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EXTERNAL FORCES FAN MIDDLE EAST TENSIONS, BEN GURION TELLS KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion opened the winter session of the Israel Parliament today with a long review of the Middle East situation and of Israel's foreign policy in which he carefully avoided any strictures on pro-Soviet Syria and was relatively mild in his references to the Soviet Union. Observers described this avoidance of extremes as a crystallization of Israel's posture today in foreign affairs.

Mr. Ben Gurion's speech made seven major points: first, there is no change in Israel's foreign policy; second, Israel's intentions are peaceful; third, military victories are insufficient to achieve a solution in the Middle East; fourth, Israel's primary task is the internal social and economic consolidation of the country; fifth, the importance of developing closer relations between Israel and the countries of Asia and Africa; sixth, the time is not far off when Israel will use the atom for agricultural and industrial purposes, and seventh, arms in Arab lands, whether from the Communists or from the West, are actually aimed at Israel.

Joy Over Sputnik Feat Overshadowed by New Tensions

Mr. Ben Gurion spoke before a packed house and a distinguished group of spectators including President Itzhak Ben Zvi. His speech will be followed tomorrow by a report from Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister, on the United Nations, and on her talks in Washington and Rome, after which the Knesset will begin its debate on foreign policy.

Mr. Ben Gurion congratulated "Russian science and the people" on the successful dispatch into space of an earth satellite but noted that "our joy over this scientific and technological milestone has, however, been overshadowed to no little extent by the resultant increase in world tension which is associated with the artificial satellite either as a cause or consequence."

He said Israel could not help but be concerned by the increase in tension in the world and in the Middle East whether or not it was connected with the satellite. "The Middle East has been a focal point of tension between East and West for more than two years, since the beginning of the copious flow of arms from the Soviet bloc to Egypt," he declared. "Israel has been aware, since the rise of the state, that it lives in two spheres, the regional which comprises itself and its Arab neighbors, and the greater world sphere which devotes considerable attention to the affairs of this region for historical and geopolitical reasons."

"The events of the last ten years," said Mr. Ben Gurion, "have proven that a military campaign cannot, by itself, be decisive, because the Middle Eastern sphere is involved, perhaps more than any other area, in the world sphere where the balance of power differs from the local military balance."

Regrets Deterioration in Soviet-Israel Relations

The Israel Premier expressed regret that there had been no improvement in Soviet-Israel relations "despite all our efforts to improve our relations with this mighty power which contains some three million Jews and is one of the decisive factors in world policy." He described the Soviet Union's early attitude of friendship to Israel and noted that "since the Egyptian dictator opened the gate of the Middle East to the Soviet Union, there has been a very clear and surprising deterioration in this Great Power's attitude to Israel and this attitude, of course, has not been weakened with the growing influence of the Soviet Union in Syria."

"The change that has now come about in the Middle East, continued Mr. Ben Gurion, is that it is no longer local forces but powerful external forces that aggravate the tension in the region and only parallel and complementary world forces can reduce this tension."

Mr. Ben Gurion expressed belief that the day would come when the Arab states recognized the existence of Israel. He noted increased understanding and support of Israel's aims by many countries and expressed regret that Premier Nehru's government in India which, he said, stood for the strengthening of peace with all nations regardless of their regimes, continued to discriminate against Israel and seemed to ignore its existence.

MIDDLE EAST CRISIS AFFECTS INTERESTS OF U.S. AND SOVIETS, EBAN SAYS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21, (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban characterized the Middle East situation last night as an issue of "cosmic survival" that removes frontiers and causes the danger facing Israel to be a matter of immediate concern to others.

Speaking at an Israel bond function, Mr. Eban suggested that the regional crisis is such that it now directly involves the "intimate interests" of the two greatest world powers. He said he had no doubt of Israel's survival. He pointed out that ten years ago Israel stood alone while today some of the strongest nations are "in honor" committed to Israel's independence.

ISRAEL 'ADVISED' EXIT OF SOVIET JEWS HINGES ON HER MID-EAST POLICY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21, (JTA) -- A ranking Soviet diplomat was quoted here today as having advised a prominent Jewish personality that the question of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union to Israel in the form of "reunion of families" was an "open question," the answer to which might depend on Israel policy in the present Middle East crisis.

News of the Soviet admonition came as reports were increasingly circulated here that Moscow, simultaneously with its public attacks on Israel, was giving hints to the effect that the Soviet attitude towards Israel might change if Israel adopted a less pro-Western policy. One report had it that the Soviets hinted they would end their anti-Israel campaign if the Israel Government came out publicly against the Baghdad Pact.

SEN. MANSFIELD SAYS U.S. ERRED WHEN IT SHIPPED ARMS TO JORDAN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21, (JTA) -- The Assistant Democratic leader of the Senate, Mike Mansfield, said today in a radio interview that "the move made by Secretary of State Dulles in shipping arms to Jordan at the outset of the Syrian incident seems to have backfired." But the Montana Democrat added that he approved Mr. Dulles' action at the time "and, if it has backfired, it is not Mr. Dulles' fault but it is the fault of all of us collectively."

Sen. Mansfield termed the present situation "serious" and said it seemed the Arab states were now united. While he did not know whether Arab unity at this point was real or "surface," he said he would certainly not underrate the Middle East situation "because anything could happen at any time there." But, in his opinion, a war is not in the immediate offing.

The Senator, a key member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said the Soviet Union, for purposes which only Moscow knows, "is trying to stir up a hornet's nest."

AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER ASKS U. N. TO SPONSOR MIDDLE EAST TALKS

SYDNEY, Oct. 21, (JTA) -- Australian Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies called today for United Nations sponsorship of urgent, high level discussions aimed at ending the situation in the Middle East.

Speaking at a conference of the Liberal Party's Federal Council, the Prime Minister insisted that at the head of the area's needs was a final, guaranteed settlement of the Arab-Israel borders. Next in priority, Mr. Menzies listed: settlement of the Arab refugee problem, provision of economic aid without strings to the nations of the region, and encouragement of peaceful trade.

SECOND CANDIDATE FOR ISRAEL PRESIDENCY IS LIFELONG FRIEND OF BEN ZVI

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21, (JTA) -- Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Israel Parliament, announced today at the opening of the winter session that there were two candidates for the Presidential election to be held in the Knesset next week--incumbent Itzhak Ben Zvi and Herut candidate Joseph Joel Rivlin.

Jerusalem-born Rivlin, 68, is a lecturer in Arabic literature at the Hebrew University and a lifelong friend of President Ben Zvi, whom he warmly congratulated when the latter received the endorsement of ten parties inside and outside the government coalition. Rivlin told newsmen that he was running--with no chance of election--on the principle that the President must relinquish his party affiliation when elected. President Ben Zvi, who offered the support of the Herut on condition he renounce affiliation with the Mapai Party, if elected, refused to sever party ties he has held for half a century.

SPEED OF DEVELOPMENT CAUSE OF ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC ILLS, BANKER SAYS

LONDON, Oct. 21, (JTA) -- Israel is in economic difficulty today because she has attempted to telescope a half-century's economic development into a decade, without inflation, David Horowitz, director of the Israel National Bank, told the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce here today.

There is a reasonable expectation that Israel will yet win its race against time, Mr. Horowitz asserted. He noted that in 1949 Israel only covered 12 percent of its imports with exports, while now the figure is close to 25 percent. By 1963, Mr. Horowitz predicted, Israel will have doubled her citrus exports and be self-sufficient in cotton.

J. D. C. WILL BEGIN CHILD FEEDING PROGRAM IN POLAND NEXT MONTH

PARIS, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee will resume its program of relief activities for Polish Jewry next month with the inauguration of a feeding program for children, Charles H. Jordan, JDC director general, announced today at the opening session of the 12th annual JDC country directors meeting. "First things come first and there can be no question in anybody's mind of the primacy of doing something at once for hungry children," Mr. Jordan said.

The 250 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the world assembled at UNESCO House here to participate in the JDC parley heard Amory Houghton, United States Ambassador to France, hail the achievements of the Jewish relief and rehabilitation organization and express satisfaction that the Polish Government had consented to a resumption of JDC activities. The Ambassador praised the JDC's program as "commensurate" with the United States responsibilities abroad and asserted it was an "inspiration for us."

Mr. Jordan said that the JDC did not yet know the extent of its full program in Poland, but "we do know that our immediate concern will be for those newly repatriated from Russia, among whom there are already 10,000 Jews and many more to follow." The Government of Poland, he continued, is doing what it can but supplementary feeding, housing, employment and schooling programs must be instituted immediately.

"These people need so much more than other repatriates from Russia," the JDC aide declared. "Non-Jews, upon their return, find relatives to receive them and to help them in the initial stages of settlement and integration. The Jews return to find neither relatives nor friends--practically all were wiped out in Nazi concentration and annihilation camps."

A radical reversal in the trend of Jewish immigration to Israel was reported to the meeting by Dr. Dov Joseph, Jewish Agency treasurer and one of the executive members responsible for immigration absorption. Of the 81,000 immigrants who arrived in the Jewish State during the past 12 months, he pointed out, more than 40,000 came from Eastern European countries, 13,000 fled Egypt, 21,000 came from North Africa and the remainder were from a variety of countries throughout the world. By contrast, Jews from North Africa made up 80 percent of the total immigration in 1956, Dr. Joseph noted.

OFFICER IN NEW GERMAN ARMY FINED FOR ANTI-SEMITIC INSULT

MUNICH, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- An officer of engineers in the new West German Army was found guilty in the county court today of "technical insult" in using abusive, anti-Semitic language towards a non-commissioned officer of half-Jewish origin and ordered to pay a fine equivalent to \$100. The case was the first known incident of anti-Semitism in the Bundeswehr.

According to testimony heard in the court, Captain Heinrich Neimann, 36, of an engineer training battalion, used vile anti-Jewish invective toward Corporal Eugen von Elmpt, who is half-Jewish, and a Bundeswehr volunteer. Neimann, an officer in the Wehrmacht, was awarded the Knight's Cross by Hitler.

When Neimann subsequently failed to apologize for his remarks, von Elmpt filed a formal complaint. Neimann was suspended from duty and disciplinary proceedings commenced. As the new German army does not yet have a court martial procedure, the case went to the county court where the prosecutor asked for a five-month prison sentence. A charge of "humiliating abasement of a subordinate" was dropped on technical grounds.

AUSTRIA COMPLETES PROGRAM OF ABROGATING PENALTIES IMPOSED ON NAZIS

VIENNA, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government has completed the task of abrogating penalties imposed on active members of the Nazi Party in the Vienna area, it was disclosed today. Acting under amnesty legislation, the authorities completed a check of the cases of 15,000 convicted Nazis here. Of this total, 6,000 were completely rehabilitated and penalties imposed on them were annulled.

Former Nazis sentenced to prison terms of less than five years had their records wiped clean and the confiscation of their property was rescinded.

ANTI-SEMITIC AUSTRIAN STUDENTS TRY TO DISRUPT 'ANNE FRANK' SHOWING

VIENNA, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- A group of 50 anti-Semitic students staged a demonstration today in Linz, Upper Austria, at the theatre where the "Diary of Anne Frank" was being shown. Police called to the theatre expelled three of the demonstrators. The remainder thereupon made a disorderly exit in an effort to disrupt the performance.

FAMOUS BRITISH RESORT HOTEL CHARGED WITH ANTI-JEWISH BIAS

LONDON, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The defense committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews was charged today with the responsibility for dealing with anti-Jewish discrimination practiced by one of England's most famous hotels, the Royal Bath, in the southern resort town of Bournemouth. The decision to have the committee take action followed a warm debate in which elements in the Board said that there were adequate accommodations for Jews in Bournemouth and the matter should be ignored. The bias charges against the famous hostelry have attracted considerable attention.

POLISH UNDERGROUND LEADER DENIGRATES ROLE OF GHETTO FIGHTERS

ZURICH, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- A string of anti-Semitic abuse was the only explanation the former commander of the Polish resistance forces could offer today for his failure to mention the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in his writings and lectures on the Polish underground campaign against the Nazis.

Asked at a public meeting here about the role of the Jews in the rebellion, Gen. Bor-Komarcowski said: "There is little I can say about the Ghetto Uprising. The Warsaw Jews tried to save their lives by bribing the Germans with money instead of fighting them with arms."

In the face of angry protests from the audience, Gen. Bor retracted to the extent of declaring that "certain young Jews fought, however, and for these I have the highest regard." Most of the "fighting Jews," he asserted, served with his own forces, some of them on his personal staff. He denied being anti-Semitic, concluding: "I always advised the Jews to fight, but they rarely did so."

After the war, Gen. Bor and his Polish forces were bitterly attacked by survivors of the Warsaw Ghetto battle for refusing to assist the rebellion with arms and other supplies.

JEWS HIT AUSTRIA'S FAILURE TO INDEMNIFY VICTIMS OF NAZISM

PARIS, Oct. 21. (JTA) - Representatives of Austrian Jews and Jews from Austria now living in the United States, Israel and Britain charged today that three years after the Austrian State Treaty went into effect the Austrian Government has still failed to make good for the claims of victims of Nazism. A two-day parley of the World Council of Jews from Austria and the Federation of Jewish Communities of Austria also urged here that action be taken to safeguard the rights of Austrian persecutees under Bonn legislation indemnifying victims of Nazism.

ISRAEL BALLET TROUPE OPENS IN LONDON'S DRURY LANE THEATER

LONDON, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Inbal, the Israel national ballet and dance theater, opened its tour of Britain last night to a packed house in the Drury Lane Theater. Present in the first night audience were the diplomatic envoys of nearly 40 countries, leaders of the Jewish community and personalities from the entertainment world. Inbal will tour the British Isles and Eire for three weeks before coming to New York.

HOUSTON RABBIS URGE SUPPORT OF SUPREME COURT ON DESEGREGATION

HOUSTON, Tex., Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Six Houston rabbis joined 173 clergymen of other denominations in this city in urging all residents to support the United States Supreme Court decision on desegregation of public schools. The statement was issued a day after a Federal District judge directed the Houston School Board to integrate its schools.

The rabbis who aligned themselves with the cause of desegregation were: Hyman Judah Schachtei, Robert I. Kahn, Max Geller, William S. Malex, Harry Sky and Eugene Labovitz.

"We believe it to be the duty of every God-fearing citizen to encourage respect for our courts and obedience to all (their) decisions," the statement read. "We further believe that for an individual or group to defy decisions with which he or they are not in agreement is to encourage other dangerous elements in our society to follow the same destructive procedure for their own ends. This can only lead to anarchy in which the rights of none are respected."

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER TO KEYNOTE C. J. F. W. F. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver of Cleveland will be the keynote speaker at the opening session of the 26th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The four-day conference will take place in New Orleans, November 14-17.

A major area of discussion for the delegates will be "Ten Years of American Aid to Israel." A special luncheon session will hear first-hand reports and analyses on the achievements in Israel during the last decade as well as its future needs. Rabbi Herbert Friedman, executive vice-president of the United Jewish Appeal; Isidore Sobeloff, executive vice-president of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit; and Ernest Stock, CJFWF Consultant on Overseas Studies, will address the Assembly.

The General Assembly is the annual meeting of the 225 federations, welfare funds and community councils which comprise the CJFWF. As the governing body of the Council, the Assembly will review its activities in 1957 and will determine its policies and program for 1958. It will also define major Jewish welfare objectives, adopt the 1958 budget and dues schedule and elect officers and board members for the coming year.