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NOT PREVENTIVE WAR BUT ARAB ATTACK IS DANGER, SHARETT SAYS IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Premier Moshe Sharett of Israel arrived here today to seek action by the Great Powers to prevent war in the Middle East. He told newsmen that the danger was not that Israel would launch a preventive war on Egypt but that the Jewish State would be attacked. He said it was his duty to warn of the "serious danger which faces Israel" following the delivery of modern arms to Egypt by the Soviet Union.

"It is to be hoped that Israel won't be forced to wage war again," Mr. Sharett declared. "If she must, she will do it. But we hope she will be spared this." Asked about the possibility of a preventive war, Mr. Sharett said "I hope to God Israel won't be forced into this situation of a preventive war as a short-cut to security. The danger is not that we will make a preventive war but the danger is that Israel will be attacked. But why," he asked, "is it necessary for Israel to be attacked?"

(In Washington, the State Department said it had "no comment" on Mr. Sharett's declaration that Israel will not shrink from war if she has no alternative.)

Mr. Sharett said he expected to meet Soviet Foreign Minister V.M. Molotov here as well as the French Foreign Minister, Antoine Pinay, and hoped to see Secretary of State John Foster Dulles again. He had long meetings in Paris yesterday with Mr. Dulles and Harold Macmillan, the British Foreign Secretary. The Israel Premier indicated that he planned to remain in Geneva until Monday but he declined to reveal his timetable of meetings with the representatives of the Big Four.

The Israel Premier was the center of attraction for newsmen and photographers when he descended from the plane that carried him from Paris this morning. He was personally greeted by Andre Dominici, representing the Swiss Federal Council, who brought him good wishes from President Petitpierre.

Sharett Failed to Get Arms Assurances from Dulles, Macmillan

Diplomatic sources generally agreed that neither Mr. Dulles nor Mr. Macmillan gave Mr. Sharett any assurances in their meetings in Paris yesterday that they were prepared to provide Israel with arms to offset Egypt's accretions from the Soviet bloc or to extend any guarantees to Israel beyond the terms of the Tripartite Pact. The position taken by the two diplomats appeared to be that the Communist arms shipments to Egypt had not upset the balance of power.

There was some speculation today whether Mr. Sharett's reception by M. Pinay would have another outcome. While it had generally been expected that France would be more sympathetic to Israel's cause, M. Pinay was said to be under considerable pressure from French rightwing circles not to enter into any commitments with Israel.

Likewise, there was some question about the proposed Sharett-Molotov meeting. Mr. Sharett did not confirm today that a definite appointment had been fixed. The Soviet spokesman, Leonid Ilyichev, refused when he met the press yesterday, to confirm that the meeting would be held. His only comment on the Middle East situation - which does not appear on the agenda of the conference of foreign ministers - is that the ministers themselves would decide on "additional points."

The conference was formally opened this afternoon under the chairmanship of M. Pinay with Germany and European unity as the items on the agenda. Hanging over the conference and chief interest here was the Middle East question which the four statesmen are expected to deal with only "informally" outside the conference room.

SYRIAN, EGYPTIAN FORCES IN NEW ATTACKS ALONG ISRAEL BORDER

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Syrian and Egyptian military forces simultaneously carried out attacks on Israel territory in the north and south today and sharp clashes ensued. The Syrian troops invaded Israel territory in the demilitarized zone near Dan and began digging in. Israel defense forces attacked and drove out the intruders, reportedly killing one.

Egyptian troops crossed into Israel territory in the demilitarized Nitzana zone, not far from Beerotayim which they attacked earlier this week, and entrenched themselves 200 yards inside the boundary. An Israel plane patrolling the border zone was fired on from the Egyptian positions but escaped unhit.

EGYPTIANS NEGOTIATING FOR ARMS FROM SPAIN

MADRID, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The sale of substantial quantities of Spanish arms to Egypt is expected to result from the extended visit here of a military mission headed by Gen. Rizkalla Attia, the Egyptian army's chief supply officer. The group came on invitation of the Spanish Government within a few days of Egypt's decision to buy arms from Czechoslovakia. Spain's arms factories are now being modernized under the American aid program.

Egypt bought Spanish arms early in 1954 but the British, then still in the Suez Canal zone and under systematic attack by Egyptian commando units, repeatedly protested the sale of Spanish arms to Egypt. In July 1954, the Foreign Office announced "the export of arms to countries outside the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will be prohibited."

Some sources here report that Gen. Attia was instructed to explore the possibility of manufacturing the Spanish "Alfa" machinegun in Egypt.

On the political side the Egyptian visit produced results of more than routine interest. Acknowledging the gift of an 18th century Egyptian scimitar presented to him by Gen. Attia, Gen. Francisco Franco re-affirmed Spain's support of the Arab cause and spoke approvingly of the course followed by the Nasser regime.

"We are entering a new era and we who live in it must adapt ourselves to the new idea taking hold in the world," Gen. Franco said. "For this reason we understand the acts of the Egyptian people and of its Army to secure their nation's independence..."

Referring to Arab antagonism towards Israel, Franco said: "We can assure you that we have not been insensible to your sufferings and that we share the feelings of those Arabs who have been expelled from their homes."

If Gen. Franco expressed disquiet regarding Egypt's purchase of Communist weapons he did so privately, behind closed doors.

PUBLIC FIGURES URGE U.S. ACTION TO HALT MIDDLE EAST WAR

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Increasing concern over the danger of war in the Middle East was reflected today in statements by American political leaders and by Jewish organizations here and abroad which appealed to the conference of foreign ministers at Geneva to halt a Middle East arms race. The United States was strongly urged to enter a security pact with Israel to guarantee its borders and deter aggression by Egypt.

In Pittsburgh, U.S. Senator James H. Duff declared that "the United States must enter at once into a mutual security pact with Israel to guarantee its boundaries so as to halt the spread of Russian military domination of the world."

Former Senator Owen Brewster of Maine, Miss India Edwards, vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and Magistrate Frederick L. Strong of New York signed a letter published in the New York Times today calling for a two-point program to prevent war in the Middle East. The first step is an immediate guarantee of the integrity of the Israel-Arab armistice demarcation lines by the United States. The second step is for an appeal by the United States, Britain and France to the Soviet Union to prevent a Middle East arms race and enable achievement of peace in the area in the spirit of Geneva.

In Johannesburg, the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and the South African Zionist Federation addressed a joint statement to the conference of foreign ministers at Geneva appealing for measures to halt the Middle East arms race and establish peace there that will secure Israel's security and unhampered progress. The statement warned that arming of the Arab States was "a grave menace to Israel's security and to world peace."

In New York, Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, called on all Americans to write or wire Secretary of State Dulles in Geneva urging him to take "the necessary bold measures" to halt the flow of Communist arms to the Arab States.

BEN GURION TRIES TO EXPAND CABINET IN FACE OF CRISIS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- As a result of the situation created by the Soviet supply of arms to Egypt, Premier-designate David Ben Gurion has undertaken negotiations to extend the four-party cabinet he has assembled into a broad coalition which would include the centrist General Zionists and the Religious bloc.

Mr. Ben Gurion, although still confined to his hotel room, invited his Progressive Party associates to yield one of the two seats they were assigned in the four-party cabinet so that the Premier-designate could meet the Hapoel Hamizrachi demands. It was reported today that Moshe Kol, Progressive who had been assigned a ministry without portfolio, had agreed to give up his post.

The position of the General Zionists will be clarified at the meeting tomorrow of the party's central committee.

ESHKOL LAUDS ISRAEL UNITY IN FACE OF NEW ARAB THREATS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Acting Premier Levi Eshkol told the 60-man United Jewish Appeal study mission here today at a reception tendered by the local bond organization that "today's situation along our borders forces the people and the Government of Israel to look for arms to preserve the balance of power and maintain the present uneasy peace in the Middle East."

Mr. Eshkol declared that "we need funds for arms, but if our immigration suffers because we need to divert funds for arms, then we have lost part of our battle. We would be retreating on the front marked 'economic independence.' Therefore, we need more philanthropic funds from the United Jewish Appeal for immigration and more bonds for development."

Israel, Mr. Eshkol told the mission members, was united today "in a spirit of determination equalled only in the difficult days of seven and eight years ago." He pointed to the Knesset vote on the security situation and to the "tremendous surge of voluntary contributions for defense arms." He urged on the American delegation the closest cooperation between the UJA and the Israel Bond drive.

JEWS CLOSE SHOPS EARLY IN TUNIS TO AVOID GANG ATTACKS

TUNIS, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Following repeated attacks at the hands of Arab nationalists, Jewish merchants in the Hara Quarter have decided to close their shops at dusk. Groups of young Jews here are organizing a self-defense corps to protect Jews and their property from attacks.

The extremist Arab press continues a violent attack against Albert Bessis, Jewish member of the new Tunisian cabinet. The newspaper of the Vieux Destour nationalist movement, which follows the Moslem Brotherhood line, complained that M. Bessis is ignorant of the Arabic language and demanded that he be replaced in the cabinet by a "Moslem Arab."

A secret Tunisian committee has been set up here to collect funds for the Egyptian arms fund campaign. Leaders of the Vieux Destour movement are directing the committee which is also supported by Sallah Ben Youssef, former secretary of the Neo-Destour organization.

CASABLANCA, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Five Jews were among 15 injured yesterday in Port Lyautey when a young Moslem threw a hand grenade into a cafe. In Casablanca, a bomb exploded yesterday in the office of a Jewish dentist, located in a Moslem district. No one was injured.

WOMAN FLEES HOLLAND AFTER CONVICTION IN KIDNAPING JEWISH ORPHAN

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- A woman sentenced to eight months' imprisonment following her refusal to surrender custody of a Jewish war orphan, has fled from Holland across the frontier to Belgium, it was disclosed today.

Gertrude van Moorst, who with her sister Elisabeth had cared for Anneke Beekman and sought to rear the Jewish child in the Catholic faith, had been left free pending appeal from her conviction earlier this week despite the plea of the public prosecutor for her immediate detention. Her attorney had filed notice of appeal and the trial court rejected the prosecutor's demand. Miss van Moorst has steadfastly refused to surrender Anneke, now 14 years old, and the combined efforts of the Dutch and Belgian authorities have so far failed to locate the child.

AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT GETS LAW TO PARDON NAZI OFFENDERS

VIENNA, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The Peoples Party, which is headed by Chancellor Julius Raab, introduced in Parliament today the draft of a constitutional law which provides for the pardon of all incriminated Nazi offenders except convicted war criminals who engaged in illegal Nazi activities after World War II.

The amnesty is designed to end the "unpleasant period" in Austrian history from 1938, when Hitler annexed Austria to Germany, to the summer of 1955, when the Allied occupation of Austria was terminated.

The neo-Nazi League of Independents introduced its own draft of an amnesty law which would provide a general amnesty for all former Nazis.

FRENCH HONOR TUNISIAN JEWISH LEADER, CHARLES SAADA

PARIS, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The rank of Knight of the Legion of Honor was conferred today upon Charles Saada, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Tunisia. He was nominated for the distinction by the Ministry for Moroccan and Tunisian Affairs.

CUBAN PRESIDENT PRESIDES OVER DEDICATION OF SYNAGOGUE IN HAVANA

HAVANA, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. Fulgencio Batista, President of Cuba, presided tonight over the dedication ceremonies of the new synagogue-center of the Jewish Community House of Cuba.

NEW JERSEY P. T. A. HEAD OPPOSES 'RELEASED TIME' PROGRAM

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The president of the New Jersey Congress of Parents and Teachers told the convention of the parent-teacher group here today that she does not favor the so-called "released-time" program of religious education.

Mrs. A. G. Link, of Newark, told the 2,600 women representing the state's 1,214 parent-teacher chapters that religious schools can provide "this important and necessary phase of education without setting any children conspicuously apart from others." She asserted that the similarities among children, rather than their differences, ought to be emphasized in the schools.

RELIGIOUS GROUPS TERMED TOO SLOW ON ADVANCING CAUSE OF BROTHERHOOD

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, told the organization's national executive board at its annual meeting here tonight that, "too frequently, of late, Jewish and Christian organizations have been tardy camp followers in the slow and painful advance of man towards his full emancipation as a child of God."

He pointed out that "it was the Supreme Court, a purely civil institution, which played the major role in the furtherance of brotherhood in America. Even now, after the historic desegregation decision has been unanimously rendered, churches and synagogues are slow in actualizing the spirit of equality which they long ago should have fostered and insisted upon."

A religious faith is meaningless unless it is used in day-to-day living, Judge Solomon Elsner, of Hartford, Conn., chairman of the board, declared. He said that "prayer must not be regarded as the goal of religion, but merely as the starting point. It is our everyday practice which tests the depth of our devoutness."

ISRAEL MERCHANT FLEET FLAGSHIP DOCKS IN NEW YORK HARBOR

NEW YORK, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The brand new 10,500-ton vessel "Israel" flagship of the Zim shipping company, entered New York harbor on her maiden voyage this afternoon to receive the port's traditional welcome for a newcomer.

As the newest passenger-freight liner of the Israel merchant marine slowly steamed through the Lower Bay, Narrows and Upper Bay, escorted by Coast Guard vessels, it was greeted by steam whistles from tugs and fireboats and buzzing helicopters overhead.

The vessel, built in Germany as Israel reparations, brought some 300 passengers on the voyage which inaugurated the first all-year-'round scheduled Haifa-New York passenger service. The vessel is commanded by Capt. Avner Freudenberg.

In an editorial greeting the "Israel," the New York Times welcomed the vessel as proof of the State of Israel's realization that "international trade is one of the best ways of cementing and maintaining friendly relations with the United States."

PIONEER WOMEN, HISTADRUT GET \$500,000 GIFT FOR SCHOOLS

TORONTO, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The 14th biennial convention of the Pioneer Women, Women's Labor Zionist organization of the United States and Canada, closed here yesterday following the announcement of a half-million dollar gift to the Histadrut and the Pioneer Women for the establishment of trade schools for boys and girls in Tel Aviv. The donor was Mrs. Florence Holtz of Philadelphia, who made the gift in memory of her husband, the late Leon Holtz.

Chaya Surchin of New York was elected president, succeeding Dr. Sarah Feder.

HADASSAH OPENS CONVENTION IN CHICAGO SUNDAY; 3,500 TO ATTEND

CHICAGO, Oct. 27. (JTA) -- Reports on the Hadassah medical and welfare network in Israel, on its Youth Aliyah program and on the general political situation in respect to Israel will be presented at the 41st annual convention here of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. The four-day convention, which opens Sunday, will attract 3,500 delegates and guests from all parts of the United States, Alaska and Puerto Rico.

J. W. V. ASKS TRIPARTITE ACTION ON MIDDLE EAST AGGRESSION

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Oct. 27. (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veterans, in convention here today, adopted a resolution urging the Government of the United States, together with Britain and France, to serve notice that any aggression in the Middle East will bring implementation of the Tripartite Declaration of 1950, under which the three powers guaranteed the status quo in that area. The veterans also urged that a security pact be concluded between the U.S. and Israel.

Sen. George A. Smathers, Florida Democrat, addressing the parley, told the veterans that the Western Powers and the State Department were deeply disturbed by the present situation in the Middle East and feared that Soviet intervention in the form of arms shipments by Czechoslovakia to Egypt would upset the balance of power in that area. He warned of the danger that Israel might become the Korea of 1956.