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EGYPT SCORED AT U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL FOR ANTI-ISRAEL BLOCKADE OF SUEZ

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Strong criticism of Egypt for blockading the Suez Canal against Israel was voiced in the United Nations Security Council debate today on Egypt's seizure of the canal. So far five of the nine speakers--Britain, Belgium, Australia, France, Cuba--have focused on Israel's charges against Egypt. The most forthright accusation against Egypt was made by Dr. Emilio Nunez-Portuondo, representative of Cuba.

This blockade, said Dr. Portuondo, affects Cuba directly. "We too are users of the canal," he declared. "Our merchant vessels do not pass through Suez, but our products--sugar, tobacco and so on--are carried to all parts of the world in vessels of every flag. It is clear that if the passage of a vessel carrying our products were impeded, it would cause us unjustified harm which we could not accept without registering our protest."

Dr. Portuondo denied Egypt's claim that the anti-Israel blockade of the Suez was justified on the grounds that a state of war exists between the two states. "It cannot be denied," he pointed out, "that that argument was rejected by the Security Council and that its resolution has not been respected. The Cuban Government maintains that the United Nations cannot function effectively if member states accept only resolutions which are favorable to them and ignore those that are unfavorable."

Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Egypt's Foreign Minister, and his chief backer in the Council, Soviet Foreign Minister Dmitri Shepilov admitted in their major speeches today that freedom of passage through the Suez Canal is an important issue. They avoided mentioning Israel by name. But the Cairo Foreign Minister insisted that his government's pledge to keep the canal open to international navigation has "until this moment has scrupulously been honored and maintained."

Wing Commander Ali Sabry, principal political advisor to Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser, later spelled out at a press conference his government's interpretation of the pledge cited by Dr. Fawzi. Commander Sabry gave what observers here consider a novel interpretation by declaring that the Constantinople Convention of 1888, which guarantees that the canal shall be open "in time of war as in time of peace," still makes an Egyptian blockade of Israel shipping possible when the word "war" refers to a nation at war with Egypt.

"Egypt cannot let Israeli ships pass through the canal," Commander Sabry said, "because a state of war exists between us." He insisted also that Egypt had a perfect right to refrain from observing a Security Council resolution of 1951 which ordered Egypt to end its blockade of Israel shipping, "because 'Israel is not acting in the spirit of the armistice agreement as far as border clashes are concerned.'"

A spokesman for the French delegation here, however, accused Egypt of failing to honor its pledges regarding the Suez Canal and also of having been guilty of aggressions "on its borders."

Meanwhile, both behind the scenes and in the Security Council chamber itself, Israel's request to speak on its own behalf at the Security Council was still very much alive. An authoritative spokesman for the Cuban Government, which is a member of the Council, said that Cuba would openly back Israel's request for at least some participation in the Council debate. The Soviet Union, it was understood, would not object to Israel's participation, providing equal voice were given to the representatives of seven other Arab League members who also want to be heard.

Israel Presents Views on International Atom Energy Organization

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Israel today, speaking at the conference charting the charter of the projected International Atomic Energy Agency, advocated greater representation for countries like the Jewish State which have shown themselves able to contribute to the peaceful uses of atomic energy through research, invention and technical skill.

On behalf of Israel, Arthur C. Liveran told the conference this afternoon that nations having achieved high scientific and technological advancement in nuclear energy should be given representation on the all-important board of governors which will serve as the executive arm of the agency.

ISRAEL TO CONDUCT INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF SDOM AMBUSH

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The United Nations truce headquarters here today issued a statement announcing that Israel had submitted a complaint about the murder of five Israelis and the wounding of a sixth in an attack by a group of Jordanian infiltrators on two Israeli civilian cars which took place last Thursday on the Sdom-Beer-sheba road.

The statement said that Israel did not request an investigation. When Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, UN truce chief, approached the Israeli Foreign Ministry stating that "the grave incident" called for an emergency meeting of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission and for an investigation by UN observers, the Foreign Ministry's representative replied that Israel could not agree to an investigation by UN observers.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman confirming that Israel had refused to attend the Commission meeting or to allow the UN observers to have a hand in the investigation, declared that the government felt no useful purpose would be served by the steps proposed by Gen. Burns, in view of the fact that the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission stated a few days ago that indiscriminate murders of Israelis by Jordanians did not constitute a "provocation" within the meaning of UN armistice regulations.

Ballistics examinations have revealed that the bullets which killed the five Israelis in the road ambush near Sdom came from guns used in two previous fatal attacks on Israelis in that area, the Foreign Ministry spokesman declared. In view of this information, he continued, it is assumed that the Jordanian authorities are aware of the identity of the murderers. The two earlier attacks, in April and July, cost a total of six lives.

Foreign Minister Criticizes U. N. Failure to Secure Israeli Lives

Foreign Minister Golda Meir, addressing a meeting of the Working Mothers Association here last night, declared that the world must understand that "Israeli lives are as valuable as anybody else's. She strongly criticized the United Nations' failure to make secure the lives of Israeli farmers and townpeople.

The UN truce headquarters here took issue today with the criticism voiced by the Israeli press against the chairman of the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission for accepting the paragraph in the Jordanian resolution describing the recent Israel retaliatory raid on Husan as an "unprovoked" action.

"His reason for doing so was that Israeli troops who carried out the attack were not acting in self defense, and the contention that a party may legitimately take military actions when "provoked" by previous incidents would be contrary to the cease-fire obligations contained in the General Armistice Agreement and reconfirmed during the Secretary-General's visit last April," a statement by the UN truce group said.

OIL DISCOVERED IN ANOTHER WELL IN HELETZ AREA; NINTH IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Heletz 11, another well sunk in Israel's only producing oil field, cut into an oil bearing strata today. It is expected that before the day is out oil will be gushing out of the ground.

This is the ninth well to actually come in. Five of the nine are already producing oil and the remainder are non-productive until pumping equipment can be obtained.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT OPENS; BEN GURION GREETES URUGUAYANS IN SPANISH

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament opened here today after a ten-week recess. Premier David Ben Gurion, speaking in Spanish, greeted members of a Uruguayan Parliamentary delegation who were sitting in the visitors' gallery, declaring that Uruguay was the only South American state which was consistently democratic.

At a press conference earlier, the Uruguayan legislators paid tribute to Israel's liberal attitude toward minorities--Moslems and Christians. They lauded the Jewish State's democratic institutions, its dynamic progress and its all-out effort in behalf of the immigrants.

U.S. WOMAN ON TRIAL FOR-SPYING IN ISRAEL RECEIVES AMERICAN AID

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The State Department said today that facilities normally available to American citizens under criminal charges abroad have been afforded a 29-year-old American woman charged with spying by Israel.

State Department spokesman Lincoln White said that a decision in the case of Mary Frances Hagan, of Huntington, W. Va., is expected from the Israel court on Thursday. She is accused of espionage in Israel on behalf of Syria. Miss Hagan identified herself as the wife of Caleb Kayali, a Syrian diplomat once stationed at the Syrian Legation in Washington.

ERIC JOHNSTON NOT RETURNING NOW TO ISRAEL AND ARAB COUNTRIES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The White House has explained that Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special adviser on Near Eastern irrigation cooperation, was erroneously listed by the White House last week as preparing to return to the Near East.

SERIOUS RENEWAL OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN POLAND REPORTED FROM WARSAW

PARIS, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- A serious renewal of anti-Semitism in Poland has been reported here by Philip Ben, special correspondent in Warsaw of the newspaper Le Monde.

The correspondent says that a "purge" of Jews from government and major industrial jobs has been taking place. Cases of Jews fired from their positions are becoming more numerous, Mr. Ben writes, and Jews who lose their jobs as a result of the reduction of the bureaucratic machinery are "assured of not being able to find any other job."

The Polish newspaper "Po Prostu," Mr. Ben says, has reported that the director of the state trust which imports automobiles told the Communist Party secretary in the organization, a Jew, that "with a face like yours, comrade, you should not now occupy any public position."

Le Monde's correspondent writes that in the town of Walbrzych a mining center in Lower Silesia, a fight between the Jewish manager of a butcher shop and a drunkard, almost degenerated into a pogrom. Anti-Jewish demonstrations last several hours, he reports, and only the arrival of militia reinforcements from other localities made it possible to restore order.

COMMANDANT OF NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMP FINED \$9,500 BY GERMAN COURT

BERLIN, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Germany's last Denazification Court of Appeal has imposed a \$9,500 fine upon Werner Schulze-Wechsungen, a one-time Storm Troop colonel whom the Nazi authorities made commandant of the Oranienburg concentration camp, near Berlin, after he had proven his mettle by having his Storm Troopers stomp on political opponents until they were dead.

It is unlikely that the fine will ever be collected. Schulze-Wechsungen has his residence in West Germany and the various state governments there refuse to enforce verdicts of the West Berlin denazification courts. He has no funds in Berlin now, even though the Denazification Court had issued a legally binding directive blocking any withdrawals from an account of his that ran to several hundred thousand marks.

Nonetheless, the funds were transferred to West Germany through an illicit transaction carried out by none other than Dr. Pjalmar Schacht, Hitler's financial wizard, who now owns and operates a prosperous private bank in Duesseldorf. There is little chance of any action being taken against the Schacht bank, however.

After the war, Schulze-Wechsungen was never called to account for his brutal Nazi Party and concentration camp past. He operated a business in the German township of Goch, on the Dutch border, bankrupted it and then came to Berlin in 1954 to open a factory. Only when it was on the point of obtaining a substantial government credit was it discovered by accident that he had never been denazified and that he is the same Schulze-Wechsungen whose notorious record, as Storm Troop colonel and as concentration camp commander, is not forgotten in Berlin.

J. D. C. CONFERENCE ON JEWISH EDUCATION IN EUROPE OPENS IN PARIS

PARIS, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The first post-war conference of Jewish educators in Western European countries opened here today under the sponsorship of the Joint Distribution Committee. More than 100 Jewish educators and communal leaders are attending the three-day parley which is designed to work out a program of Jewish spiritual and cultural survival throughout Europe.

Opening the meeting, Charles Jordan, acting European director of the JDC, expressed regret that "one important group" was not represented at the meeting -- "the Jews in the Iron Curtain countries whom we cannot reach and who, I know, would be happy to be with us today." Although JDC work in those countries has been terminated, the "JDC continues to regard the status and welfare of those Jewish communities as its unceasing concern."

Prof. Leo Jung of Yeshiva University was the featured speaker today. The JDC has allotted \$16,000,000 for educational and cultural projects since 1945, it was revealed.

THREE GROUPS ISSUE REPORT ON SURVEY OF JEWISH EDUCATION IN EUROPE

PARIS, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- A series of proposals for Jewish inter-community cooperation in religious, cultural and educational work was made here today in a special report issued by Alliance Israelite Universelle, the American Jewish Committee and the Anglo-Jewish Association.

The report is based on a five-country survey sponsored by the three organizations following a consultative conference held by the organizations in London last year. The survey had been conducted in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy and Switzerland.

The survey had disclosed the need for more suitable textbooks and Jewish cultural material for children, and the report suggests the establishment of a central European body of educational experts to aid creation or adaptation of such materials. The report notes "fundamental weaknesses of most Jewish youth groups" and proposes that programmatic aids stressing Jewish content be drawn up for such groups.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA GAINED 16,500 MEMBERS DURING YEAR

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of America has gained 16,500 new members during the year and its membership now totals 107,000; it was reported at the ZOA convention here by Dr. Sidney Marks, executive director of the organization.

The convention closed last night with a decision to merge the ZOA national executive committee and the national administrative council into a unit to be known as the National Executive Council which will be headed by Abraham Goodman. In addition to electing Dr. Emanuel Neumann ZOA president, the convention elected Dr. Abba Hillel Silver honorary president. Federal Judge Simon E. Sobeloff of Baltimore and Morris Weinberg of New York were elected honorary vice presidents.

At a reception sponsored by the Jewish National Fund, a scroll was presented to Ernest E. Barbarash, editor of the American Zionist and director of ZOA public relations, honoring him with the planting of a grove in his name in Israel in recognition of his "three decades of dedicated service to the Zionist movement."

\$1,000,000 SOUGHT IN U.S. FOR SCHOOL OF PHARMACY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- "A dire shortage of pharmacists in Israel makes it imperative that the widest possible support be given to help erect the newly established School of Pharmacy at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem," a distinguished leader of Israel's pharmacists declared here today.

Speaking at the headquarters of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, Dr. Joshua Kohlberg, president of the Israel Pharmacists Association, said he and his colleagues would be most happy to welcome American pharmacists in Israel, "but since this is not likely to happen, we must bolster the University's work in training qualified druggists and other pharmacy experts in Israel."

Dr. Kohlberg is in the United States in behalf of the \$1,000,000 campaign being conducted by the American Friends for Hebrew University's new School of Pharmacy. He will address audiences in key cities and university centers.

"We have 100 immediate openings for trained pharmacists and more opportunities are developing daily. Unfortunately, the University's School of Pharmacy can turn out but 15-20 new graduates annually with our present facilities. We need many more and hope you will help us bridge the gap caused by this shortage," Dr. Kohlberg said.

The Israel scientist explained that the shortage of pharmacists stems from factors which do not apply elsewhere. "Our reservoir of foreign-trained experts has not been augmented by immigration in recent years," he asserted. "The average age of Israel's pharmacists is 59 years. This aging group must be added to at once. Otherwise, the country's health and education standards will suffer. We need pharmacists to compound drugs and for research in our laboratories and pharmaceutical factories. We also need qualified experts for teaching and government posts."

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND TO PLANT 250,000 TREES AROUND JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund announced today a plan to establish a belt of trees around a 500-acre area on the approaches to this city.

The "green belt" will extend more than a mile on each side of the main Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road and in the direction of Ein Karem. The trees will be planted on rocky, hilly terrain unfit for either agriculture or home building. Some 250,000 trees will be planted on this project, one-third during the coming rainy season.

The first trees in the "Stollman Grove," a part of the Jerusalem "green belt" were planted this week-end at a ceremony attended by members of the Israel Cabinet and of the Jewish Agency executive. The grove is named in honor of the Stollman family of Detroit.

U.S. BETAR MEMBERS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL FOR PERMANENT SETTLEMENT

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- A group of five young people, members of Betar, the Revisionist youth organization, left here this week-end for permanent settlement in Israel. They will settle in the Betar colony of Mevot Betar.

JEWS IN PERU CONGRATULATE NEW PRESIDENT ON HIS ELECTION

LIMA, Peru, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- A delegation of the three Jewish congregations in Peru paid a visit on the new Peruvian President, Dr. Manuel Prado, and offered their congratulations upon his election and installation. They thanked him for his decision, one of the first in office, to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. The members of the delegation were: Michel Radzinski, Dr. Jacobo Flint, Isaac Varon, Dr. Jose Lemor, Walter Neisser, Kurt Nothmann and Dr. Kaiser.

ISRAEL SOCCER TEAM DEFEATS QUEBEC ALL-STARS; 7,000 ATTEND

MONTREAL, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv Maccabi soccer team defeated the Quebec All-Stars here yesterday by a score of 2 to 1 before a crowd of 7,000. Michael S. Comay, Israel's Ambassador to Ottawa, kicked off.