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MOSCOW PRESENTS WESTERN POWERS WITH NEW PLAN ON MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government presented last night a note to the United States Ambassador in Moscow suggesting a Russian formula for settling the Middle East crisis, it was announced here today. The full text of the 1,500 word note was not yet available here, but a summary cabled by the U. S. Embassy in Moscow to the State Department indicates that the note reiterates previous Soviet views on the Middle East situation.

A State Department spokesman said that if the United States finds anything constructive in the Moscow note, it will be given serious consideration. The note was also presented by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to the British and French ambassadors in the Soviet capital. A report from Paris this afternoon quoted a spokesman for the French Foreign Office as stating "we have not fully examined the note, but already we can say that it contains absolutely nothing new."

The new Soviet move is considered in Washington an attempt on the part of Moscow to get Western acknowledgment of Russia as a Middle Eastern power. The United States, Britain and France rejected a previous Soviet suggestion for a four-power declaration pledging the parties to refrain from force in the Middle East. The rejection was explained by the fact that the United Nations Charter already called for renunciation of force.

HENDERSON RETURNS FROM MIDDLE EAST; SAYS SYRIAN SITUATION VERY SERIOUS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Loy Henderson, Undersecretary of State, said today on his return from a special mission to the Middle East that he found the situation in Syria "extremely serious" and that he has brought back suggestions on how to cope with it.

Mr. Henderson told reporters at Washington's National Airport that the seriousness of the Syrian situation pertains not only to the Middle East but might affect the whole free world. He refused to say what Syria's neighbors were thinking, but made known that he had consulted in detail with American ambassadors to the countries directly concerned.

Mr. Henderson met this afternoon with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and submitted a verbal report on his talks with rulers of the Arab countries neighboring on Syria as well as of his conferences in Turkey, sandwiched in between Syria and the Soviet Union. Officials here indicated that Mr. Henderson's report may be decisive in the development of a U. S. program to counter the effects of Soviet influence in Syria.

It was indicated here today that the United States is not inclined to accept Turkey's suggestion that it become a full member of the Baghdad Pact which now unites Turkey, Iraq, Pakistan, Iran and Britain in a joint force against Communist aggression in the Near East. Officials said that any pact by the United States with Arab countries would necessitate a similar pact between this country and Israel. This, they stated, is also one of the reasons the State Department would not agree to become a formal member of the Baghdad Pact, although the United States participates informally in the military planning activities of the pact organization and sends military and economic aid to strengthen them against possible Communist aggression.

Turkey Stresses Importance of Israel in Talks with U. S. Diplomats

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Top Turkish officials, in recent talks with American diplomats, have stressed the importance of Israel as a stabilizing factor and a military power in the Middle East, according to reports received here today. Loy Henderson, State Department official, visited Turkey recently during his Middle East tour to consult with various governments on Syria's lurch to the left.

Turkish officials have recently made several gestures designed to underline Ankara's friendship for the Jewish State. However, the Turkish Government is not yet ready to return to Jerusalem the Minister who was recalled when Israel opened its Sinai operation.

ARABS CAN'T BEAT ISRAEL UNLESS BACKED BY A "GREAT POWER"

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Without the aid "of one of the Great Powers," the Arab states could not defeat Israel "but Israel naturally could not stand alone against a Great Power attack," Prime Minister David Ben Gurion declared in an interview published today.

Asked by the military correspondent of Davar, Labor daily, whether there was "any sense to a policy of retaliation," the Prime Minister, who also serves as Defense Minister, replied: "There is no dogmatic answer to such questions. At the present time, there is relative tranquility along our borders but Israel will not be caught napping if the situation changes."

Discussing the Sinai operation, the Prime Minister said that the Army General Staff was engaged in correction of some "organizational and implementation shortcomings noted in the campaign" with the result that the Israel Army was now even more effective "than during the Sinai campaign."

The Prime Minister said there had been "no little progress" in the field of atomic research in Israel and that there were "considerable prospects for further research but we are still in a state of 'he who girdeth his armor' and not in a state of 'he who putteth it off'."

In response to a question as to whether "Hatikvah" could continue to serve as Israel's national anthem after establishment of the Jewish State, Mr. Ben Gurion said: "There are important arguments for a new national anthem to express the mission of the State of Israel, but since less than 15 percent of the nation lives in Israel, there is still reason to retain the Hatikvah anthem."

STATEMENT BY EGYPTIAN WAR MINISTER PROVOKES CONCERN IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Official Israeli circles expressed concern today over a statement by Maj. Gen. Abdul Hakim Amer, Egypt's War Minister, indicating that Cairo was preparing to return its troops in full force to the Sinai Peninsula and the Gaza Strip.

According to information received here the Egyptian authorities have already completed arrangements for the return to Gaza of several battalions of troops composed of Palestine Arab refugees. Egyptian troops will take up their positions in Sinai.

Meanwhile, according to an announcement by the military authorities, Israeli patrols have captured a huge camel-powered arms convoy attempting to pass from the Sinai desert to Jordanian territory through southern Israel. The caravan, loaded down with rifles, submachine guns and ammunition, passed near United Nations Emergency Force positions at Kuntileh without being challenged.

ISRAEL REPORTED CEDING SMALL HILL TO JORDAN; SEEKS TO PREVENT CLASHES

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Israel has ceded to Jordan a small hill which has been involved in recent incidents, the London Daily Telegraph reported from Jerusalem today. The dispatch noted that in addition to helping determine the demarcation line between the two states, it is hoped that Israel's action will prevent further incidents in the area.

The hill, the Daily Telegraph report said, is a small triangular region in a previously unmarked region of the border. Ten days ago, Jordanian troops opened fire on an Israeli patrol on the height, explaining their action by laying claim to the territory for Jordan. Upon investigation by a mixed group representing both states and the UN truce staff, it was decided that the hill belonged to Jordan and the transfer was made immediately.

SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS TOMORROW ON JORDAN COMPLAINT AGAINST ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Jordan today requested an "urgent" meeting of the Security Council to hear a complaint regarding an alleged "serious situation because of an Israel violation of the armistice agreement in no-man's land in the Jerusalem sector." Informally, it was understood that the Council will accede to Jordan's request and will meet on the complaint Friday morning.

The Jordanian grievance was sent by Jordan's permanent representative here, Yusef Haikal, to this month's Council president, Dr. Emilio Nunez-Portuonda of Cuba. Jordan complained that on July 21 a number of Israelis "under the protection of Israeli security forces" entered no-man's land and "started digging, aided on succeeding days by bulldozers and tractors." The complaint said that Israel has continued these activities since July despite Jordanian protests to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Israel circles here pointed out that the work of which Jordan has complained probably concerns the project of planting a belt of trees around the outskirts of Israel's capital. In the letter Jordan cites specific sections of the armistice pact indicating that it will contend that Israel is performing the work in order to improve its military position.

U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL REPORTS "WILL TO PEACE" EXISTS IN MIDDLE EAST

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold insisted today that there was still existent in the Middle East "a basic will to peace." He said that the Arab-Israeli armistice agreements--which Israel views as no longer valid--must be restored to effectiveness, and that the problem of the Arab refugees remains one of the "special responsibilities" of the United Nations.

Mr. Hammarskjold made these observations in the introduction to his annual report to the General Assembly. The report itself, addressed to the forthcoming twelfth session of the Assembly, convening September 17, was issued by the Secretary General several weeks ago. It has been his practice to file the introduction as a separate document each year just prior to the opening of the Assembly.

"In the Palestine question," he declared, "the United Nations has two special responsibilities." One of these is in regard to the armistice agreements endorsed by the Security Council. The other is the humanitarian responsibility for the Palestine refugees, who have been under United Nations jurisdiction for nine years now as homeless victims of events outside their control, while the problem of the repatriation or resettlement has remained unsolved by the governments upon whom rest their hopes for a life more consonant with human dignity.

"To work toward a restoration of the armistice agreements, primarily in their spirit but, in consequence, also in their letter," the Secretary General continued, "and to give constructive help to the refugees, are obligations of the first priority resting upon the Organization and its member governments."

Says Difficulties in Reaching Arab-Israeli Peace Must Be Surmounted

"There continues to exist, I am convinced, a basic will to peace in the area despite whatever signs there may have been to the contrary," he declared. "I would be the last to minimize the very great difficulties that lie in the way of steps by governments which are necessary in order to translate this will to peace into concrete progress toward peaceful solutions. These difficulties nevertheless must be surmounted."

"The UN could not and, of course, should not attempt to do this alone," Mr. Hammarskjold added. "The governments concerned, with whom the power of decision rests, may not be able to do it alone. But the governments, strengthened by the help available from and within the United Nations can, and I hope will, decide to lead their peoples step by step upon this road toward a more secure and promising future for them all."

Mr. Hammarskjold paid high tribute to the UN Emergency Force. "The comparative quiet" in the area patrolled by UNEF "is a welcome symptom," he said. However, the Secretary General pointed out that "there have been few, if any, signs of further progress" from the stage of comparative quiet to peace in the area.

Elsewhere in the introduction, dealing with the Suez Canal problem, Mr. Hammarskjold made this specific point: "It should also be noted that the six-year-old question of Israeli shipping remains in dispute."

BEN GURION STUDIES REPORT ON MOODS OF JEWS IN THE SOVIET UNION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion is studying a report on the possibilities of Jewish immigration from the Soviet Union brought home by the Israeli delegation to the recent Moscow youth festival, it was reported in the press today.

The report is said to point out that the desire to go to Israel is shared by Russian Jewish youth as well as the older generation of Jews. It is believed that since many Jewish youths have shown no desire to assimilate, the Soviet authorities may reverse their position and permit Israel-bound emigration.

JEWISH GROUPS HAIL CIVIL RIGHTS LAW; DEMAND SINCERE ADMINISTRATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- A statement expressing guarded approval of the civil rights bill adopted by Congress just before it adjourned last week-end, was issued today by the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee and the Jewish War Veterans of the United States--all affiliated with the National Community Relations Advisory Council. Other groups affiliated with the NCRAC concurred.

The statement observed that the significance of the civil rights enactment will depend on the sincerity with which it is administered. It called on President Eisenhower to make appointments under the law that will make it a "turning point in the struggle toward equality for all Americans." It pledged "whole hearted cooperation in every effort to realize the purposes of the legislation" and expressed the hope that a new era had been inaugurated, in which the nation would move forward toward realization of the rights guaranteed by the Constitution and the Supreme Court.

"This bill," the statement of the Jewish organizations said, "can mean much or little depending upon the people President Eisenhower appoints to carry out its provisions, and the sincerity with which they devote themselves to the discharge of their responsibilities. If the President appoints an Assistant Attorney General and six Commissioners genuinely devoted to the advancement of civil rights, the bill can become an important turning point in the struggle toward equality for all Americans."

WOMEN FROM 20 COMMUNITIES TO LEAVE ON U. J. A. OVERSEAS MISSION

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- A United Jewish Appeal National Women's Division Survey Mission will leave this Friday on a 17-day survey of UJA-financed welfare, rehabilitation and resettlement programs in Europe and Israel, it was announced today.

The survey mission which is composed of 33 women leaders from 20 communities across the United States, is headed by Mrs. Jack A. Goodman, of Indianapolis, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal Women's Division. Its members represent a cross-section of important community organizations which allocate the major part of their proceeds to the nationwide United Jewish Appeal.

The group will make its first stop in Vienna before going to Israel on September 9th. In Vienna, mission members will visit Camp Korneuburg, an all-Jewish DP camp, and other UJA-financed reception centers where thousands of Jewish refugees are being cared for by the Joint Distribution Committee while waiting their turn for permanent resettlement in Israel and other free countries.

In Israel, where the mission will spend most of its time, the members will get first-hand reports on the efforts made during the past year to resettle and absorb 100,000 new immigrants into the life stream of the country. They will follow groups of newcomers from the moment they enter Israel at Haifa port, through the processing procedure during which time the immigrants receive food, parcels, money, clothing, various household effects, and move into newly developed settlements in every part of the country.

Members of the mission will meet with leaders of the Israeli Government and the Jewish Agency for Palestine, the philanthropic organization assisting newcomers to Israel. The Jewish Agency officials will outline their problems and plans for absorption of the continuing stream of refugees which again is expected to take some 100,000 in the next 12 months. The study group also will visit new housing developments and new agricultural communities established by the Agency.

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD DIRECTOR NAMED TO EISENHOWER'S ADVISORY BODY

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Rabbi Aryeh Lev, director of the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy of the National Jewish Welfare Board, has been appointed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to the newly-formed President's Citizens Advisory Committee on the Fitness of American Youth, it was announced here today.

The Advisory Committee was established by President Eisenhower to "consider and evaluate existing and prospective governmental and private measures conducive to the achievement of a happier, healthier and more completely fit American youth."

CORNERSTONE FOR "BOYS' TOWN" EDUCATIONAL CENTER LAID IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The cornerstone of the first structure of an anticipated 15-building educational center to be operated here by Boys' Town, Jerusalem, was dedicated today at a ceremony attended by Israeli Government and religious leaders, a representative of the United States Embassy and others. The building, which will be an industrial arts home for 140 boys, will be located on a ten-acre site between the new Hebrew University campus and Hadassah Hospital.

The institution, supported by an American committee headed by Ira Gulden of New York, combines religious and vocational education for boys. It has been in operation for the past four years. Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog of Israel, in an address at the ceremony, called the idea a "tower of strength for religious education and a link between the United States and Israel."

DR. GOLDSTEIN RETURNS FROM ISRAEL; REPORTS ON CULTURAL PLANS

NEW YORK, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The leadership of Israel is keenly aware of the importance of weaving a stronger spiritual-cultural bond between Israel and the Jewish communities throughout the world, Dr. Israel Goldstein, of the American Jewish Congress, reported here today following his return from Israel. It was his 25th visit to Jerusalem since the establishment of the Jewish State.

Observing that there is noticeable among Arab and Moslem leaders "a growing inclination to accept Israel's existence as a fact which cannot be nullified," the AJC leader said that this attitude "can become a startingpoint for working out at first a peaceful coexistence and eventually cooperation between Israel and its neighbors for the common good of all the nations in that area."

With the exception of the Syrian border, he observed, "the border tensions have been relatively quieter than in previous years, due partly to the presence of the UN forces on the Egyptian border but in larger measure due to a wholesome respect by the surrounding Arab states for Israel's military capacity. Such border violence as has been perpetrated has been met by Israel with great restraint. Yet the future is uncertain as long as Soviet Russia continues to supply arms and submarines to Syria and Egypt, which plan to use them against Israel."