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ISRAEL BEGINS POLICY REAPPRAISAL BUT HOLDS EGYPT PRIME DANGER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba S. Eban returned here for three weeks of consultations prior to the convening of the United Nations General Assembly and began a busy round of consultations at the Foreign Ministry today. He had a long private meeting with Foreign Minister Golda Meir and then attended meetings with Foreign Ministry department chiefs in an overall review of Israel's foreign policy and issues that may arise next month in the General Assembly.

Israel's position on issues before the Assembly was to have been the chief question in the Foreign Ministry talks with the head of its UN delegation, but the latest dramatic developments in Syria have overshadowed other issues and formed the central subject of the talks here.

Israel Seeks Light on U.S. Position

There was a growing awareness in the Foreign Ministry that the presence of a Soviet satellite right on Israel's border had resulted in a fundamental change in the entire Middle East picture, necessitating a reappraisal of Israel's foreign policy. Such a reappraisal required an accurate estimate of United States plans and intentions, since much may depend on the question of what America was ready to do to attempt to reverse the Communist coup in Syria.

William Baxter, United States Charge d'Affaires, met with Mrs. Meir today. The subject of their talks was not disclosed but it was assumed that the Syrian situation had been discussed.

The far-reaching crisis in Syria must not be permitted to obscure the fact that Egypt remains the principal danger to Israel and that areas of existing dispute with Egypt continue to provide the greatest threat of an Israel-Arab explosion, authoritative sources asserted here today.

Hold Egyptian Action Most Likely to Provoke Trouble

Noting that the pro-Soviet coup in Syria had not changed Egypt's policy of obstructing Israeli-bound shipping in the Suez Canal nor threats to interfere with such shipping in the Gulf of Akaba, the informants said any interference with Israeli shipping in either waterway would be more likely to spark renewal of hostilities than some incident on the Syrian border, despite Syria's growing role as a Soviet satellite.

The informants said the origin of "reports, rumors and impressions" that the Syrian developments would bring President Nasser of Egypt closer to the West was not clear. They suggested that the reports might be coming from Nasser as a "propaganda smoke-screen."

In any case, these sources said, Israel was discounting all such speculations, a position believed shared by the Eisenhower Administration.

They also reported that reports were reaching Jerusalem that Italy was striving for an active role as peacemaker in the Middle East, a bid which included a desire to become West Europe's spokesman in the Israel-Arab situation. Israeli officials were understood to be negative to the reported Italian ambitions.

SYRIANS TAKE UP POSITIONS ON QUIET SECTIONS OF ISRAEL FRONTIER

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Syrian troops were observed today moving into positions opposite Israel settlements near lower Lake Tiberias which have been empty for three years.

Troops also were reported by Israeli observers busy repairing Syrian positions in the Haon-Einiger-Tel Katzir area which has been quiet since the Syrians quit those positions in 1954.

In the first infiltration incident in the area, Syrians stole a number of irrigation tools. Israeli officials reported. Settlements along the border remained in a state of special alert in view of the possibility of Syrian provocations which were considered "very possible" by Israeli officials in the area.

ISRAEL WEIGHS MOVES TO END EGYPT'S HARASSMENT OF CHARTERED SHIPPING

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Top-level consultations will be held in the Israeli Foreign Ministry tomorrow to decide on what action should be taken to combat continued Egyptian harassment of Israeli-bound shipping in the Suez Canal, a Ministry spokesman said today.

The decision followed the arrival of the Israel-chartered Norwegian freighter S.S. Mars at Haifa with a report that Egyptian authorities had detained the ship at Port Suez for four days during which the crew had been refused permission either to bring fresh water aboard ship or to leave the vessel.

"Not a single Israel-chartered ship has been permitted to pass through the canal without some deliberate delay," the spokesman added. "This policy is a flagrant violation of Egypt's obligation to safeguard freedom of navigation."

Spokesman Charges "Deliberate Harassment"

The spokesman said the treatment given the Mars was another example of "deliberate harassment of Israel-bound shipping" and that Israel took "an especially grave view" of the Egyptian refusal to provide water to the crew.

The spokesman said the Egyptians were following a deliberate harassment technique based on a device of informing ships in port Suez that orders had not been received from Cairo to allow the vessels to join Suez convoys, a policy not restricted to Israel-chartered boats.

He said it was evident that Egypt had established a policy that Israel-bound, Israel-chartered ships could not cross the Canal routinely but in each case required special permission from Cairo. This was seen here as an open Egyptian admission that political considerations were the basis for permitting passage. The fact that Cairo's permission was needed was seen here as technical proof of the dominance of political motives. It was expected that Israel would make use of this fact when a decision was reached on what steps to take to combat the situation.

ISRAELIS CONTINUE 'AGGRESSION BY TREE-PLANTING' IN JERUSALEM ZONE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The planting of trees in the Jerusalem demilitarized zone near United Nations Truce Supervisory headquarters continued today without Jordanian interference. There was no indication that Jordan would carry out a threat to enter a formal complaint with the UN Security Council about this "Israel aggression."

The tree-planting is part of an Israel program to create a green belt on the outskirts of new Jerusalem. Israel Foreign Ministry officials admitted that the planting area was part of a zone designated as "no-man's-land" in the Israel-Jordanian Armistice pact but pointed out that in a subsequent agreement, the zone was divided for civilian purposes.

The Israel spokesman, noting that Jordan has built a road in the zone, denied any basis existed for a Jordanian complaint.

ISRAELIS SEE B. P. -SHELL ACTION AS SOP TO ARAB STATES IN OIL TALKS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The projected withdrawal of the British Petroleum and Shell Oil Companies from sales operations in Israel may be one of several "bribes" British oil interests are offering to the Arabs in bargaining for renewal of oil concessions, informed Israel sources suggested today.

These sources said that a "revolution" had been introduced in Western-Arabian oil relations by the offer of Italy's national oil company of 75 percent royalties to Iran instead of the 40 percent paid by Western oil firms to Arab countries.

As a result, these sources said, initial talks now underway on renewal of western concessions involved haggling over Arab demands for a boost above the current 50 percent schedule.

Accompanying the talks, the Israel sources said, were backstage hints of abandonment of a projected Turkish oil pipeline as another presumable "bribe" to the Arabs. The crisis in Syria has renewed interest in a Turkish pipeline, it was disclosed, because the Tapline which runs through Syria has become more doubtful as a dependable transmission medium. Tapline carries about 20,000,000 tons of oil annually as compared with about 75,000,000 tons moved via the Suez Canal. The projected Turkish line would carry 50,000,000 tons a year.

The Israel sources also said there was speculation that the uncertainty about oil transit through the Syrian pipelines might renew interest in the projected 32-inch line from Elath to Haifa.

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY BIDS SHELL RECONSIDER ON ISRAEL

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Aug. 21, (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Council of Los Angeles today became the first American Jewish group to urge the Shell Oil Company to reconsider its projected withdrawal from sales operations in Israel.

The resolution, adopted on behalf of the 400 constituent organizations of the Jewish Community Council, with a claimed total membership of 400,000 Jews, asserted that the projected termination "constitutes an economic blow to the State of Israel and was induced by pressure from governments of neighboring Arab countries."

Noting that "this demonstration of yielding to Arab demands for economic boycott of Israel has been deplored by leaders of all British political parties," the resolution said the withdrawal decision would "merely increase Arab intransigence, strengthen the hand of Arab leaders who believe Israel can be destroyed through economic means and may ultimately lead to a renewed conflagration in the Middle East with its disastrous results to the peace of the world."

The resolution declared that the Jewish Community Council "officially deplores the action of the Shell Oil Company and urges it to reconsider its policy of yielding to the Arab economic boycott."

The resolution expressed the "deep concern" of the organization "to the officials of the Shell Oil Company to the British Embassy, and to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld."

HAIFA CABARET DANCER ARRESTED AS SPY FOR SYRIANS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 21, (JTA) -- A beautiful 23-year-old night club dancer became the "Mata Hari of Haifa" today with the disclosure of her arrest in charges of espionage against Israel.

Naifa Samia Akala, a resident of Haifa, and member of an Arab folk dance group performing in Haifa's "Christian Star" night club, was arraigned in secret proceedings with two Israel-Arab youths charged with being her accomplices.

The dancer was charged with twice having crossed the Jordanian border at Beit Saffafa, near Jerusalem, where she allegedly met a Syrian military attache. The prosecution reportedly charged that after conversations with the Syrian, Miss Akala was turned over to Jordanian authorities who also accepted her services, particularly because she speaks fluent Hebrew.

Ahmed Shaadi and Daoud Amouri, her alleged accomplices, both from Shafram, reportedly were charged with possession of arms stolen from the Sinai campaign booty, in addition to spying against Israel. They were charged also with receiving 5,000 pounds from Syrians they met at the border for their services. It was reported.

No information was revealed as to when the alleged espionage occurred nor the current status of the hearings.

BEIGIN LAUNCHES REVISIONIST FUND CAMPAIGN IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 21, (JTA) -- Asserting that Israelis are "turning increasingly" to the right-wing Herut party, Menachem Beigin, its leader, launched an independent South African Revisionist fund-raising campaign last night with a request for enough funds to "break Mapai domination" and "end Histadrut usurpation" in Israel.

Addressing a well attended banquet in City Hall, the Herut leader described the party's program and asserted that Prime Minister David Ben Gurion had followed the Herut program in launching the Sinai operation.

Beigin charged that the Prime Minister "reneged" in agreeing to withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, adding that if Israel forces had remained, border security would have been consolidated and President Nasser toppled.

The campaign which he and Chaim Landau, his deputy, came especially to South Africa to launch has led to the expulsion of the Revisionists from the South African Zionist Federation and appeals from the Federation and the Board of Jewish Deputies to South African Jews to ignore the independent fund-raising.

Beigin told the banquet audience that his party had "a good chance" to achieve power in the next election if "we can get our message to the entire Israel electorate," for which substantial funds were needed.

Asserting that the Histadrut was responsible for "driving away" investment capital, particularly from the United States, Beigin claimed that his party deserved essential credit for French friendship toward Israel, adding this was "substantiated" by French sources.

REACH AGREEMENT ON REFUGEE BILL ADMITTING EGYPTIAN JEWS, OTHERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Chairman James Eastland of the Senate Judiciary Committee said today that agreement had been reached with Rep. Francis E. Walter, chairman of the House Immigration Subcommittee, on a compromise immigration measure which would permit the immigration of 18,655 refugees from Communism and persecution--including some Egyptian Jews--as provided in the Kennedy Bill.

Senator Eastland said that Rep. Walter had undertaken to get House approval of the measure this week and the Senator expressed confidence that the Senate would also accept the compromise, with the result that legislation would be forthcoming before the adjournment of Congress.

Previously, both the House Immigration Subcommittee and the Senate Judiciary Committee had reported out a compromise immigration measure which would have provided relief in certain hardship categories but would not have permitted the additional refugee immigration.

Agreement on this extension of the measure which, under Senator John B. Kennedy's original bill would have allowed 5,000 Jewish refugees from Egypt to enter the country was reached at Senate-House conferences yesterday, Senator Eastland said.

YOUTH WANTS VOICE IN DECIDING COMMUNAL EXPENDITURES, A. Z. A. IS TOLD

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Jewish youth should have the right to help determine the spending of communal funds to which it contributes by representation on local Jewish federations, George Lefcoe, 19, Miami, international president of Aleph Zadek Aleph, the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, asserted today.

Speaking at the opening session of the 34th international AZA convention, which is being attended by 150 delegates from the United States, Canada and Britain, Lefcoe said the present situation was something like "taxation without representation."

"We are asked, and in some communities are high-pressured, into giving without having even a single voice in determining where our dollars are given," he said, asserting that BBO "contributes thousands each year."

He urged not only a voice for Jewish youth on local federations but also "in the religious life" of the Jewish community as well. He asked synagogues and temples to "demonstrate their true interest in youth and youth's opinions by giving us representation" on their boards.

MINNESOTA RABBIS PLAY HOST TODAY TO VISITING LUTHERAN CLERGYMEN

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 21. (JTA) -- A unique experiment in interfaith relations will take place here tomorrow when, for the first time, the Minnesota Rabbinical Association will tender a breakfast in honor of 50 Lutheran delegates to the Lutheran World Assembly.

The breakfast will be followed by a free discussion period during which rabbis and ministers will exchange views on problems such as questions of separation of Church and State, racial problems, inter-religious frictions, civil rights, the attitude of American Jews towards the State of Israel and kindred questions.

LORD RUSSELL, WAR CRIMES PROSECUTOR, TO ADDRESS Z. O. A. CONVENTION

NEW YORK, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- Lord Russell of Liverpool who resigned his post as Deputy Judge Advocate General after he refused a British Government demand that he suppress his book, "The Scourge of the Swastika," will make his first visit to the United States next month to address the 60th anniversary convention of the Zionist Organization of America.

Lord Russell was legal advisor to the British commander-in-chief in Germany from 1948 to 1951, during the trials by British military courts of Nazi war criminals. He resigned as Government Whip in the House of Lords last year in protest against the British Government decision to evacuate the Suez Canal zone without assurance of free and innocent passage for Israel ships.

He will be accompanied here by Lady Russell who directed the documentary film, "Israel, Land of Promise," in 1956.

ACTOR SON TO PORTRAY PROF. SUKENIK IN DEAD SEA SCROLLS DRAMA HERE

NEW YORK, Aug. 21. (JTA) -- The actor son of the late Prof. E. Sukenik, world-famed archaeologist, has arrived in the United States to portray his father in a television production dealing with the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Yosef Yadin, a member of Israel's Chamber Theatre, will portray his father in a television adaption of the book, "The Meaning of the Scrolls," written by his soldier-archaeologist brother, Yigal Yadin. The hour-long production will be on the Armstrong Circle Theatre on the night of October 2 on the CBS network. The book is to be published in this country later this year.