



Jewish Telegraphic Agency

# DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

Contents Copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXV No. 152 - 40th year

Friday, August 8, 1958

## U. S. WANTS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DEAL WITH BROAD MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The United States does not seem yet to have any concrete overall plan for meeting the Middle East crisis, despite the fact that reports have been circulated alleging that such a plan has been prepared in Washington.

This was ascertained here today as the United Nations Security Council met in preparation for the convocation of an urgent session of the United Nations General Assembly to deal with the situation in Lebanon and Jordan. American sources here indicated that a broad Middle East program to be brought before the General Assembly is under consideration in Washington, but so far there is no plan on paper.

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban told correspondents today that he had heard nothing about any overall American plan for the Middle East, although he had had five conferences in the last ten days with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Undersecretary of State Christian Herter.

Asked whether he had been told of the purported American plan to be submitted to the United Nations, for final solution of the Arab refugee problem, an implementation of the Jordan River Authority project, Mr. Eban said: "I am not aware of any concrete proposals whatever which would offer prospects for finding basic solutions in the present situation. In fact, I know of no proposals at all."

Henry Cabot Lodge, chairman of the American delegation at the United Nations, addressing the Security Council this afternoon, said that the troubles in the Middle East are "deep seated" and the roots are "much deeper" than the Lebanese-Jordanian situation. He expressed the hope that the emergency session of the General Assembly "will want to deal with the broad and fundamental problems" besetting the Middle East.

### Eban Advocates Direct Arab-Israel Talks on Settling Conflict

Prior to the opening of the Security Council meeting, Ambassador Eban accompanied by his new deputy representative here, Ambassador Arthur Lourie, had a 20-minute conference with Guillaume Georges-Picot of France, this month's president of the Security Council. Commenting later on the rumored American plan for the solution of the Middle East problems, Mr. Eban said:

"The only way we can foresee to approach these problems is through direct talks between Israel and the Arab governments." He said he visited M. Georges-Picot "because as a Middle Eastern nation we are interested in the agenda that is coming before the Security Council.

"We want to know the scope of the discussions to be held by the Security Council." he stated. "Neither we nor anyone else has raised any problems concerning us directly. There is nothing on the agenda that is directly in the context of the Israel-Arab situation." Asked whether Israel expects to participate in the current United Nations debates, Mr. Eban said: "When the General Assembly convenes, we will definitely participate as a member."

In addition to Ambassador Lodge, the Security Council was addressed today by Soviet delegate Arkady Sobelov, British delegate Sir Pierson Dixon and Lebanese delegate Dr. Karim Azkoul. None of the speakers mentioned the Arab-Israel dispute and the debate was limited to the situation in Lebanon and Jordan. Hashim Jawad, representative of the new Iraqi Government, was admitted to the Security Council as a recognized member of the Council replacing the representative of the ousted of King Faisal regime in Bagdad.

## MOSCCW LINKS ISRAEL WITH UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN AS "AGGRESSORS"

LONDON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Radio Moscow continued today to link Israel with America and England in propaganda broadcasts, charging that "Israel has become a partner in the aggression against the people of Lebanon and Jordan and other Arab countries."

A communique by the central committee of the Israeli Communist Party is also being disseminated by Moscow. It alleges aggressive intrigue by the Israeli Government with America against Iraq and the United Arab Republic.

## BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY TO MEET WITH GOLDA MEIR ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES

LONDON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Golda Meir is scheduled to arrive here Monday to confer with Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, it was announced here today. A Foreign Office spokesman said "the Foreign Secretary is looking forward to meeting Mrs. Meir and will review with her the Middle East situation."

Her visit to London will conclude her current round of European capitals. Mrs. Meir's arrival here will coincide with the visit of Shimon Peres, director general of the Israel Defense Ministry, who has also visited a number of Western capitals. Mr. Peres, who was originally scheduled to quit London Saturday evening, will remain over the week-end to compare notes with the Foreign Minister.

Mrs. Meir will not limit her talks with Mr. Lloyd to any specific point, it is understood, but will try to present concisely and clearly Israel's views on the current political situation. This is Mrs. Meir's first visit to London since she assumed the Foreign Affairs portfolio.

## VATICAN PRESSING PLAN FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM

ROME, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The Vatican is pressing a plan for the internationalization of Jerusalem which would place administration of the city under the control of the Knights of Malta, it was reported here by the influential liberal newsmagazine "L'Espresso."

The report asserts that Israel's position with respect to internationalization has "softened" and that the Vatican is said to attach "great importance" to this alleged change of heart on Israel's part. It notes that the Vatican has always hoped to convince the Israel Government, with which it maintains continuous contacts, of the "rightness" of its point of view. The magazine drew attention to the recent visit to Rome of Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir and of the arrival here of Maurice Fisher and Paolo Colbi, two officials responsible for Christian and Oriental affairs in the Israel Government.

(The Order of St. John of Malta which was given jurisdiction over the island of Malta in 1530 by Holy Roman Emperor Charles V was chiefly distinguished in Jewish eyes for the capture and enslavement of Jews en route to the Holy Land. During the 16th and 17th centuries when the entire Jewish population of Malta was composed of such slaves, mistreatment of the Jews by the monks of Malta earned the island a reputation for evil and cruelty.)

## AUSTRALIA'S MINISTER ANALYZES ARAB-ISRAEL PROBLEM IN PARLIAMENT

CANBERRA, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Australia's Minister for External Affairs, Richard G. Casey, suggested in Parliament yesterday that a United Nations standing commission, backed by an international police force, be created to investigate threats and acts of direct and indirect aggression in the Middle East.

Mr. Casey expressed the belief that such United Nations jurisdiction and action would create an atmosphere more favorable to a solution of the "root causes of the area's explosive conditions"--the Arab-Israel problem and the absence of a border settlement.

With progress on the Israel question, Mr. Casey continued, it would be possible to examine whether the flow of arms could be checked, and basic political disputes would remain to be solved by negotiation.

The Australian statesman further suggested the establishment of an international organization to assist the Middle East countries develop their resources and "ease the resettlement of a million Arab refugees." He suggested that Israel would contribute to this program.

## ZIONIST REVISIONISTS APPEAL TO U.S. FOR ARMS, DEFENSE PACT FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- An appeal to the United States Government to conclude a mutual security pact with Israel and to see to it that Israel is "integrated into the mutual defense network of the free world" was made today by the United Zionists Revisionists of America in a half-page paid advertisement in the New York Times.

Declaring that "Pan-Arabism is new Hitlerism" and warning that "Nasser must be stopped lest freedom perish," the Zionist Revisionist appeal says among other things:

"Israel is the main target for the arrows of Nasserism and Communism. Khrushchev and Nasser know well that Israel, a truly democratic and stable country in that area, cannot be cowed and cannot be subverted. They are therefore out to destroy Israel, a major obstacle to their conquest of the region.

"The U.S. still has staunch and powerful friends in the Middle East. Let us give them our full support to withstand the onslaught of Khrushchev and Nasser. The security of the U.S. and the survival of western civilization demand that the U.S. strengthen its ties with Turkey, Lebanon, Iran, Pakistan and Israel."

GERMANY REPORTS \$1,000,000,000 PAYMENTS TO ISRAEL AND NAZI VICTIMS

BONN, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The West German Government and its various states have already paid out over \$1,000,000,000 in restitution to victims of Nazism, to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany and in reparations to the State of Israel, the Official Government Bulletin reported here yesterday.

As of last April 1, the bulletin said, West Germany had paid out 4,500,000,000 deutschmarks. It added that for the current fiscal year, another 2,500,000,000 deutschmarks had been allocated by Federal and state treasuries. In another estimate, the bulletin said that if all funds allocated through next March 31 for the general and specific restitution and compensation programs were paid out, a total of 8,000,000,000 deutschmarks will have been made available to Nazi victims.

Taking note of a controversy which several months ago rocked German national life, the bulletin said that current estimates of the total cost of the restitution program for Nazi victims varied between 14,000,000,000 and 24,000,000,000 marks--a range of better than \$2,500,000,000. Justice Minister Fritz Schaeffer brought criticism from all sides when he said that the cost of restitution for the Jews alone might hit 30,000,000,000 marks.

YOUNG IMMIGRANT WHO TOSSED BOMB INTO KNESSET SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Moshe Douek, the young Iraqi immigrant, who tossed a bomb into the Knesset last October, turning the Cabinet table into a shambles and injuring several Ministers, was today sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment. The judgment was deferred a week to provide Douek, who defended himself throughout his trial, to present medical evidence supporting his contention that he was mentally irresponsible at the time of the bombing.

The home-made hand grenade rolled under a bench which partly absorbed the blast. Premier David Ben Gurion, Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Minister of Religion Moshe Shapira (since resigned) and Minister of Communications Moshe Carmel, were hit. Mr. Shapira was in the hospital for many weeks as a result of his injuries.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT RECESSES FOR SUMMER; EASES INCOME TAX LAW

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament recessed for a summer vacation and the High Holidays today after Speaker Joseph Sprinzak voiced a fervent appeal for world peace and for peace between Israel and her neighbors.

One of the Knesset's last official acts before the recess was the adoption of amendments to the income tax law which give businessmen the right to deduct from tax returns losses incurred in previous years. The deductions may be made even if the taxpayer suffered the losses in a business other than the one in which he is currently engaged.

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR NEW OIL FIELDS IN ISRAEL PREDICTED BY U.S. EXPERT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Though Israel is not on a par with the Persian Gulf states with respect to oil, "there are good prospects for oil in other places than the Heletz oil field," Kenneth Landes, an American oil geologist, declared today.

Mr. Landes, who has been studying Israel's oil prospects, recommend the drilling be continued in an effort to uncover new fields. At the same time, he urged companies already ready in the field to lift the "veil of secrecy" on any geologic data which they have amassed. He further suggested that the Heletz field might be extended westward.

It was learned, meanwhile, that new drillings will commence shortly near Huldah, in South Judea. A second rig will begin drilling near Halutza in the southern Negev.

ISRAEL MINISTER OF EDUCATION PLEDGES COOPERATION WITH HEBREW UNICN

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Zalman Arrane, Israel's Minister of Education, promised today increased government cooperation with the work of the World Hebrew Union which seeks to spread the study of the Hebrew language and literature in countries outside Israel. He spoke at a convention of the World Union.

The 50 delegates from 21 countries, who had previously asked the government and the World Zionist Organization for official recognition, cheered Mr. Arrane's statement.

Afterwards, the delegates continued their discussion of a proposal to expand their activities to include publication and distribution of a basic 500-word Hebrew vocabulary and to add to the Hebrew lessons currently carried in 51 periodicals which are published in 10 different languages.

U.S. REVISIONISTS CRITICIZE REFUSAL TO TRANSFER JABOTINSKY REMAINS

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The administrative committee of the Zionist Revisionists of America today published a statement criticizing the decision of the Israel Cabinet not to transfer to Israel the remains of Zeev Jabotinsky, late Revisionist leader.

#### AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE LEADERS LEAVE ON MISSION TO LATIN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A delegation of the American Jewish Committee leaders left today by plane for Latin America to study the situation of the Jews in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Peru and to establish closer relationships with Jewish leaders there. The State Department had expressed interest in the goodwill mission of the delegation and is facilitating some aspects of the trip.

The delegation is headed by Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Jacob Blaustein, honorary president. Members of the delegation will visit religious, educational and welfare organizations in the Latin American countries and will confer with government leaders there.

#### BIBLE READING IN PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHALLENGED IN COURT

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A Pennsylvania statute requiring the daily reading of the Bible in the public schools has been challenged in Federal Court here in a test which may end up before the United States Supreme Court.

Suit was brought by Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Schempp of Roslyn, Pa., who charged that the Pennsylvania law--part of the state school code--was unconstitutional. Their son Ellery, in what he termed a test of religious freedom, attempted to read the Koran but was told he had to listen to the Bible recitations.

#### ST. LOUIS JEWRY TO START BROAD PROGRAM OF CARE FOR JEWISH AGED

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- A broad program of care for the Jewish aged in this city will be launched this Fall with the establishment of a new Department of the Aged within the Jewish Family Service Agency.

The new program was designed to implement the recommendations of a survey of the Jewish aged and chronically sick in St. Louis undertaken recently. It involves expansion of institutional facilities for care of the aged infirm and introduction of a "foster and boarding home" program. The latter would care for the aged who do not require institutional care and who cannot maintain their own homes, permitting them to remain within the general community.

Under this system, older men and women are placed as boarders with private families which would be paid for their services. The family service is to begin soon to list suitable homes as residences for the aged seeking the department's assistance. The plan also provides for the addition of 100 beds to the present capacity of the Jewish Orthodox Old Folks Home for the care of the aged infirm.

#### FIRST JEWISH ALL-DAY SCHOOL TO OPEN IN COLUMBUS; FIVE SCHOOLS IN OHIO

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Plans were being completed here today for the opening of the first Jewish all-day school in this city. Parents of children eligible for entry in the first and second grades this Fall have been invited to enroll them in the new school.

Sponsors of the institution explained that the school would offer balanced sessions in both English and Hebrew subjects. The school will seek approval of the Ohio State Board of Education so that graduates will have high school acceptance. There are at least five Jewish all-day schools in other large Ohio cities.

#### COMMUNITY CENTER BEARING NAME OF U. S. PHILANTHROPISTS OPENED IN ISRAEL

BEERSHEBA, Israel, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The Shever Community Center, sponsored by the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, was opened here today at a ceremony attended by leaders of the town, Israel's major center in the Negev, and prominent figures in the cultural foundation. The \$100,000 center, made possible by the contributions of Nathan and David Shever, St. Louis businessmen and philanthropists, will offer a complete program of community cultural and educational activities.

Present at the ceremony was Nathan Shever and members of his family, but David Shever could not attend. Eliezer Peri, chairman of the Israel board of the cultural foundation, told the gathering that the "entire Shever family have, during their lifetime, been wholly dedicated to humanitarian ideals, but especially to a secure Israel living a full life." Roger Dow, First Secretary of the United States Embassy in Israel, also spoke.

#### JACOB MESTEL, JEWISH AUTHOR AND ACTOR, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 74

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Jacob Mestel, noted Jewish author and actor, died at his home here last night. He was 74 years old. He is the author of a two-volume work, "War Notes of a Jewish Officer," describing his experiences in World War I, as an officer in the Austrian Army. He is also the author of several books of Jewish poetry and dramatic works.

Born in Zlotshev, Galicia, he studied at the Vienna Conservatory. When World War I was over, he came to the United States and devoted himself to the Jewish theatre. He was a member of the Yiddish Art Theatre for many years. He also played Jewish theatres in Latin America.