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ISRAEL-SYRIAN TALKS DELAYED FOR WEEK AFTER REQUEST BY DAMASCUS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9, (JTA) -- The fourth meeting of the extraordinary session of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, scheduled to have been held this morning at Kibbutz Mahanayim, in Israel, was postponed today for one week, at the request of the Syrian Government.

Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, chairman of the special ISMAC meetings convened to negotiate agreement on land cultivation and cultivation rights in the demilitarized zones in the frontier areas, announced the postponement at the request of the Syrian delegation and with the concurrence of the Israeli delegation."

At the conclusion of the Commission's last session, a week ago, Gen. Bull abruptly adjourned that meeting because the Syrians had insisted on going beyond the fixed agenda with demands that Israel withdraw its military forces and dismantle its alleged fortification in the zones. Israel has consistently contended that it has full sovereignty over the demilitarized zones under the terms of its 1949 agreement with Syria.

Special Courier Notifies Bull That Syria Is 'Not Ready Yet'

Gen. Bull was informed by Syria only late last night that it was not yet ready to resume the talks with Israel, which had already taken up three meetings since they were begun on January 25. A special courier had come to no-man's-land here, where UNTSO has its headquarters, to notify Gen. Bull of the Damascus request for a deferment of the meeting scheduled for 10:30 o'clock this morning. Gen. Bull immediately informed Moshe Sasson, Israel's chief delegate to the ISMAC, who was, at that time, at Kibbutz Ayelet, near Mahanayim, ready to proceed to the site of the morning session. Mr. Sasson consulted the Foreign Ministry here, then notified Gen. Bull that Israel had agreed to the postponement.

Officially, Syria told Gen. Bull that "our side is not yet ready and needs more time to prepare for the session." Political circles here believe that the Damascus decision to call for delay was the result of a serious rift on the Israeli issue within the Syrian Government's ruling junta. One side is believed to insist that Syria should show at least some willingness to cooperate with the United Nations and take no definitive steps that would cause the ISMAC talks to collapse. Another faction presumably wants to push toward insistence on Syria's anti-Israeli views, thus possibly forcing Israel to break off the talks.

Pointing to the latter attitude, as seen here, was an address broadcast last night by Syria's President, Dr. Nour E. Atassi, who told a Damascus meeting that the Israeli problem can be solved "only through war." In his speech, Dr. Atassi also pledged further support to the "Arab liberation movements," saying that Syria would "not be the guardian of Israel's borders."

ISRAELIS FIND ANOTHER MINE ALONG PATROL ROUTE NEAR JORDANIAN BORDER

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9, (JTA) -- The Israel Army spokesman said today that three saboteurs had crossed the border from Jordan yesterday and planted an anti-vehicle mine on an Israeli patrol route. The mine was successfully dismantled without causing damage.

Trackers traced the footprints of the three infiltrators from and to the Jordanian border. They also picked up leaflets bearing the signature of "El Ashraff," an Arab Liberation Organization "commando" unit.

BRITISH JEWRY APPEALS DIRECTLY TO KOSYGIN ON BEHALF OF USSR JEWRY

LONDON, Feb. 9, (JTA) -- Representatives of the British Jewish community, who had sought unsuccessfully for a meeting with Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin during his current visit here to discuss the plight of the Soviet Union's 3,000,000 Jews, have submitted a memorandum to the Soviet leader urging full implementation of his pledge to permit Jews to leave the Soviet Union to be reunited with their families abroad, to give the Jews in the

Soviet Union Jewish educational facilities and to permit them to establish a central Jewish religious body similar to those which exist for other religious groups.

The memorandum was signed by the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Chief Rabbinate, the office of the Haham, who is the leader of the Sephardic community, and by all other major Jewish organizations of the country.

The memorandum noted appreciatively Mr. Kosygin's declaration in Paris on Dec. 3 that Jewish families wanting to leave Russia to be reunited with relatives abroad could do so. It "fervently hoped" that "administrative difficulties or discouragement, on either national or local levels, will be removed for those Jews wishing to apply for family reunion in Russia and elsewhere." The memorandum declared that "the full implementation of such an humanitarian policy towards families who, as a result of Nazi war and oppression, have been torn asunder, would be greatly appreciated, not only by British Jewry, but, we feel sure, by British public opinion in general."

In dealing with the question of facilities for cultural and religious development, the memorandum reminded Mr. Kosygin that "in the earlier years of Communism, before the last war, and in other Socialist countries of Eastern Europe after the war, facilities were made available for Jews to transmit knowledge of their cultural and religious tradition, history, language and literature to their children."

British Jews, it went on, "are distressed that, today in the USSR, the essential means for maintaining their existence as a community -- granted to other nationalities and groups in accordance with the Constitution of the USSR -- are, in practice, available to the Jewish community in far lesser degree. "We appeal, therefore, respectfully," it continued, "but with the deepest anxiety, that there be proper provision for Jewish educational and cultural facilities in Hebrew, Yiddish and Russian."

Lack of Religious Facilities, Isolation from World, Stressed in Brief

The memorandum pointed out to the Soviet Premier that "in some cities with a Jewish population, there are no synagogues and no adequate facilities to meet essential religious requirements. There is a serious shortage of prayer books, the publication of which, although promised on several occasions, has unfortunately still not taken place. There is no central Jewish religious body similar to those which exist for other religious groups."

The memorandum deplored "the non-existence of a Jewish communal organization in the USSR." It regretted also "the inability of Soviet Jewry to maintain contact with Jewish communities in other parts of the world, and the absence of representatives of Soviet Jewry at international Jewish gatherings dealing with cultural and religious problems."

The document concluded with an appeal in the name of British Jewry for the Jews of the Soviet Union, declaring: "Speaking on behalf of the Jewish community of the United Kingdom, numbering half a million, we appeal to the Soviet Government to enable the reunion of families and to give to their Jewish community the same facilities for cultural and religious self-expression as are available to other nationalities and religions in the USSR."

265 Members of Parliament Sign Plea for Britain's Intervention

Meanwhile, an unprecedented total of 265 members of Parliament has signed the motion pending in the House of Commons requesting the British Government to use its "good offices" with the Soviet Government to secure equality of treatment for the Jews in the Soviet Union. Sir Barnett Janner, veteran Laborite and a moving figure in organization of support for the petition, pointed out today that this was the largest number of signatures to appear on any motion in the life of this Parliament.

Sir Barnett was one of the leaders of a parliamentary delegation which visited the Soviet Embassy yesterday to submit the memorandum to Premier Kosygin.

"I hope our visitor will realize how much people are concerned about this problem," Sir Barnett said. "We would like the Soviet Prime Minister to know the strength of feeling in Parliament about it which, of course, reflects the feeling in the country as a whole."

Writing in the Guardian today, that newspaper's well-known diplomatic correspondent, Terence Prittie, voiced the belief that the letter to Premier Kosygin from members of Parliament might have some effect. He noted that Mr. Kosygin "has the reputation of being liberal-minded toward minority groups in the Soviet Union, and has already done much since Khrushchev vanished from the political stage to make things easier for some of them."

Describing the lack of cultural and religious facilities for the Jews in the Soviet Union, the correspondent noted that "Soviet policy in the past has been directed to achieving the cultural genocide of the Jewish community and to forcing it to assimilate."

VON THADDEN SAYS NDP WOULD GAIN 12% OF VOTES IN NEW STATE ELECTIONS

BONN, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Adolf von Thadden, deputy chairman of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party, asserted here today that he expected his political movement to gain at least 12 percent of the ballots in West German state elections scheduled for this winter and spring. The next state elections are to be held in Baden-Wurttemberg, and others are to follow soon.

The NDP had scored vast victories in the last set of state elections, in Bavaria and Hesse, succeeding for the first time in gaining seats in the state legislatures of those two vital sections of West Germany. Von Thadden said his party would gain many votes because it will be supported by the National Farmers Association. The leader of that organization, irritated by the Bonn Government's decision to reduce agricultural subsidies, due to general budget difficulties, had announced that the farmers, peasants and farm workers would vote for the NDP.

In West Berlin today, the local section of the NDP decided not to present any candidates in the next elections to the West Berlin City-State Legislature. The reason given was that a poor showing by the NDP in Germany's former capital might affect adversely the rest of the NDP vote in the other state elections.

However, it was believed the decision to run no NDP candidates in West Berlin may have been due to the fact that the local party's former deputy chairman, Richard Voigt, was convicted today in a West Berlin court of "treason," immoral behavior and misrepresenting himself as a physician. The court sentenced him to a prison term of two-and-a-half years.

BRITISH SPORTS EXPERT CHARGES MORE THAN 50% OF GOLF CLUBS BAR JEWS

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The sports editor of one of Britain's biggest newspapers charged today that more than half of the country's private golf clubs discriminated against Jews, and asserted that some of his colleagues would make that estimate even higher.

J.L. Manning, sports editor of the London Daily Mail, made his charges in an article commenting on reports that a group of London Jews planned legal action to have a non-discrimination clause inserted in the ground lease of the Moor Park Golf Club, in Hertfordshire. The club is accused of discriminating against Jewish players by denying them membership. It has denied the charge and its president asserted that the club has some Jewish members. The club leases public lands for its course.

"My belief is that more than half of Britain's 1,926 private golf clubs discriminate against Jews," the London Daily Mail sports editor asserted. "Some of my colleagues with a greater knowledge put it as high as two-thirds." He added that no one knew the exact number "because there is no official index of Jew-baiting clubs. It is done by stealthy attitudes and whispered conventions. Some clubs won't have any Jews. Others -- even more repugnant -- fix a quota."

The Race Relations Board, he said, takes the position that, where a public course is involved, it would be reported to the local conciliation committee. "The very use of the phrase, 'conciliation,'" he added, "makes the true sportsman wince."

HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES UNIT WILL NOT PROBE AMERICAN NAZIS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The House Un-American Activities Committee will not hold investigation of the American Nazi Party because Nazism is of so little significance as a threat to American security, a Committee report said today. The report said George Lincoln Rockwell, the American Nazi "fuehrer," wanted to have hearings held in order to be able to exploit them for publicity purposes. Chairman Edwin Willis, Louisiana Democrat said in the report that hearings on the American Nazis would only be "to dignify Rockwell far more than his importance."

Today's report was the outcome of a preliminary investigation of neo-Nazi activities that began in 1965, following requests from many groups concerned over Rockwell's racist activities. Chairman Willis minimized the importance of the Nazi movement in the United States. He said the so-called American Nazi Party at present had less than 50 members, and that it was doubtful that its membership had ever exceeded 100.

DR. SHABTAI ROSENNE BECOMES ACTING CHIEF OF ISRAELI MISSION TO U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Shabtai Rosenne, legal adviser to the Israeli Foreign Ministry since the State was born in 1948, arrived here tonight from Jerusalem to take up the post of acting Israeli permanent representative to the United Nations. He will take the place for the time of Israel's Ambassador here since 1960, Michael S. Cornay, who will leave this weekend for a special mission to the Far East, after which he will give up his U.N. post and return to Jerusalem at his own request.

SCHOOL BOARD OFFICER IN N.J. ATTACKS JEWISH CANDIDATES; WON'T RETRACT

WAYNE, N.J., Feb. 9. (JTA) -- A Wayne Township School Board official who had called for the defeat of two Jewish school board candidates because "most Jewish people are liberals, especially when it comes to spending for education," vigorously denied today that he was anti-Semitic but declined to retract his statement. Newton Miller, vice-president of the Wayne Township School Board, had urged the defeat in next Tuesday's school board elections of Jack Mandell, an incumbent, and Robert Kraus, another Jewish candidate. Another board member, Fred Lafer, who is not up for election, is also Jewish.

In his statement, published in the local newspaper, Wayne Today, Mr. Miller, besides predicting "real financial trouble" if there were three Jews on the board, declared: "Two more votes and we lose what is left of Christ in our Christmas celebrations in our schools." His statement was sharply condemned by three national Jewish organizations and disavowed by Wayne Mayor Edward Sisco. The mayor said that he did not believe the school board vice-president's statement was shared by anyone in Wayne. The Miller statement was also criticized by school board president George Schroeder, who called the remarks "ridiculous and shameless."

Appearing at a press conference called here today by Mayor Sisco, Mr. Miller apologized for the "entire incident." But, when asked whether or not he stood by his original statement, he declined to reply. He said it was "extremely unfortunate" that he had been condemned "as being anti-Semitic and a bigot" and that his record "proves just the opposite." He insisted: "There is no truth to the charges being made against me. If I have done any harm to any candidate because of my release and the publicity, my apologies."

Sees Faith, Ethnic Background as Factors; Sharp Criticisms Voiced

In reply to questions, Mr. Miller said that, while he does not believe that faith necessarily should be considered in the qualifications of a candidate, he did believe that the ethnic background and faith of any candidate might possibly influence his thinking.

Mayor Sisco said that Mr. Miller's statement calling for the defeat of the Jewish candidates was "unfortunate" and "in extremely bad taste" and that "in his desire to defeat the school board budget, he has gone far beyond the basic issues in trying to prove his point."

Before today's press conference, Mr. Miller's statement urging the defeat of the Jewish candidates was condemned by the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Congress. The ADL demanded "a public and unequivocal apology" by Mr. Miller or his immediate resignation. The American Jewish Congress sent a telegram to New Jersey Governor Richard Hughes, asking for Mr. Miller's removal from office. The American Jewish Committee said that Mr. Miller's statement was "a clear example of the bigoted mind of an extremist at work."

NEW WORLD JEWISH 'FELLOWSHIP' PLAN TO PROMOTE PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- A World Jewish Fellowship to promote exchange programs between young Jews in different countries has been established here at the initiative of rabbis and lay Jewish leaders of all sectors of American Jewry.

Rabbi Hertzel Fishman, chairman of the coordinating committee of the new group, announced the project today. He said that the program would enable young Jews of one country to spend periods of time as guests of carefully selected Jewish families in another country, "whose religious home practices do not violate those of the visiting fellow." Through the new program, Rabbi Fishman said, "each participant will gain deeper knowledge and appreciation of Jewish life in other parts of the world, and will broaden his perspective of the general culture and life of the host country."

The program will be launched with a pilot project next summer in which a small group of selected American boys and girls in their sophomore or junior years in high school will live with selected families in Israel. Except in unusual circumstances, Rabbi Fishman said, the host family will receive no remuneration, and the participating youngsters will cover part of their expenses. Local sponsoring groups in the host countries will defray the balance of the expenses. Applications for the 1967 summer pilot project must be submitted to the Fellowship by March 31, 1967.

FIVE JEWS TO BECOME MERCHANT MARINE OFFICERS AT U.S. ACADEMY TODAY

KINGS POINT, N.Y., Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Five Jewish cadets will be commissioned as ensigns at commencement exercises tomorrow at the United States Merchant Marine Academy here. The Jewish cadets will receive specially inscribed copies of the Bible from the National Jewish Welfare Board's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy at baccalaureate services tomorrow.

Last June, 19 Jewish cadets were commissioned as officers by the U.S. Military Academy, at West Point, N.Y.; the U.S. Naval Academy, at Annapolis, Md.; the U.S. Air Force Academy, at Colorado Springs, Col.; and the Merchant Marine Academy here.