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EBAN CONFERS WITH DULLES; STRESSES DANGER TO ISRAEL FROM SYRIA, EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today conferred with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and conveyed to him the views of the Israel Government on the present situation in the Middle East. Ambassador Edward B. Lawson, United States envoy to Israel, participated in the talk.

Mr. Eban said a central point in his presentation of views to Secretary Dulles was the danger to Israel's security arising from hostility on the part of neighboring states, especially Syria and Egypt which are receiving arms from the Soviet Union at a "vast rate." He emphasized to Mr. Dulles the importance of strengthening all available deterrents to aggression in the Middle East.

Ambassador Eban asked that the United States and other peace loving powers strongly oppose aggression against Middle East states, including Israel. This was discussed in the light of the Eisenhower Doctrine, the statement on Syria issued at the White House last Saturday, and the statement of April 9, 1956.

The Israel diplomat pointed out the need for the United States to make crystal clear its opposition to aggression. While Mr. Eban saw Israel's chief danger in Russian arms arriving in Syria and Egypt, he also expressed Israel's view on the U.S. program to arm Jordan. He said Israel feels the Western emphasis in its relation to the Middle East should be on raising living standards rather than arms.

Mr. Eban said he made special reference to "our efforts to strengthen our economy and our hope for continued cooperation with the United States in this respect." He did not raise any new matter involving obtainment by Israel of U.S. arms, noting that Israel's views were already well known. Some economic matters will rise in the next few weeks and Mr. Eban will be in touch with the Department of these as well as on the general situation.

ISRAEL BANS AIRLIFT OF U.S. ARMS TO JORDAN OVER ITS TERRITORY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Israel refused permission for American arms to be flown across Israel air space and delivered to Jordan, it was learned here today from informed sources. The request was put to Israel in the form of a feeler, seeking Israel's reaction. That reaction was firm and negative.

Israel is apprehensive about Washington's decision to dump quantities of arms on "pro-Western" Arab states, finding practically no difference in anti-Israel hostility between pro-Western and pro-Soviet Arab states. Both sides indicate an intense desire to use any arms they get against Israel.

Israel also recalls that when Washington first armed Iraq it made a clear distinction between countries neighboring on Israel and other Arab states. Additionally when Israel asked the U.S. for weapons it was told that Washington would not send arms to only one side--Israel or its neighboring Arab states.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry refused to comment on a report that Israel would soon renew its application to the Canadian Government to release for transfer a dozen Sabre jet aircraft. The transfer was approved and the planes were being prepared for shipment when the Sinai operation began and Ottawa froze the export license.

SYRIA CLASHES WITH LEBANON; 12 DEAD, MANY WOUNDED IN BORDER BATTLE

LONDON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- A Syrian military spokesman today charged Israel with armed aggression, alleging that Israeli troops occupied the Syrian village of Al Tawafik in the frontier zone in defiance of the United Nations Armistice agreement, a cable from Damascus reported.

A cable from Beirut, Lebanon, said a battle had erupted on the Lebanese-Syrian frontier today when an armed Syrian force clashed with a Lebanese patrol. Violent fighting ensued with early reports telling of at least 12 dead and many wounded. It is the most serious clash yet recorded on the tense frontier.

U.S. PLANS TO START SEEKING SETTLEMENT OF MAJOR ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The United States will make a new attempt to find basic solutions for Middle East problems growing out of the Arab-Israel conflict at the forthcoming UN General Assembly which opens here next Thursday, it was learned today.

This will be done through the revival of an American resolution first offered in the special General Assembly convened after Israel launched the Sinai operation. The resolution offered by U.S. delegate Henry Cabot Lodge on the night of November 3, 1956, called for dissolution of the old Palestine Conciliation Commission and the substitution of a committee to prepare recommendations, "after consulting with the parties to the general armistice agreements of 1949, regarding a settlement of the major problems outstanding between the Arab states and Israel, with a view to establishing conditions of permanent peace and stability in the area." The special committee would consist of five members and would submit its recommendations to both the General Assembly and the Security Council.

The State Department, it became known today, has been hoping to interest either a member government of the United Nations or some outstanding world personality to undertake the task of acting as intermediary between Israel and the Arab states. Having failed until now to fix upon an intermediary who would have the mutual confidence of all the Arab states and of Israel, the State Department is reportedly willing to revive the 1956 resolution and leave the task of locating an effective intermediary to the new committee.

In general, the State Department is understood to feel that this year's assembly will not offer the opportunity forefforts to find basic solutions to the Israel-Arab problems. However, it is said to be the hope of Washington officials that the new committee of five could start, perhaps slowly and quietly, to lay the basis for fundamental solutions of the Israel-Arab problems.

Z. O. A. CONVENTION OPENS WITH APPEALS TO U.S. ON ISRAEL'S SECURITY

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The 60th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America opened here tonight with appeals to the United States Government to prevent possible aggression against Israel by making it clear to the world that Israel will be defended if attacked by neighboring Arab countries.

Governor Averill A. Harriman, one of the principal speakers at the opening session, urged the State Department to effect a new approach to the Middle East that "will arrest the spiral of crisis" and that "will attack the major ills that oppress the people of the Middle East." Such an approach, he declared, "might well attract support and create a climate favorable for finding a basis for a rapprochement between the Arab countries and Israel" and thus "greatly lessen the opportunities for Soviet trouble-making in the Middle East."

At the same time, he strongly affirmed his position that "the road toward sanity and security in the Middle East lies, and has always lain, in making it clear beyond doubt, to all concerned--including the Arab leaders and the Kremlin--that Israel is here to stay, and that it will be defended, if necessary, with overwhelming outside help."

Gov. Harriman accused the Eisenhower Administration of "letting doubts grow, if indeed it did not sow them, about its readiness to live up to the pledge our government had made in the Tripartite Declaration of 1950. "Out of these grave doubts," he said, "grew fears, mounting border hostilities and increasing tension. And these, in turn, invited, inevitably, Soviet intrusion in cynical support of unjust and dangerous Arab purposes."

Dr. Neumann Urges Washington to Issue "Ringing of Declaration"

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, in his presidential address, blamed the Eisenhower Administration's "disastrous policy of appeasement and vacillation" for the dangerous situation in the Middle East. He termed the Eisenhower Doctrine "a half-measure, which is inoperative where no immediate military aggression is contemplated, and may prove to be an exercise in futility unless it is expanded and reinforced."

He asserted that the Syrian crisis "might have been a far more serious and immediate threat to American security, if Israel had not launched its Sinai Campaign eleven months ago--a campaign criticized and condemned in Washington and in the United Nations at that time, but which, today, in retrospect, is seen as a brilliant stroke in defense of the free world." He urged the government to issue a "ringing declaration, in language which Moscow will understand, that we will not tolerate even the threat of aggression against any country in the Middle East, with specific mention of Israel, the most obvious target."

Judge Simon E. Sobeloff of the United States Court of Appeals, another of the principal speakers at the opening session, declared that "despite momentary divergencies, the fundamental bonds of friendship and kinship between America and Israel remain unbroken and are destined to endure."

ANTI-JEWISH ELEMENTS ACTIVE ON EVE OF GERMANY'S NATIONAL ELECTIONS

BCNN, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The anti-Jewish note injected by some elements in Germany into the national election campaign was intensified today on the eve of the elections-- which will be held this Sunday--to a point where the youth division of the Social Democratic Party wired a protest to the Federal Minister of Interior.

The telegram charged that a "concerted and well-planned campaign" is being conducted to turn German voters against the Social Democratic Party by falsely representing its national chairman Erich Ollenhauer as a Jew. "This reprehensible piece of knavery is obviously designed to arouse the passions that are responsible for the darkest and most cruel events in German history," the telegram stated.

Meanwhile, Mainz police posted a \$240 reward for the persons who defaced Ollenhauer election posters with a Star of David bearing the inscription, "Jude," the symbol which all Jews were compelled to wear during Nazi rule.

Werner Buchstaller, chairman of the West Germany-wide "Young Socialists," demanded in his telegram to Minister of the Interior Gerhard Schroeder that he take "unequivocal counter action against such tendencies which are injurious to the prestige of the Federal Republic."

Germans placing the Stars of David on Ollenhauer election posters were understood to do so with the specific objective of giving tangible expression to a widespread anti-Semitic whispering campaign warning "good Germans" against supporting a party which might pick a Jew to be Chancellor.

GERMAN PUBLISHER SENTENCED FOR ANTI-JEWISH BOOKS LAUDING HITLER

KARLSRUHE, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The West German Supreme Court sentenced an avowed Nazi to two years imprisonment yesterday on charges that he imported, published and distributed books glorifying Hitler, and preaching anti-Semitism.

The publisher, Peter Lenz, who told the court in the course of the trial that he was still fighting for the Nazi cause, was also deprived of civil rights for three years and prohibited from publishing or selling books for five years. The presiding judge, in sentencing the Nazi, said the books glorified the Nazi state, idolized Hitler and consistently insulted the Jews.

JEWISH LIFE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA DECLINING; COMMUNITY CALLED "MUSEUM PIECE"

LONDON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Czechoslovakia is "neither allowed to live nor allowed to die," H.A. Goodman, Agudas Israel leader, declared here today upon his return from an extensive visit to that community. He characterized the Jewish community of Prague as a "museum piece."

There are some 20,000 Jews registered with communities, about 12,000 in Slovakia and 8,000 in Bohemia. In addition, he estimated that there were another 20,000 unaffiliated Jews in Czechoslovakia. There were, he said, more intermarriages than unions in which both partners were Jewish.

Mr. Goodman reported that the Alt-Neu Synagogue, Prague's 1,000 year old synagogue was open for worship every day, during his visit, but he rarely saw more than a bare minyan--ten--of worshippers in it. On the walls of the synagogue, which houses the Jewish Museum, termed by Mr. Goodman the community's most important asset, are being inscribed the names of 80,000 Prague Jews deported to their death by the Nazis. Of the 400,000 Jews in pre-war Czechoslovakia, over 250,000 were sent to the death camps.

The Agudah leader said he had raised with the Czechoslovak authorities the question of Jewish religious instruction for children. At present, both parents must make written application before a child is given permission to attend religious classes, which provide but one hour's instruction a week.

An official of the Czechoslovak Ministry of Religion told Mr. Goodman that there would not be any objection to the opening of a Talmud Torah in Prague for children to attend whenever they chose. In discussing the question of enabling young Jews to study for the rabbinate, the official said there would be no objection to permitting such young men to go abroad for their education, since no facilities exist in this country. However, he countered Mr. Goodman's suggestion of study in London by suggesting they attend either the Moscow yeshivah or one in Arad, Rumania.

Mr. Goodman also reported that Prague Chief Rabbi M. Sicher had urged Jewish communities abroad to take an interest in the maintenance of the cemetery at Terezin, site of a Nazi death camp. The Prague community, he said, had used up all its funds and unless it received assistance from without, the cemetery would have to come under the care of the state. In that event, Rabbi Sicher said, the soil in which thousands of Jews from all over Europe are buried would still be vested in the Chief Rabbinate for religious administration.

The Agudist representative said that the Czechoslovak state displayed a positive attitude toward the maintenance of the Jewish communities, paying the salaries of all

religious functionaries from Chief Rabbi and shochet to mikveh attendant and kashruth overseer in kosher kitchens. He further reported that Rabbi B. Farkas, who was arrested some months ago, is still in prison. He is expected to be released soon, Mr. Goodman said, but it is not known whether he will be allowed to resume his religious duties when he is freed.

There are no relations whatever between the Israel legation in Prague and the Jewish community, he stated. At the last Independence Day reception given by the Israelis in Prague, Czechoslovak Government officials attended, but members of the Jewish community did not.

Finally, he reported that the Jewish Museum authorities had expressed a willingness to send selected religious objects from the museum collection to be exhibited in London. The museum authorities, he said, would welcome closer relations with religious communities abroad. The Prague Chief Rabbinate had asked the Agudas Israel for various religious articles and publications of which very few were available in Czechoslovakia.

ISRAEL'S FIRST TURBOPROP PASSENGER AIRPLANE LANDS AT LYDDA

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The first of four new transatlantic airliners which will shortly put Israel among the leaders in transcontinental passenger service touched down today at Lydda, its new home base. It made the five-hour and 48-minute trip from England at an average speed of over 400 miles an hour, hitting a top of 450 miles per hour.

The ship, a British-manufactured Bristol Britannia, is expected to cut the time of the Tel Aviv-New York trip almost in half. The first of the new turboprop aircraft, nicknamed the "whispering giant," is expected to be put into transatlantic service this December by El Al, Israel's national airline.

When all four Britannias are in service, the American-built Constellations now used on the Atlantic run, will be put on the Tel Aviv-Johannesburg line and possibly will be used to transport immigrants.

The huge plane touched down lightly at 5:03 P.M. local time, guided by El Al's chief pilots. All was in readiness for the new flagship of Israel's national airline. Shops had been set up to care for its engines, electrical and hydraulic systems, radios and furnishings. Spare engines were waiting in racks. Maintenance crews, specially briefed in lengthy courses, were ready to go to work on any part of the ship.

The white-and-blue painted plane and its crew also found a crowd of 1,000 persons waiting to greet them. In the crowd were British Ambassador Sir Francis Randal, Israel Transportation Minister Moshe Carmel and top El Al management figures. An Army band was on hand to play Hatikvah while Chief Pilot Zvi Tohar received a bouquet of flowers from his young daughter.

J.D.C. LEADER DISCUSSES RABBINICAL SEMINARY FOR SOUTH AMERICA

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The establishment in Argentina of a rabbinical seminary to train rabbis specifically for service in South American Jewish communities was discussed here today by Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, with Argentine Jewish leaders.

Mr. Leavitt, who filled in Argentine leaders on JDC operations throughout the world, also conferred with educational authorities on how the Conference on Jewish Material Claims could assist in extending teacher training facilities in the Argentine Jewish community. The JDC leader, who is also secretary of the Claims Conference, has had previous conversation along these lines with Jewish community officials in Peru and Chile.

ROBERT LEHMAN DECORATED BY FRANCE; EXHIBITS 300 ART MASTERPIECES

PARIS, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Premier Maurice Bourges-Maunoury of France today conferred upon Robert Lehman, senior partner in the 107-year-old banking house of Lehman Brothers and the Lehman Corporation, the order of an officer in the Legion of Honor.

For the past three months a special collection of 300 masterpieces in art from the Lehman collection have been on public showing at the Orangerie des Tuilleries of the Louvre and has drawn crowds averaging 3,000 a day. Mr. Lehman is exhibiting these are treasures on invitation from the director of the national museums of France. This is the first time that the great French museum has ever shown the individual collection of a single American.

NEW YORK MAYOR PROCLAIMS "HADASSAH MONTH"; NEW MEMBERS SCUGHT

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner today proclaimed September 15 through October 15, 1957, as "Hadassah Month" in New York City, as a means of spurring a special membership drive to secure 10,000 new members in New York area for Hadassah. This is part of a nationwide drive for 30,000 new members. Hadassah now has a membership of 315,000 throughout the United States, Alaska and Puerto Rico.