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GROMYKO WARNS ISRAEL ITS POLICIES JEOPARDIZE ITS EXISTENCE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei T. Gromyko accused Israel today of acting in collusion with the United States and Turkey in a plot calling for invasion of Syria and coupled his allegations with a direct warning to the Jewish State that its policies were jeopardizing its existence. The Soviet diplomat's attack on Israel followed the lead given by the Syrian Foreign Minister in the debate on the Middle East in the United Nations General Assembly this afternoon.

In backing the Syrian complaint against Turkey, Mr. Gromyko said: "As for Israel, she had discredited herself too much by last year's adventure against Egypt. Nevertheless, Israel too has a part to play in the plans directed against Syria and the other Arab States. During the discussion of the American-Turkish plan of attack on Syria, it was also envisaged that Israel too would take part at a certain stage in these operations. Judging by experience, Israel gives little thought to its future development, even to its very existence as a state, if the policy which is now being pursued by the Government of Israel would continue. It looks as if Israel is cutting at the branch on which it sits."

Bars Probe on Syrian-Israel Border

Israel was dragged into the picture by the Syrian Foreign Minister, Saleh Bitar, who addressed the Assembly in advancing a Syrian demand for appointment of a special commission to investigate Syrian claims that Turkey was planning aggression and to report back to the Assembly within 10 days. The Syrian made it clear that while he was accusing Israel of a role in the alleged plot against his country, the proposed commission was not to inspect the Israel-Syrian border but was to confine its activities to the Turkish-Syrian frontier.

The plot, as unfolded by Mr. Bitar in his tirade today, involved United States support of Turkish efforts to subvert the Syrian regime "to the benefit of international Zionism." Components of the plot he cited included the Eisenhower Doctrine, the presence of the Sixth U. S. Fleet in the eastern Mediterranean and the "heavy arming" of Israel. The plan of Turkey and the West, he alleged, was to "confront the Arab States with Zionist expansionism" and to destroy those Arab States that opposed it. He denounced Zionism as "a front for colonialism in the Middle East."

The Syrian advocate brushed aside criticism of Syria's arms acquisitions from the Communist bloc, describing them as "legitimate commercial purchases from the Soviet Union."

WASHINGTON DRAFTING NEW PLAN TO STABILIZE MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A new American plan for the stabilization of the Middle East and for blocking further Communist penetration of that area was believed shaping up here today as Washington prepared for the arrival of Harold MacMillan, the British Prime Minister.

The new plan was thought in some quarters to envisage a restatement of previous American positions on the Israel-Arab boundaries and on the Arab refugee question. But it would include entirely new provisions with respect to the borders of Turkey, the territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Jordan and similar innovations.

President Eisenhower discussed the Middle East situation at some length today with Secretary of State Dulles but White House press secretary James Hagerty, however, would give no hint as to whether specific proposals had actually been drafted. Mr. MacMillan, according to British sources, was bringing certain suggestions for a new Western policy in the Middle East.

Mr. Dulles, on a busy day, had a long meeting with Selwyn Lloyd, the British Foreign Secretary, to discuss the Middle East situation. He later met the Saudi Arabian Ambassador for a discussion on Middle East questions including the Syrian situation.

The French Ambassador, Herve Alphand, was briefed on the situation at the State Department today by Robert D. Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of State. Chaim Herzog, the Israel Minister, was to see Loy Henderson, Deputy Under Secretary of State.

BRITISH NAVY CANCELS FLOTILLA VISIT TO HAIFA PORT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- An "operational visit" by five British naval units to Haifa, "scheduled for Thursday, has been cancelled and only one ship will make the projected "courtesy call," the British Embassy announced today.

The announcement said the original order had been cancelled to "avoid any misunderstanding which the presence of a large number of ships might, because of the prevailing tension in the area, have given rise.

The Israel Army Chief of Staff, foreign military attaches and many guests watched a display of test maneuvers by Israel armored units today.

The demonstrations included mock attacks by Sherman and French-13 tanks and a number of armor engineering operations and firing exercises.

LONDON TIMES CALLS FOR GUARANTEES OF ARAB-ISRAEL BORDERS

LONDON, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- In the present circumstances, Premier David Ben Gurion can hardly hope for favorable response to his plea to America and the Soviet Union to help reduce tension in the Middle East and to the Arabs to bury the hatchet. The Times of London said today in an editorial comment on Mr. Ben Gurion's foreign policy report to the Knesset at its opening session yesterday.

The Knesset postponed its debate on Israel's foreign policy today when, because of illness, Foreign Minister Golda Meir was unable to attend the session and make her scheduled report on developments at the United Nations and her talks in Washington and Rome. The general debate on foreign policy was to have followed this report.)

The editorial noted that if Russia were determined to stake a claim to a permanent place in the Middle East, then it would have to "recognize that solution of the Arab-Israel quarrel is a prerequisite of peace. It will be of little use to anybody if the dust over Syria is settled and this fact is still dodged. Some international guarantee against aggression from either side should be aimed at as a first step."

As far as Israel is concerned, the editorial declared, the basic situation continues to look uncomfortable but immediate military danger is not ranked very high. "It is, rather, the long-term implications that the Middle East is becoming the main battleground in the cold war that is disquieting. It has become the battleground since Russia took a hand in the region's feuds and rivalries and in the bitterest feud of all--the Arab-Israel quarrel--espoused the Arab cause."

REPORT SHELL, WOLFSON NEGOTIATING PRICE FOR ISRAEL OIL FACILITIES

LONDON, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Sale of the Shell Oil and British Petroleum distribution and marketing facilities in Israel to a partnership of the Isaac Wolfson interests in Britain and Petrofrance of France "will set Israel free from the international oil combines," the financial editor of the London Daily Express reported today. He reported that both seller and buyer were eager to conclude the transaction and that only the price remained to be hammered out. He pointed out that the Consolidated Refineries at Haifa, owned jointly by Shell and British Petroleum, were not up for sale and were not involved in the present negotiations.

Informed sources told the JTA today that a "new factor" had entered into the situation and that nothing was likely to be settled with respect to sale of the oil facilities in Israel until next month.

ASIAN FLU IN ISRAEL ON 'MODERATE COURSE,' HEALTH AIDES SAY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Ministry of Health officials said today that the Asian influenza epidemic in Israel was taking a "moderate course." According to official reports an average of 5,000 persons were confined to bed with the disease, but it was estimated that the actual number of victims was about five times higher. Jerusalem was described as the city worst hit by the epidemic. It was estimated that the city had 10,000 cases at present.

Innoculation of defense forces personnel against the Asian flu has been completed and health officials today began to inoculate the border police and airline and maritime service employees.

PARLEY SEEKS REUNION OF RUMANIAN JEWISH FAMILIES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Problems of the integration of Rumanian immigrants and of the union of Rumanian families with relatives still in the Soviet satellite were key items on the agenda of a conference of the Association of Rumanian Jews in Israel which opened here today.

Cabinet ministers and other officials attended the opening session. Resolutions were considered to establish a variety of financial aid programs for the newcomers.

SWISS PROMISE TO HEED ASYLUM PLEAS OF JEWISH REFUGEES

BERNE, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The Swiss Government has assured the Swiss Jewish community that it will give "sympathetic consideration" to pleas for asylum and for work permits for Jewish refugees, it was disclosed today.

Dr. Georges Brunschwig, president of the Union of Swiss Jewish Communities, told the local Jewish committee that after he had met with Marcus Feldmann, member of the seven-man Swiss Federal Council, he was assured by the proper authorities that a number of "hard-core" Jewish refugees would be admitted to Switzerland and that the Swiss authorities would reconsider their entire attitude should there be a renewal of anti-Jewish measures in Egypt.

This announcement came in the wake of the Ludwig Report which, with its disclosure earlier this week of anti-Jewish measures taken by the Swiss Government during World War II, has caused considerable comment here. While some Swiss newspapers glossed over the report, others have been sharply critical.

The report was published by the Swiss Federal Council. It was prepared by Prof. Carl Ludwig of the University of Basle, who declared that thousands of refugees, particularly Jews, had been doomed between 1933 and the end of the war by Swiss enforcement of over-rigid rules of asylum. The report sharply criticized this attitude, and stressed that Swiss asylum was "a leading principle of the Swiss state's policy and forms part of the Swiss conception of freedom and independence." National policy therefore, it said, "must take into account asylum for people whose lives are endangered."

FRIEDMAN HAILS RENEWAL OF J. D. C. OPERATIONS IN POLAND

PARIS, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-president of the United Jewish Appeal, told the twelfth annual conference of country directors of the Joint Distribution Committee here today that Jews throughout the world hailed reactivation of the JDC program in Poland. The conference had been told yesterday that the JDC would resume operations in Poland in November with a child feeding program.

"One great area of the world which has been closed to us up to now appears to be opening," Rabbi Friedman said. "With bated breath and with many prayers, we waited and hoped for the time when we would be able to get behind the Iron Curtain. The time now seems to have come. Two enormous possibilities lie ahead--the rescue and rehabilitation of the great reservoir of Jews in that part of the world and their transfer, in as large numbers as is humanly possible, to Israel. These two historic possibilities are now ours as we begin the third decade of the United Jewish Appeal."

The 1958 UJA campaign, Rabbi Friedman noted, would be the organization's twentieth. He said that in the 19 years of its existence, UJA had raised more than one billion dollars for the welfare and resettlement programs of the JDC and the Jewish Agency.

Moses W. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the JDC, reported to the conference that JDC activities had greatly increased on the South American continent last year. He said this was due, primarily, to the arrival of more than 3,300 immigrants, most of them from Hungary and Egypt. Of the total, 2,376 went to Brazil, he said. Absorption of these refugees, he declared, posed a serious challenge to local Jewish leadership, particularly in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil and Santiago de Chile, the centers in which the largest number of refugees settled.

Herbert K. Katzki, assistant director-general of the JDC, told the conference there were about 200,000 Jews in Morocco. The past year, he said, had witnessed a considerable "internal immigration" of Jews from hill villages to small towns and from the small towns to the larger cities. This, he pointed out, made great difficulties for the JDC program. He described the population shift as due to the drying up of economic possibilities in the smaller communities and hopes of better prospects in the larger centers.

Lack of Jewish leadership, due to the large-scale Jewish emigration of past years, was a further problem in Morocco, he noted.

VANGUARD OF U. J. A. MISSION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The vanguard of the fourth overseas study mission of the United Jewish Appeal arrived at Lydda International Airport tonight. The mission is composed of 100 Jewish leaders from all parts of the United States. It will assemble here Thursday to commence an intensive study of conditions here and to tour the country preparatory to the opening of the 1958 UJA campaign. The delegation will meet with Premier David Ben Gurion and other leaders of the government.

BERLIN ISSUES MAX REINHARDT STAMP

WEST BERLIN, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A 25-pfennig stamp bearing the portrait of Prof. Max Reinhardt, noted Jewish theatrical producer who died in New York in 1943, went on sale today as part of a special West Berlin Post Office series called "Famous Figures of Berlin History." The stamp is valid throughout West Germany.

JEWS OF SPAIN ESTABLISH COMMITTEE FOR WORLD ORT

GENEVA, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Establishment of an ORT committee in Spain was announced today by the World ORT Union. The committee, to be headed by Dr. S. Danon, a leader of Spain's Jewish community of 3,000, was set up by following the recent visit of Mme. Haskin of the World ORT Union.

In past years, Spain's Jews have had little opportunity to work with world Jewish organizations and establishment of the ORT group was interpreted here as indicating some liberalization of the Spanish regime's policy towards its Jewish minority.

SCHOOL TO PREPARE JEWISH RELIGIOUS TEACHERS OPENED IN CASABLANCA

CASABLANCA, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A School for Advanced Talmudic Studies was opened here to prepare religious teachers for Ozar Hatorah schools throughout Morocco. Fifty students enrolled in the first class.

Two other advanced religious schools are currently operating within the Moroccan Jewish community. One prepares Hebrew teachers for schools operated by the Alliance Israelite Universelle and the other prepares competent religious leaders for posts on Jewish religious courts.

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY ACCEPTS DISPUTED LEGACY FOR AGED HOME

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- After checking admission procedures in Jewish homes for the aged in the United States and Canada, the Vancouver Jewish Administrative Council voted today to recommend that the local Jewish Home for the Aged accept a \$125,000 legacy which requires that the institution admit Gentile patients on the same terms as Jewish ones.

The legacy was left by Louis Brier of Lynn Creek whose bequest created considerable controversy, partly because acceptance of the gift would require alteration of the institution's constitution. The Administrative Council's investigation indicated a trend toward Jewish and non-Jewish admissions.

HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN BONDS SOLD AT DINNER HONORING EDWARD S. SILVER

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister of Israel, paid tribute tonight to Kings County District Attorney Edward S. Silver for his "valuable efforts and signal leadership in helping the economy of Israel" at a testimonial dinner in honor of Mr. Silver at which more than 800 persons purchased more than \$500,000 in State of Israel Bonds. A special gold, hand-illuminated scroll was presented to Mr. Silver by Benjamin G. Browdy, Brooklyn chairman for Guardians of Israel. The citation on the scroll was signed by Mr. Ben Gurion.

HERMAN LEVENTHAL NEW PRESIDENT OF N. E. SECTION OF J. W. B.

BOSTON, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Herman Leventhal of Boston took office today as president of the New England section of the National Jewish Welfare Board. More than 300 delegates attended the section's 47th annual convention at which he was elected.

U. N. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REPRESENTATIVE NAMED FOR ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Eric Ward of Melbourne, Australia, has been appointed resident representative in Israel of the United Nations Technical Assistance Board, it was announced here today. Mr. Ward, who served as acting resident representative in Israel during 1954, is expected to arrive in Jerusalem on November 1 to take up his permanent duties.

HILLEL FOUNDATION OFFICES SHIFTED FROM NEW YORK TO WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations national headquarters is being moved from New York City into the new B'nai B'rith building in Washington, D. C. effective tomorrow, officials of the organization announced today.

29TH ANNUAL MEETING OF CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS SET

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 delegates and guests are expected to attend the two-day 29th annual meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews here November 10-11, it was announced today by Benjamin F. Fairless, noted steel industrialist, and James F. Twohy, West Coast business leader, the national co-chairmen.

A memorial tribute to the late Roger W. Strauss, who served as Conference co-chairman from its founding in 1928 until his death last July, will open the national assembly with Dr. Arthur H. Compton, Nobel Prize physicist, presiding.

Another feature event will be the annual Veterans Day Brotherhood Luncheon on November 11. Speakers who will address the sessions include Adm. Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference.