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Secret Meetings of Dress Industry Leaders Weigh Boycott Reply To de Gaulle Attack

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (JTA)—A secret meeting here tonight, attended by officials of leading New York ready-to-wear manufacturers, considered a boycott of French fashions and French fabrics because of French President Charles de Gaulle's criticism of Israel and the Jewish people and his anti-American statements.

The meeting tonight apparently was the outcome of a meeting Monday at the office of one of the manufacturers, Jerry Silverman. However, all efforts to obtain information on the meeting tonight met with flat refusals from manufacturers in the Seventh Avenue garment district to give any information. Officials reached in some of the firms at first refused even to admit a meeting had been scheduled. This was confirmed by one official but he refused to say what time the meeting was scheduled for, who would attend or the location.

It was learned, however, that some of the most famous names in the garment industry planned to attend, including officials of Kimberly Knitwear, Originals, and Suzy Perette Dresses. One official was quoted in Women's Wear Daily as saying concerning Gen. de Gaulle and France: "As long as he is alive, I won't go to Paris and we won't spend any money there." The publication also reported that Royal Woolens, which distributes imported fabrics from several European countries, had dropped its representation of French lines.

However, an important distributor of French fashion fabrics in this country was quoted as saying that France buys a lot of American products and that a boycott might cut both ways.

One official said that the press had not been invited to the meeting tonight, and that he was not certain any statement would be issued after the meeting. He added: "Call me tomorrow, I might have something."

French Leaders, Press, Continue Criticism of de Gaulle For Attacks On Israel, Jews

PARIS, Dec. 6 (JTA)—Maurice Clavel, a prominent French Catholic author, formerly a staunch supporter of President Charles de Gaulle, has "broken definitely" with the President because of Gen. de Gaulle's anti-Israel and anti-Jewish statements, made here in a press conference last week. M. Clavel, currently visiting Israel, was quoted as saying that Gen. de Gaulle's statements about Israel and the Jews were "odious."

The sharp adverse reactions to the de Gaulle attack on Israel and the Jews have apparently evoked efforts by Gaullists to defend their leader. Rev. Michel Riquet, a Catholic priest, complained in Figaro, today that the "systematic criticism" of de Gaulle had failed to take into account his declaration that France would guarantee Israel's existence. It is true, Rev. Riquet wrote, that de Gaulle refused to "defend Israel totally." But, added the writer, "neither does he defend Egypt or Syria totally. De Gaulle wants to be at least the conciliator in the Middle East dispute, if not an arbitrator."

Eban Reports Worsening Situation of Jews In Arab Lands Despite Aid Measures

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6 (JTA)—Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the Knesset (Parliament) this afternoon that Israel's approaches to international agencies and governments to intervene on behalf of Jews in Arab countries, whose plight is growing steadily worse, have not been entirely without results. But, Mr. Eban said he could not reveal any details.

The Foreign Minister did report in some detail on the plight of 100,000 Jews still in the Arab states who, he said, are being arrested, persecuted, oppressed and deprived of their livelihoods only because they are Jews. He said that the situation is particularly bad in Iraq, where Jews have been jailed and held for ransom and Jewish shops are closed by authorities and not permitted to re-open.

In Syria, he said, the oppression of Jews was bad before the June war and is even worse now. Jews are denied water and shopkeepers refuse to sell them food, Mr. Eban said, he accused the Arab governments of defying international opinion and hiding behind the excuse that the Jews are their subjects and treatment of them is an internal matter.

JDC Adopts 1968 Budget Totaling Over \$24.5 Million; Increased Needs Cited at Parley

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (JTA)—The Joint Distribution Committee adopted today a budget of \$24,551,000 for 1968, about \$2 million above its actual 1967 expenditures of \$22,500,000. In presenting the budget, Samuel L. Haber, executive vice-chairman, told the JDC's annual meeting here that the increased amount

was necessary because last June's Six-Day War had affected not only Israel but "has produced profound, often permanent, effects upon Jews and Jewish communities in Eastern Europe and the Moslem world." The JDC will have to aid some 375,000 needy Jews in 30 countries around the world in 1968, he said. The budget will be submitted to the United Jewish Appeal, of which the JDC is a beneficiary, when the UJA holds its annual conference in New York this weekend.

Louis Broido was reelected chairman of JDC for a third term, Jack D. Weiler, of New York, was chosen again as chairman of the JDC national council; and Judge Nochem S. Winnet, of Philadelphia, was reelected vice-chairman of that council. Nearly 400 Jewish leaders from all over the United States and Canada attended the meeting.

"It is clear," Mr. Haber told the parley, "that in the months ahead JDC will be faced once again with the agonizing dilemma -- how to maintain its continuing assistance to Jews in Western Europe and in Israel while, at the same time, attempting to cope with the new or changed needs created by the war and its aftermath in North Africa, in France and in Eastern Europe."

Almost \$7 million of the \$24,551,000 budget has been earmarked for JDC programs in Israel, Mr. Haber said. Another \$882,000 will go for support of religious and cultural activities, raising the total budget for Israel to close to \$8 million, almost a third of the total budget. Over \$5 million will go for aid to needy Jews in Moslem countries in North Africa and the Middle East. Close to \$4 million will be allotted to health and welfare services in Europe.

"In Israel, Europe and the Moslem countries, the relief and rehabilitation programs of the JDC remain indispensable for the sustenance of some 375,000 Jews," Mr. Haber said. "For many of them JDC aid means survival." Because available funds in 1968 will "almost certainly fall short of meeting all the needs," JDC has examined its programs "in terms of the most urgent priorities," he added.

Reviewing JDC's activities in 1967, Mr. Haber reported that JDC had assisted approximately 375,000 needy and handicapped persons at a cost of almost \$22.5 million. The number aided included 93,000 in Israel, 54,000 in Arab and Moslem countries, 80,000 in Western Europe, 75,000 in Europe, where JDC conducted programs in Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia; and 5,000 in other areas such as Australia, South America and Asia. There were another 70,000 persons assisted in programs which cut across national boundaries, Mr. Haber added.

Broido Notes Crises; Adolph Held Honored

Mr. Broido, who presided at the meeting, noted that there has rarely been a year in JDC's 53-year history in which it was not confronted with a crisis. "It is seldom possible to anticipate an emergency," he said. "Our annual budget never sets aside a reserve fund for disasters. Yet there has rarely been a year in the existence of the JDC when there has not been a crisis of some kind, affecting thousands and tens of thousands of men, women and children. Moreover, even if it is not possible to predict the unpredictable, one can be ready for it."

The delegates adopted a resolution pledging support for the Emergency Fund of the United Jewish Appeal in Behalf of Israel, and support for the regular United Jewish Appeal Campaign for 1968. It is through the regular UJA campaign that the JDC derives funds for its worldwide health, welfare and rehabilitation programs.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a scroll to Adolph Held, president of the Jewish Labor Committee, who was honored for his five decades of service to JDC. The JDC leaders also heard an address by Dr. William Haber, Dean of the College of Literature, Science and Art of the University of Michigan, brother of Samuel L. Haber; and a report by Josef Konvitz, a student at Princeton University, on the 1967 JDC Student Work-Study Project.

Israeli Government Rejects Demand To Settle Territories Occupied In June War

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6 (JTA)—A member of a right-wing faction demanded in the Knesset this afternoon that the Government take steps, in an organized manner, to settle all of the territories occupied by Israeli forces during the Six-Day War. He was answered by Foreign Minister Eban, who said that the future of occupied territories would be determined by peace treaties. Mr. Eban agreed, however, to discuss the ideas advanced by S. Tamir, of the Free Center, a right-wing bloc, which were referred to the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee. Mr. Tamir quoted Biblical and other sources to support his contention that "all of Palestine" was promised to the Jews.

Former Israeli Commander Says Israel Will Not Give Up Occupied Territories

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 6 (JTA)—An Israeli general said here last night that Israel will not withdraw from her present frontiers, with the possible exception of the Sinai desert, even after a peace treaty is concluded with Egypt. Brig. Gen. Abraham Yoffe, speaking at the opening of the 4th annual campaign for State of Israel Bonds, said that Israel will find her own solution to the Arab refugee problem and would aim, eventually, at the establishment of a Palestinian state in federation with Israel.

Brig. Yoffe, former commander of the Southern front and now president of the Israel Institute for the preservation of the natural landscape, told his audience that Israel's security has improved since the Six-Day War because her frontiers are shorter.

(In London, Brig. Chaim Herzog, former military governor declared here last night that a withdrawal of Israeli forces from occupied areas without cast-iron security guarantees and a permanent peace is unthinkable, and that the present cease-fire lines are, in effect, a "contribution to peace because they remove the temptation of an easy target from Israel's enemies." Brig. Herzog spoke at the annual dinner there of the Friends of Bar-Ilan University.)

U.N. Mideast Emissary Ready To Go To Area; Will Set Up Headquarters in Cyprus

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 6 (JTA)—Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring, the United Nations special representative to the Middle East, will leave within a week on a short orientation visit to the capitals of the area, reliable sources said here today. Ambassador Jarring disclosed that he will establish his Middle East headquarters on the island of Cyprus. The Jarring mission, which was created by the Security Council's Nov. 22 resolution on the Middle East, has been officially designated UNMEM — United Nations Middle East Mission.

Congressmen See New Threat To Israel's Security In Egypt-Based Soviet Bombers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (JTA)—Rep. J. Herbert Burke, Florida Rep., charged in the House today that the USSR has taken "another giant step to command military control of the Middle East and Mediterranean by basing a squadron of TU-16 jet bombers, complete with ground crews and pilots, in Egypt." He said the TU-16 was equivalent to the American B-52 giant bomber and was equipped with the latest weaponry. He said it was significant that the Russian planes were based in Egypt because it marked "the first time the Soviet Union has supplied pilots and complete crews along with their military planes to countries outside the Soviet bloc."

Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Dem., said that the Russians want Israel "to understand that Russian airpower is available to Egypt should the USSR decide to take the Arab side in the renewal of the Mideast conflict." Citing the French refusal to honor arms sale contracts with Israel, Rep. Farbstein said the United States must make available adequate jets to Israel to defend herself in view of the Arab refusal to make peace.

U.N. Pledged \$26.2 Million to Aid Arab Refugees; \$22.2 from U.S.A., \$285,000 from Israel

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 6 (JTA)—Total pledges of \$26,270,340 were made by 33 governments in the General Assembly today toward a requested 1968 budget of \$47.5 million for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees. The pledges include a \$22.2 million grant from the United States, the same as last year, which is subject to approval by Congress, and a one million pound (\$285,000) contribution by Israel whose representative, Ambassador Michael Comay, said that his government was considering an additional grant for the education and training of refugee children.

The contributors represented less than one third of the 122 member nations of the world organization. They announced their grants at the General Assembly's annual pledging conference which was addressed by Laurence Michelmore, Commissioner-General of UNRWA. It was noted that, at this time last year, pledges totaled \$30.1 million, including the U.S. grant. Mr. Michelmore had urged the member states to contribute at least \$41.6 million toward the proposed overall budget. Mr. Michelmore declared that 1967 had been a crisis year for his agency and its charges "whose emergency needs are not ebbing." He said that the "hopes entertained last summer for the return of substantial numbers of those who fled from areas occupied by Israeli forces have not been fulfilled" and added that, in fact, "there is still a steady flow crossing the Jordan River from West to East at the rate of about 1,000 per month."

(In Rome, The World Food Plan, an affiliate of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, announced it would spend an estimated \$1,264,000 in the next three months to feed 135,000 refugees and displaced persons in Jordan, Syria and Egypt.)

Jerusalem Policemen Have a Holiday — So Do Traffic Violators

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6 (JTA)—Traffic violators in Jerusalem went unpunished today by order of the district police commandant, who suspended ticketing in celebration of "Policemen's Day." The occasion was marked by police parades through the main streets of the city. Police squads were posted at intersections to direct vehicle and pedestrian traffic but their ticket books, for once, were absent.

Israeli Freighter Aground in North Sea; Release Hoped for Today

HAMBURG, Dec. 6 (JTA)—Salvage tugs labored in vain for four hours this morning in an attempt to free the 2,300-ton Israeli freighter Dvora, which ran aground in the North Sea, south of Cuxhaven at the mouth of the Elbe River, during a gale last night. The 25 crewmen abroad were reported safe. It was hoped that the vessel would be freed at high tide tomorrow morning.

Arabs May Seek Reconvening of UN General Assembly In February

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 6 (JTA)—The 22nd session of the General Assembly, which is scheduled to end on December 19, may be reconvened some time in February, at the request of the Arab delegations. Observers here said the Arabs want to keep the Assembly in session as long as Israel remains in occupied territories and in case Secretary-General Thant's special representative to the Middle East, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, fails in his mission.

One clue to the possibility of a resumed Assembly session this winter is the fact that a U.N. committee scheduled to debate the Arab refugee question had decided to delay that debate "until 1968."

ADL Proposes Measures To Strengthen New York State Anti-Discrimination Agency

ALBANY, Dec. 6 (JTA)--An official of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League submitted a six-point program here to strengthen the New York State Commission for Human Rights and make it the most effective unit of its kind in the nation, David A. Schulte, chairman of the ADL's New York Board, in a statement before the Governor's Committee to Review New York Laws and Procedures in the Area of Human Rights, said that valid criticism that the present commission has "not acted vigorously...to carry out the public policy against discrimination" called for consideration of measures to remedy the situation.

B'nai B'rith Volunteers Will Relieve Police on Christmas in Montreal Suburb

MONTREAL, Dec. 6 (JTA)--Members of a local B'nai B'rith lodge have volunteered to take over duties at the Dollard Des Ormeaux municipality police station on Christmas Day so that the regular police officers can spend more time with their families. The members, from the West Island Lodge, are taking a six-day training course in preparation for their police duties.

Los Angeles School Head Instructs Supervisors To Avoid Sectarian Holiday Settings

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6 (JTA)--The superintendent of Los Angeles public schools has issued a bulletin instructing school and college administrators here to avoid "highly sectarian scenes, music and tableaux" in planning Christmas programs and classroom decorations for the forthcoming holiday season. The bulletin advised them to "take into consideration the diverse religious faiths represented in the community, student body and faculty."

Cleveland Yeshiva Will Establish New Educational Center in Israel

CLEVELAND, Dec. 6 (JTA)--A new center for Torah studies and teacher education will be established in Israel by the Telshe Yeshiva of Cleveland as the core of a new religious community that will provide synagogues, elementary schools, shopping centers and homes for 250 families and an anticipated initial student body of 400.

The center, which has the Israel Government's endorsement, will be built on a 40-acre site, nine miles from Jerusalem, on the main Tel Aviv highway, according to Rabbi Aaron Paperman, executive vice president of the Telshe Yeshiva. It will be named Kiryat Telshe-Stone in honor of Irving I. Stone, American industrialist who donated the land.

Women's Group To Set Up Center For Research For The Disadvantaged At Hebrew University

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (JTA)--The National Council of Jewish Women will establish a center for research in education for the disadvantaged at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Mrs. Leonard H. Weiner, of Detroit, Council president announced. Mrs. Weiner said that the center will develop new methods to teach disadvantaged youths and adults. The project, which will accept applicants from all over the world, is part of the NCJW's 75th anniversary special gifts campaign to raise \$750,000 for its work at home and abroad.

Foundation To Publish Two Books On Yiddish Language, Culture For American Youth

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (JTA)--At least two publications designed to acquaint English-speaking Jewish youth with the Yiddish language and culture will be issued within the next few months under the sponsorship of the Aaron Fishman Foundation for Yiddish Culture, it was announced here today. The organization's goal is to foster knowledge and appreciation of Yiddish culture among American Jewish youth on and off the college campus and at younger age-levels.

Scheduled for publication soon, the foundation stated, are a semi-annual "News About Yiddish," summarizing information about the situation among Jewish communities throughout the world, to be issued by the World Congress for Yiddish Culture, and an illustrated songbook to be issued by the Jewish Education Committee of New York. Both works will be done in Yiddish and English. This year's songbook will be the second in a series sponsored by the foundation.

To Plant Grove In Israel To Honor Memory of Cardinal Spellman

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (JTA)--Plans to plant a grove of trees in Israel in memory of Francis Cardinal Spellman, late Archbishop of New York, were announced by the Council of Jewish Organizations in Civil Service, which represents 80,000 members in 42 organizations of Jewish civil service workers.

Dr. Herman Mantell, council president, said that while the late Cardinal was "a prince of the Catholic Church, the Jewish community of New York held him in equally high esteem." He added that "we join our Catholic brethren in mourning this great loss."

Ambassador Michael S. Comay, chairman of the Israel delegation to the General Assembly, paid a courtesy call today at the residence of the late Cardinal Spellman, and signed his name in the registry on behalf of Israel. Cardinal Spellman had visited President Zalman Shazar of Israel when the latter was in New York last year.

Simcha Unsrdorfer, British Agudist Leader, Dies In London

LONDON, Dec. 6 (JTA)--Simcha Bernard Unsrdorfer, general secretary of the Agudas Israel organization in Great Britain, who was a survivor of the Auschwitz death camp, died here today at the age of 43. Mr. Unsrdorfer was born in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, and came to England shortly after World War II. He was the author of "The Yellow Star," and editor of "Hederech."