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HARRIMAN ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM; STARTS PRIVATE TALKS WITH ESHKOL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Undersecretary of State W. Averell Harriman, his plane delayed by engine trouble, arrived in Israel and went immediately into conference with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister.

Informed sources here described his emergency mission as a public gesture intended by the United States to reassure Israel of American support. It was also suggested that the timing of the visit was significant, since it was taking place against a background of Arab propaganda efforts to create a picture of Israel as being isolated from western aid.

Officials here tended to minimize the role of the current West German-Israel crisis -- stemming from Bonn's action two weeks ago in halting arms shipments to Israel -- in the Harriman visit. They did so, apparently, out of concern that West Germany interpret the visit as softening Israel's vigorously negative reaction to the Bonn arms cutoff.

The talks were expected to cover a wide range of subjects in addition to the West German issue. Participants will include Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres and Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin. The United States Embassy here announced that "recent developments connected with Israel, Egypt, West Germany and East Germany undoubtedly will be the subjects of the talks."

It was assumed that problems of arms imbalance as between Israel and the Arab countries, heavily supplied with Soviet weapons, would be a major topic. It was understood that Israel would ask that in the future arms be directly supplied by the United States instead of through a third party.

State Dept. Reiterates that Harriman Cannot Offer Arms to Israel

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- State Department sources reiterated here today that Undersecretary of State W. Averell Harriman has no authorization on his present mission to Israel to offer Israel arms shipments to replace those cut off by West Germany. The reiteration was made in a State Department announcement that the Undersecretary's military jet transport carrying him to Israel had been forced to make an emergency landing for mechanical reasons in Bermuda.

The principal purpose of the Harriman mission to Israel, it was repeated, is to help extricate West Germany from its diplomatic entanglement stemming from the cancellation of arms deliveries to Israel.

Department spokesman Robert McCloskey said also he was still unable to state whether Cairo was on the list of capitals Mr. Harriman will visit in his effort to "calm down" tensions in the Middle East. Department sources revealed that he might caution Israel to use restraint in connection with possible Israel responses to Arab threats to block Jordan River waters.

Commenting on the visit of East German Communist head of state Walter Ulbricht to Egypt, over vigorous Bonn objections, Mr. McCloskey said the United States did not look with favor on the visit "because we support the federal republic of Germany as the representative of the German people."

WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO SEVER ALL ECONOMIC AID TO EGYPT

BONN, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- West Germany will sever all economic aid to Egypt because of the reception accorded today by President Nasser of Egypt to the East German leader Walter Ulbricht, a spokesman for Chancellor Ludwig Erhard officially announced today. The spokesman informed a news conference the Cabinet voted to carry out the action terminating the current aid programs.

(In Washington, Reiner Barzel, floor leader of the Christian Democratic Union, in the West German Bundestag, today discussed German relations with Israel and Egypt in a meeting with President Johnson at the White House. After the 45-minute discussion, Mr. Barzel told newsmen that suspension of economic aid would not be the only response to Cairo's hospitality to East German leader Walter Ulbricht. "Meanwhile," he said, "we are interested in clearing up our somewhat beclouded relations with Israel, because of our obligations toward that country.")

BONN CABINET INDICATES BACKING OF EXTENSION OF PROSECUTION OF NAZIS

BONN, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- An indication that the West German Government will back an extension of the statute of limitations on prosecution of Nazi war criminals developed today from statements on the issue by the Government spokesman at a press conference here.

Guenther von Hase said that the Government would assist the Bundestag, West Germany's lower house of Parliament, "in its efforts to let justice be done in accordance with the principles of law." Previously, the Cabinet had announced it would not seek an extension of the statute, which will become effective May 8, if no action is taken.

When he was asked whether this meant that the government now favored such an extension, he said that there were "various positions" within the Government on this point but that when the Government made its decision, it would be unanimous.

He also disclosed that the Cabinet discussed this morning a report submitted by Ewald Bucher, the Justice Minister, who has been one of the most obdurate foes of extension. He said Dr. Bucher had told the Cabinet, in giving the report, that the possibility could not be excluded that after May 8 new Nazi crimes might be uncovered which would necessitate additional investigations. The Bucher report is to be presented to the Bundestag on March 4. The Bundestag will consider a bill to extend the statute next month.

Cases of 13,000 Accused Nazis Are Still Pending, Minister Reports

Dr. Bucher also told the Cabinet that as a result of the appeal in 1964 by West Germany and the Bundestag to all governments to send documentary material on Nazi crimes, more material was now available, particularly from the Eastern countries, which might serve to help check known cases and provide knowledge on as yet unknown Nazi criminals.

Asserting that these investigations were still underway, Dr. Bucher reported that more than 70,000 Germans had been tried for Nazi crimes and that an additional 13,000 had been accused whose cases were still pending. For these cases, he said, the limitations statute cannot be applied nor could it be effective after May 8 even if the statute was not prolonged.

Gerhard Jahn, a Bundestag member of the opposition Social Democratic Party, said after the von Hase press conference, that the Bucher report proved how necessary it was to act on his party's decision of December 9, 1964 which had asked for the Bucher report. He said "all our apprehensions were justified."

Even the Government now was admitting, he added, that it was only due to special efforts that additional Nazi criminals had been discovered and more material found. The von Hase statement, he declared, proved that prolongation of the statute was necessary and that the Parliamentary group of his party would submit a proposal for extension to the Bundestag on March 10.

(In various parts of the world, meanwhile, prominent individuals continued today to call upon the West German Government to extend the Statute of Limitations for Nazi war criminals. On the floor of the Brazilian Senate in Brasilia, Aron Steinbruch, a Jewish member of that body, said that the Bonn Government owed it to humanity to extend the statute. In Boston, Richard Cardinal Cushing said that "there should be no moratorium on an evil as great as genocide and those guilty of the murder of Jews under Nazism should be brought to justice whenever apprehended." In the United Nations, Secretary General U Thant stated that the extension of the Statute of Limitations is "desirable.")

Bonn Official Arrives in Washington to Study Nazi Documents

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A West German legal authority arrived in Washington today to study documents of the Nazi era stored here in an effort to uncover new evidence of Nazi war crimes. Gustav Matschel, district judge from Munich, was sent by the Bonn Government in response to a State Department suggestion.

The State Department suggested, in response to a Bonn appeal for evidence prior to the May 8 cut-off date of the Statute of Limitations, that a German expert come here to search remaining documents seized by the U.S. Army in Germany in 1945.

JOHNSON ATTENDS PRIVATE FUNERAL SERVICES FOR FRANKFURTER; KADDISH SAID

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- President Lyndon Johnson attended funeral services for Justice Felix Frankfurter held at Frankfurter's apartment this afternoon. Abba Eban, Deputy Foreign Minister of Israel, was also present at the funeral services.

Pursuant to a request made by Justice Frankfurter before he passed away, his former law clerk, Prof. Louis Henkin of Columbia University Law School, recited the Kaddish at the service. It was pointed out that the prayer was recited not because of religious dogma but to symbolize the traditional kinship Justice Frankfurter felt for his Jewish heritage. No rabbi participated because of Mr. Frankfurter's desire not to be formally identified with Judaism as a religious creed. A moving eulogy was offered by Prof. Paul Freund.

PRESIDENT OF ITALY DISCUSSES JEWISH PROBLEMS WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS

ROME, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- President Sarragat received today a delegation of Italian Jewish leaders and in a cordial conversation expressed interest and understanding for the problems of Italian Jewry.

The delegation included Judge Sergio Piperno, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, Rome Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff, and other officials of the Union. Judge Piperno extended to the President the greetings of Italian Jewry and their satisfaction over his election to the presidency. The Council of the Rome Jewish community plans a similar visit to the President.

JEWS IN ARGENTINA 'UNEASY' OVER GOVERNMENT'S TOLERATION OF TERRORISTS

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The DAIA, the central body of Argentine Jewry, today called an extraordinary session to discuss recent anti-Semitic attacks. At the same time it decided to warn public opinion that the attacks could spread out in chaos which might become uncontrollable.

The organization also decided to notify the authorities of the "profound uneasiness" among Jews because of the impunity from arrest and prosecution which was apparently enjoyed by terrorist bands in Argentina. DAIA leaders indicated that they were prepared to pose before national authorities, political parties and the people of Argentina generally the issue of how long the nation was prepared to accept the presence and activities of Nazi groups in Argentina as inevitable.

Francisco Manrique, candidate for Parliament for the Union del Pueblo Argentino party in the March 14 elections here, sharply criticized the Government today for failing to take action against the anti-Semitic terrorists who exchanged shots with police at Ezeiza Airport several weeks ago.

Recalling the complaints against terrorists voiced by the Government when they were in opposition, Mr. Manrique charged that the Government served now as accomplices in the terrorist acts. "A Government that does not proceed against these delinquents is an accomplice," he explained. He charged that if the authorities really wanted to, they could end the terrorism "instantly." He demanded that the Government definitely liquidate such neo-Nazi organizations as the Tacuara instead of ineffectually banning them "in the gracious wordings of decrees."

(The Argentine Ambassador to Canada, Ricardo H. Pueyrrendon, assured the Canadian Jewish Congress today that neither President Arturo U. Illia, nor the political party of which the president is a member, would tolerate anti-Semitism, and that all steps to suppress racism have been taken in Argentina.)

JEWS IN BRAZIL EXPRESS CONCERN OVER ANTI-SEMITIC EVENTS IN ARGENTINA

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A delegation representing the Jewish Confederation of Brazil met here today with Carlos Augustus Fernandes, Argentine Ambassador Brazil, to express concern over the resurgence of anti-Semitic groupings in Argentina.

The delegation noted particularly that the Argentine authorities have as yet arrested no one after disclosing two weeks ago that a group of Nazi terrorists was found maintaining headquarters containing arms and a list of leading Argentine Jews to be subjected to terrorism.

ANTI-SEMITIC BOOK PUBLISHED IN MEXICO; INCITES AGAINST JEWS

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A book entitled "America is in Danger" was published here today by a noted Mexican anti-Semitic writer, Salvador Borrego, accusing the Jewish people of imperiling all of America.

Borrego, a staff member of the influential daily newspaper, Excelsior, was the author of a violently anti-Semitic work issued shortly after the conclusion of World War II. In that diatribe, he called Nazi Germany's collapse a "catastrophe," and adduced data "proving" that the Jews had started the war and were at fault for the Nazi defeat. That book has gone through several editions and has been circulated widely throughout Latin America.

AUSTRALIAN YOUNGSTER SENTENCED FOR ASSAULTING RABBIS IN STREET

MELBOURNE, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- One of two youths who attacked three rabbis while shouting anti-Semitic insults at them was fined 25 pounds yesterday on assault charges.

The two were part of a group which accosted the three rabbis who were on their way to the Lubavitcher Yeshiva here. Rabbi Lazar Kleinman said members of the group pulled his beard and knocked him to the ground, while shouting "Eichmann was right" and "Go back to Jerusalem." The court imposed the fine on William Gruckshank, 19, a printer, but dismissed charges against Otto Klarfeld.

C. J. F. W. F. URGES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO STRENGTHEN WELFARE AID

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds urged the Federal Government today to take a major step in the War on Poverty by strengthening the nation's public welfare program.

Louis Stern and Philip Bernstein, CJFWF president and executive director respectively, reported to a governmental advisory group their deep concern "with the broad and basic needs which are beyond the capacity of voluntary agencies to meet, and which require the resources of the entire nation, through government."

In a statement submitted to the Federal Advisory Council on Public Welfare, a statutory body set up to advise Congress, Mr. Stern called for "substantially improved" public assistance payments, an end to restrictive "citizenship or residence requirements" and an increase in "skilled service" to welfare beneficiaries.

Mr. Bernstein, who is also chairman of the Committee on Social Issues and Policies of the National Social Welfare Assembly, spoke on behalf of CJFWF and several other national organizations affiliated with the NSWA. He called for "further action" at both "the state and federal levels." This was the first in a series of meetings to be held in various parts of the country at which organization spokesmen will give their views on needed legislative changes in federally-aided public assistance and child welfare programs.

Mr. Bernstein described the present level of income support as "shockingly inadequate." He said that "the inadequate level of payments under the federally-aided assistance program is itself a major source of the poverty on which the Federal Government has declared war." The CJFWF statement was sharply critical of the practice in some states of projecting minimum subsistence budgets, and then appropriating funds to provide only a fraction of such budgets.

The statement recommended that Congress extend "Federal social insurance to provide for the costs of medical care in hospitals and related programs for the aged through Social Security system, while making adequate provisions for those persons not so covered."

Mr. Stern urged "increased Federal participation in the financing of research and demonstration projects." These, he said, would help prevent and reduce "dependency," would aid "rehabilitation service," would "foster effective coordination between public and private welfare agencies" and generally "improve the administration and effectiveness" of national programs of public assistance. "We are particularly troubled by the absence of Federal appropriations to educational institutions for facilities and personnel to train more social workers," Mr. Stern stressed.

PLAN TO EXCHANGE SOCIAL WORKERS BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- An exchange of professional social workers between the United States and Israel aimed at strengthening the Jewish program of Jewish Community Centers and YM-YWHA's in this country will be undertaken this summer by the National Jewish Welfare Board and the Jewish Agency for Israel, it was announced here today.

One part of the exchange plan calls for a select number of educators and communal workers from Israel to be employed as staff members of Jewish Community Centers in the United States for two years. The second half of the plan provides for 20 Center workers from the United States to participate in a seven-week study and travel seminar in Israel during July and August 1965.

Among the American Centers which have indicated a desire to employ persons in the first contingent of Israeli workers are those in Detroit, San Francisco Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Manuel G. Batshaw, director of JWB national services, left for Israel this week for a two-week stay during which he will make the final selection of the first workers to be brought to the United States and complete arrangements for this summer's seminar in Israel.

U.S. PROFESSOR TO DIRECT PRODUCTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL TV IN ISRAEL

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The University of Michigan announced today that Edward Stasheff, Professor of Speech and an authority on school television, has been named director of production for Israel's new Instructional Television Trust Studio Center. He will assume his new duties in May. The Center is near Tel Aviv University.

First telecasts are scheduled to start late this year or next January. There is now no television programming in Israel. Prof. Stasheff will spend about a year training teachers at the center in the techniques of television teaching. He will also instruct all production staff members, from producers to floor managers.

The television broadcasting which Prof. Stasheff will direct will be strictly educational. The receiving schools in the test area will be those in Ramleh, Lod, the Jerusalem Corridor and the northern Negev.