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U. S., BRITAIN APPEAL TO RUSSIA NOT TO ENCOURAGE ARAB-ISRAEL ARMS RACE

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The United States and Britain appealed to the Soviet Union today not to encourage an armaments race between the Arab countries and Israel, emphasizing that they, too, had decided not to encourage such a race, it was revealed by a spokesman for both countries.

The appeal was made following a private meeting between U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and British Foreign Minister Harold MacMillan held in New York today on the United States decision "in principle" to sell arms to Egypt to prevent her from accepting arms from Soviet Russia. The British Foreign Office announced in London today that Egypt had informed Britain that she had accepted the Soviet offer.

An official communique issued jointly by Secretaries Dulles and MacMillan following their private talk read: "There has been and continues to be complete harmony of views between the two governments. Both governments base their policies on the one hand to enable the various countries to provide for internal security and for their defense, and on the other to avoid an arms race which will inevitably increase the tension in the area. They will continue and hope that other governments will continue to be guided by these principles."

Britain, France Object to U. S. Decision to Sell Arms to Egypt

Earlier today, it was reported from London that the British Government strongly objects to the Washington decision to supply Egypt with arms and that the French Government was considering today an official protest. A British official in London said: "America is embarking on a slippery slope if it agrees to furnish arms to a country under virtual threat of blackmail."

The U. S. decision to sell arms to Egypt was confirmed yesterday in Washington by State Department officials who declared that this was a move to offset a Soviet offer to supply arms to Egypt in exchange for cotton. Any weapons the United States would provide Egypt, officials stated, would be for strictly defensive purposes and not to encourage aggression against Israel.

Anticipating a strong protest from Israel, State Department officials said that requests by Israel for relatively insignificant amounts of military equipment requiring export licenses were also being considered. The officials indicated that the quantities considered for Egypt are considerably larger than those for Israel. However, they added that Egypt was a larger country than Israel and had requested more than Israel.

State Department press secretary Lincoln White said that the arms to be sent to Egypt would not be sufficient to set off an arms race between Egypt and Israel. But other sources disclosed that the arms involved would be worth about \$10,000,000. State Department sources said that Russia was willing to give Egypt MIG jet fighters, tanks, artillery, infantry weapons, and naval craft including at least one submarine. It was believed that Soviet technicians would accompany the arms to train Egyptian soldiers and that several months of training would be required.

Israel Envoy Seeks Clarification on U. S. Decision to Arm Egypt

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban said today that he had received from George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, a "detailed and specific description" of American policies and actions involving the supply of war munitions to Egypt and that he was conveying the information to the Israel Government authorities.

Ambassador Eban met with Mr. Allen for almost an hour. He sought clarification on behalf of the Israel Government regarding reports alleging American intentions to sell arms to Egypt. Implications of the Russian offer of arms to Egypt were discussed. Mr. Eban said Israel's views against reinforcement of Arab armies were well known.

The State Department declined to comment officially on the official British announcement that Egypt has accepted a Soviet arms offer. But State Department sources said the United States was disappointed with Egypt and hoped that Egypt would decide to spurn the Soviet offer and accept American arms.

ISRAEL, EGYPT AGREE TO WITHDRAW FORCES FROM EL AUJA DEMILITARIZED ZONE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Israel and Egypt acceded today to an appeal made this week-end by Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce chief, to Israel and Egypt to withdraw their forces from the El Auja-Nizana- demilitarized zone.

Despite a number of recent incidents involving Egyptian violation of the cease-fire, a letter by Dr. Walter Eytan, director general of the Foreign Ministry, told Gen. Burns that Israel accepts his request, but at the same time asks that a "reaffirmation by Egypt of her resolve to abide by the cease-fire both at Gaza and Nizana be now obtained."

The letter asked that Egypt also give assurances that it would comply with that portion of the armistice agreement invoked by Gen. Burns in his call upon both parties, and Israel demanded that Egypt move its troops outside the demilitarized zone as outlined in the armistice agreement. Israel specifically reserved her right to keep troops inside the zone if Egypt does not move its troops to the line called for in the armistice pact, the Eytan letter said.

In addition, it called for Egypt to halt further interference with Israel's frontier marking project in the area and to resume operation of the Mixed Armistice Commission headquarters at El Auja village along the lines outlined in the armistice agreement. Meanwhile, a landmine was discovered today near Beerli, opposite the Gaza strip border, and Israel called on Egypt to note that this was another violation of the cease-fire.

Minor activity was recorded on the Syrian and Jordanian frontiers, with one Jordanian infiltrator killed when a party of Arab marauders was discovered inside Israel. They were ordered to halt, but attempted to escape and the Israel border unit opened fire. The Syrians fired on an Israel police boat on Lake Huleh this week-end, but there were no casualties.

The General Zionist and Herut Parties have circulated a petition calling for re-convening of the new Parliament before its scheduled recess is over, on account of the security and foreign policy situations. It was announced today that the petition had been signed by the 25 deputies needed to call a special session.

STRIKE OF PHYSICIANS AVERTED IN ISRAEL; GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE DEMANDS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- A nationwide strike of government and institution-employed physicians was averted by an agreement between the Israel Government and the Israel Medical Association. The government granted a number of the doctors' demands and agreed to negotiate upon the others.

The negotiations carry a two-week deadline, after which the doctors may declare an immediate strike if they are not satisfied with the results of the bargaining. All medical centers, clinics and hospitals were functioning normally today.

Meanwhile, other government-employed professionals, including engineers, agronomists, and architects, remained on strike to force higher salaries. Other government-employed professionals, including statisticians, economists and municipal engineers are expected to join the strike shortly. The engineers demand salaries equal to that of the physicians. The latter, however, have stated that if the other professionals are brought to a par with them, they will ask for a differential to again bring them above the others.

BEN GURION RESUMES NEGOTIATIONS ON FORMATION OF ISRAEL CABINET

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Premier-designate David Ben Gurion returned from his home in Sdeh Boker to Jerusalem today to resume his efforts to form a new coalition government, although circles close to Mr. Ben Gurion are not too hopeful that he will be able to form a stable government for another three weeks.

The first task facing Mr. Ben Gurion was a conference with a group of top leaders of his own--Mapai--party to consider demands by the Achdut Avodah, labor party between the Mapai and Mapam in political orientation, which has demanded the Agriculture Ministry, a portfolio which the Mapai refuses to relinquish. Afterwards, Mr. Ben Gurion is scheduled to confer with the representatives of five other parties.

Mr. Ben Gurion has made a new effort to enlist the Progressive Party in his coalition government, together with the Mapai, Mapam and Achdut Avodah Parties. Addressing a meeting of the centrist party's executive committee, Mr. Ben Gurion appealed to the patriotic instincts of his listeners, pointing out that the Jewish State was facing a number of great difficulties which could best be met only by a broad coalition government. He told them that the three labor parties might, at a future date, meet some of the Progressive demands, including turning over control of the labor exchanges--now administered by the Histadrut--to the government. Afterwards, the Progressive committee declared its readiness to accept government responsibility and empowered a special committee to continue negotiations.

SYNAGOGUE IN CASABLANCA STONED DURING SERVICES; WORSHIPPER INJURED

CASABLANCA, Sept. 27 (JTA) -- A synagogue in the native quarter of Casablanca was stoned during the Yom Kippur services, but it was not known who was responsible. One of the worshippers was injured when he was hit in the head by a stone.

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES IN U. S. MARKED BY PRAYERS FOR EISENHOWER'S HEALTH

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Synagogues throughout the country continued their prayers for the recovery of President Eisenhower during the Yom Kippur services yesterday. Special prayers were composed and recited by rabbis petitioning for Divine aid in behalf of the President.

The synagogues were reported to have been more crowded this year than ever before. In their sermons the rabbis emphasized that Jews must return to the Bible and that freedom under God's law calls for liberation of the human character from bigotry, hatred, falsehood and injustice.

Israel President Leads Prayers for Eisenhower's Recovery

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Led by President Itzhak Ben Zvi and members of the Israel Government, the people of Israel prayed for the full and speedy recovery of President Eisenhower during Yom Kippur services yesterday. Throughout the day, Mr. Ben Zvi received bulletins on Mr. Eisenhower's condition.

In the Rehavia Synagogue here, President Ben Zvi led a special prayer for the health and safety of Mr. Eisenhower. Since the name of President Eisenhower's father was needed for the prayer and none of those present knew the name, the problem was discussed by President Ben Zvi, several Cabinet members and Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog.

The difficulty was resolved with the acceptance of a suggestion by Berl Coralnik, member of the congregation and correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, who suggested that Mr. Eisenhower be referred to in the prayers as "Dwight David Nessi Artzot Habrith Shel America"--President of the United States.

Some 20,000 persons visited Mt. Zion during the 24-hour period of the holiday to pray at the Tomb of King David. Since the Jordan denial of the Wailing Wall to the Jews, the height--from which the wall can be seen--has become a site for religious pilgrims. The crowds were so dense that a number of persons fainted and one was hospitalized.

Synagogues throughout the country were filled to capacity as the state enjoyed a quiet holiday. All public means of transportation was at a standstill.

In Haifa, the members of 25 families held a Reform service with men and women sitting together on the benches, a practice which is not permitted in Orthodox synagogues. This is the second Reform service to take place in Israel. The other one was held in the same building previously, but fewer persons attended them. Most of the worshippers were immigrants from English-speaking countries.

British Chief Rabbi Prays for Recovery of President Eisenhower

LONDON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Brodie, British Chief Rabbi, prayed for the recovery of President Eisenhower yesterday during Yom Kippur services at the St. Johns Wood Synagogue here.

In his sermon, Chief Rabbi Brodie declared that Jews throughout the world, in common with well-wishers of the President everywhere, were deeply anxious about the state of his health. It was "appropriate and incumbent upon us on this solemn day, when the fate of men is sealed and determined, to invoke Divine help and blessing on behalf of this great ruler of a great nation who was deeply concerned and had been laboring earnestly and steadfastly for the preservation of peace in the world," he said.

MOSCOW AND BUCHAREST SYNAGOGUES CROWDED DURING YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Jews in Moscow and Bucharest crowded into synagogues to pray yesterday, Yom Kippur, and in both Communist capitals Jews said they had prayed for the recovery of President Eisenhower, who was stricken with a heart attack on the eve of the Holy Day, the New York Times reported today.

From Moscow, the Times reported that 5,000 persons had attempted to get into Moscow's three remaining synagogues to pray and that many of the Jews were unable to enter and remained outside. The overflow crowd outside the Central Synagogue, with a seating capacity of 2,000, extended for 100 yards from the building, the dispatch said. Chief Rabbi S. M. Schleifer, in an interview before Yom Kippur, told a Times correspondent that he hoped a yeshiva might be opened soon to train rabbis for the Soviet Union's 3,000,000 Jews.

From Bucharest, the Times reported that most of the city's 100,000 Jews celebrated the day in the 50 synagogues. The main thought of the Jews were turned toward Israel, the dispatch said, and there were signs that the Rumanian Government was preparing to permit again the emigration of Israel-bound Rumanian Jews. The dispatch estimated the number of Rumanian Jews at 250,000.

Government Radio in Cairo Broadcasts Kol Nidre from Synagogue

LONDON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- For the first time in its history the government-controlled Cairo radio broadcast the Kol Nidre opening the Yom Kippur services, it was reported here today from the Egyptian capital. The prayer was broadcast from the main synagogue in Cairo.

JEWISH CENTRAL BODY IN ARGENTINA PLEDGES SUPPORT TO NEW GOVERNMENT

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The DAIA, central representative organization of Argentine Jews, sent a message of congratulations to Provisional President Edouardo Lonardi and pledged the support of the Jewish community in carrying out the democratic principles enunciated by his revolutionary government.

In a message signed by DAIA president Dr. Moises Goldmann and secretary Dr. Leon Lapaco, the Jewish organization expressed "profound satisfaction" over the pledges of the Provisional Government of the "integration of the Argentina family without exclusions on the grounds of national origin, religion or political opinions." The DAIA "offers its cooperation in the joint effort to hasten the achievement of the ideals of liberty which would benefit all citizens."

Meanwhile, Israel Ambassador Dr. Arich Kubovi called on Air Commodore Julio Krause, interim Foreign Minister in the Provisional Government, to inform him that Israel had granted recognition to the regime.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ADMITS HE MADE A MISTAKE IN LADEJINSKY CASE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. (ITA) -- Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said today that he had made a mistake in denying security clearance to Wolf Ladejinsky, Jewish land reform specialist. The Secretary was called before a Senate Civil Service Subcommittee, studying the Ladejinsky case and similar security questions.

Mr. Ladejinsky was denied security clearance by the Department of Agriculture last January although he had been cleared by the State Department and had worked as an agricultural attache in Japan for several years under the State Department. Subsequent to Sec. Benson's ruling, Mr. Ladejinsky was hired by Harold Stassen, the former head of the now defunct Foreign Operations Administration and was given a post in Indochina.

3,100 JEWISH STUDENTS ATTEND BRITISH UNIVERSITIES; INCREASE NOTED

LONDON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- There are some 3,100 Jewish students attending courses at British universities leading to diplomas and degrees, it was established by the Inter-University Jewish Federation in a survey carried out during the academic year of 1954-55. The study, which was aided by the cultural department of the World Jewish Congress, estimated that the Jewish students amounted to 2.8 percent of the total student body in Britain.

Querying Jewish students on their attitudes toward various problems, the survey established that 17 percent of them believe it "quite likely" that they will marry non-Jews, while another 36 percent believe that intermarriage for them is "possible but unlikely." The study found that Jewish university societies are popular and play a positive role in preserving Jewish values and Jewish consciousness.

The Jewish student body is about three times as large proportionately as the Jewish population in relation to the general population of Britain, which is about one percent. The number of Jewish students has increased since the last such survey was carried out in 1949-50, although the general student body has declined in numbers. The favorite academic fields of Jews are medicine, law, dentistry and social work, the study found.

SYNAGOGUE ABOARD GERMAN-BUILT ISRAEL SHIP DEDICATED IN SOUTHAMPTON

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The small synagogue aboard the S.S. Israel, Israel's newest and largest passenger liner, built in Germany under the terms of the reparations agreement, was dedicated today, just before the vessel left for Haifa, by British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie who was assisted by Rabbi M. Newman, the ship's rabbi. Present at the ceremony were Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath and representatives of the Southampton Jewish community who presented the synagogue with a kiddush cup.

Earlier this weekend, at a luncheon aboard the liner, Ambassador Elath spoke of the ties of friendship between Israel and Britain which he hoped would be strengthened by trade between the two states. He noted that Israel, with ports on the Mediterranean opening to the West, and outlets through the Red Sea to the East was the only country in Asia situated so fortunately for maritime commerce.

ISRAEL COUNSELLOR IN WASHINGTON EMBASSY NAMED MINISTER TO BURMA

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Jacob Shimoni, currently counsellor at the Israel Embassy in Washington, has been appointed Israel's new Minister to Burma, it was announced here today. Mr. Shimoni, who will take up his new duties next month, will succeed David Hacohen.

Mr. Shimoni, who was born in Berlin in 1915, is a veteran of Israel's Foreign Service and the author of several books on Arab problems, including one on Arabs of Palestine, one on the Arab minority in Israel and another on the Arab states. Mr. Shimoni is also editor of the departments of modern Asia and the Middle East of the Hebrew Encyclopedia.