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STATE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINS RESUMPTION OF AMERICAN AID TO NASSER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The State Department today lauded "the constructive and helpful role the United Arab Republic has played in several current international issues," and said the Department was encouraged by recent Egyptian policies, and justified the resumption of American aid.

Douglas MacArthur 2nd, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, made known the Department's latest evaluation of the Nasser regime in a letter to Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat and member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Rep. Farbstein had protested the resumption of aid to Egypt when that country is purchasing sophisticated new Soviet weapons.

Mr. MacArthur wrote: "Following several months of improvement in U.S.-U.A.R. relations and evidence of increasing U.A.R. attention to internal problems of economic and social development, the President authorized negotiations of a P.L. 480 (surplus commodity) agreement which was signed January 3, 1965. We believe the new agreement provides a basis for expanding U.S.-U.A.R. cooperation, if circumstances warrant. We are encouraged by economic reform measures recently undertaken by the U.A.R. and the constructive and helpful role the U.A.R. has played in several current international issues."

Commenting on the supply of American arms to the region, in response to Rep. Farbstein's criticism of massive new transactions with Jordan and Saudi Arabia, Mr. MacArthur said: "In the past 18 years the United States has worked to ease tensions in the Near East. To this end we have tried to avoid becoming a major supplier of arms to Israel or the Arab states. We have agreed occasionally, however, to make sales of specific materiel not available from other sources to meet internal security and legitimate self-defense needs in some area states including Israel."

Mr. MacArthur stressed that "in the absence of effective arms control, the United States maintains constant surveillance of military materiel acquisitions in the Near East and remains determined to oppose aggression." He noted that "the United States, of course, opposes proliferation of missiles in the Near East whether by contribution to indigenous missile programs or direct acquisition of materiel from abroad."

The State Department has investigated reported American participation in the Egyptian rocket program and is "satisfied that no U.S. citizens capable of making significant contributions to missile research and development have been or are connected with U.A.R. missile development," the State Department official stated.

Rep. Farbstein commented that he did not share the Department's "new evaluation of Egypt as a constructive and helpful peacemaker who merited American aid." He said "the fact remains that President Nasser has openly threatened a war of aggression against Israel and has been building a huge Soviet-supplied arms arsenal at the expense of domestic development."

ISRAEL TO RAISE INCOME TAX; WILL INCREASE DUTY ON CIGARETTES, LIQUOR

JERUSALEM, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Israel's national budget for the coming fiscal year will contain increases in income taxes of middle and higher brackets which were reduced last year, it was reported today. The budget is expected to be presented to Parliament on February 14.

The increases will be in line with recommendations of a Governmental committee headed by Chaim Zadok, who was subsequently named Minister of Commerce and Industry. The middle brackets in Israel begin with wage-earners with monthly incomes of more than 600 pounds (\$200).

Driving license fees and other government service fees will also be raised in the new budget, as well as duties and excises on cigarettes, liquor, locally-made automobiles and other items.

EBAN SAYS 'AFFINITY OF THOUGHT' EXISTS BETWEEN FRANCE AND ISRAEL

PARIS, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Relations between France and Israel "are so good, it is hard for me to imagine that they could improve," Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban stated here today after a conference with his French counterpart, Foreign Minister Couve de Murville, and prior to his departure for the United States.

Mr. Eban, making his first tour abroad since he assumed the Israeli Foreign Ministry two weeks ago, stopped in Paris first and conferred with M. Couve de Murville for a half hour. They discussed, the Israeli said afterward, "mutual problems, the relations between our two countries, and certain international questions."

After expressing his satisfaction over the excellent Franco-Israeli relations in general, Mr. Eban said: "Our conversation illustrated the affinity of thought that exists between our two countries, and our common vision of the world and the Middle East region. It is not mere chance that I am starting my trip in Paris. The choice symbolizes the deep feelings we have for France. An atmosphere of agreement prevailed during my talk."

Mr. Eban was asked by newsmen whether "the spirit of Tashkent" prevailed during his conference with the French Foreign Minister. The reference was to the pacification agreement made recently at a conference in Tashkent, in the USSR, between India and Pakistan. The Israeli Foreign Minister replied that, to him, the "spirit of Tashkent" symbolizes a world tendency to consolidate the status quo and avoid conflicts. Israel, he said, is anxious to consolidate the Israeli-Arab status quo.

TEL AVIV BUS COMPANY ANNOUNCES DATE FOR CURTAILMENT OF SERVICES

TEL AVIV, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The Dan Bus Company, which has been in a dispute with the Government and the public since last week, when it threatened to curtail some of the bus services in the Greater Tel Aviv area, announced today it would go through with its plan to halt some of its services. Dan's announcement was made despite a warning by Transport Minister Moshe Carmel that service curtailment might endanger its concession to furnish bus transport here.

Mr. Carmel repeated today, after a meeting with the firm's management, that Dan's concession is "not irrevocable." He added, however, that, if the service curtailment threat is withdrawn, he would be ready to set up a committee to examine the reasons for the company's financial difficulties, its economic and organizational problems and its managerial techniques.

Meanwhile, however, the company accepted an appeal by Aharon Becker, secretary-general of Histadrut, the Israel federation of labor, who had asked that the firm postpone its planned lay-off of 400 employees. Conceding on that point, Dan nevertheless said that the service curtailments would go into effect on February 15, the date when increased bus fares are to go into effect.

KIDNEY FROM DEAD MAN TRANSPLANTED TO SICK WOMAN IN HAIFA HOSPITAL

HAIFA, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- A Haifa hospital director reported today the successful transplant of a kidney from a man who had just died to a 37-year-old woman whose kidneys had ceased to function and who was in critical condition.

Moshe Lazar, director of the hospital, said that the woman's condition was "fairly good" ten days after the transplant. The woman, who is married and a mother, has been suffering from chronic kidney inflammation. The names of the man and the woman were not disclosed.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE ANNOUNCES \$5,257,000 BUDGET FOR 1966

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The four-day annual national meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith closed here today with the adoption of a \$5,257,000 budget for this year. Dore J. Schary was reelected national chairman of the organization. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg was named honorary vice-chairman.

The gathering called upon community groups "to refrain from patronizing or holding meetings" at social clubs that discriminate on religious grounds. Mr. Schary was authorized to ask 3,000 national professional and trade associations not to use such clubs for their meetings and conventions.

Burnett Roth, co-chairman of the ADL discrimination committee, said many "so-called social clubs" which practice religious discrimination are "really quasi-public institutions." To be barred from them, he declared, "can affect the individual's standing in the community, his business relationships, and in some cases, housing and employment."

SIX RUSSIANS GO ON TRIAL FOR HELPING NAZIS TO KILL THOUSANDS OF JEWS

LONDON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Six Russians went on trial yesterday in Mineralnye Vody, a Caucasian resort town, on charges of collaborating with Nazi occupation forces in the wartime massacre of more than 60,000 victims, many of them Jews, it was reported here today from Moscow.

The six defendants were charged with cooperating with the Nazis in wiping out the Jewish population of the town in September 1942. They were accused of helping the Nazis to load Jews on trains which took them to a factory where they were shot. One of the Russians was head of the police in the town under the Nazis, another served as an interpreter for the occupation forces, Tass, the Soviet news agency reported.

TWO LATVIANS SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR KILLING JEWS IN RIGA GHETTO

LONDON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Two former Nazi collaborators have been sentenced to death and two to long prison terms by the Latvian Supreme Court for taking part in mass murders of Jews in Nazi-occupied Riga, the Soviet Information Bulletin here reported today.

Haert Ozolin and Oskar Mazulan were sentenced to death by shooting. Julius Berzin and Alfred Zalatiev received 15-year prison terms each. Testimony indicated that after the Nazis occupied Latvia in 1941, the four men volunteered for service with the Nazis. They took part in the killing of old people and also shot 20 victims, including women, in the Krustpils (Jreizberg) Ghetto.

They were also proved to have volunteered to take part in the total destruction of the ghetto. On one day alone, testimony indicated, 1,700 victims were murdered. The four men were convicted by a Soviet court after the war as accomplices of the Nazi occupation forces but they concealed their murder activities at that time.

AUSTRIA'S ACQUITTAL OF NAZI GENERAL DEBATED IN BELGIAN SENATE

BRUSSELS, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- A Belgian Senator suggested in Parliament today that Belgium should sever diplomatic relations with Austria to express its resentment over the acquittal last month by a Vienna court of Robert Jan Verbelen, a former SS General, who was sentenced to death in absentia by a Belgian military tribunal for war crimes.

Sen. Charles Moureaux suggested that action to Foreign Minister Paul Henri Spaak, in stressing that verbal protests were inadequate and asking the Foreign Minister what further steps he intended to take about the acquittal. The Senator called the verdict an indication of the revival of Nazism in Austria and an insult to Belgian justice.

Verbelen, who had served as deputy to Rexist leader Leon DeGrelle during the German occupation, fled after the war and turned up in Vienna where he acquired Austrian citizenship. Austrian officials rejected Belgian requests for Verbelen's extradition on grounds of his citizenship but eventually arrested him and tried him on charges of terroristic acts. The Vienna court acquitted him on grounds he was "only following orders" and a wave of resentment swept through Belgium.

The Foreign Minister said in his reply that the Belgian Government had taken a number of steps to inform the Austrian Government of the widespread hostility both in the Government and among the Belgian people over the verdict. He said that because of the separation of powers, the Austrian Government was powerless against judiciary decisions. He added he felt that severance of diplomatic relations would serve no purpose.

STUDENTS WALK OUT IN MIDDLE OF ROCKWELL'S ANTI-JEWISH ADDRESS

LAS VEGAS, N.M., Feb. 1. (JTA) -- About 100 members of an audience of 500 walked out last night before George Rockwell, head of the American Nazi Party, finished an anti-Semitic and anti-Negro address at the New Mexico Highlands College. Most of the 500 in the audience were college students.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SUPPORT JOHNSON'S VIET NAM POLICY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- A 40-student delegation representing 800 Yeshiva University undergraduates delivered a petition today to the White House in support of President Johnson's Viet Nam policy. The delegation representing Yeshiva College and Stern College for Women, the University's undergraduate colleges of liberal arts and sciences, were received in the Old Indian Treaty Room of the White House by Marine Corps Colonel H. B. Beckington, military aide of Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey, and by William Jordan, Deputy Secretary of State. Joseph I. Berlin, president of the Yeshiva College Student Council, delivered a scroll with the signatures of 800 students, representing a significant majority of 1,412 Yeshiva University undergraduates.

NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS ENDORSES HOLDING OF INTERFAITH DIALOGUES

NEW YORK, Feb. 1: (JTA) -- Resolutions dealing with many vital international and domestic subjects -- including a call for a four-power guarantee of Israel's borders, a pledge to undertake an educational campaign to aid persecuted Russian Jewry, broader support of Jewish education in this country, and to liberalize the divorce laws in the State of New York -- were adopted here last night at the 85th annual meeting of the New York Board of Rabbis;

The Board, which includes Reform, Conservative and Orthodox rabbis of New York City and vicinity, also endorsed the extension of interfaith dialogues; It elected Rabbi Edward T. Candrow, spiritual leader of Temple Beth El, Cedarhurst, Long Island, N. Y. as president;

Concerning the Middle East, the rabbis also called on the United States to supply Israel directly with "arms necessary to deter aggression," and endorsed a bill pending in Congress that "would prevent the Arab boycott apparatus from investigating the procedures of American businesses to the detriment of the State of Israel."

Regarding the situation of the Jews in the USSR, the Board noted that "the plight of the 3,000,000 Jews in the Soviet Union continues to command the urgent and high-priority attention of the New York Board of Rabbis," and pledged to work toward amelioration of that situation alongside "all other Jewish organizations associated in the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry."

The Board also urged the United States Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention Against Genocide; declared itself opposed to any religious programs, Christian or Jewish, in public schools; viewed "with concern" the growth of ultra right-wing groups in the United States; pledged rabbinical aid to the civil rights struggle in the United States; and called for closer cooperation between rabbis and the Jewish Education Committee of New York.

U. S. JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST TO PRESENT 1,025 AUTOGRAPHS ON WORLD PEACE

NEW YORK, Feb. 1: (JTA) -- A Jewish university or institution in this country or abroad may eventually receive the world famous "Pax Mundi" collection of 1,025 autographs on the subject of world peace, Joseph Schlang, noted collector and philanthropist, said today.

Mr. Schlang acquired the collection at auction yesterday for \$18,500. He plans to give the collection, insured at \$250,000, wide public exposure through exhibition in museums, universities and other institutions, and by publication of some of the documents in magazines and newspapers;

After that, he said, he would present the collection, assembled from 1925-1932 by the World League for Peace, to the United Nations, the United States, an institution such as the Harry S. Truman Center for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, or a Jewish institution in this country where the documents could be applied to a study on means of establishing world peace.

One of the documents is the statement by Albert Einstein that "no human being has the moral right to call himself a Christian or a Jew if he is prepared to systematically murder on the orders of any superior authority, or to allow himself in any way to be mis-used in the preparations for or service of such an undertaking."

A. TABATCHNIK, J.T.A. EDITORIAL STAFF MEMBER, WINS LITERARY PRIZE

NEW YORK, Feb. 1: (JTA) -- Avrohom Tabatchnik, member of the Yiddish editorial staff of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, has been awarded a \$200 prize for his "Poets and Poetry," a collection of literary essays on some of the major Yiddish poets in the United States;

The prize was sponsored by the Nathan Chanan Cultural Foundation of the Jewish Workmen's Circle. Another winner was Kadia Molodowsky for a volume of Yiddish verse. The judges of the contest also voted a prize of \$200 to The Jewish Mirror of Chicago, which is devoted solely to the publication of translations of Yiddish works;

SOVIET RUSSIA ISSUES POSTAGE STAMP HONORING JEWISH ASTRONOMER

LONDON, Feb. 1: (JTA) -- The Soviet Ministry of Posts announced today a new stamp to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Peretz Sternberg, the famous Jewish astronomer, according to a report from Moscow. The Jewish scientist died in 1920 at the age of 54;

\$100,000 GIFT RECEIVED BY WEST COAST DIVISION OF YESHIVA UNIVERSITY

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1: (JTA) -- The West Coast Division of Yeshiva University was the recipient of a \$100,000 trust fund, presented by Samuel, Solomon and Morris Friedman, according to an announcement by the university today. The funds will be used by the division and Jewish day schools selected for aid by the university;