



Jewish Telegraphic Agency

DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

Contents Copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXII No. 206 - 37th year Wednesday, October 26, 1955

DULLES WILL RAISE COMMUNIST ARMS DEAL INFORMALLY AT GENEVA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will not raise the Communist-Egyptian arms issue formally at the Geneva conference which opens Thursday, State Department sources said today. His approach will be "strictly informal," it was said here. Washington sources predicted Mr. Dulles will bring up the arms question by suggesting to Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov that the flow of Soviet-bloc arms to Egypt is undermining the "spirit of Geneva" and raising Western doubts about Communist intentions.

A hint will be made by Mr. Dulles, it is forecast, that the Soviet Union could regain a measure of Western confidence by immediately severing the military supply links with Egypt. It is not anticipated, however, that the matter will be presented as a formal ultimatum. The issue will be treated, according to well-informed sources, as a matter on the periphery of the main Geneva objectives.

Reports received here today from Paris took the view that the Soviet Union, through arms shipments to Egypt, is seeking to blackmail the Western Powers into concessions at Geneva on European security and German reunification. They indicated that there was reason to believe that Moscow had purposely timed the arms deal to coincide with the Geneva conference in order to place the Western Powers in the position of having to ask the Soviet Union to desist.

French political circles see in the Saar vote of Sunday a setback to Israel's hope for effective support from France in securing reversal of the Soviet arms policy in the Middle East. It had been hoped by Israelis that the French would take the lead in championing the Israel cause, but the Saar vote, it was felt, does not strengthen France as a power to intervene in Israel's favor.

West's Foreign Ministers Discuss Middle East Situation

PARIS, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministers of Britain, France and the United States discussed the broad outlines of the Middle East situation at their meeting here tonight but it was understood that in the limited time at their disposal they were not able to go into the various problems in any great detail. Their chief concern, reportedly, was the threat to the Western sphere of influence in the Middle East posed by the Czech-Egyptian arms deal. Both Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan of Britain and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles of the United States were described as holding the view that the Western Powers are in full possession of Israel's views on the Middle East situation.

Premier Moshe Sharett of Israel, who arrived here Sunday, continued his consultations today with the Israel envoys to the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet Union. Eliahu Sasson, Israel envoy to Rome, attended the talks as an expert on Arab affairs. Mr. Sharett is to see the British and American foreign secretaries tomorrow but it is not expected that the conversation will be greatly detailed.

Tonight, Mr. Sharett had an extended meeting with Premier Edgar Faure of France. He will see Antoine Pinay, the French Foreign Minister, in Geneva later in the week, but his most important meeting is expected to be that with Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov in Geneva on Thursday or Friday. He will probably meet with the Western officials again after his meeting with Mr. Molotov.

EGYPT REPORTEDLY RECEIVED FIFTEEN SOVIET MIG'S IN CZECH DEAL

LONDON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Egypt has already received 15 Soviet MIG jet planes under the Czech-Egyptian arms deal, the London Daily Express reported today. It said that planes, together with tanks, were delivered secretly yesterday. Armaments from Czechoslovakia have thus far been delivered to Egypt in one Egyptian, one Soviet and three Rumanian vessels, the paper reported from Cairo. With the armaments, it said, came six Russians and eight Czechs who will show the Egyptians how to use and maintain the equipment.

(What is believed to have been the most important shipment of Czechoslovak arms for Egypt arrived at the port of Alexandria on Saturday in the Soviet freighter "Krasnodar" ("Red Gift"), according to reports received at the State Department in Washington. Department officials maintained today that they had "no firm information" on the nature of the cargoes unloaded within the past week from six freighters at Alexandria but reported unusual security measures and unloading operations carried out in secrecy under cover of darkness.)

ARAB LEAGUE LEADER HAILS SOVIET MIDDLE EAST POLICY

GENEVA, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- An Arab delegation will be present at Geneva during the forthcoming conference of Foreign Ministers, Azzam Pasha, former secretary-general of the Arab League, said here today. He asserted that although Premier Moshe Sharett of Israel would probably seek the help of Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, "the policy of the Soviet Union is clear. They have, throughout the last years, manifested sympathy with Arab national aspirations and have now come openly to meet the imperative needs of the Arabs for those instruments of defense denied them elsewhere."

KNESSET IN SHOW OF UNITY HITS ARMS DEAL, APPEALS TO WEST

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The vote of Israel's Parliament last night on Communist arms peddling in the Middle East was seen here today as an outstanding demonstration of the nation's unity in the face of a ballooning threat of Arab attack. With the exception of five lone Communist votes, every deputy present, including five Arabs, voted to express grave anxiety over the Czech-Egyptian arms deal and to demand that the West supply Israel with whatever arms are needed for defense.

The resolution, hammered out at a two-hour caucus in advance of the Knesset session and introduced by the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, received the positive vote of the leftwing parties as well as the rightist Herut.

The resolution expressed the Knesset's "anxiety" at the major arms shipments to Egypt and the continued arming of Iraq and other Arab states who have declared that they are still at war with Israel and who are plotting against its existence. "These shipments of arms, constituting the gravest danger to Israel's security, will be turned to a war of annihilation against Israel and will endanger peace in the region and in the world," the resolution said.

"The Knesset empowers the government to marshal the people and the state to face these dangers, to increase the army's strength and its equipment and to demand of the powers that they give Israel weapons for defense; and lauds and encourages the Israel people's voluntary efforts to provide arms for the Israel army," the resolution concluded.

ONLY U.S. ACTION CAN SAVE MIDDLE EAST PEACE, ZIONISTS SAY

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Peace can be saved in the Middle East only "if the United States Government chooses to establish the political and military balance in the Near East by furnishing arms to Israel and by guaranteeing her security," Harry Torczyner, chairman of the commission on Israel of the Zionist Organization of America, reported at a special meeting of the commission last night.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the ZOA executive, blamed the State Department's appeasement policy toward the Arab States and charged that "step by step we have yielded to political blackmail which the Arab States have practiced so long, so expertly and successfully."

A call to American Jewry to "mobilize immediately" to protest against the arming of the Arab States by the Soviet bloc and to demand effective counteraction by the United States and the West to safeguard the security of Israel, was voiced here by the Labor Zionist Assembly, spokesman for the four major Labor Zionist organizations in this country.

The call, issued after an emergency meeting of the Assembly's executive committee, urged American Jews to demand of the U.S. Government: that it not supply the Arab states with arms as a form of appeasement; that it ship arms to Israel, and that it offer Israel a mutual security pact.

U. J. A. STUDY MISSION INSPECTS ISRAEL 'SHIP TO SETTLEMENT' PROGRAM

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- A total of 5,570 Jewish immigrants from North Africa will arrive in Israel during the current month, 570 above the scheduled number, Dr. Gibra Josephtal, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, reported today to the 60-man United Jewish Appeal study mission which is now touring the country. Dr. Josephtal said that 5,000 North African Jews would arrive in Israel in November.

The Agency official described the "ship to settlement" program under which immigrants, after clearing customs and immigration at Haifa, are transported directly to their new homes in settlements. Each family finds a house waiting for it, equipped with the basic items of furniture, kitchen utensils, a ten-day supply of basic foods and money.

(A delegation of ten nationally prominent leaders of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal left by air today for a three-week survey of family needs among refugees and distressed Jews in Israel, France and Tunisia.)

The study mission went from Tel Aviv to Haifa yesterday by special train. Moshe Savidor, director of the Israel Railways, described the program of modernizing and expanding the railways. He reported that by the end of 1956, the railway system will be able to carry 4.5 million passengers as compared with a present capacity of two million.

At Haifa, the mission watched the arrival of 22 immigrants from North Africa, 72 from Brazil and 14 from Eastern Europe, aboard the liner Negbah. Immigrants from North Africa, who spoke with the mission members, said that Jews are now leaving North Africa out of fear for the future rather than because of present developments.

ARABS REBUFFED IN PROTESTS OVER ISRAELIS AT MAYORS' PARLEY

ROME, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Protests by Arab diplomats in Italy to the Italian Government and the Mayor of Florence against the presence of a delegation of Israel's mayors at a world congress of mayors in that city have been rejected out of hand by Mayor La Pira of Florence.

Mayor La Pira pointed out that mayors of leading cities in the Arab states had been invited, as well as the Mayor of Jerusalem and other Israel cities, but had chosen not to attend. Besides, he continued, he never would have excluded from the conference the mayor of "God's capital."

ISRAEL TO ABSTAIN ON SECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Emile Najjar, Israel delegate on the General Assembly's Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee, today told the committee that he sees no reason for adopting resolutions which the member states are not ready to implement.

Mr. Najjar directed his remarks specifically to the first article of the proposed human rights covenants under discussion now. The first article deals with the right of self-determination. Since Israel accepts that right on principle but knows that some countries are not as yet ready to act in accordance with that principle, it will abstain when the issue comes to a vote.

SENTENCES IN KIDNAPPING OF JEWISH ORPHAN SPUR HUNT FOR GIRL

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Following the sentencing yesterday of four persons charged with kidnapping a Jewish war orphan, 14-year-old Anneke Beekman, by a Netherlands court, Dutch and Belgian authorities intensified the hunt for the girl and two of the four persons convicted of spiriting her away from her legal guardians.

The sentences yesterday followed years of negotiations, court action and an international hunt which resulted from the refusal of two sisters, the Misses Elisabeth and Gertrude van Moorst, to return the girl to the Jewish community. They took care of Anneke since 1943, when her parents were deported by the Nazis, and brought her up as a Catholic. A number of years after the war, the Dutch courts awarded the child to the Jewish community, but the sisters refused to give her up and spirited her away to a Belgian convent, which was raided unsuccessfully on two separate occasions in attempts to find her.

At present Miss Elisabeth van Moorst, who was sentenced to one year in absentia, and the nun, Mother Superior of the Belgian convent where the girl was hidden, are both missing together with the girl. The Mother Superior was sentenced to six months in prison, the priest to two months and the other van Moorst sister, Gertrude, to eight months. Two other suspects, another Mother Superior and a cousin of the van Moorsts, were acquitted.

GERMAN DOCUMENTS EXPECTED TO THROW NEW LIGHT ON DREYFUS CASE

LONDON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Official German documents which would add conclusive proof of the innocence of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, central figure in the treason case which rocked France at the turn of the century, may be among papers recently returned to Germany by the Russian occupation forces, Dr. Bruno Weil of New York said in a lecture here today.

The innocence of Capt. Dreyfus has been established "beyond a doubt," Dr. Weil said. The proof is now known to be supported by a number of official German documents, some of which have been traced to this country and others are believed to have been returned to Germany.

Capt. Dreyfus, a Jew, was arrested in 1894 on a framed-up charge of having betrayed French military secrets to Germany. He was convicted in star chamber proceedings permeated by anti-Semitism, and sentenced to Devil's Island. He was later cleared after a battle for justice that brought France to the verge of civil war.

PIONEER WOMEN HIT COMMUNIST-EGYPTIAN ARMS DEAL

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 25. (JTA) -- A two-year fund-raising quota of \$2.5 million was adopted at a plenary session of Pioneer Women's 30th anniversary convention here last night. Some 500 delegates representing 40,000 members of the group pledged their support to expand the work of Moetzet Hapalot, the Working Women's Council in Israel. In an immediate response to the new drive, which aims at the establishment of 88 new rehabilitation centers, checks for \$150,000 were presented to the Pioneer Women's executive body.

Earlier, the convention unanimously adopted a resolution in which it declared that Arab belligerence, coupled with Egypt's decision to secure Communist arms, endangers Israel's security. The resolution also expressed the hope that the Western Powers would maintain the balance of military strength in the light of Egypt's increased military power and stated the conviction that the best way to halt what it termed the "tragic renewal of war," is a guarantee of Israel's security by the West.

SECRETARY OF LABOR ASKS BUSINESSMEN TO END JOB DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell called on the nation's businessmen today to end racial and religious discrimination in employment. Mr. Mitchell was a speaker at a conference here of some 65 presidents and board chairmen of large American concerns sponsored by the President's Committee on Government Contracts. Vice President Richard M. Nixon presided.

Secretary Mitchell told the businessmen that elimination of discrimination based on race or religion would strengthen America's position abroad. He asserted that much progress had been made in eliminating discrimination in employment, but that it existed in respect to the promotion of employees.

NEW KU KLUX KLAN ORGANIZATION GETS CHARTER IN GEORGIA

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 25. (JTA) -- A charter has been issued to a new Klan organization here, it was revealed yesterday. The charter was granted to the U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

The petition for a charter was filed by Samuel Green, Jr., son of the late leader of the old Georgia Klan. Mr. Green said the group would be a "secret fraternal organization whose membership rolls shall be protected."

JEWISH VETERANS WARN AGAINST "ANOTHER KOREA" IN MIDDLE EAST

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veterans of America, meeting here today in their 60th annual convention, called on Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to demand that the Soviet Union cease Communist arms shipments to Egypt. National Commander Joseph F. Barr cabled Mr. Dulles after reports on the Middle East situation had been delivered to the organization's national executive committee. They warned that Communist arms shipments could convert the Arab-Israel crisis into "another Korea."

Formal sessions of the convention will get under way tomorrow after the national executive committee completes three days of deliberations. The committee yesterday heard Isaiah Minkoff, executive director of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, at a luncheon in his honor. Mr. Minkoff declared that in the East-West conflict for the adherence of the uncommitted Asian and African peoples, Jewish community relations workers had a right to consider their work a vital sector in the battle. He pointed out that the Communists exploit every American lapse in dealing with minority groups.

Mr. Minkoff asserted that no one Jew or Jewish organization could "go it alone" in this field. No one agency, he noted, could successfully set itself up as the arbiter of what was best for the Jewish community as a whole, nor did any single group have the Jewish community "in its pocket."

SECOND FLOODING MAY DOOM CONNECTICUT SYNAGOGUE

WINSTED, Conn., Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Officials of Beth Israel Synagogue, which was badly damaged in the floods which followed Hurricane Diane, were undecided today whether to continue work on restoring the edifice after its second flooding in last week's storms or to seek a new home.

The new floods did no further damage to the structure but the cellar was filled with water and slime, necessitating a cleaning and disinfecting job. Congregation officials are dubious over completing the reconstruction job since flood control measures that would protect the building will not be completed for two or three years. Some \$1,250 has been received in contributions towards the task of rebuilding the synagogue.

AMERICAN ARTIST GETS \$2,000 PRIZE FOR SCULPTURE FOR U. N. BUILDING

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- A \$2,000 prize for a proposed sculptural monument to be placed in the General Assembly building at United Nations headquarters here was awarded to American sculptor Nathaniel Kaz at a ceremony at the Whitney Museum of American Art last night. The award was made by the National Council for U. S. Art.

Mr. Kaz' work is on the theme of beating swords into ploughshares. When the National Council raises \$60,000 for the sculpture and a mural, Mr. Kaz will proceed with his work. Mr. Kaz, 38, who has been an instructor in sculpture at the Art Students League in New York since 1948, is associated with several sculptors' and artists' federations and has a number of one-man shows at New York galleries.

REFORM INSTITUTIONS PUBLISH LIST OF BOOKS FOR JEWISH HOMES

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Reform institutions, have published a booklet of suggested books for the home and religious schools in observance of Jewish Book Week, which will be celebrated Nov. 28-Dec. 4 this year. The listing is divided into two parts. The first is graded for children according to age, and the second is for parents.