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U. N. ASSEMBLY HEARS PLEA FOR ACTION TO EASE ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 23. (JTA) -- For the first time since the 12th General Assembly opened a week ago, Israel-Arab tensions were today brought specifically into the debate when T. L. MacDonald, New Zealand's Minister for External Affairs, addressed the Assembly.

Pointing out that the UN Emergency Force and the clearance of the Suez Canal have eased the situation in the Middle East considerably, Mr. MacDonald told the Assembly: "Important as these gains are, they have yet to be consolidated and extended before any lasting achievement can be claimed. This is one of the greatest of the challenges which face the present session of the General Assembly."

"It is true," Mr. MacDonald continued, "that quiet prevails on the armistice lines; but the bitterness of Israeli-Arab relations has not been diminished. The United Nations Emergency Force provides a buffer; but the will to achieve a lasting settlement has not yet appeared on either side. Shipping is once more passing through the Suez Canal; but the conditions of passage are by no means satisfactory as long as Israeli shipping is prevented from using the Canal, the provisions of the 1888 Convention will not be fully carried out, and the international character of this waterway will be infringed."

"As the past year has shown, the weaknesses and dissensions of the Middle East increase the ever-present dangers of Communist domination," Mr. MacDonald continued. He went on to express the view that restoring conditions in the Middle East to the status quo prevailing before last year's hostilities involving Egypt is insufficient. "The General Assembly," he said, "must look beyond the result of tensions to its causes, and must work for their removal. We must indeed make up for the years before last year when the problems existed but failed to attract the Assembly's attention."

Mr. MacDonald expressed the opinion that the UN cannot afford to do without UNEF "until we are able to resolve the difficulties and tensions which it keeps in check." He concluded this section of his address by declaring that New Zealand feels that "the effort to deal with the underlying problems of the Middle East must be intensified."

Canada Supports U. N. Troops on Egypt-Israel Frontier

Canada, which first proposed to the United Nations last year the formation of the UN Emergency Force as an international police patrol, still strongly supports UNEF, the General Assembly was told today by John G. Diefenbaker, Prime Minister of Canada. "The Canadian Government is deeply gratified that UNEF has had so large a measure of success in its endeavors, and is willing to continue its contributions as long as it is considered necessary by the United Nations," he said.

The Prime Minister pointed out that Canada's troops make up the largest single troop contingent within UNEF, comprising some 1,200 of the total personnel of 6,000. Voicing pride in the fact that the UNEF commander, Gen. E. L. M. Burns, is a Canadian, Mr. Diefenbaker expressed the hope that Gen. Burns would continue in the post in which he has "earned the approval and praise of the most objective of observers."

At a press conference later, Mr. Diefenbaker said that he "can think of no possible action that could be taken by the General Assembly at this time in regard to the Middle East that would be beneficial either as to present tensions or in the direction of a long-range solution." As far as Canada was concerned, it had no concrete proposals to offer regarding the Middle East, he stated. In answer to a question about whether he thought the situation with Syria was a threat to the Middle East, he said that the developments in Syria "are not lacking in dangerous potentialities."

U. S. Ready to Discuss Middle East Issue with Other Delegations

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The American position on full discussion here of the Middle East situation is still very fluid, according to a spokesman for the United States delegation. The members of the U. S. delegation are still interested in broad, limitless discussion of the entire subject, the spokesman stated. The Americans, he said, are willing to hold these discussions formally on the floor of the Assembly or in committee, or privately with other delegations and "in the light of these discussions we will decide what to do."

SAUDI CROWN PRINCE CONFERS WITH EISENHOWER; RAISES AKABA ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Informed sources today reported that Crown Prince Faisal, Saudi Foreign Minister, had insisted in top level talks here that the United States cease supporting the Israeli position on transit through the Gulf of Akaba.

The Crown Prince saw President Eisenhower today and assured him that Syria is no threat to its Arab neighbors. The Prince revealed this to newsmen after the meeting. Apparently rejecting the idea current here that Syria is going Communist, the Arabian Foreign Minister said "there is no danger whatsoever from any Arab country to any other Arab country." Informed sources reported the Saudi attitude on Syria was a source of disappointment to the Administration.

ISRAELI FORCES COMPLETE WAR GAMES; DENY JOINING FRENCH NAVAL UNITS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Israel armed forces completed its coordinated exercises in the Galilee in which the paratroop units, supported by artillery and armor, demonstrated the immense striking power of the Israeli Army. Foreign military attaches, who witnessed the exercises, praised the manner in which the complicated maneuvers were carried out.

Meanwhile, a Foreign Ministry spokesman denied Syrian charges that the Western Powers had instigated the holding of war games on Syria's borders by three of her neighbors. The Israeli spokesman called "purely coincidental" the fact that Israel, Turkey and Iraq held exercises near the Syrian border at this time. He also denied that Israel had held joint naval exercises with French units.

ISRAEL POLICEMEN INJURED ON JORDAN BORDER; WATER PIPES SABOTAGED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Three Israeli policemen were injured today when a patrol car in which they were traveling struck and detonated a landmine in the Jordan border region north of Jenin. This was the first incident on this border after months of quiet.

A box of Jordanian-made cigarettes was found on the scene and footprints from the site of the incident led to the Jordanian border. The policemen were en route to investigate the sabotaging of water pipes in the area.

NETHERLANDS WILL RESIST ARAB BOYCOTT AGAINST ISRAEL, PREMIER SAYS

THE HAGUE, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Government will resist all Arab boycott measures aimed at Israel or Jewish firms which threaten infringement of Dutch interests, Prime Minister Dr. Willem Drees told Sen. Pieter J. Kapteyn today. The Socialist Senator had raised the question in the Upper House some time ago.

The Prime Minister declared that as a member of the United Nations, the Netherlands "shares responsibility" for the existence of Israel and that economic action against the Jewish State is "illegal and conflicts with the armistice agreements" which are under UN auspices. He further stated that Royal Dutch Shell had informed him that the decision by Shell to withdraw from the Israeli market was "purely" a commercial action.

Earlier, Foreign Minister Josef Luns told Parliament that The Hague Government would support all UN efforts to find a solution in the Middle East, provided such a solution guaranteed the existence of Israel.

DAVID HACOEN SUMMONED TO JERUSALEM TO EXPLAIN REMARKS ON FRANCE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- David Hacohen, Mapai deputy in the Knesset and a member of the Israel delegation to the United Nations delegation, was recalled today to Jerusalem to "explain" to the Foreign Ministry a statement he made at the recent Inter-Parliamentary Union conference in London that Israel must not place too much reliance on French friendship. Mr. Hacohen headed the Israel Knesset representation at the IPU conference.

The Labor daily Davar reported today that Mr. Hacohen, a former Minister to Burma, would not serve on the UN delegation. It claimed that Mr. Hacohen had offered his resignation from the delegation in view of the storm kicked up in Israel by his remarks. As late as yesterday, the Foreign Ministry insisted that Mr. Hacohen was still a member of the delegation.

(In London today, Mr. Hacohen denied that he had been recalled to Israel. He said he had already decided to return for a number of reasons. The deputy stated he had asked that he not be included on this year's UN delegation, but that he had, nevertheless, been chosen.)

81,000 IMMIGRANTS ENTERED ISRAEL DURING CONCLUDING JEWISH YEAR

JERUSALEM, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A total of 81,000 immigrants entered Israel in the year 5717 which draws to a close Wednesday, it was officially announced by the Jewish Agency today. This is a 30,000 increase over the 51,000 who entered in the previous 12 months. Half of the newcomers this year were from Europe, 13,000 came from Egypt and the remainder were from North Africa, Asia and a few other countries.

PRAVDA ATTACKS ISRAELI DIPLOMATS IN MOSCOW; VIOLENT ON CHAZAN CASE

LONDON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The newspaper Pravda, Soviet Communist Party daily assailed Israeli diplomats in Moscow in an article yesterday reviewing the case of Eliahu Chazan, Israeli ~~attache~~ kidnaped and mistreated by Soviet secret agents, according to reports received here today.

In an article by David Zaslavsky, the newspaper's leading satirist, Israel was accused of sending to the USSR a graduate of the "Lilienblum Street school" for blackmarketeers, speculators and narcotic dealers. (Lilienblum Street is one of Tel Aviv's main thoroughfares.) Pravda charged that Mr. Chazan's account of his ordeal in Odessa was an invention "along the lines of American comics "

It charged further that Mr. Chazan had manufactured the account of his arrest, detention and interrogation to cover his failure to "penetrate the confidence of Soviet citizens and to spread anti-Soviet literature." Finally, Pravda asserted, it was "convenient for the reactionary press in Israel to present that lie as a true event."

(In an editorial today entitled "Soviet Anti-Semitism," the New York Times expressed disquiet over the Chazan incident and asserted that Soviet denials of responsibility "must be treated with great reserve in the light of the past history of the Soviet secret police and Soviet policy toward Israel and toward the Jews of the Soviet Union." Anti-Semitic attitudes are "strong in the top Soviet leadership, the Times said, warning of the possibility of a "new campaign of terror" against Soviet Jewry.)

British Eye Witness Reports on Soviet Anti-Jewish Discrimination

LONDON, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A Briton who was at the Moscow Youth Festival charged today that even before the Israeli youth delegation arrived at the international fete Soviet authorities were making attempts to discredit it. He also reported that he had met Russian Jews who described discriminatory activities by the Communist Party against them.

In a letter to the Manchester Guardian signed only "K," the writer said that the kidnapping of Israeli diplomat Eliahu Chazan by Soviet secret police was only part of the plan to discredit the Israeli delegation.

He reported that a member of Komsomol, the Communist youth movement, told him that at preparatory meetings in Moscow representatives of the Communist Central Committee attempted to convince Komsomol members that while part of the Israeli delegation was "favorable" to the USSR the other portion was not. The "anti-Soviet" delegates were said to be traveling via Istanbul to receive instructions there from an American intelligence agent.

U.S. Communist Paper Assails Soviet Liquidation of Jewish Culture

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Communist Daily Worker took the Soviet Union to task yesterday for its failure to implement announced plans for the revival of Yiddish culture in the USSR.

In an article by Chaim Suller, manager of the Yiddish language Communist daily newspaper "Morning Freiheit," the Worker called "incorrect" a policy which held that "all the Jews in the Soviet Union are linguistically and culturally assimilated and have no need for separate institutions." Mr. Suller, who visited the USSR a year ago, cited his own experiences with packed Yiddish concert performances as evidence that "large masses of Jews in the Soviet Union are hungry for the Yiddish word."

Mr. Suller denied, however, that in their refusal to permit or assist the revival of Yiddish culture on a wide scale Soviet leaders are anti-Semitic. He offered examples of some limited developments in the field of Yiddish culture. He also referred to "nationalist tendencies" among Soviet Jews which, he said, had been "strengthened by the administrative shutting down of all Yiddish cultural institutions."

U.S. Radio to Broadcast Rosh Hashanah Greetings to Soviet Jews

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Soviet Jews will be told this week, in a Rosh Hashanah message beamed to the Soviet Union from powerful transmitters in West Germany on behalf of American Jewry, that they have not been forgotten by their fellow Jews throughout the world. The broadcast will be made by Orthodox Rabbi Gershon Jacobson, once a Soviet Army officer, who fled to the West six years ago and is now serving as a rabbi of a Brooklyn synagogue.

The New Year's greeting will be broadcast by Radio Liberation on the eve of Rosh Hashanah and repeated several times during the ten High Holy Days of penitence which follow. Rabbi Jacobson will explain the particular significance of the rites of liberation in both Russian and Hebrew. Excerpts from Hebrew liturgical music including the Kol Nidre will also be included in the ten-minute program.

Rabbi Jacobson, who has broadcast to the USSR before over Radio Liberation, reported this week that he finally received the first "fan letter." It came from a Polish Jew who had heard his Radio Liberation program a year ago while living in a small Ukrainian village. The Jew was repatriated to Poland earlier this year, from where he emigrated to Vienna.

AMERICAN JEWS DEMAND REUNIFICATION OF RUMANIAN JEWISH FAMILIES

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Deep concern over the situation of 10,000 Rumanian Jewish families some of whose members have been allowed to emigrate to Israel and the remainder forcibly kept in Rumania was expressed here this week-end at a meeting sponsored by leaders of Rumanian Jews in the United States.

Idov Cohen, member of the Israel Knesset and president of the Committee for Unification of Families in Israel, told the meeting how in 1950-52 the elderly parents of most of these families were allowed to leave for Israel under the belief that their children would follow. However, exit visas were later denied the younger people and the families have remained parted. Mr. Cohen described the weakening spiritual and cultural position of the 220,000 Jews in Rumania, the second largest Jewish community in Eastern Europe.

JEWISH ATTORNEY BECOMES MAYOR OF PREDOMINANTLY CATHOLIC TOWN

HOLYOKE, Mass., Sept. 23. (JTA) -- Samuel Resnic, an attorney and leading member of the Jewish community of Holyoke, has been sworn in as Mayor of this predominantly Catholic town. Mr. Resnic, who has served as president of the Board of Alderman for two years, succeeded to the office of mayor upon the death of the late Mayor Edwin A. Seibel. Mr. Resnic is the first Jew to hold the office in the history of the city.

ONE AMERICAN, TWO ISRAELIS NAMED TO RECEIVE 1957 MUSIC AWARDS

NEW YORK, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- One American, Izler Solomon, conductor, and two Israelis, Shabtai Petrushka, musicologist, and Zvi Zeitlin, violinist, were named today to receive the "America-Israel Music Awards for 1957" for "their efforts in forging close cultural ties between the people of the United States and Israel through the medium of music."

The awards will be presented during the intermission of the America-Israel Society Concert at Carnegie Hall October 15. Mr. Solomon was the first American to be issued a visa to enter Israel when the new state was proclaimed in 1948. During that first visit, he conducted approximately 40 concerts in three months.

RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR STUDY OF NAZI CRIMES AGAINST JEWS OPENED

HAIFA, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A research institute for the study of Nazism and its crimes against the Jews between 1933 and 1945 was opened here today. T. Friedman, who headed the Jewish Agency's documentation center in Vienna after the end of World War II, is director of the new research facility.

The Vienna center's material was instrumental in rounding up evidence against Nazi leaders and Gestapo officers, 150 of whom were subsequently extradited, brought to trial, convicted and sentenced to long jail terms or, in some cases, to death.

GERMAN UNIVERSITY OPENS "INSTITUTE OF JUDAISM"; RABBIS TO LECTURE

TUEBINGEN, West Germany, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- The Lutheran Theological Faculty of the local university announced the opening of an Institute of Judaism where future Protestant pastors are to learn about Judaism during the past two millennia right down to present-day Israel and where Judaic studies are to be conducted.

Research now being carried on is focused on the Dead Sea Scrolls, the liturgy of the Essenes and the writings of Josephus Flavius, while the students are at the same time familiarized with selected works of modern Hebrew literature. Among the lecturers are Dr. Robert Raphael Geis, the former Chief Rabbi of Baden, and Chief Rabbi Dr. Fritz Bloch of Wuerttemberg.

COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY HELD FOR 25,000 BELGIAN JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS

BRUSSELS, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A commemorative ceremony was held yesterday at Dossin Barracks at Malines where some 25,000 Belgian Jews were held before being shipped to Nazi extermination camps.

Jewish survivors of the Nazi occupation of Belgium, representatives of the King, government and of the Catholic Primate attended the commemorative services. At the meeting, sponsored by the Antwerp section of B'nai B'rith and the Union of Jewish Deportees of Belgium, it was announced that a monument to the victims would be erected at Malines.

NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPENED IN ISRAEL; HAS BOARDING FACILITIES

TEL AVIV, Sept. 23. (JTA) -- A new Catholic secondary school was opened in Nazareth today at a ceremony in which top Israeli officials and Catholic leaders participated. Dr. Kalmn Kahane, director general of the Ministry of Religion, unveiled a mosaic portrait of Jesus while Dr. M. Avidar, director general of the Education Ministry, cut the ribbon across the doors of St. Joseph School.

The institution, which comes under the jurisdiction of Archbishop Hakim of Nazareth will provide boarding facilities for 95 boys and educational facilities for 160. The funds for the school were subscribed by Catholic communities in France, Belgium and West Germany.