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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES IMPLICATIONS OF SUGGESTED "SUMMIT MEETING"

JERUSALEM, July 20. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet met today to discuss the latest developments in the Middle East. It is assumed that the Cabinet also discussed the possibility of a "summit meeting" suggested by Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev and its implications for Israel.

Israel diplomacy has been active in the Western capitals in recent months in connection with the possibility of a summit conference, but these activities were based on the assumption that the Middle East would constitute only a part of the summit agenda.

Top level consultations were started today in the Foreign Ministry here on problems that might involve Israel during a summit conference. At the present moment there are no special plans to send an Israeli mission abroad in this connection, but the possibility is not excluded that unofficial Israeli observers would be found in the lobbies of a summit conference, should such a meeting take place.

Israel envoys in the Western capitals will receive instructions on Israel's current position as soon as decisions are reached. In the meantime, Premier David Ben Gurion urgently summoned the Yugoslav ambassador and is expected to have urgent talks with other ambassadors. Observers attach special importance to the meeting today between Mr. BenGurion and the Yugoslav envoy, since the latter is the first ambassador of a country other than the Big Four with whom Premier Ben Gurion has consulted, and also because Yugoslavia is a friend of both Israel and Egypt.

Eban Due in Washington Today; Rushes Back from Israel

Ambassador Eban, who came here for consultations and home leave and intended to remain in Israel for several weeks, rushed back to Washington this morning after staying here only two days. He was sent back to his post by Premier BenGurion who also ordered Shimon Peress, his top defense aide and director general of the Ministry of Defense, to Paris. Mr. Eban reached London by plane this morning and immediately departed for the United States.

Meanwhile, Moshe Carmel, Achdut Avodah leader who holds the Transportation portfolio in Premier David Ben Gurion's government, called today for a renewal of Israel's bid for modern armaments "since the world is beginning to understand that Israel is the only stable base of democracy in the Middle East."

The left-of-center leader, who apparently still wants to avoid an open advocacy of military assistance from the West, asserted that the Anglo-American landings cannot offer a solution of Israel-Arab relations nor halt the Arab unification movement. Therefore, he stressed, Israel must make a "supreme effort" to obtain weapons.

The still more left-of-center Mapam, meanwhile, warned against any direct or indirect intervention by Israel in the current inter-Arab and East-West struggles. Meeting last night at Mishmar Haemek, the party political committee described Israel's grant of permission to Britain to flytroops over Israel into Jordan as a "grave mistake." Such entanglement by Israel is apt to present "incalculable dangers," the committee said.

While such criticism of the government's action might normally lead to a Cabinet crisis, it was learned that the Mapam and the Achdut Avodah--which also opposed the British overflights--have decided not to quit the government "in the face of the grave situation."

Eisenhower is Asked to Authorize Sending of Modern Arms to Israel

WASHINGTON, July 20. (JTA) -- Close contact is being maintained here between the Israel Embassy and the State Department on the rapidly moving Middle East situation. The arrival of Ambassador Eban from Israel is expected tonight or tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Representative P. Morano, Connecticut Republican, announced yesterday that he had asked President Eisenhower to authorize the transfer of modern arms to Israel. If inclusion of Israel among the nations receiving such armaments involves a delay, the Congressman wrote the President, Israel should be permitted to buy weapons on the open market.

COMMUNISTS DEMONSTRATE IN FRONT OF U.S. EMBASSY IN ISRAEL; THREE INJURED

TEL AVIV, July 20, (JTA) -- Three persons were injured and 13 arrested here last night during a Communist demonstration in front of the American Embassy.

Strong detachments of Israeli police cordoned off the Embassy and ordered the 100 Communists to disperse. When they refused, the police charged and scattered them. The thirteen leaders arrested included the daughter of Dr. Moshe Sneh, Communist deputy in Knesset. The Communists shouted: "Away with the American warmongers."

In Nazareth, the all-Arab town, Communists held a meeting to celebrate the Iraqi army coup of last week. Communist propaganda, exploiting the Iraqi development and subsequent American and British action in the Middle East, has stepped up an intensity in the Arab villages of northern Israel.

JEWS AND ARABS ARRESTED IN ISRAEL AS SUSPECTED MEMBERS OF SPY RING

TEL AVIV, July 20, (JTA) -- A number of Arabs and Jews were rounded up by Israeli police this weekend in a crackdown on a suspected spy ring.

The police closed in on the mixed group after they picked up an Arab and a Jewish woman in a car near the Jordanian border Friday night. The woman confessed that they were waiting for an Arab from Jordan to whom they were planning to turn over information in their possession. Following up leads supplied by the first suspects, the authorities picked up a number of other Jews and Arabs.

ISRAEL MAY POSTPONE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW IDENTITY CARD REGISTRATION

JERUSALEM, July 20, (JTA) -- A statement by a spokesman of the Mapai Party that the Israel Government may postpone implementing the hotly-disputed registration identity card by which Israel citizens could identify themselves as Jews raised hopes today that the National Religious Party might return to the coalition Government of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.

The statement was made as Moshe Shapiro, religious party leader who resigned as Minister of Religions in protest against the new identity card, left Israel for a month-long holiday in Switzerland. Mr. Shapiro left on advice of doctors who felt the religious party leader had not sufficiently recovered from the wounds he sustained in the hand grenade attack on the Knesset last year.

The Mapai statement intimated that implementation of the new regulations might be postponed pending completion of the work of a new inter-ministerial committee named by the Prime Minister to study the problem and make recommendations. Minister of Interior Israel Bar Yehuda and Justice Minister Pinchas Rosen, with the Prime Minister, make up the committee.

It was reported that the Mapai peace feeler might have been prompted by Ben Gurion's need to obtain a greater working majority for policies in the developing Middle East crisis, particularly because of left-wing opposition to Israel cooperation with Western deployments in neighboring Arab countries.

DISPUTED JERUSALEM SWIMMING POOL FOR MIXED BATHING SOLD TO KIBBUTZIM

JERUSALEM, July 20, (JTA) -- The newly-built swimming pool in this city in which men and women will be allowed to bathe together has been sold to a group of kibbutzim affiliated with the Histadrut branch in Jerusalem, it was announced here today.

The private promoters who built the pool, which has created an international furore under the continued attacks and riots of the ultra-Orthodox members of the Neturei Karta sect, said that they sold the recreational facility because of the trouble caused them by Orthodox elements, and the repeated protest demonstrations.

The promoters are owners of two hotels in this city. In the course of the dispute, the rabbinate withdrew kashruth seals from the hotels while zealots marched up and down in front of the establishments enlisting public sympathy for their cause. The former owners of the pool expressed today their hope that with the sale of the swimming pool they will have removed doubts about their personal religious orthodoxy.

BAVARIA COMPLETES ACTION ON 71,000 JEWISH COMPENSATION CLAIMS

MUNICH, July 20, (JTA) -- The Bavarian Indemnification Office completed action on 71,000 claims for compensation in the less than two years between the time the Federal Government adopted its Indemnification Law and the fiscal year closed last March 31, the Association of Bavarian Jewish Communities reported today.

Heinz Meier, vice president of the Bavarian Indemnification Office, also reported that 116,900,000 marks were paid out to claimants in 1956 and 172,130,000 marks in 1957. He anticipated that the provincial indemnification load could be cleared up by 1963. He made the point that 1963 could see the end of the indemnification processing program if recent procedural improvements were continued and extended throughout the Indemnification Office machinery.

RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT EXPELS ISRAELI DIPLOMAT; ISRAEL LODGES PROTEST

TEL AVIV, July 20. (JTA) -- Yosef Vered, Second Secretary at the Israel Legation in Bucharest, was declared persona non grata this week-end by the Rumanian Government and given 72 hours to leave the country. The Rumanian Government accused Mr. Vered of having persuaded Rumanian Jews to emigrate to Israel and had advised them how to go about it.

The Israeli Charge d'Affaires expressed surprise at Bucharest's action and submitted a sharp protest over the deportation order. He denied the Rumanian charges that Mr. Vered had violated diplomatic practice.

The Israel Foreign Ministry, in denial, pointed out that it was Mr. Vered's duty to receive applicants for immigration to Israel and to answer their questions about Israel, their welcome there and ways of going there. It was pointed out that he need not have persuaded anyone to emigrate, in view of the fact that there were thousands of Jews who came to the Legation seeking a way to be reunited with their families in Israel.

Mr. Vered's activities were not contrary to practice, the Foreign Ministry continued, nor was he able to help the thousands of Rumanian Jews who applied for entrance to Israel. He was limited, it was noted, to explanations that Israel is prepared to welcome the would-be immigrants, but permission for their leaving was in the sole province of the Rumanian Government.

Jacob Barmor, First Secretary at the Warsaw Legation, who was expelled last week by the Polish Government, arrived here this week-end. He refused to comment on his case.

TUNISIAN MINISTER WARNS JEWS AGAINST "ZIONISM"; PLEDGES FREE EMIGRATION

PARIS, July 20. (JTA) -- The Tunisian Secretary of State for Justice warned the Tunisian Jews against "Zionist tendencies," threatened to expel any Jews who have relations with Zionist organizations, and pledged that the Tunisian Government would allow Jews who desired to leave for Israel or elsewhere.

The secretary, Ahmed Mestiri, was quoted today in an interview with Le Monde, one of the leading French newspapers. M. Mestiri was interviewed in the presence of Andre Baroach, Secretary of State for Public Works and a Jew; Ahmed Zarouche, Governor of Tunis, and members of a "Temporary Commission for the Management of the Jewish Religion." M. Mestiri was in Tunis for the installation of the new Chief Rabbi, Dr. Meis Cohen.

"Nothing must distinguish the Jewish citizen from other citizens," M. Mestiri told the Le Monde reporter. "If, however, there are people who feel more French than Tunisian and who still dream of the 'Promised Land,' and look towards Israel and, willingly or not, play the Zionist game, we tell them that it is in their interest and in the interest of Tunisia that they should leave for wherever they want and we shall not prevent them from doing so."

M. Mestiri said further that the Tunisian Government would "take the initiative to make leave the country all those who have secret or other relations with Zionist organizations and thus introduce into the country unrest."

(The New York Times reports today in a cable from Tunis that Dr. Maurice L. Perlsweig, representative of the World Jewish Congress, said there that the Jews of Tunisia, between 60,000 and 70,000 in number, "are in no way discriminated against and the government is sincere in its efforts to do everything it can to give the Jews an even break.")

ABOUT 5,000 JEWS REPORTEDLY STILL RESIDE IN IRAQ; 10,000 IN SYRIA

LONDON, July 20. (JTA) -- Only 4,000 to 5,000 Jews remain in Iraq out of a community of 120,000 before the start of Israel-Arab hostilities, the World Jewish Congress reported today.

The report said that most of Iraq's Jews migrated to Israel during 1950 and 1951. The Jewish community of Lebanon totals 10,000 of whom half are refugees from Syria, the report added.

2,122 HUNGARIAN REFUGEES SETTLED IN ISRAEL, INTERNATIONAL BODY REPORTS

NEW YORK, July 20. (JTA) -- A total of 2,122 Hungarian revolt refugees found permanent new homes in Israel, the Inter-Governmental Committee for European Migration reported today.

The organization, in disclosing that the last of the Hungarian refugees would be on their way to new homes by the end of 1958, did not give a breakdown on the number of Jews among the 9,000 who registered with the ICEM for resettlement.

DELEGATES FROM POLAND AND HUNGARY TO ATTEND W. J. C. PARLEY

GENEVA, July 20. (JTA) -- For the first time since 1948 delegates from Poland will attend the forthcoming meeting of the World Jewish Congress executive which opens here Wednesday. In addition to the three observers from Poland, representatives of the Central Board of Hungarian Jewry, will attend as full delegates.

