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ISRAEL INDICATES EMBARKATION ON NEW POLICY TOWARD ARABS AND RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The embarkation of the Israel Government on a policy of improving the atmosphere in relations with the Arab countries and the Soviet Union was indicated in government circles here today. The renewed efforts have been suggested by the new Foreign Minister, Abba Eban.

Among the changes contemplated by the Israel Government is to switch in the United Nations from its usually anti-Arab vote to abstention, or even to vote favorably on issues which do not involve the Arab-Israel dispute. While Israel will continue firmly to oppose military aid to the Arab lands, it may favor assistance aimed at improving the economic situation of these countries and the standard of living of their populations. Arab development projects would be supported by Israel diplomatically and at international forums.

As for relations with the Soviet Union, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol indicated as soon as he formed his new Government that he would try to improve them. So far, his stand vis-a-vis the USSR has brought no tangible results; But the Government seems to be considering such efforts as worth-while as "a long-term investment." It is understood that France encourages such an attitude by Israel toward the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, it was reported today that 30 Israel Manufacturers will participate in the forthcoming International Agricultural Fair in Moscow. The Israeli Pavilion at the Fair will display farm machinery, irrigation equipment and hatchery devices.

PRICES RISE IN ISRAEL FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF NEW GOVERNMENT BUDGET

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- A wave of new increases in prices and demands from agriculture and industry sources for permission to boost still unaffected prices was the initial response today to Israel's record new budget, adopted last night by the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, which involved higher taxes.

Interurban road transport companies, which provide most of the transport for Israeli travelers, increased their fares five to six percent today to cover new taxes on motor fuel and have applied for permission for still further fare increases. Tnuva, the major agricultural distribution company, notified the Government that motor fuel tax increases were directly increasing agricultural production costs. Tnuva demanded that such prices be re-examined; Calman Suzelev, president of the Israeli Industrialists Association, expressed the concern of industry over the new taxes and stressed that a general price increase was inevitable.

As the Israel Tariff Commission prepared to consider the demands at a meeting Sunday, it appeared that transport fares would be readjusted by 15 to 17 percent and that prices of some other services probably would be increased. The pressures were expected to bring a general upsurge in the cost of living despite a pledge today by Trade and Industry Minister Haim Zadok that the Government would try to minimize the anticipated increases as much as possible.

The average Israeli appeared today to understand the need for the Government's anti-inflationary action but residents of Tel Aviv's poorer districts held an "emergency" meeting to protest against the tax increases, particularly in municipal taxes.

Steep price rises for meat products also followed announcement of the new budget. Cigarettes and liquor prices rose 20 percent. Gasoline prices rose 30 to 40 percent and diesel fuel prices were raised 150 percent. Previously, there had not been any tax on diesel fuel.

Taxes on automobile spare parts went up from 35 to 80 percent and taxes on imported trucks were boosted by the same percentage. Taxes on services were extended to automobile rentals, clubs and service guarantees on electrical appliances.

Income tax boosts ranged from the equivalent of 13 cents more on monthly incomes of \$200 to eight dollars more on monthly incomes of \$500. Company income taxes were raised from 28 to 30 percent. Postal services charges and all license fees will also be increased.

Aharon Becker, secretary-general of Histadrut, warned yesterday in an address to the executive committee of the Histadrut that, if wage restraints are not maintained, there will be inflation and "ultimately unemployment."

U. S. SENATE DELEGATION REPORTS ON ISRAEL; STRESSES SECURITY ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15: (JTA) -- A delegation of the U. S. Senate -- headed by Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat -- which visited Israel in December issued a report today indicating that it "did not receive the impression of any rising concern at possible attacks on Israel." It emphasized that "nevertheless, there is an undeniable uneasiness at what the Israelis believe is their vulnerability to attack" and that there is a strong feeling in Israel "that the United States should take a more active role in providing military assistance to Israel."

The report, issued by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also dealt with American financing of nuclear desalination in Israel. Noting that preliminary engineering studies on the \$200,000,000 nuclear desalting project have been completed, the report said figures indicate that such a facility could not be self-liquidating except if capital were provided at a charge lower than that which is currently available in financial markets.

"It seems likely, therefore, that at some time in the near future a policy decision will be required to determine whether there are political and other considerations which might justify the United States and Israel jointly to finance a desalination plant of this type even though there may be questions as to its economic feasibility because funds would need to be made available at a rate of interest no higher than two percent," the report stated.

The Morse report said: "Shipment of arms by the Soviet Union and its satellites to Egypt and the provision of U. S. military assistance to other neighbors of Israel keep the subject of Israeli military defenses constantly before the public. But, as a result of its consultations, the delegation did not receive the impression of any rising concern at possible attacks on Israel. Nevertheless, there is an undeniable uneasiness at what the Israelis believe is their vulnerability to attack. Although the Israel Government has received most of its military equipment from France, there is a strong feeling that the United States should take a more active role in providing military assistance to Israel."

"The delegation notes, without comment, that if extensive hostilities were to break out in the Middle East the U. S. supply of military equipment would be available not only to Israel which has received it in the past but to Arab countries as well, some of which are currently receiving military equipment from the United States. Thus again the United States would be open to the serious charge of supplying the weapons of war to both sides."

Much Impressed With Israel's Progress of the last 15 Years

Notation was made by the delegation that "Israel continues to improve its per capita income; the annual figure is now about \$1,000." The report said that continued growth in industry and an expanding population have brought to the forefront the problem of providing fresh water for industrial and agricultural purposes. The delegation was "much impressed with the progress that has been made in Israel over the past decade and a half" and the confidence with which the Israeli people have developed their economic and political institutions.

In stating its conclusions, the delegation noted wide divergencies in the five Asian nations visited in per capita gross national product. Israel had the highest -- \$960 -- and Afghanistan the lowest, \$70. The delegation said the countries visited -- Israel, Japan, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan -- "gave varying degrees of recognition to the need to unshackle individual initiative in order to speed their own development." The delegation questioned whether the United States "should continue unstinting support of governments whose philosophy negates full utilization of available private capital and initiative."

The report said: "The delegation doubts whether the long-range national interests of the United States and recipient nations are served by foreign aid which encourages governmental enterprise in areas of economic activity where private enterprise has proven its value. An examination of the annual growth rates of underdeveloped countries gives conclusive evidence that maximum economic freedom promotes maximum growth. U. S. aid programs should be directed to that end."

GERMAN TALKS ON ECONOMIC AID TO ISRAEL ADVANCED TO EARLIER DATE

BCNH, Feb. 15: (JTA) -- The start of West German-Israeli talks on economic aid to Israel have been moved up to February 24 from February 28, a West German Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The change was made necessary by assignment of Dr. Rolf Lahr, the Foreign Office State Secretary who will head the West German delegation for the talks, to head the West German delegation at a Council of Ministers conference of the European Economic Community in Brussels on February 28.

The first phase of the talks are expected to last only a couple of days and will probably deal with a formulation of the political views of the two delegations, with hard bargaining expected. The economic talks are in fulfillment of a promise of aid made to Israel by West Germany last spring during negotiations leading to formal recognition of Israel.

HEADQUARTERS OF NEO-NAZI MOVEMENT FOR EUROPE REPORTED IN SWITZERLAND

ZURICH, Feb. 15: (JTA) -- The headquarters of the neo-Nazi movement for Europe are located in Lausanne from which the movement regularly issues neo-Nazi publications, Peter Woog, director of the information department of the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities told a conference here today.

He added that the organization, named "Stille Hilfe," operated in West Germany under the guise of a welfare institution but was spending "vast sums" for the defense of Nazi war criminals.

SURVIVORS DEFY DENIALS OF NAZIS ON TRIAL FOR KILLING TARNOPOL JEWS

STUTTGART, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Denials by two defendants at a war crimes trial here that they had killed any Jews in occupied Tarnopol in Galicia were flatly challenged by survivors who listed specific details of such killings in testimony here.

The accusers were Pawel Adler, now a resident of New York, and Faek Mondschein, now an electrician in Israel, who testified against Paul Raebel and Paul Mellar, two of the 10 former SS officers on trial here on charges of complicity in mass murders committed in the Galician town.

The New Yorker testified that Raebel and Mellar shot and killed Jews. He said that 20 Jews engaged in forced labor and 15 other victims who suffered from typhoid were killed by the two Nazis between 1942 and 1943. Raebel then asserted he had never killed any one as a former commander of a section of Tarnopol and Mellar said he had never even served in the Tarnopol camp.

Adler nevertheless refused to be shaken. He repeated that the two former Nazis had shot Jews, saying earnestly, "Believe me. There is not the slightest doubt of this." He then described in detail the shooting of typhoid-stricken victims in the section Raebel commanded during the war.

Mondschein, who was employed in the home of one of the two defendants, also testified against them. He accused another defendant, Mueller, of shooting Jewish inmates. A. Landesman, now a technician in a Haifa postoffice, testified that his father was murdered three days after the Germans entered Tarnopol. He also related that two inmates, who sought to escape, were caught. The rope with which they were being hanged broke and they begged for mercy, the witness said, but Raebel immediately shot both of them.

THREE NAZIS SENTENCED TO HARD LABOR FOR MASS-KILLING OF JEWS

ESSEN, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Three former members of a special SS Commando unit were sentenced to terms of three to five years at hard labor on conviction of complicity in mass murder in occupied Russia.

The defendants were Kurt Matschke, 57, Eduard Spengnar, 55, and Franz Bormann, 55. They were convicted of having participated in the murder of several hundred Jewish men, women and children in the Klinzy region in Russia in 1942. Albert Rapp, commander of the unit, was convicted in Essen last spring to life imprisonment after an unqualified confession of his guilt.

The Essen jury rejected the plea of the three defendants that they had simply obeyed orders. The jury noted that all three had joined the unit voluntarily but that only one had made any effort to be transferred to some other unit.

JEWISH WITNESS TESTIFIES AT TRIAL OF NAZI WHO KILLED HIS FAMILY

BOCHUM, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- A 52-year-old Jew who lives now in Munich, today accused a former member of the Gestapo, Johann Bornholt, of having shot his entire family in Nowy Sacz, Poland, during World War II. Bornholt is one of several ex-Nazis on trial now for war crimes in the court at Bochum, West Germany.

Schaechter also told the court that the Gestapo officers at Nowy Sacz forced young Jewish children to watch the execution of their parents. The Nazis, he said, would feed the children a good breakfast, consisting of rolls and coffee, before killing them.

VIENNA PREPARES FOR TRIAL OF PERSONNEL OF AUSCHWITZ DEATH CAMP

VIENNA, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The Vienna public prosecutor's office disclosed today that preparations were underway for a trial of the Auschwitz death camp personnel which will be the biggest war crimes trial in Austrian history. Preliminary investigations have been made against former SS guards at the camp.

The defendants will include about 40 doctors, soldiers, officers and SS men, several of whom will be charged with operating the gas chambers in which millions were killed.

QUEBEC TO HAVE NON-DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL SYSTEM; JEWS SATISFIED

MONTREAL, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Paul Gerin-Lajoi, Quebec Minister of Education, anticipating the publication of the fourth and final report of the Parent Commission which has brought sweeping educational reforms to the province of Quebec, stated in a speech that he believes that the final report is going to recommend the establishment of a non-denominational school system in Quebec for those who opt for such a system based on linguistic and cultural lines and not on religious lines.

Three years ago, in its submission to the Quebec Royal Commission on Education, the Canadian Jewish Congress brief stated that the Jewish community through historical reasons and traditions, sent most of its children to the Protestant school system but that it would like to see reforms in this system based on linguistic and cultural lines, rendering the whole educational system non-denominational.

A leading spokesman of the Jewish community commenting on the Minister's speech said it would take a great deal of effort for parents with children in school to change the present pattern. For many years the Christological aspect as now existing in the Protestant system has been in name only. This has been proved by the recent statute which provides for the nomination of five Jews to the Protestant School Board of whom one must be on the executive committee of the school board.

The present school system, the spokesman stated, will persist except for those Jews who want their children to be educated in the French language who have been dissuaded to do so up until now because of their fear of sending their children to Catholic schools. Once a good denominational system is set up, there will be a natural flow from the Protestant schools to this system, the spokesman said.

ZIONIST LEADER SAYS STATE DEPT. WISHES TO SEE ISRAEL LESS CULTURED

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The charge that "certain circles" in the State Department are manifesting a mood and trend "which envisages an Israeli cultural and intellectual standard reduced to the lowest common denominator by the influx of Oriental Jews into the State," was voiced here today at a conference of Zionist leaders by Harry Torczyner, chairman of the Public Affairs Committee of the Zionist Organization of America.

The speaker further asserted that "in the opinion of the State Department this would make Israel more acceptable to the Arab states and would be less troublesome than an alert, truly democratic Jewish State." On the other hand, Mr. Torczyner pointed out "Israel's drive toward advancing democracy and the raising of all standards in the Middle East by its own example. To this end Israel needs the continuing support of the West economically, politically and morally."

PROGRESSIVE RABBIS IN ISRAEL VOICE CHARGES AGAINST MINISTRY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The Council of Progressive Rabbis of Israel, some of whose congregations have recently had difficulties in finding places to worship under alleged Orthodox pressures, charged the Religious Affairs Ministry today with either denying or ignoring their requests for help.

The Council made the charge in a statement issued here which asserted that public claims to the contrary by the Ministry did not "reflect the truth." The Council claimed that the Ministry had turned down or ignored requests from a number of its congregations for Torah Scrolls salvaged from the Nazi holocaust in Europe and sent to the Ministry.

A spokesman for the Ministry, commenting on the complaint, said that the number of such Torah scrolls was not sufficient for distribution to all applicants. The spokesman cited, as an example of its problems, the fact that most of the Scrolls recently received from the Westminster synagogue in London had been found to be unusable. He said they had been buried in accordance with tradition.

RABBI ADLER SHOWS 'SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT'; STILL FIGHTS FOR LIFE

DETROIT, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Rabbi Morris Adler today showed "slight improvement" at Sinai Hospital here, where he has been fighting for his life since Saturday, when he was shot by a mentally-sick member of his Shaarey Zedek congregation, in front of 1,500 worshippers. The latest medical bulletin issued at the hospital, however, said the prognosis for the rabbi's recovery is still "extremely guarded."

An afternoon medical bulletin said: "Constant attendance by a team of anesthesiologists seeks maintenance of optimum vital functions." The rabbi's assailant, Richard Wishnetsky, 23, is being under care at another institution, New Providence Hospital.

'CORE' OFFICIALS DISCUSS NEGRO-JEWISH RELATIONS; PROCEEDINGS SECRET

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Five members of the 38-member national advisory committee of the Congress for Racial Equality met with top CORE officials last night, at CORE's invitation, to discuss Negro-Jewish relations;

The meeting was one of the aftermaths of a controversy sparked by Clifford A. Brown, educational director of CORE in Mount Vernon, N. Y., who told a Board of Education meeting in Mount Vernon on February 3 that Hitler had not killed enough Jews. He later apologized and resigned. James Farmer, CORE national director, who called the special meeting, refused to make a statement on what happened at the meeting.

RIGHTWINGER POSES AS JEW IN ANTI-WAR CALL TO VIET NAM TROOPS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith charged here that a rightwing extremist has used a Jewish name in tape recordings broadcast to American troops in South Viet Nam to "come home" in a crude attempt to impugn the loyalty of American Jews.

The ADL said that Ronald Ramsey, a radio propagandist with an extensive record as a rightwing radical, used the name Joe Liber Epstein in broadcast recordings to troops in South Viet Nam. Milton Senn, Pacific Southwest director of the ADL, said the use of the Jewish-sounding name also was intended to impugn the support of American Jews "for our nation's resistance to Communist aggression and imperialism."

The ADL official said that 10 years ago, when Ramsey was 16, he published a "Nationalist Summary" for "Americans for Action" and that in 1955-56, he was associated with Myron Fagan, a Hollywood anti-Jewish pamphleteer. Mr. Senn said that the ADL at that time considered Ramsey "a mixed-up kid seeking attention by peddling anti-Semitism."

GEORGETOWN U. APOLOGIZES FOR IMPERSONATIONS OBJECTIONABLE TO JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- An official of Georgetown University expressed regrets today to New York University officials about a custom of the Washington school of having students dressed as a Nazi soldier and an Arab doing impersonations at the school's basketball games. But Father Anthony Zeits, director of student personnel at Georgetown University, insisted there had been no anti-Semitic remarks made during the NYU game with Georgetown on February 5.

Father Zeits made his statement in response to a protest from a group of students, who sent their complaint to Georgetown president Rev. Gerard J. Campbell and to NYU president James Hester.

John Geis, NYU sports publicist, described the incident, asserting that during the first half of the game, two youths came out in front of the Georgetown student body. The one dressed as a Nazi soldier held up his arm in a Nazi salute and shouted "Sieg Heil," the publicist said, adding that the Georgetown students replied "Sieg Heil."

Father Zeits also said that "we have a large Jewish population" at Georgetown and he added "I think it was unfortunate that the thing ever occurred." He said he was sending letters of apology to all persons writing to the school on the incident.

He declared that the impersonations had "been a bit of fun" at most games during the past two or three years and that when it was done at the game with NYU "none of us thought much of this until we began to get the feeling of NYU, particularly of their manager, Herschel Pink." He added that when "we realized they were quite distressed, we became distressed."

U.S. AGENCY MAY INVESTIGATE REFUSAL OF EMPLOYMENT TO ORTHODOX JEWS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, an agency created by the Civil Rights Act, may investigate instances of discrimination against Orthodox Jews arising from the refusal of some to work on Saturday.

Chairman Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., of the commission today wrote Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, that "our general counsel has outlined this matter for the commission's attention and I hope that we will be able to consider this important question very soon."

The Senator had requested action by the commission following complaints by constituents that Orthodox Jews had suffered difficulties in obtaining both private and governmental employment because they insisted upon honoring the Sabbath. A question was raised as to whether such discrimination represented a violation of civil rights laws;

OFFICIAL RECOGNITION TO JUDAISM AT STATE OCCASIONS GIVEN IN CANADA

MONTREAL, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Governor-General Georges Vanier of Canada has accepted a Canadian Jewish Congress suggestion that Judaism be given official recognition at state occasions and designated Rabbi S.M. Zambrowsky of Montreal to represent the Jewish religion at such occasions. Rabbi Zambrowsky is chairman of the CJC religious affairs committee.

The Governor-General indicated he had always wished "to recognize the Jewish faith at the State Dinner and at other official functions" in his residence but that this had been complicated "by the difficulty in finding a single representative satisfactory to all segments of the Jewish community."

PIONEER WOMEN CONCLUDES THREE-DAY PARLEY; SENDS \$50,000 TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- Pioneer Women, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America, concluded today the annual three-day meeting of its board of directors. Projects and goals for the organization's social service and education programs in Israel were discussed at the sessions.

Mrs. Rose Kaufman, national president of Pioneer Women, announced that the organization had transmitted \$50,000 to Israel in honor of Mrs. Zena Harman, chairman of the board of the United Nations Children's Fund, to provide scholarships for the education of Israeli children. Mrs. Harman, who is the wife of Israel's Ambassador to the United States, was honored at a luncheon session of the meeting.

FEDERATION OF JEWS FROM CENTRAL EUROPE CONFERS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- An educational campaign in West Germany, to acquaint German youth with the history and attitudes of Jews in Israel and in the rest of the world, is being considered by the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe, it was announced by Dr. Curt L. Silberman, president of the Federation.

At an all-day conference of the Federation here, Mr. Silberman stressed the need for such a campaign. "It is incumbent upon experts in Jewish matters," he said, "to provide this information and tap the reservoir of good will existing today among the younger Germans and among the liberal forces in the Federal Republic." Addresses were also delivered at the conference by Peter Stadelmayer, program director of the Goethe House in New York, and by Prof. John Herz, of the City University of New York.

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF H. U. C. GETS \$240,000 GIFT FROM WALTER HILBORN

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Union College school here, the California branch of the Reform rabbinical seminary, has announced a gift of \$240,000 from Walter S. Hilborn, Jewish leader and philanthropist, for construction of the school's new building when it moves to a site near the University of Southern California campus.

Jack Skirball, the school's administrative board chairman, said, in announcing the gift, that Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the seminary, has designated that the new building's chapel be named in honor of the donor. Mr. Hilborn is a member of the HUC-Jewish Institute of Religion board of governors. He is also a past president of the Federation of Jewish Welfare Organizations.

When the new school is in operation, there will be an academic relationship with the University of Southern California under which there will be mutual exchange of academic credits, joint use of facilities and faculty supervision of students participating in the joint programs.

JACQUES LIPSCHITZ, NOTED JEWISH SCULPTOR, WINS 1966 GOLD MEDAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The National Institute of Arts and Letters has designated Jacques Lipschitz, the noted Jewish sculptor, as recipient of its Gold Medal of Sculpture for 1966. The award will be presented to the Lithuanian-born artist at Institute ceremonies on May 25.

The 75-year-old sculptor, whose works are represented in every important museum and many private collections throughout the world, is working on a 39-foot sculpture for the front of the new Law School at Columbia University.

CATHOLIC BISHOP INCLUDES STAR OF DAVID IN HIS NEW COAT OF ARMS

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. (JTA) -- The Most Rev. William J. Moran, recently named titular bishop of Centuria and Auxiliary to the Catholic Military Vicar of the U.S. Armed Forces, has decided to have included in his new coat of arms the Jewish Chaplains insignia, comprising the Star of David over the two tablets of the Ten Commandments.