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JERUSALEM ISSUE LOOMS HIGH ON AGENDA AS U.N. ASSEMBLY OPENS; EBAN STATES ISRAEL VIEW

FLUSHING MEADOW, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- The fourth session of the United Nations General Assembly opened here today with the question of the fate of Jerusalem looming high on the agenda. However, it is not known here when debate on the Jerusalem issue will begin.

Observers here believe that discussion of the U.N. Conciliation Commission plan for an international regime for Jerusalem will not start for a few weeks. Meanwhile, Israel's chief delegate to the United Nations, Aubrey S. Eban, today issued a statement setting forth the policies of the Israel Government with respect to various problems concerning the Jewish state at the present Assembly session. Mr. Eban's statement follows:

"The delegation of Israel enters the new session of the General Assembly with many arduous tasks before it. It will make it clear that Israel can never be separated from Jerusalem, nor will Jerusalem ever cease to be a part of Israel. The religious interests of the United Nations in Jerusalem, which we fully respect, neither justify nor require the slightest intrusion into the city's secular and political life.

"The delegation will pursue its efforts to emphasize the paramount duty of the Arab states to help resettle the refugees who were uprooted and dispersed by the action of these very states. There are already signs of some progress towards international recognition of Arab responsibility. Yet Israel must be vigilant lest efforts are removed to impose the chief weight of this problem upon itself.

"In the solution of general international problems Israel will follow the principles which lie at the foundations of its foreign policy--the search for common ground between conflicting powers; the advance of subject peoples towards independence; and the defense of fundamental human rights."

The Israel delegation will be headed by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett when he arrives from Israel. It is now headed by Aubrey Eban. Other members of the delegation are: Arthur Lourie, Israel consul in New York; Dr. Jacob Robinson and Dr. Abraham Katznelson. Alternates, who will participate fully in the work of the delegation, include: Moshe Toff, director of the Foreign Ministry's Latin American Division; Abraham Baran, Israel consul general to Canada; Gideon Raphael; Dr. Moshe Vitkon and Isaiah Kamen. If Ambassador Eliahu Elath's duties in Washington permit, he will assist the delegation.

Israel Envoy Discusses U.N. Session with Gromyko

MOSCOW, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Problems of concern to Israel at the United Nations General Assembly which opened this morning at Flushing Meadow were today discussed by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and Dr. Shmuel Eliashov, head of the East European Division of the Israel Foreign Ministry, now visiting Moscow.

In his call on Mr. Gromyko, Dr. Eliashov was accompanied by Mordecai Namir, Israel Minister to Moscow. The U.N. plan to internationalize Jerusalem was one of the points covered in the discussion, which was later termed a "very cordial conversation" by a spokesman for the Israel legation here.

EUROPEAN ZIONIST PARLEY ENDS; CALLS FOR UNITED CAMPAIGN IN BEHALF OF ISRAEL NEEDS

PARIS, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- The European Zionist conference concluded here last night after the delegates adopted a number of resolutions, including one urging that no separate campaign for any institution in Israel be conducted during the six-month period each year when a United Jewish Appeal drive is in progress. The only exception will be the Jewish National Fund drive which will continue throughout the year.

The parley also called on national Zionist federations to organize Zionist, Hebrew and Jewish educational work as well as mass immigration movements. The delegates expressed their gratification with the establishment of a special department in the Jewish Agency for the spreading of Hebrew culture in countries outside of Israel, and asked that this department establish offices in all parts of the world including North Africa. They also expressed regret that any discrimination had been shown toward immigrants from North Africa and urged that a special department to encourage the immigration of all classes of Jews from North Africa be established in Israel.

The importance of the pioneer movement was stressed in another resolution, and a call was issued for additional teachers for agricultural training courses. A special resolution thanked Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Poland for their assistance to Jews immigrating to Israel, and expressed concern at the attitude of Rumania and Hungary toward Jewish immigration to Israel. The liquidation of transient immigrant camps in Israel was also urged as was the need for fighting the negative propaganda of dissatisfied immigrants.

EGYPT ACCEPTS ISRAEL'S OFFER TO AID IN REUNITING ARAB FAMILIES SEPARATED BY WAR

TEL AVIV, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- The first formal Arab acceptance of Israel's proposal for reuniting Arab families separated during the Palestine war was received yesterday at a session of the Israel-Egyptian mixed armistice commission. The Egyptian representative handed the Israelis an official letter from the Cairo Government agreeing to cooperate for this humanitarian purpose.

In Jerusalem, an agreement between municipal authorities in the Old and New City of Jerusalem was reached today. Under the agreement all mines located in "no-man's land" will be cleared and efforts will be initiated to repair drainage pipes in both areas in order to prevent creation of a sewage swamp near the Old City.

UNEMPLOYMENT DROPPING IN ISRAEL; PEAK OF JOBLESSNESS REACHED IN JULY, OFFICIAL REPORTS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- The upward trend of unemployment in Israel since the beginning of 1949 has finally been stemmed and is now on the decline, Shalom Cohen, director general of the Labor Ministry, declared last night on a national broadcast. It was also learned today that the cost-of-living index in Israel fell six points in August.

The peak of unemployment was reached in July when 9,600 persons registered with government employment offices, Mr. Cohen declared, adding that the downward trend became apparent in August when 9,200 registered. As of September 1, he said, the total number of jobless men and women registered with his department was 9,064.

The Haifa-Tel Aviv railway line reopened today with the arrival of the first passenger train from Haifa at the new temporary station in north Tel Aviv. Service between the cities had been interrupted for 17 months, since the end of the British Mandatory regime. Part of the line has been rebuilt in Israel territory. The rails formerly passed through the Arab-held "triangle"--Nablus-Tulkarem-Jenin.