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ISRAEL REJECTS BONN OFFER OF MONEY IN LIEU OF ARMS SHIPMENTS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet decided here today to reject any offers West Germany may make for financial compensation in lieu of carrying out its earlier agreement to ship arms to Israel.

Following a series of lengthy talks between Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres and Ambassador Felix E. Shinnar, Israel's envoy to Germany, in charge of the purchasing mission at Cologne, the Cabinet devoted its regular weekly meeting entirely to the West German Government's announcement that it has halted arms shipments to Israel, in response to pressures from Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser.

The meeting lasted four and a half hours, with Mr. Peres and Mr. Shinnar attending. Mr. Shinnar had conferred in Bonn last week with Chancellor Ludwig Erhard and Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, president of the Bundestag, lower house of West Germany's parliament. (A Bonn dispatch to Kol Israel, the government-operated radio network, reported that Mr. Erhard had told Mr. Shinnar that the German Government's decision meant "the immediate and final halt of arms deliveries to Israel.")

After Mrs. Meir reviewed the recent developments in Bonn-Israel relations, while Mr. Shinnar reported in detail on his heretofore undisclosed conversations with the West German leaders, the Cabinet authorized Mr. Eshkol to deliver the Government's official reaction to the situation in the Knesset (Parliament) tomorrow. Three opposition parties--the right-wing Herut, the Liberals and the Communists, have already filed motions for full debate on the German-Israeli developments. It was stated authoritatively, after the Cabinet meeting, that the Government will not object to those demands for full-scale debate.

Eshkol to Announce Official Attitude Today; Shinnar Stays On For Present

In his speech to the Knesset, it was understood, Mr. Eshkol will denounce Bonn's submission to blackmail by the Cairo Government, which had insisted on the halting of arms shipments to Israel as part of its price for withholding recognition from Communist East Germany. Mr. Eshkol will also, it was said, reject Bonn's concept of withholding arms from "areas of tension"--a thesis put forward by Dr. Gerstenmaier. Such a concept, Mr. Eshkol will presumably tell Parliament, equates the aggressive Arab states with Israel, which the Arabs intend to destroy, by denying defensive weapons to Israel.

Observers here pointed out today that halting of half of the arms shipments West Germany had agreed to send to Israel will not greatly affect Israel's security. The major point at issue, these sources hold, is the danger inherent in submission by Bonn to Egypt's blackmail, which may continue and spread detrimentally to the stability of the Middle East region.

Meanwhile, Mr. Shinnar, who was called back to Jerusalem for consultations, immediately after his meetings with Chancellor Erhard and Dr. Gerstenmaier, is remaining here for the time being. It was understood that the question of his return to his post at Cologne will be determined only after Bonn fully clarifies its position on the entire issue of German-Israeli relations.

Israel Newspapers Voice Strong Reactions Condemning Bonn Step

In editorial reaction to the Bonn decision to terminate arms shipments to Israel, most of the Israeli newspapers today stressed the gravity of the development and scored the West German move in bowing to Egyptian blackmail.

The Histadrut daily, Davar, said that, while the Israel Government may not wish to reveal the practical steps it plans to take until the extent of Bonn's surrender to Nasser is known, "there is not the slightest doubt about the gravity Israel ascribes to the matter." Bonn's only alternative, the editorial declared, is either to meet the obligations arising not only from the formal agreement but also from its moral duty--or else, to side, even though unintentionally, with Egypt against Israel.

Describing the Bonn decision as a "spit in the face" for Israel, Herut, organ of the Herut Party, said that the development "should have aroused us from our lethargy." It

urged Israelis to "unite in a mighty campaign" against the "open and shameful collaboration Germany and Egypt for the destruction of Israel." Bonn's blow to Israel, the newspaper declared, is pregnant with danger "if we do not strike back."

The Liberal Party daily, Haboker, urged the Israel Government to sever relations with Bonn, declaring that Jerusalem-Bonn relations "could not continue without being normalized in a manner befitting the relationship between states."

A more moderate view was voiced in an editorial in Hatzofeh, organ of the National Religious Party, which called for sober and cautious consideration of Israel's reaction in view of its serious position in the new alignment of powers in the world and particularly in the Middle East.

Ben-Gurion Confirms Arms Pact with Adenauer at 1960 Meeting

TEL AVIV, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Former Premier David Ben-Gurion confirmed here this weekend that, in 1960, he and the then West German Chancellor Dr. Konrad Adenauer, entered an agreement at a meeting in New York for West German military aid to Israel. Until now, that pact had been the object of merely unofficial reports.

Addressing a meeting of the Foreign Press Association here, Mr. Ben-Gurion not only confirmed that unofficial report but also insisted that "it still stands." He pleaded for greater understanding of the present West German Government under Chancellor Ludwig Erhard, saying Mr. Erhard "is not a Nazi, and the present generation (of Germany) is not Nazi." He told the correspondents also that, if the Arabs carry out their present intention to divert the headwaters of the Jordan River, "there should be a reaction on the part of Israel," and affirmed he was "convinced" the United States would help safeguard Israel's security.

TWO AMERICAN FIRMS CANCEL ORDERS FOR GOODS FROM WEST GERMANY

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Two multi-million-dollar shirt manufacturers in New York announced this weekend that they have canceled orders with suppliers in West Germany in protest against the Bonn Government's decision to halt arms shipments to Israel under pressure from Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser. The firms are the Phillips-Van Heusen Corp. and Philip Rothenberg & Co.

Lawrence Phillips, executive vice-president of Phillips-Van Heusen, said his firm, which does an annual business of \$83,000,000 has canceled all outstanding orders for West German piece goods, finished goods and machinery. Harvey Rothenberg, president of the other firm, said his company has canceled orders it had placed with two West German firms for \$50,000 worth of cotton flannels, and is also "reviewing machinery commitments." Both industrialists attributed their actions to the Bonn submission to Nasser "blackmail." Mr. Rothenberg added that other leading American apparel makers "would begin to review their relations with West German suppliers." "I already have indications," he added, "that such action is under way."

Zionists Condemn German Surrender to Nasser's Blackmail

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Max Nussbaum, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Rabbi Arthur Herzberg, chairman of the ZOA's public affairs committee, this weekend roundly condemned the West German decision to stop shipping arms to Israel.

Dr. Nussbaum, in a message to a briefing conference marking the ZOA's support of the International Cooperation Program of the United Nations, declared the Bonn action marked "a surrender to Nasser's blackmail." Rabbi Herzberg, who addressed the meeting, attended by several hundred Zionists, said that the Bonn action aggravates the situation in the Middle East, and called on the United States Government "to weigh all the implications" of this development.

British Jews Denounce West German Action, Point to Moral Debt

LONDON, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews denounced today the suspension of arms shipments by West Germany to Israel, and urged the West German Government not to succumb to Arab blackmail.

The Board said, in its statement, that Jews could never forget the slaughter of 6,000,000 of their people by the Nazis, and that West Germany bore a heavy burden of responsibility before civilized mankind. The attitude of Jews everywhere toward the present West German Government, the Board stated, would be determined by its actions.

BONN SEEN FAVORING EXTENSION OF CUT-OFF DATE FOR TRYING NAZIS

BONN, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Sentiment in West Germany's Parliament appeared today to have solidified in favor of extending for ten years the effective date of the statute of limitations for prosecution of Nazi war criminals on murder charges.

First steps toward postponement of the effective date of the statute beyond May 8, when it is scheduled to become effective, were taken in the Bundestag, Parliament's upper house, at the same time that Chancellor Ludwig Erhard was reiterating his belief that the statute should be extended. The Bundesrat voted to decide on the matter

HOUSE LEADER TELLS BNAI ZION AMERICA SEEKS ISRAEL-ARAB PEACE

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- The need for disarmament in the Middle East, and the desire on the part of the United States Government to "bring Arabs and Israelis together in peace," was stressed here this evening by Rep. Carl Albert, majority leader of the House of Representatives. Addressing the 57th annual dinner of the Bnai Zion, American fraternal order, the Oklahoma Democrat said: "All of us in Washington are aware of Israel's continuing danger, and I know that all of us would give much if we could take effective action which would end the Arabs' war against Israel."

Recalling that it was the late President Kennedy's desire to sponsor a White House peace conference between Israel and the Arabs, Rep. Albert noted that "the Arab leaders rebuffed his call for a peace conference, and the Egyptian government persisted in acquiring new weapons from the Soviet Union, including heavy bombers which offered a grave threat to Israel's defenses." Stressing the need for disarmament in the Middle East, he declared: "We would like to see an end to the destructive and criminal arms race which diverts the energies and resources of all the people in the region and which increases the danger of a new war."

In a message read at the dinner by Rep. Abraham J. Multer, President Lyndon B. Johnson hailed the fact that the dinner was dedicated to the Kennedy Peace Forest in Israel and the Evaluation Center for Mentally Retarded Children in Jerusalem. The President declared in the message that "these projects are constant reminders of the friendly relations and understanding that exists between our country and Israel and represent additional illustrations of the dedication of Bnai Zion to humanitarian causes and to advancing the universal principle that freedom with justice guarantees prosperity with security."

Other speakers at the dinner included Congressman Emanuel Celler, Israel Minister Mordechai Gazit and Edward Sharf, president of Bnai Zion.

GROUPS FAVORING PARK MEMORIALS TO MEET TODAY; PROTESTS MOUNT

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Several Jewish leaders and organizations issued strongly worded protests here this weekend against the city Art Commission's rejection of designs for Riverside Park monuments to the 6,000,000 Jews slain by the Nazis and to the Warsaw Ghetto martyrs.

Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, and chairman of a steering committee of 34 Jewish organizations supporting construction of the memorial, sent a telegram to Mayor Wagner urging his intervention and expressing "profound shock" at the Art Commission's decision.

Rabbi Max Schenk, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, wrote the Mayor, criticizing the views of Eleanor Platt, sculptor and Art Commission member, who opposed one projected memorial on the grounds that it was "unnecessarily large" and "might encourage other special groups that wanted to erect memorials on public land." Rabbi Schenk called on Mayor Wagner to disassociate himself from what he termed Miss Platt's "unfortunate remarks."

David Dubinsky, the president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, also joined the mounting wave of protest by calling the Art Commission's decision "nit-picking that is insensitive to the magnitude of the tragedy."

Representatives of all the organizations involved in the construction of the monument will meet today to plan their next move, according to an announcement by Alexander Donat, vice-president of the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization, the group that originated the plan for one of the memorials.

Among the organizations sponsoring that \$1,000,000 memorial are the New York Board of Rabbis, the National Jewish Welfare Board, the Synagogue Council of America, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Jewish War Veterans and the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

LATIN AMERICAN AND U.S. BIGOTS SEEN UNIFIED IN ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. (JTA) -- Alertness on the part of American Jews to the increased cooperation between anti-Semitic bigots in South America and the United States was recommended here this weekend by Marc Turkow, secretary-general of the South American executive of the World Jewish Congress.

Mr. Turkow who resides in Buenos Aires, visited this country to confer with Jewish community leaders on the mounting tide of anti-Semitism in Latin America. Speaking at a luncheon in his honor given by the WJC, he also called for increased cultural exchanges between the Jews of North and South America.

JOHANNESBURG COUNCIL ELECTS JEW AS MAYOR FOR MONTH OF MARCH

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 14. (JTA) --- Deputy Mayor Aleck Jaffe was selected today by the majority parties in the Johannesburg City Council for election as mayor next month. He will be the city's ninth Jewish mayor.

HOUSE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS PROBES OF K.K.K. AND NAZI PARTY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14, (JTA) -- The House Un-American Activities Committee, which has been criticized frequently for avoiding probes of right-wing organizations, may extend its program into investigating the Ku Klux Klan, the American Nazi Party, the Minutemen, the Black Muslims and other groups considered to be part of the "radical right," it was indicated here this weekend.

Rep. Edwin Willis, Louisiana Democrat, chairman of the HUAC, said this weekend that the committee, in secret session, adopted a resolution last week authorizing a preliminary study to show whether extension into the right-wing area should proceed. A decision on such a step, he said, will depend on the results of the preliminary study.

Disputing charges that the HUAC had never probed right-wingers, Rep. Charles Weltner, Georgia Democrat, pointed out that, in 1939 and 1940, the committee did investigate the activities of the German-American Bund and other anti-Semitic organizations.

SIX JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSE U.S. AID TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Feb. 14, (JTA) -- A call for large-scale federal aid for public education was combined with strong opposition to major features of the pending federal aid to education bill in a joint statement made public this weekend by six major national Jewish organizations. The stand was taken by the American Jewish Congress, the Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., National Council of Jewish Women, Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the United Synagogue of America.

In their statement, the organizations welcomed the assistance to public education in impoverished areas that the Administration bill would provide, and expressed the hope that "more nearly adequate" aid would be forthcoming in the future. But they objected to the measure's inclusion of benefits to non-public, including religiously controlled, schools and its specification requiring that such schools and other non-public institutions and agencies be made participants in the planning and operation of various programs and services.

These provisions endanger the future of public education, and violate the constitutional prohibition of the use of public funds to support religious institutions and enterprises, the statement asserted, calling for the following changes in the bill:

1. Provision for judicial review in the federal courts of the constitutionality of its provisions and its administration, by any public school board;
2. The placing of exclusive control of the administration of federal grants or programs and of the distribution of materials under the bill in the hands of wholly public agencies,
3. Omission of provisions for direct or indirect grants for the acquisition of textbooks and other instructional materials for loan to pupils and teachers in religiously controlled schools;
4. Removal of mandatory requirements for participation by religious and other non-public agencies in control or direction of programs for which funds are allocated, such as the supplementary educational centers provided by the legislation; and
5. Elimination of any requirement that public schools participate in any dual enrollment or shared-time program as a condition of receiving a federal grant.

(In Boston, today, Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the commission on law and social action of the American Jewish Congress, reiterated before the organization's national governing council today statements he had made at a hearing in Washington to the effect that federal funds to aid education and fight poverty should go "only to those public facilities and public institutions open to all citizens.")

FARBAND PLEDGES SUPPORT OF JOHNSON PROPOSALS ON IMMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 14, (JTA) -- Commending President Johnson for his recent message to Congress calling for a revision of the national immigration laws, the Farband-Labor Zionist Order today pledged its fullest support in helping to get through Congress legislation incorporating his proposals.

The pledge was contained in a message addressed to the President by Jacob Katzman, general secretary of Farband, following a meeting of the order's executive committee, at which it was unanimously decided to support the action. The message stated that, until the changes proposed by the President are adopted and "such obnoxious provision as the national origins quota is removed, an element foreign to the spirit of America and contrary to the vision of the Founding Fathers will continue to shadow our image."

ROY H. MILLENSON, FORMER A.J.C. AIDE, NAMED TO POST IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14, (JTA) -- Roy H. Millenson was named this weekend minority clerk of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. The appointment was announced by Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, who is ranking minority leader of the committee. Prior to his Senate appointment, Millenson served for five years as Washington national representative of the American Jewish Committee. The new minority clerk was earlier an assistant to Sen. Javits in the Senate, and during the latter's service in the House of Representatives. Mr. Millenson was chairman of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House from 1961 to 1963.