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SECRETARY RUSK MAY DISCUSS NUCLEAR DESALINATION ON VISIT TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk may discuss American-Egyptian cooperation on Egypt's nuclear desalination program on his forthcoming visit to Egypt, it was indicated today by State Department sources.

The Department, meanwhile, said it could neither confirm nor deny reports that Egypt has embarked on nuclear desalination and that the United States might assist. However, it was learned U. S. Department of Interior experts and other American nuclear development authorities went to Egypt over a year ago, accompanied by an observer from the International Atomic Energy Agency. They reviewed plans and advised the Egyptian Government on a dual purpose electricity and desalting plant powered by nuclear energy.

Egypt subsequently is believed to have had a British feasibility study made, and asked various countries to offer bids on building the plant.

However, while the Department declined official comment on Egypt, an official spokesman said: "It has been generally understood that any U. S. participation in such an (Israeli) project would be accompanied by IAEA safeguards." Officials also said they could not deny reports that America has decided to link any loan to Israel for the nuclear desalting project with agreement by Israel to desist from development of a nuclear weapons potentiality.

The United States will review "in detail" the recommendations of the study made in Israel on the feasibility of building a nuclear desalting plant there. But it was made clear that loans to implement the recommendations would depend upon Israeli nonproliferation commitments.

It is assumed that any aid to Egypt on nuclear development would also be linked to IAEA safeguards, although Department officials made plain that they stressed the need for an Israeli nonproliferation undertaking because Israel is regarded nearer to a military nuclear potentiality.

(The New York Times reported today from Cairo that the United States has under consideration a plan to help both the United Arab Republic and Israel build atomic reactors for desalting sea water as a means of heading off a nuclear arms race in the Middle East. "Under the plan, not yet approved in Washington, the United States would offer sizable financial assistance for reactors to both countries in return for their acceptance of full inspection of all their atomic activities by the International Atomic Energy Agency," the report said.)

VOLUNTARY REDUCTIONS IN WAGES MOUNT IN ISRAEL TO COMBAT INFLATION

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28; (JTA) -- In the face of rising prices and continuing fears of possible inflation, more and more Israelis today were volunteering to have their incomes reduced as a possible deterrent against the burgeoning inflationary cycle.

Even as more price hikes were in the offing today, with the costs of telephone service and postal rates about to double, hundreds of Israelis, individuals as well as workers' committees in various enterprises, sent telegrams and letters to the Prime Minister's office, or telephoned to announce voluntary cuts. Israelis joined the popular movement by offering to renounce pay increases, give up part of their cost-of-living allowances, waive retroactive wage increases and even voluntarily take reductions in pension payments.

The latest development in the trend toward a higher cost of living was the adoption by a subcommittee of the finance committee of the Knesset (Parliament) today of a proposal to increase telephone and postal rates. The full finance committee is scheduled to meet on the issue tomorrow, to approve the subcommittee's recommendations and to set a date for the new charges to take effect.

The Government's Central Statistical Office made public today data showing that, during 1965, salaries and wages had increased by an average of 18 percent. In some sectors of the economy, such as employment in the transport industry, wages had gone up by

21 percent. At the same time, however, the report showed, Israeli industrial production has continued to rise in the last few months, going up by well over 3 percent, while the number of work days in industry remained constant.

Farmers Urged to Hold Price Line on Agricultural Products

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol called on Israel's farmers last night to hold the price line for agricultural products. Addressing 500 delegates to the 10th conference of the Histadrut Agricultural Center, he appealed for "return to the pioneering spirit and the dedication of 40 and 50 years ago."

Conceding that the economic situation has not given reason for "a festive mood," Mr. Eshkol said: "The time has come to stop patting ourselves on our backs and to face hard facts. Israel can no longer be dependent on others -- not only because others do not want to help us any more but also because this is the way it should be." He reiterated his call on the Israeli farmers to maintain price stability and told the agricultural delegates: "I know that some of you will ask: What about industry? Do not worry. I will get around to industry too."

Meanwhile, however, one group of workers -- those employed in the restaurant in the Knesset building -- went on a warning strike today, demanding pay increases. The workers requested that the concessionaire conducting the restaurant bring their pay up to the wages paid other employees in the building. They rejected an offer by the concessionaire to bring their pay up to that paid by other restaurants in Jerusalem, insisting that those wage scales are inadequate.

HILLEL LEADER DEBUNKS BLAME OF COLLEGE ENVIRONMENT FOR INTERMARRIAGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation's annual national commissioners' meeting today heard a report disputing contentions that a college environment creates a predisposition to intermarriage among Jews.

A Hillel analysis said: "The Jewish community deceives itself if it singles out the college campus as the focus of the problem." The analysis questioned conclusions on the extent of intermarriage among college-educated Jews reported in recent studies. Dr. Alfred Jospe, Hillel's director of program and resources, debunked studies which alleged that college attendance tended to raise levels of intermarriage.

Dr. Jospe said that "the process of a Jewish youth's retention or alienation from his faith starts long before he is ready for college -- in the home, in school, in synagogue, in the presence or absence of a meaningful Jewish experience in the milieu from which he emerges. The college experience may fortify or modify a young person's attitudes in this regard, but it doesn't create them."

"All that can be reasonably said," Rabbi Jospe declared, "is that, inasmuch as 80 percent of the third generation of Jews are college students, it is inevitable that a high proportion are found among the 17.9 percent of the third generation who are intermarried."

Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, former national Hillel director, said a "disproportionately high" number of Jewish students is engaged in civil rights and other social action movements, but most are unaffiliated with synagogues or institutional Jewish life. He said they are motivated by Jewish values of compassion and commitment to freedom, although they are more often unaware of the Jewish component in their own actions.

He said many such Jewish youth "are scornful of the innocuous and vapid institutionalism they knew in their home communities. The tragedy is sharpened by the fact that they are among our most precious young people, sensitive to human values."

The rabbi stressed that "when they do encounter a Jewish institution actively engaged in the battle for human rights or national integrity, they are heartened and sometimes move to reexamine their preconceptions about Jewish life."

U.S. RABBIS NOT WANTED IN GERMANY BY JEWISH-CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION

FRANKFURT, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Rabbi Peter Levinson, of Heidelberg, co-chairman of the Society for Jewish-Christian Cooperation in Germany, announced today that both Jews and Catholics who are members of the society oppose plans announced by Reform rabbis in the United States to come to this country to lecture the Germans about German Jewry and about the anti-Semitism of the Nazi era.

Naming Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Rabbi Levinson said: "The rabbis have an incorrect picture, thinking that insufficient information is available. Rabbi Eisendrath has announced that, in West Germany, people no longer accept the truth of the Nazi persecutions. Actually there is no lack of information in Germany. All German universities have one lecture chair devoted to Jewry, and there are available large numbers of authoritative books to which all in Germany have access."

ISRAELI EX-PILOT CRASH-LANDS IN EGYPT; WAS BENT ON 'PRIVATE PEACE FLIGHT'

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- An Israeli restaurant owner, Abraham Nathan, of Tel Aviv, flew to Egypt today aboard a 40-year old biplane which he named "Shalom," bent on what he called "a peace mission" designed to convince Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser that peace talks should be held between Egypt and Israel.

(Three hours after Nathan's take-off, press dispatches reported from Port Said that, having run out of fuel, Nathan crash-landed near the Port Said Airport. There, the dispatches stated, he was met by Port Said Governor Mohamed Saef Talal, who said he would turn the Israeli over to Government authorities in Cairo. Nathan was reportedly uninjured in the crash landing. Later he was ordered deported from Egypt.)

Nathan, who is 38, was born in Persia. He had been a pilot in the British Royal Air Force and later flew for the El Al Israel Air Lines. In last November's general elections in Israel, he ran as an independent candidate for the Knesset (Parliament), promising that, if elected, he would fly to Cairo to request Nasser to open peace talks with Israel. He was badly beaten in the election campaign.

Several weeks ago, Nathan announced that he was seeking signatures from Israelis to back his peace appeal. He said that if he received 100,000 signatures by March 8, he would attempt his peace mission.

This morning, Nathan arrived at the small Israeli airport near Herzliya where he had parked his two-seater steerman aircraft. He told newsmen, some of whom had accompanied him to the airport, that he had received 70,000 signatures to his peace petition from Israelis, and that he had also received letters approving his campaign from various outstanding world personalities, including Lord Bertrand Russell of Britain and Premier Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya.

Obtains Clearance in Israel for a Four-Hour 'Training Flight'

At the airport, Nathan requested and obtained clearance for what he called a "training flight." He said he had sufficient fuel to last him four hours. He issued a statement to Nasser, declaring that he was unarmed and did not even carry a radio in his plane, as a sign of peaceful intentions. In his appeal to Nasser, he stated: "Please ensure my safe landing at Port Said."

He told newsmen at the airport that he had left a will with his attorney in Tel Aviv, to make sure that payments due for the airplane are met, and that he had also willed some paintings that he owns to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. "I have a clear plan," he stated, "for bringing peace between Israel and the Arabs. All that has to be done is to open negotiations. The rest should be left to the leaders of the different countries."

As Nathan's small plane took off in a general southerly direction, Israeli fighter planes took to the air and followed him a short distance, but did not try to force him down. His announced peace mission to Nasser had not been given much credence in Israel until he actually flew off toward Port Said.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR EXPECTS TALKS ON AID TO ISRAEL TO END SUCCESSFULLY

BONN, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Chancellor Ludwig Erhard told a press conference here that while he still planned to meet with Premier Eshkol of Israel, he now felt that such a meeting should wait until the current West German-Israel economic talks are completed.

The much-deferred talks on aid to Israel, promised last spring during negotiations which resulted in an exchange of diplomatic recognition, began last Wednesday and Thursday and then were postponed briefly for a third session this week.

The Chancellor was asked about his statement to a press conference several months ago that he hoped to meet with Premier Eshkol shortly. He replied that he thought the first thing was to bring the current talks to a successful conclusion. He added he was just as ready to meet with Premier Eshkol as he was some time ago. In response to another question, the Chancellor said the West German-Israeli talks were being conducted in "a good atmosphere" and could be expected to end in success.

He was asked by an Arab correspondent whether he thought the initiative for re-establishment of West German-Arab relations had to come from the Arabs. He replied that he considered relations with the Arab world unsatisfactory and that he would welcome a resumption of traditional West German-Arab ties. Ten of the 13 Arab League nations reduced or broke off relations with West Germany after it extended recognition to Israel.

Dr. Erhard emphasized that the diplomatic ties with Israel were not intended to be an action against the Arab world. He also said that the initiative for resumption of West German-Arab ties had to come from those nations which broke with his Government. He added that if such relations were resumed, they must not be considered a step against Israel.

1,000 MARCH IN BROOKLYN IN PROTEST AGAINST SOVIET POLICY ON JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, said here last night that public protests are the only effective method of publicizing the anti-Jewish conditions in the Soviet Union. Addressing a rally of some 800 persons in Brooklyn protesting anti-Semitism in the USSR, Rep. Celler urged the participants to continue their efforts, hoping that the Soviet Government's "new sensitivity to public opinion" would bring reforms.

Before the rally, nearly 1,000 persons took part in a protest march for Soviet Jewry. Participating in the march were delegations from the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jewish War Veterans and other community groups.

40 TOMBSTONES DAMAGED IN MUNICH JEWISH CEMETERY; JEWS VOICE CHARGES

MUNICH, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Unidentified vandals uprooted and damaged about 40 tombstones in the 150-year-old Jewish Cemetery in Munich during the weekend and police said that the desecrations were committed by drunken revelers at the height of the current Fasching (carnival) season.

However, Dr. Hendrick Van Dam, general secretary of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, charged today that the vandalism had obviously been done with "calculated malice." He added that the crime was "not to be wondered at" in view of the anti-Semitic headlines constantly on display in the right-wing newspapers widely displayed on West German newstands.

A special Munich police commission began a search for the vandals, who were believed to be 18 to 20 years old. A reward of 3,000 marks (\$750) has been offered for their apprehension. Munich Mayor Hans Jochern Vogel visited the cemetery yesterday and expressed his condolences to Munich's Jewish community. The city government debated whether to publicize the desecration and finally allowed photographers and newsmen to enter the vandalized cemetery yesterday.

ADDRESS BY GERMAN ARMY OFFICER CANCELED IN WINNIPEG AT JEWISH REQUESTS

WINNIPEG, Feb. 28. (JTA)-- A scheduled address before the German Association Club by a West German army officer and former member of the Nazi Wehrmacht, currently stationed with a NATO contingent at Camp Shilo near here, has been canceled after the Canadian Jewish Congress and other Jewish groups protested the appearance.

In a statement issued here, the Canadian Jewish Congress said that the planned appearance by the officer, Lt. Col. Wilhelm Mundt, would be an "affront to the survivors of Nazism in our midst and to many other people."

A similar protest was voiced by the United Jewish People's Order's Winnipeg Branch which declared in a letter to National Defense Minister Paul Hellyer that Mundt's appearance would be "an abuse of the democratic way of life for which thousands of Canadians gave their lives in World War II against Nazi Germany and contempt for many families of the victims."

HISTADRUT 'MEDAL OF HONOR' PRESENTED TO TOP NEGRO U.S. OFFICIAL

BOSTON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Attorney General Edward W. Brooke, highest ranking elected Negro official in the United States, was honored last night by a thousand civic, political and business leaders at a banquet tendered by the Greater Boston Histadrut Committee. Dr. Sol Stein, executive director of the National Committee for Labor Israel, presented to Mr. Brooke a special "Medal of Honor" in recognition of his outstanding leadership in the struggle for Negro rights in this country and his support of the cause of Israel.

In accepting the medal, Mr. Brooke hailed the role of Histadrut as a democratic force that shaped the destiny of Israel and had a universal appeal to all liberty-loving mankind. Israel Consul General Michael Arnon brought the greetings of the government of Israel. He stressed the significance of vocational training in his country's efforts to close the gap between the diverse elements in its population and in strengthening the economic foundations of Israel.

HAIFA COURT ORDERS ISRAELI TO RETURN HIS TWO BOYS TO CATHOLIC WIFE

HAIFA, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- An American Jew, who brought his two older sons to Israel and converted them to Judaism without the knowledge of his Catholic wife, was ordered by a Haifa District Court today to return the boys to their mother.

In handing down the ruling, the Court explained that primary concern was the children's welfare and the respect for the laws of friendly countries. The court decided that the United States courts should decide what the children's best interests are in the case.