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BEN GURION SEES EBAN IN NEW POLICY TALKS ON SYRIAN CRISIS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Top-level consultations on the Middle East situation, particularly in the light of the latest Syrian developments, got under way here today when Premier David Ben Gurion conferred with Abba S. Eban, Israel's Ambassador to the United States and chief of the Israel delegation to the United Nations. Foreign Minister Golda Meir and Gen. Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff of the Israel Defence Forces, were expected to join the talks later.

The primary objective of the current consultations is an evaluation of the present situation, an appraisal of probable future developments and an attempt to determine the course of action Israel should follow in the Middle East area and on in the international scene in relation to Washington and the United Nations.

Israelis Hold Their Evaluations Were Correct

Israel circles expressed the belief that the latest developments in Syria, with that country coming under Communist domination, had proven that Israel's evaluation of the Syrian situation had been much more accurate than certain evaluations by the United States. Washington, it was relieved, was aware of this fact. Consequently, it was thought, Washington might be more inclined in the future to listen to Jerusalem.

The discussions which got under way here today could result in the piecing together of a sharp and clear picture of the prevailing situation and also in a definition of the trend to be expected in Syria and other countries of the Middle East. But in trying to hammer out a line of action for Israel, Premier Ben Gurion and his advisors were likely to be handicapped by a lack of knowledge of the nature of Washington's policy and the limits to which the United States would go in an attempt to reverse the Syrian developments.

President Eisenhower's statement Wednesday that the Eisenhower Doctrine did not seem to be applicable to the Syrian situation was seen here as emphasizing the lack of coordination among the several countries interested in a reversal of the Syrian situation.

Take Stand Nasser to Blame in Syria

While it would appear that Washington felt the Syrian disease should be treated in Syria, responsible Israel circles felt the disease should be attacked at the source of the virus--Cairo. For, in their view, it was President Nasser of Egypt who prepared the ground for the Communist coup in Syria and it was on Nasser that continuation of Communist domination of Syria depended.

Israel circles were worried, however, that Washington, in recognition of this situation, might again commit the mistake of believing that Nasser could be won over to the West by concessions. They felt that in the situation where the whole structure of Western defense in the Middle East had been undermined, the United States would have to take the lead in attempts to alter the situation.

This was how Israel observers saw the effects of the Syrian coup on Syria's neighbor's today:

Turkey: Soviet airbases in Syria could neutralize Turkish bases and leave that country in the position of Czechoslovakia after the Austrian Anschluss in 1938.

Iraq and Saudi Arabia: At Syria's mercy economically because of their dependence on the oil pipelines running through Syria to the Mediterranean coast.

Jordan: Increased danger to the country's independence and to King Hussein's throne and possibility of its replacement by a pro-Soviet, pro-Egyptian regime.

Israel: Intensification of the perennial Arab threat through admixture with Soviet anti-Israel hostility.

In this situation, it appeared to Israel observers today that there was a lack of readiness in the West, particularly in Washington, to assume the leadership and knit together all these elements which lay under Communist threat from Syria into an effective resistance force. The result, Israelis said, was that the capacity for joint counteraction against the Communist-Syrian threat was not being mobilized.

ISRAEL TO PROTEST TO SECURITY COUNCIL IN MARS CASE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Government decided today to make a strong protest to the United Nations Security Council against continued interference by the Egyptian authorities with Israel maritime traffic through the Suez Canal. The new complaint was based on Egyptian handling of the Norwegian freighter Mars, under Israel charter, which was held for four days before being permitted through the waterway and was not allowed to take on drinking water or fresh foodstuffs.

The decision to make the protest was made at the insistence of the Foreign Ministry over the objections of the Ministries of Finance and Commerce and of Israel shipping interests. These objections, apparently, were based on fears that emphasis placed on difficulties met by ships under Israel charter might cause higher chartering rates and insurance.

The Foreign Ministry, however, overruled this stand, taking the position that Israel should protest strongly and thoroughly air Arab violations of international law in efforts to enforce an anti-Israel boycott.

HAMMARSKJOLD WANTS SYRIAN ISSUE, ARMS KEPT OUT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold is opposed both to a debate on the arms race in the Middle East and to discussion of Syria's pro-Communist military coup in the forthcoming Twelfth General Assembly, he indicated to a press conference today.

On the question of the arms race, he said that the problem "is primarily for those countries in a position to supply arms" to the area. He said that it was one thing for the responsible powers to agree and another to have a general public debate in which all countries make statements. "Diplomacy of the classical kind," was indicated in the first instance, and United Nations action only following this, he said.

It was understood from this comment that the Secretary General held the view that action within the United Nations was impossible so long as the Big Powers could not reach agreement among themselves on the Middle East.

With further reference to the Syrian situation, Mr. Hammarskjold called attention to the UN charter provision against interference in the internal affairs of a member state. As for the ideological question involved, he reminded that the UN was "a neutral organization."

Jordan to Drop Latest Protest

The Secretary General hinted that the Jordanian plan to ask the Security Council to look into Israel's activities in the so-called "no-man's" land in the Jerusalem region, near Mount Mukabar, might be dropped.

He said he found it better to attempt to reach a solution to matters quietly and perhaps avoid a public debate. Actually, it is known that he did in fact persuade the new Jordanian representative, Yussef Hakail, when he presented his credentials Wednesday, to withhold any request now in favor of an attempt by Israel and Jordan to settle the matter on the scene.

Asked whether he had a blueprint for peace in the Middle East, he said he had none, but that he saw the matter in terms of stages. The first stage, that of comparative quiet on the borders, is now. The second will come when the quiet is taken for granted as a fact of everyday life. Then "perhaps we could go on." He added hopefully, "there seems to be a road through the trees."

Mr. Hammarskjold said that he had not received any communication from Syria regarding a request for Security Council meeting accusing the United States of fomenting the Syrian trouble, as reported from Damascus. He has also received no reply from Syria, he said, regarding the question Israel asked him to put to Damascus, whether Syria adhered to the non-aggression features of Article I of the armistice agreement.

HITCH DEVELOPS IN ATA SETTLEMENT; WORKERS STAY OUT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- A hitch developed today in resumption of production at the giant Ata textile plant, strike-idled for 100 days, when management refused to permit two strikers to return to their jobs.

The bared workers were accused of attacking J. Abramov, plant manager, in a fracas during the strike, one of the costliest in Israel's history. The strike was settled last Sunday night.

With the workers insisting that "every man on strike goes back to work," the Histadrut executive, which took settlement negotiations away from the Haifa Labor Council to bring the walk-out to an end, met with Ata officials last night but were unable to settle the new dispute.

Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, who intervened personally twice in the walk-out, the second time to induce the Histadrut executive to negotiate for the strikers, this morning invited Haifa Labor Council representatives to meet with him to discuss the new impasse. Work continued meanwhile in the plant to prepare it for return to full production.

J. W. V. DENIES ANY PLANS TO DROP BOYCOTT CONSIDERATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- A Shell Oil Company statement that the Jewish War Veterans of America had dropped consideration of a boycott against the firm was vigorously denied today by a JWV official.

A Shell spokesman said that the JWV had accepted the company's explanation of the projected withdrawal of the British-owned parent company from sales operations in Israel as based entirely on "economic considerations." Abraham Kraditor of New York, past national commander and chairman of the JWV Foreign Affairs committee, said that the JWV had not accepted the Shell explanation and that there has been no change in the status of the boycott issue.

He said Benjamin H. Chasin of Brooklyn, newly-elected national commander, left today for the JWV national headquarters in Washington, D. C., for a staff meeting tomorrow at which the date and place will be decided for the regular meeting of the JWV policy committee. The JWV 62nd annual convention in Boston last week gave the policy committee full authority to decide on whether a boycott should be organized against the American company, in retaliation for the Israeli withdrawal decision. A JWV counter-boycott also would be in protest against alleged oil firm concessions to Arab efforts to extend the Arab boycott to American firms either owned by or employing Jews.

Kraditor said the JWV was still holding to the position that there would be no action on the boycott issue until the organization was satisfied as to the "real reasons" for the withdrawal decision in Israel. Kraditor also said the JWV hoped that other Jewish organizations would join in a boycott, if one was approved, because the JWV did not want to "go it alone" and risk an ineffective action. It was understood that such a boycott would involve primarily return of Shell credit cards to the company by JWV members.

The policy committee meeting will be held within a month and probably in New York City, it was understood.

ANTI-SEMITISM REPORTED MINOR FACTOR IN LEAVITTOWN FIGHT

NEW YORK, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Jews are involved in the Leavittown, Pa., fight over the first purchase of a home in the five-year-old planned community by a Negro family more in terms of their stand on a civil rights issue than in any anti-Jewish repercussions, an Anti-Defamation League official said today.

Alexander F. Miller, director of the ADL community service division, said there has been no indication of organized anti-Semitism during the two-week running battle over the purchase and take-over of one of Leavittown's 18,000 neat suburban homes by William Myers, an equipment tester for a Trenton refrigeration company.

The first reaction of the all-white community was formation of a Leavittown Betterment Committee of owners with the avowed intention of forcing Myers to sell the house, which was sold to him by one of Leavittown's 3,000 Jewish families.

Violence erupted for two reasons, according to qualified sources. One was the hesitation of local police to crack down on demonstrators until state police moved in at the request of the local sheriff. The other was the delay by law and order forces in Leavittown in organizing to maintain peace and support Myers' rights.

Among the latter were both individual Jews and the well-organized Jewish community in Leavittown, these sources added, saying that "Leavittown Jews at no time supported the Betterment Committee but they also did not want to stick their necks out in support of the Negro family."

Home Sold to Negro Family by Jewish Owner

The Jewish home-owner who lives next door to Myers and who informed Myers that the house was available for sale has received some anti-Semitic telephone calls, Miller said. He also said that in the heated over-the-back fence discussion throughout the community on the pros and cons of the Myers purchase, there have been some anti-Jewish remarks, as there were during some of the demonstration gatherings.

This summary of the anti-Semitic aspects of the Leavittown situation to date was confirmed by several organizational observers. Miller added he believed the entire situation would return to normal within a few days, with the Myers family staying, and little if any damage done to the cordial relations between Jews and non-Jews in Leavittown. He said the 3,000 Leavittown Jewish families were active in most phases of Leavittown's civic life.

A newly-formed "Citizens' Committee for Leavittown," headed by Rev. Raymond L. Harwick, is being assisted by representatives of a number of Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, operating out of the William Penn House, a Quaker headquarters in Leavittown.

This phase began when Stephen Remsen of the Jewish Labor Committee went to Leavittown to help Myers, with the assistance of the local American Friends Society. Remsen reported back to the JLC that the situation was highly unorganized and that help was needed.

Al Vorspan of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations was then invited by Rev. Harwick and went to Leavittown Wednesday to join with officials of the ADL, the National Council of Churches of Christ, the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Jewish Community Council of Lower Bucks County. These representatives were scheduled to remain in Leavittown and work with the Citizens Committee until conditions returned to normal.

SEE HOUSE ACCEPTANCE OF COMPROMISE IMMIGRATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The House leadership is expected to arrange for a meeting Friday of the Rules Committee to provide right-of-way to the House floor for a compromise immigration bill which was overwhelmingly approved late Wednesday in the Senate and was tentatively acceptable to the House Judiciary Committee.

The compromise version contains a provision which revives 18,656 visas that were left unused under the Refugee Relief Act. Of these, about 14,000 would be available to refugees from communism and other political persecution in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, including Jewish refugees from Egypt.

The Senate bill is almost identical with a version pending in the House and sponsored by Chairman Francis E. Walter of the House Immigration Subcommittee. In an informal conference Tuesday, Walter agreed to steer the proposal through the House after it cleared the Rules Committee.

The Senate bill would admit about 60,000 persons next year in various categories. It wipes out the "mortgages" on national quotas carried over from the Displaced Persons Act. The Senate bill also permits entry of an unlimited number of orphans for adoption during the next two years; entry of some 30,000 relatives of refugees who came here previously; and tubercular relatives hitherto barred by health requirements. About 15,000 Russian-born immigrants who misrepresented their birthplace for fear of deportation also benefit from the bill, as do 400 specialists in various fields of extraordinary importance to the United States. Illegitimate children would have the same immigration rights as others.

Following passage of the bill in the Senate Wednesday night by a vote of 65-4, Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson said he hoped Congress would pass "a more substantial bill next year."

BILL RELEASING FUNDS TO ISRAELI INSTITUTIONS DELAYED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- A House-approved supplemental appropriation bill, including a provision released some \$3,500,000 in funds for distribution among numerous Israeli cultural, professional, philanthropic and educational institutions was temporarily delayed in the Senate today.

Objections were raised to two other sections of the measure, requiring that it be sent back to a Senate-House Conference to reconcile differing Senate and House views on the two disputed sections.

SCANDINAVIAN JEWISH FEDERATION HONORS J. D. C. OFFICIAL

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- For the first time in its 32-year history, the Scandinavian Jewish Federation has selected a Jew who does not come from one of the four countries in the federation to receive its highest honor, Knight of the Order of Kind David.

The award was made here at a dinner in the Copenhagen Guildhall last night to Charls H. Jordan, director general of the American Joint Distribution Committee, in recognition of his work in helping reconstruct Jewish life shattered by war and persecution in Denmark and Norway. The award was also conferred upon Dr. Marcus Melchior, Chief Rabbi of Denmark.

SEMACH HYMAN EMBARKS FOR ISRAEL AFTER U. S. TOUR OF DUTY

NEW YORK, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Israel Consul General Semach Hyman and Mrs. Hyman sailed today on the liner Zion for Europe en route to Israel on completion of his two-year tour of duty in New York. He will be succeeded by Simcha Pratt, presently Consul General in Chicago, who will assume his new duties here next month.

14-YEAR-OLD GIRL RETURNS TO ISRAEL AS STOWAWAY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Seven months after she unwillingly left Israel with her father to settle in Cuba, 14-year-old Deborah Pasternak was back today as a stow-away passenger on the Israeli freighter Shomron. "It's better here," she said happily, as the ship docked. Stowing away on the ship in Havana, Deborah was found at sea. After an exchange of cables between her mother in Israel and her father in Cuba, she was allowed to return here.