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STATE DEPT. OFFICIAL TO TESTIFY ON ARMS DECISIONS FOR MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25; (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk today informed the House Foreign Affairs Committee, in testimony before the body, that he was personally preoccupied with Viet Nam and unprepared to comment on recent arms decisions affecting the Middle East but that a Department spokesman would soon appear before the Committee's Near Eastern Subcommittee to explain developments.

Mr. Rusk had been asked by Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat and Foreign Affairs Committee member, to provide information on the shipment of arms by America to Jordan and Saudi Arabia at a time when the Soviet Union is supplying bargain-rate weapons to Egypt, Syria, and Iraq. Rep. Farbstein indicated concern about the security of Israel.

In his reply, Mr. Rusk indicated that he could not today comment on the issue raised because of his recent concentration on the Vietnamese situation. He promised to have an official, probably from the Near Eastern division, testify before a forthcoming session of the appropriate Subcommittee. Rep. Farbstein is a member of the Subcommittee and has been concerned about recent disclosures involving the Arab military build-up.

EBAN TO HOLD TALKS IN WASHINGTON; ARMS QUESTION TO BE INCLUDED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25; (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban, who will leave Friday for a visit to Washington, London and Paris, said today he planned to discuss with officials in those capitals the extent to which the world powers could use their influence to end Arab hostility toward Israel. He stated that his talks would include the question of arms reaching the Middle East.

Emphasizing that his talks would not be devoted entirely to the arms question, he explained that most arms reaching the Arabs were not coming from Western powers and also that "Israel has not been idle." "Although we have a definite concern about any stimulation of the arms race, it would be unwise to translate that concern as weakness," he said. He stressed that "if the arms race has to go on, we are not going to lose it."

He also said that recent rumors that the United States had threatened to take steps against Israel if it sought to develop nuclear arms "have no foundation." He stressed that Israeli-United States talks continued as planned in a friendly atmosphere. "Some of the differences of opinion between us and Washington stem from the fact that they want to see us as a developed and not an underdeveloped country," he declared. "Our attitude to this is mixed -- on the one hand, it is a compliment and on the other, we cannot accept this."

He stressed that the rise of Middle East Arab regimes opposed to President Nasser of Egypt was "more of a challenge than a threat to Israel's security." This development, he asserted, showed that the idea of a pan-Arab Middle East would not materialize. He added that it was "difficult" to assume that peace would be reached in the Middle East in the next few years but that in the interim Israel could work "to increase stability in the area and create a situation in which no one will use force to solve problems. If we achieve this, it will be an important achievement."

TEL AVIV FACES TRANSIT STRIKE; BUS COMPANIES SEEK FARE INCREASES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25; (JTA) -- Tel Aviv faced the prospect today of a complete shutdown of public transit facilities after the Dan Bus Cooperative rejected a Government appeal and halted its buses during the morning for three hours.

The bus cooperative decided to suspend service in protest against the Government's refusal to allow it to hike rates by 40 percent. The Transport Fares Authority offered a tentative recommendation of an eight percent increase in fares. The cooperative also announced that if the Authority did not come closer to its demands, it would curtail services, starting Thursday, and operate buses only from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Two other Israeli bus companies, Egged and Famekasher, also threatened full-scale shutdowns starting Thursday if they were not allowed to institute a substantial fare increase by tomorrow night. Meanwhile, the Dan cooperative decided to dismiss 400 workers as part of a retrenchment program, which brought a threat from all 1,100 of its employees to quit work tomorrow.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT TO FORM SPECIAL BODY ON WAGE AND PRICE PROBLEMS

JERUSALEM, Jan; 25; (JTA) -- The Government plans to set up a permanent coordinating committee, representing government, unions and manufacturers, to deal with wage and price problems, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir announced today.

Speaking at a meeting with representatives of political parties on wage and price increase demands, the Minister also urged the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, to restrain wage demands of unions. He said the unions could not simultaneously present "exorbitant" claims for higher pay while also urging efforts to stem inflation.

TRIAL OF TWO POLES ACCUSED IN KILLING 12,000 JEWS OPENS IN AUSTRIA

SALZBURG, Austria, Jan; 25; (JTA) -- Trial opened here today of two Polish brothers accused in the wartime mass murder of 12,000 Jews in the Nazi occupied Polish town of Stanislaw.

Wilhelm Mauer, 48, and Johann Mauer, 52, both of Lvov, were accused of taking part in executions and committing individual murders on October 12, 1941, when SS troops and Ukrainian auxiliaries occupied the Stanislaw Ghetto and rounded up 20,000 Jews. They marched 12,000 of the Jews to a spot where they were systematically killed by machinegun fire. The Nazis later imposed a heavy fine on the Stanislaw Jewish Council to pay for the "ammunition for the executions."

The brothers were held in pre-trial detention for nearly four years while the prosecution took testimony from 200 survivors for the trial. A jury of five men and two women is hearing the case.

U.N. BODY AUTHORIZES GLOBAL STUDY ON RACIAL, CULTURAL DISCRIMINATION

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 25; (JTA) -- The United Nations Subcommission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities today authorized the conduct of a global study of racial discriminations in the political, economic, social and cultural spheres. The action was taken after long debate, in which Jewish spokesmen urged that such a study be "given high priority." One of the Jewish representatives sharply criticized the Soviet Union for anti-Semitic propaganda -- without specifically naming the USSR, due to a rule banning such mention of member-states of the U.N.

The 14-man body, a subsidiary of the Human Rights Commission, had discussed for a week the proposal that such a study be authorized. Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, representative of the World Jewish Congress, sharply opposed the dropping of the item from the agenda, as suggested by some of the experts on the subcommission. He derided contentions that the curbing of hate propaganda that could lead to violence would impinge on the principle of freedom of speech. He insisted that such a principle does not give hate peddlers the right to incite to "racial or religious hatred."

Dr. William Korey, representative of the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, voiced the strictures against the Soviet Union, avoiding mentioning the country by name, and warned that anti-Semitic incitements around the world are "a major form of racism." The World Jewish Congress and the CBJO, comprised of B'nai B'rith and the Board of Deputies of British Jews, have consultative status before the subcommission, entitling them to a voice but not to a vote.

"Officially-directed or officially-countenanced propaganda directed against Judaism, in its crudeness and vulgarity, cannot but stimulate hostility to Jews," Dr. Korey argued. "Thus, when rabbis and lay leaders of the synagogue are portrayed consistently as extortionists who extract money from the faithful to feather their own nests; when Jewish religious services and such ancient, traditional rites as circumcision, the kosher slaughter of cattle, synagogue marriages, religious burial services and the baking of matzoh are characterized in abusive and foul language -- then a negative stereotyped image of Jews will inevitably result or an ingrained anti-Semitism will be reinforced."

In regard to anti-Semitic incitements in other countries, Dr. Korey told the subcommission that international neo-Nazi groups publish more than 50 periodicals, and issue bulletins in a half-dozen languages. He named among such organizations the European Social Movement, the European New Order, the Movement for Social Action, Young Europe, the Northern Ring and the World Union of National Socialists.

The subcommission selected one of its experts, Dr. Hernan Santa Cruz, of Chile, to outline the study and to present his results next year. Since Dr. Santa Cruz is due to retire by the end of 1966, another member will be chosen in 1967 to conduct the global study.

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE TO ISSUE STAMP HONORING ALBERT EINSTEIN

PRINCETON, N.J., Jan. 25; (JTA) -- The United States Post Office will issue a postage stamp honoring the memory of the late Prof. Albert Einstein. Because Dr. Einstein spent his final years here, the first-day cover will be sold by the Princeton post office on March 14.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE REPORTS ON VANDALISM AGAINST SYNAGOGUES

NEW YORK, Jan. 25: (JTA) -- The recent nationwide upsurge of incidents of vandalism against synagogues and other Jewish institutions are not part of any centrally directed campaign or the works of any of the known organized anti-Semitic movements, according to a detailed report issued today by the American Jewish Committee;

The report, made public by Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the AJCommittee, warns that these outbreaks are expressive of "a lingering violent anti-Semitism" and hence more disquieting than if they were part of an organized plot. It points out that the 14 anti-Semitic incidents in the United States in the five-month period ending December 31, 1965, are the most reported in any comparable period since the epidemic following the 1959 Christmas Eve Cologne synagogue desecrations;

The report stresses that the most serious of these incidents were "cases of wanton destruction most likely perpetrated by adults" rather than daubings or smearings done by juveniles or teenagers. It adds that even where teenagers were the culprits, the acts could not be classified as "mischievous behavior" but "vindictive vandalism and deliberate expressions of hostility toward Jews."

During the five-month period incidents were reported in San Francisco, Chicago, Albany, Hillside, New Jersey, New York, Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania, Trumbull, Connecticut, Brooklyn, N. Y., Woodbridge, New Jersey, New Orleans, Bridgeport, Connecticut and Holyoke, Massachusetts. "No evidence has thus far been developed to indicate that they were conceived, planned or perpetrated by any of the two score or so known anti-Semitic movements, including the Ku Klux Klan," the report says;

RABBI SOLOVEITCHIK OUTLINES STAND ON JEWISH-CHRISTIAN DIALOGUES

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Jan. 25: (JTA) -- Guidelines for inter-religious consultation and for fruitful communications between Jewish and Christian religious communities were outlined here today by Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, leading American Jewish theologian and Professor of Talmud at Yeshiva University, in an address at the annual conference of the Rabbinical Council of America held at the Brunswick Hotel here;

The more than 500 Orthodox rabbis attending the conference were told by Rabbi Soloveitchik to oppose any "public debate, dialogue or symposium concerning the doctrinal, dogmatic or ritual aspects of our faith vis-a-vis similar aspects of another faith community." On the other hand, he advocated interfaith communication in matters of humanitarian and cultural endeavor;

"We would deem it improper," he stated, "to enter into dialogues on such topics as: 1; Judaic monotheism and the Christian idea of trinity; 2; The Messianic Idea in Judaism and Christianity; 3; The Jewish attitude on Jesus; 4; The concept of the Covenant in Judaism and Christianity. There cannot be mutual understanding concerning these topics, for Jew and Christian will employ different categories and move within incommensurate frames of reference and evaluation."

"When, however, we move from the private world of faith to the public world of humanitarian and cultural endeavors, communication among the various faith communities is desirable and even essential. We are ready to enter into dialogue on such topics as war and peace, poverty, freedom, man's moral values, the threat of secularism, technology and human values, civil rights, etc., which revolve about religious spiritual aspects of our civilization. Discussion within these areas will, of course, be within the framework of our religious outlooks and terminology."

He added that "in the areas of universal concern we welcome an exchange of ideas and impressions. Communications among the various communities will greatly contribute towards mutual understanding and will enhance and deepen our knowledge of those universal aspects of man which are relevant to all of us."

Moses I. Feuerstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, hailed Dr. Soloveitchik's statement as "one of the most significant and historical documents. For the first time, the scope and the limits of a possible exchange of views between the Jewish and Christian religious community has been clarified," he said;

Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, addressing the conference, urged the religious leaders of the major faiths in the United States and the world over to mobilize public opinion in support of President Johnson's quest for peace in Vietnam. "Let us mobilize all available resources to escalate the peace efforts, so that we may be united behind the President's leadership," he said. "Religious leaders have a moral obligation to respond to this challenge by activating the whole weight of their spiritually powerful religious forces behind these endeavors of the President of the United States."

"In order to heed this call," Rabbi Miller said, "it is imperative that the religious leaders exert their influence at the utmost to move Hanoi from the jungle battlefield to the negotiations table."

PROSKAUER CHAIR ESTABLISHED AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY WITH \$250,000 GIFT

NEW YORK, Jan. 25: (JTA) -- The establishment of the Joseph M. Proskauer Chair in Legal Institutions at Brandeis University was announced here tonight at a dinner in honor of the noted jurist and lawyer. The chair was initiated by the jurist's friends in New York, where he has been playing an influential role in the life of the community for more than a half century, as leader of the American Jewish Committee.

The \$250,000 gift for the chair will be supplemented by \$150,000 from the Ford Foundation, under the terms of its second \$6,000,000 matching grant to Brandeis in 1964, to encourage the establishment of chairs, fellowships and scholarships. A bust of Judge Proskauer, who is a trustee of the university, was unveiled at the dinner. The bust, which was presented to Judge Proskauer, was sculptured by Dr. Maurice B. Hexter, vice-president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. Speakers at the dinner included former U.S. Senator Kenneth Keating, now an associate judge of the New York State Court of Appeals; and Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis.

WORLD EXECUTIVE SESSION OF 'WIZO' DISCUSSES BUDGETARY CRISIS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25: (JTA) -- An extraordinary plenary session of the world executive of WIZO, Women's International Zionist Organization, grappled today with a budgetary crisis stemming from recent salary increases for Israeli professionals. The session will continue until Thursday.

Mrs. Raya Jaglom, chairman of the organization, recommended a cut of 500,000 Israeli pounds (\$166,000) in WIZO institutional expenditures as a first step to meet the crisis. She also suggested curtailing the organization's activities, transfer of some of its educational institutions to other public bodies and increased fund-raising.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF U. S. YIDDISH WRITERS UNION CELEBRATED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25: (JTA) -- Leading writers in Israel, members of the presidium of the Jewish Agency and other notables participated here last night in a dinner marking the recent 50th anniversary of the founding of the Y. L. Peretz Writers Verein, the organization of Yiddish writers in the United States. The organization was founded in New York in 1915.

Greetings were brought to the celebration from Mrs. Golda Meir, the ex-Foreign Minister of Israel. Principal speakers included Dov Sadan, professor of Yiddish at the Hebrew University; Shimon Weber, president of the U.S. organization; Dr. Samuel Margoshes of New York, veteran Yiddish journalist; and many other Israeli and American writers. All emphasized the importance of the Yiddish press, the need for its continuation, its activities and its influence on Jewish life in the United States.

AMERICANS IN ISRAEL CELEBRATE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF 'FARBAND' IN U.S.

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25: (JTA) -- More than 500 members of the Farband Syrkln Club, who had settled in Israel, celebrated here last night the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Poalei Zion and the Farband-Labor Zionist Order in the United States.

The event, held at Farband Hamlin House, was presided over by Isaac Hamlin, who called on Labor Zionists in the U.S.A. and Canada to come to Israel and help in the building of the Jewish State "as a beacon of light for Jewish people the world over."

120 BOSTONIANS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL ON TEN-DAY STUDY MISSION

BOSTON, Jan. 25: (JTA) -- A group of more than 120 men and women from the Greater Boston area left for Israel today on a 10-day mission under the sponsorship of the Business Men's Council of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston.

In addition to sightseeing in the Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa areas, the group will make special trips to Jewish Agency installations in Israel to see the work of the United Jewish Appeal in action. Special arrangements are also being made for the Boston contingent to meet with Israeli Government officials in order to get a fuller picture of the nation's problems in regard to the absorption of immigrants and in other areas.

FILM ON SLOVAK-JEWISH RELATIONS UNDER THE NAZIS EVOKES HIGH PRAISE

NEW YORK, Jan. 25: (JTA) -- New York's film critics greeted with rave reviews today the first general showing of "The Shop On Main Street," a Czech-made film about Slovak-Jewish relations in a Slovak town under the Nazis.

The Times called it "one of the most arresting and devastating pictures" from Europe "or anywhere else in several years." The review called the performance by Ida Kaminska, the celebrated Polish Yiddish actress, "a wondrous image of Old World innocence." The Herald Tribune said the film was "brilliant in performance and extraordinary in accomplishment." The World Telegram and Sun declared that "the small Czech film industry has quietly hatched a masterpiece."