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ESHKOL SAYS HE EXPECTS TO GET SOME ARMS FROM THE UNITED STATES

TEL AVIV, April 11: (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol said here this weekend that, as a result of negotiations with the United States for American supply of arms to Israel, "we shall not emerge empty-handed."

He made that statement in reply to a question at a luncheon at the Tel Aviv Press Club, where he was asked whether the United States has made any attempts to impose Washington's views upon Israel in regard to the Arab efforts to divert the Jordan River headwaters, Israel's atomic reactor at Dimona, or arms supplies being sent to the Arab states.

Affirming that some arms concessions are expected from the United States, he added: "There are no strings attached." He declared that W. Averell Harriman, President Johnson's special envoy, who was here last month, had made no demands and had brought no pressures upon Israel. Nor are demands or pressures, he said, expected from Phillips Talbot, U. S. Under Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, who will visit Israel shortly. Mr. Talbot, it was asserted, will be in Israel only 24 hours, and may not even meet with the Premier.

The meeting with the press here was Mr. Eshkol's first since his recent week's visit to London, where he conferred with all the top leaders of the British Government. "Israel has reached a stage where, in its talks with world leaders," he said, "they recognize the fact that Israel must be adequately supplied, in order that she should form a deterrent fact."

His visit to Britain, he said, was "satisfactory." It was the British, he reported, and not he who had raised the Jordan River diversion question, and they had some "advice" to offer to Israel on the issue. It had been reported earlier that Britain advised Israel not to take any action against the Arab water diversion plans, but to leave the issue to the United Nations.

As to Israeli relations with the Soviet Union, he stated that, in view of the preoccupation of the Big Powers with the Vietnam situation, there is little chance now for rapprochement between Israel and the USSR. In regard to peace talks with the Arabs, he reiterated Israel's long-standing offer to meet directly with the Arabs for peace talks, when the latter agreed to do so.

Rumors that he was contemplating another trip abroad soon were dissipated by Mr. Eshkol. He said that, though such a trip had been considered, he would not go abroad before the general elections scheduled to be held in Israel next November.

UNITED STATES, ISRAEL FORMALIZE PACT FOR POWER-DESALTING STUDY

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- The United States and Israel signed a memorandum this weekend concerning previously announced arrangements to make a feasibility study pertaining to a combination power-desalting plant in Israel. The agreement was signed for the United States by Kenneth Holm, Assistant Secretary of Interior for Water and Power Development, and James T. Ramey, Commissioner of the Atomic Energy Commission. Ambassador Avraham Harman signed for Israel. The signing ceremony took place at the Department of the Interior.

The agreement covers administrative and supervisory arrangements for a jointly financed study to be undertaken by Kaiser Industries, Inc., Oakland Calif., with the Catalytic Construction Co. of Philadelphia, as subcontractor. The estimated cost is \$340,000, to be shared equally. Completion of the study is expected by October 1965.

The study is part of the United States-Israel joint water desalination program, recommended by a team of American and Israeli experts in pursuance of plans envisaged by President Johnson last June, when Israeli Prime Minister Levi Eshkol visited Washington.

ERHARD ENVOY MAY HAVE TO MAKE FOURTH VISIT TO ISRAEL, BONN SAYS

BONN, April 11: (JTA) -- The possibility that Dr. Kurt Birrenbach, Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's personal emissary, may have to make a fourth visit to Israel to complete arrangements for diplomatic ties between the two countries, was raised here today by a German Government spokesman. Dr. Birrenbach is now in Israel for the third round of

talks. The possibility was posed by the spokesman after he denied reports that the talks had become "difficult." He replied to the reporter's question that he could not say anything about the current negotiations, but that he did not agree there were any indications of difficulties. He stressed that Dr. Birrenbach did not have authority to conclude any secret agreement in Israel, which was understood to mean that Dr. Birrenbach will have to bring back to Bonn and the Parliament whatever agreement is reached.

Discussing rumors that Rudolf Werner, a member of the Bundestag, the Parliamentary Lower House, from Chancellor Erhard's Christian Democratic Party, had promised financial aid to Egypt if it did not recognize East Germany, the spokesman said Mr. Werner was not traveling on a Government mission. He said that the activities of Mr. Werner, who has visited several Arab capitals, were known to the Government. The spokesman did reaffirm the Erhard Government's March 7 decision to provide no more economic development aid to Egypt.

HISTADRUT CHIEF TRIES TO RESIGN; MAPAI ATTEMPTS TO AVERT A SPLIT

TEL AVIV, April 11. (JTA) -- The Histadrut, Israel's general labor federation, postponed a scheduled meeting of its central committee here today in an effort to head off the resignation of Aaron Becker, secretary general, and other Histadrut leaders, over the decision by the Mapai secretariat this weekend to postpone the forthcoming elections of the labor federation. The Mapai secretariat decided to put off the Histadrut elections from July to September.

Mr. Becker threatened to announce his resignation at the Histadrut central committee meeting scheduled for today, after the Mapai secretariat, by a vote of 39 to 9 with 3 abstentions, decided to postpone the Histadrut elections from July to September. While Mr. Becker feels that there is no need for the election delay, Reuben Barkat, Mapai secretary general, said that Becker's resignation was "unacceptable" and called upon the Histadrut official to adhere to a majority vote on the issue.

Mapai leaders, meanwhile, are holding urgent consultations on the matter, in efforts to avert a serious crisis within the party. Other Histadrut leaders are expected to follow Mr. Becker's lead if he resigns.

BRITISH ZIONISTS URGE GREAT POWERS TO GUARANTEE MIDDLE EAST PEACE

LONDON, April 11. (JTA) -- The more than 1,000 delegates to the 64th annual conference of the British Zionist Federation today called for a general disarmament agreement for the Middle East, to be guaranteed by all great powers. In a resolution adopted at the conference, the delegates condemned the Arab boycott of Israel and voiced concern at the deteriorating situation in the Middle East.

In an address at the conference, Israel Ambassador Arthur Lourie lauded recent progress in Anglo-Israel relations which, he said, was a result of a "bipartisan policy" toward Israel in this country. Commenting on the British Government's urging of Israel to turn to the United Nations if the Arabs eventually resorted to diverting the headwaters of the Jordan, Ambassador Lourie noted that the UN itself was deadlocked on this very issue. He also cited Soviet support of the Arabs at the United Nations, which gave the Arab states an automatic veto of any measure they considered to their disadvantage.

(In New York today, the Herald Tribune quoted Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Michael Comay, as saying that Israel, expecting a new outburst of Arab violence, "will rely less on the United Nations and more on the influence of the United States and its own military strength in the crisis.")

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION BANS LIMITS FOR NAZI WAR CRIMES TRIALS

GENEVA, April 11. (JTA) -- A resolution recommending that all governments seek means to ensure that all Nazi war criminals would be liable to prosecution for an indefinite period of time, without any statute of limitation, was adopted unanimously here this weekend by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

The measure, originally introduced by Poland, subsequently amended by the United States, Israel and other delegations on the 21-member body, called upon Secretary-General U Thant to initiate a study on the legal procedures necessary to make sure that no statute of limitation shall apply in international law on the prosecution of Nazi war criminals. The Commission requested Mr. Thant to give this study "priority," so that the legal aspects could be discussed at the Commission's next meeting, in 1966.

As passed by the Commission, the resolution applies to all "war crimes and crimes against humanity," and invites all states that have not yet done so to ratify the UN Convention Against Genocide, which was adopted in 1948. The United States is one of the members of the UN that has not yet ratified that convention.

SMALL JEWISH COMMUNITY IN MALAGA, SPAIN DEDICATES NEW SYNAGOGUE

MADRID, April 11. (JTA) -- The small Jewish community of Malaga, on Spain's Mediterranean coast, today dedicated a new synagogue. The synagogue is Spain's third, the two others being in Madrid, whose Jewish population is 2,500, and Barcelona, which has 3,500 Jews. Malaga has a Jewish population of 100.

JEWISH LEADER REPORTS INCREASE OF HATE LITERATURE IN SPAIN

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- The Spanish Jewish community, consisting of only a handful of Jews a quarter of a century ago, has grown to more than 6,000 today, according to Samuel Toledano, head of the department of international Jewish organizations of the Council of Jewish Communities of Spain. He described the situation of Spanish Jewry today in a report to the American section of the World Jewish Congress here.

Mr. Toledano said the rise in the community's size came about because of the influx of Nazi victims 20 years ago, and a more recent influx of Moroccan Jews, who now constitute 70 percent of the community.

While he stressed that the Jewish community in Spain had few internal problems, he mentioned that the Spanish Jews had noticed an increase in the quantity of hate literature being distributed in the country. The community, he said, hoped to put a stop to the distribution of the anti-Semitic literature by legal means.

HUNGARIAN JEWS REPORTED BY RABBI AS ENJOYING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- There are 70,000 Jews living now in Hungary, most of them in Budapest, and all the Jews in the country "enjoy complete religious freedom," Rabbi Jenő Schuck, chief Orthodox rabbi of Hungary, declared here this weekend.

Rabbi Schuck came here to act as a visiting lecturer on Jewish religious law and the history of Hungarian Jewry, at the Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University. He had been invited by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva.

In reply to questions about the situation of the Jews in his country, Rabbi Schuck said no restrictions are imposed upon Hungarian Jews by their Government. He said the Government allows the Jews to build synagogues, expand existing yeshivas, conduct ritual slaughter and, in general, to follow faithfully all precepts of the Jewish religion. He added that Hungary permits Jews to emigrate to Israel under a policy favoring reunification of families.

ISRAELIS CRITICAL OF POPE PAUL'S ATTITUDE ON DEICIDE CHARGE

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- The statement issued by the Vatican, explaining last week's Passion Sunday Lenten sermon delivered by Pope Paul VI, was described by most Orthodox spokesmen here this weekend as "very feeble." The Israeli press, as a whole, expressed fears that the Pontiff's statement, putting the blame for the killing of Jesus on the Jews, weakens the Declaration on Relations with the Jewish People, adopted last November at the third session of the Ecumenical Council, in the Vatican. The Pope's stand was seen here as a reversion to Roman Catholic attitudes of the past.

JEWS MOURN PASSING OF CARDINAL MEYER; LIBERAL PRELATE WAS 62

CHICAGO, April 11. (JTA) -- Chicago Jewry joined the general community today in mourning the passing of Albert Cardinal Meyer, archbishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese here, who died this weekend at the age of 62.

Cardinal Meyer, it was recalled, was one of the most forceful of American prelates who had insisted at the last session of the Ecumenical Council, in the Vatican, on the adoption of the declaration on the relations between Jews and Christians, which removed from the Jewish people the stigma of deicide and urged Catholics to oppose anti-Semitism.

When it was feared, during the closing days of the Council's last session, that the Declaration on Jewish Relations might not be voted or might be watered down, Cardinal Meyer joined Joseph Cardinal Ritter, of St. Louis, in circulating a petition to Pope Paul VI, requesting action on the issue. The strong declaration was adopted preliminarily, and will come up before the Ecumenical Council's next session for final action.

The American Jewish Committee, in the name of its president, Morris B. Abram, sent a message recording its "profound" sorrow on the death of "the saintly and wise" Cardinal Meyer.

"His kindness and unstinting devotion to human dignity," declared the AJC, "endured him to all who had the good fortune to be associated with him in his many humanitarian tasks. His was one of the great liberal spirits of our time, and we of the American Jewish Committee have long cherished his dedication to the principles of human dignity. His guidance and wisdom will be sorely missed in the days ahead, as we struggle to bring to greater fruition his hopes and ours for interreligious understanding. May his soul be bound up with the bond of eternal life."

REMAINS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS REINTERRED IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, April 11. (JTA) -- The remains of 87 Hungarian Jewish martyrs murdered by the Nazis during a death march at the close of World War II were brought to Jewish burial today at Linz. With solemn rites, the remains, uncovered there recently, were exhumed by the Jewish community in the upper Austrian town, and reinterred. The victims had been shot by the SS.

JOHNSON SIGNS FEDERAL EDUCATION BILL HELPING PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

JOHNSON CITY, Tex., April 11; (JTA) -- President Johnson signed into law here today the Administration's \$1,300,000,000 aid-to-education bill which, among other things, provides governmental aid to parochial schools; Among the provisions of the act are the following:

1) It allocates \$100,000,000 to public and private schools including Jewish, Catholic and Protestant parochial schools, for textbooks and library materials; 2) Under the program of supplementary education centers, it makes available another \$100,000 for remedial instruction, teaching machines, laboratory equipment as well as teaching and other services to non-profit private schools as well as to public schools; 3) It authorizes "dual enrollment" or "shared-time" arrangements.

American Jewish Congress to Test Constitutionality of New Act

NEW YORK, April 11; (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress announced today it would seek a prompt court test of the constitutionality of provisions in the Federal aid-to-education act giving government aid to religiously controlled schools. Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the organization's Commission on Law and Social Action, said the Jewish group "strongly supported" Federal aid to public schools. But, he said, the AJC would challenge "those parts of the Morse-Perkins Act that violate the First Amendment guarantee of separation of church and state."

Mr. Squadron said supporters of the legislation had given repeated assurances during the debate on the bill in Congress that court tests of the measure could be brought. "We plan to take them at their word by supporting any test cases that may be properly brought by interested parties," he said.

Mr. Squadron spoke at a meeting of the national governing council of the American Jewish Congress. In a resolution, the Council's policy-making body authorized participation by the organization's legal staff in one or more test cases designed to challenge the new Act.

HARTFORD YESHIVA DESECRATED; FIRE CAUSES DAMAGES OF \$100,000

HARTFORD, Conn., April 11. (JTA) -- A \$100,000 fire virtually gutted an annex of the 25-year-old Yeshiva of Hartford, a Hebrew day school, here last night. It is believed the fire was set by vandals who first ran amok through the building, desecrating the sanctuary, throwing torah scrolls to the floor, ripping open Jewish National Fund collection boxes, breaking tables, chairs and a piano, and looting the cafeteria. The fire was discovered at 2 A.M. when, after smoldering for some time, it burst forth and exploded through the windows of the building.

Dr. Aaron Baer, principal of the school, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that, because there was no history of anti-Semitic activity in the area, he was convinced the outrage was the work of teen-age vandals. Hartford police believe the vandals broke into the building sometime after it closed for the Sabbath, Friday afternoon. The Yeshiva was the first Hebrew day school to be established in Connecticut.

NEUMANN HAILS EXHIBIT ON HEBREW CULTURE FINANCED BY TARBUTH

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Zionist leader and president of the Tarbut Foundation for the Advancement of Hebrew Culture in America, today hailed the presentation at the 1965 Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages of a 50-panel exhibit on Hebrew in every-day Israeli life.

Prepared by the Tarbut Foundation in cooperation with the Central Zionist Archives in Jerusalem, the exhibition marked the first time that "Hebrew as a vital, pulsating, language of an old-new civilization was given such outstanding recognition in American education within the panorama of projections of modern languages," Dr. Neumann declared. Israeli Deputy Premier Abba Eban is honorary chairman of the Tarbut Foundation which operates with funds primarily endowed by Abraham and Jacob Goodman, of New York.

HARRY J. SAPPER DIES AT 67; LED CALIFORNIA FEDERATION 34 YEARS

OAKLAND, Calif., April 11. (JTA) -- Harry J. Sapper, executive director emeritus of the Alameda and Contra Costa Counties Jewish Welfare Federation, and President of the Jewish Welfare Endowment Foundation, died here Thursday at the age of 67; Mr. Sapper headed the JWF for 34 years, 1915 to 1959, and headed its development during a period of dynamic communal growth.

FISCHEL BIMKO DEAD AT 74; YIDDISH PLAYWRIGHT, AUTHOR AND ACTOR

NEW YORK, April 11; (JTA) -- Fischel Bimko, Yiddish playwright and author, died here this weekend at the age of 74. Born in Poland, he began his career there as a short-story writer for Jewish newspapers; Subsequently, a number of his novels were published in Yiddish. He belonged to the Hebrew Actors Union, the Hebrew Actors Club, and the Yiddish P. E. N. Club. He established the F. Bimko Literary Fund for the best book written in Yiddish and the Lonia Rubenstein Bimko Literary Memorial Fund for the best Yiddish play.