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ISRAEL SEEN IN WASHINGTON AS "DEMOCRATIC OUTPOST" IN MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The violence which flared up today in Egypt, when British troops were compelled to battle Arabs in the Suez Canal zone, has convinced many members of Congress that Israel is at present practically the only stable democratic outpost in the entire Middle East.

This view was given additional emphasis today at the meeting of the Senate Appropriations Committee which is considering American financial aid for countries in the Middle East. There is no doubt in Congressional circles here that Israel will have to play a dominant role in any regional pro-Western defense arrangement no matter what the attitude of the Arab countries may be to the inclusion of the Jewish state in such an arrangement.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS STRIKE IN ISRAEL OUTLAWED BY HISTADRUT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The strike of locomotive engineers which started in Israel yesterday, paralyzing rail traffic throughout the country, was declared illegal today by the Histadrut, Israel Federation of Labor.

The Histadrut executive decided to order the strikers to resume work immediately, under pain of disciplinary action. Adopting this decision unanimously, the executive explained that the Histadrut does not approve of the strike because it jeopardizes the prestige of the labor movement and severely affects essential services in the country.

The locomotive engineers started their strike Sunday evening on a small scale, following submission of demands for higher wages. However, the strike assumed larger proportions when it became known that the Histadrut opposed it. Today, all railway traffic was at a standstill in protest against the Histadrut's outlawing of the strike and threatening the strikers with expulsion.

Israel Cabinet to Act; May Enforce Emergency Regulations

JERUSALEM, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet, at its meeting tomorrow, may consider the question of the locomotive engineers' strike. It is thought possible that certain emergency regulations may be resorted to by the government if the strike continues.

This was made clear today by a spokesman of the Ministry of Communication, who said that the strike had seriously crippled Israel's communications. The inter-urban traffic situation worsened today when the Egged, one of the leading bus co-operatives, suspended operations between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Thousands of Israelis who came to Jerusalem to spend the Succoth holiday in the capital are stranded here.

U.N. COMMISSION OPTIMISTIC ON PARIS TALKS FOR ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

PARIS, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission today announced that non-aggression pledges formulated separately by the Arab states and by Israel "have contributed to the creation of a favorable atmosphere for the present discussions and to the promotion of a return of permanent peace in Palestine."

The American chairman of the Commission, Ely Palmer, said that he was aware of the disparity between the goodwill declarations of the Arab states and of Israel; however, he emphasized that "these declarations constituted a basis for consideration of the comprehensive proposals made by the Commission for a solution to the Palestine problem."

The members of the Commission held a meeting this afternoon and announced later that they will shortly meet formally with the Arab or Israeli delegations. During the last ten days only informal individual contacts have been maintained.

It was learned last night that the Israeli delegation sent a letter earlier in the day to the Conciliation Commission stating that Israel could not accept the view of the Commission that the "goodwill" declaration by the four Arab states creates a basis for further negotiations aimed at bringing about a permanent Arab-Israeli peace. The Israeli delegation emphasized its readiness to co-operate with the Commission, but urged the Commission to secure from the Arabs a genuine declaration of goodwill.

Israel's goodwill declaration submitted to the Commission provided for the conclusion of a full-fledged non-aggression pact with the Arab countries. The Arab declaration confined itself to reaffirming the provisions of the present armistice "not to resort to military force in the settlement of the Palestine question and to respect the right of each party to its security and freedom from fear of attack by armed forces of the other."

UNITED NATIONS SURVEY STRESSES GROWTH OF ISRAEL'S PRESS

PARIS, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Rapid development of the press of Israel since the establishment of the state is noted in the fourth survey of the world press published here today by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

In a special chapter on Israel the survey notes that the number and circulation of daily newspapers and periodicals in Israel has increased by 50 percent since 1945 and forecasts future circulation increases. The 17 daily newspapers now published in Israel have a total circulation of 248,400, according to the survey. Of this total, the 11 Hebrew dailies have 180,600. The survey notes that Israel produces no news-print and is entirely dependent on imports.

EGYPT SEARCHES PASSENGERS FLYING FROM ISRAEL TO LONDON

LONDON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- About 40 passengers, most of them Jewish, who arrived last night at the airport here on a British plane from Israel, reported that they were searched by Egyptian officials in Cairo when they landed there after their plane developed engine trouble. The Egyptian authorities have confiscated some of their personal belongings, the passengers complained.

The British Overseas Airways today explained that its planes flying from the Israeli airport of Lydda to London do not usually make any stop-over in Cairo because of the Arab-Jewish tension. However, yesterday the plane had no choice but to make a forced landing on Egyptian soil because of engine trouble which developed after leaving Lydda.

BAVARIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP TO START HEARINGS ON AUERBACH CASE

FRANKFURT, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The Bavarian parliamentary committee of inquiry into the affairs of the restitution office today decided to hear evidence on the case of Dr. Philip Auerbach--former Jewish Commissioner of Restitution who is under arrest in Bavaria. The hearings will open October 26th.

Attorney General Wilhelm Hoelper told the committee that Dr. Auerbach's trial would not take place before December, possibly not before next year. The committee will also hear testimony by Dr. Hans Ehard, Bavarian Prime Minister, and Dr. E. Mueller, Bavarian Minister of Justice.

Proceedings were instituted here today against Herr Von Bothner, third chairman of the neo-Nazi Socialist Reichs Party, who is alleged to have publicly incited Germans against Jews. Addressing a meeting at Schoeppenstedt, he said that there would be no peace in political life until the whole world unites to fight Jewry.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE DISCUSSES MACIVER REPORT AT PARLEY

CHICAGO, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- An extended discussion of the report by Prof. Robert M. MacIver on the work of Jewish organizations engaged in fighting anti-Semitism in the United States took place at the final session of the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee at the Stevens Hotel here.

The session reaffirmed the American Jewish Committee's position that local community relations councils, aware of the local needs, pressure points and local problems, "should accept full responsibility" for handling local problems while calling on the resources and experience of national agencies for assistance. "We have long recognized the need for improved co-ordination of Jewish agencies' activities in the community relations field and wholeheartedly believe this to be possible," the Committee said in a statement.

Irving M. Engel of New York, chairman of the executive committee, declared that "in this day of international uncertainty, it is important that the American people strengthen their defenses in every possible field and the field of community relations is one of the most important." The American Jewish Committee, he added, is convinced that well planned and thoughtfully executed community relations activities are indispensable to the security of America.

"Community relations," he explained, "is concerned with the breeding ground of prejudice--with inadequate teachings about racial and religious factors to the children of America's public schools. Community relations is concerned with underlying tensions, fears, and anxieties which can be exploited by aspirant demagogues and political self-seekers to the detriment of one or another of the minority groups in America and to the detriment of America itself."

Commenting on the role of Jewish community relations agencies in this field, Mr. Engel asserted that the efforts of community relations organizations with similar objectives should be increasingly harmonized wherever possible on the basis of mutual understanding and mutual respect for divergent viewpoints.

U.S. GOVT. CORPORATION DONATED \$23,300,000 IN FOODSTUFFS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- Foodstuffs valued at \$23,300,000 have been donated to Israel since January, 1950, the Commodities Credit Corporation made known today. The food included butter, cheese, dried milk, potatoes, dried eggs, and other commodities. The government corporation also aided Israel by making available at far below market prices 33,000,000 pounds of potatoes, 14,000,000 pounds of dried beans, 2,000,000 pounds of canned meat, and 6,600,000 pounds of dried milk.

MALABAR COMMUNITY OF "BLACK JEWS" DECIDES TO LEAVE FOR ISRAEL

NEW DELHI, India, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The 1,900-year history of the Malabar Black Jews in India will shortly end. According to a decision of the 1,800-person community, which has no quarrel with the Indian Government or people, its members will migrate to Israel.

The "Black Jews," so called because their skin is dark, came to this country following the destruction of the Second Temple of Jerusalem in 70 C.E. At that time, the local king of Malabar granted the Jews the same rights and privileges as other subjects and exempted them from taxation. Their leader, Joseph Rabban, was granted the following privileges: to ride an elephant; to have a state umbrella; and to call out to clear low castes from the street upon his approach." The language of these Jews is the same that is spoken by other residents of the state of Malabar, except that it also contains a mixture of Spanish and Hebrew words.

ISRAEL DELEGATION STUDIES WORKING METHODS OF SWEDISH PORTS

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- A delegation of 15 Israeli port workers is currently touring Sweden studying local working methods at various Swedish ports. Included in the party is the Inspector of the Port of Haifa.

The delegation was sent jointly by the Histadrut and the Israeli Ministry of Communications. The International Labor Office and the Swedish transport workers union co-operated in organizing the tour. After a two-week stay, the party is scheduled to visit Holland, Belgium and Italy for similar studies. The Israelis met local Jewish community leaders at a reception given in this city in their honor by the Swedish Zionist Federation.

JOHANNESBURG MAYOR LAUDS ISRAEL AS FRIEND OF WESTERN WORLD

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- "The main stronghold against infiltration into the East is going to be little Israel, and it is time the world came to realize this," Claud Beckett, mayor of Johannesburg, said here today in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, following a brief visit to Israel.

"The western world," he said, "has not tried or trusted friends in the East except Israel." Beckett had high praise for the integration into Israel's social and economic life of large numbers of immigrants, but was critical of the "luxury meals" enjoyed by tourists, declaring that it is "grossly wrong for visitors to enjoy privileges that are denied to the hard-working Israelis."

AMERICAN MIZRACHI TO HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION IN ATLANTIC CITY

NEW YORK, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The 31st annual convention of the Mizrahi Organization of America, which is expected to last five days, will take place in Atlantic City next month, it was announced here today. It will open on November 14. More than 1,000 delegates from all parts of the United States, representing 70,000 members in 280 branches, will attend the parley at which major pronouncements on the political and economic situation in Israel will be made.

AMERICAN ALL-STAR SOCCER TEAM DEFEATED BY ISRAELIS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 16. (JTA) -- The All-Star American soccer team which is currently touring Israel was defeated here this afternoon by the Hapoel team of Tel Aviv by a score of 2-0. United States Ambassador Monnet Davis kicked off before a crowd of 15,000 spectators in the Ramath Gan stadium.