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SHARETT SAYS SOVIET RESPONSIBLE IF WAR COMES IN MIDDLE EAST

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Premier Moshe Sharett wound up a foreign affairs debate in the Knesset today by declaring that if conflagration breaks out in the Middle East as a result of the Communist supply of arms to Egypt, "it is clear who will be responsible." The Premier ridiculed assertions that the Czech-Egyptian arms deal was a simple commercial deal and said the initiative in the arrangement came from the Soviet Union and was part of a general Soviet policy.

The debate was opened yesterday with a 45-minute expose of the situation by Mr. Sharett and was conducted throughout with a display of moderation and responsibility by most of the parties who were mindful of the fact that oratorical bursts might well shatter the coalition Cabinet formed by Premier-designate David Ben Gurion even before it was presented to the Knesset. Mr. Sharett, who came to the Knesset today fresh from a meeting with the bed-ridden Premier-designate, was restrained in his replies to the debaters, but bitter in his condemnation of the Communist-Arab arms deal.

Premier Compares U. S. and Soviet Arms Policies

Mr. Sharett compared the Soviet arms program in the Middle East with that of the United States. The latter, he pointed out, followed a policy of balancing arms to Israel and the Arab States and watched closely to ensure that the balance of power should not be upset. The government, he said, had no information to show that the United States was preparing to enter an arms race in the Middle East but the Eastern bloc, he pointed out, supplied arms without any conditions, with all the dangerous consequences arising from this act.

The Premier concluded his restrained and mild rebuttal with a warm appeal for national solidarity and mobilization of the nation's resources in the face of the present emergency. He asked the engineers, who are to go out on strike tomorrow, to call off their strike and avert damage to Israel's industrial effort.

In opening the debate yesterday, Mr. Sharett denounced the Soviet Union and the Communist bloc for supplying arms to a state which had avowed the intention of destroying Israel. He sharply criticized Washington and London for fostering the myth of a "new, enlightened regime in Egypt with a strong man at its head," and for rushing in to try to bribe the wavering regime with military supplies. Mr. Sharett also subjected the Dulles proposals to critical analysis and served notice that Israel would not wait indefinitely for Arab agreement to the Johnston water development plan.

The Premier denied repeated assertions that Israel is stronger than the Arab States militarily and announced that "because obtaining arms is for us the first essential for existence, we will not hesitate to obtain them from every possible source." He called on the West to meet Israel's need for a security pact and appealed to the Jews of the world to supply arms to Israel.

Herut Leader Urges Preventive War, Seizure of Gaza Strip

Menachem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party, second largest in the Knesset, spoke after Mr. Sharett last night and roundly condemned the government for placing reliance on foreign powers to secure Israel's sovereignty. He demanded a preventive war against Egypt immediately and seizure of the Gaza strip which serves as a springboard for aggression against Israel.

Elimelech Rimalt, General Zionist, blamed the government for short-sightedness in failing to foresee developments. He called for a strengthening of Israel's military potential. Itzhak Rafael, of the Poale Mizrahi, criticized what he interpreted as an announcement by Premier Sharett that he would buy arms from the Soviet Union if possible.

Itzhak Benahron, of the Achdut Avodah, a member of the coalition formed by Mr. Ben Gurion, proposed a program of increasing Israel's arms production, increase of immigration and an appeal to the conscience of the world. Israel Barzilai, of Mapam, the left-wing labor party which will also be a member of Mr. Ben Gurion's coalition, called for a neutralist policy for Israel, and cooperation of the four great powers, including the Soviet Union, to calm the Middle East. Rabbi Isaac Meir Levin, Agudist, criticized the government for having failed to present Israel's case effectively to world opinion. Esther Wilenska, Communist, charged that the government had pursued a pro-Western policy.

TRIPARTITE DECLARATION PROVED AID TO MIDDLE EAST SECURITY, BRITAIN FEELS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Britain feels that the Tripartite Declaration of 1950 has proved an "effective guarantee for the Middle East," according to Anthony Nutting, British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs.

At a luncheon with United Nations correspondents today, Mr. Nutting said, in regard to reports that the Soviet Union might want to make the Declaration a four-power instrument, "I would see no reason for broadening the basis of sponsorship for the 1950 Declaration. It has held since 1950 and the fact remains that, despite tensions, the Middle East frontiers have not been changed by force and a fresh bout has been prevented."

The Czechoslovakia-Egypt arms deal, Mr. Nutting declared, would "tip the balance of Middle East armaments dangerously and undermine that security in the area which America, Britain and France have tried to maintain."

Unofficially it became known today that while London, like Washington, is hewing to the line that Israel has great superiority over Egypt in armaments and fighting power, it does not agree with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles about the need for changing any of the Israel-Arab frontiers.

ISRAEL CHARGES SYRIA WITH NEW CAMPAIGN OF PROVOCATION ALONG BORDER

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Israel charged today that Syria has embarked on a new campaign of planned provocation intended to increase tension along the Israel-Syrian border. The campaign, which went into high gear about ten days ago, culminated with the kidnapping of an Israel soldier near Kibbutz Golen today, an Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman declared.

The kidnapped soldier was the object of an intensive search all last night and today until blood spots led the searchers to the nearby Syrian border where a blast of gunfire from Syrian positions drove the searchers back. The soldier, Jacob Migvosky of Mefalsim, went hunting yesterday near Kibbutz Golen, in the Huleh region, and never returned. A shepherd reported hearing shots from the border region. The searchers found bloodstains, a personal letter belonging to Migvosky, his rifle which had been hit by a bullet, and footprints leading them to believe that three Syrians had ambushed the soldier and then dragged him across the border.

There have been three other clashes along the Syrian border in the last 48 hours. In two incidents yesterday involving Jordanian infiltrators, one Jordanian was killed and several wounded. One incident occurred at Tirat Zvi, on the west bank of the Jordan, and the other in Central Israel.

JOHNSTON SAYS PROSPECTS FOR JORDAN RIVER DEVELOPMENT PLAN "GOOD"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy, told newsmen here yesterday that he thought prospects for adoption of the Johnston plan for development of the Jordan River were "very good." He made this statement after a hasty oral report to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to whom he was to submit a detailed written report on the results of his most recent visit to the Middle East to press for adoption of the plan.

(In a comment on a previous statement by Mr. Johnston that the Jordan development plan now stands "on the one-inch line," the Christian Science Monitor noted that "into that long last inch however, are packed all the reasons why the Arabs hitherto have refused to make peace with Israel." It added that Syria and Lebanon had "raised last-minute objections to the plan and that, to avoid the onus of turning it down, the Arab League had asked for more time to decide.")

Mr. Johnston said he did not think the Arab States were stalling on consideration of his plan. He said the request for more time was a reasonable one since, in both The Lebanon and Syria, the present governments were less than two weeks old.

ISRAEL FAVORS GREATER ATOM ROLE FOR SCIENTIFICALLY ADVANCED STATES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Abba S. Eban, chairman of the Israel delegation here, urged the United Nations today to set up a type of an international agency for the peaceful uses of atomic energy which would give full representation to countries scientifically advanced in nuclear research. Without specifically asking that Israel be put on that agency, Mr. Eban made out a powerful case for preference to a country such as Israel as against other lands that possess large stocks of raw materials such as uranium and thorium.

(The New York Post reported today that India had rejected Israel as a co-sponsor of its atoms-for-peace resolution because it would "upset the Bandung spirit"--meaning the two Arab states which had also sponsored the resolution, Egypt and Syria. The report added that diplomats from the Scandinavian countries and Holland had upbraided India's representative Krishna Menon for introducing discrimination to the issue.)

PROBLEM OF JEWISH SURVIVAL IN EUROPE CENTERED ON COMMUNAL LIFE

PARIS, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The problem of Jewish survival in Europe has shifted during the past decade from the preservation of life, health and welfare of the individual Jew to the reconstruction of organized Jewish community life which was so violently disrupted during the 13 years of Nazism and war, Charles H. Jordan, assistant director general of the Joint Distribution Committee, told the 10th annual JDC country directors conference here today.

"The Jews of Europe are not content to survive as individuals, important as that is," Mr. Jordan said. "They wish also to survive as Jews, observant of the religion, culture and customs of their faith."

Mr. Jordan reported that of the 1,500,000 Jews on the European continent, exclusive of the Soviet Union, at the end of the war more than 600,000 emigrated, chiefly with the assistance of the JDC. Of the remaining 900,000, he said, 400,000 are in the so-called Iron Curtain countries for which no welfare need figures are available. Of the 500,000 Jews in Western Europe, less than 30,000 are on the private relief rolls of Jewish organizations, he reported. The 1,400 Jews in DP camps and the 2,000-odd who are unaffiliated with communities, Mr. Jordan said, will either emigrate or be absorbed into the communities.

Moses W. Beckelman, European director general of JDC, expressed gratification with the growing tendency of Jewish communities to assume responsibility for the support and administration of their local welfare programs. "Most of the communities," he said, "welcomed JDC efforts over the past years to stimulate local fund-raising and are planning to continue these efforts." He added that the communities realize the danger in over-dependence on currently available funds of the JDC and the Conference of Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

TURKISH AUTHORITIES PROMISE TO SUPPRESS ANTI-JEWISH OUTBREAKS

ISTANBUL, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Assurances that the Turkish authorities will take all possible measures to repress an outbreak of anti-Jewish activity in this country were given today by the military commanders enforcing the current state of siege to a Jewish delegation. The meeting followed anti-Jewish incidents in Istanbul and elsewhere which have been occurring with some regularity ever since the Sept. 6 anti-Greek riots during which many Jews were attacked.

The delegation, headed by Grand Rabbi Raphael Saban, stressed the feeling of insecurity held by Turkish Jews because of the recurrent incidents. It reported some of these incidents including the painting of swastikas on the homes of Jews in Yenikoy, a suburb of Istanbul. The delegation asked the authorities to confiscate four anti-Jewish publications which recently appeared on the stands here. One of them is the "Secret State and Program of Conspiracy" by Cevat Rifat Atilhan, a notorious anti-Semite. The authorities pledged to halt distribution of these books.

At Ankara, Henry Soriano, Jewish member of Parliament, also discussed the situation with Government authorities and urged strong measures to prevent further anti-Jewish incidents.

MOSLEM GANG SACKS JEWISH-OWNED STORES IN TUNIS

TUNIS, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- A gang of some 50 Moslem youths invaded Sidi Mardoum, a Jewish quarter of this city, today and beat up a number of Jews on the streets. They also raided and sacked a cafe and several shops. No one was seriously injured, but the gang made off with considerable loot.

AMENDMENT TO GERMAN INDEMNIFICATION LAW JUMPS ANOTHER HURDLE

BONN, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The long-awaited draft amendment to the German Federal Indemnification Law, which is designed to remedy inequities in that measure, has been forwarded to the Federal Council, the upper house of the West German Parliament. The draft had previously been approved by the Adenauer Cabinet.

The amendment, before it becomes effective, must pass two readings in the upper house and three in the lower house, the Bundestag. Jews who formerly lived in East Germany and who were not included among the beneficiaries of the original legislation will now be paid indemnification for losses suffered. The limit on claims of Jewish businessmen and professionals for economic damages resulting from Nazi persecution will be raised above the present \$6,000 top.

JEWISH DELEGATION SET FOR FUND TALKS WITH AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS

VIENNA, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- A delegation of the Committee on Jewish Claims on Austria will arrive here this week-end to work out with officials of the Austrian Finance Ministry regulations governing the fund from which payments will be made to Jews who formerly held Austrian nationality and now reside abroad. Compensation for these victims of Nazism was arrived at in the agreement last July between the Jewish committee and the Austrian Government.

LABOR COMMITTEE AIDES QUERY RUSSIANS ON FATE OF JEWISH WRITERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Jewish Labor Committee accosted members of a visiting group of Soviet journalists in the Metropolitan Museum of Art here today and queried them about the fate of missing Soviet Jewish writers.

Jacob Pat, executive secretary of the JLC, addressing the Soviet journalists in Russian, asked them about the fate of such Jewish writers as Peretz L. Markish, Itzik Pfeffer, David Bergelson and others. N. M. Gribachev, former chairman of the Soviet Writers Union, said that he knew Markish was dead but that he did not know anything about most of the other Jewish writers. His companion, Boris Kampov-Pogevoy, head of the visiting group, said that he was writing a preface for a Russian translation of the work of the Jewish poet L. Kvitko, but admitted under questioning that he was not positive whether Kvitko was still alive.

Asked whether the Soviet journalists would meet with American Jewish writers to discuss the fate of the Soviet Jewish writers, the Russians said they would when they returned to New York after touring the remainder of the United States.

TOP INDUSTRY LEADERS TO DISCUSS ELIMINATION OF JOB BIAS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Executives of leading industrial firms will discuss problems in the elimination of discrimination in employment at a national conference on equal job opportunity to be held here October 25 under the sponsorship of President Eisenhower's Committee on Government Contracts. Vice President Richard Nixon will preside at the conference. More than 65 of the nation's leading industrial leaders will attend.

Fred Lazrus, Jr., president of the Federated Department Stores and a member of the President's committee, will serve as moderator for a panel discussion. The purpose of the conference is to study methods by which American business and industrial organizations have been able to reduce racial and religious discrimination in employment opportunities.

Speakers will include Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., and Reuben B. Robertson, Jr., Deputy Secretary of Defense.

ISRAEL SHIPPING LINE LEASES MILLION DOLLAR PIER IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The American-Israeli Shipping Company, United States representatives of the Zim Israel America Line of Haifa, signed a five-year lease today for a \$1,000,000 pier now under construction in Brooklyn.

The two-story passenger and freight pier will be 600 feet long by 60 feet wide and will be able to accommodate all Zim ships, including its newest passenger liners, the 501-foot "Israel" and "Zion." The "Israel" will arrive in New York next Thursday on her maiden voyage from Haifa; the "Zion" is expected to be in service by February. Both ships, which will be placed on a year-round three-week schedule, were built as German reparations payment to Israel.

The dock is located on the deep water channel of the East River, easily accessible to tugs, barges and lighters. It will be able to house 2,200 persons at one time and will have 125,000 square feet of covered space, including a 7,500 foot passenger lounge. It is constructed completely of fireproof material, chiefly aluminum, brick and concrete.

MRS. VICTOR SEGAL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S ORT

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Mrs. Victor Segal of Philadelphia, was elected national president of Women's American ORT at the organization's 13th biennial convention held at the Waldorf-Astoria. Mrs. Segal has served as president of the Philadelphia region of ORT, as national vice president and chairman of program and education. She is a member of the central executive committee and central board of the World ORT Union. Mrs. Segal succeeds Mrs. Ludwig Kaphan who held the office of national president for seven years.

REMAINS OF ISRAEL JEFROYKIN TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ISRAEL

PARIS, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The remains of Israel Jefroykin, French Jewish leader and pioneer Zionist who died in 1953, will be transferred to Israel later this month, it was announced today. A memorial service will be held at the headquarters of the Zionist Federation.

ISRAEL FRISHBERG, PIONEER HEBREW EDUCATOR IN U. S., DIES AT 79

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Israel Zev Frishberg, Hebrew educator, lecturer and author, who died yesterday at the age of 79. Mr. Frishberg pioneered in teaching Hebrew by the "natural method"--by associating words with objects. He had been professor of pedagogy at Yeshiva University and at Herzlia Teachers Institute and was, at the time of his death, consultant to the Mizrahi Board of Education.