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MOSCOW SAYS U.S. AND BRITAIN ARE SENDING WARSHIPS TO ISRAEL SHORES

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The Moscow Radio, in a broadcast beamed specifically at North America, charged the United States today with concentrating units of its Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea opposite the Syrian coast. The announcer added American and British warships were en route to Israel. (The British Embassy in Israel announced yesterday that five destroyers would visit Haifa for four days late this month.)

The broadcaster warned that "there is an unstable, dangerous political situation in the Near and Middle East which may have the most dangerous consequences for international life as a whole." He blasted as "hypocritical" British Foreign Office declarations that there was no threat to Syria when such "statements were accompanied by the dispatch of new British and American naval units to the shores of Israel."

The warning that the State of Israel might be "liquidated" while the United Nations had its hands tied by a Soviet veto in the Security Council was sounded here by Sen. William F. Knowland of California. Sen. Knowland of California. Sen. Knowland voiced fear that the "forces of freedom and decency" might be immobilized if Israel were in danger during an address to a dinner of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. The Californian urged action within the United Nations to end the Soviet veto power.

EGYPT PERMITS U.N. OFFICIALS TO VISIT CAPTURED ISRAELI FISHERMEN

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 17. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld today informed the Israel delegation at the UN that the Egyptian authorities have permitted members of the United Nations Emergency Force to visit the six fishermen detained by Egypt since September 25 when coast guard units seized the fishing trawler Doron.

Mr. Hammarskjöld told Mordecai Kidron, Deputy chairman of the Israel delegation that the UNEF members who visited the arrested crew members found them in good health and well treated. Israel is seeking the release of the ship and of the crew which is composed of five Israelis and one Italian.

(From Jerusalem it was reported today that Davit Detraz, International Red Cross Middle East representative who is currently in Israel, will fly to Cairo early next week in connection with the Egyptian seizure and detention of the 70-ton Israel fishing crawler, the Doron, and its six-man crew, it was disclosed today. Mr. Detraz visited the fishing village of Tantara to day to meet relatives of the detained fishermen in preparation for the trip to Cairo.)

ISRAEL BRINGS CHARGES AGAINST BULGARIA BEFORE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel has asked the International Court of Justice at The Hague to start proceedings against Communist Bulgaria for shooting down an El Al passenger plane in July 1955, which cost the lives of 58 persons, it was announced today.

The Israel Foreign Ministry said the International Court has been asked to declare the Bulgarian Government responsible under international law for shooting down the plane and for the loss of life and property which resulted.

Damages totalling \$2,658,000 were claimed by Israel in the application, which also asked court determination of the amount of compensation due from Bulgaria as well as to decide that all costs and expenses of the court action were to be borne by Bulgaria.

Noting that the 58 victims included nationals from Austria, Belgium, France, West Germany, Sweden, Great Britain, the Union of South Africa and the United States, the Foreign Ministry said the International Court also had been asked to notify the governments of those countries concerning the Israel court action.

The Foreign Ministry announcement said that Israel had been seeking for two years to get a direct settlement through diplomatic channels to persuade Bulgaria to fulfil a pledge to pay for damages. Despite submission of the issue to the International Court, the Foreign Ministry said, Israel was still willing to negotiate an out-of-court settlement with Bulgaria.

GOLDA MEIR FINDS U. N. THIS YEAR FRIENDLIER TOWARD ISRAEL THAN LAST YEAR

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The leaders of nations on five continents understand Israel's problems and the atmosphere at the United Nations this year is far more friendly toward the Jewish State than it was a year ago, Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir declared here prior to her departure for home. During her stay at the U.N. Mrs. Meir conferred with Foreign Ministers of many lands.

Speaking to press representatives at the airport, Mrs. Meir said that she and Secretary of State Dulles found themselves in agreement on a number of points. Both of them, she continued, view the situation in the Middle East with equal gravity.

Asked for comment on the movement of Egyptian troops into Syria, the Foreign Minister said she did not quite know what was going on. But, she noted that Egyptian assignment of troops to Syria is "only one act in a continuing drama--merely a dramatization of the tensions that existed in the area before this step was taken."

Mrs. Meir expressed hope that Israel and the Arab states would eventually establish rapport. "I think that we can say quite definitely that Israel's achievements must bring peace nearer. The Arab states know as well as anyone else that Israel is growing stronger in every way and sooner or later they will simply have to admit this fact realistically to themselves."

Strong Economy Is Israel's Best Foreign Policy, Says Mrs. Meir

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The strengthening of Israel's economy is the best foreign policy Israel could adopt, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, said here prior to her return to Jerusalem. She spoke at a reception given by AMPAL-American Israel Corporation for a six-member Israel industrial goodwill mission now touring the United States.

The gathering was attended by more than 100 senior representatives of New York's largest banks and manufacturers doing business with Israel through AMPAL and its affiliates and by officials of the Israel Government Economic Mission to the United States as well as officers and directors of AMPAL.

ISRAEL PROTESTS NAMING OF EGYPTIAN TO ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANIZATION

VIENNA, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Israel abstained today in the voting for a member of the board of governors on the organization to promote the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes which is being set up at the international conference here. The Egyptian delegate was elected by a vote of 42 of a possible 48.

When Israel was assigned to the Middle East-North Africa bloc which would be represented on the international board by its own governor, the Israeli delegate, Prof. Ernst Bergmann, protested that under this classification system Israel's interests would never be represented by a governor from an Arab state. His protests were unheeded and Prof. Bergmann, chairman of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission, abstained.

ISRAEL CABINET GETS PLAN TO ELIMINATE TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- A three and one-half year, 115,000,000 pound program to eliminate all temporary housing for immigrants was submitted to the Israel Cabinet by Labor Minister Mordecai Namir.

The plan calls for the building of homes for 20,000 families currently living in temporary housing. It also provides for the housing of tens of thousands more who are expected to arrive during the three and one-half years.

GENERAL ZIONISTS, HERUT SUPPORT BEN ZVI'S RE-ELECTION AS PRESIDENT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The two major opposition parties in Israel indicated support today for the re-election of Itzhak Ben Zvi as President. This left only the Communist Party in the declared position of abstaining on the forthcoming election of Israel's Chief Executive. No opposition candidate has made an appearance.

The General Zionist Party, after two days of deliberations, decided to second the nomination of Mr. Ben Zvi. The Herut has decided to send a delegation to visit Mr. Ben Zvi and offer its support on condition that the law governing the presidency be changed to require that upon nomination every presidential candidate renounce his party affiliation. Mr. Ben Zvi is a member of the Mapai Party.

ISRAELI FARMERS WARN AGAINST CUTS IN JEWISH AGENCY'S INTERIM BUDGET

TEL AVIV, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Leaders of Israel's farming settlements warned today that cuts in the interim Jewish Agency budget threatened the existence of their villages and could do "catastrophic damage" to the country's agricultural settlements. Present at a hastily convened session were the representatives of smallholders--moshavim--and collective settlements.

Dr. Raanan Weitz, head of the Agency's settlement department agreed with the settlement leaders, asserting that his department could not operate "under such conditions."

JEWISH SCIENTISTS CREDITED IN MOSCOW WITH CONTRIBUTIONS TO S-PUTNIK

LONDON, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Five Russian Jewish scientists were included in a list of 50 who were credited today by a key official of the Soviet Academy of Sciences with basic contributions to the Soviet Earth satellite.

The tribute was made by Alexander V. Topchiev in an article in Pravda which did not link the scientists with any specific aspects of the development of the satellite, but rather with discoveries in basic research.

The Jewish scientists and their credits were: L. D. Landau, theoretical physics of thermodynamics and statistical physics; P. L. Kapitza, discoveries in the field of liquid helium; V. I. Veksler, studies in connection with a 10 billion electron-volt atom smasher; L. I. Mandelstam, development of a phase methods of measuring distances by radio waves, used in tracking the satellite; and I. I. Ioffe, thermo-electrical phenomena.

HIGHEST TRIBUNAL IN GERMANY RULES IN FAVOR OF JEWISH VICTIMS

KARLSRUHE, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- West Germany's highest tribunal, the Federal Supreme Court here, has rejected persistent efforts to exclude the survivors of such concentration camps as Theresienstadt and Auschwitz from the benefits of the "immediate-aid" section for individual Nazi victims in the Federal Indemnification Law.

The court turned down an appeal by the State of Rhineland-Palatinate against a test case decision of the Neustadt Superior Court, which ruled that Erna Vogler, a Jewess deported from Neustadt to Theresienstadt, was eligible for the \$1,425 "immediate-aid" compensation payment. The Neustadt court ruling upset a decision of the Indemnification Chamber of the district court at Frankenthal last year denying Mrs. Vogler's claim by use of what critics called strained legalisms and tortuous reasoning.

At stake is the 1956 amendment to the Federal law, applying only to former residents of Germany. The clause provides that if they emigrated because of Nazi persecution, were deported or expelled, they are entitled to the \$1,425 allowance if they return to West Germany for permanent settlement.

The provision was adopted to put victims of Nazism on an indemnification footing comparable at least to that of returned Nazi prisoners-of-war and of ethnic German expellees or refugees. Prior to passage of the amendment, Germans in those categories could get help more quickly for a new start than were the German Jews who returned to Germany for resettlement.

Some of the German states, particularly Rhineland-Palatinate, barred from "immediate-aid" benefits Jews sent to non-German camps like Theresienstadt, who returned to West Germany after the war. Some indemnification authorities and lower courts in these states contended that such Jewish applicants had not been "deported" or "expelled" within the meaning of the indemnification law and hence ineligible.

The decision of the Supreme Court was considered a blow against what is called "cold sabotage," and a victory for the Central Council of Jews in Germany which fought the issue by repeated intervention with the many German governmental agencies concerned. The Council supported Mrs. Vogler in her suit. Dr. H. G. van Dam Council Secretary-General, appeared in Mrs. Vogler's behalf in both the Neustadt and Federal Supreme Court hearings.

CANADIAN LABOR MINISTER ASKED TO ACT ON DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

OTTAWA, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- A delegation representing the Canadian Labor Congress has conferred with Labor Minister Michael Starr and left with him a memorandum charging that officers of the National Employment Service have violated provisions of Canada's anti-discrimination legislation through improper job referrals.

Such practices, the CLC memorandum charged, included: acceptance of job orders containing discriminatory qualifications from employers; discussion of an applicant's race or religion with an employer before referral is made, and the distribution of application forms which ask questions in violation of the Fair Employment Practices Act of Canada. Also, it asserted, qualified applicants were frequently skipped in consideration for jobs because National Employment Service officials thought that as members of a minority group they would not be acceptable to an employer.

The CLC urged the Ministry of Labor to sponsor regional education conferences for National Employment Service personnel on the subject of discrimination and means of eliminating such unfair practices. It also asked for the appointment of a "citizens advisory committee on the FEPC which could make available to the government the experience of community, church, labor and employer organizations in dealing with problems of prejudice and discrimination.

Finally, in a reference to the recent conference on job discrimination held in Geneva by the International Labor Organization, the CLC memorandum urged the Dominion government to "give serious consideration to supporting the strongest form of international action to outlaw discrimination in employment."

100 U. J. A. LEADERS LEAVE TODAY TO STUDY NEEDS IN EUROPE AND ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- A 100-man Overseas Study Mission of the nationwide United Jewish Appeal leaves tomorrow for a survey of refugee aid requirements in Europe and Israel. Their first stop will be Paris, where they will confer with officials of the Joint Distribution Committee on the Polish Government's invitation to the JDC to set up aid programs for thousands of Jews being repatriated in Poland from Russia.

The JDC discussions will be the first order of business on the UJA mission's intensive three-week, on-the-scene survey of sharply mounting Jewish refugee aid requirements in Europe and, most important, in Israel. Leaders of the mission include Edward M. M. Warburg, UJA honorary chairman; Morris W. Berinstein of Syracuse, UJA president; Dewey D. Stone and Sol Luckman, UJA national chairman; Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, and Fred Forman, vice-chairman of the UJA national campaign cabinet.

A full report of the findings of the study mission will be presented to the UJA annual national conference which opens in New York on December 14, and will weigh heavily in charting the Appeal's 1958 campaign objectives. Heading the mission's agenda will be its participation in the annual conference of the Joint Distribution Committee in Paris, opening on October 20, where the new developments in Poland will be a prime topic. From Paris, the UJA mission will go to Israel on October 24.

GERMANY TO ISSUE POSTAGE STAMP HONORING THE LATE RABBI BAECK

BONN, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- A 20-pfennig postage stamp with the portrait of the late Rabbi Leo Baeck, who served as honorary chairman of the World Union for Progressive Judaism after surviving a Nazi concentration camp, will go on sale throughout West Germany just one year after he died in London.

Born near Poznan in 1873, Dr. Baeck was Berlin's principal liberal rabbi from 1912 until his deportation to the Terezin concentration camp in 1943. He held many important posts in communal life and is the author of notable works on Jewish ethics. The postage stamp will become available in an edition of 20,000,000 on November 2. The same day, and every year thereafter on this anniversary of his death, the Central Jewish Council and the Central Jewish Welfare Agency will jointly bestow a "Leo Baeck Prize" upon a young scholar whose work is in the tradition of the deceased.

HEBREW BOOKS DISPLAYED AT FAIR IN GERMANY FOR THE FIRST TIME

FRANKFURT, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- For the first time since the Nazi era, Hebrew books are now on display in Germany. Modern literature published in Israel is shown at the International Book Fair here in which 1,300 publishers from 23 countries are participating. Jacob Renka, Jerusalem bookseller, is in charge of the stand with 100 volumes recently put on the market by Israel publishers.

Other books on display include Arnold Schoenberg's "The Near East Comes Nearer" and Alex Weissberg's "The Story of Joel Brand," a report on the controversial wartime negotiations to save Hungarian Jews conducted by Brand and Dr. Kastner, who was assassinated in Israel last year. German translations have been brought out of Gerald Reitlinger's "The Final Solution," of the David Ben Gurion biography by Danish Lutheran minister Paul Borchsenius, and of the description of illegal immigration into Palestine furnished by Jon and David Kimche.

U. S. INDUSTRIALIST SIGNS CONTRACT FOR BUILDING RAYON PLANT IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- The signing of contracts for the construction of the first set of buildings of the \$24,000,000 rayon plant being erected at Migdal Aske'on by Israel Rogosin and his associates was announced last night at a reception given by the American industrialist. Present at the reception was Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, other Cabinet members and leaders of Israel's industry.

Solel Boneh, the Histadrut construction company, was awarded contracts for the construction of more than half of the main plant area, the first stage in the building of the huge complex. The contract was awarded on the basis of sealed bids.

WOMAN NAMED BY ISRAEL GOVT. AS COUNSELOR TO RABBINICAL COURTS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Hannah Schneirson of Tel Aviv was named today by the Ministry of Religious Affairs as the first woman counselor to district rabbinical courts.

Dr. Schneirson, who is well versed in both rabbinic and civic law, will have an office in Tel Aviv for persons seeking advice regarding matters before the religious courts. Her services, which will be free, will pertain mostly to matters of personal status over which the rabbinical courts have exclusive jurisdiction.