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ISRAEL HAS NO LONGER DIFFICULTIES IN SECURING ARMS, ESHKOL REVEALS

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol reported with satisfaction today that Israel no longer had any difficulties in getting from western countries arms for its defense. Speaking at graduation ceremonies at the National Defense College, the Premier nevertheless voiced the hope that the "day will come when East and West will get together to promote disarmament in the Middle East."

At the same time Israel's Foreign Minister was reported today as indicating Israel's opposition to a United Nations plan to reduce the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization forces in Sinai and Gaza Strip border areas. Conferring for more than an hour with Dr. Ralph Bunche, U.N. Political Undersecretary who arrived yesterday in Jerusalem from a visit to Arab countries, Mr. Eban was reported as making it clear that Israel opposes any reduction in U.N. forces which it feels has ensured peace on those borders.

It was also reported that Mr. Eban cited also the fact that Arab refugees recruited into the Palestine Liberation Organization army continue to live in camps of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency and receive UNRWA rations. The Israel Foreign Minister also reportedly raised the long-standing issue of Jordan's refusal to admit Israeli Jews to Jewish Holy Places now in Jordan's jurisdiction. Mr. Bunche conferred yesterday for 40 minutes with Premier Levi Eshkol in what was described as a general review. Mr. Bunche was accompanied at both meetings by UNTSO Chief of Staff Gen. Odd Bull.

JOHNSON SUPPORTING U.S. COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL'S SECURITY, EBAN SAYS

TEL AVIV, July 7. (JTA) -- President Johnson has inspired confidence in the continued United States commitment to Israel's security, Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the dinner session of the first Jewish National Fund of America convocation here last night.

In this way, the Foreign Minister said Mr. Johnson was continuing the late President Kennedy's regard for Israel. Mr. Johnson has shown a full understanding of the need to support Israel's security, the Minister declared.

The Foreign Minister also stated that Israel possessed sufficient deterrent force to make an attack on it unwarranted. He added that "although we are disappointed over the progress toward a Middle East peace, it is not unrealistic to consider that the present tranquility could be consolidated into a state of co-existence" with the Arab countries. He stressed the need for intensifying solidarity of Jews in other countries with Israel.

Mrs. Golda Meir, secretary of the Mapai Party, told the 400 delegates that Jews in the United States and other countries failed to realize the "real needs" of Israel. She said that American Jews accepted and understood the industrial and other problems of Israel but did not understand that Israel needs additional Jews as quickly as possible.

"We have Ministers, an army, police -- practically everything else -- but we do not have enough Jewish citizens," she declared. "Do we realize that this is the generation which, after 2,000 years, has been given the opportunity to prove itself?"

The convocation's resolution committee issued a strong appeal for help in resettlement of the Galilee. The delegates made a declaration of solidarity which pledged "every resource we possess to strengthen the ties between the two great democracies -- the United States and Israel."

Speakers included Brig. Ezer Weizmann, former commander of the Israel Air Force, who emphasized the close ties between the JNF and Israel's army. He said the JNF often was called on to build new roads on Israel's frontiers and to clear land for new Nahal settlements.

ISRAEL RECOGNIZES THE NEW MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel has recognized the new military Government of Argentina in response to a note from the new Government last week asking recognition. The Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires handed over an official note yesterday to the new regime announcing recognition.

ISRAELI JUDGE CHARGED WITH CORRUPTION IN OFFICE; TRIAL OPENS

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- The first trial of an Israeli judge to be charged with corruption in office opened here today before the Jerusalem District Court. Judge Eliezer Malchi is on trial on an indictment that he allegedly accepted 4,000 pounds (\$1,333) to deal leniently with a defendant in a criminal case.

A heavy police guard was posted around the courthouse to handle a huge crowd which jammed the building. The session today was part of a preliminary hearing at which defense attorneys may raise technical objections to the indictment document.

Judge Malchi, who has not been formally arraigned, nervously rifled through law books while the charge sheet was read to the court by President Henry Baker. Attorney General Moshe Ben Zeev and Jerusalem District Attorney Ezra Hedaya are appearing for the prosecution.

WORLD COUNCIL ON JEWISH EDUCATION MEETS WITH DELAY IN FORMALITIES

GENEVA, July 7. (JTA) -- The formalization of the World Council on Jewish Education, first proposed at a world conference on Jewish education five years ago in Israel, moved closer to completion here today as an international body to strengthen Jewish education throughout the world. But developments here, at a meeting of the Council's presidium, make it evident that it will take another year before the Council becomes a formal entity.

In a step toward establishing the Council as a permanent body, the 12-member presidium today appointed Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, former executive vice-president of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, as executive director of the Council. The presidium also elected as its chairman, Rabbi Joseph Lookstein of New York, and named Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, as cochairman of the Council presidium. Dr. Nahum Goldmann continues as president of the Council.

The presidium, which will continue for another year as a provisional governing body, also affirmed the composition of the 50-member Council that was proposed at its last meeting here two years ago. The United States, with 12 members, will have the largest representation and the Council administrative headquarters will be in New York. The election of Mr. Pincus as cochairman recognized the centrality of Israel, which will have eight Council members, as a creative force in Jewish education.

The Council will maintain a regional headquarters in Jerusalem and it is expected that much of the programming and research will be centered there. The Council will also include six European representatives, two of whom will be from Great Britain, five from Latin America, one each from Canada, Australia, South Africa and Iran and 15 members-at-large to be elected by the Council's executive committee when it is constituted.

Dr. Goldmann opened the three-day meeting today with a brief address in which he stressed the "continuing need" for a central body in Jewish education to act as a clearing house and research center and, in effect, operate along the lines of a bureau of Jewish education on a global scale.

PROSECUTOR REDUCES DEMAND FOR SENTENCE OF NAZI WHO KILLED JEWS

STUTTGART, July 7. (JTA) -- The prosecutor in the trial of 10 former SS officers charged with the mass murder of Jews in Tarnopol, Galicia, in occupied Poland, reduced today his demand on the sentencing of Thomas Massenberg, one of the defendants.

Prosecutor Rolf Sighting originally demanded life imprisonment for murder. However, according to expert testimony at the trial, Massenberg is mentally deficient and therefore his participation in murder in two cases should not be considered an offense punishable by life imprisonment. The prosecutor correspondingly reduced his demand to eight years at hard labor for Massenberg, who was leader of a work camp in East Galicia.

U.S. POST OFFICE WILL ISSUE CHRISTMAS STAMP BEARING MADONNA AND CHILD

WASHINGTON, July 7. (JTA) -- The Post Office Department will issue a special postage stamp for the coming Christmas which will bear the figures of the Madonna and Child.

Post Office officials said that a "Madonna and Child with an Angel" painting by the Flemish painter Hans Memlinc, which is in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, was chosen this year to be reproduced on the special Christmas stamp. It was said that this is not the first time that the Christmas stamp bears a religious symbol. Last year the Christmas stamp bore a reproduction of a painting of the Angel Gabriel with a horn.

U.S. WILL SIGN CONVENTION FOR ABOLITION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

GENEVA, July 7. (JTA) -- The U.S. Government will sign the Convention for the Abolition of Racial Discrimination, it was announced here today by Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, chief U.S. delegate to the United Nations. The announcement was made at a meeting of the U.N. Economic and Social Council.

35,000 JEWS ADMITTED TO AUSTRALIA SINCE END OF WAR; MORE SOUGHT

NEW YORK, July 7. (JTA) -- An Australian Jewish leader reported here today that more than 35,000 Jewish men, women and children have resettled in Australia since the end of World War II, doubling the country's Jewish population.

The report was made by Sydney Einfeld, a member of the Australian Parliament and president of the Federation of Australian Jewish Welfare Societies and the Executive Council of Australian Jewry. In his report to the United Fias Service here, he said most of the Jewish newcomers to Australia had been aided by Hias. He added that they had "made a successful adjustment to Australia with the aid of the Federation of Australian Jewish Societies which provides temporary housing, jobs and financial support to help in their economic and social integration."

The visiting Australian Jewish leader, who is a Labor Party member of Parliament, said that there are 70,000 Jews in Australia's population of 12,000,000. Most of the Jews live in Sydney and Melbourne. There are 17 synagogues in Sydney and 22 in Melbourne. The largest Jewish day school in Melbourne has more than 1,300 students.

Noting that Australia continues to encourage immigration, he said that the Immigration Ministry had recently stated that the Government would continue to support the Jewish settlement program. He said that Australian Jewry wanted very much to receive Jewish newcomers.

ALLIANCE ISRAELITE STILL OPERATES JEWISH SCHOOLS IN ARAB COUNTRIES

CASABLANCA, July 7. (JTA) -- The Alliance Israelite Universelle is still operating Jewish schools in a number of Arab countries hostile to Israel, it was revealed here today by a statistical report issued by the Alliance General Assembly.

According to the report, Alliance has a school in Syria, with an enrollment of 424 Jewish students; five schools in Tunisia, with 2,800 students; and three schools in Libya, with 1,220 students. The report showed that Alliance operates 34 schools in Morocco, with a total enrollment of 9,062 Jewish students. The statistics showed also that there are 14 Alliance schools in Iran, with an enrollment of 5,200 Jewish students.

CONFERENCE ON JEWISH IDENTITY IN CHILE EVALUATES JEWISH PROBLEMS

SANTIAGO, Chile, July 7. (JTA) -- A Conference on Jewish Identity and Identification, the first of its kind in Chile, has been held here under auspices of the Kehila Ashkenazi of Chile, the Circulo Israelita and the Association of Jewish Professionals of Chile.

The Conference was inaugurated by Dr. Uri Naor, Israeli Ambassador to Chile, Gil Sinay, president of the Representative Committee of the Jewish Community of Chile, Prof. Abraham Monk, director of the Latin American office of the American Jewish Committee, Rodolfo Berzutzky, president of the Zionist Federation of Chile, and Leon Gomberof, president of Circulo Israelita.

The goal was not to arrive at conclusions but rather to create interest in the subjects discussed and to stimulate future conferences. Leading Chilean professionals and university students attended the two-day conference at which the institutions, continuity and religious, educational and social problems of Chilean Jewry were evaluated. A speaker at the session was Michael Goldway of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

MAINE LABOR COUNCIL CONDEMNNS SOVIET DISCRIMINATIONS AGAINST JEWS

BANGOR, Maine, July 7. (JTA) -- A resolution urging an end to the "religious and cultural restrictions and deprivations" on Soviet Jewry by Soviet authorities was approved by delegates to the Maine State Federated Labor Council convention at the request of the Jewish Labor Committee.

The resolution also urged the United States Government "to pursue these violations of human rights vigorously through various diplomatic channels and within the United Nations." The resolution called attention to the situation of the Jews in Russia and noted that the AFL-CIO unit was joining many labor, religious and civic leaders "in condemning the religious and cultural oppression of Soviet Jewry."

JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TO PARTICIPATE IN SEMINAR

NEW YORK, July 7. (JTA) -- A group of 19 full-time Jewish community center workers and two social work students from various parts of the United States, left here for Israel where they will participate in an Israel seminar sponsored by the Jewish Welfare Board and the Jewish Agency for Israel.

The seminar, which will continue until August 24, will include a curriculum of extensive travel and intensive study in Israel geared to enriching the Jewish background of Jewish center workers which will enable them to develop additional Jewish programming.

LEADER OF BIRCH SOCIETY VILIFIES JEWS AT BOSTON THREE-DAY RALLY

BOSTON, July 7. (JTA) -- The repeated insistence by John Birch Society leaders that the organization is not anti-Semitic was called into question here following a three-day rally at which a key Birch spokesman vilified Jews.

The occasion was a New England Rally for God, Family and Country. The principal address, a smear on Jews, was delivered by Dr. Revilo P. Oliver, a key spokesman for the Birch Society. All of the major talks were delivered by Birch Society members. Dr. Oliver, contributing editor of "American Opinion," a Birch Society publication, has a long record of anti-Semitic activities, according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Oliver, in a 65-minute diatribe, told the right wing audience that the "conspiracy of the Jews" predated "the conspiracies of the Illuminati and the Communists" and that it had helped produce "the evils of today" which he listed as "degenerates, scum, dregs, savages, debased squealing enemies, dear little cockroaches, howling mobs, parasites and the lazy illegitimates."

Robert Welch, founder of the Birch Society, was a leading figure at the three-day rally. Booths at the rally featured "Headlines," an anti-Semitic paper published by Joseph P. Kamp, a professional anti-Semite.

Oliver said one of the major causes of political activity on American college campuses was the use of drugs, particularly LSD "which is imported from Israel." Observers noted that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has indicated most of the LSD used in this country is either made here or smuggled in from Italy.

Oliver is on record as having argued that "it is a lie that the Nazis killed 6,000,000 Jews." While his record was widely reported in the Boston press prior to the rally, that press did not mention his anti-Semitic speech at the rally.

MONTREAL JEWS CONFER WITH POLICE ON PROTECTION FOR YESHIVA STUDENTS

MONTREAL, July 7. (JTA) -- Police brutality was charged here by a member of the Canadian Parliament against a Montreal policeman accused of injuring a yeshiva student as the climax of a series of anti-Semitic attacks against students and faculty members, including rabbis, of the Hassidic Torah Moshoi Yeshiva in this city.

Harry Blank, a member of Parliament whose constituency includes the yeshiva's neighborhood, charged that, when several men accosted some yeshiva students last week, the policeman acted with brutality against one of the students, Norman Mandel, 18, of New York. The policeman, according to the charge, pushed Mandel's head through the windshield of a parked automobile. The youth was taken to a hospital, where 35 stitches had to be taken. A police board of inquiry is looking into the charges against the policeman, whose name is being shielded for the time being by police authorities.

A delegation of Jewish leaders conferred with leading police authorities here and said that, if no firm action is taken by the police, the Jews in the area would have to form their own self-defense corps. They said rabbis have often been subjected to indignities in the area, and students of the yeshiva have been attacked and threatened. The delegation was led by two members of the City Council, Fernand Alie and Hyman Brock, and by Paul Goldstein, executive vice-president of the Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression.

CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN CONFER ON CHECKING DESECRATION OF SYNAGOGUES

BOSTON, July 7. (JTA) -- A group of Protestant ministers and Catholic priests met at Beth Jeshurun synagogue to discuss a series of vandalistic attacks on Boston synagogues shortly after the synagogue was desecrated for the third time in three weeks.

The meeting was arranged by the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston to consider ways of ending the desecrations. On June 14, five youths were surprised in the building by Julius Epstein, 83, who was attacked by the intruders. He suffered severe facial cuts. George Frank, president of the congregation, offered a reward for the return of a number of religious articles stolen by the youths. He said the police had been completely cooperative in efforts to find the vandals.

JEWS IN ONTARIO TOWN PROTEST STUDYING 'MERCHANT OF VENICE' IN SCHOOLS

KITCHENER, Ontario, July 7. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Council of Kitchener-Waterloo protested to the Board of High School Education here against permitting the study of Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" in the local high schools.

In a brief filed with the educational authorities, the Jewish organization stated it was "concerned" with the effect of that Shakespeare work on the children because of the drama's "obvious message of racial hatred and mistrust."