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U. S. DISCONTINUES AIRLIFT TO JORDAN THROUGH ISRAEL; NOTIFIES ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The American Embassy today officially informed the Israel Government that the American airlift to Jordan through Israeli territory was concluded this morning.

The announcement by the American Embassy came while the Israel Cabinet approved today a government reply to the Soviet Union's protest against Israel permitting the airlift. The text of the reply will be made public tomorrow, after having been received by Moscow. However, it is generally assumed that, while the wording of the reply is mild and polite, it actually rejects the Soviet protest.

Premier David Ben Gurion told the Cabinet today that the airlift over Israel territory was actually concluded this morning. The news was received with relief by the members of the Cabinet representing the left-wing groups Mapam and Achdut Avodah who opposed the airlift. It is believed that they acceded to Mr. Ben Gurion's request today that the entire matter should be considered as closed.

When Britain and the United States requested last week permission to resume their airlifts to Jordan through Israel airspace, the Israel Government refused the British request, but permitted the American airlift which had been scheduled to last only a few days.

U. N. MEMBERS SEEK CLARIFICATION ON HAMMARSKJOLD'S MIDDLE EAST PLAN

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Clarification of the plan on the Middle East proposed last Friday by United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold to the special emergency session of the UN General Assembly was sought by UN members here today. Mr. Hammarskjold's proposed plan calls on the Arab states to pledge non-aggression and non-interference in each other's affairs, but does not call for Arab non-aggression against Israel.

Ambassador Abba Eban, head of the Israel delegation to the United Nations, conferred on Friday separately with Henry Cabot Lodge, head of the American delegation, and with Sir Pierson Dixon, head of the British delegation, prior to the opening of the Assembly session. It is understood that the Israel envoy sought to make sure exactly how and in what context Israel would fit in, in whatever program may develop as a result of the agenda before the General Assembly.

Members of the Israeli delegation indicated that Mr. Eban's talks with the head of the United States and British delegations were "satisfactory." It is assumed that Mr. Eban also wanted to make certain that Israel is not placed in a position in which plans for overall Middle East solutions would leave Israel out of the picture.

The discussion on Mr. Hammarskjold's plan will start Wednesday at the General Assembly. In his address at the opening session of the Assembly, at which he proposed his "peace plan," Mr. Hammarskjold carefully avoided mentioning Israel, stating only that the UN forces stationed between Egypt and Israel helped to maintain quiet in that area and have worked out in a way which "may be a source of satisfaction to all members of the United Nations."

Israelis Dissatisfied with Hammarskjold's Plan; Were Not Consulted

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Israeli circles--saying nothing officially--are known to be considerably angered by the "peace plan" offered to the United Nations special emergency session of the General Assembly by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. The plan is seen as based on strengthening the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, whose duties are to supervise implementation of the Israel-Arab armistice agreements and not getting involved in internal Arab disputes.

Israelis consider the plan an attempt by Mr. Hammarskjold to divert the world's attention from Col. Nasser's aggression, by transparently insinuating that the actual threat to Jordanian integrity stems not from Moscow-backed Nasserism but from Israel. Israel was not consulted on any such plan as proposed by the Secretary General, although the implementation of any such plan is practicable only with Israel's agreement. Perturbed Israelis recall Mr. Hammarskjold's persistent efforts to whitewash Col. Nasser.

BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER STARTS IMPORTANT TALKS WITH GOLDA MEIR TODAY

LONDON, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Extraordinary importance is being attached here to the meeting which is to take place tomorrow between Britain's Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir. This is the first time that Mrs. Meir is meeting in London with the British Government. The initiative for the meeting came from the British Foreign Minister, who extended an invitation to Mrs. Meir to come here.

Diplomatic circles here were of the opinion today that Mrs. Meir will seek to obtain a clear picture on Britain's intentions in Jordan, and to insist on a clear reply as to what will happen to the arms stocked by Britain in Jordan in case the British troops leave that country. Political circles here believe the Meir-Lloyd talks would center on answers to the question "What next in Jordan?" The most important part of this question is: Once the British leave Jordan, will there be a partition of that country, and who will profit by partition?

Responsible British circles are moving toward a partition solution as the lesser of the evils. Although they are at present far from prepared to let Israel share in the spoils of Jordanian partition, British circles are eager to know what Israel's attitude is likely to be when Jordan falls.

Apparently anxious to prevent an outcry from the Arab states, the Foreign Office here tried to conceal the news about Mrs. Meir's scheduled conference with Mr. Lloyd at the latter's invitation. Only when the news became public did the Foreign Office grudgingly announce the fact.

British and Italian Programs Seek to "Freeze" Israel's Borders

There are increasing reports to the effect that the British Government has in view some form of international development scheme for the Middle East to be administered by neutrals. This program seems in some way to be similar to that proposed by Italy's Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani, with whom Mrs. Meir met in Rome Saturday.

The British and Italian programs seem to have in common these three points: 1. An agreement among Middle Eastern countries not to interfere in one another's internal affairs, coupled with a tacit kind of "freezing" Israel; 2. An agreement between the Western Powers and the Soviet Union not to interfere in the affairs of the Middle East; 3. A joint economic effort by some international organization to assist and develop the Middle East so as to raise the standard of living.

On the last point, the British seem to favor a set-up under the aegis of NATO or of the Baghdad Pact Council, while Mr. Fanfani prefers an enterprise under United Nations framework. Both the British and the Italian programs leave out the issue of an arms embargo as too political and controversial, on the theory that such an issue must be settled by direct negotiations between the West and the East.

ITALY REASSURES GOLDA MEIR OF ITS INTEREST IN ISRAEL'S SECURITY

ROME, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, left here for London today after conferring with Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani at talks during which, according to an Italian spokesman, she received "full reassurance of Italy's interest in Israel's security."

The government's official communique, issued after a two-hour session between Mrs. Meir and Mr. Fanfani, declared that there had been "a cordial meeting which allowed for a useful comparison of the points of view of both governments, particularly concerning the Middle East situation and the special emergency session of the United Nations General Assembly."

Before departing, Mrs. Meir said: "I have valued very much the opportunity of having discussed the Middle Eastern problems with the Italian Premier. The discussions were very helpful. The Premier's attitude and approach to the problems of the Middle East are very constructive. I leave with the feeling that friendship between Italy and Israel is deep-rooted."

Leading Italian newspapers today expressed admiration for Mrs. Meir and understanding of her present mission in Western Europe. Before coming here, she was in Paris, where she conferred with the French Premier, Charles de Gaulle. In London, she will talk with British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, who had invited the Israel Foreign Minister for a conference.

The influential *Corriere della Sera*, of Milan, wrote today: "Israel requests that her present frontiers be guaranteed. Italy shares the opinion that, for Middle Eastern stabilization, this problem, like the refugee problem, must find a solution. Western conscience could never tolerate new persecutions against Israel."

During the talks with Mr. Fanfani, Mrs. Meir was accompanied by Israel's Ambassador here, Eliahu Sasson. Mr. Fanfani, who is also Foreign Minister, was joined during the talks by the director general of his Foreign Ministry, Adolfo Alessandrini. The Prime Minister had given a luncheon for Mrs. Meir yesterday, while Mr. Sasson feted her and Italian officials at a gala dinner last night.

J. D. C. REPORTS ON AID TO JEWS; HELPED 195,490 PEOPLE DURING YEAR

NEW YORK, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee provided assistance in 1957 to 195,490 needy Jews in Israel, Europe and the Moslem world, including thousands of refugees from Egypt, Hungary, Poland and other countries, the JDC reported today. Nearly 100,000 were Jews from Moslem countries.

In a foreword to the report, Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice chairman, noted that "while during the two or three years ending in 1956, JDC had been dealing mainly with the settled population, in 1957 nearly 16 percent of the beneficiaries from JDC activities were transients; that is, new victims of persecution or those in search of new homes in more hospitable lands than the countries of their residence."

The report indicated that JDC programs are currently being conducted in some 25 countries. The report, prepared by the JDC Research Department under the direction of Dr. Boris Sapir, also indicated the continued large-scale assistance provided by Malben, the JDC welfare program on behalf of aged, ill and handicapped newcomers to Israel.

In 1957, JDC aided more than 36,670 persons in Israel, of whom 17,461 were aided through a Malben network of old-age homes, hospitals, sanatoria, sheltered workshops and other institutions throughout the Jewish State, as well as through reconstruction loans. In addition to 9,276 persons who received institutional care through Malben, the program also provided out-patient aid, medical appliances grants for aged persons, nurses training courses, on-the-job assistance in sheltered workshops and help to place handicapped immigrants in suitable employment.

Also in Israel, more than 12,000 persons were assisted through JDC's cultural and religious programs, and some 6,700 received vocational training in the workshops of ORT. In all, JDC help provided vocational training through ORT to more than 25,500 in a dozen countries.

Other JDC assistance included the distribution of U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus foods to a monthly average of 111,450 men, women and children. The distribution included a total of more than 12,000,000 pounds, valued at over \$1,000,000. Since the end of the war, JDC has shipped more than 260,000,000 pounds of purchased and contributed commodities to needy Jews in all parts of the world.

Mr. Leavitt also noted that "In Europe, JDC efforts have been directed at laying a solid foundation for a sound Jewish communal life." He cited as a major aspect of these endeavors the establishment of community and youth centers in cooperation with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. Some 47 of these centers were undertaken between 1954 and 1958, at a total estimated cost of \$3,396,000. Sixteen of these centers were in France, with others in Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy, Norway, Spain and Sweden.

Countries in which needy Jews received JDC aid during 1957 included Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia in Europe; Algeria, Iran, Morocco, Tunisia and other areas in the Moslem world; and Israel.

SO. AFRICAN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL CHECKS ANTI-JEWISH BIAS IN HOSPITALS

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- A resolution declaring that "a hospital official shall be guilty of misconduct if he discriminates on religious grounds in carrying out his official duties" was adopted by the Cape Provincial Council.

The resolution was adopted following charges by Major A. Z. Berman, deputy leader of the United Party in the Council, who alleged there had been anti-Jewish discrimination against a Jewish applicant for the chair of anatomy at Stellenbosch University.

National Party leaders denied there had ever been anti-Jewish discrimination at the university or at Stellenbosch Hospital, and accused Maj. Berman of raising an issue "to make political capital."

POPE PIUS XII SENDS BLESSING TO ISRAEL THROUGH BIBLE QUIZ WINNER

ROME, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Pope Pius XII sent a blessing to the people of Israel, it was revealed here today by the winner of an all-Italy Bible Quiz.

The blessing was spoken during a private interview the Pope gave Miss Laura Cerutti, a Catholic, who leaves today to participate in the finals in Jerusalem of the International Bible Quiz. As far as is known, this is the first time the Pontiff has sent a blessing to the people of Israel.

PREFECT OF ALGIERS PAYS FORMAL VISIT TO JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ALGIERS, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- General Massu, leader of the Algerian military coup last May, preceding the ascendancy to the French Premiership of Gen. Charles de Gaulle, today paid a formal visit to the headquarters of the Jewish Community of Algiers. Gen. Massu made his visit in his capacity as prefect for the Department of Algiers. He was received by Gaston Saffar, president of the Jewish Community, and by members of the Jewish organization's top council.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE LEADERS OUTLINE VIEWS TO ARGENTINE JEWRY

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- The deep interest of American Jewry in Israel was emphasized at a press conference here today by Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, who is heading a delegation of his organization now visiting Latin American countries for the first time, and developing closer contact with Jewish communities there.

"We, the American Jewish Committee, have been giving our unstinting support to Israel since the establishment of the Jewish State, and have played an important role in its creation," Mr. Engel said. "We did not come to Argentina because we felt that the Jews here needed our help, like the Jews in North Africa for instance. But we came to exchange views with Jewish leaders here, to establish collaboration for the future, and to work together for the benefit of Israel," the AJC president stressed. He emphasized that his organization is opposed to the creation of an international body representing all Jews of the world, but cooperates with all Jewish communities.

Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, told the press conference that the delegation is being received on Tuesday by Argentine President Frondizi, but that it would not discuss with him matters affecting Argentine Jewry. He said that the purpose of the delegation was to obtain a better knowledge of the Jews in Latin America and to establish a better mutual understanding with Jews and non-Jews there.

Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the AJC, emphasized the advantage of each Jewish community in each country working through its own government, and said that the delegation is repaying a visit which leaders of Argentine Jewry made to New York last year to participate in the 50th anniversary celebration of the American Jewish Committee.

AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS TO PROCEED TO ISRAEL FOR ECONOMIC PARLEY

NEW YORK, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- More than 350 Jewish leaders from the United States, Latin America and Canada will go to Israel within the next ten days to participate in the first international conference for economic mobilization to be held in Jerusalem, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the State of Israel Bond Organization.

The conference will be held in Jerusalem during the period from August 25th through September 3rd under the auspices of the Israel bond drive, which has raised approximately \$340,000,000 for Israel's economic development during the past seven and a half years. Emphasizing that recent events in the area have increased the dangers to Israel, Dr. Schwartz stressed the urgent importance of the forthcoming Jerusalem conference.

"In the light of recent developments in the Middle East, the mobilization of economic support for Israel is vital not only to its own survival but to the preservation of democracy and the free world. For this reason our conference must devise a dynamic program of immediate and all-out economic aid to Israel through the instrumentality of State of Israel Bonds," Dr. Schwartz declared.

Israel's economic needs and plans will be presented to the delegates by Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, President Ben-Zvi, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and other government leaders. Foreign Minister Golda Meir will deliver a major address at the opening session. The International Economic Mobilization Conference will combine a survey of economic projects with detailed discussions of future plans. A survey tour of key areas of the country will enable the delegates to examine on the spot developments in industry and agriculture financed with the aid of Israel bond investments.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ZIONIST FEDERATION OF CHILE OPENS IN SANTIAGO

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- More than 180 delegates from all parts of Chile are attending the convention of the Zionist Federation of Chile which opened here in the presence of invited Zionist leaders from Argentina and other Latin American countries. The convention will discuss the Zionist movement in Latin America, emigration to Israel of middle class elements, the Zionist youth movement and Chaluziut, as well as aid to Israel.

LOUIS GOLDING, NOTED JEWISH NOVELIST, DEAD; WAS AUTHOR OF 30 NOVELS

LONDON, Aug. 10. (JTA) -- Louis Golding, prominent Anglo-Jewish novelist, whose outstanding work has been judged to be his "Magnolia Street," died here yesterday at the age of 62. He had been in a hospital for a month, since he underwent surgery. Since the early twenties, Mr. Golding had written more than 30 books.

Born in Manchester, England, Mr. Golding earned all his schooling through scholarships. Shortly before his illness he was working on a history of the Jewish people. He was a frequent visitor to Israel. About British Jewry, he wrote: "We English Jews belong to the Jewish race, not the Anglo-Saxon race, but we belong to the polity of Englishmen, and our fathers, brothers and sons have died for England without making any more fuss about it than a Mayfair Duke or a Dorset peasant."