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MORE OIL DISCOVERED IN ISRAEL, EXPERTS REPORTED "MAD WITH JOY"

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister for Development, rushed off to Heletz, site of Israel's first oil well, today, reportedly to investigate the discovery of a major oil find in a still lower stratum of rock than the one in which the first well was found.

Reports reaching here from the Negev drilling site say that technicians and oil geologists on the site are "mad with joy." Some reports state that the quantity of oil at the Heletz formation is now believed to be four times as great as originally thought when the first well was brought in late last month.

The Lapidoth oil company, which brought in the gusher, was understood today to have signed a contract with the Minister of Communications for transportation of crude oil from Heletz to Haifa where Israel's refineries are located.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT OFFERS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ARAB COUNTRIES

LONDON, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- Soviet Ambassador Daniel S. Solod said in Cairo today that Moscow has offered economic aid to Egypt. He emphasized that Russian economic assistance was also made available to other Arab states.

A cable from Cairo stated that the Soviet envoy, emerging from a meeting with Hussein Aziz, Permanent Undersecretary of the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, told reporters: "Our economic situation permits us to give aid to any country--providing that country will accept it." He declined to say whether the offer got a favorable answer from Egyptian officials.

Ambassador Solod said no money would be involved in the Russian aid which would be in the form of agriculture and building equipment and other materials which could be used for economic development. The Cairo correspondent of the Times of London indicated in a cable today that by offering economic assistance to the Arab countries, Moscow is trying to undermine the American negotiations with the Arab countries for development of the Jordan waters on a regional basis for the benefit of both Israel and the Arab states.

U. S. SECURITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS EFFECTS OF EGYPTIAN-COMMUNIST ARMS DEAL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- The National Security Council will take up this week the question of Egypt's acceptance of arms from Communist countries and of Moscow's offer of other forms of aid to Arab countries. The Communist moves in the Middle East are considered in Washington a threat to world security.

The State Department has not yet received a reply from Moscow on the warning which Secretary of State John Foster Dulles gave Soviet Foreign Minister V. Molotov that supplying arms to Arab governments would be tantamount to violating the "Geneva spirit." Mr. Molotov was given this warning recently when he attended the current session of the United Nations General Assembly. He told Mr. Dulles he would report the U.S. view to his government in Moscow.

Official circles here fear that the Soviet Government will suggest that to prevent an Arab-Israel war now, the existing Tripartite Declaration guaranteeing the Arab-Israel borders should become a declaration not only of the United States, Britain and France, but also of Russia. Such a four-power guarantee would hold both the Arabs and Israel in check no matter where they obtain their armaments, the Russians are reported to have hinted.

Vice President Nixon Postpones Trip to Middle East

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- The White House announced today that Vice President Richard M. Nixon's trip to the Middle East has been postponed indefinitely. The President's illness was given as the reason for the postponement. James C. Hagerty, Presidential press secretary, said it was decided that it was necessary for Mr. Nixon to be available to preside over the Cabinet and the National Security Council.

A personal report on developments in Cairo was given British Ambassador Sir Roger Makins today by George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Mr. Allen returned last week-end from a visit to Egypt where he sought to dissuade Egyptian Premier Nasser from going through with an Egyptian-Communist munitions deal.

RELIGIOUS BLOC IN ISRAEL REJECTS BEN GURION'S OFFER TO ENTER CABINET

TEL AVIV, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- On the eve of the expected announcement of the composition of David Ben Gurion's new Cabinet, the Religious National Front--composed of the Mizrahi and the Mizrahi Workers Party--announced that it would not enter the coalition.

The decision, adopted unanimously by the central body of the religious bloc, was taken because of differences over the proposed program of the government and the distribution of portfolios offered by Mr. Ben Gurion.

ISRAEL PROTESTS AGAINST EGYPT'S TROOPS IN DEMILITARIZED ZONE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- Israel protested to the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission today that Egypt is maintaining more troops in the demilitarized Nitzana--El Auja--zone than it is permitted under the armistice agreement.

Israel charged that when the Egyptians and the Israelis withdrew from the demilitarized zone recently in accordance with an agreement reached with Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce chief, they left behind more troops than they were legally entitled to station at three checkpoints on Egyptian soil inside the demilitarized zone. Meanwhile, infiltrators from Egypt cut Israel telephone lines within the demilitarized zone this week-end.

Syrian military positions on the eastern shore of Lake Kinnereth opened fire on an Israel patrol boat today, a military spokesman announced in Tel Aviv. He said no casualties had been reported.

AGRICULTURAL CONVENTION OPENS IN ISRAEL; 500 SETTLEMENTS REPRESENTED

TEL AVIV, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- The representatives of more than 500 settlements in Israel opened their eighth agricultural convention at Rehovoth last night, in the presence of Premier-designate David Ben Gurion and Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Sprinzak. The parley will last three days.

Abraham Harzfeld, one of the "fathers" of Israel's settlement movement, in the opening address, reported that 337 agricultural settlements had been founded in Israel since the state was established, bringing the total number to 585. The farm population of Israel has more than doubled in the period of statehood, increasing from 75,000 to 155,000. Agricultural output has jumped 125 percent in the past six years, with food crops showing increases of 20 to 60 percent.

Among the delegates at the convention were 291 representing Mapai settlements, 84 Mapam, 81 Achdut Avodah, 21 Haoved Hatzioni, 13 Communist and seven representing the religious agricultural workers movement.

JERUSALEM MAYOR ADDRESSES MAYORS OF 37 WORLD CAPITALS ON ISRAEL

FLORENCE, Italy, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- Mayor Gershon Agron of Jerusalem, addressing a Congress of Mayors of World Capitals from 37 countries here, declared that Israel hoped its Arab neighbors would "see the benefits" of peace and pledged continued good treatment of minorities in the Jewish State.

Describing Israel's situation as one of blockade, siege and boycott, Mr. Agron declared that "this state of things is no more natural than it is desirable. We hope that better councils will prevail and that our Arab neighbors will see the benefits, wisdom and justice of opening the roads leading to and away from their territories. But we cannot mark time while our neighbors cogitate in anger. We believe that our ideas of social co-existence will not be confined within our borders but will spill over to our neighbors and cousins."

Describing Israelis as a "people schooled in suffering," Mayor Agron said that they "were bound to be more jealous of other people's rights. National or religious minorities within our boundaries, whether Moslem or Christian, will never have cause to complain of ill treatment or discrimination."

The Mayor also alluded to the Holy Places in Jerusalem and said, "The Christian sites which fell into our keeping in our part of Jerusalem when the country was forcibly partitioned are a sacred trust; which no Israel Government will ever neglect or disregard. As Mayor of New Jerusalem, it will be my solemn duty to see that the places sacred to Christianity will be safeguarded as never before."

ISRAEL CABINET BANS BULLFIGHT; CONSIDERS IT "AGAINST JUDAISM'S MORALITY"

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel today banned a proposed bullfight in the municipal stadium at Ramath Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv. The decision was adopted unanimously at a Cabinet meeting last night.

Earlier, Israel Chief Rabbis Isaac Herzog and Yitzhak Nissim protested to the city administration of Ramath Gan against the staging of the bullfight. Their message declared that such a contest would be "against Judaism's morality." A private promoter has applied for permission to rent the stadium for a bullfight.

ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BACKS DULLES' PROPOSALS ON MIDDLE EAST

ROME, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- Italian Foreign Minister Gaetano Martino has backed the proposals put forward by United States Secretary of State John Foster Dulles for a solution to the problems of the Middle East. The Dulles proposals were made in a foreign policy address last month and set forth basic American approaches to current tensions in the Middle East including border guarantees and the resettlement of Palestine Arab refugees.

In a speech concluding the debate on foreign policy in the Italian Parliament, the Foreign Minister said that Mr. Dulles' address had been listened to with "sympathy" and he added that "we believe it to coincide with the general interest as well as with our own policy." He emphasized his belief that "all initiative aimed at reducing local tension should be attentively and willingly considered by the parties concerned. We hope and believe that a sense of responsibility and a prevailing spirit of moderation will allow a peaceful settlement to be achieved."

DULLES APPOINTS MCLEOD TO HEAD U.S. DELEGATION TO MIGRATION PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- The State Department announced today that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has appointed Scott McLeod, State Department security police officer, to head the American delegation to a session of the executive committee of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration (ICEM) which convenes in Geneva this month.

Mr. McLeod was charged by Edward J. Corsi, former State Department immigration adviser, with deliberate maladministration of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

The session of ICEM at which Mr. McLeod will be in charge of the U.S. delegation is deemed important by Israel because chairman Francis E. Walter of the House Immigration subcommittee is expected to present a plan for the movement of North African Jewry to Israel. The delegation headed by Mr. McLeod comprises five members of Congress, seven public members, and six advisers. Principal adviser is George L. Warren, Department of State adviser on refugees and displaced persons.

HEATED DEBATE ON REFUGEE PROBLEM MARKS SESSION OF U.N. COMMITTEE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 10. (JTA) -- The debate in the Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee of the General Assembly about United Nations plans for solution of the European refugee problem has developed into an all-out battle on two fronts, with all the Arab delegates attacking Israel and backing the Soviet Union's insistence on repatriation for all refugees. At the same time, the Soviet stand is being fought vigorously on other grounds by the American and British delegations under the leadership of Jacob Blaustein, the United States delegate on the committee.

Emil Najar of Israel today replied forcefully to repeated Arab attacks which brought in the situation of the Palestine Arab refugees--an issue which is not even under the jurisdiction of this committee. Dr. Yorgui Hakim of Syria delivered an attack against "the Zionists" whom he charged with ignoring "the call of the United Nations for repatriation."

Mr. Najar told the committee last week that he would not answer these "irrelevant" attacks. Today, however, the Israel delegate asked for the right to reply to "defamation of my country." To Dr. Hakim's charge that the Arab refugees had been driven forcefully from their homeland, Mr. Najar pointed out that the Palestine refugee problem was a direct result of the Arab decision to oppose with arms an earlier UN decision regarding Palestine. He reminded the committee that Israel had admitted many refugees, among them 300,000 destitute Jews from Arab countries who had been given "a fraternal reception."

When Mr. Najar had finished, not only Dr. Hakim but three other Arab delegates--Jamil Baroudy of Saudi Arabia, A. Khadhim of Iraq and Karim Azkoul of Lebanon--asked to be given the right to reply. Egypt's Omar Loutfi, who is chairman of the committee, promised them such time later.

At a second session this afternoon, a vote was taken on two opposing resolutions: one sponsored by the USSR and backed by the Arab bloc, the other sponsored by the Western Powers. The Western resolution won out, dealing the Soviet-Arab bloc a decisive defeat.

CANADIAN MINISTER LAUDS N. C. C. J. FIGHT AGAINST RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE

NEW YORK, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- Organizations such as the National Conference of Christians and Jews "are making a vital contribution to the fight against prejudice and ignorance which are so often the root causes of racial and religious discrimination and of other hostile actions that widen the barriers between peoples," Paul Martin, Canadian Minister of National Health and Welfare, told the annual dinner of the NCCJ here tonight.

Mr. Martin, who is in New York as the representative of Canada to the current East-West disarmament talks, said that the efforts of groups such as the NCCJ are "indispensable to ensure national cohesion and they are no less vital if international relations are to lead to a real and durable peace."

JE WISH CONGRESS SUBMITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO U. N.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- Recommendations to advance the drafting of international covenants on human rights were submitted today to the 10th regular session of the United Nations General Assembly by the World Jewish Congress. The Third Committee of the General Assembly--Social and Humanitarian Committee--is to devote itself to a discussion of the articles of draft covenants prepared by various UN bodies, chiefly the Commission on Human Rights.

In its submission, the World Jewish Congress, which enjoys consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council, urged that the committee restrict its discussion to the basic principles of the Covenant rather than seek to formulate precisely each article and its subdivisions. The Congress further recommended that after agreement within the General Assembly is reached on the basic principles a special committee be assigned the task of drafting the Covenants pursuant to these principles and of submitting its draft to the eleventh General Assembly for final action.

To support its view the World Jewish Congress points out that it "is almost impossible to discuss usefully the various articles unless clear agreement has first been reached on the basic principles." Moreover, its memorandum adds, "the drafting of individual articles is a task which requires detailed work and can hardly be satisfactorily accomplished by a body as large, and disposing of as little time, as the Third Committee."

The WJC emphasizes that the problem of implementation of the Covenants must be solved, or otherwise "the material provisions of the Covenants would be of little practical value." It urges in this connection that the right of petition, "at least by recognized non-governmental organizations," should be provided for in the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. To limit the right of complaint to states, the memorandum asserts would be an invitation to diplomatic conflict among them and would deprive the Covenant of a great part of its usefulness.

In a letter to Jose Maza, president of the General Assembly, which accompanies the memorandum, Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, the WJC's permanent representative to the UN, expresses "the earnest hope that the present session of the General Assembly may succeed in securing a large measure of agreement in favor of the early adoption of the Covenants."

REP. WALTER CONFERS IN ISRAEL ON EMIGRATION OF NORTH AFRICAN JEWS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- Rep. Francis E. Walter, chairman of the House Immigration Subcommittee, who recently proposed that the United States, through the Intergovernmental Committee on European Migration, assist Jewish refugees from North Africa to get to Israel, conferred today with S. Z. Shragai, Jewish Agency immigration head, on problems of immigration and absorption of North African Jews in this country. Rep. Walter, who arrived in Israel from Jordan yesterday, also conferred with Mr. Shragai yesterday.

He is scheduled to meet with Premier Moshe Sharett during his nine-day visit. Later today, he will travel to the Jerusalem Corridor, to see immigrant settlements recently established here. He is accompanied by Rep. Ruth Thompson, a member of his committee, and Walter Bersterman, advisor to the subcommittee.

DR. ARTHUR HANTKE, KEREN HAYESOD HEAD, DIES IN ISRAEL. WAS 81

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Arthur Hantke, Zionist pioneer and one of Dr. Theodor Herzl's closest assistants in the early days of the Zionist movement, died here today at the age of 81. Funeral services will be held here tomorrow.

Dr. Hantke was chairman of the Keren Kayesod--the Israel Foundation Fund--which is the fund-raising arm of the Jewish Agency. He was also for many years a director of the Jewish National Fund. Since the fifth World Zionist Congress, he was a prominent figure at the international Zionist conclaves and for some years was a member of the World Zionist Executive. He was born in Berlin and settled in Palestine in 1926.

MRS. GERTRUDE ROSENBLATT, HADASSAH FOUNDER. DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- Mrs. Gertrude Goldsmith Rosenblatt, one of the founders of Hadassah, died here yesterday. She was 64. Born and educated in New York City, Mrs. Rosenblatt became active in Zionist work at an early age and 1912 was associated with the late Henrietta Szold in the founding of Hadassah. She was also a founder of Young Judea, a Zionist youth group.

HEINRICH HEUMANN, HAIFA TECHNION PROFESSOR. DIES AT 68

TEL AVIV, Oct. 10. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held for Prof. Heinrich Heumann of the Technion at Haifa yesterday. Prof. Heumann, who died Saturday at the age of 68, was a prominent member of the staff and hundreds of members of the Technion staff and students, as well as many Israel architects, attended the services.