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ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL-GERMAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ANNOUNCED

JERUSALEM, May 13. (JTA) -- The establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and West Germany was announced simultaneously in Jerusalem and Bonn today.

The announcement included release of the texts of letters between Chancellor Ludwig Erhard and Premier Levi Eshkol, in which the Chancellor noted that "the attitude of the German Government in the past has proved that we are aware of the special German position toward the Jewish people all over the world, including Israel." The letters were formally exchanged yesterday.

As agreed in the lengthy negotiations preceding the pact, Premier Eshkol's letter was in the form of a reply to the Chancellor's letter, thus indirectly emphasizing the fact that the establishment of relations was on the initiative of Chancellor Erhard's Government.

The Chancellor said, in his letter, that he was "greatly satisfied" with the agreement. He added that "it has been possible to transform by mutual agreement the remaining supplies still outstanding under the previous arrangements with Israel concerning the supply of weapons." This was a reference to a West German program of shipment of several million dollars worth of weapons to Israel which the Chancellor abruptly suspended under threats of an Arab boycott of West Germany.

The Chancellor also declared in his letter that his Government "will be prepared in the near future, i.e. about two or three months, to enter into talks with the Government of Israel on the future of economic aid." (In Bonn, a government spokesman indicated that Israel will get economic aid, but no arms.)

German Chancellor Expects German Rocket Experts to Leave Egypt

The Chancellor also gave assurances on another outstanding issue between the two countries--the presence of West German scientists and technicians in Cairo working on advanced weapons for the regime of President Nasser. The Chancellor said in the letter that "a large number of the German scientists, technicians and experts engaged in activities in the military sphere in countries outside NATO have returned to Germany during recent months."

He added that his Government "has reason to believe that a considerable number of the experts still there, particularly those engaged in the construction of rockets, will in the near future also return to Germany of their own accord." Moreover, he said, "the German authorities are proceeding with all means provided by the law against any persons attempting without permission to entice German nationals to take up scientific, technical or expert activities in the military sphere in foreign countries."

He concluded his letter with an expression of a hope "that this decision taken by our two Governments will pave the way into a happier future of the relations of our two nations." The letter was dated May 12.

Eshkol Stresses Differences on Statute of Limitations Issue

In his reply, Premier Eshkol noted that the Chancellor had "already been informed of the decision of the Israel Government to accept your offer of March 8, 1965, conveyed to us by your special envoy, Dr. Kurt Birrenbach, to establish full diplomatic relations between our two countries." Dr. Birrenbach made three visits to Israel to negotiate the exchange.

"The decision of our two Governments has been taken against a somber historical background and a stormy political one," the Premier added, in a reference to the Nazi genocide program which cost the lives of 6,000,000 European Jewish men and women and children, and to the opposition among Israelis to the idea of diplomatic relations with Germany.

"I share our hope that our common decision will prove to be an important step towards a better future," Mr. Eshkol continued. "I share your opinion about the importance of having found a solution to the outstanding matters mentioned in your letter."

The Premier referred to the passages in the Chancellor's letter concerning scientists and technicians working for the Nasser regime and said he hoped that "the attitude and

intentions set out in your letter, which are in accordance with former statements by yourself, will speedily dispose of this affair."

The Premier referred to one item of differences not mentioned in the Chancellor's letter, declaring that the Chancellor was "certainly aware from our previous correspondence of the importance which I have always attached to the question of the cancellation of the statute of limitations" on the prosecution in West Germany of Nazi war criminals." This problem will understandably remain a matter of deep concern to us." This was a reference to the action of the West German Parliament last March in extending the deadline for such prosecutions by four-and-a-half years, only until January 1, 1970.

Meanwhile, Syria today became the second Arab state to break diplomatic relations with Bonn, in retaliation for the decision here to establish full diplomatic links with Israel. Iraq announced its step of the same nature yesterday. Other reports indicated that Jordan and Kuwait were also about to follow suit.

(In New York, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations sent cables to West German Chancellor Ludwig Erhard and Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol expressing "satisfaction" at the establishment of German-Israeli diplomatic relations and voicing hope that the "new formal association" will develop into a "meaningful, historic relationship which will enable the two countries to contribute to stability and peace in the Near East.")

BEN-GURION SAYS ESHKOL NOT FIT TO LEAD ISRAEL; MAPAI MAY SPLIT

TEL AVIV, May 13. (JTA) -- Former Premier David Ben-Gurion posed the danger of a split in Israel's dominant Mapai party with a blunt charge last night that Premier Levi Eshkol was not fit to lead the country.

The rift within the party stemmed from differences between Ben-Gurion and his Mapai supporters and Premier Eshkol as party leader over two issues. One was an alignment between Mapai and Ahdut Avodah for the forthcoming national elections, negotiated by Eshkol and opposed by Ben-Gurion because the alignment included a pledge by Mapai to drop its former stand for electoral reforms to end the multiplicity of parties in Israel.

The other was the explosive Lavon Affair, involving a long fight over responsibility for a disastrous security mishap which occurred when Pinhas Lavon was Defense Minister in 1954. Lavon was exonerated by a number of investigations, including one by a Ministerial Committee of which Eshkol had been a member. Ben-Gurion has strongly opposed those findings and demanded a new probe.

Prior to Ben-Gurion's blunt attack on Eshkol, made at a meeting of the 70-member Tel Aviv branch of the Mapai secretariat, Ben-Gurion's followers had prepared a platform rejecting the alignment platform adopted by a Mapai majority headed by Premier Eshkol.

When a number of the secretariat protested to Ben-Gurion that he should not have attacked Eshkol, Ben-Gurion retorted: "I will not be dictated to as to what I can say. I will say what my common sense and feelings dictate."

He assailed the alignment with Ahdut Avodah, asserting that it would lead into "a narrow class framework" and that its aim was perpetuation of classes within the nation by continuation of the present election system. Charging that "Mapai of today is not what it has been for years," Ben-Gurion charged Premier Eshkol with creating factions within the party.

He touched on the Lavon Affair, assailing the Premier for fearing to take up the issue because of the possibility of opening a "Pandora's Box." He said he had been in the Israel Cabinet with Eshkol for 12 years and never heard him speak of a Pandora's Box. "One who is afraid of Pandora's Box cannot be at the wheel of the state even if elected by the party," he declared.

ADMINISTRATION URGES CONGRESS TO REJECT MOVE AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, May 13. (JTA) -- High officials of the State Department and Department of Commerce told Congress today that they oppose a measure that would hamper the Arab boycott, because such a move would be harmful to the best interests of the United States.

These attitudes were voiced in testimony before the subcommittee on international trade of the House Committee on Banking and Currency by Under Secretary of State George Ball and Robert E. Gilles, general counsel of the Commerce Department.

They requested the subcommittee to reject a proposed amendment to the Export Control Act which, they said, could "backfire" against U. S. interests and would be "unwise." Rep. Thomas L. Ashley, Ohio Democrat and chairman of the Committee, agreed with the Administration officials.

VATICAN INDICATES DECLARATION ON JEWS MAY NOT BE BASICALLY CHANGED

ROME, May 13. (JTA) -- An announcement in the Vatican press office bulletin today stated that the Secretariat for Christian Unity headed by Cardinal Bea is now discussing amendments to the Vatican declaration on the Jews and indicated that the document would not be basically changed.

PLOT TO KILL JEWS IN SWEDEN REVEALED; PREMIER CONDEMNS NAZI RING

STOCKHOLM, May 13. (JTA) -- Police reported today that documents seized in a raid on an armed Nazi anti-Semitic sabotage and spy group included Nazi death sentences on Swedish Jewish leaders and detailed plans to annihilate Swedish Jewry. A statement expressing the Government's reaction to the Nazi group, "deploring" its existence and terming the existence of a Nazi ring as "humiliating to all Swedes" was issued today by Prime Minister Tage Erlander.

The number of arrests in the police action rose to six today, including Bjoern Lundahl, Sweden's top Nazi. The Egyptian Embassy here denied contacts with the Nazi group which had been reported by police in announcing the uncovering of the Nazi group. The Embassy official involved in the charges is now in Cairo and probably will not return since he would be liable to expulsion by Swedish authorities. More arrests were indicated.

The target of the death sentence was Bernard Tarschys, chairman of the Stockholm Board of Jewish Deputies, who was "convicted" of "Zionism, treacherous double loyalty, subversive propaganda and anti-Swedish activities," police said. They found two caches of arms in the raid.

The plans for murdering all Swedish Jews provided for injections and burning of corpses on Stockholm refuse dumps. Other documents, including films and tape recordings indicated many years of systematic efforts at anti-Semitic indoctrination of Swedes, especially of youth. It appeared that a Hitler Jugend group directed by the Swedish Nazis operated as a sports club and thus received municipal subsidies.

The Israel Embassy has received anonymous anti-Semitic letters in recent years, apparently from the Swedish Nazis. The Svenska Dagbladet meanwhile reported that there had been systematic persecution and physical maltreatment of Jewish students from 1960 to 1962.

1965 COMBINED JEWISH CAMPAIGN IN BOSTON ENDS; \$5,183,000 RAISED

BOSTON, May 13. (JTA) -- The 1965 Appeal of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston closed last night with a total of \$5,183,000, surpassing last year's total by some \$150,000.

Abraham Goodman, general campaign chairman, told more than 400 campaign leaders and workers at the campaign closing dinner that the 1965 figure "represents more than dollars alone, but rather a commitment on the part of our entire Boston Jewish community to the concept of a strong well-organized Jewish community capable of responding to the wide variety of needs."

Expressing the appreciation of the entire community to Mr. Goodman and "his wonderful campaign team for reversing the trend," Sidney Stoneman, president of the CJP pointed out that this year's increased results were particularly gratifying in "this our 70th Anniversary year, commemorating the birth of the first united philanthropic federation in the country." Dr. Benjamin B. Rosenberg is executive director of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies. Aaron Levine is campaign director.

DETROIT ALLIED JEWISH CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCES \$5,158,000 AT CLOSING DINNER

DETROIT, May 13. (JTA) -- The Allied Jewish Campaign for 1965 concluded here officially last night with a "victory dinner" at which it was announced that the year's total contributions will reach \$5,158,800 by the time the remaining unsolicited givers are reached.

The announcement was made by William Avrunin, Jewish Welfare Federation director, and by the campaign co-chairmen Sol Eisenberg and Irwin Green. Max M. Fisher, national UJA chairman, declared that Detroit is the top-ranking community in the country this year in point of increases secured for UJA over last year, and he commended the campaign leaders for their devotion to what he termed was "a great campaign."

Mr. Avrunin also reported that while the campaign total will be the highest since 1959, the number of contributors will reach 25,000--the highest since 1957. Morris Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, guest speaker, reviewed world conditions, told of rising anti-Semitic trends in Latin America but a decline in prejudice elsewhere.

JEWISH CONGRESS FIGHTS BILL PROVIDING TEXTBOOKS TO PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress charged today that a bill passed by the New York State Assembly requiring public school boards to furnish textbooks to parochial and private school pupils was "in plain conflict with the State Constitution and the decisions of the State courts."

The statement was contained in a legal memorandum sent by the Congress to every member of the State Senate. A parallel bill has been introduced in the Senate and action on it is expected next week.

ISRAEL AND MOSCOW TO EXCHANGE VISITS OF THEIR STATE ORCHESTRAS

TEL AVIV, May 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and the Moscow State Orchestra will exchange visits in May 1966 under an agreement signed here today in Moscow. The agreement was signed by Tzvi Haftel, Israeli orchestra manager, who is currently in Moscow.

A Soviet plane will fly the Russian musicians to Tel Aviv and take members of the Israel orchestra to Russia for 16 concerts in various cities. Violinist Leonid Kagan and Cellist Rostropowitch will appear with the Israeli Philharmonic next season. Vladimir Ashkenazi, the Russian pianist, arrived here today for a series of concerts with the Israeli orchestra.

MOSCOW JEWS ASK FOR MONUMENT ON 'BABI YAR'; HOLD PRAYER FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, May 13. (JTA) -- A demand that monuments be erected over unmarked Jewish mass graves in the Soviet Union, like Kiev's Babi Yar, where many thousands of Jews were murdered during the Nazi occupation, was voiced publicly in Moscow's Central Synagogue, according to information received here today from the Soviet capital.

The demand was advanced by Reb Gregory Manevich, one of the synagogue's oldest worshippers, at solemn ceremonies held on May 9, in which 4,000 Moscow Jews held their own celebration of V-E Day. He also pronounced, in Hebrew, a blessing over the State of Israel, pointing out that "the Jewish people has waited 1,900 years to see a Jewish State." He added: "We must remember this fact, although we do not agree with all of Israel's actions today."

Attending the ceremonies were Israel's Ambassador Yosef Tekoa and the entire staff of his mission. The synagogue's spiritual leader, Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin, conducted the services, and cantor Steinberg with his large choir chanted Hebrew litanies and sang Yiddish songs. Special honors were paid to 107 Jewish members of the Red Army who had received the highest military citation--Hero of the Soviet Union--for outstanding courage while serving with the Red Army during World War II.

CANADIAN TV REFUSES TO CANCEL PROGRAM FEATURING NAZI PROPAGANDIST

MONTREAL, May 13. (JTA) -- The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation today refused to cancel the showing of a television film of an interview with Leni Riefenstahl, a close friend of Adolf Hitler and Josef Goebbels, who, as a movie producer, was considered an outstanding Nazi propagandist.

The Canadian Jewish Congress had protested the program, scheduled for broadcast this month. Michael Garber, president of the CJC, wrote the request for cancellation to Alphonse Ouimet, president of the CBC, declaring that the commitment to show the Riefenstahl interview "impels us to a considerable feeling of pain and desolation at what we deem to be at least insensitivity and at most serious irresponsibility in the planning and production of programs that feature Nazis."

In his reply, Mr. Ouimet stated: "It is certainly not the purpose of the CBC to 'glorify' present or former Nazis in any way. On the other hand, the Corporation, within reason, must be free to air programs on any subject which is interesting, topical, educational, informative and so on. To place a ban on all things Nazi would set a precedent for demands to ban all things Communist or all things dealing with apartheid, for example. In other words, the Corporation cannot accept the suggestion made in your letter that Nazism is a subject which should never be dealt with by the CBC."

The CBC has, in recent months, featured interviews with Canadian and United States Nazis, including George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party. When the CJC complained, the government-owned radio-TV network insisted it was free to air such programs because they had "news value."

JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY BESTOWS 'FREEDOM OF CITY' ON PROFESSOR BUBER

JERUSALEM, May 13. (JTA) -- The City Council of Jerusalem today voted one of its highest honors, "Freedom of the City," to Dr. Martin Buber, the philosopher and Professor Emeritus of general philosophy and sociology at the Hebrew University.

In the final decision on a resolution effecting this honor, which has been pending for some time in the municipal body, the Herut and Poale Aguda members voted against the measure, while the Council members representing the National Religious Party abstained. The opposition was motivated in part by the fact that, in some of his views, Prof. Buber had advocated rapprochement with the Arabs.

AMERICAN RABBI APPOINTED SPIRITUAL LEADER OF STOCKHOLM COMMUNITY

STOCKHOLM, May 13. (JTA) -- An American rabbi was appointed here today as second spiritual leader of the Stockholm Jewish community. He is Rabbi Morton Narowe, of Satellite Beach, Florida.