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U. S. URGED IN SENATE TO INVOLVE RUSSIA IN TALKS ON MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, March 10; (JTA) -- Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, declared in the Senate today that the time had come "to launch a major international effort to consolidate the shaky Middle East peace and remove a possible source of conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union." He said the United States should take the lead in such an effort.

The Senator made the statement in a Senate speech in which he proposed that the United States "invite the Soviet Union to a conference for the purpose of ending shipments of arms and materials of war to the Middle East." He warned that the arms race involved not only the Arab states and Israel but also the many disputes among the Arab states.

He also declared that all possible steps should be taken to promote an understanding between the Arab states and Israel. He proposed the use of "all diplomatic channels open to us to urge the convening of a conference of all nations of the Middle East and all other nations with vital interests in this region in the quest of peace and to make practical plans for the development of the entire region."

The Senator also took a stand of opposition to reported United States plans to end favored nation treatment of Israel for economic aid on grounds that Israel could no longer be considered an underdeveloped country.

The Senator said that the "present lull" in actual hostilities in the Middle East was "deceptive." He called the Middle East "still a smoldering fire which can be whipped into a disastrous conflagration by any of the winds of discontent which continually sweep the area;" He asserted that the fuel for such an outbreak was the continued supply of arms to the area and "the ambitions" of Egyptian President Nasser.

Sen. Javits Cites Tashkent; Sees Potentials for Arab-Israel Talks

Asserting that the "potentials for peace" were equally present with the "prospects of a devastating war," Sen. Javits told the Senate that "the world climate favors negotiations as a solution to international problems." He cited the cease-fire worked out at Tashkent between India and Pakistan with Soviet mediation and the statement in Kuwait by visiting Hungarian Premier Gulya Kallai in favor of Arab-Israeli negotiations; A similar effort, he said, could and should be made in the Middle East. "The United States," he stated, "should now plainly and strongly indicate its willingness to pursue such an effort and make every endeavor to persuade the Soviets to join."

Citing the United States-British-French tripartite declaration of 1950, guaranteeing the Arab-Israel armistice lines, Sen. Javits said that there had been a "most significant change" in the status quo since then. "In 1950 the world did not have to contend with a significant Soviet presence in the Middle East" but at the present time, the Soviets were firmly established in the Middle East "principally through their trade in the goods of war." He cited estimates that the Soviet Union had sent more than \$1,000,000,000 worth of arms to Arab countries during the past decade.

Calls for "Persistent" Efforts by the U. S. for Middle East Peace

The Senator said that a "major criticism" of the Administration "has been its reluctance to be persuasive with the Arabs to come to the peace table." He ascribed this to "a fear that the Arabs would resent such pressure;" But, as West Germany demonstrated just last year, such fears rest on weak foundations, he pointed out. He cited the fact that West Germany had recognized Israel despite Arab threats and that now West German relations with the Arab world "remain strong" and Arab-West German trade "is growing rather than diminishing."

"Persistent and continuing efforts by the United States for a Middle East peace are vital, for such continuing efforts are needed to build up public opinion -- in the Middle East itself as well as in the West and East -- which will rise in support of finally laying to rest the threat of war in the Middle East," he stated. Admitting that "an effective

resolution" to the Middle East conflict "cannot be brought about overnight or through one single dramatic effort" and that the climate "must be carefully created and world opinion mustered in support," the Senator declared; "The United States must lead the way; especially since the United States missed its opportunity when it failed to support the United Nations effort of 16 African and Latin American nations in January 1962 to bring the Middle East dispute to the conference table."

Stresses Israel Still Needs American Economic Assistance

He noted that the United States had made arms available to Israel recently to offset the continuing flow of Soviet weapons to the Arabs but, he added, for Israel the needed defense expenditures were "an enormous drain on its overstrained economy and a drag on its development."

He then referred to reports that because Israel had developed economically, the United States was considering cuts in economic aid. The Senator said that among the factors cited in support of such cuts was the fact that Israel's hard currency reserves now approximated \$700,000,000. He pointed out, however, that Israel's reserves were not accumulated from any favorable balance in its international trade.

"These reserves stem from the sale of bonds, which must be repaid, from West German restitution and reparations, which are coming to an end, and from United States Government economic help which has been much reduced," he pointed out. He also cited Israel's foreign currency debt of some \$1,200,000,000, "the highest per capita foreign currency debt in the world" for which Israel must accumulate reserves. He said such factors "argue forcefully for the continuation of U. S. economic aid."

DE GAULLE TO SEEK SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN PACT ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE

JERUSALEM, March 10. (JTA) -- France is planning to involve the Soviet Union directly in a proposed four-power agreement for the guarantee of Middle East peace and stability, the Israeli press reported here today. The French Government, it was reported, intends to raise that subject soon, when President Charles de Gaulle visits Moscow.

According to the press here, Foreign Minister Abba Eban discussed the possibility of Franco-Soviet talks on the subject when he was in Paris recently, conferring with French leaders, including Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville.

France, the United States and Britain are already partners in a tripartite declaration on the guarantee of the Arab and Israel borders, issued in 1950. The Israel Government is reported believing that the expansion of the 1950 Big Power attitude to include the Soviet Union could be a powerful factor in stabilizing the Middle East situation, leading ultimately to peace between Israel and the Arab states.

ISRAEL REFUGES ENTRY TO ALGERIAN WHO CAME TO DEFEND ARAB TERRORIST

TEL AVIV, March 10. (JTA) -- An Algerian attorney who came to Israel determined to appear at the trial of an Arab terrorist was flown out of Israel today on the same airliner which brought him to Israel last night.

An Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman said that Jacques Verges could not be considered as having been expelled because he had never entered Israel "officially." The spokesman added that all French subjects must obtain a visa on arrival and that the attorney was not granted one when he arrived on a flight from Zurich.

The attorney, a bitter critic of Israel, had indicated previously he wanted to serve as defense counsel for Mahmoud Hejazi, an Arab infiltrator who was captured in a clash with an Israeli patrol in January 1965. Hejazi was sentenced to death by a military tribunal but received a new trial on grounds he had not been allowed a free choice of attorneys. He was given a court-appointed attorney. However, he declined to cooperate with him and said he would conduct his own defense.

When M. Verges arrived last night, he was met by police officials who told him he would not be allowed to enter Israel and that he would have to leave as soon as he finished his evening meal. After he ate his dinner, he was taken to a room in the airport building where a bed had been prepared for him. He remained there under guard until the airliner prepared to depart. He was then placed on the airliner.

The Algerian attorney had been declared "undesirable" and was barred from entering Israel for repeated public statements that Israel had no right to exist and for publicly vilifying Israel's legal institutions, according to the Foreign Ministry spokesman. The spokesman said that the action taken against the attorney was in accordance with a paragraph of Israel's Law of Entry which provides that the Interior Minister may order removal of any person who enters Israel and is found not entitled to do so. Such a person may be held by order of the airport control officer pending departure from Israel;

JEWES IN RUMANIA FACE NO RELIGIOUS PROBLEMS, CHIEF RABBI REPORTS

LONDON, March 10, (JTA) -- Dr. Moses Rosen, Chief Rabbi of Rumania, who arrived here for a brief visit to London, said today that there were no religious problems facing the Jews of Rumania. He reported that there were now 100,000 Jews in the country living in 72 communities.

In the capital city of Bucharest, he noted, there were 24 synagogues where services take place morning and evening as well as on sabbaths and holidays. Jewish education, he said, is provided in supplementary Jewish schools after the normal school hours.

Kosher meat, Dr. Rosen said, is sold in the state shops where a supervisor of kashrut is maintained by the Jewish community. A newspaper, the Jewish Journal, edited by Dr. Rosen himself, is published in Hebrew, Yiddish and Rumanian with its entire 7,000 circulation sold out.

Noting that an extensive rebuilding program was underway which affected many of the country's synagogues, Dr. Rosen said that no synagogue is demolished without the Chief Rabbi's consent and that he gave such consent only when a new synagogue facility was provided. In cases where there were no Jews left in a particular area, Dr. Rosen said that he permits the demolition of the synagogue but not its conversion to other purposes.

RABBI ABSENT AT WEDDING OF PRINCESS OF THE NETHERLANDS TO EX-NAZI

AMSTERDAM, March 10, (JTA) -- Leading rabbis, invited to attend today's wedding ceremony of Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands to Claus von Amsberg, a German commoner who was a member of the Hitler Youth in Nazi Germany and served with the German Army in World War II, refused the invitation and were absent today from the ceremony.

The Jewish community refrained from protesting the wedding which was widely and sharply criticized in the Netherlands. Some 250,000 Dutchmen, including 165,000 Jews were killed by the Nazis, many of them in Nazi extermination camps. Demonstrators opposed to the German consort clashed with police. The first demonstration today took place at a memorial to Dutch victims of Nazism in the Jewish district of Amsterdam where more than 1,000 students assembled.

Amsterdam police were refused permission to use the Anne Frank House today as a canteen in connection with their duties for the wedding. The request to use the Anne Frank House was rejected on grounds that a memorial to a Jewish girl who was murdered with other members of the family by the Nazis should not be used as a police post, whatever the occasion.

GERMAN ARMAMENT FIRM VOTES TO REJECT CLAIMS OF FORMER SLAVE LABORERS

NEW YORK, March 10, (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith revealed today that the Rheinmetall Company, a German armaments producer under consideration by the Pentagon to share in a \$70,000,000 gun contract, had sent "feelers" offering to settle claims made against it by former slave laborers of the Nazi era.

But the company later acted to reaffirm its continued refusal to negotiate a compensation settlement for some 1,000 persons, many of them now American citizens, who are the survivors among concentration camp inmates hired by Rheinmetall from the Nazi SS for forced labor.

Dr. William A. Wexler, president of B'nai B'rith, reported these facts to the executive committee of the B'nai B'rith International Council during its meeting here. He said that overtures for a settlement had been received by the Jewish service organization shortly after it had publicly protested last month to the State and Defense Departments, opposing a prospective contract in which Rheinmetall would participate in the manufacture of 20-mm machine guns for purchase by the Army.

But on March 1, Dr. Wexler added, Rheinmetall's directors, meeting at the company's headquarters in Dusseldorf, again voted to reject any financial responsibility for wartime use of slave labor in its plants. B'nai B'rith last week repeated to the State Department and the Pentagon its "serious objection to any action by our Government that might reward an industrial organization unwilling to adhere to a well-established principle of human rights."

JOHNSON URGED TO RETAIN BUREAU WHICH WAS HEADED BY ABBA SCHWARTZ

NEW YORK, March 10, (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today urged President Johnson to move to retain the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs within the State Department under the direction of Abba P. Schwartz. The Bureau has been abolished under a reorganization plan. A national furor has resulted. Mr. Schwartz resigned earlier this week, and his resignation has been accepted by President Johnson.

POPE PIUS DOCUMENTS HELD TO SHOW THAT HE AIDED JEWS AND ANTI-NAZIS

ROME, March 10. (JTA) -- The book published last weekend by the Vatican, disclosing much of the wartime correspondence between the late Pope Pius XII and German bishops, refutes completely the "slanders and libels" leveled against Pius and his alleged silence in the face of Hitler's program to annihilate the Jews of Europe, it was stated here today by Corriere della Sera, Italy's leading newspaper.

A lengthy article in the newspaper, by a noted columnist, Augusto Guerriere, analyzed the 650-page book of papal documents, and concluded that the charges against Pius made by the German playwright, Rolf Hochhuth, in his controversial play, "The Deputy," have now been answered. The writer contended that the papal data showed conclusively that Hochhuth "falsified history," and that Pope Pius had given help, morally and economically, to Jews and Catholics who defied Nazism.

Other analyses here today took the same point of view. It was noted that Pope Pius had encouraged, stimulated and applauded German bishops who had spoken out against Hitler. It was also emphasized that the published volume shows that Pope Pius had not, as some reports stated, "welcomed" Hitler's attack against Russia as a crusade against world Communism.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL TO CONDUCT NUTRITION RESEARCH IN ISRAEL

BOSTON, March 10. (JTA) -- The department of nutrition of the Harvard University School of Public Health has established a program for research and teaching in Israel, jointly with the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem, it was announced here today. The announcement was made by Dr. Nicholas H. Daggy, assistant dean for international programs on the Harvard side, and Dr. L. Halpern, dean of Medicine of the school of Jerusalem.

The program, to be financed initially through unexpanded income from the Julian Mack Fund established at Harvard in 1958, envisages the establishment in Israel of a Center for Food and Health to be concerned with basic and applied research in food, nutrition, and the health and well-being of man. In addition, the center will consider the establishment of a teaching program in its field for students from Africa.

Israeli scientists to be directly involved in the project will include Dr. Karl Gugenheim, professor of nutrition; Dr. A. Schwartz, associate professor of Roentgenology; and Dr. I. Menczel, senior lecturer in medicine, all of the Hebrew University-Hadassah institution in Jerusalem. Dr. A. Reshef, head of the nutrition department of the Israel Ministry of Health, will be the coordinator of the program in Israel.

ROCKWELL APPEARS IN NEW YORK COURT; CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- George Rockwell, head of the American Nazi Party, appeared in Criminal Court here today on disorderly conduct charges stemming from a scuffle between him and a number of enraged Jewish spectators in the Supreme Court building here in 1960.

The Nazi received a postponement to March 30 and his \$100 bail was continued. Marvin Berger, a Jewish attorney who volunteered his services to Rockwell, obtained the postponement after Rockwell was arrested last month when he came to New York to address a rally at Columbia University. He was seized on the 1960 warrant before he could make his scheduled address.

WINNIPEG 'JEWISH POST' GREETED BY GOVERNMENT ON 40th ANNIVERSARY

WINNIPEG, March 10. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Canadian Government, headed by the Prime Minister, as well as leaders of the Canadian Jewish community, headed by Michael Garber, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, joined many others in congratulating The Jewish Post, a local Jewish weekly, on the newspaper's celebration of the 40th anniversary of its establishment.

Other greetings included messages from Ambassador Gershon Avner, Israel's envoy to Ottawa, and Charles E. Dojack, president of the Canada Ethnic Press Federation. Dr. Rupert Shriar is editor of the Jewish Post. The paper celebrated its anniversary this week with the publication of a special, 65-page edition.

10,000 YOUTHS TO PARTICIPATE IN 'YOUTH SALUTE TO ISRAEL' IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- A colorful Youth Salute to Israel in which more than 10,000 young people will participate in a parade on Fifth Avenue here will be held this year on Sunday, May 8, in a community-wide celebration to commemorate Israel's 18th anniversary, it was announced at a special press conference here today. Israel observes its anniversary April 25.