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NO BASIC DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND U.S. GOLDA MEIR SAYS

UNITED, NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 13. (JTA) -- "There are no basic differences of opinion between Israel and the United States regarding political affairs in the Middle East," Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister declared today on a coast-to-coast television program.

"Syria and its friends should know that Israel has friends," Mrs. Meir stated. She added that the world should know that "a strong Israel is able to defend itself." The Israel Foreign Minister indicated clearly that she hoped the United States would see that Israel was armed and would guarantee Israel's security as an "important deterrent for an avoidance of a catastrophe in the Middle East."

Despite serious concern over the arming of the Arab states and over Soviet and Arab propaganda which may delay prospects of Arab-Israel peace talks for at least five to ten years, Israel remains prepared to discuss peace or non-aggression treaties with the Arabs any time at all, Mrs. Meir stressed.

Addressing 150 members of the Overseas Press Club last Friday, Mrs. Meir said Israel was "prepared to meet any Arab representative, individually or in a group, any place, any day, any hour, to talk about peace treaties or about non-aggression agreements or anything else that would make it possible for us all to live in peace."

"It is extremely necessary that Israel's neighbors know that first, Israel has friends committed to safeguarding the existence and integrity of Israel, and second, that Israel itself is strong enough to withstand attack. These things must be said openly and Israel must be named by name in this context," she emphasized.

Charges Soviet Russia with Inciting Arabs Against Israel

Avoiding a direct mention of the Soviet Union, Mrs. Meir said that "the country that is arming Syria and Egypt is using the situation to create greater antagonism against Israel and to voice propaganda accusing Israel of readiness to attack Syria." Emphasizing that Israel "is honestly and sincerely desirous of ending tension and wants peace," she warned that "the attacks against Israel, being absorbed by a generation of Arab children and youth, makes hopes of peace even more remote perhaps for five years or ten years or even longer."

Discussing the Arab refugees, she said that "in an overall solution of the refugee problem, Israel is prepared to do its share in regard to reparations and compensation, and to do that gladly and immediately the minute the Arab representatives are willing to sit down and talk." Despite all the tensions, Mrs. Meir said, Israel was preparing to celebrate her tenth anniversary next spring, confident it is in its own homeland to stay.

Asked whether Israel would "consider military action" if Syria took overt action or internal subversive action against another Arab state, Mrs. Meir replied that Israel would act only if "its own security or integrity is threatened." It has no intention to rush into any country because an Arab regime is being subverted. She expressed the hope that the Soviet Union might make it possible for Jews wishing to go to Israel to do so.

ISRAEL DEMANDS IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF CAPTURED FISHERMEN BY EGYPT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Israel has informed United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld that she will accept no interim solution but insists upon the unconditional and immediate release of six fishermen captured with the fishing trawler Doron September 25 off the Mediterranean coast opposite El Arish, authoritative sources revealed here today.

Israel had expected that UN representatives would be permitted to meet today with the captured five Israelis and the boat's Italian captain, but by evening no word had been received here. There is a possibility that the meeting will take place tomorrow, if it did not occur today.

Commenting on Egypt's announcement that it would handle the case within the framework of the Mixed Armistice Commission which Israel has refused to recognize since the Sinai campaign, high Israeli circles said the Jewish State would not be a party to Egyptian maneuvers, procrastination or legalisms. Even if Israel recognized the MAC, these

sources noted, this case would not come under the mixed unit's jurisdiction because it occurred on the high seas, not along the Israel-Egyptian border.

The onus of proof that the vessel actually entered Egyptian territorial waters, as charged by Cairo, rests entirely on Egypt, the Israelis pointed out. Irrespective of the truth of the charge, they continued, international law provides that the crew members be released immediately.

A dispatch from Dusseldorf, West Germany, reported today that the German Union of Public Service and Transportation Workers cabled Egyptian President Nasser demanding the release of the trawler Doron and her crew of six.)

U.N. URGED TO KEEP TROOPS ON ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN FRONT FOR ANOTHER YEAR

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold warned this week-end that the present quiet and "generally satisfactory" conditions along the Israel-Gaza border could erupt in violence "at any moment," and spelled out plans for keeping the United Nations Emergency Force in its present positions for a period extending at least through the year 1958.

Mr. Hammarskjold made these points, among others, in a 50-page report to the General Assembly on the organization, operation, deployment, future and financing of UNEF. His seven-nation advisory committee on UNEF accepted the report. The details will be discussed in a plenary session of the Assembly late this month or early in November.

The Secretary General also pointed out to the Assembly that UNEF is still not placed on Israel's side of the Gaza border, listing that point among "a few issues that are unresolved." Among these issues, he stated, is "the completion of UNEF's deployment." Israel continues to object to have the UN police force on its side of the border.

Other "unresolved" issues which Mr. Hammarskjold kept alive through pointing them up in his report are the right of UNEF to fire "in either direction" at infiltrators approaching the demarcation line; and "the idea of a protective fence along a part of the whole of the demarcation line." Israel insists on a barbed-wire fence along the entire frontier, while Egypt wants only certain sections fenced.

"The prevailing quiet and generally satisfactory conditions along the line," Mr. Hammarskjold continued, "so far as UNEF is concerned, should not, however, as the commander of the force has warned, be considered as obviating the need to find, when the time is propitious, satisfactory solutions for the many unresolved issues. The line under present conditions is vulnerable and the quiet, at any moment, could be abruptly broken." Quietness along the lines, he emphasized, "is indispensable to fruitful effort towards the removal of major obstacles to peace in the Near East."

COMMUNISTS IN ISRAEL RENEW INCITING CAMPAIGN AMONG LOCAL ARABS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Communist Party has begun a new campaign in the Arab areas of Israel aimed at inciting the minority population against the government.

One result of this new campaign was a demonstration of school children ages eight to ten in Nazareth yesterday. They gathered outside the Nazareth police station and demanded the release of two Communist youth arrested on charges of inciting the Arab population against the Israeli Government.

Shmuel Mikunis, Jewish leader of the party, and Emil Habibi have been touring Arab villages and urging mass meetings to protest against the Israel Government's "bloody anti-Arab policy."

DESALINATION OF SEA WATER TO BE STARTED SOON IN ISRAEL, ESHKOL SAYS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Desalination of sea water will soon be undertaken in Israel on a commercial basis, Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, said today at a ceremony marking the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Mekoroth Water company. This, he hoped, will provide a partial solution of the country's water needs.

Meanwhile, the Haifa Technion inaugurated today a new department for research in the distillation of fresh water from the sea. It will experiment with the use of exhaust steam as a by-product of power production by steam driven turbines.

At the Mekoroth anniversary, A. Weiner, Israel's chief water planning and operations engineer, said that if political events interfere with Israel's plan to use Jordan water to irrigate the Negev, the steam plant at Tagbha, which is now in the construction stage, will pump Lake Tiberias waters into the Negev pipeline. The plant will cost \$5,500,000.

Mr. Weiner noted that meanwhile the Jordan-Negev project had progressed to a point where about 20 percent of a 7,000-yard-long tunnel had been constructed to carry water cross-country.

100 AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS GO TO ISRAEL ON U. J. A. STUDY MISSION

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- One hundred American Jewish communal leaders from all sections of the United States leave for Israel and Europe this week on the fourth annual overseas United Jewish Appeal Study Mission, it was announced today. The mission will assess the needs of Jewish refugees in Europe and observe the manner in which the people of Israel are coping with the heavy recent influx of homeless immigrants.

"The annual study mission ranks as one of the most significant events in the life saving UJA program," Morris W. Berinstein, UJA president, stated. "It is composed of outstanding representatives of the American Jewish community who will have an on the spot opportunity to observe the Jewish refugee picture overseas and to study the needs of the thousands who are each month flocking to the shores of Israel." The 100 Jewish leaders will depart for Paris in two sections from Idlewild Airport in New York City, Oct. 17 and 18.

In Paris, the study mission will take part in the 12th annual country director's conference of the Joint Distribution Committee, UJA constituent agency, starting October 20, before proceeding to Israel. In addition to Mr. Berinstein the mission is led by Edward M. M. Warburg, honorary chairman of UJA; Dewey D. Stone, a national chairman of the UJA National Campaign Cabinet Committee for the 1957 mission; Frederick S. Forman, vice-chairman, National Campaign Cabinet, and Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman.

Landing in Israel October 24th, members of the mission will conduct a comprehensive study of immigrant absorption and resettlement problems. They will visit many areas of the country on an intensive tour of inspection, and meet with leaders of the government and officials of the Jewish Agency. They will hear addresses by Premier David Ben Gurion; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Jewish Agency; Levi Eshkol, Israel Finance Minister, and others.

The mission will later report its findings to the Jewish communities in the United States and participate in mapping UJA's efforts for the 1958 campaign. This report will be presented at the forthcoming UJA annual national conference in New York, December 14 and 15. A report by the study mission last year was a prime factor this year in the establishment of a special UJA Emergency Rescue Fund which was created to help save, transport and resettle in Israel and other free lands 100,000 homeless immigrants in flight from danger and conflict in Eastern Europe, Egypt and North Africa.

CINCINNATI CONVENTION RAISES \$455,000 FOR REFORM JUDAISM CAMPAIGN

CINCINNATI, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The sum of \$455,000 was contributed here today at a four-day national mobilization of Reform Jewry's lay and rabbinic leadership in the opening gun of the 1957-58 Combined Campaign for Reform Judaism. The goal of the drive which supports Union of American Hebrew Congregations and Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform rabbinic seminary, is \$2,610,433.

Prior to the coming forward of contributions, A. B. Polinsky, general chairman of the Combined Campaign, told 600 leaders at the National Leadership Mobilization that American Jews are literally endangering the continuity of their faith by a failure to accord their principal religious bodies the same generosity they extend to other Jewish causes.

Of the \$130,000,000 contributed for the support of Jewish health, welfare, refugee and overseas programs, considerably less than \$5,000,000--or under four percent--is being made available for institutions that have as their goal the preservation, strengthening and advancement of Judaism. "The financial starvation of Judaism by Jews can be just as harmful as the physical attacks upon it by its enemies," Mr. Polinsky insisted.

At a banquet here tonight, the Reform movement honored Dr. Nelson Glueck on the 10th anniversary of his accession to the presidency of HUC-JIR. Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the UAHC, addressing the delegates at an earlier session, said that Reform Judaism must give "real religious answers" to the various problems that beset the nation's youth, parents and communities. Failure to get these answers, he added, will result in Judaism's becoming "a religious fossil."

JEWISH RELIGION ATTACKED IN SOVIET UKRAINE; LINKED TO MODERN ZIONISM

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Judaism is again under attack in the Ukraine, where more than half the Soviet Union's 2,500,000 Jews live, the United Press reported today from Moscow. The attack is made in a pamphlet called "The Judaic Religion--Its Origin and Essence." The author, T. K. Kichko, complains that atheistic propaganda is being neglected among religious Jews.

"The booklet is being distributed for mass circulation by the Ukrainian Society for the Dissemination of Political and Scientific Knowledge," the UP report said. "It has been reviewed favorably and prominently by Pravda of the Ukraine, the republic's most important newspaper." The report stressed that while attacks against Judaism are not new in the Soviet Union, this pamphlet is distinguished from others of its kind by the effort to link the ancient religion of Judaism with modern Zionism and the State of Israel.

LITTLE ROCK BAPTIST MINISTERS OBJECT TO JEWS IN RECONCILIATION PRAYERS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Oct. 13. (JTA) -- A Baptist minister said today that neither he nor his fellow Baptist clergyman in Little Rock could participate in a city-wide prayer service for a "ministry of reconciliation" in the school integration crisis because those services were sponsored by Jews, Roman Catholics and Protestants of "the modernistic persuasion."

The Rev. M. L. Moser, Sr., pastor at the Central Baptist Church here for 26 years, held a 15-minute service, in which 23 other Baptist ministers participated on Friday night, at which prayers were offered that the nine Negro pupils of Central High School would withdraw and go back to the all-Negro high school. Eighty-five of Little Rock's 200 churches held concurrent prayer services Saturday morning.

Rev. Moser, opening the Friday night services attended by 600 segregationists of various denominations, said that Baptists were required to boycott the Saturday services because of the ir sponsorship, which included support by Jews "who do not believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ."

The entire Jewish religious leadership of the nation, including 2,500 rabbis and 4,000 congregations, had been urged by the Synagogue Council of America to join with their Christian neighbors yesterday in a special Sabbath of prayers supporting "reconciliation" prayer meetings in Little Rock.

COLORADO SUPREME COURT RULES AGAINST RESTRICTIVE RELIGIOUS COVENANTS

DENVER, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court of the State of Colorado completely nullified the effects of restrictive religious and racial covenants which have affected Jews and other minority groups in the purchase of real estate property in this state. The court ruled last week that a property owner who purchased property in disregard of the provisions of a religious or racial restrictive covenant did not thereby create any cloud on his title.

The ruling was handed down in a case involving the right of a Negro to own property in a section of Denver north of City Park. Because the court decision would affect members of minority groups seeking to purchase in "restricted" areas, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the American Jewish Committee filed a brief with the court supporting the plaintiff.

The United States Supreme Court has ruled that restrictive covenants violate the "equal protection" clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and are not legally enforceable. The Colorado Court ruling goes even further in guaranteeing property owners who hold in disregard of a racial or religious restrictive covenant against any possible enforcement of the covenant.

FIRST SERVICE SINCE WORLD WAR II HELD IN OLD YUGOSLAV SYNAGOGUE

LONDON, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The first service since World War II in the Dubrovnik synagogue in Yugoslavia, one of the oldest in Europe, was held on Yom Kippur eve, it was reported here today. The Dubrovnik synagogue on Zudioska Ulica (Jew Street) dates back to the 14th Century and the Jewish community dates back to 1352.

The 200 Jews of pre-war Dubrovnik had dwindled to less than a dozen, including only four men. But the Yom Kippur service was made possible by the presence in the city of Jewish delegates and observers attending the second conference of European National Commissions for UNESCO. One of those participating was L. Appid, secretary of the Israeli Legation in Belgrade. Dr. G. M. Riegner of the World Jewish Congress and chairman of UNESCO's Non-Governmental Organizations also attended the services.

EL SALVADOR GOVT. CONFERS HIGHEST DECORATION UPON ISRAELI PRESIDENT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The highest decoration of the Government of El Salvador, the Order of the Grand Old Cross, was conferred today upon Israel's President Yzhak Ben Zvi by Alfredo Ortiz Mancia, El Salvador's Foreign Minister, who is visiting Israel. Present at the ceremony were Dr. Pirchas Rosen, Acting Foreign Minister of Israel and senior Foreign Ministry officials.

ABRAHAM MAZER BUILDING DEDICATED AT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The new Abraham Mazer Student Residence Hall at Yeshiva University's Albert Einstein College of Medicine was dedicated at a ceremony attended by 1,000 people. The building, which will provide quarters for 300 students, is named for the late Abraham Mazer, philanthropist and member of the University's board of trustees for many years.

MRS. ANNA LAMPORT DEAD; WAS ACTIVE IN HADASSAH AND IN J. N. F.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Mrs. Anna Lamport who, with her late husband Solomon Lamport, was active in the Jewish National Fund, died in Stamford, Conn., this weekend. She was 79. Mr. and Mrs. Lamport gave a botanical garden atop Mt. Scopus to the Hebrew University when the institution was still located there. Mrs. Lamport had been active in Hadassah and in connection with several religious schools.