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U. N. CHIEF DEFENDS HIS PESSIMISTIC VIEW ON ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 19. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold today explained at a press conference his statement that "the time is not yet here for a peace settlement between the Arab states and Israel." The statement was contained in the annual report Mr. Hammarskjold published last week, as prepared for submission to the UN General Assembly which starts its session next month.

"Realism was always a good thing in politics," the UN Secretary-General said at his press conference today. He challenged anyone to contest the truth of his statement about the Arab-Israel peace possibilities at the present time. "We should not fool ourselves that we have gotten farther than we have," he emphasized.

Mr. Hammarskjold announced at the press conference the appointment of Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, former mediator of the Arab-Jewish war, as one of the UN under-secretaries. However, he denied that Dr. Bunche would be primarily concerned with the Palestine issue.

The UN Secretary General paid generous tribute to Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, retiring chief of staff of the truce supervision organization in Palestine. He said he had "unreserved admiration" for what Gen. Bennike had done, "and added it was "what one might expect from a man of his upright moral attitude and great integrity and judgment."

"I can't remember," Mr. Hammarskjold went on, "any case of disagreement between myself and Gen. Bennike. There was a complete meeting of minds between us." The Secretary-General added that Gen. Bennike had "made all the contribution that an outstanding personality could make toward peace."

KLUTZNICK CONFERS WITH DULLES ON ISRAEL-ARAB SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- National President Philip Klutznick of B'nai B'rith today talked at length with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on the Israel-Arab situation, in connection with the British withdrawal from Suez, and later told the press that Mr. Dulles, in view of recent events, saw more hope for favorable Near Eastern developments.

Mr. Klutznick said his conversation with Mr. Dulles gave him confidence that progress would be made. Problems involving Israel are now receiving Mr. Dulles' "personal and intimate attention," Mr. Klutznick stated. He stressed that the Secretary appeared more hopeful on Near Eastern affairs than in some time.

NEW U.N. TRUCE CHIEF ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; EXPECTS "NO MIRACLES"

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns of Canada, new chief of the United Nations truce supervision organization, arrived here today to take up his post. He told newsmen that he hopes for gradual improvement in the Israel-Arab situation but expects "no miracles." He will first study the situation, visiting the capitals of all the states signatory to the various Arab-Israel armistice agreements, before he takes up his duties actively, he announced.

Gen. Burns said that he and his predecessor, Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, will go first to Cairo to talk to Egyptian officials, after which they will visit the capitals of the other Arab League states. Gen. Burns pledged to continue the talks begun by Gen. Bennike in an effort to ease the tensions between the contending governments involved in the Palestine situation.

Meanwhile, Gen. Bennike continued the series of discussions he had begun in an effort to pave the way for his successor's assumption of the truce supervision job. Today, Gen. Bennike conferred with Walter Eytan, director-general of the Israel Foreign Ministry. Then he went across the line into Jordanian territory, where he talked with foreign office officials there.

ISRAEL CHIEF OF STAFF EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO UNITED STATES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- General Moshe Dayan, youthful chief of staff of the Israeli Army, returned here today after visits in the United States and France. He expressed gratitude to United States Army officers who, he said, had given him a warm reception and an opportunity to study the American army's organization and equipment.

Gen. Dayan also expressed his thanks to the French Army, which decorated him with the order of Commander of the Legion of Honor during his visit to Paris.

ISRAEL OPENS PAVILION AT INTERNATIONAL FAIR IN TURKEY

ISTANBUL, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Israel today dedicated its pavilion at the Izmir International Fair which opens tomorrow. The dedication ceremony attracted large crowds. Israel is represented at the fair this year by 130 firms, as compared with 80 last year.

Turkey has relaxed its strict import regulations for the Israeli exhibitors, making it possible for them not only to show more of their goods here, but also to promise early deliveries upon orders. The high quality of Israeli products has made these goods very popular in this country.

DUTCH EMBASSY IN U.S. HEARS JEWISH VIEWS ON ABDUCTED WAR ORPHANS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. J.G. de Beus, charge d'affaires of the Netherlands Embassy, today met with Philip Klutznick, national president of B'nai B'rith, to discuss the case of two Dutch Jewish war orphans who are being brought up by foster parents in the Roman Catholic faith, contrary to the expressed wishes of the parents, who were victims of the Nazis.

The orphans, Anneke Beekman and Rebecca Milhado, were saved from the Nazis by the foster parents, but are now being brought up as Roman Catholics. Mr. Klutznick told Dr. de Beus that "it is the hope of the Jewish people that the Dutch Government will continue its earnest efforts to restore these children to the environment of their heritage."

"All persons concerned with this subject, of whatever sectarian beliefs, have acted with approval the diligence of the Dutch Minister of Justice and his police officers, in endeavoring to trace the whereabouts of these orphans. On the other hand, we cannot help but convey to you our disappointment with the attitude of certain others," the B'nai B'rith president emphasized.

HADASSAH CONVENTION TO DISCUSS \$9,000,000 PLAN OF ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Latest developments affecting the social, economic and political well-being of Israel will be discussed at the 40th annual convention of the Hadassah, which will open this week-end at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria here, with delegates from 1,200 chapters representing the 300,000 members of the organization.

The convention will also act on a number of recommendations relating to the increasing, important aspects of the Hadassah program. The delegates will be called upon to chart for the coming year Hadassah's \$9,000,000 program of medical, social welfare, child rescue and rehabilitation, vocational education and land redemption in Israel, and of fostering a creative Jewish life in the United States through Jewish education.

One of the major features of the four-day parley will be a symposium on problems facing Hadassah's vast medical program in Israel, in which participants will include Dr. Harry Eagle, leading American medical authority and a key figure in the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.; Dr. E. D. Rosenfeld, executive director of the Long Island Jewish Hospital; Dr. Joseph Hirsch, executive director of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Advisory Board; and Dr. Kalman J. Mann, director general of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel. Moshe Kol, of Jerusalem, director of the World Youth Aliyah movement, will report to the delegates on the needs of Israel.

Additional \$1,000,000 Required for Youth Aliyah, Kol Says

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- An additional \$1,000,000 is urgently needed for youth immigration work, Moshe Kol, head of the Youth Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency in Israel, declared today upon his arrival here to address the convention of Hadassah.

The additional funds are needed, Mr. Kol said, to increase the rate of immigration to Israel of Jewish children from North Africa, especially from French Morocco where an exodus of Jews has followed the recent pogroms; and to speed the movement of youngsters from the transitory camps in Israel. The transitory camp youth, he said, must be moved as fast as possible into the villages and collective settlements "so as to secure their integration into the normal Israeli life." It is also necessary, he added, to extend and develop newly-established, pre-vocational training centers for the youthful immigrants.

Mr. Kol said he will ask the Hadassah to give top priority to the youth immigration needs and to the raising of the necessary, additional \$1,000,000. After his visit here, he will go to Mexico to attempt to help strengthen the youth immigration work in Central America.

Leader of U.S. Women Zionist Laborites Favors Haluziut

NICE, France, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Bert Goldstein, leader of the Pioneer Women, Labor Zionist women's organization in the United States, today stated here upon her arrival from Israel on the way to New York that, while she attended the World Labor Zionist conference in Israel early this month, she did not say that "extreme Zionism" is not always good for the interests of the Jewish State, as reported in the American press.

"Indeed I am not sure I know what 'extreme Zionism' is," she declared. "Zionism is Zionism to me--and that implies Haluziut and Aliyah. I am, and have always been, strongly in favor of such a program, which can only help and not harm the Jewish State. Israel needs manpower to aid its development in all fields. I cannot understand Zionism which does not recognize that fact, nor feel the obligation of filling that need."

JEWS IN ST. PAUL DIFFER ON SANCTIONS BY UNITED JEWISH FUND

ST. PAUL, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- A decision by the United Jewish Fund and Council here to impose "ethically sound community sanctions" against persons holding positions of leadership or responsibility, whose pledges to the Fund and Council are considered inadequate, has been received with mixed reactions by people active in local Jewish community life, it is reported in the American Jewish World of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Some leaders, the American Jewish World reports, termed the new policy as "immoral," "dangerous," and "un-democratic"; others described it as "wise," "effective," and "the best way to raise additional money." A suggestion was also made that the board of directors of the UJFC withhold any action until the matter can be presented to the 3,400 contributors, either at a mass meeting or through the mails.

The decision to impose sanctions on community leaders whose giving is regarded inadequate was adopted by a vote of 23 to 2. The UJFC is preparing letters for mailing to its 3,400 contributors notifying them that the 1954 campaign is "a failure" and citing the reasons why it is necessary to put into practice a program of "ethically-sound community sanctions" as a means of raising an additional \$50,000 to achieve its minimum goal of \$400,000.

"Such sanctions are based on the principle that an individual's adequate discharge of major community responsibilities must be precedent to his occupying a position of leadership or favor in our community organizations," the board resolution states.

UJFC President Explains Proposed Sanctions Plan

The board decided that in each case, if after re-solicitation, the UJFC board determines that the giving remains inadequate, it will inform the organizations involved of the "full facts" and urge them to ask such leaders to forfeit their rights to their positions on such boards.

"That will be followed," UJFC President L.H. Heller added, "by similar action with regard to such individuals who may be on the boards of local chapters or lodges of national organizations which are beneficiaries of the Fund and Council. This would include our local religious institutions as well. Then our own social clubs will want, we feel sure, to consider the implications for them if any of their members are involved."

The board voted to put into practice a program of "ethically sound community sanctions," in cooperation with all social welfare, religious, fraternal and organized social club institutions of the Jewish community.

The American Jewish World of Minneapolis and St. Paul commented editorially: "It is potentially a hazardous policy, and it would be extremely short-sighted not to recognize that bitterness and animosities which might result from sanctions could create community disunity and factionalism that may take many years to eradicate.

"If giving, as we have said many times before, is primarily a product of conscience, goodwill and self-appraisal, then we find it difficult to see how anyone can adequately and fairly say how much another should give. In the absence of accepted criteria for determining how much a man ought to contribute, the danger is that injustice will be done some persons who, for reasons known only to themselves, already are giving what they consider they are able to give.

"We know of no precedent for the imposition of such sanctions in community life, and we pray the UJFC board will tread warily on this new path on which it is pioneering. We hope that those who are re-solicited will appreciate from the very nature of the policy, how extreme is the emergency; and that re-solicitation will accomplish what is sought without any necessity for sanctions. The experiment will be watched closely by other communities; for they, like St. Paul, may also be driven to such drastic procedures, even though they do so as hesitantly and reluctantly as St. Paul has done."

UNITY RE-ESTABLISHED AMONG ZIONIST GROUPS IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Unity was re-established here among the Zionists in this country today, when Arturo Volfovitch, president of the Mexican Zionist Organization, announced that representation on the MZO central committee has been accepted by the former opposition group. The opposition here is aligned with the Progressive Party in Israel; while the majority, previously in sole control of the central committee, is composed of General Zionists.

JEWISH GROUP IN ARGENTINA CHALLENGES VISITING SOVIET WRITER

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Ilya Ehrenburg, famous Soviet writer, a Jew, was challenged by the Society of Jewish Writers here today to reveal "what has happened to the well known Yiddish writers in Russia who have been silenced for the last five years." Ehrenburg, who visited Chile to present the "Stalin Peace Prize" to poet Pablo Neruda, is here now on his way home.

In the open letter, published in the press, the Jewish Writers addressed Ehrenburg as "an intellectual representative of the Soviet Union, and as a Jew," pointing out to him that "you are now enjoying all the privileges and freedoms offered among genuinely democratic peoples." They wanted Ehrenburg to tell the whereabouts and the fate of the famous Yiddish writers in the Soviet Union who have disappeared.

ISRAEL TO GET WHEAT FROM CANADA; 10,000 TONS SHIPPED TO HAIFA

TORONTO, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Israel has contracted to purchase 225,000 metric tons of wheat from Canada during the current "crop year" ending July 31, 1955, it was announced here today. The announcement said that about 10,000 tons of wheat consigned to the Government of Israel left the Canadian port of Vancouver last week, and is now on its way to Haifa.

A number of shipments of grain for Israel was previously arranged by the Canada-Israel Corporation, which was set up last year by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Zionist Organization of Canada, to promote trade between Canada and Israel. Samuel Bronfman of Montreal is president, and Edward E. Gelber of Toronto is vice-president of the corporation.

DR. WAKSMAN, DISCOVERER OF STREPTOMYCIN, TO BE HONORED IN ITALY

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Selman A. Waksman, world-famous Jewish scientist, discoverer of streptomycin, and 1952 Nobel Prize winner, sailed for Italy today to receive another coveted honor.

Dr. Waksman is going to Turin where he will be given the St. Vincent award of the Turin Academy of Medicine for "outstanding scientific research in the field of medicine."

LOUIS SCHNITZER, FOUNDER OF YIDDISH ART THEATRE, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Louis Schnitzer, founder of the Yiddish Art Theatre, who died at his home here at the age of 68. In 1919, after he had succeeded in various business enterprises, he conceived the idea of forming a Yiddish theatrical group for presentation of great classics from literature in many languages. He became interested in the theatre because his wife, Henrietta Schnitzer, who survives him, was a well-known actress.

He founded the Yiddish Art Theatre, attracting such well-known talent as Rudolf Schildkraut, Jacob Ben Ami, and many other young actors and actresses who, later, became famous. Mr. Schnitzer's theatrical venture was a critical success--but a financial failure. When he dissolved the theatrical group, Maurice Schwartz continued the Art Theatre's policy, starring in many of the leading productions himself.