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SOVIET AGENTS KIDNAP AND TORTURE ISRAELI DIPLOMAT; ISRAEL PROTESTS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Israel Government disclosed today that it had protested to the Soviet Government against the kidnapping and third degree torture of an Israeli diplomat by Soviet secret service agents in Odessa.

The protest was lodged by the Israel Embassy in Moscow with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Seminov, who promised to investigate. Meanwhile, the Israeli diplomat, Eliahu Chazan, and his wife have been taken out of the USSR and are en route to Israel. The details of the kidnapping and of the efforts of the Soviet agents to pressure the Israeli diplomat into their spy service were revealed today by Dr. Walter Eytan, director general of Israel's Foreign Ministry.

"Mr. Chazan, an attache in Moscow since 1955, was spending a vacation with his London-born wife in Odessa during the first week of September," Mr. Eytan reported. "On September 7, at about 9 P. M., while the Israeli diplomat was visiting at the home of a friend, officers of the Soviet secret service appeared; one of them, whom the others addressed as 'Captain', declared that they had an order to search the house."

The Israeli diplomat was detained on the spot. In spite of the fact that Mr. Chazan produced his diplomatic identity card, the security officers rejected his demand that he be released immediately or allowed to contact the Israel Embassy in Moscow, Dr. Eytan stated.

"At about 10 P. M.," the Israeli Foreign Ministry official continued, "when the Israeli diplomat had started on his way to his hotel, accompanied by one of the security officers, three more security officers joined them and the four forcibly pushed him into a house in a street they were passing. A uniformed sentry was standing guard at the entrance to the house."

The Israeli diplomat was led into a room furnished like an office, Dr. Eytan related, where he was detained until 10 A. M. the next morning, despite his protests. "A man began investigating him, using methods of pressure," Dr. Eytan charged.

Told He Would be Killed Unless Agrees to Act as Soviet Spy

Mr. Chazan was informed, through an interpreter, that he "no longer enjoyed diplomatic immunity." The investigating officer repeatedly threatened him, telling him he would "never again see his wife or daughter unless he agreed to enter the service of the MGB (the Ministry of State Security)."

When Mr. Chazan referred anew to his diplomatic immunity, the investigator told him that the "MGB was the most powerful body in the USSR and was not subject to international law or usage." The investigator warned: "You will simply disappear and your clothes will be found on a beach; it happens that people go swimming in the sea and do not return; that's all; no law will help you. You're in our hands and you have no choice but to submit to us if you ever want to see your wife and daughter again."

Pressure and threats were kept up continuously for 12 hours, while strong lights shone on his face. Finally, on September 8, Mr. Chazan was released and permitted to visit his wife who, prior to his arrest, had been taken to a hospital suffering from gastric poisoning. After that Mr. Chazan was ordered to telephone the Israel Embassy in Moscow so as not to arouse suspicion there.

The same day he was again brought before the same investigator, this time in a room in Mr. Chazan's hotel. He was again held for a number of hours. This was repeated during the next two days, too. Mr. Chazan was detained a total of 26 and a half hours. During all this time the investigator tried to obtain information from Mr. Chazan and to press him into the Soviet Secret Service, Dr. Eytan charged.

On September 11, the Israeli diplomat and his wife were permitted to board a plane for Moscow, after 500 roubles had been forcibly stuffed into his coat pockets. The investigator warned Mr. Chazan "not to say a word to the Israel Ambassador or any other member of the Embassy staff about what had happened," Dr. Eytan revealed. He was warned that "any attempt to do so would lead to his physical liquidation and no security precautions" would be able to save him. "The arm of the MGB can reach you anywhere in the world," he was told.

GOLDMANN SEES DANGER FOR ISRAEL; ALSO GREAT IMMIGRATION PROSPECT

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Jewish people, led by the Zionist movement may soon be called upon "to throw in its full support to Israel" as it did in last year's crisis, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, indicated in a statement which he sent from Europe to the Zionist Organization of America convention which concluded here last night. The statement, addressed to Dr. Emanuel Neumann, ZOA president, reads:

"It seems to me that Israel is entering into a period full of political difficulties and dangers but, at the same time, full of great prospects for large aliyah and development of the country. As long as the cold war goes on and in view of Soviet Russia having established itself in the area of the Middle East the danger of a policy appeasement vis-a-vis the Arabs by both blocs and the isolation of Israel will be permanent and may even grow. At the same time, the Arab states are being strengthened militarily, the ones by the Soviet Union and the others by the Western Powers which may alter the military balance to the detriment of Israel.

"This development will, naturally, weaken the influence of more reasonable leaders in the Arab world, who, after the Sinai campaign, may have begun to think of the possibility of some arrangement with Israel and will encourage the xenophobic and extremist elements in the Arab leadership who still hope to be able to eliminate Israel in some future. In this period, the Jewish people led by the Zionist movement will have to be ready to throw in its full support to Israel as it has done in the past crisis of last year, although this time the critical situation may last much longer than the crisis following the Sinai campaign.

"At the same time, there are prospects for large immigration into Israel even from Eastern European countries will all the historical significance which is attached to it. But in order to cope with this task the Jewish people will have to make a much greater financial effort than it has done till now; otherwise we will all be guilty of the historical crime of not having provided the means to save ten thousands of Jews who have suffered so much for decades and whose return to Jewish life and to Israel is something like a miracle in our modern history."

Says U.S. Jewish Youth Can Become Chalutzic Minded

Touching upon the need for clarification of the ideological and historical position of the Zionist movement, Dr. Goldmann referred to the "paradoxical positions" taken by Israel Premier David Ben Gurion on the meaning of Zionism in public statements in Jerusalem, and stressed that the existence of a strong Zionist movement is essential to Israel's future.

"The movement," he stated "has by far not yet fulfilled its historical tasks. It is fortunately true that the overwhelming majority of the Jewish people is ready to support Israel. But a people has always to be organized and led by dynamic movement; this is one of the laws of democracy. Just as the Zionist movement has mobilized the people to support the fight for the creation of the State of Israel we will have to go on, for a long time, to rally the people around Israel and bring it into a position not only of friends, helpers, and benefactors, but of partners, sharing responsibility for Israel's future and destiny.

"It will be the task of our movement to overcome the difficulties to such a concept of partnership both within the Jewish communities of the Diaspora who may be frightened by notions of double loyalty and similar fears, and within Israel where some like the Prime Minister feel that only those who live there are the builders and responsible shapers of its destiny. We must make them realize the specific position of the Jewish people, at least as long as its majority lives in the Diaspora which makes it essential that Israel be the joint greatest enterprise of the whole Jewish people.

"To put through this concept both in the Diaspora and in Israel seems to me to be for the next years, the most essential historical task of the Zionist movement. Because if we will not succeed and a gap should develop between Israel and the Diaspora this will be, as I said it in Israel, disastrous for Israel and catastrophic for the Diaspora. This leads me to emphasize the necessity to concentrate more and more, in addition to whatever we do in developing and maintaining Jewish life in the Diaspora, on educating Zionists and especially the youth to connect their life with Israel, starting with personal investments and findings its most ideal expression in personal aliyah.

"Between these two poles many other methods have to be worked out, regular visits to Israel, seminars, years of study and work, participating in concrete enterprises; all this will lead, I am convinced, more and more young people to be attracted by what only Israel can offer to a young Jew, a harmonious and perfect life as a Jew and a human being. I have never agreed with those who think that American and Western Jewish youth cannot be chalutzic minded. It is a question of time, of education, of emphasis, of new methods. But I am sure, that a vital and vigorous Zionist movement can develop a chalutzic movement in the course of time both in Western Europe and on the American continent."

U. N. ASSEMBLY OPENS TODAY; WILL DISCUSS ISSUES AFFECTING ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The 12th annual session of the United Nations General Assembly opens here tomorrow to discuss various world problems, including some affecting Israel directly. Ambassador Abba Eban, head of Israel's delegation, conferred today with UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold for a full hour in connection with the Assembly's agenda.

No details of their talk was revealed. All that Mr. Eban said after the conference was that he and Mr. Hammarskjold engaged in a "full exchange of views." Mordecai Kidron, deputy head of the Israel delegation to the UN, was also present at the conference.

Israel Foreign Minister Mrs. Golda Meir is arriving here tomorrow. Her presence will not only add strength to the Israel delegation but will also aid in the implementation of the delegation's plans for this year's session. Those plans, it is understood, involve three principle objectives, which are:

1. Maintenance of the status quo along the Egyptian and Gaza Strip borders. Israel is interested in the continued deployment of the United Nations Emergency Force along the lines it occupies now on the Gaza Strip frontier and at Sharm el Sheikh on the shore of the Gulf of Akaba.

2. Use of the United Nations as a forum for the exposition of Israel's basic attitudes regarding ultimate peaceful relations with all its Arab neighbors.

3. Use of the opportunity presented here for deepening and broadening of Israel's relations with many members. As of today, there is a certainty that at least 42 foreign ministers and cabinet ministers from member nations will attend this year's Assembly, in addition to Mrs. Meir. The presence of Israel's Foreign Minister here will give the Israel delegation a rare opportunity for contacting many of the foreign ministry heads on the highest level.

ISRAEL MAKES PLEA FOR PEACE WITH ARABS AT INTERNATIONAL PARLEY

LONDON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Israel renewed its plea for peace with its Arab neighbors before the conference of the Interparliamentary Union which is taking place here and which is attended by members of the Israel and Arab parliaments. However, the Arab speakers at the conference rejected Israel's appeal.

In an address which drew praise from a number of the 500 delegates of 49 countries attending the parley, David Hacohen, Israel's former Ambassador to Burma, asked the Arab states to allow the "small voice of Israel be heard above the noise, tensions and war preparations in the Middle East." Israel, he continued, wants peace but "we will never allow our neighbors to destroy us by force of arms, nor will they succeed."

Each of the Arab states, led by the Egyptian delegation, attacked Israel and its proposals, asserting that the Middle East could not return to peace as long as the Jewish State existed. They were backed by the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Pakistan. Pressure was being built up behind a resolution on refugees which the Arab states were attempting to use to force repatriation of Palestine Arabs on Israel.

The Dutch delegation was favorable to Israel and British delegate Elaine Burton objected to the attempt to single out the Arab refugees among all the others. She suggested that this specific problem might be solved by an Arab-Israel settlement recognizing Israel's existence and ending the Arab blockade and boycott of Israel.

ITALY NOT MEDIATING ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUES, ITALIAN MINISTER SAYS

ROME, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Giuseppe Pella, taking cognizance of repeated reports of Italy's interest in mediating between Israel and the Arab states, said today that mediation could only be entered into upon the express request of the interested parties.

Peace in the Middle East, the Italian statesman continued, is a grave problem which must be solved within the regional framework. At this moment, he stated firmly, Italy is not mediating any issues, large or small.

ISRAEL FINANCE MINISTER SEEKS NEW CREDITS IN FRANCE, ITALY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Levi Eshkol, Israel's Finance Minister, was enroute today to Rome and Paris to negotiate credits for Israel and to discuss details of implementation of French investment credits.

Mr. Eshkol will negotiate in Rome the final stages of a new Italian credit for the Jewish Agency's settlement work and may also discuss the problem of providing new sources for certain raw materials needed in Israel.

The Finance Minister may also add to his Paris agenda a discussion of problems in connection with projects for the installation of equipment for overland transportation of bulk fluid cargoes which are already covered in the French credit agreement.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS WITHHOLD DECISION ON SHELL OIL BOYCOTT

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The national policy committee of the Jewish War Veterans agreed this weekend to "withhold action" on proposals to boycott Shell Oil Company products in retaliation for the company's withdrawal of its operations from Israel.

The JWV decision is conditional upon the completion of negotiations with the company which, JWV national commander Benjamin Chasin said might "change the complexion" of his organization's attitude. If the negotiations do not come to a satisfactory conclusion, he added, the JWV will "reassess its decision to withhold action."

U. J. A. URGENTLY ASKS COMMUNITIES TO PROVIDE \$30,000,000 IN CASH

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- An urgent call to Jewish communities throughout the country to make available \$30,000,000 in cash for the United Jewish Appeal by December 13, to help stem the mounting refugee crisis overseas, went out today from Philip W. Lown of Boston, and Samuel Rothberg of Peoria, Ill., UJA National Cash Chairman. They stressed the need for the first \$15,000,000 to be raised by October 18.

The \$30,000,000 goal for the three-month special cash collection drive is part of the UJA's two-fold campaign this year. More than \$45,000,000 in cash already has been realized from campaigns in local communities throughout the country.

RESORT HOTEL CLOSES ITS NEW YORK OFFICES RATHER THAN ADMIT JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- A major out-of-state luxury resort hotel charged with violation of the New York State anti-discrimination law has closed its New York offices, it was revealed today. The action was taken by The Homestead of Hot Springs, Va., after charges against it by Mrs. David Kaplan of Jackson Heights, N. Y., who accused the hotel of having rejected her request for reservations "solely because of my being of the Jewish faith."

The charges had been filed before the State Commission Against Discrimination and were supported by a memorandum of law from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. In informing the League of the hotel's action, the State Commission said that the brief filed by the hotel's defense attorneys contended that by closing its New York office "it is no longer possible for the Homestead to discriminate in New York" and that therefore the case against it becomes "moot."

In an answering memorandum filed with SCAD, the Anti-Defamation League asserted that The Homestead's practice of discrimination remains "a live issue," despite the fact that it has closed its offices in New York. "The Homestead," ADL declared, "operated an office in New York for many years. Unless SCAD orders the hotel to cease discrimination in New York State, there will be nothing to prevent it from reopening a New York office and resuming its bigoted policy at a future date."

CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN PRESENTED WITH ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF TALMUD

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- An English translation of the Talmud was presented to United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren yesterday at the conclusion of a three-day seminar on Jewish law held at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America this weekend. Justice Warren attended all the lecture-discussion sessions devoted to "Law as a Moral Force."

In accepting the work, Justice Warren commented that "there is as much intolerance, as much bigotry and as much hatred rampant in the world today as when these great scholars were developing and evolving this Talmud." He promised to read the 30 volumes of Jewish law and commentary and to "study it with great humility."

AMERICAN-ISRAEL SHIPPING LINE CANCELS WEST INDIES CRUISES

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The American-Israeli Shipping Company announced today the cancellation of plans for 1957-58 winter cruises to the West Indies by its passenger liner Theodor Herzl.

Because of a delay in completion of the Jerusalem, sister ship of the new Herzl, the latter will remain on her present Mediterranean run. Both the Herzl and the Jerusalem were built in German shipyards under the terms of the Israel-German reparations pact.

ISRAEL AND FINLAND SIGN \$11,000,000 TRADE AGREEMENT IN HELSINKI

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Israel and Finland have signed a new \$11,000,000 trade agreement, the Israel Foreign Ministry announced today. Formal signature took place in Helsinki Friday. Israel will sell Finland citrus products, tires and textile, taking in exchange paper, cartons and pulp.