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ISRAEL ACCUSES SYRIA BEFORE U.N. OF ENCOURAGING SABOTAGE GANGS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 27. (JTA) -- Israel again accused Syria here today of failing to give "any reasonable explanation" for the continuing refusal by the Damascus Government to resume participation in the extraordinary session of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, which has been in suspension since early in February.

At the same time, Israel charged that, even while the ISMAC meetings have been stymied by Syria, the Syrian president, Dr. Nouredin Al-Atassi, continues to "extol the outrages" against Israel committed by the Fedayeen, the sabotage gangs which operate under Syrian encouragement. The charges were contained in a letter from Israel's acting permanent representative here, Ambassador Chabtai Rosenne, to this month's president of the Security Council, Ambassador Milko Tarabanov, of Bulgaria.

Ambassador Rosenne's letter was in reply to one sent to the Security Council a week ago, in which Syria reiterated all its ancient charges about alleged Israeli "aggression." Instead of explaining why Syria has failed to help resumption of the ISMAC session, the Syrian envoy here, Ambassador George J. Tomeh, had resorted to "ill-tempered language and bluster," Dr. Rosenne noted. He did not request a meeting of the Security Council on the issue but asked only that the contents of his letter be circulated as an official United Nations document.

ISRAEL AIDS LEBANESE SHIP IN DISTRESS; FIRST RADIO CONTACT SINCE 1948

TEL AVIV, March 27. (JTA) -- Israel's Post Office Marine Radio Station aided a Lebanese ship in distress at sea off the coast of Israel, last night, in the first radio contact since 1948 between Israel and an Arab state.

During a severe storm, the Israel radio facility at Haifa picked up a distress signal from the Lebanese freighter, the Fulchera, which reported that its gear was stuck and that it had lost its bearings at a location west of Israel's port of Ashdod, and so notified the ship via Cyprus.

The Beirut radio, which picked up the conversation between Haifa and the ship, then asked Haifa directly about the details of what was happening, and Haifa replied. About five hours later, the Fulchera radioed that its gear was functioning again and that it was proceeding to Rhodes. Throughout that period, Beirut remained in contact with Haifa.

Y. Freminger, director of the Israel Post Office Marine Station, said today: "This is the first time since 1948 that an Arab radio station called us directly. We were surprised, but we answered, giving all the pertinent information. Contact was renewed several times until the Fulchera reported that it was safely on its way to harbor."

BONN DENIES PROPOSING ANTI-ISRAEL CONDITIONS TO ARAB GOVERNMENTS

BONN, March 27. (JTA) -- An official Government source denied to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today reports in the Egyptian press which had stated that the West German Government had proposed a four-point program in an effort to influence the Arab states to resume diplomatic relations with West Germany. Those relations have been suspended since the establishment of West German diplomatic relations with Israel.

According to a report in an Egyptian weekly, Akbar el Yom, received here and widely reprinted by the German press, Bonn is supposed to have offered a pledge not to deliver any arms to Israel, not to conclude another reparations agreement with Israel, support the "rights" of the Arab refugees and not to interfere in the international affairs of any Arab state.

The official German source pointed out that the points about arms to Israel and about reparations are "meaningless," since there are no German arms deliveries to Israel and the German reparations have long since been ended "and nobody talks about prolonging them."

It was noted here that official West German circles have indicated many times that the Government, which is "very much" interested in a resumption of diplomatic relations with all the Arab states, is not inclined to accept any preconditions toward such a detente. The Egyptian report was described here as "another move in the Arab psychological battle to restore prestige."

MOSCOW ANNOUNCES PERMISSION FOR JEWS TO BAKE MATZOH IN SYNAGOGUES

LONDON, March 27. (JTA) -- The Jewish religious community of Moscow has been granted official permission to bake matzoh for this year's Passover, according to a report here from the Soviet capital today.

The report stated that the Central Synagogue in Moscow has been given permission to notify Moscow Jews that they can bring flour to the synagogue which will bake matzoh for "a small fee," and return matzoh to an equivalent weight of the flour bought. According to Moscow, flour is now easily obtainable in the Soviet Union, due to a bumper wheat harvest in 1966.

According to the report, arrangements similar to those made in Moscow have been authorized also in other centers where there are many Jews, such as Leningrad, Kiev, Odessa and Tbilisi, capital of Soviet Georgia. Until three years ago, the baking of matzoh had been forbidden throughout the USSR. However, even under the new edict, the report stated, the sale of matzoh in Soviet state shops is still forbidden.

SIMON WIESENTHAL, HUNTER OF NAZI WAR CRIMINALS, ARRIVES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, March 27. (JTA) -- Simon Wiesenthal, the Vienna Jew who has devoted his life to collecting material on Nazis who killed Jews and are still roaming around free throughout the world with false identity documents, arrived here today for a tour throughout the United States, during which he will address public meetings in various cities on his experiences in tracing Nazi war criminals.

Mr. Wiesenthal, who was himself an inmate in several Nazi annihilation camps, addressed this morning leaders of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and answered questions to press representatives on his activities in hunting hidden Nazis guilty of deporting and of mass-killing of Jews. He said that he has a list of 22,500 such Nazi war criminals.

Franz Stangl, the commander of the Nazi death camps in Treblinka and Sobibor, where hundreds of thousands of Jews perished in gas chambers, is one of those who was traced by Mr. Wiesenthal and arrested in Sao Paulo, Brazil. West Germany, Austria and Poland have applied to Brazil for Stangl's extradition in order to put him on trial for the murder of 700,000 persons. He is now held in a prison in Sao Paulo pending a decision of a Brazilian court as to whether he should be extradited.

Mr. Wiesenthal will address a public meeting in New York tomorrow, arranged jointly by the Farband-Labor Zionist Organization and the Organization of Nazi Victims in the United States. A book of his memoirs, entitled "The Murderers Among Us," was published in New York this week by McGraw-Hill publishing company.

UNITED HIAS LEADERS ARRIVE IN RIO; WILL SURVEY JEWISH COMMUNITIES

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 27. (JTA) -- The American Joint Distribution Committee and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees are cooperating in a Refugee Health Program in Latin America, it was announced here today in connection with the arrival of Carlos L. Israel, president of United Hias Service and Gaynor I. Jacobson, executive director of United Hias Service. They arrived here to begin a survey of health and welfare conditions in Jewish communities in Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay.

The migration agency officers will meet with Dr. Alexander Gonik, director of the medical department of the American Joint Distribution Committee, who is presently in Latin America, and with Fred E. Weinstein, director of the United Hias Service, and American Joint Distribution Committee South American Offices in Rio de Janeiro, to examine the health problems of postwar refugees. Discussions will also be held with government officials and Jewish community leaders.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is making funds available to establish new institutions and to expand existing facilities in order to care for mentally ill or aged refugees of all faiths. Hospitals and old age homes maintained by the Jewish communities will participate in the cooperative project of the American Joint Distribution Committee, United Hias Service and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and local Jewish communities.

The United Hias Service leaders pointed out that, since 1933, more than 200,000 Jewish refugees have been assisted to establish new homes in Latin America.

SOVIET CITY TO ERECT MONUMENT FOR JEWISH INVENTOR OF ESPERANTO

LONDON, March 27. (JTA) -- A monument will be erected in the Soviet city of Bialystok in honor of Dr. Ludwig Zamenhof, the inventor of Esperanto, the international language, according to a report received here today from Moscow. Dr. Zamenhof was born in Bialystok and a local school and a street are named after him.

ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO ADDRESSES RABBIS ON VATICAN STAND ON JEWS

CHICAGO, March 27. (JTA) -- The last Vatican declaration on improvement of Christian-Jewish relations was "an expression of regret or contrition" by the Catholic Church, Archbishop John P. Cody, of the Chicago archdiocese, told the Chicago Board of Rabbis.

Speaking before the rabbinical body on the invitation of Rabbi Edgar Siskin, president of the board, Archbishop Cody conceded that the document adopted by the Ecumenical Council, and since promulgated as a decree by Pope Paul VI, "has not satisfied everyone and, in truth, is not without its defects."

However, the prelate stated, a careful examination of the text indicates answers to some of the criticisms. He said that many of the prelates at the Council would have preferred to mention the word "deicide," which had been deleted in the final version, "if only to see it permanently laid to rest." But even if the word was omitted, he pointed out, "a clear definition of the term is there, and that is more important."

The archbishop replied to those who criticized the document for not "exonerating" or "forgiving" the Jews for "deicide" by declaring: "The Church has no right of 'exonerating' or 'forgiving' the Jews for something they, as a people, did not commit. Its intention was simply to declare the fact that the Jews, as a people, were never guilty of the crime. This is an important distinction which has been overlooked by many, particularly the press."

"To my mind," said the archbishop, "too much attention has been paid to the wording of the statement and not enough to its historical significance when seen as a whole." He told the rabbis that the Church's expression of regret or contrition "was certainly the intent of Pope John XXIII who called for it; and, no doubt, it was, at least implicitly, that of the Council Fathers."

JEWS IN QUEBEC PROVINCE DEMAND STATE GRANTS FOR JEWISH SCHOOLS

MONTREAL, March 27. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Educational Institutions of Greater Montreal demanded today that the Government of Quebec extend to Jewish elementary schools the same grants which the provincial Ministry of Education has proposed to give to privately-operated schools on the secondary or post-secondary level.

The Ministry's move, proposed in a bill now pending in the House of Commons, would make available grants of \$350 a year for students in the private high schools, and \$450 for students taking post-secondary courses in private schools. However, no provision was made for elementary school students under non-governmental auspices. In this city, there are five Jewish day high schools.

In a telegram to Quebec Minister of Education Jean Jacques Bertrand, the Jewish body, which is sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress, stressed: "Close to 4,500 children attend Jewish day schools in Montreal, imposing an unbearably heavy burden on the parents and the community. These schools carry a full program and would undoubtedly qualify for full Government approval."

LOS ANGELES JEWS DEMAND CITY PROHIBIT WEARING NAZI UNIFORMS

LOS ANGELES, March 27. (JTA) -- Residents of a predominantly Jewish area in this city, along Fairfax Avenue, complained to a committee of the City Council here today against repeated attacks by motorcyclists wearing Nazi uniforms and the light sentences meted out to the hooligans when some were arrested.

The complaint was made to the City Council's police, fire and civil defense committee, by the Jewish Survivors of Concentration Camps and an organization of aged citizens, who asked that the city pass an ordinance prohibiting the wearing of Nazi or Ku Klux Klan costumes.

According to the spokesmen for the two groups, Henry Birnbaum and Mrs. Doris Rothenberg, a group of Nazi-costumed motorcyclists, who had assaulted Fairfax Avenue citizens last November, were given light sentences when arrested. Many of the assaults in the area, they told the members of the Council, are not reported for fear of retaliation.

SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES CONSIDER BAN AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC BOOK

JOHANNESBURG, March 27. (JTA) -- The Government's Publications Control Board is considering a possible ban against a book, "The Pattern of Assassination," issued here by a publishing group called rightwing, anti-Semitic and a propaganda arm of the Arab League. The book purports that there was a "Zionist plot" in the assassinations of both U.S. President Kennedy and South African Premier Verwoerd.

A report to the Publications Control Board stated that "the book is regarded as so libelous that the Special Branch is looking into its contents." The Special Branch is the South African equivalent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the United States.

YIVO ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS ROLE OF JEWISH COMMUNAL WORKER

NEW YORK, March 27. (JTA) -- The role of the Jewish communal worker in strengthening Jewish survival in this country will be one of the major topics to be discussed at the 41st annual conference of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, it was announced here today. The conference will open in New York on April 8, and will continue for four days.

A paper on "The Community Organization Worker -- His Potential in the Quest for the Continuity of North American Jewry" will be presented by Professor B.W. Lappin of the University of Toronto. At the same session Professor Charles Liebman of Yeshiva University will speak on "A Theory of Jewish Political Liberalism." Dr. Joseph Brandes of the American Jewish History Center will trace the development of "Jewish Immigrant Colonies in Rural New Jersey."

The conference will open with a festive session in the Assembly Hall of Hunter College. The speakers will be Alexander M. Bickel, Chancellor Kent Professor of Law and Legal History at Yale University, on "Mr. Justice Brandeis -- on the Occasion of the 25th Anniversary of His Death"; and Professor K. Shmeruk of the Hebrew University, on "Polish Jewry in the Mirror of Soviet Yiddish Literature." A highlight of the Conference will be the dinner in honor of Julius Borenstein, chairman of YIVO's executive committee, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Elie Wiesel, the noted author, will participate in the program.

THREE-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON MODERN HEBREW OPENS TODAY AT TEXAS

AUSTIN, Tex., March 27. (JTA) -- Prof. Chaim Rabin of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem will give two public lectures at a symposium on "The Revival of Modern Hebrew," tomorrow and Thursday at the University of Texas at Austin.

Other speakers at the three-day event include Dr. Aaron Bar-Adon of the University of Texas, Dr. M.Z. Kaddari of the University of California, and Dr. Cene M. Scramm of the University of Michigan.

DR. MARGOSHES ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF WORLD CONGRESS FOR JEWISH CULTURE

NEW YORK, March 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Samuel Margoshes, noted Jewish writer, was elected chairman of the Congress for Jewish Culture at a meeting of its Board of Directors, it was announced here today. The Congress promotes Yiddish culture in the United States and in other countries.

In a statement of acceptance, Dr. Margoshes called upon American Jewry to help strengthen the promotion of Yiddish culture in this country and in other lands. "We must see to it that our young generation should take an interest in the Yiddish language and literature as part of the great culture which we inherited and which we want to transmit to our children and grandchildren," he said.

RABBI KIRSHBLUM TO OPEN KEREN HAYESOD CAMPAIGN IN ARGENTINA

NEW YORK, March 27. (JTA) -- Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency for Israel, will open the 1967 campaign of the Argentine Keren Hayesod, the fund-raising arm of the World Zionist Organization, in Buenos Aires next Sunday; it was announced here today. The noted Mizrahi leader will leave here tomorrow and make a stopover in Montevideo to address the Keren Hayesod directorate of Uruguay.

During his three-week stay in Argentina, Rabbi Kirshblum will visit all major communities in connection with the fund-raising campaign. He will also survey the situation of the Jewish community in Argentina. On his return he will report his findings to the executive of the American Section of the Jewish Agency.

JUDAICA COLLECTION TO BE PRESENTED TO CANADIAN NATIONAL LIBRARY

MONTREAL, March 27. (JTA) -- Several hundred volumes of Judaica have been ordered from suppliers in Paris for inclusion in the Jewish collection at the National Library at Ottawa, it was announced today by the Canadian Jewish Congress. The collection is a gift of the Canadian Jewish community in observance of the Centenary of Canada's Confederation.

In addition to basic classics of Judaica in English, Hebrew and Yiddish, the collection will include microfilms of Canadian Jewish periodicals, which were made available through the New York Public Library. Another part of the collection will be comprised of publications and books produced through grants made by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture.

VOLUME ON JEWISH HEROES IN WORLD WAR II PUBLISHED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 27. (JTA) -- The second volume of the monumental work, "Facing the Nazi Enemy," comprising some 550 pages of accounts of Jewish heroes in the Second World War, was published here by the Organization of Nazi Victims.

The new volume includes some 30 stories told by Jewish fighters mainly from the Eastern front, accounts of Jewish war heroes in Russia, a list of 141 Jews who received the highest Soviet award, "Hero of the Soviet Union," as well as a detailed list of Jewish casualties in various countries. The book also features a pictorial section on the subject matter.