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ISRAEL MAY ACT ON MOSCOW'S ARMING OF SYRIA; RESENTS INCITEMENT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Israel Government circles were reported today to be studying means of impressing on Russia the "extreme seriousness" of the Moscow game of both inciting and arming the Syrians. (For more on Syrian arming, see p. 2.)

Informed observers said that following talks with the United States, Israel was likely to make a formal request to the Soviet Government for explanations concerning the Russian campaign of inciting the Syrians and attacking Israel, particularly via Moscow Radio broadcasts. Such a request would again stress that Israel has no aggressive intentions against Syria.

Talks with the Eisenhower Administration would be based on the belief in Israeli Government circles that Soviet support of Syrian aggressiveness clearly extends beyond the framework of the Israel-Arab dispute and cannot, therefore, be handled effectively by Israel alone. Soviet-Syrian provocations, it was reported, are considered as great a danger to the United States position in the Middle East as they are to Israel.

U. N. CHIEF SAYS ARAB BOYCOTT AGAINST ISRAEL IMPEDES HIS EFFORTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations Secretary General, indicated today he felt that the Arab boycott against Israel was hampering his efforts at improving Israeli-Arab relations.

He made the observation in reply to a question at a press conference which followed a reiteration by the Secretary General of his belief that there had been and continued to be "psychological improvement" of Middle East conditions. He cited the "very great quiet" existing on the Israeli-Egyptian border. When he was asked whether the continuing Arab economic warfare did not impair this "psychological" situation, he replied that it was indeed a "dead weight" on efforts to bring about improvements.

He revealed that he had taken up with Egypt the matter of the arrest of Raphael Eylon, the Israeli sailor taken off the Israeli-chartered Danish ship, "Briggite Toft," July 22, and since held in an Egyptian prison. He emphasized he would have done this without Israel's request.

Mr. Hammarskjold declined to pass judgment on the dispute between Col. Byron V. Leary, acting Chief of Staff of the UN Truce Supervisory Organization, and Israel on the issue of UNTSO operations in the demilitarized Syrian-Israeli scene. The Secretary-General said this was a question of interpreting the Syrian-Israeli armistice agreement. He noted merely that Israel claims full sovereignty over the area while UNSTO believes it has certain rights in the area.

He disclosed that he had made an unsuccessful attempt to devise procedures to handle complaints involving Article I of the Syrian-Israeli Armistice agreement. The issue arose when Israel asked Col. Leary to investigate Israeli charges of alleged Syrian violations of Article I, which constitutes a non-aggression treaty. Col. Leary refused to consider the charges based on Israeli claims of Syrian aggressive threats.

Under the proposed plan, which the Secretary General said had been rejected by the two governments, the Secretariat would have served as a "good offices" committee for the contending nations, which do not otherwise have diplomatic contacts on matters which the Mixed Armistice Commission does not take up. He added that, despite this failure, there were still "ways and means" to act and these were being pursued.

Discussing the forthcoming General Assembly, Mr. Hammarskjold said that he would like to see the session, which opens next month, take up "the limited and concrete issues" and solve them, rather than range over all the problems of the Middle East and get nowhere.

Ambassador Eban Confers with State Department on U. N. Issues

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba Eban conferred today with Francis O. Wilcox, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs. It was made known that they discussed the United Nations General Assembly meeting scheduled to open in New York next month. The meeting is understood to have ranged over many subjects likely to be considered at the General Assembly session, including problems directly confronting Israel.

ISRAELI-CHARTERED NORWEGIAN VESSEL PASSES SUEZ; BOUND FOR HAIFA

LONDON, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The Israeli-chartered Norwegian cargo vessel, the 2,163-ton Hubro, was permitted passage through the Suez Canal yesterday, bound for Haifa. The Hubro was carrying a cargo of fishmeal, jute and tanning chemicals loaded at Capetown.

SOVIET ARMS POUR INTO SYRIA; CHARGE BALANCE OF MILITARY POWER SHIFT

LONDON, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The entire balance and appearance of Syria's armed forces has been altered by the mass of Soviet equipment pouring into that Arab country, the London Jewish Observer reported today. The newspaper said that Syria now has 40,000 men under arms, with six infantry brigades and at least two armored brigades.

These units are now being completely re-equipped with Soviet weapons, the well-informed paper reported. These include 150 T-34 tanks, 100 SU-100 tank destroyers and 150 medium guns, mostly 122 and 155-millimeter weapons. Two of the infantry brigades and one armored unit are being modeled completely on the Soviet pattern. Soviet and Czech instructors are training Syrian troops and Syrian cadets are being sent to the Soviet Union for further training.

The newspaper also reported that the Syrian air force is being overhauled with Soviet equipment replacing British and French planes. Four jet fighter squadrons have been formed and three of them are equipped with 50 Russian MIG-17 jets. Training of pilots for the Russian planes was reported still lagging, the newspaper said.

ISRAEL STARTS BUILDING NEW TRACK IN HULEH AREA; SYRIANS QUIET

TEL AVIV, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Hundreds of Israeli workers this morning began work on a new track along the Israeli side of Tel Azaziat Hill near Shear Yashuv, north of Huleh. The track would enable Israelis to cultivate a wide area hitherto untilled except for a small area cultivated illegally by Syrian peasants who have penetrated Israeli territory.

A temporary Bailey Bridge has been built on the Banias River in order to facilitate the work of mechanized equipment. The Syrians, who are fully aware of the huge project did not interfere with the work although significant Syrian concentrations have been seen from the Israeli side.

ISRAEL CHIEF OF STAFF GOES TO SO. AFRICA; HERUT SEES COMPETITION

TEL AVIV, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israeli Army Chief of Staff, will leave at the end of August for a month-long visit to South Africa, it was announced here today. Herut party circles here were claiming that the trip was connected with the attempt of the South African Zionist Federation to hamper a separate Revisionist fund-raising campaign there.

A military spokesman, announcing the trip, said Gen. and Mrs. Dayan had been invited by the South African Zionist Federation which announced on Tuesday the expulsion of the Revisionist party for proceeding with plans for the independent fund-raising.

Gen. Dayan will visit various communities in South Africa and lecture in the South African Military Academy. On his return, the Israeli Chief of Staff will visit Ghana, the new South African nation with which Israel is busily building trade and cultural relations, and meet with Premier Nkrumah.

Sources in the Herut party, which is sending Menachem Beigin and Chaim Landau to Johannesburg Aug. 11 to launch the Revisionist campaign, expressed the belief that the Dayan visit was arranged in response to requests from the Zionist Federation, which asked for a leading Israeli personality to offset Mr. Beigin's visit.

MRS. HALPRIN HONORED IN ISRAEL; CULTURAL HALL TO CARRY HER NAME

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, was honored today at a ceremonial laying of the cornerstone of a sports and cultural hall in her name at Alonei Yitzhak, a Youth Aliyah institution.

Members of the Jewish Agency executive lauded Mrs. Halprin's 30 years of Zionist service. Mrs. Mirjam Granott, president of Hadassah in Israel, presented Mrs. Halprin with a Jewish National Fund Golden Book certificate.

FIRST PHILIPPINES MINISTER TO ISRAEL PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Roberto Regala, the first Philippines Minister to Israel, was received today by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, to whom he presented his credentials.

40 INSTITUTIONS TO BENEFIT FROM U. S. SPENDING ON PROJECTS IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- About 40 institutions in Israel will benefit from the \$3,516,667 approved yesterday by the House of Representatives for distribution in Israeli currency, it was learned here today. The money is now on deposit in Israel and its distribution for Israeli scientific and humanitarian projects aims to foster closer relations between the peoples of Israel and the United States.

The program has been recommended to the Congress for authorization as a result of a report and recommendations made by Bernard Katzen, Special Consultant to the State Department, who went to Israel at the request of the Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Mr. Katzen was asked by the Secretary to investigate and make recommendations with regard to a fund in Israeli pounds built up under the Informational Media Guaranty Program which permits countries having a shortage of foreign exchange to import books, periodicals and other informational media from the United States through regular commercial channels. Under this program, foreign importers in countries with soft currencies can make payment to the American exporter in local currency and the exporter can exchange the local currency for dollars upon application to the U. S. Information Agency.

Under the recommended program, there would be established chairs in American studies at Israel's major universities, and scholarship funds for studies in fields that will contribute to closer U. S. -Israel understanding. Assistance is also proposed toward the construction of cultural and community halls at such centers as Tel Aviv, Haifa, Nazareth and in Galilee. Quarters would be supplied for a United States information center and library at Tel Aviv, thus saving a future expenditure of money from new tax funds. A wing is recommended to house an American law library for the Israel Bar Association, as a means to promote an understanding of the American legal system.

Assistance would be given in the translation and publishing of books, a substantial portion of which would be American textbooks and technical manuals. It is recommended that a museum be constructed for the display of arts and antiquities, and provision has been made for archaeological research and exploration. Several projects would promote the teaching and use of the English language, while others are designed to introduce courses in American history and literature. The program as a whole has thus been designed to reach all walks of Israeli cultural life and humanitarian interests.

The recommendations include 200,000 Israeli pounds for the Hebrew University; 190,000 pounds for the Hadassah Medical Organization; 250,000 pounds for the Haifa municipality; 300,000 pounds for the Haifa Technion; 75,000 pounds for the Weizmann Institute of Science; 75,000 for the Zionist Organization of America; 85,000 pounds for the Kfar Silver Agricultural Training Institute; 200,000 for the University of Tel Aviv, and 125,000 for Bar-Ilan University.

The sum of 1,500,000 is also provided in the report for the Israel-American Museum Foundation; 600,000 pounds is recommended for the Israel-American Archaeological Foundation; 400,000 pounds for translation and publication programs in which the Rabbi Kook Foundation, the World Academy of Higher Jewish Studies and the OIRT are participating; 390,000 pounds for Chinuch Atzmai, an elementary education system; 250,000 pounds for Community Centers in Nazareth and Kiryat Shmoni; and many other smaller sums for other institutions, including 45,000 pounds for HIAS, 50,000 for the YMCA, and 50,000 for the Herzliah High School in Tel Aviv.

JEWISH CONFERENCE NOT INVOLVED IN CLAIMS SOUGHT BY EUROPEAN POWER:

MUNICH, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The protest of Britain, France and other European governments against the refusal of the West German Government to include victims of Nazi persecutions from their countries among the beneficiaries of Germany's indemnification legislation has no connection whatsoever with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, it was pointed out here today.

It was emphasized that the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany is in no way involved, legally or otherwise, in the payment of indemnification claims arising from Nazi action. The Conference distributes its funds for the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution in the areas of greatest need through established Jewish social and communal organizations, it was stressed.

FILM BASED ON DEAD SEA SCROLLS TO BE PRODUCED; PLANS ANNOUNCED

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Plans to produce a film on the Dead Sea Scrolls, based on the authoritative study of Dr. Millar Burrows, noted American archaeologist, were disclosed today by John Sutherland, writer and producer of entertainment and industrial motion pictures.

Mr. Sutherland said he would use animation to re-create the pre-Biblical periods in which the Scrolls were written. Filming will be done in Jordan and at the Sutherland studios in Hollywood, starting in January. The producer estimated the cost of the picture at \$1,000,000 and said it would take a year to complete.

U. S. CATHOLIC ORGAN VOICES CHARGES AGAINST JEWS; LAUDS JUDAISM

NEW YORK, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- The charge that "in some instances" Jewish determinations on public issues "seem to be made primarily in terms of Jewish interest, not in terms of the total community," is voiced in the current issue of the Catholic weekly "America" by its editor-in-chief, Father Thurston N. Davis.

As an example, the editor of the Catholic organ cites the formal opposition of the American Jewish Congress to the inclusion of the question on religion in the U. S. decennial census for 1960 because the inclusion of this question tends to "divide and classify Americans in categories of religious and non-religious and sub-categories of sect and denomination" which is alien to American traditions.

The editor of "America" also cites the objection of Jewish organizations to the introduction of "even a minimal program of non-sectarian instruction in religious values into the New York City public school system." The firm closing of "Jewish ranks on this subject was dramatized December 3, 1955, when every rabbi in the city opposed the program: unequivocally in his Sabbath sermon to his congregation," he writes.

"These incidents," he continues, "puzzle and at times provoke Catholics. But despite them, we shall continue to look with understanding and even fondness at our historic brother the Jew. We shall go on admiring him for his strong sense of family life, his devotion to learning and scholarship, his ability to work hard, his creative gifts, his love for music and the arts, his burning thirst for justice. In this last trait, at least, we could learn from him and imitate him more closely. For we Catholics, with our serious obligations to practice social justice and to work for the righting of human wrongs -- commitments that are spelled out for us in the social encyclicals of recent Popes -- are too often sluggards in getting down to business about such vital responsibilities."

Speaks of Decline in Jewish and Catholic Religion in Suburbs

The article, entitled "Spiritual Semites," starts by stating that "beneath those surface phenomena of anti-Semitism that bob up among American Catholics, and underlying whatever animosity American Jews may feel for the Catholic Church, there runs between Jew and Catholic a still current of sympathy and understanding." This, the editor of the Catholic organ asserts, may not always be acknowledged, or even recognized, by the Jew or Catholic, but it exists. He explains it with the fact that "both Catholic and Jew have on them the brand mark of history; they may not realize it, but they are both like old trees, with the rings of many years within them."

"But what cuts athwart the solidity of Jewish-Catholic relations in the strictly contemporary sense is the rapidity with which American Jews appear to be losing touch with the ancient religious components of their tradition," Fr. Davis writes. "In his concern to become part of American life, the Jew seems to be sacrificing much that used to make him 'different.' (No one, it seems, can afford to be 'different' any more; we all have to 'belong,' be 'adjusted,' be 'normal' -- normality being an end in itself.) The American-born, college-trained Jewish professional man, now moved to the suburbs, doesn't see much sense in the traditional concept of 'galuth' or exile, even in the sense of spiritual exile. Jewish sociologists tell us that 'Jewishness' -- the activities that Jews perform together without the help of religion -- is on the increase; but Judaism, the historic religion of the Jew, they say, is on the decline. Some Jewish leaders say that prayer and worship are a 'lost art' in the suburbs."

Pointing out that the same "drama" is widely being enacted also in the Catholic community where there is a "yielding to the evils of conformity and the suburban yen for adjustedness, the article says: "This is by no means a uniquely Jewish problem. For the Jew, however, it is a sufficiently serious problem to have warranted far more than usual concern among Jewish leaders."

JOSEPH WEINTRAUB NAMED CHIEF JUSTICE OF NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Associate Justice Joseph Weintraub, of West Orange, was named Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court here by Gov. Robert B. Meyner. He will succeed the late Chief Justice Arthur T. Vanderbilt, an internationally known jurist who headed the New Jersey court system from 1947 until his death last June.

The Governor's appointment of Justice Weintraub, the only Jew on the State Supreme Court, was made simultaneously with the naming of a Catholic and Protestant to the posts of Associate Justice on the same court. Described as a "lawyer's lawyer," the new chief jurist is 49 years old and the youngest member of the seven-man court. He is single and lives with his widowed mother, Mrs. Minnie Weintraub, in West Orange.