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ISRAEL-SYRIAN MIXED ARMISTICE UNIT STARTS MEETINGS THIS WEDNESDAY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A special meeting of the dormant Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, proposed by United Nations Secretary-General U Thant last week to cool off explosively mounting border tension, will be held Wednesday, Israeli officials said today. There will be two sessions at the B'not Yaacov bridge which connects Syria and Israel on the northern border. The first session will be held on the Syrian side of the bridge, and the second on the Israeli side.

U.N. observers were busy over the weekend making the necessary technical arrangements for the sessions, which will be chaired by Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization. The meeting will be the first informal gathering of the MAC in the past eight years, and the first official meeting in the past 12 years.

Mr. Thant made his unexpected intervention last week during a peak of a series of warnings by Israeli officials that there was a limit to Israel's patience, and Syrian statements that almost daily sabotage attacks against Israel from Syrian territory were one of the "rights of the Palestinian people."

Well-Defined Agenda May Result in Informal Negotiations

Informed sources said that Syria, Israel and UNTSO had agreed on a well-defined agenda covering only disputes between Syria and Israel over cultivation in the demilitarized zones on the border. No votes will be taken, indicating that the talks will constitute an informal Syrian-Israel negotiation session under U.N. auspices, rather than a regular MAC meeting.

The agenda will be based largely on the so-called Von Horn line of 1961, in which the then UNTSO chief of staff outlined cultivation limits between the two countries. Syrian border gunners regularly shoot at Israeli farmers cultivating in the area. Israel's position was reported to be a willingness to allow Syrian farmers to enter the zones and work some plots as long as full Israeli-sovereignty over the areas are recognized. Syria has refused on grounds that this would amount to recognition of Israel.

Israeli participants reportedly hope that the MAC meetings will work out a rational demarcation of plot cultivation to eliminate the constant friction on the issue. This, Israeli circles suggested, could bring about a lessening of border tension on that issue at least. The meetings apparently will not deal with Israel's complaint about Syrian support of Arab guerrilla raids into Israel from Syrian staging bases.

Meanwhile, Israeli security forces were seeking to use maximum diplomacy and patience to avoid renewed incidents caused by entry of Syrian shepherds and farmers seeking to enter the zones for grazing and cultivation. Several such attempts took place yesterday near Almagor and Tel Katzir, sites of violent Syrian attacks in recent weeks.

Israeli officials reported today that an anti-vehicle mine, apparently planted by saboteurs from Syria, was found and dismantled on a patrol track near the Syrian border, Friday. The track had been used the previous night indicating the device was planted during the night. Israel filed a complaint with the Mixed Armistice Commission.

PERES RAPS ISRAEL GOVERNMENT ON ATTITUDE TOWARD SYRIAN AGGRESSIONS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Shimon Peres, Israel's former Deputy Defense Minister criticized today the Israel Government's "apologetic attitude" about self-defense, and said "a number of well-planned actions would stop the Syrians."

Mr. Peres, general secretary of former Premier David Ben-Gurion's dissident Israel Workers Party (Rafi), also told a mass meeting that the Government had erred in hoping for a positive Arab response to Israel's announced policy of restraint in the face of repeated Syrian border attacks in the past month. He added that there was "no need for a big military campaign" like the 1956 Sinai action, "to end Syrian aggression."

MADRID CATHOLIC PAPER URGES SPANISH DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH ISRAEL

MADRID, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The influential Catholic daily newspaper, YA, has urged the Franco regime to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. In an editorial, the newspaper asserted it was an "anomaly" for Spain to be the only Western nation still refusing to recognize Israel after 18 years of Jewish statehood.

The editorial said it was understood that the Government stand was based on Spain's ties with the Arab world. However, YA declared, Spanish friendship with the Arab nations "must become compatible with a not less well-founded friendship with the Jews."

SOVIET NEWSPAPER ADVISES USSR JEWS MILDLY TO AVOID GOING TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- An official campaign appears to be underway in the Moldavian Republic of the Soviet Union, cautioning Soviet Jews to think twice before seeking to leave Russia for settlement in Israel, it was reported here from Moscow.

The warning was contained in an article in Sovetskaya Moldavia, the official newspaper of the republic. The tone of the article is one of a friendly kind of warning, rather than a threat in any way. It was presumed here that it was inspired in part by growing efforts by Soviet Jews to obtain exit visas following a statement in Paris on December 3 by Premier Alexei Kosygin that Soviet authorities would not hamper such efforts.

AUSTRIA PLEDGES HISTORY BOOK REVISIONS TO TEACH DEMOCRACY TO YOUTH

LONDON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Austrian Ambassador to Britain has reported to the Board of Deputies of British Jews that a special commission has been set up in the Austrian Education Ministry to revise history textbooks and school curricula to promote education of Austrian youth in the spirit of democracy.

The statement, a reply to a Board of Deputies protest on Austrian neo-Nazism, was reported at a meeting of the Board today. It disclosed that a committee of historians had been established to review and re-edit the history textbooks for Austrian schools. In reporting on the Education Ministry activities, the envoy said that Austrian authorities felt that the answer to the problem "lies in the education of the young generation in the spirit of democracy and tolerance, vital to the future of mankind."

Sir Barnett Janner, chairman of the Board's foreign affairs committee, told the meeting that the committee would urge on Austrian authorities that they introduce "as speedily as possible" other suggestions made by the Board about "more satisfactory legal procedures for the trial of Nazi criminals, and more effective investigations" of such criminals in Austria.

BONN SAYS REDUCED BUDGET WILL NOT VOID PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS

BONN, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A West German Finance Ministry spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that a stabilization program adopted to deal with a budgetary deficit would not affect scheduled payments to victims of Nazism.

The stabilization program is aimed at elimination of a deficit of about 4,000,000,000 marks (\$1,000,000,000). It required many cuts in the West German Federal budget. However, the spokesman said, no cuts were made in budgetary allocations for scheduled indemnification payments, and that all such payments would be made as planned.

Red Cross Reports German Payments to Victims of Nazi 'Medical Experiments'

GENEVA, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Payments totaling 17,500,000 marks (\$4,400,000) have been made by West Germany to 552 victims of Nazi "medical experiments" in occupied Poland and Hungary, it was reported here today. Many of the victims were Jewish concentration camp inmates.

Payments are made through the International Committee of the Red Cross, which set up in 1961 a commission of neutral experts to examine claims of such victims. The figures were disclosed at the latest meeting of the commission here, under the chairmanship of William Lenoir, a member of the Geneva courts. Claims by 36 Hungarians were submitted today to the commission, in cooperation with the Hungarian Red Cross. The commission accepted 34 of the claims, rejecting only two.

MEMORIAL TO JEWISH ATHLETES KILLED BY NAZIS TO BE BUILT IN ISRAEL

LONDON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A monument to Jewish athletes who were murdered in the Nazi holocaust will be erected in the Maccabiah village in Israel in 1968, Brit Hakoah, the association of former members of Hakoah, said here today. Hakoah was a Jewish sports club football team in Vienna. The monument, which will list the names of the martyred sportsmen, will be dedicated next year as part of the celebrations of Israel's 20th anniversary. Norbert Katz, a former member of the Hakoah football team, and organizer of Brit Hakoah in Britain, said the monument was designed by Karl Dultig, a former Hakoah goalkeeper, who is now a sculptor in Australia.

U.N. BODY KILLS ISRAELI REPORT ON SOVIET, IRAQI BIAS AGAINST JEWS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Against the opposition of human rights experts from the United States, Britain, France, Canada, Italy and Israel, a special, confidential report accusing the Soviet Union, Iraq and other countries of anti-Semitic bias and other human rights violations has been suppressed here by the United Nations Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

The report was an annex to a special study, dealing with the current status of human rights in all countries around the world, prepared by the Israeli expert on the subcommission, Tel Aviv District Judge Zeev W. Zeltner. As rapporteur, Judge Zeltner is one of the three officers of the subcommission's 19th annual session, due to conclude three weeks of deliberations tomorrow.

The group's parent body, the Human Rights Commission, had requested the subcommission to submit a full report on the status of human rights. Three weeks ago, the subcommission passed on the task to Judge Zeltner. Last week, when the 18-member subcommission reached debate on Judge Zeltner's study, which included the annex, the Soviet expert on the group, Evgeny Nasinovsky, accused Judge Zeltner of being "incompetent" and of having prepared a study including "a pack of lies."

The Russian called for suppression of the annex to the Zeltner study, dealing with the situation in the USSR, Iraq and other countries. He denounced a group of non-governmental organizations whose separate reports had been cited by Judge Zeltner, including the International League for the Rights of Man, of which the American Jewish Committee is the American affiliate.

Clyde Ferguson, the United States expert on the group, and John P. Humphrey, of Canada, vigorously opposed Mr. Nasinovsky's call for suppression of the annex. However, the USSR was backed in its move by the representatives of Egypt, Sudan, India, Poland, Kenya, Mexico and Turkey.

The final vote on suppression was carried in the 18-member body by a ballot of 8-6, with four abstentions. As a result of this vote, the annex to the Zeltner report does not officially exist any longer, and will not appear in any official U.N. records. Heretofore, only about 50 copies of the document have been distributed on a confidential basis, being furnished only to members of the subcommission, some of their aides, and selected members of the U.N. Secretariat.

U.S. COMMUNIST LEADERS REPORTED DUCKING DEBATE ON JEWS IN THE USSR

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Communist Party in the United States are seeking to avoid a specific party condemnation of Soviet policy toward Russian Jews, it was disclosed today.

A draft resolution calling for a national party conference "on work among the Jewish people and the fight against anti-Semitism," and conceding Soviet "shortcomings" in the treatment of Soviet Jewry, was made public last August in Political Affairs, the party's theoretical journal. The draft was prepared by the party's national Jewish commission. Some party members now reportedly fear that the conference will never be held.

An indication of the change in American Communist leadership views was contained in a party "discussion bulletin" by Daniel Rubin, a "member of the leading bodies" of the party. He asserted that "Jewish masses in the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries are the best off in the world." He said Communists should ask themselves whether, "if it is true that Jewish culture in the U.S.S.R. will be dead in ten years, is this in itself bad?"

Jewish members of the party were reported today to be worried that the proposed conference had been cancelled, but a party spokesman said it had only been postponed to allow "more discussion." He admitted no new date had been set. The current issue of Political Affairs declared that "this section of the resolution needs to be redrafted in the direction of unequivocally rejecting any idea of 'Soviet anti-Semitism' in whatever guise it may appear and any campaign of public criticism, however friendly."

SOVIET UNION'S ONLY YIDDISH NEWSPAPER SHOWS VAST CIRCULATION JUMP

LONDON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Birobidzhaner Shtern (Birobidjan Star), the only Yiddish-language newspaper in the Soviet Union, has expanded its circulation from 1,000 to 12,000, it was reported here today from Moscow.

The 12-fold circulation increase was disclosed in the annual statistical manual, "The Press in the USSR in 1965." The manual listed the circulation figure of 12,000 in a table on the newspapers published in various languages of Soviet ethnic groups. The Shtern is a single-page newspaper appearing three times a week. It is published in the so-called Jewish Autonomous Region of eastern Siberia, long promoted, during the Stalin era, as a Soviet triumph in the handling of its Jewish minority.

AUSTRIAN ENVOY REJECTS CHARGES THAT COUNTRY IS STILL PRO-NAZI

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Ernst Lemberger, Austrian Ambassador to the United States, rejected today a charge by the American Jewish Congress that Austria willingly embraced Hitlerism and that Nazi sentiment remains strong in his country. Dr. Lemberger called the charges "one-sided and distorted" and cited, in his reply, a statement by Chancellor Josef Klaus, criticizing "generalizing insinuations" and asking that Austria be judged by the behavior of all 7,000,000 Austrians "and not by the behavior of a few."

The Austrian envoy made his rebuttal in response to a study of anti-Semitic and rightist tendencies in Austria made last fall by the American Jewish Congress. The study accused Austria's political parties and national leaders of failure to admit Austria's Nazi past, to atone for anti-Semitic excesses, and to create a new national mood invulnerable to Nazi teachings. The study charged that, 21 years after the end of World War II, "Austrians have yet to demonstrate they understand their country's true role as a partner of Hitlerism."

Dr. Lemberger retorted that the Austrian share of responsibility for "the horrible crimes" against humanity in the Nazi era "has to be confined to those individual Austrians who unfortunately participated in these atrocities, and it should not be overlooked that such criminals collaborating with the Nazis existed in practically every European country under German occupation." He replied to a charge that Austria's restitution program was "lagging" with an assertion that "there cannot be any basis for legal claims against the Republic of Austria for damages and crimes committed by individual Austrians under Nazi rule."

Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the AJC Commission on International Affairs, said today that Dr. Lemberger had continued "to minimize and isolate each criminal act" and to attribute such acts to "aberrant and atypical individuals." Dr. Prinz said this tended to confirm what the AJC report called "the conventional Austrian response to the question of anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism." He added that Dr. Lemberger's position appeared to be that "the present Austrian nation as a whole has no special connection with or responsibility for these acts."

19 PRO-NAZI FASCISTS ON TRIAL IN BUDAPEST FOR MASS MURDERS IN 1944

VIENNA, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Nineteen former members of the Arrow-Cross pro-Nazi organization in wartime Hungary are on trial in Budapest on charges of murdering 230 Budapest men, women and children, including many Jewish victims. There is no statute of limitations for such crimes in Hungary. If the defendants are convicted, they will face the death penalty, according to the report from Budapest.

The principal defendant is Vilmos Kreeszel, 58. He is charged with leading the 18 other Fascists on a series of raids in 1944 in which victims were killed by shooting, drowning, strangling and throwing them out of windows. Pre-trial testimony included a report that two Jewish children, who wept over the corpses of their murdered parents, were seized by the defendants, who strangled one child and drowned the other in a washtub.

Court authorities said 12 defendants confessed, four pleaded not guilty, and the three others pleaded guilty to some of the charges. About 150 witnesses will testify in the trial, which is expected to last three months.

NAZI ADMITS AT GERMAN TRIAL HE SELECTED JEWS FOR DEATH, SHOT SOME

BONN, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Willi Schulz, a former Nazi policeman, admitted yesterday at his war crimes trial in Detmold that he had personally shot Jews, but "only a maximum" of three. The 71-year-old Nazi, who is charged with multiple wartime murders of Jews, said he had been stationed in a forced labor camp in Mogilev in occupied Russia, where he guarded 150 prisoners.

He testified that, after the assassination of an SS leader, the Germans ordered reprisals and that he selected 50 Jews in the camp and directed their executions. He said that, when a German policeman was killed by the underground, he selected 25 more Jews who were shot. He admitted he had directed those killings as well. The prosecution also accused Schulz of participation in the murder of at least 30 Jews in March 1942, at Grodjsjanka.

BRITISH CARDINAL PREACHES IN SYNAGOGUE, HAILS ROME ACTION ON JEWS

LONDON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- John Cardinal Heenan, the Catholic Primate of Britain, told the congregation of the Reform Synagogue of Manchester yesterday that the Vatican Declaration on Catholic-Jewish relations was "not perfect" from the Jewish standpoint, but that it was "a great advance from Christian documents of the past referring to Jews." His appearance was the first by a Cardinal in a British synagogue. The Cardinal said that "to many it seems strange that a Cardinal of the Catholic Church should be in a synagogue on

the Jewish Sabbath." He told the congregants that it was really not strange because they all believed in God. He added that his visit was "not for me a social exercise. This is a religious action, a spiritual pilgrimage to the people who represent the old religion from which my faith has sprung."

Cardinal Heenan, who is Archbishop of Westminster, was a staunch supporter of the original strong declaration presented to the Second Vatican Council. The final version, which was adopted and formally promulgated by Pope Paul VI, was diluted, but it condemned anti-Semitism, rejected the charge of collective deicide against the Jewish people in the crucifixion of Jesus, and urged "fraternal dialogues" between Catholics and Jews.

A mixed synagogue choir hailed the entrance of the Cardinal with the Hebrew hymn, "Blessed Be He Who Cometh in the Name of the Lord." Rabbi Selwyn Goldberg welcomed the Cardinal "with deep joy on an historic occasion." The Primate responded by addressing the congregants as "my dear friends and brothers." He told the congregation that "you and I are privileged to be making history and perhaps to be giving a new direction to the whole movement for religious unity."

Catholic 'Traditionalists' Heckle Interfaith Service in Detroit Cathedral

DETROIT, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- An interfaith prayer service at the Detroit cathedral was interrupted this weekend when a group of Roman Catholic traditionalists held a loud demonstration and stalked out of the service when a rabbi began speaking. The demonstrators, who said they were members of the Catholic Traditionalist Movement, walked out of the cathedral when Rabbi Richard Fertz began speaking.

During the demonstration, a brief tussle took place between the church ushers and the demonstrators. A pew was overturned, but no one was hurt. Some 700 Catholics, Protestants and Jews participated in the service.

BEN-GURION SEES INTERDEPENDENCE OF JEWS IN ISRAEL AND OTHER LANDS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Former Premier David Ben-Gurion, long a vigorous proponent of the theory that Jews everywhere should seek to settle in Israel eventually, declared here last night that he now believed that Israel could not exist without Jewish communities in other lands, and that such Jewish communities could not exist without Israel.

The former Prime Minister, who is planning a visit to the United States and England in March, spoke at a meeting of the council of the dissident Israeli Workers Party (RAI), which he organized last year in a challenge to the leadership of Premier Levi Eshkol.

He also indicated his belief that methods used by the Zionist movement to encourage immigration from the free western countries were useless, and that such immigrants would come only when Israel became "a torch of spiritual and moral values." The Zionist movement, in its present form, he declared, would not be able to renew aliyah on a large scale unless the "miracle" occurred of Russian Jewry being allowed to emigrate.

BOOK BY VETERAN J.T.A. WRITER THROWS NEW LIGHT ON TALMUDIC PERIOD

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A 400-page volume throwing new light on the history of the Jews in Eretz Israel and Babylonia in the period of the Talmud, written by M.A. Tenenblatt, former head of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Israel until his retirement in 1958, was published here by Lvir, one of the most prominent publishing houses in the country. Mr. Tenenblatt retired in 1958 from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and the Israel News Agency, a JTA affiliate, to devote himself to writing books. He continues to serve as a member of the board of directors of the Israel News Agency.

The book, written in Hebrew, is entitled "Perakim Hadashim L'Toldot Eretz Israel U'Bavel Bitkufat Hatalmud." The author displays great erudition in tracing the various developments in Jewish life in the Babylonian period, including the attitude of the Jewish scholars in Babylonia to those in Eretz Israel. He not only did tremendous research but went into personal discussions of the subject with present-day modern Talmudic scholars. The book, acclaimed by the Israeli press, will evoke great interest among Hebrew scholars in the United States.

Mr. Tenenblatt was among the first staff members of the JTA when it was established 50 years ago. He acted as JTA correspondent in Vienna for many years, and was later transferred to London, prior to becoming the head of the Jerusalem office in 1935.

SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY ORGAN MARKS TWENTY YEARS OF PUBLICATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Bulletin, organ of the San Francisco Jewish community, has completed 20 years of publication. The paper is edited by Eugene B. Block.

ORT ADOPTS RECORD \$13,000,000 BUDGET; LAUDED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A record budget totaling \$13,000,000 was approved here today by the national conference of the American CRT Federation. The total, representing an increase of more than \$240,000 over last year's budget, will finance a stepped-up program of vocational and educational services for nearly 50,000 Jews in 21 countries.

Allocations of \$3,895,000 toward the total were expected from the United States, with the balance coming from overseas sources. An agreement ratified by the delegates, calling for a grant of \$2,100,000 from the Joint Distribution Committee, a member agency of the United Jewish Appeal, will provide the major portion of American funds. Nearly \$1,800,000 is expected from the membership income of Women's American CRT and other affiliated groups.

Dr. William Haber, president of the American CRT Federation, told the more than 500 delegates representing the organization's 90,000 members across the country that plans adopted for 1967 would make possible the largest enrollment in 650 CRT trade and technical schools in Israel, North Africa, Iran, India, Europe and Latin America since the establishment of American CRT 45 years ago.

Louis Broido, chairman of the JDC, told an evening dinner session, marking the completion of 20 years of JDC-CRT annual financial agreements, that he viewed the \$31,500,000 granted to CRT in that period as constituting "an investment in human resources."

In a message sent to the conference, President Johnson hailed CRT programs for "having opened doors of opportunity to men and women in want. They have provided means of livelihood. They have built confidence within families and fostered progress within communities." The President particularly lauded the organization for its "pioneering ventures in Africa, joined with the Agency for International Development, as an illustration of the importance of your task. As young people of these new nations are equipped with skills to compete in a modern age, they make this a better world for all its inhabitants," President Johnson declared.

CANADIAN RABBI, CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN, CALL FOR END TO VIET NAM WAR

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg, rabbi emeritus of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, joined two Christian clergymen today in voicing pessimism over the possibility of an early end to the Viet Nam war, it was reported by Agence France Presse. The three clergymen are currently visiting North Viet Nam. They said they did not believe that the North Vietnamese "can be beaten into surrender or submission by any foreign power." The two Christian churchmen were the Right Rev. Ambrose Reeves of Britain's Anglican Church, and the Rev. A.J. Muste, an American Pacifist.

HARD-CORE AMERICAN NAZIS SEEN ENTRENCHED IN CALIFORNIA PENITENTIARY

SAN QUENTIN, Calif., Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The existence of at least 40 hard-core Nazis among convicts at San Quentin Penitentiary was disclosed today by prison authorities in commenting on last week's race riot at the institution. Leaders in the anti-Negro agitation were inmates identified with a movement inspired by the American Nazi Party.

It was reported that the Nazis had manufactured iron crosses and swastika emblems in the prison machine shop. An associate warden said the Nazis were not dedicated to any political principles but only motivated by sadism and hate.

Also a factor in racial tensions within San Quentin are a militant number of Negroes adhering to the Black Muslim movement. But authorities indicated that the Nazis were a more troublesome factor than the Black Muslims. The Nazis at San Quentin seek reading material about the SS Corps, Nazi atrocities, and concentration camps -- glorifying in the notorious cruelties perpetrated by the Nazis during World War II, the prison authorities said.

SWASTIKAS SMEARED ON TOMBSTONES IN NEW ORLEANS JEWISH CEMETERIES

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Police reported this weekend that more than 100 gravestones and monuments in two Jewish cemeteries here were found smeared and spray-painted with swastikas and hammer and sickle emblems. The desecrations, which took place earlier in the week, were not discovered until this weekend.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON GREETES BOSTON JEWISH ADVOCATE ON 65th ANNIVERSARY

BOSTON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- President Johnson led a distinguished list of leaders of all walks of American life in greeting the Jewish Advocate of Boston on its 65th anniversary and the golden jubilee of Dr. Alexander Brin, its editor and publisher.

The President praised the newspaper for having consistently "maintained a high standard of excellence" and noted that "you have displayed a true conception of public duty and the responsibilities of citizenship in a democracy."