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ISRAEL RECEIVES SOVIET NOTE ON KIDNAPPED DIPLOMAT; REJECTS ALLEGATIONS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry announced today receipt of a Soviet note in reply to its protest against the kidnapping and mistreatment of Eliahu Chazan, an attache at the Israel Embassy in Moscow. However, it refused at this time to publish the contents of the note or to discuss them.

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry stated that "we have completed confidence in Chazan." He made this statement in comment on Soviet press reports attacking Mr. Chazan for allegedly carrying on anti-Soviet activities and, by implication, of not giving his superiors an honest account of what had happened to him.

(Reports from Moscow declared that the Soviet note had stated that Mr. Chazan was held one hour, not 26 as Israel charged, and that he had not been mistreated but released as soon as he showed his diplomatic identity papers and signed a statement allegedly admitting his activities. The note reportedly called the Israeli statement of Mr. Chazan's experiences a "fabrication" and charged that the Israeli had been apprehended handing over anti-Soviet literature to a Soviet Jew.)

Asked by a newspaperman whether it was "correct" that Mr. Chazan had signed a statement admitting alleged anti-Soviet propaganda activities, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said "it is entirely irrelevant." The spokesman also indicated that Dr. Walter Eytan, director general of the Foreign Ministry, might have reported on the Soviet reply at today's meeting of the Cabinet. During the week-end, the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee met on the Chazan affair, but its deliberations remain a closely guarded secret.

UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA PREPARING FOR FIGHT ON MIDDLE EAST AT U.N.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The United States and the Soviet Union are preparing at the United Nations for a knock-down fight on the Middle East, it was believed in diplomatic circles here today following the exchange of charges by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko at the UN General Assembly this week-end. At stake was the body of world opinion and the UN voting power of 28 Afro-Asian members.

Yesterday, the UN published a formal Soviet request to place the Middle East issue on the Assembly agenda. In a statement submitted to the UN yesterday, Mr. Gromyko denied Secretary Dulles' charges that the Russians were risking a war in the Middle East by supplying Syria with arms. The Soviet Foreign Ministry blamed the United States for the Middle East crisis and denied that the Kremlin was inviting a war by shipping arms to the Arab State.

A spokesman for the American delegation indicated today that the United States would reply to the latest Soviet charges. This announcement set off new speculation about the American course in relation to Syria and the Middle East in general. It also opened the possibility that the United States might be preparing a new move in this direction, at the current Assembly session or through other channels. It was also reported here that consultations were under way among the United States and other Western delegations on a joint approach to the issue.

Arab Delegations Do Not Favor Middle East Debate at U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The Arab delegations at the General Assembly were understood today, following the major policy speeches of Secretary of State Dulles and Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko, not to favor a full-scale debate on the Middle East issue during the current Assembly session.

Observers here indicated that the basis for Arab opposition was the certainty that such a debate would spotlight the current split in the Arab world between the so-called pro-Western Arab countries and the two lined up with Soviet policy--Syria and Egypt.

The effect of the Dulles and Gromyko speeches was to propel the Middle Eastern situation into first place in the Assembly's attention. Speaking 24 hours after Mr. Dulles, the Soviet Foreign Minister proposed Friday to the General Assembly that the Soviet Union

be given the opportunity to share with the United States, Britain and France the responsibility for maintaining peace in the Middle East. His five-point formula was viewed by many diplomats here as virtually a carbon copy of the principal resolution adopted by the Bandung conference of Afro-Asian states in April, 1955.

Sir Leslie Knox Munro, president of the General Assembly, speaking on a coast-to-coast broadcast produced by the United Nations radio, said that the stabilization of Israeli-Arab relations is the "obvious" and "urgent" need in regard to United Nations action in the Middle East. However, he added that the problem should be handled through "quiet diplomacy" rather than in the glare of publicity.

GOLDA MEIR SEES THREAT TO ISRAEL IN FLOW OF ARMS TO ARAB COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The present flow of arms into Syria and Egypt from the Soviet bloc and to other Arab countries from the West, represents a "threat of mounting gravity to the security of Israel," Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, declared here last night at the National Economic Mobilization Conference for Israel Bonds which concluded its three-day session today, launching a drive to raise \$75,000,000 in 1957 through the sale of Israel bonds.

"There is growing concern in Israel that the increasing build-up of Soviet arms and planes and technicians on the one hand, and constant provocative propaganda in the press and Arabic language radio from Moscow on the other, may embolden Syria to mount an attack against the State of Israel," Mrs. Meir told the 1,200 Jewish leaders who attended the conference. "If, as has recently been pointed out, the Syrian situation constitutes a danger to Turkey, it most certainly represents less a danger to Israel.

"While our interest is focused on Syria one should not overlook the fact that Egypt too is being armed anew," she continued. "For the first time submarines have been introduced into the area. Both Egypt and Syria are now in possession of this deadly weapon. Let us also not overlook the shipment of arms from Western sources to our other neighbors. The leaders of these countries, too, have not changed in the slightest their expressed intentions to attack and destroy Israel."

Mrs. Meir pointed out that the present situation has increased Israel's economic burdens, because the Jewish State must make large expenditures to strengthen its defensive position. However, she emphasized that, despite its intensified security needs, Israel will go forward with its program to receive and absorb 100,000 immigrants this year. "The success of the Israel bond campaign is important," she said, "not only to provide homes and jobs for the newcomers but also to overcome the obstacles of the Arab economic boycott and blockade."

Eban Says U.N. Cannot Remain Indifferent to Arms Race in Middle East

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, addressing the closing session of the conference today, referred to the dangers facing Israel and added: "It would be an error to speak only of Israel's perils, grave as they are, and not to recognize any affirmative elements in her security position. Our neighbors would be well advised to adjust their plans to the reality of our growing strength. Nor are we unimpressed by the consistency with which other powers, including the United States, inform us from time to time of their support for Israel's independence and integrity.

"But the utterances of Arab leaders, and of others, lead us to doubt whether they have a clear or realistic picture of what they would incur by aggression against us," Mr. Eban continued. "Thus, even when Western arms shipments to our hostile neighbors are relatively small, they have their psychological dangers. A spiral of armament is in full progress in our region while its needs for economic progress are sadly neglected. In discussing the general theme of disarmament, the United Nations cannot shut its eyes to the explosive arms competition in our region."

Asserting that "the success of the Israel bond enterprise has never been more vital than today," Ambassador Eban stressed that "it would be a tragic irony if the preoccupation with Israel's security were to weaken the effort on behalf of her economic progress. If Israel's economy is sound and strong, she will not fail to find ways of reinforcing her defensive strength," he declared.

1,000,000 Americans Have Bought Israel Bonds, Dr. Schwartz Reports

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization, reported that more than 1,000,000 Americans have bought Israel bonds since the inception of the bond drive in 1951. Since that time Israel bond sales have topped \$300,000,000.

Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, stressed the importance of selling Israel bonds to expand the country's export trade. Such aid to Israel's economy, he said, would help Israel to overcome the "stumbling block" of the Arab economic boycott. "Despite the Arab boycott and the Arab blockade, Israel's export trade this year will reach the record figure of \$200,000,000 as compared with the figure of \$105,000,000 in 1956," he stated.

Herbert R. Abeles, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, warned the delegates that "Israel's needs cannot be conceived in terms of year-to-year

emergencies." Supporters of Israel's economic upbuilding must not become complacent, he asserted, nor must they fail to meet their responsibilities. foremost among them the purchase of Israel bonds. Although Israel's ultimate goal of economic independence will not be achieved without continued hardship, Mr. Abeles stated, large-scale financial assistance through the Israel bond campaign and other vital efforts will "help achieve that independence as quickly as possible."

Dr. Silver Asks Russia to Permit Jews to Emigrate to Israel

Because anti-Semitism continues as a serious problem in Soviet Russia, the Jews of that country should be permitted to emigrate to Israel, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization, told the delegates to the conference. "Many hundreds of thousands would be coming to Israel today, especially from Soviet Russia, if the doors of emigration were open to them," Dr. Silver said.

"The Jews of Russia have not been granted the national and cultural rights which are granted to other minorities within the Soviet Union," the Zionist leader stated. "Four decades of cultural, religious and communal repression, which culminated in the violent Stalinist anti-Semitism, have given many Jews within the Soviet Union a feeling of group insecurity. These Jews should be given the right to emigrate."

Other speakers included Dr. David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel; Eddie Cantor, who has given outstanding leadership to the Israel Bond effort; and Dr. Renana Ben Gurion, daughter of Israel's Prime Minister. Samuel Rothberg, formerly national chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, was designated national chairman for trustees of the Israel bond drive. Trustees are those who purchase \$10,000 or more in State of Israel bonds. Eddie Cantor was named national chairman of the "Builders of Israel."

DR. GOLDMANN DENIES RECEIVING SOVIET VISA; SAYS HE SOUGHT NONE

GENEVA, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Godlmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and of the World Jewish Congress, denied today reports that he had received a Soviet visa and planned to visit the USSR in the near future.

"I have not applied for a Russian visa nor have I received one," he stated. "It is not my intention to visit the Soviet Union during the next couple of months, as in any case my time is already filled for this period with various other engagements." Dr. Goldmann is scheduled to leave for Marseilles today to take a ship back to Israel.

30,000 JEWS REPORTED LIVING IN SOVIETIZED LVOV; 10,000 IN RIGA

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- There are 10,000 Jews in Riga, capital of Soviet Lithuania, and 30,000 in Lvov, Soviet Galicia, compared with pre-war Jewish populations of 50,000 and 100,000, most of them slaughtered by the Nazis, the New York Times reported in a dispatch from Moscow.

The two cities, reopened recently after being closed to western correspondents since they were occupied by the Red Army, were visited by a Times correspondent, who wrote that the death of religion in the Soviet satellite empire was nowhere portrayed "so graphically as in the single synagogues that now serve the once important Jewish communities of Riga and Lvov."

The Jews now in the two cities have moved in from other parts of Russian-controlled territory, he established. The correspondent reported that 30 to 40 elderly men were "the only ones who carry on the daily religious rituals." Only on high holy days every autumn are there more than a thousand worshippers in each city, he said.

BEN GURION GIVES VIEWS ON EMIGRATION OF U.S. JEWS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Israel Premier David Ben Gurion today made a plea for young American Jews, particularly scientists, to come to Israel to help build the state. Israel, he said, needed American "know-how." He spoke on a nationally televised program.

Asked for his definition of Zionism, he replied that a Jew should shape his own life in his country according to his own ideals and could only do this in Israel. He said he would like to see every Jew come to Israel, but many Jews are comfortable where they are and will stay there as long as they can. Some 2,000,000 Jews cannot stay where they are, he added, and are coming to Israel at the rate of 7,000 a month.

Asked about the relationship of American Jews to Israel, Ben Gurion said he understood that many of them were comfortable where they are. His relationship with Israel was a personal decision for every American Jew. If he were one, he said, he would go to Israel. The Premier told how on a visit to America he saw a "restricted" sign and he explained that that meant property was not for sale to Jews. He said he would not accept that.

Asked about his present work, the Premier said he preferred life at Sdeh Boker because there he could realize the ideals for which he first came to Palestine. But doing political work, he said, is not so pleasant--it is a duty.

3,100 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM EGYPT AND HUNGARY SETTLED IN SO. AMERICA

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, said here today that Latin American countries had accepted since last year a total of 3,100 Jewish refugees from Egypt and Hungary.

OSE RESUMES OPERATIONS IN ISRAEL; OPENS INSTITUTION FOR CHILDREN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The OSE resumed operations in Israel today with the opening of an institution for the treatment of children suffering from rheumatic fever and other heart diseases. The clinic, located near Kfar Saba, will accept 30 patients for the time being.

Present at the opening ceremonies was OSE director Dr. N.L. Wolf, who stressed the help South African Jews, particularly Abel Shaban, had given Israel. The clinic is named for Simon Bolivar, liberator of several South American nations. The Argentine Ambassador to Israel spoke.

U.S. JEWISH ATHLETES WIN TOP HONORS AT MACCABIAH GAMES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- American Jewish athletes won top honors in the men's track and field events, which ended this week-end at the Maccabiah Games at Ramath Gan. The Americans achieved first in 11 of 20 events, second in eight others and third in discus throwing. Also, the Americans set seven new records for Israel.

The United States athletes scored 197 points, topped only by Israel with 226 points. Israel scored points in both men's and women's events, while the Americans did not compete in the women's division. After the United States came Britain with 125 points, South Africa with 55, Australia with 35, Canada with 24, Chile with six, Finland with three and the Netherlands with one.

Bob Rittenburg, a hurdler, and Henry Laskau, the walking champion, accepted the Pierre Gilders Cup for the highest point score, which was awarded to the American contingent. The Israeli team received the President Ben Zvi Trophy for over-all point score.

In the swimming competitions which were held today, the South African teams swept three finals, followed in each race by the Israelis and the Americans, in that order. Joan Katz, 14-year-old American swimmer who is viewed as Olympic material by American swimming coaches, came in third in the 400 metre women's free style. In the volley ball games, the Israeli team beat the Brazilian and French contingents to take the lead. An American fencer, Albert Axelrod, won the singles championship after 84 encounters.

ISRAEL SCIENTIST ACCEPTED IN U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION'S SCHOOL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission announced today that an Israeli, Zeev Pelled, is among 50 foreign scientists and engineers accepted for enrollment in the new session of the commission's School of Nuclear Science and Engineering at the Argonne National Laboratory, in Illinois. The training program is a part of President Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" program.

ISRAEL'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO CANADA PRESENTS CREDENTIALS IN OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Ambassador Arthur Lourie, Israel's new envoy to Canada, presented this week-end his credentials to Supreme Court Chief Justice Patrick Kerwin who acted on behalf of Governor-General Vincent Massey who is on a tour of Eastern Canada. Mr. Lourie is deputy head of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations and is expected to commute regularly between Ottawa and New York.

KNESSET DELEGATION HONORED IN CHILE; RECEIVED BY CHILEAN PRESIDENT

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- President Carlos Ibanez received the Israel Parliamentary delegation which is now visiting this country. The President expressed interest in Israel's progress. The delegation was also received in Senate and by the Foreign Minister. A luncheon was tendered to the delegates by the Central Bank of Chile.

DR. HENRY SELVER, J.D.C. AIDE, DIES IN PARIS; TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Henry Selver, social welfare leader, educator and one of the top aides of the Joint Distribution Committee in France, died in Paris yesterday. He was 56. Dr. Selver came to this country in 1938 from Germany.

Dr. Selver, who began his association with the JDC in 1949, was responsible for the selection and training of JDC personnel in Paris, which is the site of the European headquarters of the agency. He was the first director of the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work in Paris which trained social workers for Europe and North Africa in American social work techniques. Earlier, Dr. Selver held a variety of social work positions in the United States, including director of the children's home of the Jewish Child Welfare Association of Essex County, N.J.