4,700,000 for its programs for 1965, and that Irving M. Engel, past president of the AJC, has been named general chairman of the fund-raising campaign.

Mr. Engel said funds from the 1965 Appeal for Human Relations would support AJC programs for improvement of Christian-Jewish relations, fighting anti-Semitism, exposing discrimination in American industry's top echelons, counter-action to extremism in the United States, and continued exposure of the Soviet Government's "official policy" of anti-Jewish bias.

NEW BALTIMORE CARDINAL TO ADDRESS SYNAGOGUE ON JEWISH ISSUE

BALTIMORE, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- The new Cardinal-designate of Baltimore, Archbishop Lawrence Joseph Shehan, will speak on the Ecumenical Council and Jews in Chizuk Amuno synagogue Sunday, in the first appearance by a cardinal here in a synagogue speaking on a Jewish topic, Rabbi Israel M. Goldman, of Chizuk Amuno, announced today. Within a day after the announcement of the lecture, there were more than 1,000 requests for admission cards to the 900-seat synagogue Kreiger Auditorium, Rabbi Goldmann said.

As Archbishop of Baltimore, the Cardinal-elect joined with other American prelates at the third session of the Ecumenical Council in Rome to demand that the Council repudiate without any reservations the ancient charge of deicide against the Jewish people. He presented his criticism of anti-Semitism among Christians as a member of the Vatican Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian unity.

PROTESTANT THEOLOGIAN APOLOGIZES FOR ANTI-SEMITISM BY CHRISTIANS

MONTREAL, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- A leading Protestant theologian, Rev. Carl Herman Voss, told the 24th annual Institute on Judaism at Temple Emanu-El here that both Protestants and Catholics owed "a lamentably late" apology to the Jewish people. He said that Christians had not paid sufficient tribute to Judaism as the "mother faith of Christianity," and that they had not done enough penance for "our stupidity" in keeping anti-Semitism alive.

RABBI ROBERT SEREBRENK DIES; EX-HEAD OF LUXEMBOURG COMMUNITY

NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (JTA) -- Rabbi Robert Serebrenik, former chief rabbi of Luxembourg, who came to the United States in 1941, died here of a heart attack early today. He was 61.

He had been rabbi of Congregation Ramat Cran from its founding in 1941 by a group of fellow refugees from Luxembourg. Born in Vienna, he emigrated to Luxembourg after completing his education.

Rabbi Serebrenik went to Berlin in 1941 to negotiate with Adolf Eichmann on the release of the surviving Luxembourg Jews. After the negotiations, the remaining Luxembourg Jews were shipped to Portugal in sealed trains across Belgium, France and Spain. They had visas. Most of them went to the United States. The total number was a few hundred. In 1961, he went to Israel to testify in the trial of Eichmann, in Jerusalem.

He had been active in the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, the Manhattan Day School and the World Jewish Congress. Funeral services will be held in the synagogue tomorrow.