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JORDAN CABINET RESIGNS; ESHKOL WARNS ON CHANGING STATUS QUO IN JORDAN

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol warned tonight that Israel reserves the right to freedom of action, should there be any change in the status quo in neighboring Jordan. He voiced his warning following an official announcement by the Amman radio in Jordan, reporting the resignation of the Jordanian Cabinet.

The resignation today of the Cabinet in Jordan is attributed to the resistance of King Hussein to pressure from other Arab governments that he permit the stationing of Iraqi and Saudi Arabian troops in Jordan as "protection" against Israel. The king is unwilling to have foreign Arab troops in his land, fearing that they may conspire against him. Immediately after the fall of his Cabinet today, he asked his trusted Premier, Wafsi Tell, to form a new government.

Premier Eshkol, apparently reacting to the change in Jordan, said that it was Israel's policy to honor and preserve the status quo in the region, but, if changes in the status quo occur, Israel would feel free to act in the interests of the Jewish state. He spoke at a rally of the Alignment, composed of his Mapai Party and Achdut Avodah.

The policy enunciated tonight by the Premier is not a new one, and it has been given publicity several times recently. However, threats against King Hussein's regime from Syria and Iraq impelled the Israel Government to repeat the warning again. Last weekend, Labor Minister Yigal Alon expressed the same view but said he was conveying his personal opinion.

The Premier said that the Middle East regional balance of power was unstable because of continuous arms supplies to the Arab states, and that it was Israel's duty to maintain the balance. He noted that, in recent years, Israel has had "significant success in this field and even the future is not without hope, should the balance again deteriorate."

He defended Israel's November 13 retaliation raid on Jordan as "successful, justified and moral, both in the defensive and deterring character it had." He said Israel was condemned by the U.N. Security Council "because we have the Russian veto constantly awaiting us" at the United Nations and "because some friends became unnecessarily over-excited about the future of the Jordanian regime." He indicated that Israel's armed forces would be strengthened.

U.S. Rushes Arms to Jordan; Seeks to Strengthen King's Position

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- In the wake of reports of the resignation of the Jordanian Government, the State Department announced today an arms airlift to Jordan as an emergency measure to bolster King Hussein.

The State Department said that at the request of Jordan, the United States Government had agreed to "provide under its existing military assistance program, certain items of military equipment to strengthen the defensive capability of the Jordanian armed forces."

The announcement said also that "this additional equipment is being provided as a means of enabling Jordan to assure its security, and thus to contribute further to the stability of the area. A substantial portion of this equipment will be airlifted to Jordan over the next 30 to 60 days. In addition, to these deliveries, some of the F-104 interceptor aircraft, previously purchased by Jordan, will be expedited."

U.S. officials made clear that the decision was made in response to charges from other Arab countries which were made against the Hussein regime, after the November 13 raid by Israel, that Jordan had been unwilling or unable to cope with Israel.

ARAB INFILTRATOR SENTENCED IN ISRAEL TO 20 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

HAIFA, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The Haifa district court sentenced an infiltrator from Lebanon today to a 20-year prison term. The infiltrator, who confessed to a charge of armed incursion, was given 45 days to file an appeal. The defendant, whose name was withheld, was captured after a fierce battle with Israelis in which one border policeman and three other guerrillas were killed.

GOLDMANN SAYS NEW WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE FRIENDLY TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The opinion that the present West German Government, headed by Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger, would be friendly to Israel, was expressed today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, upon his arrival here following his visit to Bonn. He stressed that this is very important both with regard to reparations payments to Nazi victims in Israel and the problems connected with Israel's talks for affiliation with the European Common Market.

Dr. Goldmann said that, as a result of his visit to Bonn and his talks with leaders of the West German Government, a decision was taken by the government not to make any cuts in the payments of reparations or indemnification in 1967. He reiterated that Chancellor Kiesinger had promised to fight any resurgence of neo-Nazism in West Germany.

(In Bonn, the Economics Ministry reported today that West Germany has paid out indemnities totaling four and a half billion marks (\$1,125,000,000) to Israel, and 21 billion marks (\$5,250,000,000) inside Germany. Israel's share was almost half of the total of 10 billion marks paid in global indemnities, the report said.)

SPAIN SEEKS VATICAN APPROVAL OF LEGISLATION ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION

MADRID, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The legislation providing for freedom of religion in Spain for Jews and Protestants, endorsed by the Spanish College of Bishops and approved by a national referendum this month, will not be sent for passage to the Cortes, the Spanish Parliament, until it is endorsed by the Vatican, it was learned here today. The legislation, which has been in preparation for 10 years, has been scheduled to be placed before the Cortes on January 20.

Generalissimo Franco received yesterday the international president of the B'nai B'rith, Dr. William Wexler, and told him that he considered the legislation as a "simple act of justice." Dr. Wexler was accompanied by Saul E. Jofes, director-general of the B'nai B'rith office of international affairs. The two leaders also met with other high Spanish officials and suggested to them that they send an exhibit of the art of Spanish Jews to the United States.

The new legislation will allow Jews and other non-Catholics to worship openly in clearly-marked houses of worship, to form religious associations, to celebrate civil marriages and to be buried in their own cemeteries. Members of the non-Catholic faiths also will be free from obligatory attendance at Catholic services or teachings in Spanish schools, armed forces and prisons.

CATHOLIC PRIEST DENIES JEWISH RELIGIOUS BOOKS ARE ANTI-CHRISTIAN

ROME, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A Paris Catholic Institute priest told a Gregorian University audience here that it was "absolutely untrue" that such Jewish religious works as the Talmud or the Shulchan Aruch condemned Christianity or expressed antagonism to it.

He declared that charges of Jewish hostility against Christianity stemmed mostly from the fact that the Christian censors of the Talmud changed and substituted words, either in ignorance or with the purpose of "proving" Jewish enmity against Christians.

Father Hruby, the speaker, said that prior to the Crusades a "true dialogue" was beginning to develop between Christianity and Judaism, but that the era of the Crusades destroyed all such efforts. He noted that a basic principle of Judaism has always been to treat the stranger as a brother and to remember "because you have been strangers yourselves in Egypt from whence I have taken you out." Father Hruby quoted the passage in Hebrew.

Father Hruby's audience included Augustin Cardinal Bea, head of the Vatican Secretariat on Relations with non-Christian religions, who drafted the original text of the statement on Catholic-Jewish relations which was approved by the Ecumenical Council and promulgated by Pope Paul VI as official Church doctrine. It was noted that Cardinal Bea proposed, in a recent article, that religious leaders seek in their own textbooks, as well as in those of other religions, for expressions of "inter-religious" goodwill and mutual appreciation.

RUMANIAN RABBI INVITES AMBASSADOR GOLDBERG TO SPEAK IN HIS SYNAGOGUE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Chief Rumanian Rabbi Moses Rosen paid a courtesy call to Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg at the United States Mission to the United Nations today. He was accompanied by Morris B. Abram, American Jewish Committee president, who is the United States representative to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights.

Ambassador Goldberg expressed a desire to visit Rumania soon, and Rabbi Rosen invited the Ambassador to speak at his synagogue in Bucharest. The Ambassador asked Rabbi Rosen to extend his warmest greetings to the Jewish community and to all of the people of Rumania.

MOSCOW URGED BY COMMUNIST EDITOR TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM 'COURAGEOUSLY'

PARIS, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A request that Soviet authorities should combat anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union "openly and courageously" was voiced here by the editor of the Paris Communist Yiddish-language daily newspaper, Neue Presse, who has just returned from Moscow.

The Communist Yiddish editor, N. Koenig, reported in an article in his newspapers that he had discussed his views on the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union with Jewish and non-Jewish Communist leaders in Moscow. He said that "Jews are occupying an important place in the rapid reconstruction and cultural development of the USSR, but at the same time strong Jewish nationalistic sentiments prevail among Jews in the country."

These sentiments, he reported, can be noticed both among Jews who speak Yiddish and those whose mother tongue is Russian or any of the other Soviet languages. They are felt among the older generation and also among Jewish youth. "Living among numerous nationalities and forming with them the large family of nations of the Soviet Union, the Jews in the USSR display a strong interest in the history of their people, in Jewish culture and in the life of Jewish communities abroad," he wrote.

For these reasons, he suggested, it is necessary "to have an especially careful approach, I should say a genuinely Leninist approach, to the problem concerning the Jewish nationality in the USSR." He then spelled out what he considered elements of such an approach:

1. "It is urgent that every sign of anti-Semitism be combated openly and courageously in the same way as they combat expressions of hooliganism and similar remnants of the old society."

2. "It is urgent that the interest of the Jews in their national culture should be satisfied and stimulated. With regard to Jews there should be carried out what was emphasized in the program of the Communist Party of the USSR -- the need to nurture the progressive traditions of each people in the Soviet Union."

At the same time the Communist editor advised Soviet Jews to become articulate in rejecting interventions on their behalf from abroad. To do this, he said, it would be necessary to establish an "appropriate representation of the Soviet Jews." He suggested that an important element in cementing friendship between Soviet Jews and Jews in other countries "within the framework of general Soviet policies and cultural exchanges" could be frequent appearances abroad of Russian Jewish artists, singers, theater groups and writers. "He stressed that the "isolated and unfortunately rare steps taken in this direction" by Soviet authorities "have given very positive results."

Kiev Jews Insist on Establishment of Jewish National Theater

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Jews in Kiev, capital of Soviet Ukraine, have been denied repeated requests to establish a Jewish National Theater, and are carrying the issue to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Ukraine, it was learned here today.

The request for establishment of such a theater was filed early in 1966 with authorities in Moscow. The applicants were residents of Kiev, including actors working in Russian and Ukrainian theaters. The applicants were advised to address their request to the Central Committee.

Upon receiving this advice, a delegation representing the applicants met last May with one highly-placed member of that committee. He told the delegation that they could not establish a Jewish National Theater for the following reasons: 1) No premises for such a theater were available; 2) there was a lack of experienced actors able to appear in such a theater; 3) a Jewish theater of the kind requested would not be a paying enterprise.

The members of the delegation rejected the reasons, insisting on the possibility and feasibility of a Jewish National Theater in Kiev, and have now appealed to the entire Central Committee. They have also furnished the Ukrainian Communist Party's Central Committee with a list of Jewish actors, directors and producers ready to aid in the creation of a Jewish theater, and noted that such cultural institutions are possessed by other national minorities while being denied to the Jews in the Ukraine.

J. D. C. AND UNITED HIAS SERVICE ESTABLISH JOINT OFFICE IN RIO DE JANEIRO

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The United Hias Service and the Joint Distribution Committee have established a joint office in Rio de Janeiro to deal with matters relating to the work of both agencies in South America, it was announced here today. Ephraim F. Weinstein has been designated as officer-in-charge. The announcement was made jointly by Charles H. Jordan, JDC executive vice-chairman and Gaynor Jacobson, executive director of the United Hias Service.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE WARNS BROADCASTING INDUSTRY ON BIGOTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- The American broadcasting industry was urged today by the American Jewish Committee to police itself against abuses on programs such as the Alan Burke Show and the Joe Pyne Show which are providing a platform for bigots to spread their propaganda to large audiences.

"We bar the airwaves to frauds, slanderers and pornographers. Why, then, open them to bigots, who often represent no one but their own warped selves, and whose invited appearances on certain programs are meant only to irritate, not to educate?" the AJ Committee asked. It referred especially to abuses of "talk-back" programs, stating that "in their mad dash for ever more sensational guests, the producers provide big audiences for some exceedingly questionable characters."

The AJ Committee cited a recent interview with David Susskind in which the television producer said he was not concerned that "kooks and bigots" were getting the limelight on the ground that they quickly exposed themselves under the camera's clinical eye. "But is this so?" the Committee statement asked. "Too often, guests on these programs are masters of the 'big-lie' technique, and frequently neither the moderator, no matter how angry he pretends to become, nor questioners from the studio audience are equipped to nail the lies. Yet we know only too well what tragedy big lies can beget."

As examples, the Committee cited two recent cases. In one, a Negro anti-Semite made the charge, unanswered on the program, that Jewish school principals in Harlem were directly responsible for Negro children's poor learning records. In the other, a notorious bigot made the "wild allegation" that Jews had plotted to drag the United States into World War I so as to win support for the idea of a Jewish homeland.

The Committee hailed the intent of the Federal Communications Commission in insisting that broadcasters air public issues and provide a hearing for all points of view. It said that some programs genuinely fill this responsibility. "Unfortunately," it added, "with audience response the be-all and end-all, their ratings appear to have been too low."

"The 'talk-back' format was evidently designed to provide more entertainment, yet stay within FCC rules," the statement continued. "But whether they conform to these rules or not, some 'talk-back' shows clearly violate the intent of the broadcasting industry's own code. In doing so, they inflict great harm on the public and on the industry -- harm that could be avoided if broadcasting were to police itself according to the spirit as well as the letter of its own standards."

The Television Code of the National Association of Broadcasters stresses the importance of choosing responsible persons for public affairs broadcasts: "The television broadcaster should seek out and develop with accountable individuals, groups and organizations, programs relating to controversial public issues of import" the Code says.

18,000 NEW YORKERS ATTEND SECOND CHANUKAH FESTIVAL FOR ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- A capacity audience of 18,000 persons tonight attended the second performance of this year's Chanukah Festival for Israel Bonds, at Madison Square Garden. The festivals, the first of which was conducted earlier this month, with a third performance scheduled for January 2, mark the culmination of the 1966 drive in Greater New York to raise \$20,000,000 in Israel Bond funds.

After greetings by Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, and Max Abrams, campaign chairman for New York, performances were given by a group of artists including Ralph Bellamy, Burgess Meredith, Eartha Kitt, Shelley Winters, Theodore Bikel, Jan Peerce, Bess Myerson, Regina Resnik, Judith Raskin, Itzhak Perlman, Shmuel Ashkenasi and the Sophie Maslow Lance Company.

DR. NAHUM SLOUSCHZ, NOTED AUTHOR AND EXPLORER, DIES IN ISRAEL; WAS 95

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Ben-David Slouschz, an author, explorer and archeologist who was known to scholars around the world for his studies relating to "secret" Jews in Portugal and Jews in many remote areas in Africa, died here, at the age of 95.

Born in Odessa, where he graduated from the Rabbinical Seminary, he had lectured on Hebrew literature at Sorbonne University in Paris as well as in the United States. He was an intimate co-worker of Theodor Herzl, and came first to Palestine in 1891, taking up permanent residence in this country in 1920. He had headed archeological explorations in Jerusalem and Tiberias. Among his better known works were books entitled "Across Unknown Jewish Africa," and "The Renaissance of Hebrew Literature."

JACOB KINZLER, NEW YORK JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, DEAD; WAS 83

NEW YORK, Dec. 22. (JTA) -- Jacob Kinzler, a New York philanthropist who was a founder and president of Olam Hadash, the only national Hebrew publication for children in this country, died last night at the age of 83. He also had been president of the Yeshiva Salenter of the Bronx, the Old Age Home in Riverdale, N. Y., and of the West Side Institutional Synagogue.