



Jewish Telegraphic Agency DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

Contents Copyright: Reproduction only by previous arrangement

Vol: XXXII - 48th year

Thursday, August 5, 1965

No. 150

REPUBLICANS HIT STATE DEPT. FOR 'EXPLAINING' GOLDBERG TO THE ARABS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (JTA) -- The Republican Congressional Committee today charged that the State Department numbed America in the eyes of the world by apologizing, in effect, to Arab states for the appointment of a Jew, Arthur J. Goldberg, as United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

The committee, in a newsletter, cited the role of G. Mennen Williams, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, and called on President Johnson to dismiss Mr. Williams. The organ of the Republican members of Congress denounced Mr. Williams' "decision to stoop to 'explaining' to North African countries that, in naming Arthur J. Goldberg (who happens to be Jewish) as Ambassador to the U.N., President Johnson is not encouraging an anti-Arab policy."

According to the official Republican view of the matter, the explanation in the Goldberg case was unnecessary since U.N. member states name whomever they please as envoys to the U.N., with no agreement sought from the United States. The Republicans cited India's persistence in maintaining at the United Nations the "anti-American, pro-Communist Krishna Menon."

State Department attempts to apologetically explain the selection of Mr. Goldberg constituted a "national abasement," said the Republican organ. Referring to Arab states, the Republicans said: "From now on, we can undoubtedly expect a step-up in their 'anti-colonialist' antics and the itch in their outstretched palms. Unless, of course, by speedily sending Williams back to Michigan, President Johnson demonstrates that the United States intends to look after its own interests, with no apologies to anyone for what we think is right."

ISRAELI MAYOR ADDRESSES LENINGRAD PARLEY IN HEBREW; DELIVERS REPORT

LONDON, Aug. 4: (JTA) -- For the first time in Soviet history, reports on the activities of Israeli municipalities in the fields of education and health were presented to a Soviet-sponsored conclave, it was reported here today from Leningrad, where the parley which ended yesterday, was held. Israel was represented by a delegation from Tel Aviv and Nathanya at a Twin Cities Congress which was attended by 500 delegates from 40 countries. The Israelis took an active part in the proceedings. Speaking at the opening session, Nathanya Mayor Oved Ben Ami, head of the Israeli delegation, spoke first in Hebrew, then continued in English. In the Hebrew portion, the Mayor referred to Russian Jews as "brethren, so close to us and yet so far from us." The report on Israeli city education and health services was presented by A. Borstein, Deputy Mayor of Tel Aviv.

Members of the Israeli delegation attended Sabbath services in the Leningrad Synagogue, and also in the Moscow Synagogue when they visited the capital. During the Moscow Synagogue services, the traditional Mi Shebeirach blessing was pronounced for both the president of the Soviet Union and the president of Israel, at the suggestion of Mayor Ben Ami.

Members of the delegation met with members of other delegations, including that of Tunisia, for friendly informal talks. One of those talks took place between Mayor Ben Ami and Mayor Yssayev of Leningrad. The Israeli mayor suggested an exchange of street names between Leningrad and Nathanya, an idea that seemed to appeal to the Leningrad mayor.

FOUR ISRAELI BORDER POLICEMEN WOUNDED BY MINE AT JORDAN FRONTIER

TEL AVIV, Aug. 4: (JTA) -- Four members of the Israel border police were injured, one seriously, when a jeep in which they were making a routine border patrol last night in the Jerusalem corridor struck a mine, which exploded. The mine was believed to have been planted by members of the El Fatah terrorist organization currently believed to be operating from Jordanian territory. The mine had been placed about a half-mile from the Jordanian border.

ESHKOL REPORTS ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN ARAB WATER DIVERSION WORK

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4; (JTA) -- Arab efforts to divert the headwaters of the Jordan River, and thus to deny them to Israel, were considered today at a meeting of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Security Committee.

Premier Levi Eshkol and Chief of Staff Gen. Izhak Rabin reported to the committee on the latest developments in those efforts. A Beirut newspaper reported today that diversion work on a project in Lebanon was stopped several days ago but added that the halt was due only to budgetary problems.

ISRAEL COMMUNIST PARTY SPLITS; COMPETING FACTIONS NOTIFY PARLIAMENT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 4; (JTA) -- The Speaker of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, was formally notified today of the existence of two competing Communist parties in Israel, following a split yesterday within the Communist Party in this country. The Communists hold five seats in the Knesset, and the split will divide the five into two separate factions.

Notification was submitted by the extremist faction, headed by Meir Wilner and Tufik Toubi, which consists mainly of Arabs. Both Wilner and Toubi are members of the Knesset. The more moderate faction, made up of Jews and headed by Shmuel Mikunis and Moshe Sneh -- also members of the Knesset -- continues to call itself the Israel Communist Party.

Intervention by a Soviet delegation invited to what had been originally scheduled as the regular party convention here five weeks ago averted a split at that time. The differences reached the irreconcilable point when the party's central committee failed to approve last Thursday a political report by Mikunis as party secretary-general. Kol Haam, the party newspaper, published an announcement yesterday by the party central committee that all efforts to preserve party unity had failed.

The differences concern Arab-Israel relations, the Soviet-Chinese ideological clash and attitudes toward Premier Levi Eshkol's Government. While both factions oppose the Government and its policies, the majority is more moderate.

Kol Haam also published two separate invitations to the conventions planned by each faction here. The Mikunis-Sneh faction will hold its convention tonight. The other group will hold its convention in the same hall Friday night.

Mikunis was expected to outline at his faction's conclave tonight his proposals for solving the Israel-Arab deadlock, calling for concessions by Israel to the Arabs in exchange for Arab recognition of Israel, agreement on freedom of navigation for Israeli shipping in the Suez Canal and final agreement on sharing of the Jordan River waters.

It was reported that the Communist Party in the Soviet Union would probably recognize the majority faction because it includes Mikunis and Comptroller Avi Bretstein, whose annual reports are considered binding by the international Communist movement. A special committee will decide on distribution of the party's assets to the two factions.

BRITISH JEWS PROTEST SWASTIKA ON POSTAGE STAMP; GOVERNMENT ADAMANT

LONDON, Aug. 4; (JTA) -- Government spokesmen in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords rejected today six requests by members of the Parliament for withdrawal or changes in the design of a Battle of Britain commemorative stamp which includes a swastika on a downed German warplane. The Board of Deputies of British Jews also protested to the Postmaster General and asked for withdrawal of the issue. The stamps are scheduled for release in September.

The Board of Deputies protest was in a letter in which President Solomon Teff declared that "we are aware that the purpose of the stamp is to demonstrate the defeat of the evil forces which used this symbol but we feel strongly that the illustration does not convey this impression."

"There is no need, I am sure, for me to tell you how hateful and reminiscent of the most painful memories this symbol is to millions of people of all races, creeds and nationalities, and particularly to the Jews." The letter stated: "The Board of Deputies has already received numerous complaints from members of the Jewish community to whom the sight of the swastika in any form is offensive in the extreme."

In Commons, Postmaster General Anthony Wedgwood-Benn refused the requests from five Labor and Conservative deputies. In five separate questions, they asked the Postmaster General whether he was aware that the design would be offensive to many people and whether he would therefore withdraw the issue. A similar refusal was made in the House of Lords by Lord Hobson replying for the Government to a complaint by Lord Braye.

BONN DENIES ITS COUNSELLOR TO ISRAEL WAS LINKED TO DEPORTATION OF JEWS

BONN, Aug. 4: (JTA) -- The West German Foreign Ministry denied here today that Dr. Alexander Toeroek, named as counsellor to the new German Embassy in Israel, had been concerned during World War II with the Nazi plans for the deportation of Hungarian Jews to the death camps;

The Ministry confirmed the reports, which had emanated from Israel and aroused opposition there to acceptance of Dr. Toeroek, that the former Hungarian diplomat, now a naturalized German citizen, had served in Hungary's Berlin embassy between December, 1944, and May, 1945; That was the period during which the Nazis were deporting Jews from Hungary: The Ministry said, however, he had no relationships, "formally or intellectually," with the Nazi Party or with the Hungarian Fascist Party;

Dr. Toeroek himself indignantly denied today that he had had anything to do with the Nazi deportation of Jews: He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "I have never been a Nazi; I was never associated with any political right-wing or fascist group."

He insisted that, along with most members of the wartime Hungarian civil service under Admiral Horthy, he was against the anti-Jewish practices of the Nazis, although he knew what the Nazis were doing to and with Jews: He pointed out that holding a diplomat stationed in Berlin responsible for the acts of the Nazi regime was like linking a foreign diplomat in Moscow with Communism;

Die Welt, an influential German publication, said today that, although it was wrong to connect with the Nazi plans for deportation of Jews every diplomat who had served in Berlin during the Hungarian regime of Admiral Horthy, it was not surprising that many Israelis, particularly those from Hungary, have the greatest mistrust for a man who was occupied with State business at a time when Jews were fighting for their lives;

"Emotions," stated Die Welt, "are also a factor: Perhaps Bonn could have paid more attention to this in choosing the staff for the Tel Aviv Embassy." That theme was repeated today in other West German newspapers, some of which fixed responsibility for the choice of Dr. Rolf Pauls, a German army officer in World War II, as West Germany's first Ambassador to Israel, and of Dr. Toeroek, on Foreign Minister Gerhard Schroeder.

German Press Doubts Bonn Made Wise Choice of Diplomats to Israel

The mass circulation newspaper "Bild" which has the largest circulation in West Germany, declared editorially today that although the two diplomats appeared to have had no connection with Nazism or any other political party "the choice in itself was most unwise;" The "Bild" contended that the Bonn Foreign Ministry should have considered the special sensitivity of Israel toward all matters related to Nazism and the Hitler period and should have selected more appropriate persons;

The newspaper asked "Do we not have young efficient diplomats who were not born or who were children in Hitler's time? Do we not have politicians or diplomats who took an active stand against Hitler? Why don't we send these people to Israel?" The respected "Sueddeutsche Zeitung" declared that the Foreign Ministry had lacked a sense of proportion in the two appointments;

Meanwhile the West German press and broadcasting services widely publicized today an Israel Government announcement that "nothing wrong had been found in Dr. Toeroek's past;" It was understood here that the Israeli announcement was based on a full report sent to Jerusalem by the Israeli Mission in Cologne which investigated in depth Dr. Toeroek's past;

Israel Accepts Toeroek; Police Guard Germany Embassy Staff Members

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4: (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Ministry has accepted Alexander Toeroek as counsellor of the West German Embassy in Jerusalem, Ministry sources indicated today: The diplomat, whom press reports have linked with the Nazi era, has been cleared by the Foreign Ministry.

Israel police meanwhile set up a 24-hour watch on the Sheraton hotel in Tel Aviv where three West German officials, the vanguard of the West German Embassy staff, are now staying: The officials arrived a few days ago and entered the hotel today: Dr. Toeroek, who was due to arrive today, put off his arrival for a few days and is now expected to arrive Friday;

According to the Foreign Ministry sources, Dr. Toeroek was never a member of the Nazi party or of its counterpart in Hungary, when he served as a Hungarian diplomat in Berlin during World War II: He became a naturalized German citizen in 1950: The clarification, the sources said, also showed that the diplomat had never been involved in any actions against Jews;

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL LEADERS TO ATTEND PROTESTANT ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, Aug. 4; (JTA) -- Fourteen representatives of the Synagogue Council of America will participate in a consultation with Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox Christian leaders at an Ecumenical Institute to be held in Switzerland under the sponsorship of the World Council of Churches, it was announced here today. The institute will be convened for a week of deliberations, opening on August 16, at Chateau de Bossey, Switzerland.

Announcement of the plans for the institute, which will mark the first time that a broadly representative group of Jewish leaders will meet with the Christians comprising the World Council, was made here today by Rabbi Seymour J. Cohen, of Chicago, president of the Synagogue Council, and Dr. Eugene L. Smith, executive secretary of the Council of Churches in the United States.

The Synagogue Council, which will coordinate the Jewish representation at the Institute from this country, Europe and Israel, is the national coordinating agency for the rabbinical and congregational associations of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jewry in this country.

At the Institute, the situation of man in the world of today will be examined from the vantage points of Christian and Jewish observers. Papers will be presented on man's appropriate response to his situation in the light of the religious and moral heritage of Judaism and Christianity.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR SHARETT ARRANGED THROUGHOUT U. S. ON 'SHLOSHIM'

NEW YORK, Aug. 4; (JTA) -- 1,000 leaders from all walks of American Jewish life are expected to attend memorial services here for the late Moshe Sharett at the Park Avenue Synagogue, next Monday evening under the joint auspices of the American Zionist Council and the American Section of the Jewish Agency for Israel. The memorial will mark the end of the traditional "Shloshim," the 30-day mourning period. Similar memorial services will also be held throughout the country.

Speakers participating in the New York tribute to Mr. Sharett, which will be open to the public, will be Avraham Harman, Israel Ambassador to the United States, who will officially represent the government of Israel; Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman, and Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, of the Jewish Agency-American Section; Nathaniel S. Rothenberg, chairman of the administrative committee of the American Zionist Council; and Jacob Katzman, general secretary of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order, speaking for the Labor Zionist Movement in the United States.

Meetings have also been scheduled throughout the country by the American Zionist Council and its local affiliates in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and other communities. A meeting was held today in Chicago.

The Philadelphia meeting will take place Sunday evening, at the Germantown Jewish Center. Speakers will be Yissakhar Ben Yaacov, Israel Consul in Philadelphia; former Judge Nochem S. Winnet, president of Philadelphia Federation of Jewish Agencies; and Rabbi Elias Charry, chairman of the Philadelphia Zionist Council. The Pittsburgh meeting will be held Tuesday evening, at the Hebrew Institute of Pittsburgh.

HADASSAH ANNOUNCES GRANT FOR STUDY OF JEWISH DEMOGRAPHY IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4; (JTA) -- The first grant in Hadassah's five-year research and publications program has been made in honor of Professor Alexander M. Dushkin, noted Israeli and American educator, on the occasion of his 75th birthday anniversary, it was announced here today by Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national president of Hadassah.

The \$6,500 grant will be known as "The Alexander M. Dushkin Fellowship." It was awarded to Dr. Sidney Goldstein, chairman of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Brown University, for a study of Jewish demography in the United States, which will indicate generational differences in the American Jewish Community. The Hadassah program is being carried out in cooperation with the National Foundation for Jewish Culture to help strengthen Jewish identity among American Jews.

Further tribute to Professor Dushkin, who heads the Division of Jewish Education in the Diaspora at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry in Jerusalem, will be paid him at the luncheon session of Hadassah's national convention this month at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Professor Dushkin was a founder of the Jewish Education Committee of New York and from 1923-34 was executive superintendent of the Chicago Board of Jewish Education. He settled in Israel permanently in 1949 to become Professor of Educational Administration at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.