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BEN GURION, MEIR EXPECTED TO REPORT TO KNESSET ON MID-EAST CRISIS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA).-- Premier David Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Golda Meir will make statements to the Knesset tomorrow when the House opens for its winter session, it was officially stated here today following the weekly Cabinet meeting. Presumably, at least one of the reports will deal with the current Middle East crisis as reflected in the region as well as in Washington and at the United Nations.

It is known that the full Cabinet discussed the projected reports by the Premier and the Foreign Minister and approved them. Earlier, Mrs. Meir filled in the Ministers on her visits to Washington, the United Nations and Rome.

The Premier returned from his vacation today to attend the Cabinet session. However, during the holidays he met with top Israeli officials on the crisis revolving around Syria and Turkey.

Meanwhile, a top Foreign Ministry official last night told a meeting in Tel Aviv that the USSR does not intend to undermine Israel's existence but rather keep it as a bogeyman which could be used to further Russian subversion of the Arab states. He expressed the view that the current Soviet propaganda campaign is aimed as much against Damascus as against Ankara, and estimated that the present East-West struggle over the Middle East might continue for as long as five years.

Israel Says Egyptian Troops Landing Is Syrian Affair

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- In what amounted to the first official Israeli comment on the landing of Egyptian troops in Syria last week, the government-controlled radio this week-end called the troop movement an "internal affair" of the two Arab states and added that no outside power had the right to interfere. The broadcast was made on a regular Arabic-language program.

The statement, believed here to have been inspired directly by the Foreign Ministry, declared that it was a matter for the Syrian people to decide whether they would accept the stationing of foreign troops on Syrian soil. Observers considered it significant that the first statement of Israel's position on the Arab troop movements was made to the Arabs. Up to now the Foreign Ministry has declined to comment on it to either the local or foreign press.

HUNGARY IN DIPLOMATIC MOVE AGAINST ISRAEL OVER TRIAL OF ACTOR

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Israel was under diplomatic attack today from an other Communist source as the Government of Hungary threatened to pare Israel's diplomatic staff in Budapest over the refusal of Israeli authorities to halt criminal proceedings against a Hungarian actor charged with molesting a 12-year-old girl in Tel Aviv.

The Israel Foreign Ministry revealed tonight that the Hungarian Government has ordered it to recall three members of the Israel legation in Budapest. On October 14, Israel's Minister in Budapest was summoned to the Hungarian Foreign Ministry and told that unless the actor, Zoltan Greguss, were released by today half of Israel's legation staff would be ousted.

The Israel Foreign Ministry subsequently summoned the Hungarian Minister in Tel Aviv and informed him that Israel had been shocked by the Hungarian reprisal threats and resented Hungary's turning the matter into a political issue. Israel, however, has not backed down on bringing Mr. Greguss to trial. He was arrested September 10, had a preliminary hearing a week later and has been released on bail. Hungary was informed that it would be granted full opportunity to observe the trial.

Meanwhile, copies of the Hungarian Communist Party newspaper "Nepszabadsag" reaching here carry an interview with Mrs. Greguss, who did not join her husband on his current tour of Israel, charging that the actor had been arrested because he refused to perform an anti-Communist role in Israel.

MAPAI KIBBUTZIM ASK MERGER OF ALL SOCIALIST PARTIES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Calls for the political merger of all Zionist-Socialist parties in Israel and for a merger of all kibbutz movements in the country were issued today in resolutions adopted at the conclusion of the third annual convention of the collective settlements associated with the Mapai Party. Such mergers of all "constructive pioneering forces in Israel," stated the resolutions, would "ensure a stable regime in Israel."

Leaders of the left-wing Mapam Party declared that the call for the consolidation of all Zionist-Socialist parties here was "unrealistic," saying that the "sudden slogan for merger" enunciated by Mapai, is merely tactical and of no practical value.

Meanwhile, top members of Mapam have scheduled a meeting to be held in Jerusalem tomorrow to evaluate the party's partnership with Mapai in the government coalition. Mapam secretary Nathan Pailid has said publicly that members of his party accuse Mapai of retaining all powers inside the coalition, causing "ill feelings" among other component parties of the coalition. Mapam, it is understood, will demand that the coalition government take steps to ensure the real value of wages of workers in this country; see to it that all of the partners in the coalition participate equally in government work, including the foreign service and the economic offices; and eliminate military governorship over areas inhabited by Arabs.

Ben Gurion Urges Renewed Pioneering Attack on Negev

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A call for a vigorously stepped-up campaign to increase pioneering in desert and border settlements as a measure for strengthening Israel's national security was issued here this week-end by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.

Israel's greatest danger, Mr. Ben Gurion declared, in an address before the Association of Communal Settlements, lie not across the borders of Syria or Egypt, but rather in the over-concentration of population along the Mediterranean coastal strip and in the desolation of the Negev Desert.

To meet the danger, the Prime Minister said, 10 percent of the older and more experienced members of communal settlements in the North of Israel should join youth pioneers along the borders and in the Negev in the building of new settlements that would bolster Israel's national security and, at the same time, strengthen the Israeli economy.

BEN ZVI AGREES TO RUN FOR SECOND TERM; HERUT IN OPPOSITION

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- President Itzhak Ben Zvi announced this week-end that he would accept the nomination for a second term as Chief Executive of Israel. He has the support of eight pro-government and two opposition parties. The Herut, which offered him its support if he would renounce his adherence to the Mapai Party, decided to run an opposition candidate when he said that although as President he acted as a non-party man he would not break with a party in which he had been active for 50 years. The Communists have not offered to support his candidacy and are expected to abstain in the balloting.

ISRAEL JET CHASES INTRUDING PLANE BACK OVER JORDAN TERRITORY

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A Jordanian passenger plane spotted yesterday deep over Israel territory, in the Southern sector of the Negev Desert, was chased back toward Jordanian air, according to an announcement here today by an Israeli military spokesman. The Israeli plane that chased the Jordanian twin-engined Dakota was a Mystere-IV jet fighter.

ITALIAN PARLIAMENT FAVORS MOVES TO END ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN WAR STATE

ROME, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Italian Chamber of Deputies went on record this week-end as favoring all moves aimed at ending the state of belligerence between Israel and Egypt. The move came on a resolution by an Italian deputy which stressed that Israel's sovereignty must be guaranteed to assure the Israel people a peaceful life.

This action followed a three-day visit to Rome of Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir who conferred with the President, Premier and Foreign Minister of Italy. During an hour-long meeting with Premier Adone Zoli, Mrs. Meir underlined Israel's fears of trouble in the Middle East and its desire for peace. Her meetings with President Giovanni Gronchi and Foreign Minister Giuseppe Peila were also marked by cordiality.

Commenting on her visit, the official Italian news agency ANSA reported that although the Italian Government does not intend to assume the role of mediator, as has been repeatedly stated in Parliament, it is true that Italy does not want to fail in her international duties as a vehicle of good intentions aimed at building a durable peace. In this sense Mrs. Meir's Roman meetings will undoubtedly be useful.

Landing in Tel Aviv this week-end, Mrs. Meir told newsmen that she was well satisfied with her talks with Italian leaders whom she found "understanding."

BRITISH LABOR PARTY LEADERS ASK EAST-WEST GUARANTEES FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Israel's frontiers must be safeguarded against Arab aggression through a great power agreement which should include the Soviet Union as well as the United States and Britain, the British public was warned last night by two of the country's outstanding Labor Party leaders.

Hugh Gaitskell, head of the Labor Party, told a meeting at Bristol that the "first step" toward a solution of Middle East tensions should be "a guarantee by the Great Powers, including the United States and Russia, of the existing frontiers between Israel and the neighboring Arab states. The Arab states need to be assured that Israel will not be allowed to expand at their expense; but, equally, Israel is entitled to a guarantee of protection against attacks by her Arab neighbors."

Aneurin Bevan, the Opposition party's "shadow Foreign Secretary," writing in the weekly "News of the World," declared Russia should be allowed to join the Western Powers in a "guarantee to Israel against any aggression from her neighbors, while those neighbors should be guaranteed against aggression by Israel. If this could be done, one of the chief causes of trouble in the world would be removed."

BRITISH JEWS PREPARE CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT ARAB BOYCOTT

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews has a plan drafted for countering the Arab boycott and is waiting only until it understands the wishes of the Israel Government in this matter to begin "fighting like the devil" against the Arab economic campaign against Israel and Jewish businessmen everywhere.

In a report to a meeting of the Board today, John Dight, chairman of the Jewish Defense Committee, said that any action taken must be with an "eye to what Israel would wish to have done or not done." He indicated understanding for the difficulties involved for any government in such circumstances.

Barnett Janner, president of the Board, hailed developments in Communist satellite countries such as the resumption of contact with Hungarian Jewry and the Polish Government's agreement to allow resumption of JDC and ORT activities. He said that although anti-Semitism was deep-rooted among the Polish people and acts of discrimination had occurred on local levels, he had no reason to doubt the goodwill of the Polish Government.

Mr. Janner announced that a projected meeting of national Jewish organizations promoted by Dr. Nahum Goldmann had been postponed because a number of groups which would like to attend could not do so on the scheduled date--November 3. It is likely, he said, that the meeting would now take place in Rome during January.

BRITISH JEW, FRENCH COMPANY TO BUY SHELL INTEREST IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Isaac Wolfson, British chain store owner, and Petrofrance, French oil company, have purchased the holdings of British Shell in Israel for 5,000,000 pounds sterling (\$14,000,000), the Israeli press reported this week-end.

A report emanating from British business circles stated that the agreement between Wolfson-Petrofrance and the Shell interests was not yet final. It noted that the deal was for all property and assets except the refineries at Haifa.)

Several months ago, Shell and the British Petroleum Company, in which the British Government has an interest, announced their intention of closing their operations in the Jewish State. Though the companies, and the British and Dutch Governments, both of which have financial holdings in the companies, have insisted the action was dictated by commercial considerations alone, the move was generally interpreted as a surrender to Arab boycott threats.

ISRAEL'S PLEA TO HAGUE COURT BRINGS BULGARIAN COMPENSATION OFFER

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Disclosure last week by the Government of Israel that it had asked the International Court of Justice at The Hague to start proceedings against Bulgaria in the 1955 shooting down of an El Al plane brought a prompt offer of compensation from the Communist regime this week-end.

The Israel Foreign Ministry announced here that the International Court had been asked to declare Bulgaria responsible under international law for shooting down the plane, with death resulting to all 58 persons aboard, and for the loss of property.

Damages totalling \$2,658,000 were claimed by Israel, approximately \$45,000 for each victim. The offer by Bulgaria, in a communique from its legation in Brussels, was a promise to pay about \$8,000 per victim.

SOVIET PAPER DEPICTS ISRAEL AS LAND OF "SUFFERING AND SORROW"

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A leading Soviet newspaper, Komsomolskaya Pravda, has printed a number of letters purporting to have been written by Russian immigrants to Israel, depicting Israel as a land "full of suffering and sorrow," where unemployment is rife, people "go out of their minds" and immigrants "are dying of heat and hunger," according to the New York Times.

ZIONISTS APPLAUD DULLES WARNING TO USSR, ASK ISRAEL GUARANTEE

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dulles' "swift and firm action" in warning the Soviet Union against an attack on Turkey was unanimously endorsed here today at a meeting of the newly-elected national executive council of the Zionist Organization of America. However, the executive voiced regret that a similar warning had not been issued when Israel "another loyal friend and devoted ally of democracy" was threatened by "Moscow and its Arab satellites." Several hundred Zionist leaders from all parts of the United States attended.

Addressing the meeting, ZOA president Dr. Emanuel Neumann warned that "nothing less than the peace of the world" is dependent on the "resumption of energetic American leadership" in the field of foreign affairs. The Zionist leader charged that "while our government was meeting Soviet-inspired crises with pronouncements on the virtues of peace and punishing our friends to the delight of our enemies, the Communists moved steadily ahead with their program of penetration and subversion in the Middle East--first via Egypt and then through Syria."

Another "striking demonstration of the collapse of our Middle East policy," Dr. Neumann said "was provided when Saudi Arabia, presumably America's anchor and ally, undermined U.S. efforts to mobilize opposition within the Arab world against the subversion of Syria. These developments have exposed the basic weaknesses and inadequacy of the Eisenhower Doctrine, based as it was on the shifting sands of Arab politics. King Saud has done his best to turn the Doctrine into a fiasco."

Finally, the ZOA president voiced the profound hope that "our government's clear-cut and decisive reaction with respect to Turkey represents a radical shift in its entire approach, which will be applied to Israel as well."

Dr. Neumann called for the intensive mobilization of all Zionist forces in this country to help safeguard Israel and to rally all constructive forces in the Jewish community to strengthen its own cultural structure. He announced the appointment of a special committee of noted Hebrew educators and laymen to encourage the establishment of Hebrew day schools in the U.S. Dr. Neumann paid tribute to the 17 Jewish national organizations represented in the Presidents' Conference "for maintaining a united front and responding to every call for action."

Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund and national ZOA chairman for projects and activities in Israel, hailed the ZOA decision to redeem in cooperation with the JNF, 4,000 acres of land for the establishment of three settlements bearing the name of the ZOA, in Adullam, the newest region in Israel to be opened to settlement.

Dr. Morton J. Robbins, national co-chairman of the American Zionist Fund, the financial arm of the ZOA, stressed the vital need of increased contributions to the fund to finance the expanded program of activities both in Israel and in this country undertaken by the Organization. He pointed to the adoption of a \$2,000,000 budget by the ZOA convention and emphasized that this budget is a "must" if the ZOA is to fulfill the vital tasks entrusted to it.

EXHIBIT OF ISRAELI PAINTINGS, LITHOGRAPHS OPENS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Paintings and lithographs by 48 Israeli artists who live in a unique artists' village in the Jewish State went on exhibit here today at the Riverside Museum. All the artists whose works are being exhibited live in the village of Ein Hod, a settlement situated on the Mediterranean Sea between Haifa and Tel Aviv. The artists' colony had been founded by Bnai Zion, the American fraternal Zionist organization.

JEWISH PUBLIC RELATIONS MEN FORM PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Public relations men and women in the Jewish social agency field have established a national professional association, according to an announcement here today. Irving Dickman, of the Joint Distribution Committee, has been named president of the Jewish Public Relations Association; and Bernard Postal, of the National Jewish Welfare Board, has been chosen vice-president. Other officers are Dorothy Milstone of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; Edith Brodsky, of the American Jewish Congress; and Anna Kaufman, New York Association for New Americans.

JEWISH GIRL WINS MEXICAN NATIONAL COMPOSITION CONTEST

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Raisel Corona, 11-year-old student at the Hatikvah Jewish school in Monterey, has won a national contest for the best student composition on the subject of the Mexican Constitution. The girl is a niece of the well-known Yiddish writer, Meyer Corona.