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ISRAEL TO ACT IF EGYPTIAN SUBMARINES INTERFERE WITH HER SHIPPING

HAIFA, June 19. (JTA) -- The Israel armed forces will not permit Egyptian submarines to interfere with Israeli shipping, Shimon Peress, director general of Israel's Ministry of Defense, said tonight. He was commenting on Cairo's report that Russia had supplied Nasser with three submarines. Mr. Peress spoke at the opening of an arms exhibition in Haifa.

Meanwhile, an Israeli naval officer who would not permit himself to be identified said that the Egyptian purchases of submarines would force Israel to try to secure similar craft as a counterbalance. Israel now has three Canadian frigates which are basically sub hunters with depth charge installations, and World War II corvettes which are also used in submarine defense. Two of the three frigates are currently operating in the Gulf of Akaba.

"BIG THREE" CONFER ON ARRIVAL OF SOVIET SUBMARINES IN EGYPT

WASHINGTON, June 19. (JTA) -- Consultations have been opened by the United States, Britain, and France over the arrival in Egypt yesterday of three Soviet submarines, it was learned here today. A belief exists in naval circles here that the submarines may not really be intended completely for Egyptian use. Naval sources feel the Russians desire to increase their prestige in the Arab world by demonstrating their ability to use naval power in the Eastern Mediterranean.

State Department spokesman Lincoln White said today that the United States has a report that three Soviet submarines accompanied by a minesweeper have docked at the Egyptian naval port of Alexandria. Mr. White said the United States is without official information as to whether the submarines have been transferred to the Egyptian Navy. He declined to state the attitude of the United States toward the acquisition of such submarines by Egypt.

It was reported here that two of the three submarines that arrived in Egypt are of the very latest type with an operating range of 20,000 miles. Such a range is far greater than Egypt itself would require against the Red Sea route to Israel. It is suggested here that Egypt might have succeeded in training a crew for one submarine but it is doubted if the Egyptian Navy could at this time man all three.

Vice Admiral Charles R. Brown, commander of the U.S. Sixth Fleet, said in Madrid today that the presence of the three Russian U-boats in the Mediterranean would affect Allied naval strategy in that vital area. He said: "The presence of Russian ships in the Mediterranean will have some effect on our thinking and possibly our actions, but I don't know just what."

Soviet Submarines Harmful to Middle East "Convalescence," U.N. Chief Hints

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 19. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld today indicated disapproval of Moscow's selling submarines to Egypt. At the same time, he expressed cautious optimism over the situation in the Middle East saying that the area is now "convalescing." He spoke at a luncheon tendered him by the United Nations Correspondents Association.

Asked whether the delivery of the submarines would not set back the convalescence, he replied, "so very many things patients eat are not right for their health." He said there were "solid chances of getting the patients out of bed" and that his reticence in speaking about positive developments was not due entirely to the fact that he had to keep quiet, but that he did not want "in anyway to provoke new discussions and a relapse into old arguments."

On the United Nations Emergency Force, Mr. Hammarskjöld thought that the experience gained in the Sinai area might be utilized to make it "part of the natural arsenal" of the UN when the need arises. He found that it was a very useful experiment. As for the duration of UNEF's stay, he was very vague and said only that he saw "no weakening of the generosity" of the governments which have provided the forces. When asked whether he had received a reply from Cairo on Israel's request for statements on belligerency, he replied: "My correspondence with most of the capitals in the Middle East is a bit one-sided."

KNESSET REJECTS MOTION TO DEBATE STATUS OF ISRAEL'S SECRET SERVICE

JERUSALEM, June 19. (JTA) -- A minor government crisis was averted today when the Knesset rejected a motion by a vote of 50 to 17, to debate the status of the Israeli secret service and agreed instead to a proposal of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion to refer the matter to the Knesset Committee for Security and Foreign Affairs. A Cabinet meeting convened to discuss long-range development plans quickly became the forum of an argument over the secret service.

Mr. Ben Gurion refused to reveal the name of the head of the secret service or the exact nature of its work, beyond stating that 95 percent of the service's budget and personnel were engaged in combatting espionage rings in Israel. Such rings, he said, some of them working for Israel's enemies, were more active in Israel than in most countries. He asserted that the secret service had been responsible for suppressing much of their activities and bringing many foreign agents to trial--some of them secret trials.

He specifically denied that the service was being used as an instrumentality of the Mapai Party. The discussion was touched off by motions by General Zionist and Herut leaders demanding a debate on the secret service and charging that it went far beyond security needs--tapping telephone wires, planting microphones and opening the mail of members of Parliament, even of members of the government coalition.

Meanwhile, in a discussion of foreign policy, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israeli Foreign Minister, assured the Knesset that the Government remained opposed to allowing stationing of United Nations Emergency Force units on the Israeli side of Arab-Israeli demarcation lines. Referring specifically to the demilitarized zone at Nitzanah, Mrs. Meir said Israel would not make any territorial concessions to such UNEF demands.

Mrs. Meir made her statement in comment on a question by Yigal Alon, leader of the left wing Achdut Avodah, who said Canadian and British Foreign Ministers asked for stationing of UNEF on Israeli territory. Mrs. Meir cited a declaration by Mr. Ben Gurion that there would be no further territorial concessions as well as her previous public statements.

KNESSET HEARS GOVERNMENT'S STAND ON EBAN'S APPEARANCES AT MEETINGS

JERUSALEM, June 19. (JTA) -- The appearance of Ambassador Abba Eban either as a guest or as a speaker at a meeting of any Jewish group may never be interpreted as identification with the political aims of these organizations, Foreign Minister Golda Meir declared in Parliament today.

Her remarks were in reply to a query by Simha Babbe, General Zionist deputy, who questioned Mr. Eban's appearance before the founding session of the American Jewish League for Israel.

Mrs. Meir further noted that since it was well known that Ambassador Eban accepted goodwill invitations to appear at Jewish functions, his refusal to accept this invitation could have been interpreted as extraordinary--even intervention in Jewish inter-organizational affairs.

BULGARIA STALLS ON PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO EL AL VICTIMS

JERUSALEM, June 19. (JTA) -- In letters to next of kin of the 58 victims of the El Al disaster of July 19, 1955, the Attorney General of Israel today revealed that Bulgaria has so far made no move to pay compensation for the deaths and damage resulting from Bulgarian fighters shooting the Israeli's passenger plane out of the skies. It was reported here that Bulgaria seems less willing today to pay than she was two years ago.

The Attorney General noted that the two-year period for presenting claims in connection with air accidents was nearing an end and that relatives should take legal steps to protect their rights. "There is no saying when the Bulgarian Government will fulfill its promise (to pay)," the letters said. He informed the next of kin that El Al was willing to extend the time limit for them to submit claims."

ISRAEL, FRANCE SIGN PACT FOR ASSEMBLING FRENCH TRUCKS IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, June 19. (JTA) -- Israel and France have concluded an agreement for the assembly in Israel of French manufactured trucks, it was announced today.

Operations will begin as soon as the two governments decide how much of a \$30,000,000 French credit will be devoted to this project. The trucks are of Unic-Saurer make and have a 12-ton capacity. They will be assembled by Israel Automobile, Ltd., a privately-owned car importing firm.

SYRIAN JEW ARRESTED IN DAMASCUS; CHARGED WITH SHOOTING FEDAYEEN

WASHINGTON, June 19. (JTA) -- Syria has arrested a Syrian Jew and charged him with shooting in Damascus two Syrian Arabs described as "Arab fedayeen," a report received here today said. The report gave the name of the arrested man as Itzhak Ezra Sassoon.

JEWS IN GERMANY PROTEST IMPLIED THREAT TO SLASH INDEMNIFICATION

BONN, June 19. (JTA) -- An implied threat by Finance Minister Fritz Schaeffer that indemnification and restitution payments to victims of Nazism would be slashed after the national elections in September drew a protest today from the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

In a public speech, Dr. Schaeffer asserted that the Bonn Parliament had not "officially pondered the consequences" of the indemnification legislation it has written and that "these laws may have to be revised" after the elections. This threat was voiced at a time when Nazi victims have reason to hope that the indemnification program might be completed by its target date--1962.

Dr. Schaeffer charged that indemnification legislation will obligate Germany to pay something in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000,000 rather than the less than half that sum originally estimated. He blamed these payments, which amount to no more than one percent of the annual Federal budget, for the current inflationary trend in government spending.

The executive of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, at a session today, called Dr. Schaeffer's remarks "distressing" and "rash" and demanded "unequivocal clarification" by the Federal Government. The Jews charged that the Finance Minister's threats violate democratic principles. They specifically noted that Dr. Schaeffer did not express criticism of far larger expenditures to benefit other groups, specifically the payment of pensions for former Nazi officials.

Dr. Schaeffer's words are particularly significant because of the powerful position he holds in West German public life and the fact that he is one of the contenders to succeed 81-year-old Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. Ousted from the post of Minister-President of Bavaria by the American Military Government in 1945 and "excluded from political activity for life" shortly afterwards, he was within five years in a position almost to torpedo the negotiations for the Israel-German reparations pact.

It took a public blast by Otto Kuester, deputy to Prof. Franz Boehm, chief German negotiator, to loosen Dr. Schaeffer's blockade of the negotiations. Herr Kuester paid for his courage with his political life, but the Luxemburg Treaty was signed. Although a member and responsible minister of the Adenauer Government, Dr. Schaeffer demonstratively abstained from voting on that pact.

Z. O. A. URGES REFORMS IN WORLD ZIONIST MOVEMENT; INSTRUCTS DELEGATES

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- The national executive council of the Zionist Organization of America called today for "thorough-going reforms" and alleged the existence of "partisan considerations in connection with important activities of the World Zionist Organization." The Council adopted a resolution instructing the ZOA representatives on the World Zionist Actions Committee--which is meeting in Jerusalem on July 11--to press for such reforms to the end that "the central activities of the Zionist movement as a whole shall be conducted on a non-partisan basis and free of party considerations."

The ZOA executive council also adopted a resolution reaffirming its position with respect to the proposed reorganization of the American Zionist Council as the basis of territorial federation in the United States. "We favor the gradual transfer to the Council from the Jewish Agency of those general tasks and functions which properly lie in the province of American Zionism," the resolution said. "Taking note of the continuing negotiations among all American Zionist bodies on this question, in which the ZOA has consistently upheld the integrity of existing Zionist organizations, we reassert our insistence on adequate scope and freedom of action for the legitimate activities of these organizations, so that their further growth will be encouraged.

"Moreover, we hold that no effort to alter the present composition of the Council should be undertaken prior to the next World Zionist Congress and that the existing recognized Zionist organizations shall be accorded representation in the Council based on the strength of their representation in the last three Zionist Congresses. Other organizations seeking affiliation and qualifying under such rules as may be established, may in due course be accorded fraternal participation in the Council," the resolution stated.

Another resolution dealt with middle class immigration to Israel. It read: "Taking note of the growing emphasis on the encouragement of middle class immigration and settlement in Israel, and profoundly aware of its vital importance for the growth and development of the Israeli economy, we call upon our representatives on the Actions Committee to seek the inclusion of more adequate provisions in the budget of the Jewish Agency for the fostering of middle class immigration and settlement."

Addressing the ZOA council, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the ZOA, termed the delivery of the three Soviet submarines to Egypt "an ominous development." He warned that "this latest manifestation of the Soviet Union's notorious technique of penetration into the Middle East by fomenting new tensions and strife through its ally, Gamal Abdel Nasser, could set off yet another chain reaction in that region." He asserted that "obviously, Israel cannot be indifferent to the implications of the shipment of these submarines by a hostile power to a sworn enemy whose major purpose remains Israel's extinction."

U.S. ZIONIST STUDENTS TO SEEK FRIENDSHIP OF ARABS IN AMERICAN COLLEGES

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- A resolution urging its members to seek the friendship of Arab students in their colleges was adopted at the annual convention of the Student Zionist Organization held here. More than 200 delegates from 44 campus chapters of the organization attended the convention. The SZO has chapters at 68 colleges throughout the country.

The Student Zionist Organization, which is sponsored by the American Zionist Council, represents all Zionist points of view on American campuses. Its purpose is to build bonds of friendship and understanding between the university communities of the United States and Israel. At a variety of workshop and plenary sessions during the convention, reports revealed that the organization had more than doubled its membership and the number of its constituent chapters in the preceding year. The convention elected Gilbert Kollin of Columbia and the Jewish Theological Seminary as national president of the organization.

250 AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTHS TO LEAVE FOR SEVEN-WEEK STUDY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- Two hundred and fifty young Americans from every part of the United States and Canada will leave for Israel at the end of June and early July to attend the 1957 Israel Summer Institute, a seven-week study, tour and work project sponsored by the Jewish Agency.

The first group of 80 summer institute members will sail tomorrow aboard the SS Israel of the Zim Israel American Lines. A second group of 62 leaves for Israel next Sunday, and a third group on July 14, via El Al Israel Airlines. The students are members of various Zionist and Jewish youth organizations including Mizrahi Hatzair, Student Zionist Organization, Junior Hadassah and Young Zionists (Zionist Organization of America). A fourth group of 70 will leave on Sunday, July 7 via El Al to attend a Junior Institute. This party is composed of members of Young Judea, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, United Synagogue Youth and Yeshiva University Synagogue Youth.

The Israel Summer Institute is a non-profit project for the purpose of bringing American youth to Israel in order that they might become imbued with the cultural and intellectual efforts of the Jewish State. The Institute meets in Jerusalem. Its members attend orientation sessions, lectures on the Hebrew language and literature and other courses relating to Israel's history and development. The major part of their stay in Israel is devoted to extensive guided tours of the country and a period of work at typical agricultural settlements. The Institute is open to American students, teachers and others interested in the cultural development of Israel between the ages of 18 and 30.

25,000 NEW YORKERS ATTEND CONCERT FOR ISRAEL; \$100,000 CONTRIBUTED

NEW YORK, June 19. (JTA) -- More than 25,000 persons filled Ebbets Field tonight to hear the ninth annual America-Israel Cultural Foundation "Music Under the Stars" concert and to contribute an estimated \$100,000 for the organization's program in Israel.

Cultural activities are as vital as economic development in the new and isolated settlements in Israel. Dr. Arthur J. Lelyveld, executive vice-president of the AICF, told the audience, adding that Israel "has more creative artists and more lovers of the arts per acre than any comparable area any place in the world."

In reporting on new building projects, Dr. Lelyveld said that on October 2 the first building in a \$3,500,000 four-unit Tel Aviv Cultural Center will be dedicated. The first building is the Frederic R. Mann Auditorium, named for the AICF board chairman, a Philadelphian. The building will be the permanent home of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

80 U.S. DELEGATES TO ATTEND PARLEY ON PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM

LONDON, June 19. (JTA) -- An American delegation of more than 80 persons will attend the forthcoming tenth international conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism which will open in Amsterdam July 4, it was announced here today by the Union's headquarters.

More than 200 delegates from all over the world are expected at the week-long parley. The Israel representative will be Prof. Hugo Bergman who will address the conference on the impact of modern thought on Judaism.

FOUR-DAY FESTIVAL MARKS OPENING OF NEW CAMPUS OF TELSHE YESHIVA

WICKLIFE, Ohio, June 19. (JTA) -- A four-day festival was held to mark the formal opening of the new campus of the 82-year-old Telshe Yeshiva, one of the leading Orthodox seminaries of the Midwest. The new campus consists of 21 ultra-modern buildings on 57 acres of suburban Cleveland.

The festival ended with a banquet addressed by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel bond organization, who received an honorary degree. Messages were received from President Eisenhower and Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Israel.