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EURCMART COUNCIL LEAVES DCCR OPEN FOR FINAL DECISION ON CITRUS ISSUE

BRUSSELS, Nov. 30: (JTA) -- The Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community voted today to allow the recent decision of the EEC Commission providing for minimum reference prices on citrus fruit imported into Common Market countries, to go into effect tomorrow. At the same time, the Council decided to leave the door open for reconsideration of the entire issue which threatens Israel's orange exports to these countries because of compensatory taxes aimed at raising prices to a level higher than Italian oranges.

While permitting the Commission's ruling to take effect tomorrow, the Council's decision today authorized the Commission and the Special Committee for Agriculture to present before January 31, proposals for an alternate solution to the problem of citrus imports into the Common Market countries which would give due consideration to the effect of the system on trade with countries outside the EEC.

Today's decision, while implementing the ruling providing for unpredictable compensatory taxes on imported citrus, opens the way to some new approach to the protection of Italian orange producers which would not affect the traditional trade channels of non-member countries. Israeli orange producers must now await the first test cases of the price differential and the attitude of EEC officials on the enforcement of the compensatory taxes, before the precise effect of the system on Israeli trade is known.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON AUTHORIZES RESUMPTION OF U. S. FCCD SHIPMENTS TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30: (JTA) -- A State Department spokesman announced today that President Johnson has authorized resumption of food shipments to Egypt and United States officials revealed that the agreement now being negotiated with Cairo will provide about \$55,000,000 in aid over a six-month period and would be partly payable in dollars.

American officials said the decision was taken because of a trend of improvement in American-Egyptian relations marked by Egyptian concentration on internal development rather than foreign affairs, greater moderation in Egyptian policies, improvement in the objectivity of the Egyptian press, the agreement to end the Yemen war, the settlement of American claims and the encouragement of private economic development. The decision followed consultation on the White House level with key members of Congress. There was no comment on questions of whether the new program is a forerunner of a \$500,000,000 program.

The food aid agreement with Egypt terminated in June 1965, under pressure from Congress. It was pointed out that Egypt was diverting her own resources to acquire ultra-modern Soviet arms, shipping her rice to Communist countries, and having shortages thus created, filled by American aid. The new program will reflect some limitations required by Congress.

Jewish Congressmen 'Disturbed' Over Change of Washington's Stand

Rep. Leonard Farbstein, a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and a ranking member of the Near East Subcommittee, in a statement on the decision to authorize the beginning of negotiations for the resumption of the sale of foodstuffs to Egypt, declared: "I am disturbed that the United States is opening negotiations with Egypt for the shipment of food from American stocks. These shipments were halted last year when Congress raised objections to Egyptian policies which were both anti-American and inimical to the interest of peace in the Middle East.

Rep. Farbstein stressed that "as a minimum concession" the United States must request that the Egyptians cease using their resources to buy arms, then ask the U.S. to make up their deficit with food; "I think it would also be wise to negotiate with our food in favor of settling the Arab refugee problem; open the Suez Canal to all shipping; withdraw Egyptian troops from Yemen; halt provocative propaganda; and anything else that would help reduce Middle Eastern tension."

Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, announced that he is informing the Executive Department that Congressional leaders who are said to have agreed on the resumption of aid to Egypt did not speak for him and that he "deplored the decision."

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS CALLS FOR U. S. RATIFICATION OF GENOCIDE PACT

NEW YORK, Nov. 30; (JTA) -- A plea to the United States Government to ratify the United Nations Genocide Convention was made in a resolution adopted at a meeting here this evening sponsored by the American Section of the World Jewish Congress. The resolution noted that the United States remains the only major power that has not acceded to the Convention although it has been before the U. S. Senate since 1949.

Speakers at the meeting urging U. S. action on the Convention included Rep. James Scheuer, New York Democrat; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress; and Dr. Max Nussbaum, chairman of the WJC American Section. In a message to the meeting, Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller said that Nazi mass murder of Jewry had constituted "the most hideous chapter in the history of the world, a history with many ugly interludes;" Governor Rockefeller said that steps should be taken "to make certain that it cannot happen again."

In urging the U. S. Government and Senate to accede to the Convention, the resolution declared: "We deeply believe that, in order to keep our position of moral leadership in the world, the U. S. must play a pioneer role in the promotion of international and national legislation designed to uproot the evil manifestations of prejudice, discrimination and persecution of human groups among which genocide is certainly the most monstrous."

Present at the meeting were representatives of all the major national Jewish organizations affiliated with the American Section of the World Jewish Congress: American Jewish Congress, Americans for Progressive Israel, Bnai Zion, Farband-Labor Zionist Order, Federation for Labor Israel, Labor Zionist Organization of America, Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, Mizrahi Women's Organization of America, Pioneer Women, Poale Agudath Israel of America, United Labor Zionist Party, United Zionists-Revisionists of America, and the Zionist Organization of America.

RUMANIA DISPLAYS FRIENDLIER ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL; NAMES MINISTER

TEL AVIV, Nov. 30; (JTA) -- The Communist Government of Rumania notified Israeli officials, in a further demonstration of its friendlier attitude, of appointment of a full ranking Minister in Israel. The Rumanian Legation here has been headed only by a Charge D'Affaires.

The Bucharest Government has displayed a more independent attitude on Israel than other East European capitals also in other ways. One recent example was shown by Rumania in the United Nations, where its delegate abstained from an anti-Israel resolution which was supported by other members of the Communist bloc.

HAIFA REFINERIES TO RESUME LARGE SCALE EXPORT OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30; (JTA) -- Petroleum will again become a major Israeli export item, for the first time since the Arabs cut the Iraq-Haifa pipeline, it was indicated here today. Under a three-year agreement signed with a major overseas company, the Haifa Refineries will export \$20,000,000 worth of refined products annually in addition to an average of \$10,000,000 worth being exported annually now to fill small orders.

A capital fund of 2,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$666,666) will be launched by the Government of Israel this month, to aid plants in development areas and those engaged in export, it was announced here today. Loans from the fund will be made to aid expansion of the plants concerned or for overcoming capital shortages. The fund will be administered jointly by the Minister of Commerce and Industry and the Bank of Israel.

A marked decline in building activity during the third quarter of 1965, disclosed in data published today, evoked concern among government economists because the Israeli building industry is often an indicator of future economic trends. The number of buildings completed declined 21 percent.

WIZO FACES HEAVY DEFICIT; MAY BE FORCED TO CURTAIL SERVICES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 30; (JTA) -- The Women's International Zionist Organization today summoned its world executive to an emergency meeting, to be held here in January, to deal with WIZO's heavy deficit. It is feared the WIZO may be forced to curtail some of its services in Israel as a result of the deficit which is due to the recent upgrading of 1,400 Israelis employed by WIZO.

KONSTANTIN SEMYONOV, NOTED SOVIET NOVELIST, ACCEPTS INVITATION TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 30; (JTA) -- Konstantin Semyonov, noted Soviet novelist, has accepted an invitation to visit Israel and will arrive here in March as the guest of the Israel Writers Union. His acceptance of the invitation is in line with a marked change in Moscow policy with respect to cultural relations between Israel and the Soviet Union. In the past, Israeli invitations were ignored in Moscow but in recent months there have been acceptances, notably by outstanding Soviet musicians.

ONLY 2,500 JEWS LEFT IN EGYPT; EXPULSION OF STATELESS JEWS REPORTED

NEW YORK, Nov. 30: (JTA) -- The ancient and once flourishing Jewish community in Egypt, which today numbers about 2,500, is being further diminished under the effects of a new harassment technique, according to a report received here by the American Jewish Committee.

During the past three months, the report states on the basis of interviews with recent arrivals in Paris as well as with relief agency officials, about 150 Jews left Egypt. Some were expelled, others apparently were affected psychologically by these expulsions and decided to leave, still others had planned to leave for some time but only recently were able to acquire shipping space, always in short supply over the summer months. Of those who left, about 100 have come through France.

Of the 2,500 Jews remaining in Egypt -- 1,800 in Cairo, the balance in Alexandria -- the majority are either stateless or of foreign nationality and so require residence cards. The new technique of the Egyptian Government involves the expulsion of those Jews who are both stateless and have properties under sequestration. As a stateless person seeks renewal of his residence permit, the expulsion order follows.

Papers given to expelled Jews under the new technique have differed from those usually carried by Jews who decide to leave Egypt. The usual documents simply say that the bearer cannot return to Egypt. Expellees' papers are now carrying a stamp reading, "Must leave Egypt by:..." with a reference to a specific date. At first some of the persons expelled were placed under house arrest and escorted to the pier because they could not get booking prior to the deadline imposed for departure. With the easing of the shipping shortage, this is no longer necessary.

Community Properties Unaffected; Individual Jews Live in Fear

Recent arrivals from Egypt have confirmed to AJC officials in Paris that known patterns of Egyptian attitudes toward Jews are continuing. According to these arrivals, there is no popular feeling against Jews despite diatribes against Israel both by the Government and the Arab League. Nor, the report continues, have Jewish community properties in Egypt been affected in recent years. In Alexandria, for example, when the Jewish community sold its hospital to the Government several years ago for nearly \$250,000, this sum was turned over to the Jewish communal authorities.

The Alexandria community continues to own apartment buildings and other real estate. It maintains a Jewish old-age home with 50 places that are generally filled; a refuge with 30 rooms for those without the means to rent lodgings; and title is retained to modern school buildings, built originally to accommodate 2,000 students, as well as to synagogues and grounds.

The number of synagogues is too large today for the size of the Jewish community but daily services are held in them, in rotation, so that no question of abandonment should arise. Only 37 Jewish children attend school in the buildings, along with 600 Moslem children, with teachers and a director furnished by the Ministry of Education, with only one Jewish religious teacher in attendance. But the community is willing to meet a deficit of several thousand dollars a year, in order to assure retaining title to the school, which abuts the ground of the main synagogue.

"The pressure on Jews is as individuals," the AJC report points out. In addition to expulsion, other harassments exist: government bodies and many nationalized industries will not hire Jews while private employers are afraid to; Jewish businessmen live in constant fear that their businesses will be sequestered; businessmen having to deal with the authorities -- and all do -- must use an Arab intermediary.

The older Jews, the report continues, seem to wish to live out their lives in the land and surroundings to which they are accustomed. But while there is no discrimination reported against Jews in schools and universities, and Jews can apply for business licenses and gain entry into the liberal professions, the feeling among Jewish youth is that there is no future for them in Egypt. They can be expected to leave at what they consider the most favorable moment, the report states.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN RHODES REDUCED FROM 4,000 BEFORE WAR TO 30 NOW

RHODES, Greece, Nov. 30: (JTA) -- The Jews of Rhodes, who totalled 4,000 before the German bombardment and invasion of the island, now number 30, tourists have reported today after attending services at the one remaining synagogue.

The synagogue was rebuilt in 1960, almost 20 years after it was partially destroyed in air raids. All 4,000 Jews were shipped to the Auschwitz death camp and only 10 survived, who ultimately returned to Rhodes. The 30 Jews of the present include several families who came here from the Greek mainland. The community has no rabbi and holds services irregularly, usually on major holy days. Contributions from tourists help to support the synagogue.

LEADERS OF DISSOLVED FASCIST PARTY IN BRAZIL PLAN TO REVIVE GROUP

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Nov. 30: (JTA) -- Leaders of a Fascist party dissolved by the Brazilian Government in 1944 have announced publicly today that they plan to revive their party, using the group's old name, Acao Integralista. The party was ordered dissolved 21 years ago when it was established that leaders of Acao Integralista cooperated with Nazis and was engaged in pro-Nazi propaganda.

Jornal do Brasil, one of this city's most influential newspapers, denounced the plans "to revive this Fascist group," calling the move "a provocation."

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS DELEGATION LEAVES ARGENTINA FOR CHILE

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 30: (JTA) -- The 21-member delegation of the American Jewish Congress left here today for Chile to begin the next leg of their tour of Latin American countries after concluding a weeklong visit to Argentina. During their stay here, the delegation members met with leaders of all sectors of Jewish life here.

Before their departure, Will Maslow, executive director of the organization, who headed the delegation, praised the vitality of Jewish life here. The Buenos Aires Jewish community, he said, "has organizational structure, dedicated leadership and the will to survive Jewishly, auguring well for the future. American Jewry can profit in many ways by the Argentine example."

The Argentine Jewish community, Mr. Maslow asserted, "neither needs nor desires interventions by American Jewish organizations in defending its own interests and the American Jewish Congress agrees thoroughly with this point of view."

WORLD PRESIDUM OF COUNCIL ON JEWISH EDUCATION TO MEET IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 30: (JTA) -- The critical shortage of qualified Jewish teachers and other major problems facing Jewish education throughout the world will be evaluated here at a meeting to be held by the world presidium of the Provisional World Council on Jewish Education, to be held in New York, December 6, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, coordinator of the World Presidium. Other subjects on the agenda, Rabbi Lookstein said, will be the lack of suitable instructional materials, and approval of final plans for a permanent World Council on Jewish Education, to be composed of regional constituent organizations.

A plan for the establishment of the World Council on Jewish Education was adopted at a meeting in Geneva, last August, under the chairmanship of Dr. Nahum Goldmann. Since last summer, members of the presidium have been active in organizing regional sections. At the December 6 meeting here, Dr. Lookstein said, more than 40 Jewish educational experts will attend, representing communities in the United States, Canada and Israel.

SURVEY LAUDS QUALITY OF PITTSBURGH 'JEWISH CHRONICLE' READERS

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 30: (JTA) -- An independent, nine-month study by University of Pittsburgh social scientists has established that the readership of the Jewish Chronicle, local weekly newspaper, compares "very favorably" in its socio-economic profile "with those of the 'premium publications' of the country."

The survey was conducted by Dr. Jiri Nehnevajsa, chairman of the university's department of sociology and director of its research office, and Richard H. Pomeroy, research assistant. It was released by Joseph Feldman, president of the Pittsburgh Jewish Publication Education Foundation, publisher of the Chronicle. Chronicle readers, the survey found, are interested in the larger issues of cultural, religious and personal Jewish identity and in the Jewish community. "Not only are Chronicle readers concerned with Jewish news, but many seek also analysis and presentation of all key issues where a Jewish view is relevant," the survey reported.

'JEWISH STANDARD,' NEW JERSEY WEEKLY, CELEBRATES 35th ANNIVERSARY

JERSEY CITY, N.J., Nov. 30: (JTA) -- The Jewish Standard, local weekly, is currently celebrating the 35th anniversary of continuous publication, serving the Jewish communities of Hudson and Bergen counties. Morris Janoff, editor-publisher of the Jewish Standard, announced that, in the near future, a special, 35th anniversary edition of the weekly will be issued.

V.J. SKUTT NAMED CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD WEEK FOR 1966

NEW YORK, Nov. 30: (JTA) -- V.J. Skutt, a prominent insurance executive, has been named National Brotherhood Week chairman for 1966, it was announced today by Dr. Sterling W. Brown, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, which sponsors Brotherhood Week. President Johnson is honorary chairman of Brotherhood Week.