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ISRAELIS CONCERNED ABOUT BEN GURION'S INTENTIONS; RUMORS CONTINUE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The question of whether the reports of the alleged intention of Premier David Ben Gurion to take a prolonged leave of absence are true continued today to be a matter of speculation, even after a meeting which took place between the Premier and the four General Zionist members of the Cabinet.

General Zionist circles yesterday indicated that their Cabinet members would press Mr. Ben Gurion for a confirmation or denial of the reports. Today it became known that this did not happen. The General Zionist members of the Cabinet discussed with the Premier only general questions concerning the state, but not his personal intentions. They sought to clarify his stand on the liberalization of foreign currency regulations, the easing of the military governorship in Arab areas and other domestic issues.

The Haboker, organ of the General Zionists, today reports that Mrs. Ben Gurion indicated to a journalist that her husband "has decided to quit the government, but not his party." Among the speculative opinions as to why Mr. Ben Gurion should seek retirement is one alleging that there are serious differences between him and other leaders of his party - the Israel Labor Party.

ISRAEL CHARGED WITH ATTACKING JORDAN VILLAGES; U. S. "CONCERNED"

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Israeli representatives on the Mixed Armistice Commission were today informed by United Nations truce observers that the Jordanians had complained that an Israeli force last night invaded Jordan territory in the Judean Hills and the Naballah area and attacked several villages. An emergency meeting of the MAC was called for late today.

(In Washington, the State Department made known today that it is studying reports that Israel carried out a military reprisal raid against the Jordan frontier area and killed 31 Jordanians. Department sources revealed that the Department is "concerned" over the alleged military action by the Israel Army.)

One of the Jordan villages identified as under attack was Kivya, to which Arab marauders who murdered an Israeli mother and two infants this week had been tracked. Inhabitants of Jewish villages near the Jordan border in this area reported hearing loud explosions from Jordan territory over the period of several hours.

Meanwhile, Radio Ramallah, heard here, said that Israeli armed forces had penetrated Jordan and had attacked a village near Naballah. The attackers blew up 40 houses and left a large number of casualties, the announcer said. The broadcast said that 31 were known dead and 40 wounded in the Arab village and more people were believed trapped in the debris.

ISRAEL AND U. N. TRUCE CHIEF IN DEADLOCK OVER JORDAN CANAL ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and United Nations truce supervisor Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike met here today for an hour and a quarter to discuss the dispute over the Israeli canal along the Israel-Syrian border. At the end of the meeting the issue was still deadlocked with the UN truce chief demanding immediate and indefinite abandonment of the project and Israel refusing to call off its work.

A joint communique issued after the meeting stated that it had been agreed that after Gen. Bennike submitted his report on the situation to the UN Security Council the matter might be pursued further in the Council. It was learned that Mr. Sharett had offered to have work halted for a fixed period to help Gen. Bennike complete his investigation. The General, however, was uninterested in this proposition and demanded the indefinite and immediate stoppage of work.

The Palestine Electric Corporation has sent a letter to Gen. Bennike asserting that halting of the work on the hydroelectric canal on the Jordan River in the Israel-Syrian demilitarized zone would be an infringement on its concession to generate electric power in that area of Palestine.

The letter also stated that work on the canal has not been halted, adding that if it were the corporation reserves the right to raise the matter again since such action would mean considerable financial loss to the corporation. In a covering letter to the Israel Government, dispatched along with a copy of the letter to Gen. Bennike, the corporation says that the government cannot order a stoppage of work on the canal because such action would be illegal. A copy of the letter to Gen. Bennike was also sent to the UN Security Council.

STATE DEPT. MUM ON REPORT OF DETAINING AID FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Neither the Israel Embassy nor the State Department would comment today on reports that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is holding up economic aid to Israel as a pressure device to make the Jewish State conform to policies desired by the State Department.

A spokesman for the Foreign Operations Administration said that it is a fact that the United States has not allotted any funds for Israel as yet out of monies voted by the Congress in its last session. It was noted, however, that some of the other Near Eastern countries have not yet received allotments.

As to the question of whether Israel's funds were being held up at the direction of Secretary Dulles, the spokesman said that this was a question which would have to be referred to the State Department. It was pointed out that the State Department sets policy in such cases and any withholding of funds would be at the direction of the Secretary of State.

A spokesman for the State Department said the Department had "no comment" to make on a query as to whether Israel's funds were being deliberately held up.

U. S. RECLAMATION EXPERT LEAVES FOR ISRAEL ON TWO-YEAR MISSION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Arthur J. Power, Bureau of Reclamation canal design expert, left Washington today for Israel where he will join other reclamation engineers on a two-year assignment with the Foreign Operations Administration. Mr. Power will work with Wilfred L. Karrer and Tom B. Thomas, reclamation engineers already advising Israel Government officials, in the development of Israel's land and water resources.

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION CONFERENCE REJECTS ARAB INVITATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15, (JTA) -- The Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference which is taking place here, today rejected an invitation from Lebanon to hold its next meeting in Beirut because it was felt that Lebanon would discriminate against Israel and Jewish delegates by barring them from the country.

Lebanon's invitation was turned down after Israel delegate Chaim Ariav pointed out that there was no assurance that all nations would be free to attend. The council of the Union considered the question raised by Israel and voted to reject the offer by Lebanon. The next meeting will take place in Vienna instead.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR U.N. TO TAKE STAND ON JERUSALEM ISSUE

NEW YORK, Oct. 15, (JTA) -- The American Association for the United Nations today disassociated itself from a recent letter to the New York Times by an honorary vice-president of the organization demanding that the city of Jerusalem be internationalized. The letter was signed by Michael Francis Doyle of Philadelphia, one-time member of the International Court of Arbitration at The Hague.

Today's action was taken by Clark M. Eichelberger, executive director of the Association, in another letter to the Times. He explained that Mr. Doyle wrote the letter in his own name and that the "Association had not seen his communication and knew nothing about it" before it was published by the Times. Mr. Eichelberger added that the association has not expressed itself on the subject of an international status for Jerusalem since 1948, but will discuss it at the next meeting of the board of directors.

JORDAN SEEKS TO CHECK SALE OF GOODS BY GERMANY TO ISRAEL

MUNICH, Oct. 15, (JTA) -- Arab importers of German goods, especially importers in Jordan, are demanding that German firms which sell them goods sign a declaration to the effect that they are not supplying goods for Israel reparations, it was reported here today by the local chamber of commerce.

The trade agreement between Germany and Iraq, which has been in unofficial effect since January, has come into legal effect with the publication of the pact in the Official Gazette. The recent exchange of diplomatic representatives between the two states is expected to lead to increased trade.

ISRAEL'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CLOSES; VISITED BY 600,000

JERUSALEM, Oct. 15, (JTA) -- Israel's first international exhibition, "The Conquest of the Desert Exhibition," closed here last night after 22 days. During that period some 600,000 persons--nearly one-third of the country's population--visited the fair in Jerusalem's convention center.

The exhibits made a tremendous impression on visitors from all corners of the country, giving them for the first time physical evidence of the great concentrated effort of building up the country and a record of achievement--all concentrated in one building. The Israel Government's pavilion drew the largest number of visitors and the greatest praise for the arrangement of the exhibits to highlight Israel's development.

JEWS IN FRANCE URGED TO SEEK HEIRLESS PROPERTY; PLAN FAVORED

PARIS, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The formation of a national French Jewish organization to receive the property of French Jews who died heirless during the Nazi occupation of France was proposed here today by Alexander Reiter, an official of the Center of Contemporary Jewish Documentation.

Mr. Reiter urged the major Jewish organizations in France to get together to form a body along the lines of the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization in Germany. Only a special body authorized to speak in the name of all the Jews of France and with the necessary legal and financial competence could hope to obtain satisfactory legislation covering the return of heirless Jewish property, he emphasized.

Mr. Reiter estimated that unclaimed and heirless property belonging to the 120,000 French Jews murdered by the Nazis amounts to several billion francs. Under present French law all unclaimed and heirless property reverts to the state. Several French political leaders have already expressed themselves as favoring a plan to introduce a special law in the National Assembly to award heirless Jewish property to a Jewish organization.

At the beginning of this year, the Center for Contemporary Jewish Documentation presented the Minister of Finance with a detailed list of Jewish bank accounts blocked during the Vichy regime. The Minister promised to investigate the list and determine to what extent it included accounts of Jews who died heirless. Now documentary proof of the existence of heirless Jewish property was recently furnished with the discovery of 19,000 receipts delivered to Jewish prisoners at the Drancy concentration camp for cash, jewelry and other personal possessions taken from them before they were shipped to Nazi death camps.

TURKISH REPUBLICAN PARTY EMPHASIZES OPPOSITION TO BIGOTRY

ISTANBUL, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Renewed assurance that the Republican Party -- currently the opposition party in Turkey -- will not give way to racial or religious discrimination if it is elected to power in the general elections next May, was given by Kasim Gulek, head of the party, addressing a public meeting in the city of Mersin, in southern Turkey.

The Republican Party, which held power in the nation from the formation of the Turkish Republic after World War I until 1950 when it was beaten by the Democratic Party, was responsible for the discriminatory "varlik" tax during World War II which brought economic ruin to Jews and other minority group members.

Mr. Gulek reiterated earlier statements that he considers discriminatory practices a betrayal of the country. He also charged that there were some elements in the country who were trying to spark a propaganda campaign based on racial and religious discrimination.

NAZI PRESS CHIEF'S PROPERTY IS CONFISCATED IN GERMANY

MUNICH, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- In posthumous denazification proceedings, former Nazi press chief Dr. Otto Dietrich, who died last year, was classified as a "major offender" and his estate confiscated. A constant companion and one of the closest confidants of Hitler, he was the author of numerous anti-Semitic books, tracts and articles.

I. D. C. HOLDS PARLEY IN PARIS; HEARS REPORTS FROM 18 COUNTRIES

PARIS, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- A global review of Jewish relief, rescue and rehabilitation needs will begin here Sunday at the eighth postwar conference of Joint Distribution Committee field directors. JDC representatives from 18 countries in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East are scheduled to report to the parley, which will last until next Thursday. Special guests of the conference will be a delegation of 25 American Jewish community leaders headed by Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

In a statement issued here today, JDC director general Moses Beckelman reported that the organization had appropriated \$18,270,000 during the first ten months of the year for assistance operations on three continents. This sum, he pointed out, is nearly \$1,400,000 higher than the amount allocated by the JDC during the same period last year.

Three major questions will confront the conference: 1. Israel - how can the JDC best meet the needs of thousands of sick, aged and handicapped immigrants who have not yet been reached by the agency's Malben program there? 2. Moslem countries - how can the JDC's programs of health care, education, food relief and economic aid be expanded? 3. Europe - how can the JDC speed the growing trend of the surviving Jewish communities on the Continent to meet their own welfare needs, thus freeing JDC funds for more urgent programs in other areas.

UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL TO HOLD TWO-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The United Israel Appeal today announced that it will hold a national two-day conference in Chicago to evaluate American-Israel relations under the present administration. About 2,000 delegates are expected to attend the conference which will open on November 14.

Among the major topics on the agenda of the conference will be the following: 1. United States, Israel and the Middle East; 2. Productivity, agriculture, trade relations; 3. The Arab refugee problem and Israel-Arab relations; 4. Problems of immigration, rehabilitation and resettlement - the role of American Jews.

"All of these subjects are directly related to the central problem facing Israel today of productive resettlement of its immigrants and meeting its pressing short-term indebtedness incurred during the mass influx," Rudolf G. Sonneborn, UJA national chairman said. He declared that prominent national figures including representatives both of the Republican administration and of the Democratic Party, as well as UN and Israel government experts will participate in the proceedings.

PHILADELPHIA POLICE INVESTIGATE "FIRE BOMB" ATTACK ON SYNAGOGUE

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The Philadelphia Jewish Community Relations Council and the police authorities here are jointly investigating a "Molotov cocktail" attack on the synagogue of Congregation B'nai Mannaseh last week.

Morris Goldberg, a passerby, saw a group of 15-16-year old youths hurl a can containing burning rags through the window of the synagogue. He shouted and attracted the attention of Usher Grossman, a vice-president of the synagogue, and Jacob Zaken. The three men entered the synagogue, removed the "fire bomb" and extinguished it outside. Meanwhile, one of the pews had caught fire and firemen called to the scene put it out. Mr. Grossman suffered minor burns on one hand,

CITY OF NEW YORK GREETES JERUSALEM ON ITS 3,000TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The City of New York today sent a message of greetings to the City of Jerusalem on the occasion of the latter's 3,000th anniversary. The message, sent by Mayor Impellitteri, said:

"The City of New York is happy to greet the City of Jerusalem on the unique and remarkable occasion of its 3,000th anniversary. This extraordinary milestone has a special significance, not alone for the Jewish people, but for all of the Western world, which is eternally in debt to Jerusalem for those basic precepts which form the basis of the Judeo-Christian tradition. New York City, with its 300 years, owes much to Jerusalem and its 3,000 years. The people of our city look to Jerusalem as a living symbol of those noble spiritual ideals that have come to be our heritage in the course of 30 centuries."

BOSTON MAYOR LEAVES FOR ISRAEL; MAY VISIT JORDAN-HELD TERRITORY

BOSTON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Mayor John B. Hynes and Fred Monosson, prominent Zionist and communal leader, left today by plane for Israel. The Mayor also expects to visit the part of Palestine held by Jordan.

During his stay in Israel, Dr. Monosson will confer with Minister of Justice Pinchas Rosen on the Israel legal code, and on a project to obtain the cooperation of Harvard University's School of Law in the drafting of the code. He will also participate in the dedication of two new buildings for the Weizmann Institute at Rehovoth. Mr. Monosson is vice-president of the American Committee for the Institute.

DR. KOHEL NAMED DEAN OF EINSTEIN MEDICAL COLLEGE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Marcus D. Kogel, New York City Commissioner of Hospitals, will become dean of the projected Albert Einstein College of Medicine of the Yeshiva University, it was announced here today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University.

In accepting the appointment, Dr. Kogel said: "My first duty, as I see it, is to assemble the best possible faculty and to organize a curriculum which will profit by the experience of medical educators throughout the country. I am certain that when the Albert Einstein College of Medicine opens its doors in the fall of 1955, it will do so as a school of medicine of which all Americans can be proud."

JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY CONSIDERS PROJECTS FOR 1954

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Various literary projects which will serve as a basis for the publication schedule of the Jewish Publication Society next year were discussed at a conference in New York of Jewish scholars and prominent laymen actively identified with the work of the Society.

Judge Louis E. Levinthal, president of the Society, addressing the gathering, spoke optimistically of the JPS' function. An extensive report on the publication of Jewish experience in the United States and Jewish contributions to American democracy was given at the conference by Edwin Wolf 2nd, vice-president of the Society.