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U. N. ANNOUNCES REDUCTION IN FORCES ON EGYPTIAN-ISRAEL BORDER

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The United Nations Emergency Force, the police group that guards the relative peace between Egypt and Israel, is being cut down further by the reduction of its strength from the present 4,550 men and officers to 3,959, it was announced officially by the United Nations Secretariat today.

UNEF's former strength had been 7,000 men and officers. The reduction of the present strength by 600 men, it was stated, is being carried out as the result of recommendations made recently by a survey team that examined UNEF's operations for Secretary-General U Thant. The report had been adopted by the last General Assembly, which also approved a serious reduction in the UNEF budget. The 1955 budget had been set at \$18,519,000, down by about \$3,500,000 from the 1955 expenditures.

The UNEF's "whittling" process has led some delegations to fear that further reductions in money and personnel might lead ultimately to the liquidation of the Force. The UNEF stands on guard on the Gaza Strip side of the border with Israel, along the Egyptian-Israeli demarcation line in the Sinai Desert, and at Sharm el-Sheikh, an Egyptian promontory overlooking the Gulf of Akaba and the Straits of Tiran.

Prior to Israel's war against Egypt in 1956-57, those Sharm el-Sheikh heights held Egyptian artillery which prevented Israel from enjoying freedom of shipping to and from the port of Eilat. Now the UNEF outpost guarantees Israel's freedom of shipping in the area.

ASHDOD PORT CLOSED BECAUSE OF LABOR TROUBLE; SHIPS DIVERTED TO HAIFA

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Port Authority shut down today Israel's new port of Ashdod, and indicated the new facility would remain closed until labor peace is achieved with the port's stevedores. The Authority announced that the decision was made by Chairman Zeev Sharef and director Chaim Laskov.

Shipping headed for the port was diverted to Haifa, where 23 ships were anchored last night, excluding ships which were at the docks and being unloaded. The Port Authority decision is to suspend the stevedores until a labor agreement is negotiated and the dockers resume normal work schedules. The Authority blamed the 300 workers for the port shutdown. The stevedores have been staging incessant strikes and slowdowns.

TRANSIT CRISIS LOOMS IN TEL AVIV; TRANSPORT MINISTER PLANS MEASURES

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- A new threat to public transit in Tel Aviv developed today when the Dan Bus Cooperative threatened a 24-hour suspension of service in its fight for higher fares.

The threat was made at the headquarters here of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, and was followed immediately by another warning from Transport Minister Moshe Carmel that the bus firm would lose its franchise if it carried out the threat. The meeting was arranged by Aharon Becker, Histadrut secretary-general.

The Transport Minister said that he was planning alternative means of transport if the bus firm suspended service next Tuesday, when new bus fares become effective. The increase will be 14 percent. The bus company had asked for a 49 percent increase.

Mapai Agrees to Vote for Wage Increase for Workers

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Mapai Party yielded today to demands of its Alignment partner, the Achdut Avoda, and agreed to vote in the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, and in the Cabinet in favor of a 5 to 10 percent basic wage increase for industrial workers.

Those percentages topped the 2 to 3 percent hikes considered by Israeli economists as justified by productivity increases and as possibly more than Israel's inflation-hit economy could absorb without increasing inflationary pressures.

The faculty of the Weizmann Institute of Science expressed a willingness today to go along with a proposal of the academic staffs of the Haifa Institute of Technology and the Hebrew University to forego part of their retroactive wage increases. However, professors at Tel Aviv University decided not to relinquish any part of their retroactive pay.

EBAN SPEAKS ON ISRAEL'S SECURITY; IS AWARDED HONORARY LAW DEGREE

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Israel's security is still that country's "first and foremost" problem, Abba Eban, Foreign Minister of Israel, declared here today. While he has been assured in the major Western capitals that Israel "has the good fortune" to live in one of the more stable regions in the world, three factors affect Israel's security, he said.

He enumerated these factors as: "1) The balance of strength in the Middle East; 2) the desire of the Great Powers to maintain the status quo in the region; and 3) Arab disunity."

Mr. Eban made that analysis at a reception held in his honor here by the leaders of the Jewish community, after he had delivered the commencement address at Temple University in this city. The university awarded Mr. Eban an honorary law doctorate. Others receiving that degree at the university ceremonies were Judge Abraham L. Freedman, of the U. S. Court of Appeals, and Pulitzer-prize winning author Conrad Michael Richter.

Mr. Eban was greeted at the headquarters of the Federation of Jewish Agencies by the Federation's president, Frank I. Newburger, Jr., and by Jack Adler, representing the Allied Jewish Appeal here. More than 300 Jewish leaders attended the Federation reception.

The assurances regarding Israel's security, Mr. Eban said, have come from major Western capitals and is based "not on the fact that the Middle East is any less tense, but because the situation had become so much worse in other places." One problem, he said, is the still existing arms race in the Middle East. "We would passionately welcome," he said, "any change in international relations that would result in slowing the arms race. Israel will not lose that race. Whatever the burdens, we must meet them."

The Israeli Foreign Minister linked the situation in the Middle East to general world problems in his address at the university. "The basic threat to international peace," he declared in the commencement address, "arises not from the peril of nuclear war, but from the lagging pace of development in most of Africa, Asia and Latin America. The developing nations have attained political independence without a parallel liberation of these peoples from social and economic ills. Men have awakened to learn that they may be free in every institutional sense and yet lose the essence of their freedom in the throes of famine and want."

At the Federation event, he proposed the formation of a Jewish peace corps of American young people to serve in Israel. He coupled that proposal to a suggestion that Jewish college students in this country do two years of their study in Israel "in an organized manner."

GOLDA MEIR WANTS BEN-GURION AND LAVON GROUPS TO RETURN TO MAPAI

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, the new secretary general of Premier Levi Eshkol's Mapai Party, said today that members of two dissident groups of former party members would be welcomed back to party ranks.

She referred to the Israel Workers Party (Rafi) formed by former Premier David Ben-Gurion in a challenge to Premier Eshkol's party and national leadership, and to Min Hayesod, a faction made up of supporters of Pinhas Lavon, former Defense Minister and former secretary general of the Histadrut, the Israel labor federation. Mr. Lavon was forced out of the Defense Ministry by Mr. Ben-Gurion in a struggle over a security disaster which occurred in 1954.

Mrs. Meir, in her first press conference since taking the Mapai post, said that there was no reason why members who left the party to form Rafi should not return. As far as the Min Hayesod faction was concerned, she said, the plea of Lavon backer Prof. Haim Halperin that the Mapai central committee reinstate Lavon had not yet been considered. She said that these and other matters would be taken up on her return from the United States. She is leaving next week for a 10-day visit to the United States for the Israel Bond campaign.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL CALLS UPON NEGRO LEADERS FOR TALKS ON ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America called on leaders of all major Negro and civil rights organizations today to meet with Jewish rabbis and lay Jewish leaders to deal on a national level with the "implications" arising from an anti-Semitic statement made this week by a suburban Negro leader of the Congress of Racial Equality.

The Synagogue Council, coordinating body of lay and rabbinical organizations of the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements, issued a statement condemning the "vicious anti-Semitism and anti-white racism" expressed by Clifford A. Brown, the Mount Vernon educational chairman for CORE. The Council congratulated CORE for repudiating Brown's statement, in which the latter had said that Hitler had not killed enough Jews. (See page 4 report on CORE move.)

U. S. DELEGATION REPORTS MATZOH BAKING IN RUSSIA; NO OTHER MOVES

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Religious Judaism in the Soviet Union is dying, although the Christian churches "face the future with confidence," it was reported here today by an interfaith group that has just returned from a fact-finding visit to Moscow and Leningrad.

The group consisted of Rabbi Arthur Schneier, of Congregation Zichron Ephraim, New York, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation; Dr. Harold A. Bosley, minister of Christ Church Methodist; former Brooklyn Congressman Francis E. Dorn, who is a Christian; the Rev. Thurston N. Davis and the Rev. Eugene K. Culhane. The latter are Jesuits. Father Davis is editor-in-chief of the Jesuit weekly, America, while Father Culhane is managing editor of that Catholic publication.

Of three promises for the alleviation of the situation of Soviet Jews, made by Soviet authorities last summer to a delegation of American rabbis, only one is being carried out in part, the interfaith delegation stated. That promise concerned freedom to bake matzoh for next Passover. They said that matzoh is now being baked in Moscow and Leningrad only, but there seems to be no evidence that other Soviet Jewish communities will have matzoh this year.

A second promise was that the yeshiva in Moscow would be reopened. The clergymen said they saw no evidence whatever that the yeshiva is functioning. The third promise involved publication of 10,000 Hebrew prayer books. The clergymen reported that those prayer books have not yet been printed although they obtained an indication that the prayer books may be printed in the near future.

Jewish Leadership in Russia Reported Fearing Reprisals

One reason for the plight of religious Jewry in the USSR, the delegates agreed, is "fear on the part of the Jewish leadership." The Christian churches "are in good shape, they said, because the Greek Orthodox Church in the USSR, the Baptists, and the Roman Catholics continually press for privileges granted them under Government "guidelines." But the Jewish leaders, they declared, "are afraid of reprisals."

"What I saw of the condition of Soviet Jewry," said Father Davis, "worries me very profoundly." Rev. Bosley added: "The Soviet Jews, with an 800-year-old history of anti-Semitism from czarist days to the eras of Stalin and Khrushchev, are afraid. The Orthodox and the Baptists are vigorous. The Jewish group is much more careful. They either cannot or are not willing to press for implementation of the Government's guidelines laid down for all religions. The Jewish leaders would have to fight, they would have to push for their privileges. They are not doing so."

"Religion in general," said Rabbi Schneier, "is neither dying nor dead. But Soviet Jewry is dying. The other religions have young leadership. The Jewish leadership is old and operates in an atmosphere of fear." Rabbi Schneier reported that he had been permitted by Soviet authorities to deliver a Sabbath sermon in the Moscow Central Synagogue, where he assured the 700 worshippers present that Jews abroad are aware of their difficulties. He stressed American Jewish solidarity with Soviet Jewry.

SWISS COURT BANS ANTI-SEMITIC BOOK; ORDERS CONFISCATION OF COPIES

GENEVA, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- A Lausanne court prohibited today further distribution of an anti-Semitic book, and ordered copies not yet sold impounded by authorities.

The court acted after the Federation of Swiss Jewish Communities lodged a complaint with authorities that "The Past, the Present and the Jewish Question," by Dr. J. A. Mathes, of Vevey, was a violation of the Swiss Civil Code, and demanded that it be banned. The book contains lengthy quotations from the Protocols of the Elders of Zion and other anti-Semitic libels, refers to Jewish "ritual murder," and blames the Jews for the outbreak of both World Wars.

The author is a well-known doctor in Vevey and a very wealthy man who financed publication of his own book. About 500 copies of the 4,000 published last November have been sold. It was the first anti-Semitic book published in Switzerland in more than 20 years.

ANTI-JEWISH PASSAGES IN 'PASSION PLAY' CAUSE SPLIT IN OBERAMMERGAU

BOCHUM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The decennial performance of the traditional Passion Play at Oberammergau, not due for a repeat staging until 1970, was reported here today as causing impassioned disagreement in the Bavarian town. The mayor and the director of the play, which relates the death of Jesus, are demanding script changes to eliminate anti-Semitic passages which blame the Jewish people for the crucifixion. Hans Schweighofer, the director of the play, has resigned in protest against the village council's refusal to alter the script in line with the mayor's demand.

'CORE' CALLS MEETING OF NATIONAL BODY TO DISCUSS NEGRO-JEWISH ISSUE

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Congress of Racial Equality announced today it had called a meeting of its national advisory committee to discuss the controversy over Negro-Jewish relations which developed from an anti-Semitic remark by one of its Mount Vernon officials who resigned afterwards.

James Farmer, CORE national director, said the meeting which will be held Monday, would take up "the entire question of Negro-Jewish relations" because of a public statement made here last week by Clifford Brown that "Hitler made one mistake when he didn't kill enough of you." Mr. Brown, a Negro, and CORE educational director in Mount Vernon -- until his resignation after the statement -- made the remark at a meeting of the Mount Vernon Board of Education. The Board is engaged in a heated struggle over New York state orders to integrate its schools.

Mr. Farmer indicated he had convened the advisory committee after receiving a telegram from David Livingston, a Jewish labor leader who is one of the 38 board members. Mr. Livingston called Mr. Brown's statement "abominable" and declared "there can be no compromise with ovens for Jews. Whoever is anti-Semitic is an enemy of the Negro people. The offending member cannot absolve his guilt by resigning." He urged an immediate advisory board meeting to remove "all taint of anti-Semitism within CORE."

A few hours before receiving the telegram, Mr. Farmer issued a 1,500-word report on the controversy. The report said there was no room in CORE for "racism or bigotry" and "no justification possible" for Mr. Brown's remark. The statement, the third on the incident from Mr. Farmer, condemned Mr. Brown more strongly for his attack on Jews than did the previous statements but he also asserted that members of the crowd at the meeting yelled, in reference to a Negro woman speaker "tell the black s-o-b to sit down."

Witnesses at the meeting seated near Mr. Brown said they did not hear any such statement and reporters also said they did not hear any such slurring remark.

ROCKWELL REMANDED ON BAIL IN NEW YORK; PREVENTED FROM SPEAKING

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- George Rockwell, head of the American Nazi Party, was remanded today on \$100 bail in Criminal Court for an appearance in Night Court after he was arrested last night and prevented from making a scheduled speech before students at Columbia University. Officials of the university had approved Rockwell's invitation from Humanitas, a Columbia student group, in line with established policy of permitting any recognized student group to invite any speaker.

The Nazi was arrested on the street here on a 1960 warrant charging him with disorderly conduct. He was brought before Judge James Watson, a Negro, with a Jewish attorney, Martin Berger, defending him. When the police arrested Rockwell, a crowd of more than 1,500 persons were lined up for two blocks in front of the Columbia University auditorium where Rockwell had been scheduled to make a speech. Rockwell posted a \$100 cash bond for appearance in Criminal Court this morning and appeared on schedule to be remanded for a further hearing.

The warrant was a citizen's complaint, filed by Lester Fahn of Brooklyn after Rockwell made a raucous appearance in Supreme Court in Manhattan in 1960. The warrant charged him with making inflammatory and offensive remarks constituting a breach of the peace. Mr. Fahn, in getting the warrant, testified that Rockwell made such statements as "Hitler didn't do enough" and "all Jews should be exterminated" and "Crematoriums should be built in the United States." Police rescued Rockwell from an irate crowd in the Supreme Court rotunda.

CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION REFUSES TO DEFEND ANTI-SEMITIC 'RAT FINKS'

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 10. (JTA) -- An ultra-right faction of the New Jersey Young Republicans, known as the Rat Finks, which has been charged with anti-Semitic and anti-Negro activities, has asked for help from the American Civil Liberties Union but the request has been declined, it was reported here today.

Edward Connolly of Paterson, chairman of the Bergen County Young Republicans and a Rat Fink leader, reportedly visited the Newark office of the Civil Liberties Union and asked its officials to provide aid in defending the faction against charges that its members sang blatantly anti-Semitic and racist songs at state and national Young Republican conventions last summer.

Young Republican and Senior Republican leaders at the national, regional and state levels have started investigations. Formal hearings will open in Trenton on February 19. National Young Republican leaders said their phase of the investigation would be closed. Regional and state leaders said they would conduct their hearing in public sessions.

NEW YORK U. J. A. RAISED \$27,000,000 IN 1955; PLANS FOR 1956 DRIVE REPORTED

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York reported tonight that its income for 1955 had risen more than a million dollars to \$27,022,851. It announced plans for a 1956 drive to improve that rate of increase to help its beneficiary agencies make up for a substantial drop in their annual income caused by the end of West Germany's payment of reparations for Nazi destruction of European Jewish communities.

Monroe Goldwater, New York UJA's president, told 150 Jewish community leaders attending the annual meeting of the organization's board of directors that better UJA campaign results last year had only partially compensated for a \$7,500,000 loss in reparations income in 1955. With the cessation of reparations payments taking full effect this year, the total annual loss to UJA agencies will reach \$17,500,000.

Three prominent business and communal leaders have agreed to become part of the quinquennate of general chairmen who will lead the New York UJA campaign in 1955, it was announced. They are Andrew Goodman, Morris Levinson, Gustave L. Levy, Albert Parker and Chester Roth.

Abba Eban, Foreign Minister of Israel, explained to the board members the problems Israel faces this year in receiving the flood of immigrants who continue to pour into it, providing for viable resettlement of the newcomers, and in educating the large proportion who come from backward lands for successful integration into Israel's rapidly industrializing democratic society.

The United Jewish Appeal can be an important factor in solving these problems, he asserted, through the support its contributors give to humanitarian agencies engaged in migration, resettlement and rehabilitation activities and to the Israel Education Fund, which is financing secondary schools in communities in Israel that have large concentrations of immigrants. Samuel Hausman, chairman of New York UJA's board of directors, presided over the annual meeting.

RABBINICAL PARLEY SEEKS RESTORATION OF NAZI-RAVAGED CEMETERIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- A conference of the World Center of European Rabbis here today decided unanimously to ask the West German Government to fix a definite time for the restoration of Jewish cemeteries in Europe ravaged by the Nazis.

Rabbi Moses Rubin, president of the World Center, reported on a visit of a World Center delegation to Germany last year. At that time, the rabbis presented to West German officials a request for such indemnification for an estimated 2,000 Jewish cemeteries vandalized by special Nazi "cemetery battalions." Rabbi Rubin noted that favorable action on the request had been promised by M. Hirsch, president of the Indemnification Committee of the West German Parliament, but that the promise remained unfulfilled.

Rabbi Rubin reported that to support the demand, the rabbis had collected 1,000,000 signatures of American Jews whose relatives had been buried in those cemeteries and that the State Department had intervened with West German officials in support of the request.

RABBIS IN ENGLAND CONSIDER PLANNED SALARY RISES 'TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE'

LONDON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Rabbis and synagogue secretaries employed in affiliated synagogues of the United Synagogue consider salary increases planned for them "totally unacceptable," sources close to the United Synagogue Council reported today.

The Council of Ministers of the United Synagogue and the Association of Synagogue Secretaries have so informed Sir Isaac Wolfson, president of the United Synagogue, in connection with the meeting of the United Synagogue Council next Sunday.

The proposed increase is one of 10 percent to bring up salaries of rabbis to 2,000 pounds (\$5,500) a year. Salaries of religious court judges (dayanim) would be raised to 2,500 pounds (\$7,250) per year. The total cost of the increases was estimated at about 22,000 pounds (\$61,500) annually.

The Council of Ministers, representing the rabbis in the congregations, took the unprecedented step of sending a letter to each member of the United Synagogue Council setting forth the reasons for their stand on the increases.

BRANDEIS U. GETS \$100,000 GIFT TO AID STUDENTS IN JUDAIC STUDIES

WALTHAM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Michael Safran and his wife May, of Lynn, have established a major scholarship fund at Brandeis University with a \$100,000 gift, it was announced here today. Founded in memory of their parents, Jacob and Fannie Cafran and David C. and Agnes Lowenthal Greenbaum, the scholarship will be used to provide assistance to gifted and needy students concentrating in Judaic studies.

CATHOLIC CHURCH ORGAN IN NEW YORK BACKS PRESENT SHECHITAH METHOD

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Tablet, the official organ of the Brooklyn Diocese, assailed in its current issue today several bills pending in the New York Legislature to regulate the slaughter of food animals, under Humane Society auspices. The Tablet said the measures would place religious liberty in the hands of an official of the state and might endanger Jewish ritual slaughter.

PRINCESS MARGARET ASKS COOK OF KOSHER RESTAURANT TO BE HER CHEF

LONDON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- An Armenian of Cypriote birth and British nationality who is chef at Bloom's Kosher Restaurant in London's East End grappled today with the problem of accepting an invitation from Princess Margaret to be her new chef at the Kensington Palace.

Bambos Pais said he did not know what to do "because Mr. and Mrs. Bloom have been so good to me and working here is almost like being one of the family." But, he added, "they don't want to stop my career." Sidney Bloom, owner of the restaurant, refused to say anything except that the royal invitation was "an honor for him and an honor for us."

The chef added that he would decide in about a month after Princess Margaret and her husband, the Earl of Snowdon, returned from a visit to Hong Kong. The royal couple became acquainted with the kosher cooking expert when they attended a private party which the chef catered. On a number of other similar occasions they told him how much they enjoyed his culinary arts, which extend well beyond kosher cooking.

BILLY ROSE DEAD; GAVE PART OF HIS ART COLLECTION TO JERUSALEM MUSEUM

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Billy Rose, the world famous Jewish theatrical producer, died last night at the age of 65 in Montego Bay, Jamaica, where he had a winter home.

Born William Samuel Rosenberg on New York's Lower East Side, Mr. Rose began his career as a stenographer to financier Bernard Baruch and subsequently amassed a fortune through his theatrical ventures and his activities in the stock market. He contributed a major portion of his extensive collection of valuable sculptures to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem where a Billy Rose Art Garden was established to house the collection.

SOPHIE TUCKER, VETERAN ACTRESS, DEAD; HELPED NUMEROUS JEWISH CAUSES

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Sophie Tucker, the veteran Jewish entertainer for six decades in American show business, died at her home here last night of a lung ailment and kidney failure. She was 79. She was a tireless fund-raiser on behalf of numerous Jewish causes throughout her star-studded career.

Born of Russian-Jewish parents named Kalish, Miss Tucker was raised in Boston and Hartford and rapidly rose to fame in the theatrical field as a singer and entertainer. She actively supported the Jewish Theatrical Guild and helped establish schools and youth centers in Israel. She was honored with the planting of a forest in Israel bearing her name.

In 1955, she endowed a chair in the theater arts at Brandeis University through the Sophie Tucker Foundation set up to benefit various charities. During her career, Miss Tucker would not work on the High Holy Days or on other Jewish religious holidays.

DR. MOSES EINHORN, EDITOR OF HEBREW MEDICAL JOURNAL, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Moses Einhorn, a prominent Jewish physician and a leading gastroenterologist, died here yesterday at the age of 69. He was editor and publisher of *Parofe Faivzi*, the Hebrew Medical Journal, which he founded in 1927.

Born in Russia, Dr. Einhorn established his medical practice in this country in 1927 and he was credited with the design of more than a score of instruments used in the gastroenterological field. He was the founder and former president of the Ivrit Medical Society of New York.

Active in a wide variety of projects for Israeli institutions, Dr. Einhorn established the Einhorn Medical Library at the Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot and the Moses Einhorn Medical Library of the Tel Aviv branch of the Israel Medical Association.

He also took the initiative for the establishment of a dental institute under the auspices of the Tel Aviv Municipality and Tel Aviv University. He was a member of the Alumni Association of the Herzliya Gymnasium in Tel Aviv.