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NASSER MAY SEEK TO COVER HIS ASWAN DAM FAILURE BY ATTACKING ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, July 22. (JTA) -- President Nasser of Egypt, placed in a perilous position by American, British and Soviet refusal to finance the construction of the Aswan Dam, m, y embark on a military adventure agains: Israel to distract attention from his failure to carry out the highly-publicized Aswan Dam project.

Such a possibility was taken into consideration here today following the receipt of news from Moscow that Dmitri Shepilov, Soviet Foreign Minister, had indicated yesterday that the Soviet Government would give sympathetic consideration to requests for aid from Egyptian industry but is not inclined to provide aid for the building of the Aswan Dam.

It was feared in Washington that after the blunt refusal by the State Department last Thursday evening to help Egypt build her projected \$1,300,000,000 Aswan high dam on the Nile, Col. Nasser would turn to Moscow for such help. The Soviet Foreign Minister's statement in Moscow yesterday confirmed the opinion of Washington circles which said that Russia was unlikely to undertake such a heavy financial, technical and industrial drain on her resources as the construction of the Aswan Dam would involve.

(The New York Times reported from Moscow today that despite Mr. Shepilov's statement, diplomats there did not rule out entirely the possibility of Soviet aid on the Aswan project. They pointed out that Col. Nasser is expected in Moscow in mid-August and at that time the entire question of Soviet relations with Egypt will be reviewed. Questions of economic and possibly military aid will be discussed.)

May Try to Save His Prestige by Exploiting Israeli Issue

With no outlook of obtaining foreign aid for the dam project and, therefore, with no solution of his basic economic problems in sight, Egyptian President Nasser might be tempted to save his prestige amont his own people, as well as among the Arabs in other countries, by exploiting the Israeli issue, it was thought in diplomatic circles here.

Reports reaching Washington during the week-end leave no doubt that the withdrawal of American and British offers to help Col. Nasser build the Aswan Dam has already undermined the confidence in him which prevailed in some of the Arab countries where he was considered the champion of Arab nationalism. These reports also indicate that his political enemies at home--of whom there are many--may setze the opportunity to undermine his popularity in Egypt and to charge him with ineffectiveness.

Under such circumstances, some observers in Washington fear that the way out for Col. Nasser might appear to be as the Arab champin against brael. However, it is believed certain here that a second round of fighting between the Arab countries and Israel almost certainly would bring Western forces back into the Middle East, and this would annul Col. Nasser's achievements in ousting the British forces from Egypt, which brought him so much glory among the Arabs.

An organization calling itself the 'National Committee for Security and Justice in the Middle East, "today called the withholding of U.S. funds from Egypt's Aswan project "sheer lunacy" and something "which can well turn out to be disistrous to the American national interest." The group includes personalities who have associated themselves with anti-Zionist activities. Among them are Alfred M. Lilienthal, of the American Council for Judaism.

BEN GURION REPORTS TO ISRAEL CABINET ON HIS TALKS WITH U. N. CHIEF

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) - The Israel Cabinet heard a report today from Premier David Ben Gurion on his talks during the week-end with United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. No details of Mr. Ben Gurion's report were made available, except that he informed the Cabinet of the exchange of views between himself and Mr. Hammarskjold on the Arab-Israel situation in thelight of recent events.

While the Israel Cabinet was meeting today, Mr. Hammarskjold was holding a conference in Cairo with Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser. Yesterday, he met briefly with high Jordanian officials in Amman. The Jordanians, it was reported, said that he presented no new proposals but insisted that Jordan must stand by her truce agreement with - Israel. The Jordanians added that they were satisfied with the discussion.

Satisfaction with the discussion between Mr. Hammarskjold and Premier Ben Gurion' was also expressed in a joint communique which they issued at the close of their two-day

talks in Jerusalem. The communique stated: "The Secretary General and The Premier had a full and fruitful review of developments in this area occurring since the last visit of the Secretary General. They discussed ways and means of establishing a state of affairs as envisaged in the Armistice Agreements between Israel and her neighbors."

Diplomatic circles here feel that the UN Chief's unscheduled inclusion of Jordan in his Middle Eastern itinerary should give Israeli leaders good reason for gratification. The reason being that Mr. Hammarskjold undoubtedly pressed upon Jordanian authorities Israel's demand for a strict observance of the cease-fire. But even more important is Israel's desire to set up a special committee provided for in the General Armistice Agreements.

This special committee would have as its function resumption of activity at the Hadassah Hospital and the Hebrew University, both located on Mount Scopus. Also included in the special committee's mandate would be the providing of access to the Holy Places in the Old City of Jerusalem and the use of the cemetery on the Mount of Olives.

It is hoped here that while in Amman, Mr. Hammarskjold will raise the question of calling a conference between Israel and Jordan for the purpose of revising the armistice agreements. It is Israel's desire that the Mixed Armistice Commission be provided with "teeth." Heretofore the commission was limited simply to censuring the guity party and pleading with the offender to find ways of preventing aggression.

The UN Secretary General is said to have expressed here the belief, gained in his recent talks with Soviet (leaders, that the Soviet Union will support efforts to settle the Arab-Israeli dispute. However, Premier Ben Gurion reportedly was somewhat less optimistic about Russias role as a result of its arms sales to the Arabs, but said he was willing to wait and see.

DULLES TO DENOUNCE SAUDI ARABIAN DISCRIMINATION AGAINST U.S. JEWS

WASHINGTON, July 22. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles intends to make a statement denouncing Saudi Arabian discrimination against American Jews, according to Congressmen Hugh Scott, Jr., of Pennsylvania, and Laurence Curtis of Massachusetts.

The two Congressmen, both Republicans, spent 45 minutes at the State Department this week-end. When they discussed with the Secretary Saudi Arabian discrimination against American Jews Mr. Dulles told them, they reported, that the planned to make a statement "denouncing discrimination against American citizens by foreign countries."

Mr. Dulles also told the Congressmen that he will look into the possibility of permitting the release of Italian-made F-84 jet fighter planes to Israel. The planes could be released under an American-Italian procurement contract.

There is 'no chance at all' that Italy would sell Israel jet fighters, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry declared mRome yesterday. In commenting on the Scott-Curtis report, he said that Italy has announced a policy of withholding war material from both Israel and the Arab states.)

INCIDENTS REPORTED FROM JORDANIAN, SYRIAN AND LEBANESE FRONTIERS

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- Jordanian troops in the Judean hills some ten-miles west of here opened fire on Israeli farmers twice today, an Israel spokesman revealed today. The Israelis replied to the fire the first time, but not the second. There were no Israeli casualties.

Syrian positions opened fire on fishermen in the northern portion of Lake Tiberias. They also attacked a police launch when it attempted to rescue the harassed fishermen. The police did not return fire, and no casualties were reported.

A group of armed infiltrators crossed the Lebanese border this week-end to carry out an attack on the Israeli village of Yaara, in the Upper Galilee. Watchmen were able to repulse the attackers before any casualties were incurred on either side.

SRAEL TANKER BOUGHT IN U.S. WILL CARRY OIL FROM RUSSIA TO HAIFA

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- Israel's newest tanker, the "Red Sea," just purchased from the United States, will be placed on the Black Sea-Haifa run in August to transport Russian crude oil to Israel, the Ministry of Communications announced today.

The 12,500 ton vessel brings Israel's tanker tonnage to 52,000 and the overall merchant marine tonnage to 178,000. The merchant marine fleet includes five passenger liners with accommodations for 2,180 passengers, and 14 fruit freighters with air conditioned holds.

ISRAELI YOUTHS TO PARTICIPATE IN AIRBORNE YOUTH CONVENTION IN U.S.

FEL AVIV, July 22. (JTA) five member airborne youth unit left today for the United States in a United States Air Force plane. The youths are on their way to participate in the world convention of airborne youth to be held in the United States.

RUMANIA MAY PERMIT EMIGRATION OF 60,000 JEWS, JEWISH LEADER REPORTS

TEL AVIV, July 22. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government is expected to permit some 60,000 Jews to leave for Israel, it was reported here today by A. L. Zisu, one of the four Rumanian Jewish leaders who arrived here for permanent settlement last week.

Mr. Zisu said that there are signs that the Rumanian Government has changed its attitude toward Jewish emigration. It appears willing to permit the reunification of families some of whose members are already in Israel. The estimated 60,000 are in this category.

AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT VOTES TO RETURN CONFISCATED PROPERTY TO NAZIS

VIENNA, July 22. (JTA) -- The Austrian Parliament passed this week-end a law ordering the return to former Nazis of property confiscated from them by the state as punishment when they were convicted by post-liberation courts.

It is estimated that of some 10,000 pieces of real estate, farms and small manufacturing plants, the state still holds about 1,300. Some 70 percent of these properties fall under the terms of the new law and must be restored to the ex-Nazis.

GERMAN SENTENCED TO IL MONTHS IN PRISON FOR ANTI-JEWISH REMARKS

FRANKFURT, July 22. (JTA) -- A local German court has sentenced Franz Kroner to eleven months in prison on three different charges connected with insulting a Jew.

Kroner repeatedly told Richard Stern that "not nearly enough Jews had been gassed" by the Nazis and that "of all those who survived, Stern ought to be gassed immediately." The intervention of the Association of Jewish Communities of Hesse, a co-complainant in the case, is credited with having obtained the stiff sentence passed on Kroner.

TWO LEADING YIDDISH POETS "REHABILITATED" POSTHUMOUSLY IN MOSCOW

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- Peretz Markish and Itzik Feffer, two of Soviet Russia's outstanding Yiddish writers, who disappeared in 1948 and were apparently executed, have been posthumously rehabilitated in the pages of "Literaturnaya Gazeta," Russia's leading literary journal.

The Soviet magazine prints in its current issue six of Markish's poems, translated into Russian, and a preface to his work which lauded Feffer as the discoverer of Markish's talent. While nothing definite was stated as to their disappearance and death, the practice of giving favorable publicity is considered in Russia as a means of clearing persons who have been disgraced.

The six poems were highly praised in a foreword by Nikolai Tikhonov, a leading Soviet poet, as having "poetic force and genuine high emotion." The poems, he said, were marked by "great characters, civic inspiration and strong intonation." Tikhonov also reminisced about conversations held with Markish in the last years of World War II. Both Feffer and Markish were arrested by the secret police in the last years of Stalin's reign. There has never been any public confirmation of their execution.

ISRAEL RABBINATE BANS REFORM SERVICES: EFFORTS OF U.S. RABBI HINDERED

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- The efforts of Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, to set up a Reform synagogue within the projected Jerusalem Archaeological School, which will be a branch of HUC-JIR, came to naught today when Israel's two Chief Rabbis refused to permit it. Dr. Glueck is a well known archaeologist who rediscovered King Solomon's Mines, as well as a Reform leader.

Dr. Glueck previously agreed that services would be held only in the library of the school, exclusively for students. He had also agreed, in deference to Orthodox traditions, that the students would pray with covered heads.

The two Chief Rabbis insisted that it made no difference whether services were held in a library or any other room and that "wherever a congregation meets for prayer, it is a synagogue. The time is not right for the irtroduction of Reform services which have the power of dividing people, who are already too greatly divided."

It is expected that Dr. Glueck will appeal to higher governmental authority if the Jerusalem municipality, moved by the opposition of the two Chief Rabbis, fails to grant the Archaeological School the right to hold services in the library.

GIORGIO BASSANI, YOUNG JEWISH WRITER, WINS TOP ITALIAN LITERARY PRIZE

ROME, July 22. (JTA) -- Giorgio Bassani, a young Italian Jewish writer, has won the top Italian literary prize this year, it was announced here today. The prize, the "Premio Strega," carries a cash award of 1,000,000 lira (approximately \$1,600).

The award was given for "Five Stories of Ferrara," a collection of tales dealing with with the Jewish community of that northern Italian town before, during and after the Nazi and Fascist persecutions.

RABBI REICHERT ATTACKS COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM; RESIGNS FROM ORGANIZATION

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22. (JTA) -- Rabbi Irving F. Reichert, one of the founders of the American Council for Judaism in 1942 and honorary vice president of the organization, resigned from the Council yesterday with a blast at its officers for carrying on an "obstructionist campaign against the welfare and legitimate aspirations of Israel and its people."

Rabbi Reichert, in a letter of resignation to Council president Clarence L. Coleman, insisted that the organization had abandoned its original purpose of supporting projects in Palestine of an "economic, cultural and spiritual nature." Instead, he said, the Council has become a political pressure group attempting to influence the policies of the United States toward Israel and the Middle East "in precisely the same fashion as have the Zionists, whose political activities it severely criticizes."

The Council, Rabbi Reichert continued, "is virtually a pariah in Jewish organizational life" as a result of its activities. He cited as a case in point the recommendation of the last convention of the Council for Judaism that the U.S. Government undertake an official investigation of the United Jewish Appeal. He called this proposal "incredible and outrageous."

Finally, Rabbi Reichert pointed out to Mr. Coleman that the atmosphere in which the Concil had been founded had changed. He said that membership in Zionist organizations was declining and that the loyalty of American Zionists to the U.S. "is freely conceded to be as ardent as that of any anti-Zionist or non-Zionists."

EUROPEAN PHILANTHROPIST GIVES \$1,500,000 FOR JEWISH CENTER IN ISRAEL

BRUSSELS, July 22. (JTA) - A donation of \$1,500,000 for the erection of a "Center for the Advancement of Human Culture" in Jerusalem by Bernard van Leer was announced here today-in connection with the arrival here of Daniel Auster, former Mayor of Jerusalem, who is head of the organizing group for the center.

Mr. Auster is touring European capitals to consult with academic leaders on the structure and operation of their institutions. The center which will rise in Jerusalem is projected as a clearing house for intellectuals from all parts of the world. It will include an academy of sciences, and academy of moral science and politics and an academy of fine arts.

AMERICAN ZIONISTS LAUD U.S. \$3,500,000 GRANT FOR PROJECTS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK. July 22. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dulles' approval of the allocation of \$3,500,000 in Israeli currency for the support of cultural, and humanitarian projects in Israel'was commended by the Zionist Organization of America "as a step of major significance" toward cementing close cultural ties between this country and Israel. Dr. Émanuel Neumann, chairman of the national executive committee of the ZOA, ina letter addressed to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, said:

"Your action assumes special moral significance at this time in view of the troubled state of affairs in that region and the dangers surrounding Israel. It cannot fail to indicate the continuing interest of the United States in the welfare of a sister republic whose birth we have sponsored and whose struggle to preserve her hard-won freedom is of vital concern to us from the standpoint of our own national interest."

Dr. Neumann voiced particular appreciation in behalf of the ZOA at the inclusion as beneficiaries of its two projects in Israel--the ZOA Daniel Frisch House in Tel Aviv, serving as a cultural center for the community, and Kfar Silver, an agricultural training institute named for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. He announced that "it is our intention to apply these grants to an immediate expansion of the activities of these institutions."

U.S. PROFESSORS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL FOR SIX-WEEK STUDY OF THE LAND

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- Twelve professors from the United States universities arrived here to attend a six-week seminar on "the Land of the Bible." The group came here under the auspices of the Jewish Agency department for culture in the Diaspora.

The visitors include Christian clergymen, all of whom are instructors in Biblical research and theology. Besides the study of modern Hebrew, the seminar will include lectures on the status of current problems and the state of Israeli culture, given by Hebrew University professors, senior government officials and members of the Jewish Agency.

A.M.A. PRESIDENT FLIES TO ISRAEL; WILL INSPECT HADASSAH INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Elmer Hess, retiring president of the American Medical Association, left for Israel by air today to inspect medical installations maintained there by Hadassah. Dr. Hess, a urologist, of Erie, Pa., carries a personal message from President Eisenhower to Israeli Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.