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ISRAEL COMPLAINS TO U. N. BODY ON SYRIA'S KIDNAPPING OF OFFICIALS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel has lodged a formal complaint with the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission against the kidnapping yesterday morning of an Israeli liaison officer together with two United Nations observers from an observation post on Israel territory north of Lake Huleh. UN circles here hinted off the record that they would like to see the matter closed since the trio were returned unharmed late yesterday.

According to Israel Foreign Ministry sources, the Syrians do not dispute that the abduction occurred within Israel territory. The Ministry understands that the Syrians have not made any explanation of the incident, even to UN truce headquarters.

Meanwhile, the two UN officers and the Israeli said they had been halted at gunpoint by a Syrian army officer who forced them into a jeep which took them to Damascus. The three officers said the incident occurred during routine observation checks at Tel Abu Khanazir near Kfar Szold in the upper Galilee, one of four UN observation posts along the Israel-Syrian border.

They said they had noticed some "suspicious movements" within Israel territory and started to investigate. They were approached by the Syrian officer who pointed a gun at them, and "arrested" them. Blindfolded, they were driven to Damascus where they were questioned and then taken back to the Bnot Yaacov Bridge where they were released. The Tel Abu Khanasir UN post is opposite a partly demilitarized Syrian area and it is more accessible from Syrian territory than from Israel.

KING OF JORDAN INDICATES HE MAY USE U. S. ARMS AGAINST ISRAEL

LONDON, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- King Hussein of Jordan, in a speech opening Parliament in Amman, indicated that American arms supplied him under the recent United States \$10,000,000 military aid program may be used against Israel.

Referring to the American military assistance, the monarch said that the responsibilities which Jordan was assuming in relation to the Palestine problem and the "Zionist danger" necessitated that the Arab state take all measures to strengthen her defenses. Thus, King Hussein continued, Jordan would be able to discharge her duties in defense of the Arab world.

In Cairo, Egyptian Government circles today expressed pleasure at the fall of the French Government of Premier Maurice Bourges-Maunoury and predicted a change was possible in the French policy of supplying munitions to Israel.

ISRAEL VIEWS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION PRESENTED AT U. N. COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Declaring that Israel's policy is always "unalterably opposed to any system of racial discrimination wherever practiced," the Israel delegation here today asked the Trusteeship Committee of the General Assembly to adopt a moderate attitude toward the Union of South Africa which has refused to place South West Africa under UN trusteeship.

The Union of South Africa which administers the territory has been accused by some delegations of "flagrant disregard" of the wishes of members of the United Nations and of the International Court of Justice. Aryeh Eilan, Israel's delegate on the Trusteeship Committee, asked the group at its session today to consider various diplomatic approaches rather than punitive action in regard to the Union of South Africa.

AMERICAN-BUILT 5,000,000-POUND AUDITORIUM DEDICATED IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The Frederick R. Mann Auditorium, Israel's largest and most modern concert hall and the new home of the Israel Symphony Orchestra, was dedicated here today in the presence of 3,000 guests, including leading figures in the cultural life of Israel and American guests.

The 5,000,000-pound structure was built by the America-Israel Cultural Foundation. Mr. Mann, chairman of the Foundation's board, for whom the hall was named, was presented with a key to the auditorium by Tel Aviv Mayor Chaim Levanon.

JEWISH AGENCY DISCUSSES 100,000,000 POUND BUDGET FOR SIX MONTHS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive was convened in plenary session yesterday under the chairmanship of Dr. Nahum Goldmann to discuss a 100,000,000 pound budget for the next six months.

The Agency's budget, until now based on the Jewish Year, will henceforth be calculated from April 1 to March 31. The proposed six-months estimates cover the period from October 31 to the start of the new fiscal year. The budget, presented by treasurer Dov Joseph, was scheduled for adoption Thursday.

PRICE BOOST ON CEMENT EXPECTED TO REPLACE NEW TAX ON ISRAELIS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- An Israel Cabinet discussion of a new tax on construction, to finance immigrant housing, was followed today by a Government order boosting the price of Israel-produced cement from 84 to 87 and one-half pounds per ton.

The higher prices, effective today, were expected to yield an additional 10,000,000 pounds annually in surcharges. The anticipated additional tax revenue was interpreted to mean the cancellation of the projected construction tax plan.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT DISAPPROVES OF PRIVATE TALKS WITH SHELL OIL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Officials of the Ministry of Finance told newsmen today that the Ministry does not approve the idea of Israeli private investors purchasing the Shell Oil Company's installations in this country.

Once again, Ministry sources charged that a private delegation which went to London last week to deal with Shell did so without Finance Ministry approval. There are grounds for the belief that the private group, representing both the Histadrut's Solel Boneh industrial complex and private citizens, had outlined its intentions to Finance Minister Levi Eshkol before heading for London.

According to press reports here, Shell is demanding 2,000,000 pounds sterling (\$5,600,000) for its installations and interests in Israel. This does not take into account the oil refinery in Haifa, whose fate has not yet been discussed.

NEW PRO-ISRAEL ORGANIZATION FORMED BY LABORITES IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- A new pro-Israel organization, the Labor Friends of Israel, was established tonight at Brighton where the Labor Party is convening for its 56th annual national convention. The chief purpose of the organization is to strengthen the ties of friendship between Britain and Israel.

Invitations to the first meeting of the Friends were issued by Labor MP's Frank Leswick, Anthony Greenwood and Arthur Bottomley. Some 50 Labor MP's, including several former Ministers, and Jewish Socialist personalities are among the sponsoring group. Many Labor delegates attended the organizing session.

Meanwhile, conference delegates were surprised at the vote for the new national executive of the party which ousted Sidney Silverman from that body. This leaves only one Jew, Ian Mikardo, on the Labor Party executive.

ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER CONFERS WITH GROMYKO IN NEW YORK

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, conferred for more than an hour yesterday with Andrei A. Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister, at Soviet delegation headquarters in New York. Mrs. Meir was accompanied by Joseph Avidar, Israel's Ambassador to Moscow, who is currently in New York as a member of Israel's delegation to the UN General Assembly.

Ambassador Avidar's presence was interpreted by some observers here as an indication that Mrs. Meir intended to discuss with Mr. Gromyko the case of Eliahu Chazan, an Israeli attache at the Moscow Embassy who, Israeli charges, was abducted and mistreated by Soviet secret police. There was also some speculation that Mrs. Meir might have raised the question of Soviet arms shipments with the Soviet statesman.

(In Jerusalem, Foreign Ministry sources revealed today that no additional meetings had been arranged between members of the Israeli and Soviet delegations at the United Nations to follow up yesterday's Meir-Gromyko meeting.)

U. N. RE-ELECTS EGYPTIAN JUDGE AS MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Abdel Hamid Badawi, of Egypt, one of the judges of the International Court of Justice at The Hague since it was formed in 1946, was re-elected today to membership on the court for a third term.

Justice Badawi had the open support for re-election of the United States delegation, although the voting was by secret ballot. His present term expires in February, 1958, and he will continue serving until 1967.

300 JEWS LEAVE HUNGARY EACH MONTH; ALL EMIGRATE LEGALLY

VIENNA, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- A small but steady trickle of some 300 Jews leave Hungary monthly for Israel and other countries; it was revealed here today. All are legal emigrants.

Somewhere between 150 and 200 of the emigrants each month obtain visas for Israel and proceed via Belgrade to join relatives in the Jewish State. Another 100 apply for and receive transit visas through Austria for other lands. Some of them remain in Austria, the remainder scatter to overseas points.

GERMANY LAUNCHES ANOTHER SHIP FOR ISRAEL AS REPARATIONS PAYMENT

HAMBURG, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The 9,500-ton 'Har Tabor,' a reparations-pact freighter built for Tel Aviv's 'Tramp Ships, Ltd.' by West Germany's largest shipyard and designed to haul 14,450 tons of bulk cargo, was launched here today. Tramp Ships, Ltd. is an affiliate of 'El-Yam.'

William Scholz, director of the shipyard, said that the first stage in German ship construction for the Israel reparations account had been concluded with the launching of the Har Tabor. He said El Yam was placing orders outside of reparations channels for four additional 15,000-ton freighters to be delivered in the years 1960 to 1962.

GERMANY AUTHORIZES ISRAEL RESIDENTS TO FILE RESTITUTION CLAIMS

BOEN, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- A ruling issued here by the Federal Government to implement the recently-enacted Federal Restitution Law places Israel claimants on the same footing as residents of countries maintaining full diplomatic relations with West Germany.

The \$360,000,000 Federal Restitution Law, which entered into force two months ago, provides compensation for identifiable Jewish property sequestered by the former German Reich during the Nazi period in either West Germany or Berlin. To exclude applicants who live in East Germany and in the East European satellites of the USSR, the law contains a proviso stipulating that claims will be entertained only from residents of states with which the Federal Republic has entered into diplomatic relations, or to whom it has specifically accorded equivalent status for this purpose.

Since formal diplomatic relations between Israel and West Germany have not yet come into being, inhabitants of the Jewish State were not entitled to receive payments due them under the Federal Restitution Law. According to the new ruling, residents of Israel will henceforth be treated on a par with Nazi victims who make their homes in other parts of the Western world.

NAZIS IN AUSTRIA DEMAND "RESTITUTION" FOR LOST "ARYANIZED" PROPERTY

VIENNA, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Emboldened by recent political developments in Austria, ex-Nazis in this country are making demands for "restitution" for "Aryanized" property taken from them and for the right to wear Nazi military decorations.

A meeting at the Glasenbach camp where Nazis were interned after the end of World War II, expressed dissatisfaction with the amnesty law which has returned to them many civic rights. Speakers, including Felix Rinner, one-time prominent Gestapo officer, called for extension of the provisions of the amnesty law to their property and the reinstatement in Austrian civil service of Nazis barred by post-war legislation.

At a memorial service for Nazi troops who died fighting the Allies, in Eschnau, Lower Austria, E. Eichinger, a deputy in the Austrian Parliament, and J. Demelhuber, a former German Gestapo general, demanded that Austrian officers who served in the war be allowed to wear their Nazi decorations. Eichinger promised to introduce a bill to that effect in Parliament. He insisted that the Austrian Army guarantee that Austria fulfills its duty to "the whole German nation."

AUSTRIAN DELEGATE TO U. N. PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR CLAIMS OF NAZI VICTIMS

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- A pledge that the Austrian labor movement would support "every reasonable claim" made by those who had material losses under the Nazis was made here by Franz Olah, executive vice president of the Austrian Labor Federation, Austrian delegate to the United Nations and Parliamentary whip of the Austrian Socialist Party. The pledge was made to Jewish labor leaders at a private luncheon in Mr. Olah's honor at the headquarters of the Jewish Labor Committee.

Introduced by Adolph Held, national chairman of the JLC, Mr. Olah pointed out that he had met with Mr. Held earlier on the question of securing financial assistance for those who had suffered material loss while the Nazis occupied Austria. "While it is impossible to resurrect those who had already died, it is morally obligatory for us to honor those with reasonable claims against the Austrian State," he said.

MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT NAMES JEW TO HIGH POST IN PARIS EMBASSY

CASABLANCA, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Meyer Toledano, director of the Moroccan Ministry for National Economy, has been named Economic Counsellor at the Moroccan Embassy in Paris and has already assumed his new post, it was announced here today.

SEGREGATIONISTS PICKET WHITE HOUSE; CONDUCT ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Segregationist John Kasper today told reporters that he considers Jews to be "worse than Negroes." The anti-Jewish and anti-Negro agitator led a group of pickets in front of the White House protesting President Eisenhower's integration stand.

He alleged to reporters that the Negro problem was created by "Northern Jews" who brought Negroes to the South and sold them to plantation owners. The agitator, against whom legal action is pending, made the statements in front of the White House.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA ENTERS ITS 100TH YEAR

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of British Columbia entered its 100th year as an organized community with services at Congregation Emanuel of Victoria. Only four other congregations in this country--two in Montreal, one in Toronto and one in Hamilton--are older.

The Victoria congregation began when, in the fall of 1858, the Jews of the town gathered in a private home to hold High Holy Day services. It was estimated that there were some 100 Jews in the town when the community was thus organized and it became the first Jewish community in the entire western territory of Canada.

PHILADELPHIA JEWS STUDY POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL SCHOOL

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The appointment of a committee to study the possibilities of establishing a medical school in Philadelphia under Jewish auspices was announced here by Abraham L. Feinberg, president of the Federation of Jewish Agencies.

The unit will study the need for a teaching institution in the Philadelphia area, the costs and likely sources of financing and questions of sponsorship and affiliation. Medical and lay leaders in the Philadelphia area will be consulted on questions of need and, if need is established, on how best to proceed with the project. The first medical school under Jewish auspices in this country, the Albert Einstein Medical College of Yeshiva University, was opened in New York in 1955.

LOS ANGELES JEWISH FEDERATION AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEGOTIATE MERGER

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Approval by the directors of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council and the Jewish Welfare Federation of a merger of the two boards for a three-year period was hailed today as a step toward an eventual unified community organization.

The plans approved at the regular meetings of the two boards, in addition to the board merger proposal, also include replacement of one-third of the combined boards each year starting with the fourth year.

The ultimate composition of the unified Board will be one-third named by social welfare and community agencies which agree to central planning and budgeting; one-third elected by members of organizations presently affiliated with the Jewish Community Council; and one-third elected by contributors to the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

Steve Brody, Federation president, and Judge Stanley Mosk, JCC president, said special subcommittees of both organizations would work out further details of their merger plans. Subsequently, the Federation will submit its plan to both its general membership and affiliated organizations for anticipated approval. The JCC will do the same with its member organizations.

HUNGARIAN ATHLETE, WINNER OF OLYMPIC AWARDS, TO SETTLE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Agnes Keleti, Hungarian Jewish athlete who won a number of Olympic awards at Melbourne last year, has decided to settle in Israel, it was announced here today. Miss Keleti, who scored gymnastic honors at the Fifth World Maccabiah Games which closed several weeks ago, has been named to head a girl's gymnastic section at a school for physical training teachers.

Miss Keleti, who survived the Hungarian fascists and the Nazi occupation of Hungary during the second World War by working with "Aryan" documents, was a prominent woman gymnast before and after the war. Last year she left Hungary during the revolt as a member of the Olympic team and at Melbourne won four gold and two silver medals. She decided then not to return to Hungary, stayed in Australia for a time, went to West Germany and from there to Israel.

TEL AVIV DECIDES TO NAME STREETS FOR HUBERMANN AND TOSCANINI

TEL AVIV, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The Tel Aviv municipality decided today to name two of its streets for the late Arturo Toscanini and Bronislaw Huberman, who founded the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in 1936. The Maestro conducted the first concert.