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SHARETT CONFERS WITH U.N. TRUCE CHIEF ON ISRAEL-SYRIAN CONFLICT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today conferred with Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, United Nations truce chief in Palestine, and his political advisor, Henri Vigier, on the Israel-Syrian dispute over the Israel Huleh reclamation project.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a joint statement was issued reporting that Mr. Sharett had presented to Gen. Bennike information concerning Israel's position on the dredging of a canal in the Huleh Valley. The Danish General promised to study the new material and will meet with Mr. Sharett again within a few days.

At the invitation of Mr. Sharett, Gen. Bennike has completed an inspection of land records in Safad and satisfied himself that the land involved in the current dispute is not owned by Arabs.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet last night announced after a lengthy meeting on the developments vis-a-vis Syria that the government was in full support of Mr. Sharett's earlier statement to Gen. Bennike that Israel would not accede to a request by the UN truce chief that work on a diversion canal in the Huleh region be halted pending an agreement with Syria on how the work shall proceed.

Eban Discusses Huleh Conflict with State Dept. Officials

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today discussed the present situation regarding the drainage of Huleh marshes and Syrian protests with Under Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith and Robert Murphy, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs. Details of the discussion were not made known.

Meanwhile, State Department officials studied the Arab threats against Israel, as expressed in the Arab press, in connection with Israel's refusal to be intimidated into halting work on the Huleh project.

The Lebanese newspaper "Al-Sharq" published a long article under the headline: "Forward to action, Shishakli. All Arabs support you. The time has arrived to put an end to Zionism." In Iraq, the publication "Al-Saa" said: "Iraq is prepared to support Syria and to send its troops at the first signal of alarm in order to destroy the Jewish Government."

The official organ of Premier Mohammed Naguib, "Al-Tahrir," said in Cairo: "The time is now past when Shertok (Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett)

was able to threaten every Arab state separately. He now has to talk to all Arabs together. In this position, he resembles an ant threatening to overwhelm a mountain. "

Egypt's most important newspaper, "Al-Ahram," expressed the view that "the Tel Aviv Government has recently become very insolent, which compels the Arabs to put an end to this insolence. Although Egypt is not situated on the Jordan River it fully shares the attitude of Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan toward the Tel Aviv Government and is prepared to implement the mutual security pact."

The Syrian newspaper "Al-Zaman" reported that "the Syrian Army is ready to begin work for the purpose of diverting the Jordan River from its natural course into Syrian territory. This will not be difficult with the aid of modern methods. The Zionists will then realize they have wasted many millions without obtaining any profit."

A Jordanian newspaper, "Al-Difa" said: "This sharp dispute constitutes a test for Gen. Bennike who now has to prove his neutrality and publish his firm decision on this matter."

ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE POSSIBLE THROUGH DIRECT TALKS, ISRAEL TELLS U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Emphasizing that Israel is continuing to seek peace with the Arab countries, Ambassador Abba Eban, chief of Israel's delegation to the United Nations, told the U.N. General Assembly today that he believes that "this would not be achieved until there were direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab states."

The Israel diplomat appealed to the General Assembly for a procedure whereby resolutions which have been superseded could be dropped. He was referring to the practice of the Arab states in making propaganda of past decisions of the United Nations on Palestine.

Dr. Charles Malik, Lebanese representative, told the General Assembly that his government insists that Jerusalem be "politically neutralized." He referred to the recent protest of a Catholic organization to the U.N. against the transfer of Israel Government offices to Jerusalem and said that Jerusalem, as well as an area of ten miles around the city, must be internationalized.

The Lebanese delegate also emphasized that "the Arab world would never acquiesce in the fait accompli" established with regard to the Arab refugees from Palestine. He said that the Arab refugees were the key to practically every issue relating to Israel.

"Things would begin to happen" with regard to Palestine, he stated, if the United Nations made a serious effort to carry out its decisions, if Israel agreed to negotiate on the basis of those decisions, if the great powers gave a guarantee against "territorial encroachment by Israel upon the Arabs," if Israel put an end to its present immigration policy, if the Arabs were "actively helped to strengthen themselves."

Attacking the Israel Government for seeking to make Israel its capital, the Lebanese diplomat expressed the opinion that Israel would never be satisfied with the new city but would attempt to seize the Jordan-held Old City as well. The only way to avert this "eventuality," he said, "is from now on to place the entire area of Jerusalem under effective international supervision."

Dr. Shabander, Iraqi representative, spoke in a similar vein. He attacked Israel and "Zionism" and said that the Arab refugees are losing faith in the United Nations.

EMIGRATION FROM ISRAEL EXCEEDS IMMIGRATION, OFFICIAL REPORTS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Emigration from Israel now exceeds immigration entering the country, David Horowitz, governor of the Central Bank of Israel, today told delegates at the closing session of the National Economic Conference for Israel. The way to check this trend, Mr. Horwitz said, was to improve economic conditions through support of the State of Israel Bond Issue.

The last sessions of the conference were devoted to the inauguration of the final phase of the first Israel Bond Drive. Delegates to the conference reported on plans for Israel Bond-sponsored celebrations of the 3,000th anniversary of Jerusalem in New York and other cities during October and November. Former President Harry S. Truman will be the guest of honor at the Chicago celebration on November 28. These celebrations will be the occasion for extraordinary campaign activity to obtain large sums of investment capital for Israel through bond sales.

Beba Idelson, a member of the Knesset and general secretary of the Working Women's Council of Israel, told the sessions that the women of Israel are "just as emancipated as the women of America." She said that activities of Israel women "must inevitably accelerate the emancipation of women throughout the Middle East and in other backward areas of the world."

Women's divisions throughout the United States have sold more than \$25,000,000 in Israel bonds, Mrs. Alex Lowenthal, of Pittsburgh, newly-chosen national chairman of the Israel Bond Women's Division reported to the conference. Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, former head of the women's division and newly-appointed honorary chairman of the group, paid tribute to national Jewish women's organizations for their aid in the drive.

In a personal message addressed to Mrs. Epstein, Israel Prime Minister David Ben Gurion paid tribute to her "unfailing devotion, energy and skill" and congratulated her "on the magnificent performance of a difficult job." A replica of the Prime Minister's letter, engraved on a silver tray, was presented to Mrs. Epstein at the conference.

Morgenthau Criticized for Attacking Histadrut Activities

An attack on the Histadrut by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Drive, during the conference, today elicited strong statements in defense of Histadrut by a spokesman for the Labor Zionist movement and Harold J. Goldenberg, of Minneapolis, Minn., director of the investment center in Israel.

Mr. Morgenthau told the conference that he "would like to see the Histadrut get out of private business." Today Mr. Goldenberg declared Mr. Morgenthau's remarks about Histadrut represented "a mistaken notion of everything which is good in Zionism."

Describing himself as a "private capitalist who believes in free enterprise," Mr. Goldenberg characterized the Histadrut as a "tremendous organization without which we would not have Israel today." He said that some rumors about Histadrut's alleged control of business could be described as a "canard" or "lie." The rumors to which he referred pertained to allegations that the Histadrut demands a 51 percent interest in new businesses.

Following Mr. Morgenthau's remarks last night, a special meeting was held by representatives of the Poale Zion, Farband, and Pioneer Women. They drafted a statement which Meyer Brown, coordinating director of the Labor Zionist Movement,

sought to read to the conference today. The chair refused Mr. Brown permission to read it so Mr. Brown issued it to the press.

The statement held that Mr. Morgenthau contradicted himself because he had urged American Jews not to interfere in Israel's internal economic and political problems yet in the same speech had attacked the Israel labor organization. It pointed out that the Histadrut does not maintain private businesses because "everything created in Israel was in a collective and cooperative nature."

Stressing that Histadrut does not oppose private initiative, the statement said the organization's operations were similar to cooperative movements fostered by labor in Scandinavia, Belgium, and England. The Histadrut, said Mr. Brown, did pioneer work in fields which no private business would undertake because of absence of profit incentive. He emphasized that if it were not for Histadrut, the economy of Israel would today be in much worse shape than it is.

KNESSET DEPUTY SPEAKER GOES TO U.S.; BRINGS ISRAEL TORCH

JERUSALEM, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Zeev Shepherd, Deputy Speaker of the Israel Knesset, will leave Israel tomorrow for the United States bearing a torch lighted on Mt. Zion yesterday at Succoth services at which prayers for world peace were offered. The torch will be brought to Madison Square in New York where a meeting on October 20 will mark the 3,000th anniversary of Jerusalem.

The torch and 70 candles, symbolizing the Biblical 70 nations of the world, were lighted before the prayers for world peace were recited. Memorial services were held for soldiers of all lands who died fighting for peace and freedom. Thanksgiving was offered for the peace in Korea.

Mr. Shepherd will head an eight-member group of Israeli Parliamentarians who will attend a meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Washington early next month. Later, they will embark on a speaking tour of the United States in behalf of the Israel Bond Issue.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE OPEN IN ISRAEL; 400 SCHOLARS ATTEND

TEL AVIV, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- An archaeological conference devoted to recent discoveries in the Negev opened at Beersheba with President Ben Zvi of Israel and the president and rector of the Hebrew University present. Some 400 scholars, including 60 from abroad, are attending the gathering.

Among the experts and specialists who reported on their recent work was Prof. William Albright, the noted explorer, who lectured on his findings on the movement of the Jews from Egypt to Palestine during the Exodus. Premier David Ben Gurion last night addressed the parley on Jewish associations with the city of Beersheba and expressed the hope that the archaeologists would succeed in establishing "the line between the past and the present."

HOLLAND SENDS 500 TONS OF FROZEN FISH TO ISRAEL UNDER TRADE PACT

THE HAGUE, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Five hundred tons of frozen fresh herrings will be delivered to Israel, beginning next week, it was reported here today. The fish, valued at about 100,000 Israel pounds, are being supplied under terms of the Dutch-Israel trade agreement.

GERMANY PROMULGATES LAW TO COMPENSATE INDIVIDUAL NAZI VICTIMS

BONN, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- The West German law for the indemnification of individual victims of Nazism, adopted by parliament eight weeks ago, has now been promulgated through publication of the text in the Official Gazette.

Although the law will enter into effect on October 1, not a single implementation regulation or administrative directive has yet been issued.

EX-NAZI SENTENCED TO NINE MONTHS IN JAIL FOR ANTI-JEWISH OUTRAGES

FRANKFURT, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- A German court at Marburg imposed a nine-month prison sentence upon Karl Zacharias, 48-year-old former storm trooper at Gladenbach, for having been the ringleader in numerous outrages inflicted upon Jewish residents in the early years of the Nazi regime.

For having carried on the work of the "League of Young Germans," a prohibited neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic organization, 11 Germans were sentenced in West Berlin to terms ranging from nine months in prison to fines.

Berthold Exkert, whose record lists five criminal convictions, was given nine months. Two other defendants received six months each, while four were sent to jail for three months. Four fines of \$70 each were imposed on the remaining four neo-Nazis in the dock.

PROF. BUBER HONORED IN GERMANY; ACCEPTS "PEACE PRIZE"

FRANKFURT, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Prof. Martin Buber, world renowned Jewish philosopher, teacher and author, yesterday accepted the 1953 "Peace Prize of the German Bookdealers Federation" of West Germany at a public ceremony at St. Paul's Church here, a secularized national shrine. The Minister-President of Hesse, Dr. A. Zinn, and Dr. Theodor Dehler, Hesse Minister of Justice, attended the ceremony.

In his speech of acceptance, Prof. Buber said that those Germans who had murdered millions of his fellow Jews had removed themselves from humanity to the "sphere of monstrous inhumanity." "Who am I that I could presume to 'forgive,'" he added.

Dr. Buber said that when he visualized the Germans of the era of Auschwitz and Treblinka--the Nazi death camps where most of European Jewry was annihilated in the gas chambers and crematoria--he saw the "great number who knew" of the horrors which were occurring without doing anything about them. Knowing human weakness, he declared, he refused to condemn such people for failing to become martyrs.

Prof. Buber concluded by saying that he felt "reverence and love" for those Germans who refused to carry out the orders of murderers and who revolted against them, preferring death or suicide. Other speakers at the ceremony praised the 75-year-old Professor Emeritus at the Hebrew University as a great humanitarian who had done much to aid persecuted Jews. The prize, slightly under \$2,500, was established in 1950 and was first won by Max Tau, Jewish author and pacifist.

GERMAN BROADCAST SERIES TO DEPICT JEWISH ROLE IN CULTURAL LIFE

HAMBURG, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- The Northwest German Radio network will each week carry a quarter-hour program dealing with some aspect of the Jewish contribution to German cultural life past and present, it was announced here today. Starting October 16, the broadcasts will be made each Friday.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS PUBLISHES GUIDEBOOK OF JEWS IN 64 LANDS

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- A comprehensive study of Jewish communities in 64 countries was published today by the World Jewish Congress here. The study, prepared by Dr. Isaac I. Schwarzbart, head of the WJC's organization department, contains up-to-date information on the history, structure and character of Jewish communities in the Western world, as well as in such far-flung areas as Indonesia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Finland, Bolivia and the Belgian Congo.

The survey reveals that 75 percent of the world's 11,500,000 Jews live in three countries: the United States, Soviet Russia and Israel. Two of these three major centers--the Jewries of the U.S.A. and of the State of Israel--Dr. Schwarzbart declares, form great constructive laboratories of Jewishness, thus ensuring a continuation of the identity of the Jewish people. The third of the three Jewish centers, Soviet Russia, is a place where Jewishness is being completely wiped out, according to Dr. Schwarzbart.

The study also points out that another 2,100,000 Jews, or about 19 percent of the Jewish people, live in nine countries. The remaining six percent of Jews are scattered in nations throughout the world.

AMERICAN MIZRACHI TO HOLD CONVENTION IN ATLANTIC CITY

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- The Mizrahi Organization of America today announced it will hold its 33rd annual national convention November 4-8 in Atlantic City. More than 800 delegates from all parts of the United States, representing 70,000 members in 300 chapters, will attend the five-day conclave at the Breakers Hotel.

In announcing the convention, Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, national president, declared that a major goal would be that of presenting to the delegates a comprehensive analysis "of the unabated difficulties" which the State of Israel faces at present.

CARDINAL SPELLMAN CONTRIBUTES TO NEW \$1,500,000 JEWISH CLINIC

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- The Charles H. Silver Clinic of Beth Israel Hospital here was dedicated in a ceremony attended by over 1,000 persons yesterday. The \$1,500,000 six-story structure was named in honor of Charles Silver, president of the hospital and well known philanthropist.

Former Vice President Alben W. Barkley presided over the ceremony. Among the speakers were Bernard Baruch, Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri, Milton Weill, president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, and the Right Rev. James J. Lynch, executive director of the New York Catholic Charities who brought greetings from Cardinal Spellman and a \$10,000 check from the Cardinal and the Alfred E. Smith Foundation. Mr. Weill told the gathering that the clinic would care for 100,000 persons annually.

B'NAI B'RITH TO BUILD FOUR-STORY HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- The District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment has granted permission to the B'nai B'rith to construct a four-story building in downtown Washington to serve as the organization's national headquarters, it was announced here today. The building will include a library and museum of fine arts as well as offices of the parent organization.