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ARABS, ISRAEL ASK PALESTINE DEBATE AT U. N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The Palestine question in all its ramifications will appear on the agenda of the forthcoming General Assembly of the United Nations as a result of week-end action by the Arab and Israel delegations.

The six Arab member states, in a communication to the Secretary General over the week-end asked that the provisional agenda include the item, "the Conciliation Commission for Palestine and its work in the light of the resolutions of the United Nations."

Israel delegation chief Abba S. Eban, on being apprised of this development, immediately countered by calling for a "full and balanced discussion" of the Palestine issue rather than leave discussion to just those points the Arabs preferred to raise.

Mr. Eban asked the Secretary General for inclusion of the item, "violation by Arab States of their obligations under the Charter, United Nations resolutions and specific provisions of the general armistice agreements concluded with Israel, requiring them to desist from policies and practices of hostility and to seek agreement by negotiation for the establishment of peaceful relations with Israel."

This request was made, the Israeli spokesman told the Secretary General, "in order to enable the General Assembly to consider this question on the basis of a balanced and comprehensive examination of the situation in all its aspects."

Discussion Forced by Arab States' Action

Until a series of closed meetings of the Arab delegations here last week, it had been hoped that for the first time since the establishment of the State of Israel, the Palestine question would not be on a General Assembly agenda. It was pointed out that no useful purpose could be served by debating the Palestine issues all over again and reviving tension and bitterness at a time that was regarded as conducive to approaches for an Arab-Israel understanding.

When the Arabs moved, however, to force discussion of the Palestine issue and circulated a long memorandum violently attacking Israel, the Israelis had no recourse but to submit their own agenda item to ensure full discussion not restricted merely to the points the Arabs wanted to bring to public attention.

Israel's reluctance to see the issue raised at this time was expressed here today by Gideon Raphael of the Israel delegation who, in reply to a question, said that

"whenever there was a slight chance of a settlement, the intervention of the annual, traditional Palestine discussion brought it to naught."

The Arabs, in submitting their agenda item, announced that they might have resolutions to introduce in the future. They accompanied their letter by a long memorandum repeating their standing charges against the "Israelite authorities" and alleging that certain powers, along with Israel, sought a solution of the Palestine problem outside the United Nations. The memorandum warned against the "illusion" that the Palestine problem is settled and warned against a policy of "condonement or indifference" to Israel's "arrogant defiance of the international organization to which it owes its existence."

This document was assailed in a statement by Israel Ambassador Eban who said that the Arabs, "having refused to settle any outstanding questions by negotiation and opposing every attempt at agreement or even contact," had put together a document designed to increase tension at a time when there was some slight chance of alleviation. He described Israel's constant readiness to negotiate and her desire for peace and said that Israel would have been glad to allow tensions to subside and to pursue settlement by negotiation whenever the other side was ready.

That the discussion on Palestine issues may range far was indicated today by Mr. Raphael when, in reply to a question, he said that the question of Egypt's blockade of Israel-bound shipping was not excluded under the agenda item submitted by Israel.

ISRAEL ARMY CHIEF PRAISES STANDARDS, MORALE OF TROOPS IN WAR GAMES

TEL AVIV, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Israel Army Chief of Staff Brig. Yigal Yadin today expressed satisfaction with the conduct of his troops in the annual summer maneuvers.

He praised the high standards achieved by the combat units and paid tribute to the morale of the reservists and civilian transportation personnel who participated in the exercises. He singled out the paratroop units for special commendation, asserting that they could compete with paratroop units in any force in the world.

SOVIET UNION TO BUY OVER \$800,000 OF ISRAEL CITRUS PRODUCTS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union has agreed to purchase 140,000 cases of Israel citrus products at a delivered price of \$5.80 per case, it was announced here tonight. The trade agreement was announced by H. Bader and J. Anabi on their return here from Moscow where they negotiated the deal on behalf of the Israel citrus marketing board. They reported that negotiations were continuing for an additional purchase by the Russians of 10,000 tons of citrus fruits and bananas.

The fruit will be delivered to Odessa in Israel vessels. Satisfaction was expressed here at the favorable price.

AMPAL INVESTS IN OIL PROSPECTING COMPANY IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- AMPAL-American Palestine Trading Company and the Mekorot Water Company have formed a new corporation, Lapidoth, to prospect for oil in Israel, Abraham Dickenstein, president of AMPAL, announced here today just before returning to the United States. Mr. Dickenstein and two other executives of AMPAL toured the Jewish State examining investment prospects.

ISRAELIS CULTIVATE TRACT OF LAND CLAIMED BY JORDAN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- A 300-dunam tract of land east of the Jordan, ownership of which had been disputed by Jordan, has been brought under cultivation, it was learned today. Two years ago, Arab Legion units occupying the area disarmed Israel attempts to plow the land and a clash followed. The Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission, however, ruled that the land, originally the property of the Palestine Electric Corporation, was Israeli territory.

No attempt was made this time by Legionnaires to interfere with the plowing which apparently took them by surprise. The nine tractors used in the operation were moved into the area across the dry bed of the Jordan River. The area is expected to yield winter crops.

JEWS TO ASK AUSTRIA FOR \$10,000,000 HEIRLESS PROPERTY PAYMENT

VIENNA, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government will be asked to make a lump-sum payment of \$10,000,000 as compensation for heirless Jewish property seized by the Nazi regime and will be asked to pay a further unspecified sum in compensation for lost and damaged property including burned synagogues and desecrated cemeteries, it was disclosed today.

A newly formed federal body embracing all Jewish organizations in Austria, meeting today in Salzburg, adopted resolutions calling on the Austrian Government to pay full compensation for damages inflicted by the Nazi regime. For the first time, Austrian Jews, in raising compensation issues, drew attention to the responsibility of Austrian Nazis for the ravaging of the Austrian Jewish community. Formerly, they had placed sole blame on the German Nazis.

The West German Government recently refused, in agreeing to pay compensation to the Jews of Germany and Nazi occupied lands, to include the Jews of Austria on the grounds that Austria had not been occupied by Germany but had had its own Nazi regime.

The Austrian Jewish community is being supported in its compensation claims by the World Jewish Congress, the Jewish Agency, the American Jewish Committee and the Joint Distribution Committee, all of whom had representatives at the Salzburg meeting today. The community, which expects to have close cooperation with all Jewish world organizations, will seek settlement of all pending restitution problems. Opening of talks with the Austrian Government is expected soon.

ISRAEL GETS FIRST GERMAN CREDITS TO PURCHASE OIL IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Dr. F. Shinnar, member of the Israeli delegation at The Hague reparations negotiations, today handed to the management of the Shell Oil Company of Britain authorization from the West German Finance Ministry to use German sterling credits for the purchase of oil from the company.

This is the first payment under the German-Israel reparations agreement signed last week and the German payment precedes formal ratification of the treaty under which Germany undertook to purchase oil stocks abroad for shipment as reparations to Israel. While the pact provided for a firm undertaking to ship oil for only one year, it specified that Germany would continue such purchases for Israel's use if foreign currency were available in the future. The first year's shipments will amount to about as much oil as Israel normally purchases from Britain, approximately two-thirds of her annual needs.

GERMANS SEEK SPEEDY ACTION TO RATIFY REPARATIONS PACTS

BONN, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Social Democratic Party spokesmen said today they would press for speedy ratification by the West German Parliament of the German-Israel reparations agreements. Government circles asserted the agreements would be ratified in short order and predicted that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer would have an overwhelming majority in his support on this measure.

Social Democrats said that "Germany's obligations do not end with payment of reparations - there still remains the necessity for every German to fight and suppress all anti-Semitic tendencies and attempts by Nazi groups to make a comeback."

A bill calling for federal legislation similar to the indemnification legislation now in force in the American zone of Germany which would considerably improve reparations and indemnification facilities, was introduced in the West German Parliament by the Social Democrats. The bill is being studied by the Bundestag's Legal and Constitutional Committee. Sponsors of the measure are confident it will command a majority in the Bundestag. Strengthening of the reparations and indemnification laws was agreed to by Germany in its negotiations with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

German Papers See Proof of Germany's Good Faith in Pact

German newspapers, commenting on the German-Israel agreements, said that they must be considered as evidence of Germany's good intentions and desire to make atonement for past sins against the Jewish people.

The Frankfurter Allgemeine said that "it should make it evident to us ourselves that we have not forgotten the tremendous injustice done to the Jews." It declared that "we certainly cannot restore the murdered millions to life nor can we end the sorrow which those left behind have to bear," and added: "But the German people desire at least to make a contribution which, within the limit of their power, will help the Jewish people in their new community."

The Berlin newspaper Telegraf pointed out that the "first international treaty which the Federal Republic concluded freely and independently with another state is the treaty with Israel." The paper said that this fact proved "the will of the Germans to make good again." It called on Jewish circles, however hard they may find it to forgive and forget, not to ignore what Germany is now doing.

GOVERNMENT TO AID IN TRACING OF JEWISH ORPHANS IN GERMANY

LONDON, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry at Bonn will take urgent action to trace Jewish children placed in non-Jewish homes in Germany during the Nazi regime, the German legation here has promised the world Agudas Israel executive.

The Agudah had appealed to the German Minister to Britain, Dr. Schlange-Schöningen, to help it locate such children in the territory of West Germany. The Agudah said it was known that many Jewish parents, faced with transportation to Nazi concentration camps, had entrusted their children to non-Jewish families or non-Jewish welfare institutions. The Agudah asked that full details on these children be supplied so that Jewish communal organizations could give the matter their active consideration.

BAVARIAN PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE TO PROBE AUERBACH TRIAL

MUNICH, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- A Bavarian Parliamentary commission will open a formal investigation of the background of the trial of the late Philip Auerbach, former head of the State Restitution Office, on Sept. 30, with a public hearing. The committee has already begun informal sessions here.

Auerbach, a former concentration camp inmate, committed suicide after his conviction for alleged irregularities in the restitution office. The chief prosecution witness against Auerbach was subsequently convicted of perjury. Attorneys for Auerbach have charged the Bavarian Ministry of Justice with "rigging" the trial by placing three former Nazi Party members on the five-man bench.

Former Justice Minister Joseph Mueller, who removed Auerbach from office and ordered his trial, in a speech here last night, said that if he had once again to consider reorganization of the restitution office and proceedings against Auerbach, he would do so "without regrets." He said that "I had to show my ability to be called an anti-Semite while what I was actually working for was the prevention of anti-Semitism in Germany."

At Dusseldorf, Chief Rabbi Dr. Holzer reported today that a local committee had raised 2,000 marks to aid the Auerbach family which was left penniless.

BRITISH FASCISTS PLANNING COMEBACK; RALLY AT SALISBURY

LONDON, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- British fascists, planning a comeback, are using the town of Salisbury as a springboard in their drive.

More than 1,500 persons attended a fascist rally there last night. The main speaker was Victor Burgess who raised his arm in the Nazi salute and hurled insults at Jewish merchants in the area.

Local Fascist organizers claimed the meeting was a success in adding to membership in the party. New members include businessmen and ex-soldiers, they said.

UNVEIL SARAJEVO MEMORIAL TO JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZIS

BELGRADE, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The last in a series of monuments honoring the memory of Yugoslav Jews murdered by the Nazis was unveiled at the Sarajevo Jewish cemetery. Three thousand persons, including cabinet ministers and leaders of the Yugoslav Jewish community, attended the rites.

(From Rome it was reported that Dr. Renzo Bonfiglioli, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, who had been invited to attend the ceremonies dedicating the Jewish monument in Yugoslavia, would discuss with the Belgrade authorities the question of permitting Italian Jews to cross into Yugoslav territory to visit the Jewish cemetery at Gorizia, which is only 500 meters inside the Yugoslav border.)

SEEK AID FOR 300 STRANDED IN ITALY AWAITING CANADIAN VISAS

ROME, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The intervention of the World Jewish Congress and of the Canadian Jewish Congress is being sought in behalf of 300 Jews who have applied here for Canadian immigration visas which have been denied them on grounds that they "did not meet immigration requirements."

Many of the prospective emigrants entered Italy on transit visas in expectation of continuing their journey to Canada, and are having difficulty with the Italian authorities over prolonging their permits.

SOUTHERN ADL REGION APPROVES WITHDRAWAL FROM NCRAC

ATLANTA, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Withdrawal by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith from the National Community Relations Advisory Council was overwhelmingly endorsed here yesterday by the Southern Regional Board of the ADL. The session approved "the position taken by the B'nai B'rith at the last plenary session of the NCRAC."

In a supplementary statement, the board expressed pride in the achievements made in its region in the field of human and communal relations and expressed concern that recent developments should disrupt this program. It voiced the "fervent hope" that the Jewish community relations organizations "will use their best efforts to harmonize all differences for the good of the entire community."

Meyer Sigal, president of the Georgia B'nai B'rith Association, announced that ADL distinguished service awards would be presented to two North Carolina editors, Horace Carter, of Tabor City, and Williard Cope, of Whiteville, for their fight against the Ku Klux Klan.

CONCERN OVER NCRAC WITHDRAWALS VOICED AT CJFWF REGIONAL PARLEY

DENVER, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The concern of every Jewish community with such actions as the withdrawal by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee from the National Community Relations Advisory Council was expressed here at the annual conference of the West Central Region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

The conference, in a resolution, urged communities to keep their members informed on developments so that "any action that may be called for to insure harmony and unity which we believe to be essential, may be taken with full knowledge and understanding."

In another resolution, the conference noted the "excellent coordination" on local levels between welfare fund campaigns and the Israel bond campaign. The resolution declared that any coordinating committee established nationally for the United Jewish Appeal and the bond organization must "consider the desires and needs of the communities, not only in regard to Israel but for all other needs, overseas, nationally and locally." The Conference called for the continuous participation by communities in negotiations for the establishment and maintenance of such national coordination.

NEW UNIT IN BALTIMORE MEDICAL CENTER DEDICATED

BALTIMORE, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The new Jewish medical center in Baltimore will "add to the world's recognition of the Baltimore area as the home of progress in the advancement of the science of medicine and the related arts," Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin said yesterday at dedicatory exercises for the new infirmary building of the Levindale Hebrew Home and Infirmary, an autonomous unit of the new medical center.

Harry Greenstein, executive director of the Associated Jewish Charities, reported that \$11, 200, 000 is now available towards the \$16, 000, 000 building program of the center.

REMAINS OF JEWISH YOUTH KILLED IN KOREA RETURNED TO CUBA

HAVANA, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The remains of Corporal Isaac Bandar, a Cuban Jewish youth who died in Korea while serving in the United States Army, were brought here today on the vessel Siboney, at the request of his parents. Bandar was resident in the U. S. when he joined the army. He was killed in action last May, just 12 days before his discharge was due.