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PRESIDENT OF TUNISIA REITERATES CALL FOR ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE TALKS

TUNIS, April 22: (JTA) -- Pursuing his policy of urging peace negotiations between the Arabs and Israel, Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba came out here last night in a public speech with concrete proposals, and suggested that Israel and the Arab countries appoint negotiators to meet in a neutral country to start peace talks based on these proposals.

His basic proposal was that the Arab countries should recognize Israel on condition that Israel accept the United Nations Palestine partition recommendations of 1947. He referred specifically to acceptance by Israel of the original boundaries proposed in the UN recommendations, under which Israel would give up additional territory taken in driving out invading Arab armies in the 1948 war.

Israel would also be required to accept the principle of giving the Arab refugees a choice between returning to pre-1948 homes or compensation by Israel. The President of Tunisia expressed doubt whether these conditions would be acceptable to Israel. However, he added that United Nations machinery such as the UN Secretariat could be helpful in the negotiations.

Declines Golda Meir's Invitation to Come to Israel to Mediate

In an interview with the correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, President Bourguiba said he cannot accept a proposal voiced by Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir that he visit Israel to negotiate. "Only Palestine Arabs are qualified to negotiate on their fate; I am not," he said. Mrs. Meir made her proposal in an interview with an Israeli journalist, which was broadcast from Tel Aviv on April 16.

"Would Mrs. Meir accept this compromise solution of returning to legality within the framework of United Nations decisions?" asked Mr. Bourguiba. "If I were an Israeli I would do so. It would be a compromise which would make possible both cooperation and coexistence. If Israel would agree to negotiate on this basis, the Palestine Arabs themselves and other representatives of the Arab people can negotiate with them," he added.

He said the Arab world could not afford to begin and could not presently win a war against Israel. The dispute over diversion of Jordan River water was "secondary" and "like other Arab-Israel disputes, would disappear if a basic compromise solution were found," President Bourguiba stated. "The Jordan waters could then become an element of cooperation for development of a vast region," he added.

"But first we must create a climate of coexistence between Jews and Arabs," he stressed. "Maybe we need some sort of Gallup poll," he said, to determine the real reactions of Arabs to his counsels of hardheadedness and moderation.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TALBOT EXCHANGES VIEWS WITH ESHKOL IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- Phillips Talbot, U. S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and African Affairs, conferred today with Premier Levi Eshkol and Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister.

No details were given on the talks, but it was assumed that Arab threats to divert Jordan River headwaters to deny the water to Israel was among the principal topics of the talks.

It was also assumed that there was an exchange of views based on the American diplomat's talks with President Nasser of Egypt and other leaders he met on his current tour of Arab capitals. He is leaving Israel on Saturday.

GERMANY AND ISRAEL WILL ANNOUNCE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ON SUNDAY

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- A joint West German-Israeli communique on establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries will be published simultaneously in Jerusalem and Bonn Sunday, it was indicated here today.

The announcement will be accompanied by a release of texts of an exchange of letters between Premier Levi Eshkol and Chancellor Ludwig Erhard. Naming of ambassadors will follow within a couple of weeks.

AIR FORCE ORGAN GIVES DETAILS OF U. S. HAWK MISSILE SOLD TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 22; (JTA) -- Details about the American Hawk missile supplied by the United States to Israel are given in the current issue of Air Force and Space Digest, organ of the U. S. Air Force Association, published today:

Israel has received, according to this authoritative publication, the "MIM-23A Hawk," a surface-to-air missile for use against targets from treetop height to 50,000 feet. Its speed is supersonic, to enable it to overtake and destroy enemy aircraft with a "CW Radar" guidance system. The power system is revealed to be a solid-propellant booster. The warhead is conventional. The length of the Hawk missile is six feet six inches. It is 14 inches in diameter, and launch weight is 1,295 pounds. This missile is operational in Viet Nam, Okinawa, Panama, and NATO installations. It is being provided to Sweden and Japan as well as Israel.

The U. S. Defense Department is requesting \$11,000,000 for development of an anti-missile version of the Hawk. Such a development would provide Israel with a means to intercepting and shooting down Egyptian ground-to-ground missiles. The anti-tactical missile version of the Hawk is as yet a theoretical concept, and may not prove feasible. Nor can it be determined if the United States is committed to modify the Hawks now in Israeli hands with such a modification.

U. S. sources have determined that Egypt possesses a ground-to-ground missile capable of hitting Israel, but report its value is assessed as propagandistic rather than tactical. The Egyptian missile guidance system is described as primitive. Its military value, with conventional warheads, is considered negligible.

U. S. sources said the Israeli Hawk battalion trained at Fort Bliss, Texas, would be capable of serving anti-tactical versions of the Hawk without great difficulty--should such a weapon prove practical.

SENATOR GRUENING URGES U. S. TO MOVE AIR BASE FROM LIBYA TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 22; (JTA) -- Senator Ernest Gruening, Alaska Democrat, urged the United States today to move the Wheelus Air Base from Libya to Israel and conclude a mutual defense pact with Israel.

In a Senate speech, Sen. Gruening said that the time has come for a defensive agreement with Israel similar to the United States arrangements with Taiwan and the Philippines because vital United States security interests were involved in the survival of Israel.

Sen. Gruening called on President Johnson to lessen tensions in the Middle East by helping to end the Arab hostilities against Israel. The Senator said the United States policy in the Middle East was vacillating, weak and ineffectual.

TWO-DAY SCANDINAVIAN CONFERENCE ON JEWS IN RUSSIA OPENS TOMORROW

STOCKHOLM, April 22; (JTA) -- A conference of Scandinavian intellectuals on the problems of the Jews in the Soviet Union will be held here Saturday and Sunday.

The conclave is being sponsored by three Swedish leaders, Prof. T. Segerstedt, Dean of Upsala University, the Very Rev. Zedderberg, Primate of Stockholm, and Alvar Alsterdal, a Socialist leader; two Norwegian personalities, Odd Nansen, a scholar and author, and John Sanness, director of the Institute of International Affairs in Oslo; and two Danish leaders. They are Vigo Kampmann, former Prime Minister of Norway, and Prof. Mogens Pihl, the noted physicist.

The conference will hear reports by authorities and assess the situation. It is expected to issue an appeal to the Soviet Government. The sponsors stressed that the conclave was not an anti-Soviet meeting but rather a conference of humanists to discuss "an acute problem of human rights."

POLAND DENIES EGYPTIAN REPORT ON ALLEGED ANTI-ISRAEL ADDRESS

JERUSALEM, April 22; (JTA) -- The Polish Foreign Ministry formally denied, in a statement to the Israel Embassy in Warsaw, that a representative of the Polish Students Union made an anti-Israel address at an international seminar in Cairo, it was disclosed here today.

The report, carried by Cairo Radio, said that the student made his anti-Israel statements in a talk on the Palestine problem. The Foreign Ministry said that no representative of Poland and no Polish citizen had taken part in the Cairo meeting.

ISRAEL SIGNS FIVE-YEAR TRADE PACT WITH AFRICAN IVORY COAST

JERUSALEM, April 22; (JTA) -- An agreement for \$4,000,000 in trade each way by Israel and the Ivory Coast was signed within the framework of a five-year trade pact initiated by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, the Ministry announced today. The Finance Minister signed the five-year agreement during his visit last January to the African country.

FRICION WITHIN JEWISH COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN REPORTED NEARING END

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Intercommunal friction and divisiveness that have hung over the Jewish community in Great Britain are coming to an end, Maurice Edelman, president of Britain's Anglo-Jewish Association, told a group of leaders of its "sister" organization, the American Jewish Committee, at a reception in his honor here.

"There is now a more enlightened trend and a general recognition that particular organizations and groupings, while maintaining their distinctiveness, can contribute to the common good by employing their particular services to the best advantage," Mr. Edelman stated.

He went on to say that he expected the trial merger of the Anglo-Jewish Association and the Union of Jewish Women to be both "lasting and advantageous," not only to the Association but to British Jewry. The merger, he added, is "symptomatic of a new and happier trend discernible in British Jewry." The American Jewish Committee leaders discussed with Mr. Edelman proposed anti-discrimination legislation in British places of public accommodation, and also the formulation of group libel laws.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT PROBES DISMISSAL OF JEWISH EMPLOYEE OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON, April 22. (JTA) -- The Office of the Secretary of Defense has advised Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, that appropriate officials within the Defense Department are investigating the dismissal of a Jewish employee of the Navy by a German national who has been charged with religious prejudice.

The Jew, Bernard Perlstein, was fired after 23 years of service by his German supervisor, who arrived in the United States in 1962. Mr. Perlstein charged in the U. S. Court of Claims that the German was motivated by personal bias. Rep. Farbstein asked the Defense Department for a full report on the matter.

Brig. Gen. C.R. Roderick wrote to Rep. Farbstein on behalf of the Secretary of Defense that a "substantive" report on the dismissal will be sent in the near future. The Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A. have also lodged a formal request for clarification with the Defense Department.

BOSTON JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS TO HOLD PARLEY ON INTERMARRIAGE PROBLEMS

BOSTON, April 22. (JTA) -- A community-wide conference to review the intermarriage problem, analyze its effect on American Jewry at present, and explore methods for future action to deal with the issue, will be held here Sunday, it was announced today. The announcement was made by the sponsoring organizations, which include the Associated Synagogues of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Board of Rabbis, the Vaad Harabonim of this state, and the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation.

Herish Sharf, vice-president of the Associated Synagogues, who will be general chairman of the conference, announced that three sessions will be held by the assembly. They will be addressed by prominent Jewish scholars and educators, religious leaders and others "qualified to speak on the subject of intermarriage." Stressing "the seriousness of the situation," the sponsoring organizations noted that the entire Jewish community must be vitally concerned in coping with the problem.

BALTIMORE JEWISH EDUCATION BOARD TO HELP MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN

BALTIMORE, April 22. (JTA) -- The Board of Jewish Education of Baltimore has created a department of special education to develop a program of religious education for mentally retarded children and others unable to attend regular classes at local Jewish schools.

Benjamin Freeland, retiring president of the board, also reported that the board had acted to meet the acute shortage of teachers. He said the board departmentalized the school faculties in a number of schools. He explained that, by assigning teachers to teach the subjects in which they have special skills in four classes, rather than the two classes they would normally teach, "we have been able to improve the level of instruction in all grades with the existing staff."

He announced also the start of a coordinated three-day-a-week program on Sunday mornings and two afternoons at the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, which he said paralleled the schedule in affiliated Orthodox and Conservative schools. He said the new program represented a "more intensive Hebrew education by the children in our Reform religious schools." He was succeeded by Harry Silver, a Baltimore attorney, as president.

BOARD OF JEWISH EDUCATION ESTABLISHED IN WINNIPEG; GETS BROAD POWERS

WINNIPEG, April 22. (JTA) -- A School Board for Jewish Education, with broad powers to coordinate the activities of all its affiliates here, has been formed by the Jewish Welfare Fund of Winnipeg, according to Harold Schwartz, Welfare Fund president. A.L. Simkin has been named chairman of the new board.

EXHIBIT OF SEPHARDIC CULTURE OPENS IN ANCIENT TOLEDO SYNAGOGUE

MADRID, April 22: (JTA) -- Many Spaniards, Jewish and non-Jewish, have been highly impressed with an exhibit being shown now in Toledo, illustrating the richness of Sephardic Jewish art and culture. The exhibit is being displayed at the El Transito Synagogue in Toledo, the so-called Samuel Levi Synagogue, built there during the height of Jewish influence in Spain, prior to the 1492 edict expelling the Jews from that country. The Hispano-Jewish Museum has been installed in the El Transito Synagogue.

Among the items on display is a reproduction of the 14th Century Saravejo Haggadah, which is illuminated with 69 miniatures showing Bible scenes. Included also is a map of medieval Jewish ghettos of Spain, as well as medieval burial tiles found in Toledo's old Jewish quarter.

Some of the exhibits were prepared by the Community Service, sponsored jointly by the American Jewish Committee, the Anglo-Jewish Association and Alliance Israelite Universelle, of France. Through its Paris office, the American Jewish Committee has been working with Jewish communities throughout Spain to help them strengthen their religious and cultural resources.

NEW YORK JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST GIVES \$500,000 TO BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

WALTHAM, Mass., April 22: (JTA) -- A gift of \$500,000, half of which will cover the costs of constructing a new building and the rest to form a permanent endowment for maintaining the building, was given today to Brandeis University. The donor was Harry Pearlman, of New York.

According to Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis, Mr. Pearlman has designated half of his gift for the construction of a teaching center in mathematics, while \$250,000 will provide the money to maintain the structure. Dr. Sachar noted that, with maintenance of new buildings provided by donors, "Brandeis could release more of its resources for academic progress, faculty salaries and student scholarships."

Mr. Pearlman, a Fellow of the University since 1960, is also honorary chairman of the board of directors of the Jewish Hospital in New York, a member of the executive board of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, vice-president of the Jewish Culture Foundation of New York University, and a trustee of both Temple Rodeph Shalom in New York and Temple Emanuel in Miami Beach.

TWO SOVIET JEWS AMONG 21 WINNERS OF LENIN PRIZES AWARDED IN MOSCOW

LONDON, April 22: (JTA) -- Two Russian Jews, a violinist and a director, were among the 21 winners of Lenin Prizes announced yesterday by Tass, the official Soviet press agency, to mark Lenin's birthday.

The violinist was Leodid Kogan, the director was Yuri Zavadsky, who won an art award for his direction of a play, "Masquerade." The awards, each worth 10,000 rubles (\$11,000), are given annually in art, literature and science as the Communist equivalent of the Nobel prizes.

HABIMAH ARRIVES IN LONDON; TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL DRAMA FESTIVAL

LONDON, April 22: (JTA) -- Israel's Habimah theater troupe arrived here today for a series of performances which will be a feature of the 1965 International Drama Festival, an annual event in which troupes of international fame participate.

This year, Habimah shares the honor with the French and American troupes. The Israeli players will open on April 26 with The Dybbuk. There will be six evening performances and three matinees, all of them of The Dybbuk at the request of the Festival's sponsors.

The 35 Israeli actors and actresses were greeted at the airport by representatives of the Israeli Embassy and of the Aldwych Theater where they will perform.

B'NAI B'RITH COMPLETES CAMPAIGN TO PLANT 500,000 TREES IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 22: (JTA) -- A B'nai B'rith campaign to plant 500,000 trees in its Martyrs' Forest in Israel was completed this week. The B'nai B'rith Commission on Israel announced today that \$1,016,029 had been raised, and more than 508,000 saplings planted, since 1954.

The program was initiated as a living memorial to B'nai B'rith members who perished in the Nazi holocaust, or who died during World War II or Israel's War of Independence. The B'nai B'rith forest covers a 500-acre tract of land in the Judean hills on the outskirts of Jerusalem, and includes a sanctuary hewn out of a mountainside. It is part of the larger Martyrs' Forest established by the Jewish National Fund, where 6,000,000 trees are being planted as a memorial to Jewish victims of the Hitler era.