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BEN GURION PLEDGES ISRAEL TO PEACE, OBSERVANCE OF ARMISTICE PACTS

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion and his government were pledged today to a policy of peace and observance of the armistice agreements as far as they are observed by their Arab signatories while observers predicted that Israel foreign policy would be made tougher and more forceful following the resignation of Moshe Sharett as Foreign Minister.

(The Times of London, in a report from Jerusalem, said today that in Premier Ben Gurion's view "it may be difficult to maintain Israel's stand on the armistice agreements and might bring the state into conflict with important powers. The avoidance of any such conflict, the newspaper said, was one of Mr. Sharett's chief aims. The Christian Science Monitor reported from Jerusalem that "more audacious foreign and defense policies are expected to be pursued by the Israeli Government" following the Sharett resignation.)

Premier Ben Gurion won handily in a series of three votes in the Knesset following a warm debate last night on the Sharett resignation. Two non-confidence motions calling for resignation of the entire Cabinet, introduced by the Herut and General Zionist Parties, were defeated by votes of 65 to 20 with six abstentions. A Government motion voting Mordechai Namir as Minister of Labor, filling Mrs. Golda Myerson's former post, was carried by 65 to 24, with six abstentions. No vote was required on Mrs. Myerson's resignation as Foreign Minister.

Speakers for three government parties described Mr. Sharett's resignation as a protest against the failure of the Western Powers to recognize his policy of moderation and to respond to it by providing Israel with defensive arms. The Mizrahi speaker called the resignation "an open, vigorous protest by a peace-loving statesman who felt betrayed by the Great Powers."

Meir Argov, of Mapai, chairman of the Knesset Committee on Security and Foreign Affairs, replying to Menachem Beigin, Herut Party leader who opened the debate, denied his assertions that the country was unprepared, declared that in past months, the country had "received arms and equipment which radically changed the position of the Army."

In opening the debate, Mr. Beigin accused the Premier of withholding the real reason for the Sharett resignation and called for the resignation of the entire Cabinet.

In his reply, Premier Ben Gurion reaffirmed the policy of the Government and said that the Sharett resignation did not result from any policy changes. He reiterated opposition to a "preventive war" which he characterized as "sheer madness" but made it clear that he would not hesitate to rally all the country's forces against any Arab aggressor. He assailed Opposition demands for action against Jordan which, he pointed out, would mean war against Britain. War against the Great Powers, he advised, would be the "sheerest folly."

Situation Requires Identity of Views in Defense, Foreign Ministries

The Premier said that recently the situation had become so grave and the dangers in foreign affairs had become such as to demand a complete identity of views between the Defense Ministry and the Foreign Ministry. He said he had recognized the need for a change in leadership of the Foreign Ministry as most useful to the government, but insisted that this did not mean change in security policy or foreign affairs.

Mr. Ben Gurion indicated that the decision to make a change in the Foreign Ministry was crystallized after the recent sessions of the United Nations Security Council. He stressed that Israel's policy, after that meeting, was that the armistice agreements would be respected to the degree that the Arabs respected them and he left little doubt that Israel would not permit persistent border violations to go unchallenged.

The Premier described the attitude of the Great Powers in the Security Council as strange behavior, and accused them of submitting to verbal terrorization by the Arabs in agreeing to delete the "peace phrase" from the British draft resolution. He warned that this surrender had impaired the moral status of the Security Council.

The Premier also voiced criticism of Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld for failing to include in his report to the Security Council on his Middle East pacification mission Israel's declared intention to observe the letter and the spirit of the armistice agreements only so long as the other side equally observed them.

DULLES SILENT AS FRANCE ASKS UNIFIED ARMS POLICY FOR MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, June 20. (JTA) -- France desires a unified Western policy on munitions sales to Israel so that no one nation--like France--would be required to assume all the responsibility. This view was put forth by French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau in his talks with Secretary of State Dulles here, but Mr. Dulles made no comment and the matter was dropped.

Soviet activities in the Middle East loomed in the talks as more important than the Arab-Israel issue as such. The visit of Soviet Foreign Minister Dmitri Shepilov to Cairo was discussed at some length. The role of Egypt in North Africa and the Middle East was taken up but there were no firm conclusions.

M. Pineau indicated today that no agreement on the question of future arms shipments to the Middle East was reached by the United States and France. He said, after a two-and-a-half hour talk with Mr. Dulles that the question of arms flow to the Middle East is "very very complicated." This is because each country has its own position on the problem.

M. Pineau emphasized his belief that the Security Council is "perfectly adopted to resolve the Arab-Israel conflict." He said that both the United States and France regret the new Soviet attitude of "negativism" in dealing with the Arab-Israel issue.

An American French communique at the conclusion of the Dulles-Pineau talks said the two diplomats "exchanged views on the Middle East and reaffirmed their intention to continue to search within the framework of the United Nations for a peaceful solution of existing problems in that area and in particular to support the efforts of the Secretary General in connection with the Palestine question."

LLOYD REJECTS PROPOSAL FOR EAST-WEST PARLEY ON ARMS FOR MID-EAST

LONDON, June 20. (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd turned down in the House of Commons tonight a proposal by Laborite Phillips Price that he call a conference of signatories to the Tripartite Declaration, the Soviet Union, Poland and Czechoslovakia to secure an agreement that no further arms be sent to the Middle East "in view of the relative balance of forces now existing between Israel and the neighboring Arab States."

The Foreign Secretary called the proposals "ingenious" but expressed doubt that such a conference could be held. He said "the difficulty lies in finding a fair balance."

In Cairo today, Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser put on Egypt's biggest military show in honor of Soviet Foreign Minister Dmitri Shepilov. Stalin tanks and other armor rumbled through Cairo's Republic Square as Ilushin jet bombers and MIG fighters, delivered to Egypt by Czechoslovakia, roared overhead. German-trained Egyptian soldiers marched past the reviewing stand with contingents from other Arab States. The demonstration underlined Col. Nasser's demand that Egypt become strong "so that we may be able to restore to the people of Palestine their rights of freedom and existence."

(Attention of the State Department was drawn today to Col. Nasser's new threats when Rabbi Philip Bernstein, chairman of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, met with Robert Murphy, Deputy Undersecretary of State, and George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Rabbi Bernstein cited these threats and the visit to Cairo of the Soviet diplomat as accentuating need for American action on Israel's arms application.)

HAMMARSKJOLD SEEN PRESSING MID-EAST MISSION IN EUROPEAN CAPITALS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 20. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold is believed here to be making preparations to continue his "good offices" between Israel and the Arab signatories to the armistice agreements when he visits a number of European capitals, including Moscow, within the next few weeks.

That was the interpretation given by observers here today to the reason behind a conference between Mr. Hammarskjold and Mordecai R. Kidron, acting chairman of the Israel delegation.

ISRAEL SIGNS NEW INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON FAMILY SUPPORT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 20. (JTA) -- Israel was among 15 governments which signed here today a new international convention on family support adopted by a special conference which has been in session here since May 29. Israel was among the strongest backers of the new international treaty which is designed to alleviate the lot of wives and children abandoned by husbands or fathers who have moved to another country. Under the convention a dependent residing in one country will be able to sue a debtor in another land for the purpose of obtaining and enforcing a judgment.

BEN GURION URGED TO ACT ON EMIGRATION OF NORTH AFRICAN JEWS

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- A deputation of North African settlers in Israel called on Premier David Ben Gurion today to discuss action in behalf of Jews remaining in North Africa. The deputation urged Mr. Ben Gurion to take emergency measures to help the emigration of North African Jews who may be endangered by the rising tide of Arab nationalism in the area.

RABBINICAL SEMINARY ESTABLISHED IN RUMANIA, CHIEF RABBI REPORTS

STOCKHOLM, June 20. (JTA) -- A rabbinical seminary has been established in Arad, Rumania, Dr. A. Rosen, Chief Rabbi of Rumania, declared here last night at a reception given in his honor by the Jewish community of Stockholm. The school has 35 students, Rabbi Rosen said.

Earlier, Rabbi Rosen attended a meeting of the Federation of Scandinavian Rabbis and met with Drs. Wilhelm, Melchior and Aronson, Chief Rabbis of Sweden, Denmark and Norway, respectively. Dr. Rosen is in Sweden returning a visit paid to Bucharest earlier this year by Rabbi Wilhelm.

DUTCH SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS SENTENCES ON ANNEKE BEEKMAN KIDNAPPERS

AMSTERDAM, June 20. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court of the Netherlands rejected today appeals of three major figures in the Anneke Beekman case against prison sentences meted out to them for their parts in spiriting away the Jewish war orphan and refusing to return her to the Jewish community as ordered by Dutch courts.

The Supreme Court's action upholds a three-month sentence for Mrs. G. M. Langendyk-van Moorst, Anneke's Catholic foster mother; a six-month sentence against Miss E. M. van Moorst, her sister, and a two-month sentence on a priest named Amot. The two women have fled the country and their whereabouts are unknown.

ARSONIST DRAWS FIVE-YEAR PRISON TERM FOR SYNAGOGUE FIRE IN LONDON

LONDON, June 20. (JTA) -- A man was sentenced to five years in prison today for setting fire to a synagogue in the Brixton district of London. Damage caused by the blaze amounted to 20,000 pounds (\$56,000).

NEW BONN SYNAGOGUE AND JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER TO BE BUILT

BONN, June 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Bonn plans to build a one-story synagogue and community center on an estate which it owns next to the West German Foreign Ministry. The estate was given to it by the North Rhine-Westphalian state government, which will also pay construction costs, in compensation for two synagogues in Bonn destroyed by the Nazis in 1938.

The community, which includes Jewish residents of Bonn and several nearby towns number 120 members. The synagogue will have a seating capacity of 90 plus community offices and one classroom. There are only five children of school age in the community.

U. S. JEWISH CHAPLAINS IN EUROPE HOLD RETREAT IN GOERING'S LODGE

BERCHTESGADEN, Germany, June 20. (JTA) -- Rabbi Aryeh Lev, head of the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board, is conducting a five-day spiritual retreat for Jewish chaplains in a former hunting lodge of Nazi leader Hermann Goering, near Berchtesgaden.

Rabbi Lev, a colonel in the Army Reserve, leads study programs discussions and religious services for 16 Jewish chaplains assigned to Army installations in Germany, France, Italy, North Africa and Great Britain.

(The National Jewish Welfare Board's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy announced yesterday that the United States Air Force had engaged two British rabbis on a part-time basis as auxiliary chaplains to American airmen of the Jewish faith stationed in Gt. Britain.)

ISRAEL BOND DRIVE 38 PERCENT AHEAD OF LAST YEAR, FEINBERG REPORTS

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- The Israel bond drive in the United States is 38 percent ahead of last year at this time, Abraham Feinberg, head of the Israel Bond Organization, today told Premier Ben Gurion. Mr. Feinberg, who conferred with the Premier, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and Foreign Minister Golda Myerson, predicted that bond sales for 1956 would hit \$50,000,000.

(At an Israel bond dinner in New York last night, it was reported that \$5,250,000 worth of bonds had been sold thus far this year in the Greater New York area. Addressing the dinner, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota urged the United States to help Israel meet the threat posed by Communist arms supplies to the Arabs by providing the young state with "sufficient arms of equal effectiveness.")

ALLIED JEWISH APPEAL, FEDERATION OF CHARITIES MERGE IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, June 20. (JTA) -- The Allied Jewish Appeal of Philadelphia and the Federation of Jewish Charities of this city merged today and formed the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia. Philadelphia has the fourth largest Jewish community in the United States.

The president of the new group will be Abraham L. Freedman, former City Solicitor of Philadelphia. The executive director will be Donald B. Hurwitz. Consolidation negotiations, under way for months, reached a climax eight days ago when a Joint Committee on Consolidation--including representatives of both groups--unanimously approved a merger plan and by-laws for the new organization.

STUDENT GROUP CANCELS INDONESIA MEETING WHEN ISRAELIS ARE BARRED

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- The World University Service, an international student welfare organization which assists needy students and universities, has cancelled plans to hold its annual meeting in Indonesia because the government of that country has refused to grant visas to two Israeli delegates, the offices of WUS revealed here today.

Confirmation was received yesterday from the organization's branch in Indonesia that the Israelis would not be admitted. The meeting was scheduled to be held near Jakarta July 25. So far the organization has made no decision on an alternate site.

JEWISH TEACHERS PROTEST TOURS BY EDUCATION GROUP BARRING JEWS

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish Teachers Association protested today to the National Education Association the latter's organization of four world tours for teachers from which Jews are barred because of the objections of Arab governments through whose territories the tourists would travel.

The Jewish group expressed its "shock" and "concern" over the "support given this discriminatory and un-American practice" by the NEA. "It is deplorable that the NEA did not fully investigate the restrictions surrounding these tours and, having learned the truth, did not disassociate itself from them," the Jewish Teachers Association said.

POLICE INVESTIGATE ORIGIN OF SULPHUR FUMES AT NEW YORK YESHIVAH

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- Police were investigating today the possibility that an outsider lit a sulphur candle in the basement of Yeshivath Torah Vodaath and Mesivta School in Brooklyn yesterday afternoon.

The noxious fumes caused school authorities to evacuate some 600 boys from the building and 23 pupils between eight and 13 years of age were treated at a hospital for eye and respiratory irritations. The building was aired out for an hour, after which the pupils who had not required medical attention returned to classrooms. The 23 were sent home.

MODELS OF STEEL PREFABRICATED SYNAGOGUE GO ON DISPLAY

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- Two models of a completely prefabricated synagogue and community center, developed by the United States Steel Homes, Inc., and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, were put on display here today. The buildings were designed by David Moed, New York architect.

A complete, pre-fabricated synagogue center will be sponsored by the Union's community activities division, including the structure, construction, financing and furnishing. It is described as specially designed to meet the needs resulting from swelling numbers of young families settling in the suburbs. Along with the synagogues, a school building is now being completed which can be attached to the center or stand as a separate structure. The center, including construction, ready for occupancy, will cost about thirty-two thousand dollars.

MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL HITS DISCRIMINATORY RESORT ADVERTISING

DETROIT, June 20. (JTA) -- The Attorney General of Michigan, Thomas A. Kavanagh, has ruled that advertising by a resort that "for 63 years we have served a gentile clientele" violates the state's Civil Liberties Law. The ruling had been requested by the Michigan Tourist Council after it had received a complaint from the Jewish Community Council of Michigan.

BELGIAN QUEEN VISITS EXHIBITION FEATURING WORKS OF TWO JEWISH ARTISTS

BRUSSELS, June 20. (JTA) -- Queen Elizabeth of Belgium visited an exhibition at the Palais de Beaux Arts here yesterday to view the works of two Jewish artists. On exhibition were the paintings of Moshe Tamir, an Israeli, and Miss M. Noor-Zade, a French sculptress.