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KING FAISAL ATTACKS JEWS IN WASHINGTON; EMBARRASSES U.S. OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, June 22. (JTA) -- U.S. officials, hosts to King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, were surprised and embarrassed today by sweeping, high-pitched, and bitter anti-Jewish remarks by the king.

King Faisal's remarks came in response to questions addressed to him at a luncheon tendered in his honor by the Washington press corps. Defending the Arab boycott of U.S. firms trading with Israel, the king accounted for his stand by stating that "the Jews throughout the world support Israel." He added: "We consider those who provide assistance to our enemy as our own enemy."

While he assailed Israel and world Jewry, the king was mild in his references to Egypt. He bristled when a reporter asked whether Saudi Arabia considered Egypt or Israel a greater enemy. He replied: "I regret deeply this question. It is (based on a premise) very much contrary to truth." He described Egypt as a "sister country" and the Egyptians as "our brethren." He stressed that, despite differences between Saudi Arabians and Egyptians, "they remain our brethren."

But his answers to questions pertaining to Israel lacked the restraint exhibited on the Egyptian issue. He said of Israel: "I would like to dwell on this point." He said an impression of unreasonable Arab hostility against Israel was "spread around by Jewish propaganda." He asserted that "it has never been our aim to exterminate Israel and throw it into the sea." He then gave his interpretation of Israel's emergence. He said that Jews were always recognized as co-citizens of Arabs in Palestine, but "Zionist aggression occupied the country, threw out the (Arab) people, many became refugees. Jews from outside came into the country. Jews from outside are aliens. By aggression they have taken over the land."

The king said "the Jews" had been guilty of "violation of every human right" of the Arabs and had denied the Arabs "the right of a person to his own home." The intensity of King Faisal's anti-Jewish outburst shocked Washington officials. One highly-placed official attending the luncheon voiced private regret that the king had spoken so immoderately and undiplomatically at a time when President Johnson was seeking to improve Saudi Arabia's image among the American people. The thrust of the king's outburst appeared more anti-Jewish than anti-Israel, although he said at another point that Saudi Arabia had "no aggressive intentions against any country or any religion."

ISRAEL PRESIDENT HONORED IN URUGUAY; CABINET HOLDS SPECIAL SESSION

MONTEVIDEO, June 22. (JTA) -- "Lasting friendship" between Uruguay and Israel was pledged here today by Uruguayan President Alberto Heber at a special meeting of the Cabinet, held in honor of Israel's President Zalman Shazar.

The Israeli President arrived here yesterday on the first leg of a six-week Latin American tour that will include state visits to Argentina, Chile and Brazil. Mr. Shazar's tour of Latin America is scheduled to be followed by visits to Washington and New York, where he will meet President Lyndon B. Johnson and United Nations Secretary-General U Thant.

At the extraordinary session of the Cabinet today, President Heber also announced that, tomorrow, he and President Shazar will sign an Israeli-Uruguayan agreement for the sharing of knowledge concerning the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes. Addressing the special meeting of the Cabinet, President Heber said: "Friendship between our two countries is sincere and lasting. Uruguay honors Israel for its creative pioneering, its faith in fraternal relations and its devotion to its ideals. My country has never known religious or racial hatred because our basic concepts are foreign to such thinking."

In his reply to President Heber, President Shazar told the Cabinet: "Uruguay holds an honored place among the nations that have supported Israel." As he did yesterday, during the ceremonies at the airport, where he was received with highest honors, Mr. Shazar referred to the fact that Uruguay's delegation to the United Nations was in the forefront in supporting the 1947 U.N. resolution for the partition of Palestine, and that Uruguay was among the first governments in the world to recognize Israel's independence in 1948. Tonight, President Heber gave a formal state dinner in the Presidential palace in honor of the Israeli President. Six hundred persons attended the event, at which the food was kosher in honor of the chief of state of the Jewish State. Among the guests were the cream of Uruguayan leadership in politics, the arts and the sciences and diplomacy.

WHITE HOUSE AIDE SAYS U.S. COMMITMENT TO VIET NAM APPLIES TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 22. (JTA) -- The American commitment to Viet Nam's defense is part of a philosophy that also applies to Israel and other states, Shimon Peres, a member of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, reported today following a talk with Walt W. Rostow, Special Assistant to President Johnson. Mr. Peres, Israel's former deputy Defense Minister, met with Mr. Rostow and exchanged views on the world situation and current Middle East problems.

Mr. Rostow referred to Viet Nam and emphasized that the United States would adhere to her commitments. Mr. Peres said he was given the impression by Mr. Rostow that this position applied not only to Viet Nam but also to other states, including Israel, to which the United States has extended commitments. Mr. Peres is general secretary of Rafi, Ben-Gurion's opposition party, and consequently met with the White House official in a private capacity.

NEW ARAB GROUP STRESSES OPPOSITION TO ARMED ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 22. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the new Israel Arab Action Committee said today that the goal of the committee was "to demonstrate to Jews in Israel and to the public abroad that we are opposed to all attempts at armed action against Israel."

The spokesman, Rustum Bastouni, an architect and former Mapam member of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, said also that a majority of the non-Jewish population in Israel identified itself with the state. He added that an effort was now needed to convince the Jewish population of Israel that the problem of the 250,000 Arabs in Israel should not be confused with the political problem of Israel's relations with the neighboring Arab states.

"We regard ourselves as free citizens of Israel and expect equal rights," he declared. "If we are suspected of conspiring with hostile Arab states to bring about Israel's overthrow and are, as a result, subject to limitations and discriminations, then we have no future here and we had better leave the country."

"But," he added, "we were born here, and we accept Israel's statehood of our own free will. We believe it is perfectly compatible to be an Arab and an Israeli citizen. We also favor army service for minorities." He explained that the committee did not plan to set up an organization with a registered membership, and that the committee would seek only sympathizers. He said the committee would make its opinions known to Arabs in Israel and to Arabs abroad.

JEWISH AGENCY DECIDES TO DISMISS 1,000 EMPLOYEES; CURTAIL BUDGET

JERUSALEM, June 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive decided yesterday to dismiss gradually about 1,000 of its employees to save 15,000,000 pounds (\$5,000,000) of its budget.

The decision was taken at a meeting held to discuss the request made last week by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir for curtailment of the Agency's budget. Most of the members of the executive reportedly agreed with the Government's request for the dismissal of the 1,000 employees of the Agency's 3,800 workers.

The dismissals will take place over a six to eight month period. Departments most likely to be hit by the discharges are Settlement, and Absorption and Immigration. The Agency was also expected to start a reorganization plan in view of the budget cut.

Meanwhile the head of the Absorption Department, Agency executive member Avraham Cygel, said the Agency was getting land ready for faster integration of immigrants from western countries and preparing houses and jobs for them. He reported that only eight percent of immigrants from Latin America had returned home and that this was mainly for personal reasons. He said 140 immigrants were due next week from Argentina.

2,800 TECHNION STUDENTS GO ON STRIKE OVER UNRESOLVED DISPUTE

HAIFA, June 22. (JTA) -- All 2,800 students in the Israel Institute of Technology went on strike this morning to protest an unresolved dispute in the Technion's architecture faculty.

The dispute involving issues of personality and different study programs, began three years ago. It came to a head this year when the Technion accepted one of the proposed study programs and recommended a splitting of the faculty. The strike will probably continue until Friday when summer vacation begins for the students.

ISRAEL TO AWARD OIL DRILLING PERMITS TO SEVERAL LARGE FIRMS

JERUSALEM, June 22. (JTA) -- Israel's Ministry of Development expects investments totaling \$7,000,000 annually in the next few years, for oil drilling, the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, was told today by Moshe Kol, the Cabinet member heading that Ministry. He said that one-third of the investments will come from foreign sources. He announced that several oil drilling licenses will be awarded this year to several large firms "of substantial means."

CONVENTION OF REFORM RABBIS CONDEMNS VIET CONG TRAINING OF ARABS

TORONTO, June 22. (JTA) -- The American Reform rabbinate condemned here today Viet Cong collaboration with personnel of the Palestine Liberation Organization army and assailed any action by the Viet Cong "calculated to impair the security of the State of Israel and endanger peace in the Middle East."

The stand was expressed in a resolution approved by delegates to the 77th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Reform rabbinical organization. The rabbis in effect denied there was any conflict between their criticism of Viet Cong collaboration with the PLO in anti-Israel activities and the insistence of the CCAR on United States negotiations with the Viet Cong's National Liberation Front.

The resolution said that the CCAR stand for such negotiations "does not deter us from expressing our concern over hostile pronouncements against the State of Israel by NLF leaders and over a recent disclosure that some Palestine Liberation Army personnel are to be trained in China for possible action in Viet Nam." The rabbis called "upon all groups seeking a just and peaceful settlement of the Viet Nam crisis to express their concern and to call upon the National Liberation Front to desist from support of anti-Israel aggression."

In the same resolution, the Reform rabbis also criticized "the escalation of military preparations in the Middle East even as we applaud the persistent desire of the Government of Israel to talk peace." The rabbis assailed "the intransigence of many Arab leaders and their hate-inciting statements even as we commend President Bourguiba of Tunisia for his effort to introduce a measure of realism into the public debate." The Tunisian leader called several times last year for Arab-Israel peace talks.

Assail Soviet Suppression of Jewish Culture and Religion

In another resolution, the Reform rabbis condemned discrimination against Judaism and Jewish culture in the Soviet Union "as well as the denial to Jews of any possibility of meaningful community life or of fraternal contact with Jewish communities outside the Soviet Union." The delegates expressed the belief that "Soviet officialdom has been responsive to world-wide protest, particularly to that which has emanated from Communist Party circles in other countries" concerning Soviet anti-Jewish discrimination.

The resolution voiced hope "for a liberalized policy in the Soviet Union with respect to Jewish emigration and for the removal of those restrictions which make any meaningful Jewish religious and cultural life presently impossible in the Soviet Union." The rabbis hailed the work of the American Conference on Soviet Jewry and urged "our colleagues to give it their continuing cooperation."

The rabbis also expressed concern over the fact that "far-right and neo-Nazi type parties are showing signs of resurgence in West Germany, and neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic sentiments were expressed in the campaign preceding the recent Austrian election." The delegates urged the Reform rabbinate to be particularly alert to the acquittal of Nazi collaborators of charges of mass murders of Jews" in West Germany and Austria and to "the anti-Semitic campaign waged in Austria by Franz Olah, former Socialist Minister of the Interior."

The rabbis urged the Austrian Government "to give form and meaning to the condemnation of anti-Semitism its leaders have expressed by taking effective measures against those who raise the barbaric cliches of anti-Semitism and by demonstrating in deeds its rejection of its Nazi past."

Oppose Prayers in Public Schools; Adopt Resolution on Viet Nam

The rabbis declared their opposition to the constitutional amendment being pushed by Sen. Everett Dirksen, the Senate minority leader, to allow prayers in public schools. In a resolution, they asserted that "religion abdicates its responsibility when it imposes on the institutions of the state the obligation to conduct religious exercises, and in a pluralistic society the state assumes unwarranted religious authority when it conducts such religious exercises." They also criticized federal and state education grants to non-public religious schools as threatening a breach of the state-church separation principle.

The convention also reaffirmed the Reform rabbinate's insistence that the United States act for a quick end to its participation in the Viet Nam war; assailed "the increasingly totalitarian and repressive measures with which the Government of South Africa seems to enforce its policy of apartheid;" urged support of a federal bill to authorize the federal government to dispense birth control information and services as "essential in the war against poverty;" and called for strengthening of the proposed 1966 Civil Rights Act to provide action in civil rights violations "by a federal administrative agency" and "civil indemnification for victims of civil rights violence."

The rabbis decided not to take any action on the CCAR's 1936 stand on Jewish religious conscientious objectors, which held them to be acting in accordance "with the highest interpretation of Judaism" and asked exemption of such objectors from military service as with Quakers, for example. The rabbis said the current debate on Viet Nam might require re-study of that position.

TWO WORLD JEWISH PARLEYS IN GENEVA TO DISCUSS VARIOUS PROBLEMS

GENEVA, June 22. (JTA) -- Two major world Jewish conferences will take place here early next month at which various Jewish problems will be discussed. A three-day conference of Jewish educators will open here on July 6 and will be followed by a two-day plenary meeting of the World Conference of Jewish Organizations, opening July 9.

Delegates representing Jewish communities on five continents will participate in the Conference of Jewish Organizations. They will review a series of major international issues -- problems of Soviet Jewry and developments in the Middle East among them -- and explore ways of intensifying joint action on an international scale. The delegates will also hear reports on new developments in Jewish-Catholic relations growing out of the Vatican Council's declaration on the Jews and on the current state of organized anti-Semitic manifestations in Europe, United States and Latin America.

The three-day meeting of Jewish educators has been convened by the World Council on Jewish Education. Participating in the meeting will be the presidium of the Council and representatives of central education committees from Jewish communities in numerous countries. The meeting will formalize the Council's structure and initiate its programs to expand Jewish education on a global scale. The Council last year received \$100,000 from the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture and participating Jewish communities, to finance its preliminary activities.

DISTINGUISHED AUDIENCE ATTENDS SHARETT MEMORIAL LECTURE IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- Arab intransigence and "indifference" of the great powers to peace in the Middle East drove the late Moshe Sharett to resign as Foreign Minister of Israel in 1956. This was asserted here tonight by Walter Eytan, Israel Ambassador to France, who had been a close friend and associate of Mr. Sharett. Mr. Eytan said that history may show that failure to achieve peace in the Middle East at that time "was the loss of the Arabs, too, not to speak of the rest of the world."

The Ambassador delivered the first Moshe Sharett Memorial Lecture, under the auspices of Hadassah. The lecture marked the first anniversary of the death of Mr. Sharett, who also had served Israel as Prime Minister and was -- at the time of his death on July 7, 1965 -- chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

The meeting -- presided over by Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chairman of Hadassah's Moshe Sharett Memorial Lecture Committee -- also was addressed by Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, president of Hadassah. Mrs. Jacobson told the distinguished audience of more than 600 representatives of American, American Jewish and Israeli life -- which included Abraham Harman, Israel Ambassador to the U.S. -- that after Mr. Sharett's death, the national board of Hadassah established two memorials in his name. One is the annual memorial lecture and the second is the naming of the Moshe Sharett Department of Oncology at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem.

Mrs. Halprin, in a tribute to Mr. Sharett's memory, said: "Of Justice Brandeis it was often said that the pattern of his life was that of simple living and high thinking. Of few men in high places can that be said with honesty. Moshe Sharett belonged to that small, elite circle. He walked with dignity. He could face the ups and downs of political capriciousness with the stature which that dignity afforded him. In an age of changing manners and customs he was an example of how the wisdom of the past could be welded with the brightly beckoning new world of the future."

ISRAEL ORCHESTRA REVISES EXPLANATION OF RESUMING WAGNER MUSIC

TEL AVIV, June 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra responded today to sharp criticism of its original explanation for resuming performances of works by Richard Wagner and Richard Strauss by revising its explanation.

In its initial explanation, published in a concert program at the beginning of the week, the orchestra management said it had decided to resume performances of the works of the two German composers "not only because of paramount demands on freedom of art but also because of a change in the attitude of our people." Works of the two composers had been boycotted for almost three decades because they were favored by the Nazi regime.

In a correction which appeared in last night's concert program, the public was told that the explanation should have read not that the attitudes of Israeli Jews had changed but "because opposition to Wagner has become a mere gesture."

RABBI ROSENFELD NAMED HEAD OF N. Y. JEWISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- Rabbi Leonard Rosenfeld has been named executive vice-president of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, it was announced by J. Jacques Stone, president of the organization. He will succeed Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, who occupied this position since 1949.

Rabbi Rosenfeld received his academic training at Yeshiva College and at the Bernard Revel Graduate School of Yeshiva University. Since 1951 he has served as director of the department of yeshivot of the JEC.