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Gen. Koenig, Spoken Of As Possible Defense Minister, Urges Lifting Of French Embargo

PARIS, May 28 (JTA) -- Gen. Pierre Koenig, mentioned as possible Defense Minister should Acting President Alain Poher win the French Presidential election, called yesterday for a "clear-cut French policy on Israel and the Middle East." The five star General, speaking at a meeting of the French Committee on Solidarity With Israel, also called for an immediate lifting of France's "total and unilateral embargo" policy on planes and spare parts to Israel. Gen. Koenig scored recent comparisons of the Arab terrorist organization and the World War II anti-Nazi French resistance movement.

Pierre Bloch, president of the League Against Anti-Semitism and Racism, rapped France's U.N. Ambassador, Armand Berard, who is accused of having made violent public anti-Semitic statements during the referendum campaign which led to the resignation of former President Charles de Gaulle. M. Bloch declared that he was "unconvinced" by explanations given him by Foreign Minister Michel Debre explaining M. Berard's alleged statements, and called for the Ambassador's immediate recall. Over 100,000 Frenchmen have written to the solidarity committee to express opposition to the embargo against Israel and ask for its immediate lifting, it was announced.

Meanwhile, Information Juive, the journal of the French section of the World Jewish Congress, said in an editorial that the de Gaulle regime "was a time of great sadness and great bitterness. We are not going to forget in a hurry the facts of recent years. In a few days' time, each of us will have to decide by ballot on the candidate for the President we prefer. As a group, French Jews have no unified view of the Presidency. But it is pretty certain that it will be uppermost in the minds of Jewish voters that they must choose a man who will not cause them the sort of anguish they have gone through in the recent past.

"We are entitled to defend any cause which appears to us just and to be faithful to the soul of the Jewish people without incurring the odium of dual loyalty. But what has happened in the recent past was also contrary to the spirit and traditions of France."

M. Poher outlined yesterday a 12-point program to wipe out what he termed the "sorry record" of 11 years of Gaullist Government. He promised major changes in just about all of Gen. de Gaulle's controversial foreign and domestic policies. On the Mideast, M. Poher said he would re-establish a policy of "impartiality" and made it clear that "impartiality" meant improved relations with Israel. Citing the de Gaulle embargo on arms sales to Israel, which had been France's best customer in the Mideast and which requires spare parts and replacements, the candidate said "the decision of an embargo against a single country is unacceptable."

Jordanians Shell Jericho After Guerrillas Lob Rockets Into City, Injuring Arab

TEL AVIV, May 28 (JTA) -- Jordanian forces shelled Jericho today, wounding one Arab and leaving four shops in flames, a military spokesman said. The ancient city, saved from damage during the Six-Day War, was attacked shortly after midnight by guerrillas who lobbed six Katyusha 240-mm. rockets into the downtown area. Saleh Abdo, mayor of the Arab city, announced he would send a delegation to Amman to ask commandos to refrain from attacking the city.

Israeli sources said the mission would not succeed since Arab terrorist policy is to incite the local Arab population. (The Israeli Government instructed the UN mission to file a complaint with the Security Council.)

In other developments, Katyusha shells were also fired at potash works near the Dead Sea, causing no damage. Israeli fire was returned. Five members of a sabotage gang captured in Wadi Kelt near Jericho, after a battle in which an Israeli colonel was killed, were sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor. The court said they should have received death sentences, as international law permits capital punishment in such cases, but decided not to make martyrs of them.

Big Four Said To Have Reached Agreement On 6 General Principles For Settlement

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 28 (JTA) -- The Big Four negotiations on the Middle East have reportedly reached agreement on six general principles for a settlement. The points are said to be: the Nov. 22, 1967 UN Security Council resolution must be the basis for a settlement which must be fully carried out; reiteration of support of the peace-keeping efforts of UN Middle East representative Gunnar V. Jarring; the powers would make suggestions through Dr. Jarring as a basis for settlement but must not impose a solution; there must be a package deal involving all elements of a settlement; any territorial adjustment must not reflect the weight of conquest; a just and lasting peace in the Middle East must be the aim of the powers.

The Washington Post reported there was no accord, however, on what borders the Israeli troops would be expected to withdraw to, or how the Arab countries would signify their acceptance of recognized boundaries for Israel. Palestinian refugees were a topic of discussion, the Post UN correspondent Robert Estabrook said, and Egypt is said to have indicated Israeli shipping should have passage through the Suez Canal and the Straits of Tiran in any settlement. Although the issue of pas-

sage is not explicitly linked to a prior refugee settlement, it is understood that agreement on all parts is contemplated before any single part is carried out, the Post reported.

The four ambassadors were said to be working on an interim communique and will report their progress to Secretary-General U Thant.

Zionist Council Of Israel Concludes First Session, Places Accent On Youth

JERUSALEM, May 28 (JTA) -- The newly-formed Zionist Council of Israel concluded its first session today by appointing a coordinating committee of 20 members--nine representing youth and student organizations. It is headed by Aharon Yadlin, deputy minister of education.

The students had asked that no new body be established until a thorough inquiry had been held to determine its need. The role of Zionism in Israel, they felt, should be discussed rather than technical matters pertaining to the council.

Closing remarks were delivered by Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, who said that most leaders and organizations in Israel favored the establishment of the council. A large representation, he said, should be given to the younger generation.

Forty students and youth leaders debated bitterly inside and outside the meeting hall about the role of youth and the alleged "failure" of "Zionist information." Many members of the older generations disputed them.

Yaacov Tsur, who headed the preparatory committee, said in his opening address that the "neo-anti-Semitic" and Arab propagandists in the world were using Zionism as a camouflage for their attacks on the Jewish nation.

Mr. Pincus deplored activities of Jewish youth abroad, who, he said, were trying to negate the values of the Jewish people's fight for national liberation and were taking up causes like those represented by the New Left and Arab terrorists. The vast majority of Diaspora Jews, he said, identify with Israel, adding that "the time has come for Israel to learn more about its only real supporters."

Deputy Premier Yigal Allon said Zionism "needs a new map of aims and purposes." He spoke of the religious content of Jewish life throughout the ages but added that the secular and religious existence of the Jewish nation had always developed side by side. Diaspora Jews, he said, should study Jewish history and the Hebrew language.

Israel's Finance Minister Announces Increase In Purchase And Travel Taxes

JERUSALEM, May 28 (JTA) -- Finance Minister Zeev Sharef announced today an increase in the purchase tax on a number of durable goods and in the travel tax. The move was necessitated, Mr. Sharef said, by the falling reserves of foreign currency. The tax will be imposed mainly on imported goods such as cars and television sets, which accounted for almost 20 percent of the increase in consumer spending last year. If imports continue at the present rate, he said, the tax increase will bring in \$20 million. If, as expected, imports drop, it will represent a large saving in foreign currency.

Cars, on which Israelis pay one of the highest duty rates in the world, will go up an average of another ten percent. Television sets, priced at about \$400, will cost an additional \$40-60. Prices will also go up for tape recorders, record players, air conditioners, vacuum cleaners and similar goods.

The travel tax will increase \$60 in addition to the previous flat rate of \$60-70 and an additional 7.5 percent of the ticket price. As the increase is in the purchase tax and not customs duty, prices of imported and locally produced goods will rise equally.

Eban Declines To Answer Questions About Reported Talks With Soviet Diplomats

JERUSALEM, May 28 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban refused today to reply to a parliamentary question regarding reported talks between Israeli and Soviet diplomats. Nor did he comment on a question about the Soviet position regarding a Middle East settlement had softened. However, Mr. Eban added that the Soviet Union had so far said or done nothing that could dispel Israel's mistrust in her.

Attorney General Says There Is No Need To Probe Author's Allegations Against Dayan

JERUSALEM, May 28 (JTA) -- Attorney General Meir Shamgar said yesterday there was no need to probe the allegations of author Moshe A. Gilboa that Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Chief of Army Intelligence Maj. Gen. Aharon Yariv misled the Cabinet before the Six-Day War by exaggerating Egyptian strength and intentions. Mr. Shamgar published his opinion at the request of Gen. Dayan, who had asked if libel action was justified. Premier Golda Meir rebutted the charge and dissociated herself from the implications of Mr. Gilboa's allegations which appeared in a book. Mr. Shamgar said there was no need to refer the matter to court and that no additional public benefit would be gained from holding judicial proceedings in the matter.

Israeli Envoy To Holland Pays Tribute To Families Who Saved Hundreds Of Jews

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, May 28 (JTA) -- Israeli Ambassador Shimshon Arad paid homage here to 11 Dutchmen and their wives who saved hundreds of Dutch Jews during World War II by hiding them in their houses at great personal risk. The 11 were given certificates and medals of the Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial authority, in Jerusalem.

New Sudan Regime Recognizes East Germany Because Of Its Opposition To Israel

LONDON, May 28 (JTA) -- The new Sudanese Government, in its first foreign policy act, has recognized East Germany because of that Government's opposition to Israel, it was reported here. Sudan broke relations with West Germany four years ago when it recognized Israel.

Speaking at a news conference in Khartoum, Premier Abubakr Awadallah, who seized control of the Government in a coup Sunday, said that Israel must withdraw from all occupied territory, including East Jerusalem, and must recognize the right of all refugees to return to Palestine. Mr. Awadallah said that in order to avoid entanglements with "reactionary" capitalist governments, his Government would enlarge its economic relations with Arab and Socialist states. He said his country would continue to promote the Palestinian Arab campaign against Israel.

Dutch Zionist Students Organization Protests Treatment Of Soviet Union's Jews

THE HAGUE, May 28 (JTA) -- The Dutch Zionist Students Organization today sent cables to United Nations Secretary General U Thant, the Russian Ambassador to The Hague and the presidents of the two chambers of the Dutch Parliament protesting Russia's treatment of her Jews and urging that Russian Jews be allowed to leave the country.

French-Jewish Girl, Jaffa-Born Arab Back 'Palestinians' Struggle' At Montreal Meeting

MONTREAL, May 28 (JTA) -- A French-Jewish girl and a Jaffa-born Arab engineer were featured at a meeting of 500 Canadian Arabs here, favoring the "Palestinians' struggle to regain control of their temporarily-occupied country."

Ania Francos, a member of the new left, told an Arab and pro-Arab audience that "the Jewish people don't exist. There is but a group of individuals speaking one of the Semitic languages." Miss Francos said that she belongs to a family of Jewish Communists, most of whom died in German concentration camps. As an atheist she had nothing in common with the Jewish religion, she said, but "I shall feel and consider myself Jewish as long as there will be a Jewish problem in the world." She considers Zionism "part of the world capitalist and imperialist system. A good part of the Israeli population is exploited by the Zionists."

Author of the French book "The Palestinians," Miss Francos praised the fedayeen, whom she considers "among the best guerrillas in the world." Miss Francos said "in the long run, the political, not the military, victory of the fedayeen is assured. This will coincide with the de-Zionization of Israel." She accused the Arab leaders of lack of determination in fighting the Zionists, putting the blame on "the fear of the Arab leaders to incur the wrath of the Israelis." Miss Francos declared that she was expecting a wave of revolutions in the Arab states which will bring to power governments "more engaged in the Palestinian cause."

Jaffa-born Mounir Abul Hassan, 29, an engineer in Canada wounded during the Six-Day War, told the audience "we El Fatah soldiers are for peaceful co-existence with the Israelis. We are fighting against Zionism, the principle factor of anti-Semitism in the world. The popular masses in Israel, realizing their exploitation, are helping us during our raids." Hassan appealed to Canadian Arabs to "serve as publicity agents and intermediaries between the El Fatah and the Canadian public."

Israel Solving Severance Pay Problem For Kibbutz Members Who Want To Leave

JERUSALEM, May 28 (JTA) -- Severance pay for members who want to leave a kibbutz--one of the problems preventing many from giving up kibbutz life despite dissatisfaction--is being worked out, the Knesset was told by Shlomo Rosen, chairman of the Knesset Social Services Committee and chairman of the Kibbutz Movement Federation. Mr. Rosen said the payments would be calculated according to the number of years the member had worked on the kibbutz, his age, the number of children and the average maintenance expenditure per kibbutz member the year he leaves.

Director Of Israel's Foreign Ministry Confers With Rumania's Deputy Foreign Minister

JERUSALEM, May 28 (JTA) -- Gideon Rafael, Director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, met with Georgio Macovescu, deputy foreign minister of Rumania in Rome last weekend, it was announced today. They conferred in accordance with a provision in treaties between the two countries requiring that high level meetings be held periodically.

NEWS IN BRIEF

JERUSALEM, May 28 (JTA) -- Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon has taken over the chairmanship of several ministerial committees that have up until now been held by the Prime Minister. These are the committee on Jerusalem, the committee on the Etzion bloc (a West Bank settlement), and Hebron and the committee on science and technology.

JERUSALEM, May 28 (JTA) -- Hotel prices in Israel will not be raised until at least February, 1971, under an agreement reached between the Hotel Owners Association and the Ministry of Tourism. Prices in Israeli hotels have not risen since 1963, despite devaluation of the Israeli pound.

JERUSALEM, May 28 (JTA) -- A bill naming Israel's basic currency the shekel, instead of the lira or pound, has been introduced at the Knesset and is unopposed by the Government.

Canadian Jewish Congress Told That Hate Literature Bill Is Put Off Until Fall

MONTREAL, May 28 (JTA) -- Canadian Minister of Justice John Turner told the Canadian Jewish Congress yesterday that owing to the short period of time before the Parliament's summer recess, discussion of a bill outlawing hate literature will not be resumed before autumn.

The minister also told the CJCongress that the Canadian Constitution does not permit revocation of citizenship of war criminals who took refuge in Canada after World War II. Revocation is granted in cases where immigration status and subsequent naturalization were fraudulently obtained, as by a false statement regarding the petitioner's former activities.

Jewish Big Brothers Agency Expands Services To Include Negro Children

BOSTON, May 28 (JTA) -- The Jewish Big Brothers Association of Boston is marking its 50th anniversary with an expansion of its services for the first time to the black community with referrals for black children being received and assignments to help them underway. Another innovation, according to president Arthur I. Zich, is an experimental Little Sister program in which coeds from local colleges serve as companions to girls in homes where there is a Big Brother-Little Brother relationship in effect.

The JBBA, a constituent of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Boston, has provided service during the past year to an average of 120 boys each month and has 135 volunteer Big Brothers, either as active participants or in the process of evaluation for assignments. Its principal function continues to be providing volunteer Big Brothers for fatherless boys. It also has a court service as an adjunct to its main function. The program includes not only counseling services to the fatherless boys and his mother but also discussion groups for mothers, as well as psychological testing and psychiatric consultation where the need is indicated. The agency also provides financial help for the Little Brothers seeking to advance their education.

Dr. Warhaftig, Dr. Gaon, Uri Zvi Greenberg Will Receive Yeshiva Honorary Degrees

NEW YORK, May 28 (JTA) -- Honorary degrees will be awarded at Yeshiva University commencement exercises June 12 to Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, Israel's Minister of Religious Affairs; Dr. Solomon Gaon, Chief Rabbi of Sephardic congregations of Britain; and poet Uri Zvi Greenberg.

The minister and poet will receive Doctor of Hebrew Letters degrees, and Dr. Gaon, a Doctor of Divinity degree. A Doctor of Humane Letters degree will be given to Dr. William F. Albright, famous Orientalist. Seven other leaders in the arts, sciences, education and public life will be similarly honored. Arthur J. Goldberg, former American Jewish Committee president, will give the graduating address.

Gary Rosenthal, Formerly Of LIU, Will Coach America's Maccabiah Soccer Team

NEW YORK, May 28 (JTA) -- Gary Rosenthal, 35, former Long Island University soccer coach, has been named coach of the soccer team representing the United States in the Maccabiah Games to be held in Israel July 28-Aug. 7.

Mr. Rosenthal, currently dean of students at LIU, coached the university's soccer teams from 1957-1965. His teams qualified for the National Collegiate Athletic Association soccer tournament in 1963, 1964 and 1965.

Hebrew University Faculty Members Will Visit Columbia U. For Summer Program

NEW YORK, May 28 (JTA) -- Two leading members of the Hebrew University faculty in Jerusalem are coming to Columbia University here this summer to teach in a program of Hebrew and Jewish studies. The Israelis are Zvi Werblowsky of the department of religions and dean of Hebrew University's humanities faculty, and Jacob Landau of the political science department. Joining them in the program will be Columbia faculty members Isaac Barzilay, professor of Hebrew language and literature, and Moshe Held, associate professor of Semitic languages and literature.

Thirty public school teachers from junior and senior high schools will participate in the program--10 from New York state and 20 from other states, their visits made possible by grants from the Lucius N. Littnauer Foundation and the Foreign Areas Training Program of the New York State Board of Regents. A course in "Government and Politics in the State of Israel" will be required of all participants. Optional courses include Hebrew literature, Jewish history and Middle East politics.

Kollek Sends Jerusalem Medal, Message To Commander Of Apollo 10 Spacecraft

JERUSALEM, May 28 (JTA) -- Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday sent a Jerusalem medal and a message of thanks to Thomas Stafford, commander of the Apollo 10 spacecraft who chose Psalm 122 as part of his Sunday space sermon during the recent moon flight. The sermon read, in part, "our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem." The medal was accompanied by an invitation to visit Israel's capital.

Full-Length Biography Of Rabbi Schneur Zalman Published By Lubavitcher Movement

NEW YORK, May 28 (JTA) -- The first full-length biography in English of Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi, founder of the Lubavitcher movement, has been published here. The 600-page biography is by Nissan Mindel, literary editor of Habad Research Center, which has published the new book.

English-Yiddish, Yiddish-English Dictionary For Young People Is Published Here

NEW YORK, May 28 (JTA) -- Kinderbuch Publications has announced the publication of a "Student's Dictionary, English-Yiddish, Yiddish-English," a book geared especially for young people. Each part contains approximately 10,000 words, in many cases giving several synonyms. The author was the late Yiddish scholar Aaron Bergman.