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MOSCOW SHAKE-UP COULD EASE TENSION IN MIDDLE EAST, ISRAEL MINISTER SAYS

VIENNA, July 7. (JTA) -- The shake-up in the Kremlin might mean that better relations in the Middle East were possible, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, said at a press conference here today prior to her departure from Vienna where she attended the International Socialist Congress.

Mrs. Meir noted that Dmitri Shepilov, who was among the Soviet leaders just ousted from leadership, was the person who, as Soviet Foreign Minister, arranged the sale of Soviet arms to Egypt. She pointed out that the situation in the Middle East could be stabilized and an Arab-Israel peace achieved, if the Soviet Government were to send food and agricultural implements to the Arab countries instead of arms.

(In Washington, a State Department spokesman said that the Soviet Government could prove the peaceful intent of its shake-up by taking such "practical steps" as easing the Middle East tensions. In Israel, observers indicated that no major changes in the Soviet Middle East policy are likely in the near future as a result of the Moscow shake-up. However, official Israel refrained from comment on the Moscow developments.)

Mrs. Meir, who was received by Austrian President Adolf Schaerf during her stay in Vienna, made it clear at the press conference that Israel is ready at any time and any place to discuss any problems the Arabs want to take up. She said that while territorial concessions were out of the question, Israel was prepared to discuss mutual rectification of boundaries with Jordan. With regard to the problem of the Arab refugees, she pointed out that this problem can best be solved by settling the refugees in Arab lands where there is a need in manpower, especially in Iraq.

DR. GOLDMANN OUTLINES MOVES FOR TALKS WITH ARABS; REFERS TO NEHRU

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Jewish Agency, expressed the opinion today that when the time came for negotiation of a settlement with Israel, Arab leaders might find it easier in the beginning to talk to non-Israeli Jewish leaders than directly with Israeli officials.

He said at a press conference that while that stage had not yet been reached, he had gained the impression that a growing number of Arab leaders realized Israel was here to stay and that some arrangement would have to be found. This realization had not reached the point, however, he added, at which such talks could be started.

The necessary conditions for progress in the direction of talks, Dr. Goldmann asserted, are: a period of tranquillity and contact through third parties who are not unfriendly toward Israel and who also have influence among the Arabs. He said that his recent meeting with Indian Prime Minister Nehru had significance in this respect. He rejected rumors that Nehru was anti-Israel. Dr. Goldmann said that in his conversations with Nehru he never spoke in the name of the State of Israel.

Meanwhile, Israeli official quarters revealed that in a talk with Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath in London this week-end, Prime Minister Nehru said that it will be a long time before an opportunity for Arab-Israel peace talks presents itself. The two diplomats had a general exchange of views, but did not discuss such specific questions as the establishment of Israel-Indian diplomatic relations or the possibility of Indian mediation of the Middle East conflict.

Mr. Nehru is known to have expressed great interest in the Israel-Burma cooperation program and Israel's technical assistance to Burma. Although Israeli official sources decline to reveal the Prime Minister's views on the chances for an Arab-Israeli peace, it is understood that Mr. Nehru thinks that unity in the Arab world would improve such possibilities since the divided Arab states compete with each other in hostility toward Israel.

SYRIANS FIRE ON U. N. OFFICIAL AND ISRAELI OFFICER; BOTH RESCUED

TEL AVIV, July 7. (JTA) -- A United Nations observer and an Israeli officer accompanying him on a mission near the Israel-Syrian demarcation line to investigate a sabotage act in Upper Galilee were pinned down by Syrian gunfire for several hours today before being extricated by Israeli troops, a military spokesman announced here tonight. Neither the observer, Canadian Major M. Forest, nor any Israeli was hurt, although at times the fire was exceedingly heavy.

ISRAEL SEEKS INFORMATION FROM U. S. ON AMERICAN MILITARY AID TO JORDAN

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry has instructed its Embassy in Washington to ask the State Department for information about the nature and aims of American military aid to Jordan which is receiving \$10,000,000 in arms assistance. It was assumed here that Israel would seek to establish whether the arms grant to Jordan was a one-time allocation or whether the Eisenhower Administration intends to continue the policy of arming Israel's neighbors.

Israel's diplomats in Washington will probably call to the attention of State Department officials the "unabated anti-Israel pronouncements from Jordan" which seems to be trying to outdo Egypt in its anti-Israel clamorings, it was reported here. A Jordanian broadcast in Arabic, meanwhile, urged Egypt today to reoccupy Sharm el Sheikh from the United Nations Emergency Force and seal the Gulf of Akaba to Israeli shipping.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT RELAXES MILITARY CONTROL OVER ARAB POPULATION

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- Measures to relax military control over Israeli Arabs were announced here yesterday following a long meeting between Premier David Ben Gurion and five Arab members of Knesset who belong to Mapai and subordinate parties.

Officially described as the "first in a series of meetings" dealing with minority problems, the talks also covered economic problems, including the question of Jewish-Arab capital investments, and youth education.

Decisions made at the meeting include the following: relaxation of restrictions governing the movement of Galilee Arabs; shortening of night curfew hours for the "little triangle" of central Israel; opening the road to Tel Aviv for Arabs in the triangle; loans for Arab farmers; water and electricity supply for Arab villages; agricultural, professional and secondary education for Arab youth and the stimulation of Arab-Jewish investments in cooperative enterprises.

ISRAEL CONFIRMS REPORTS OF TALKS WITH ARAB REFUGEE DELEGATES

TEL AVIV, July 7. (JTA) -- An Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman confirmed today reports that talks had taken place between an advisor to Premier David Ben Gurion and representatives of Palestine Arab refugees. The spokesman said that Jehoshua Palmon, advisor to Mr. Ben Gurion on minority problems, had met with Arabs, but refused to comment on the level of the talks and on whom the Arab delegates represented.

Reports late last week said that Mr. Palmon had conferred in Paris and Rome with representatives of Palestine refugees, but that no representatives of Arab governments had participated in the conversations. The reports also stated that the Arab refugees were pictured as more amenable to accepting compensation from Israel for abandoned property and resettling in Arab countries than previously.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Ministry spokesman stated that at the next meeting of the United Nations General Assembly Israel would oppose the withdrawal of the United Nations Emergency Force from the Gaza Strip for the time being. He said that Israel considers UNEF a "helpful factor" in the situation.

ISRAEL HAS NO OBJECTION TO FRANCE'S SEEKING FRIENDSHIP WITH SYRIA

JERUSALEM, July 7. (JTA) -- France's friendship toward Israel should not hinder French efforts to establish and maintain friendly relations with the Arab nations, Israeli sources said today. The comment was made in reference to press reports that France and Syria were moving toward a rapprochement.

Israeli-French relations may undergo a change in tone and outward expression as a result of French hopes to regain her position in Syria. However, the content and closeness of Israeli-French relations will not be changed in the process, observers here believe. It is assumed here that Israel will not interfere in the French attempt to recapture her past influence in Syria, although she may render some tacit assistance.

Some informed circles believe that Israel's restraint and non-reaction to the latest Syrian shootings and provocations along the border already reveal the Israeli Army's desire to underplay incidents in order to assist France in its relations with Syria. They see a major difference between French and British attempts to regain their standing in the Arab countries. While Britain still feels friendship to the Arabs requires a cooler attitude toward Israel, the French are convinced that it is possible to normalize and improve relations with the Arabs while maintaining their traditional friendship with Israel.

TITO HINTS HE INTENDS TO VISIT ISRAEL; WAS INVITED THREE YEARS AGO

TEL AVIV, July 7. (JTA) -- President Tito of Yugoslavia considers himself "obliged to visit Israel," he told a Histadrut official attending a Congress of Yugoslav Workers Councils, A. Gilat, who reported the Yugoslav leader's statement today on his return to Israel. The Government of Israel invited Tito to visit Israel three years ago, prior to his Egyptian and Far East tour. The invitation has never been answered.

SOCIALIST CONGRESS ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON SOVIET TREATMENT OF JEWS

VIENNA, July 7, (JTA) -- A resolution calling attention to the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union and urging world public opinion to speak out against the liquidation of Jewish institutions in that country was adopted here last night at the concluding session of the fifth congress of the Socialist International. The resolution was introduced by the French delegation.

Dr. S. Levenberg, director of the Jewish Agency office in London and a Mapai member, told the congress that "we are deeply disturbed about the enforced assimilation policy carried out towards the Jewish population of the Soviet Union." He pointed out, however, that he was raising the question on purely humanitarian grounds, and that he wanted to keep this issue from being involved in the general East-West conflict.

In another, special resolution, the congress called for the Arab states and Israel to meet in a peace conference--without prior commitment and to reach a settlement based on sovereignty and territorial integrity of all the states concerned. It further urged freedom of passage of the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba for the ships of all nations including Israel.

The Socialists expressed their appreciation of the constructive achievements of Israel under the Socialist leadership of the Mapai Party. Introduced by the British Labor Party, the resolution called for economic development of the Middle East under UN auspices. The Jewish Socialist Bund and the Japanese Socialist Party representatives abstained.

JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE TO MAKE FIRST ALLOCATION TO JEWS IN HUNGARY

JERUSALEM, July 7, (JTA) -- The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany has decided to make its first allocation to a Jewish community in a Communist country, to the Hungarian Jewish community, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Claims Conference and of the World Jewish Congress, reported here today.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who recently met with Hungarian Jewish leaders, said that the Hungarian Jews had accepted the right of the Claims Conference to supervise the spending of any funds it allocates and its right to send its own officials to inspect the program. These are conditions for grants by the Claims Conference to any community project.

The WJC leader revealed that Czech Jewry and Polish Jewry are expected to request similar allocations soon. The Hungarian Jewish application is for funds to collect documents and other research materials pertaining to the community destroyed by the Nazis. Dr. Goldmann said that as a result of the WJC-Hungarian Jewish parley the Hungarian leaders plan to renew contact with the World Jewish Congress either by rejoining it or by cooperating with it.

World Jewish leadership, Dr. Goldmann disclosed, has reached the conclusion that it is necessary to make a world issue of Soviet Jewry's right to live a Jewish life and of the right of individual Jews to emigrate from the USSR. An anti-Soviet campaign is not contemplated, he stressed, but it is felt that raising the issue of Jewish rights will receive wide support, even in Soviet circles. He admitted that it would be a prolonged struggle, but not a hopeless one.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PROGRESSIVE JUDAISM OPENS IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, July 7, (JTA) -- Unless the forces of religion in Israel succeed in establishing emphasis on the special mission of the Jew and his prophetic calling, the Jew in Israel will cease to be a Jew, Dr. Eugene Mihaly, head of the Department of Homiletics and Midrash at America's Hebrew Union College, told the tenth international conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism here today.

Delivering the principal address at the conference's session at Amsterdam's Hotel Carlton, Dr. Mihaly warned that Israel's failure to develop stress on its religious mission would be "calamitous for Israeli Jewry" and "would threaten world Jewry itself." His talk was the subject of day-long discussion by Reform religious and lay leaders from many countries of the world.

"Israel is like every other people and Israel is different with a special task and a special mission," he said. "When viewed outside the religious context, as secular categories, the result is either assimilation, disappearance as a people, or narrow chauvinism, and encrusted particularism.

"In the State of Israel, where assimilation, in the sense of the Jews' being like the dominant group everywhere is the standard pattern and aim, the point of emphasis religiously should be on the side of the special and peculiar task and mission, world-wide in scope, the Jewish religious consciousness demands," he said.

"Unless the forces of religion succeed in this emphasis on the special mission of the Jew, on his prophetic calling, the Jew in Israel will become an Israeli like the resident of Syria is a Syrian but he will cease to be a Jew. Not only would this be calamitous for Israeli Jewry, but, due to historic and emotional ties, it would threaten world Jewry itself," Dr. Mihaly stressed.

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SENATORS SEEK PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ADMISSION OF EGYPTIAN JEWS TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, July 7. (JTA) -- A bi-partisan group of ten Senators this week-end called on Sen. James O. Eastland of Mississippi, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, to hold public hearings on legislation designed to bring Egyptian Jewish refugees into the United States and to regularize the position of Hungarian refugees admitted as "parolees" on an emergency basis since last winter. Sen. Eastland, known as a foe of liberalization of immigration, has not replied to a letter from the ten.

The request for consideration of immigration bills singles out those which would permit the admission of "a reasonable number of Egyptian Jewish refugees" and warns that the "time is growing short" for action on the exiles. Signatories of the letter are: Sens. Jacob K. Javits, N. Y., Irving M. Ives, N. Y., Clifford P. Case, N. J., Frederick G. Payne, Maine, Prescott Bush, Conn., John Sherman Cooper, Ky., and Glenn Beall, Md., all Republicans; Hubert H. Humphrey, Minn., Paul H. Douglas, Ill., and Richard L. Neuberger, Oregon, Democrats.

SAN FRANCISCO TO ACT ON RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7. (JTA) -- Final action on FEPC legislation to bar racial and religious discrimination in employment in the city of San Francisco is expected before this week closes. After a final vote by the board of supervisors and signature by Mayor George Christopher, both already pledged, the Mayor will appoint a seven-member commission to begin functioning within 30 days.

The ordinance makes illegal employer refusal to hire or promote "because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin or place of birth." However, the ordinance throws responsibility for proof of discrimination on the complainant, who must convince the seven-member commission that he was better qualified for the job than the person hired. It also lacks a penalty for discrimination, but provides for injunctive relief and up to 90 days back pay.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE SEEKS TO END RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN FRATERNITIES

WILLIAMSTOWN, Mass., July 7. (JTA) -- James P. Baxter, president of Williams College, asked this week-end that the heads of all undergraduate fraternities on the campus certify in writing before next January 15 that each chapter is free to select its membership on the basis of individual merit. Dr. Baxter's action was directed by the board of trustees of the college.

This is the latest move in the college's two-year campaign to end religious and racial discrimination in membership of campus societies. The student body and many of the fraternities have in the past indicated agreement with the anti-bias policy. Several of the fraternities with national affiliation, however, have been torn between the campus "no-discrimination" demand and discriminatory policies ordered from national offices.

"HABIMAH" ANNOUNCES PLAY CONTEST; OPEN TO JEWS AND NON-JEWS

TEL AVIV, July 7. (JTA) -- Habimah, Israel's famous theatrical troupe, left today for Paris to participate in the annual dramatic festival to be held at the "Nations Theater." The troupe will perform "Medea" and "Dybbuk," making its second appearance at the festival.

Before leaving, Habimah announced two contests for plays on Israeli themes. The first, for \$2,000, is for a play devoted to Israel's tenth anniversary. This competition is open to Jews and non-Jews all over the world. The second prize, 1,000 Israeli pounds, is for the best dramatic work based on the diary of Hannah Senesz, a heroine of wartime efforts to rescue Jews tropped by the Nazis, who was captured and killed on one of her missions in Nazi-held Hungary.

SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION OPENS AT CORNELL UNIVERSITY

ITHACA, N. Y., July 7. (JTA) -- The third annual Summer Institute for Teachers of Jewish Schools opened here today on the campus of Cornell University. The three-week Institute--an in-training course in modern Hebrew, Bible, Israel, pedagogic methods and the philosophy of education--is sponsored by the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency in cooperation with the American Association for Jewish Education. Forty five educators are attending this year's Institute.

HOOFIEN, PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL'S "BANK LEUMI," DIES; WAS 76

TEL AVIV, July 7. (JTA) -- Eliezer Siegfried Hoofien, president of the Bank Leumi, the only bank of issue in Israel and successor to the Anglo-Palestine Bank, died this morning at nearby Kfar Shmaryahu. He would have been 76 next month.

Born in Utrecht, Holland, and educated in that country, Mr. Hoofien came to Israel in 1912 after having served as director of the Cologne office of the Zionist Central Office. In Israel he served in a number of economic posts and, at the time of his death, was economic coordinator of the Israel Government. In collaboration with the later Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan, Mr. Hoofien developed fiscal policies which helped shape the young Israeli economy.