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JOHNSON SEES EGYPTIANS; REPORTED DISCUSSING ISRAEL NUCLEAR EFFORTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- President Johnson today received at the White House an Egyptian parliamentary delegation visiting the United States as official guests of the Government, headed by Anwar Sadat, president of the Egyptian General Assembly, Mr. Johnson reportedly discussed with Mr. Sadat, among other issues, the concern of the Egyptian Government over possible Israeli development of nuclear weapons.

(Press dispatches received in London from Cairo today reported that Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser has threatened in an address that Egypt would launch a "preventive" war if Israel begins efforts to develop nuclear weapons. In the same address, Nasser was reported also to have attacked the United States, saying that Washington showed "a policy antagonistic to Arab nations and the Arab people." Diplomats in London and Cairo were reported believing that Nasser was alluding to the recent supply of Patton tanks to Israel by the United States.)

The Egyptian delegation met, after seeing the President, with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, and was tendered a luncheon by Mr. Rusk. State Department sources said that reassurances were given Mr. Sadat that America would use all her influence to press Israel to desist from nuclear weapon development. America's opposition to nuclear proliferation was reiterated.

State Department officials also said it was reasonable to assume that President Nasser's latest anti-American outburst was mentioned in the course of discussions.

LONG-DEFERRED ISRAEL-GERMAN ECONOMIC AID TALKS OPENED IN BONN

BONN, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The long-deferred economic talks between West Germany and Israel began here today, with the first session lasting three hours. No details were released about the initial session. The talks will be continued tomorrow afternoon.

The talks are aimed at implementing the pledge made by Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's Government last spring, when West Germany recognized Israel, to provide economic aid to the Jewish State.

The Israeli delegation is headed by Asher Ben-Nathan, Israel's Ambassador to Bonn. The West German group is headed by State Secretary Rolf Lahr. The West Germans include high officials of the Foreign Office, the Finance Ministry and the Ministry of Economic Cooperation. The Israeli delegation includes Yaacov Arnon, director general of the Finance Ministry, and Aryeh Manor, former Israeli Economic Minister in Washington. The talks are being held at the Foreign Office.

Bonn Envoy to Israel Sees Step Toward Greater German-Israel Rapport

TEL AVIV, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Israel-West German economic talks begun today in Bonn are part of efforts to create a greater understanding between the two countries, Dr. Rolf Pauls, West Germany's Ambassador to Israel, told a news conference here.

He declared that Israel was regarded by the West German Government as a "developing country" but said "we would never consider helping any other country with such a high national income as that of Israel." He added that reports that the West German negotiators would insist on treating Israel on the same footing as other developing countries were not "official."

Dr. Pauls also said he was preparing the way for cultural exchanges between the two countries, but "we will rush nothing." He said delegations of Israeli youth should go to Germany to see for themselves that it was not the same country they heard it was. Declaring that "we are laying the foundations for generations," he added "we will do nothing rashly or for the sake of spectacular achievement."

He conceded that, during his recent four-week visit to West Germany, the idea had been considered of sending half-finished products to Israel for re-export to West Germany, after processing by Israeli industries.

RAFI, OTHERS IN OPPOSITION, SCORE NEW ISRAEL BUDGET AS 'WORST EVER'

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23: (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol's proposed national budget was under attack today from both opposition parties and partners in the Prime Minister's Mapai-led coalition Government.

Gen. Moshe Dayan, a member of Parliament representing former Premier David Ben-Gurion's Israel Workers Party (Rafi), assailed the \$1,500,000,000 budget as "contrary to what the Government claims its economic policy to be." Yohanan Bader, of the Herut-Liberals (Gahal) fusion, said it was the "worst of all inflationary budgets ever presented to Parliament." He said the new budget would lead to further price increases, and deplored the fact that the few cuts in Government spending called for in the budget affected vital Ministries, such as Defense, Health and Police.

Mr. Bader proposed the elimination of duplication between Government Ministries and "redundant agencies and national institutions, including those in which my party participates." Gen. Dayan charged that the Government was "taking away after the elections what it granted before the elections to gain votes" and said this was "a swindle and a cynical act."

The Independent Liberals, a coalition partner, met with Mr. Eshkol last night and demanded a cut in the income tax as well as a reduction of indirect taxes promised by the Premier in a "fireside" radio address Monday night. Moshe Kol, an Independent Liberal, Minister of Development and Tourism, warned the Premier that "something in this respect must be done soon."

Voluntary Moves to Renounce Wage Hikes Spread; Price Freeze Urged

Meanwhile, a voluntary movement by wage earners and salaried workers to forego parts of their pay or parts of retroactive wage increases continued to spread today in Israel.

Almost every newscast on radio contained announcements from additional groups making such pledges. These have included municipal councillors, senior government officials and seamen.

Trade and Industry Minister Haim Zadok, while welcoming the development, warned that, to be effective, such salary renunciations must be accompanied by price restraints on the part of business. He warned that the Government would give special attention to big business, particularly cartels and monopolies, and that it would crack down on any price manipulations.

A handful of large business enterprises have announced price freezes, and negotiations between Trade Ministry officials and businessmen were continuing today for more such price decisions.

Kol Israel, the Israeli radio network, disclosed today that its English-language and French-language broadcasts will be severely curtailed in line with the Government's drive to cut outlays as an anti-inflation measure.

The cuts will become effective in May, when Kol Israel begins its summer schedule. Both programs, as of that time, will be trimmed to news and short commentaries. Other foreign-language broadcasts also face curtailment, but the Arab-language programs will continue without change.

SYRIANS SHOOT AT ISRAELI FARMERS; FIRE RETURNED, NONE INJURED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 23: (JTA) -- An Israeli army spokesman reported today that Syrian gunners southeast of Lake Tiberias opened fire yesterday on an Israeli tractor as it completed a ploughing assignment. An Israeli covering unit returned the fire. There were no casualties on the Israeli side.

Cultivation of the fields started yesterday morning and the Syrians did not try to interfere. When the last of the tractors finished the job, the Syrians suddenly opened with heavy machinegun fire. The Syrians have consistently tried to prevent Israeli ploughing of the fields, claiming ownership. The area is entirely within Israeli territory.

ISRAEL'S INTERIOR MINISTER SHAPIRA UNDERGOES SURGERY AT JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23: (JTA) -- Interior Minister Moshe Haim Shapira was in satisfactory condition today after he was operated on last night for intestinal occlusion, which occurred as a result of injuries sustained in the Knesset bomb outrage 10 years ago. He is expected to remain in the hospital for two weeks and will remain convalescent for several weeks more.

SOLOMON LONDON, BRITISH JEW ACTIVE IN EDUCATION, DIES AT 73

LONDON, Feb. 23: (JTA) -- Solomon London, a prominent leader of British Jewry, died here today at the age of 73. Active in a number of charitable organizations, Mr. London was treasurer of the London Board of Jewish Religious Education, and treasurer of the World Hebrew Union in Britain.

DR. WISE EXPLAINS HIS RESIGNATION AS TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

TEL AVIV, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. George Wise, who resigned Monday as president of Tel Aviv University in a policy dispute with rector Ben Zion Katz, left today for a two-week visit to the United States, insisting his resignation was final.

Prof. Katz said he had no plans to resign but refused any comment on the resignations of Dr. Wise and other high university officials. Dr. Wise confirmed reports that Premier Levi Eshkol and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir sought to persuade him to stay. It was understood also that Tel Aviv's Mayor Mordechai Namir, who is chairman of the university executive board, hoped to work out a compromise to the dispute which would enable Dr. Wise to remain president.

Dr. Wise said of the dispute: "Whenever I had to leave Israel on official business, I returned to face a fait accompli in decisions taken by Dr. Katz during my absence in contradiction to my policies." Dr. Katz reportedly favors a small-size university devoted to academic pursuits, while Dr. Wise has sought to expand the university and diversify its faculties.

ISRAEL AND JEWISH AGENCY TO EXPAND ACTIVITIES IN COMMUNITIES ABROAD

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The activities of the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency in Jewish communities outside of Israel will be overhauled, modernized and expanded, Haim Yahil, head of the Israel Foundation for Cultural Relations in World Jewry, announced yesterday.

He said that such efforts have been concentrated on emergency areas and geared to the needs of the pre-state period. Top priorities in such efforts, he declared, have now been assigned to work among intellectuals and college students. He estimated that the total of such Jews in the United States alone was around 300,000.

Mr. Yahil said that the best method of enlisting their interest in Jewish affairs was to attract them to visit Israel. For that objective, he said, the Foundation and the Hebrew University were setting up committees to increase the number of Jewish students coming to Israel.

He reported that the Foundation had decided to abolish the criterion of party membership as a key for selecting emissaries to visit Jewish communities abroad. To expand the program of contact with Jewish intellectuals, he said, the Foreign Ministry has decided to station four additional cultural attaches abroad. These will be sent to Chicago, Los Angeles and Philadelphia; while a second cultural attache will be assigned to Paris.

ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE TO BE HELD THIS YEAR IN HAIFA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The Parliamentary Foreign and Security Affairs Committee approved yesterday the Government's decision to hold this year's Independence Day parade in Haifa, after the matter was debated in the Knesset.

The issue was referred to the committee after a motion opposing the Haifa site decision was submitted by former Premier David Ben-Gurion's Israel Workers Party (Rafi), and the Gahal Herut-Liberal Alignment. The two opposition parties severely criticized the decision at a plenary session of Parliament last week.

AHARON BECKER CONFIRMED AS CHAIRMAN OF HISTADRUT HOLDING COMPANY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- The executive of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, confirmed today the composition of the new secretariat of Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company. Histadrut secretary-general Aharon Becker was again confirmed as chairman. Asher Yadlin of Mapai was named secretary, and Berl Repetur was chosen as Yadlin's deputy.

DUTCH MULL EXTRADITION OF EX-NAZI OFFICER CHARGED WITH KILLING JEWS

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Baron Andres von Koskull, 59, has been arrested and is being held in Haarlem prison awaiting a decision by the Dutch Government on a request from the West German Government for his extradition to face a Nazi war crimes trial, officials here said today.

Von Koskull, an officer in the Nazi army during the Second World War, is under indictment in Germany, charged with murdering many Jews in southern Russia during the war. He was arrested yesterday in Curacao after arriving there on an Italian steamer. He was flown to Schiphol Airport and taken to prison by Dutch police.

A. ARNOLD VAS DIAS, PROMINENT DUTCH JEWISH JOURNALIST, DEAD AT 75

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- A. Arnold Vas Dias, well-known Dutch journalist and a member of a prominent Dutch Jewish family, died in Florida Monday, it was learned here today. Mr. Vas Dias, who was 75, covered the United Nations for the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant.

GOLDSMITH QUILTS TOP JOB AT CHICAGO FEDERATION; JAMES RICE SUCCESSOR

CHICAGO, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Samuel A. Goldsmith, for 36 years executive head of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, the Jewish Welfare Fund and the Combined Jewish Appeal, will retire on July 1, it was disclosed today. A joint statement by A. D. Davis, president of the Federation, and Morris Glasser, president of the Welfare Fund, announced the designation of James P. Rice, of New York, as executive director of the two agencies.

Mr. Goldsmith, active in the social welfare field for more than 52 years, attained national prominence and has been a key figure in the community service field in Chicago as an organizer of the Community Fund, a member of the Chicago Board of Health, vice-chairman and acting chairman of the Illinois Public Aid Commission, and in other public bodies. During World War II, he served in the Allied Military Government and at Allied Force Headquarters in the Mediterranean, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Mr. Rice, executive director of the United Hias Service since 1956, has had more than 30 years experience in the social welfare field, including 11 years in various capacities directing relief, rehabilitation and resettlement activities of the Joint Distribution Committee overseas. He is a member of the governing board of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies in Geneva, and an officer of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service and the American Immigration and Citizenship Conference.

The Chicago Jewish community is one of the largest in the world, and the Jewish Federation and its institutions have a budget of \$38,500,000 for 1966. Since its establishment by Mr. Goldsmith in 1936, the Jewish Welfare Fund and, subsequently, the Combined Jewish Appeal, have raised in excess of \$138,000,000 in addition to the operating and building funds raised by the Jewish Federation.

Jacobson Succeeds Rice as Executive Director of United Hias

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Appointment of Gaynor Jacobson, director of United Hias Activities in Europe, North Africa and Latin America, as executive director of United Hias Service, was announced today by Murray I. Gurfein, United Hias president. Mr. Jacobson will succeed James P. Rice, who resigned to assume the executive directorship of the Jewish Federation and Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago.

Mr. Jacobson will be succeeded as United Hias director for Europe and North Africa by Henry Levy, an expert in the rehabilitation and resettlement of refugees, who worked with the Joint Distribution Committee for more than 20 years.

Mr. Gurfein said United Hias had accepted Mr. Rice's resignation "with great regret," pointing out that he had "skillfully guided the operations of our agency during the past decade. We shall miss him, his leadership and his wise counsel." Mr. Gurfein noted that Mr. Jacobson had been with United Hias for 13 years, and was "a recognized migration and resettlement leader who, as executive director, will make a positive contribution to the work of our agency."

ZENA HARMAN GIVES UP UNICEF CHAIRMANSHIP; ELECTED TO NEW POST

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Mrs. Zena Harman, of Israel, completing two years as chairman of the executive board of the United Nations Children's Fund, has stepped down from that office due to the fact that the UNICEF constitution provides that no chairman can serve more than two years.

The executive board at its annual session here elected Joseph W. Willard of Canada as her successor. The 30-member board elected Mrs. Harman once again to membership on UNICEF's program committee, the body that plans UNICEF's activities in virtually every country around the world. Before her election to the executive board in 1964, Mrs. Harman was a member of the program committee for many years and served that group as chairman several times. In private life, Mrs. Harman is the wife of Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Avraham Harman.

FILM CRITICS HAIL 'THE LAST CHAPTER,' DOCUMENTARY ON POLISH JEWRY

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. (JTA) -- Film critics hailed the opening at the Cameo Theater here yesterday of "The Last Chapter," a documentary film on the life and culture of Polish Jewry during the 1,000 years of its existence, which was culminated by the Nazi mass murders of the Second World War.

Sponsored by the American Jewish Congress, the film, produced and directed by Benjamin and Lawrence Rothman, and written by S.L. Schneiderman, depicts the history of Polish Jewry from the Middle Ages and the Renaissance through the 20th century and the Nazi holocaust. The material includes old pictures of statues, paintings and tapestries as well as films of hospitals, schools, synagogues, markets and homes along with scenes of people at work and play. Also vividly described are the contributions of Jewish scientists, teachers, artists and writers including Sholem Aleichem, I.L. Peretz and Marc Chagall.