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ISRAEL WANTS RUSSIA TO JOIN 'BIG THREE' IN GUARANTEEING ITS BORDERS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 4: (JTA) -- A proposal that the four big world powers -- the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union -- combine to guarantee the territorial integrity and the sovereignty of the nations in the Middle East was voiced here today by Abba Eban, Israel's Deputy Prime Minister. He said that, as matters stand in this region now, the inauguration of a four-power doctrine in the Middle East is needed to ensure Israel's continued existence. A tripartite declaration guaranteeing Israeli-Arab borders is in effect now, encompassing the U.S.A., France and Britain, but not the USSR.

Mr. Eban voiced his proposal as one of the principal speakers at the tenth national convention of Histadrut, the Israel federation of labor, which is being attended by 801 delegates from the entire country. Other addresses were delivered by President Zalman Shazar, who was one of the founders of Histadrut in 1920, and Aharon Becker, secretary-general of Histadrut. A message from Prime Minister Levi Eshkol was read.

"The balance of power in the world now is such," Mr. Eban said, "that the major powers will not permit changes in the existing frontiers. The Arab countries have been unable to unite for the kind of sustained effort that would be required in a war with Israel. World opinion is against the solution of problems by war." He urged the Arab states to make peace with Israel and to work with Israel "for the good of the entire area."

Eshkol Says Israel Will Have to Reexamine Its Economic Practices

Mr. Eshkol, who is still confined to his home with influenza, sent a message to the convention. Stressing that the private and the national sectors of Histadrut "are essential to the national economy," he declared: "During the coming years, we shall have to reexamine thoroughly our economic practices all along the line. It is a matter of life and death for us to increase productivity and output, and to establish the fact that each of us owes an honest and proper day's work for his wages."

In his address, Mr. Becker stated that Histadrut should not relinquish any more of its function to the State. Histadrut's independence of action, he affirmed, "is an axiom that requires neither discussion nor dispute." He appealed to all friendly labor organizations to use their influence to bring about peaceful coexistence and peace in the Middle East.

During the convention's opening ceremonies, 122 delegates representing Herut and the Liberal Party walked out demonstratively when the orchestra played the "Internationale," the anthem of international Socialism.

The convention, being held at Mann Auditorium here, opened with a flourish as President Shazar entered to greet the assemblage. Diplomats from both Eastern and Western countries were present as guests. Also attending was Denmark's Foreign Minister Per Haekkerup, who is currently visiting Israel. Mr. Shazar told the convention that he brought "the blessings of the State to the greatest organized force in the country, the backbone of the nation."

WORLD BANK IN WASHINGTON OPENS TALKS ON FINANCING CAIRO PROJECTS

LONDON, Jan. 4: (JTA) -- Following the signing of a pact in Cairo yesterday between the United States and Egypt, under which America will supply the Nasser regime with \$56,000,000 worth of food in the next six months, talks were opened in Cairo today for World Bank financing of Egyptian development projects, according to dispatches received here from the Egyptian capital today.

George D. Woods, president of the World Bank in Washington, officially known as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which is an agency of the United Nations, met with high Egyptian officials today to discuss the possibility of forming a consortium by the Bank itself and by leading financial establishments in the countries that are members of the Bank, to participate in the financing of some of Egypt's development projects. The Bank itself is expected to finance some of the projects through loans repayable after 15 to 20 years.

The principal Egyptian representative in those talks was Abdel Moneim el-Kais, secretary of state, Deputy Premier for Financial and Economic Affairs, who signed yesterday the food agreement with U.S. Ambassador Lucius Battle. The pact calls for American supply

of 750,000 tons of wheat and flour, 20,000 tons of edible vegetables, 3,500 tons of tobacco and 500 tons of poultry;

Another agreement will be signed in Washington next week authorizing a hard-currency loan to the United Arab Republic to cover part of this purchase. This loan of \$14,600,000 will be repaid over 20 years in dollars. The remainder of the cost of the aid will be repaid in Egyptian currency over 30 years. Of this 75 percent will be lent back to the Egyptian Government for development projects;

ISRAEL INTENDS TO NAME DIASPORA MINISTER; JEWISH AGENCY NOT CONSULTED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 4: (JTA) -- The Israel Government intends to name a Minister for the Diaspora who will establish closer contact between Israel and Jewish communities outside of Israel, it was revealed here today by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency;

Dr. Neumann, who is here to attend the plenary meeting of the Jewish Agency executive, stressed that the Jewish Agency -- which is carrying out the function of maintaining contact between Israel and Jews in countries outside of Israel -- has not been consulted on the matter. "I hope that no decision will be taken by the Israel Government before the Agency is consulted," he stated;

He urged that the Agency should be given definite political goals, and proposed the re-establishment of the Agency's political department, which had been disbanded when the State of Israel was proclaimed in 1948.

Dr. Neumann reported that Jewish organizations in the United States were disturbed by reports from Washington to the effect that the United States had participated in underwriting huge, Western arms supplies to Saudi Arabia. Expressing the opinion that "there is no doubt that President Johnson is anxious to keep Israel free," he declared that further information should be obtained from Washington about its motives for the decision to sell armaments to Saudi Arabia;

TRIAL OF NAZIS CHARGED WITH KILLING TARNOPOL JEWS RESUMED IN GERMANY

STUTTGART, Jan. 4: (JTA) -- The trial against 10 former Nazis charged with killing the Jews of Tarnopol, Galicia, during the Nazi occupation of that city was resumed today here. The jury will hear several witnesses from abroad;

Meanwhile it was reported from Kassel that former Gestapo officer Rudolf Wiesner, a leading Nazi sought for questioning in connection with his wartime activities in Nazi-occupied Poland, was arrested last week in Kassel. Until his arrest, Wiesner had been living for the past 20 years under the assumed name of Rudolf Wendtorf in a small town near Kassel. After he vanished in 1945, he was declared dead, and his "widow" began drawing a weekly pension in Bavaria. His wife was arrested with him last week, the report said.

Pending investigation into his past, police are charging Wiesner with falsifying records and identity papers. His wife faces similar charges and has been told she must repay some \$30,000 drawn by her as a war widow. In commenting on the arrest today, a spokesman for the Kassel police said that the fact that Wiesner had been living for 20 years under another name in a town where many knew his real identity, "makes you wonder how many other Nazis may be hiding like this;"

NAZI CHARGED WITH KILLING JEWS IN POLAND ARRESTED IN SWITZERLAND

BONN, Jan. 4: (JTA) -- Erhard Kroeger, a former high SS officer who testified at a war crimes trial in this country last week, after being assured of safe conduct, has been arrested in Switzerland, and his extradition to West Germany has been requested, it was announced today.

The chief prosecutor at Wurttemberg, where Kroeger appeared as a witness against four former Nazis accused of mass murder, said Kroeger will be charged with personal responsibility for the murder of 3,045 Jews and mentally ill persons in Lemberg, Poland, in 1941. The four defendants in last week's Wuppertal trial were also accused of having committed their crimes in Lemberg. Kroeger had testified that he knew nothing about any killings of Jews there. Three of the defendants were found guilty and given prison terms.

Germany's demand for Kroeger's extradition is now being examined by the Swiss juridical police department at Berne. Kroeger is expected to contend that he is accused of a "political" crime which is not subject to extradition. He was arrested by Interpol at Zurich, where he had stopped on his way from Wuppertal, to visit a son. He makes his home in Italy;

Kroeger is accused of having had contact during the war with Heinrich Himmler and Reinhardt Heydrich, both of whom had headed the Gestapo at different periods during the Nazi regime;

CLEVELAND JEWISH WELFARE FUND APPEAL TO SEEK \$6,220,000 IN 1966

CLEVELAND, Jan. 4: (JTA) -- The Jewish Welfare Fund Appeal this year will seek to raise \$6,220,000 for the highest goal in its history. The figure was adopted by the board of trustees of the Jewish Community Federation, which sponsors the annual campaign. The 1965 campaign realized \$6,070,220 for the greatest total to date.

The board approved the recommendations of the budget committee which, under the chairmanship of Edward Ginsberg, reviewed the financial requests of beneficiary agencies and proposals of the campaign leadership. The annual campaign aids 122 local, national and overseas agencies, of which the United Jewish Appeal is the major beneficiary.

A factor in the higher Cleveland goal, according to Samuel H. Miller, general campaign chairman, is the higher operating costs of local beneficiary agencies, including wage and salary adjustments. Mr. Miller reported that the top leadership posts for the 1966 campaign are being filled and that several pace-setting events are scheduled during the next several weeks. Official dates of the campaign have been set at April 21 to May 12.

ROCKWELL LOSES SUIT AGAINST SEIZURE OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY PROPERTY

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Jan. 4: (JTA) -- The Federal District Court here dismissed a \$100,000 damage suit filed by American Nazi Party leader George Rockwell against the Internal Revenue Service for seizing the party's property last month in lieu of back taxes owed the Government.

Judge Oren R. Lewis ruled that Rockwell "has no standing" to collect damages and that the Internal Revenue Service was within its legal rights in seizing the property. Judge Lewis said the question of whether the Government should return \$250 worth of seized items could be considered when a date was fixed for a public auction of the party's equipment.

KLUTZNICK NAMED U. S. REPRESENTATIVE ON NEW UNITED NATIONS BODY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 4: (JTA) -- Philip M. Klutznick, former international president of B'nai B'rith, and for two years the United States representative on the U. N. Economic and Social Council, with the rank of Ambassador, was appointed here today as the U. S. representative on a new Ad Hoc Committee of Experts charged with examining the finances of the United Nations and its specialized agencies.

The committee, consisting of 14 members, is to submit to the next U. N. Assembly, which is to convene in September, recommendations for better utilization of funds "available through rationalization and more thorough coordination of the activities of the organization and to ensure that any expansion of those activities takes into account both the needs they are intended to meet and the costs member states will have to bear."

JEWISH GROUPS CRITICAL OF PENNSYLVANIA SENATE ON SABBATARIAN BILL

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4: (JTA) -- Sixteen national and local Jewish organizations in Pennsylvania, speaking through the Pennsylvania Jewish Community Relations Conference, expressed keen disappointment today with legislative leaders in the Senate in Harrisburg for the failure of that body to enact the Sabbatarian Exemption Bill.

The measure, which was tabled in the Senate Judiciary General Committee, would have permitted an exemption to the Sunday Closing Law for those persons who observe their Sabbath on a day other than Sunday and keep their businesses closed that day. Persons affected by the legislation would have been Orthodox and traditionally observant Conservative Jews, Seventh Day Adventists, Seventh Day Baptists and other minority Protestant sects.

Introduced with the support of Governor Scranton, the measure was passed by an almost 3 to 1 margin in the House last April. On December 15, it was tabled for a second time in the Senate Judiciary General Committee by a vote of 8 to 6. A motion to discharge the committee and permit the measure to come to the Senate floor for a vote was defeated by a 25 to 11 margin.

In a statement released today, Murray H. Shusterman of Philadelphia, coordinator for the Sabbatarian Exemption Bill of the Pennsylvania Jewish Community Relations Conference, declared: "The failure of the legislature to pass the Sabbatarian Exemption Bill is a blow to religious freedom in the State. The principle that no person should be economically penalized for his religious beliefs as a result of Sunday Closing Laws has been widely accepted, and it is regrettable that some of the legislators lacked the vision to appreciate the need for the legislation."

The PJCRC noted that failure to pass the Sabbatarian Exemption Bill leaves Pennsylvania behind most other states that have Sunday Closing Laws on their books. Twenty-one of the 34 states with such legislation have an exemption protecting the religious freedom of Sabbatarians.

10,000 ATTEND NEW YORK CHANUKAH FESTIVAL DESPITE TRANSIT DIFFICULTIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 4: (JTA) -- Despite a strike of most regular transit facilities that kept millions from traveling yesterday, more than 10,000 persons were on hand last night for the third and final performance of the Chanukah Festival for Israel sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization.

Guest speaker at the event was New York's new Mayor, John V. Lindsay, who took time off from his continuous efforts to cope with the city's transit difficulties to address the gathering. He lauded Israel's adherence to democratic ideals and principles, asserting that Israel was "faithful and dear to us."

William Goldfine, campaign chairman of the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds, reported that a record sum of \$17,895,250 was raised through sales of Israel bonds in New York City in 1965. "I am particularly proud," Mr. Goldfine told the audience, "that the year of 1965 has been the most successful in our history. We have broken all previous records."

Jack D. Weller, secretary-treasurer of the Israel Bond Organization, who presided at the Festival, lauded the people of Israel for their efforts in developing a viable economy despite tremendous odds. "American Jewry was grateful to Israel for keeping its doors open to more than 1,300,000 immigrants," he said. "In establishing a new record in Israel Bond sales in Greater New York, the Jewish community of New York has proved once again that it is always ready to stand at the side of the builders of Israel."

CATHOLIC GROUP IN CANADA URGES USE OF TAX MONEY FOR JEWISH SCHOOLS

OTTAWA, Jan. 4: (JTA) -- A proposal that tax monies be used for the support of denominational schools, including Jewish schools, has been made here by the Catholic Federation of Newman Clubs.

The proposal, filed with the Royal Commission on Biculturalism and Bilingualism, recommended that "the rights of minority denominational schools be recognized in practice so that, in provinces where education tax inequities exist, all schools become fully self-supporting through tax formulas which will be distributed on a standardized cost-per-pupil basis."

The brief cited as examples the denominational schools conducted by Ukrainians in Canada and "the Jewish schools which give partial instruction in Hebrew."

BRESSLER REELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN J. N. F.; WEISMAN SUCCESSOR

NEW YORK, Jan. 4: (JTA) -- Max Bressler, who served as president of the Jewish National Fund of America for the past two years, was reelected to serve as president until midsummer 1966, it was announced today. Named to succeed him was Herman L. Weisman, New York attorney and communal leader. It was at Mr. Bressler's request that the new term was shortened out of consideration for the state of his health.

Mr. Bressler will lead the JNF Pilgrimage to Israel for the dedication of the John F. Kennedy Memorial near Jerusalem, which he conceived and planned and which is scheduled to take place on the 4th of July, 1966. It is expected that thousands will participate, including important American personalities, government leaders, and members of the Kennedy family. Mr. Bressler, during his new term of office, will also bring to completion several important projects initiated by him during his administration.

Elected with Mr. Bressler and Mr. Weisman were: Dr. Israel Goldstein, Dr. Harris J. Levine, Albert Schiff, as honorary presidents; Miss Juliet N. Benjamin, Harold W. Carmely, Mrs. Maurice Plesser, Leon Rubinstein, as vice-presidents; Mendel N. Fisher, honorary secretary; Mrs. Harry P. Fierst, secretary; Jacob Goodman, treasurer; Mrs. Clara Leff and Jesse Eisen, associate treasurers; and Isidore Epstein, assistant secretary.

ABRAHAM KAHAN, NOTED SOVIET JEWISH AUTHOR, DIES IN KIEV; WAS 65

LONDON, Jan. 4: (JTA) -- The noted Soviet-Jewish writer Abraham Kahan died in Kiev recently at the age of 65, according to reports received here today from the Soviet Union. Kahan first started publishing in Yiddish in 1927. He was the author of a number of novels and poems.

SAM KASLE, TOLEDO JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADER, DIES IN MIAMI BEACH; WAS 78

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 4: (JTA) -- Sam Kasle, prominent Toledo philanthropist and Jewish communal leader, died in Miami Beach where he was residing for the winter. He was 78. Born in Russia, Mr. Kasle came to Toledo 60 years ago and was active in many local and national causes. He was a past chairman of the United Jewish Fund Drive and a past president of the Zionist Organization of Toledo.