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WEST AWAITS WASHINGTON'S LEAD ON ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR BORDER GUARANTEES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Western European capitals are awaiting a lead from the United States Government on Israel's request for renewed international guarantees for her borders, it was learned here today following a meeting of the Israel Cabinet, at which Premier David Ben Gurion reviewed the latest developments concerning Israel's efforts to strengthen the position of the country in view of the present Middle East crisis.

It is believed that the Premier reported at the meeting on the results of the negotiations conducted during the last few weeks by Shimon Peress, Director General of Israel's Defense Ministry, in Paris, London and Washington--and in other Western capitals--in connection with possible arms sales to Israel. It is also assumed that he reported on the talks which Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, held in Paris, Rome and London.

Observers here believe that Israel's efforts to purchase arms in the democratic countries met with various degrees of success, with the best results in Paris. In the other capitals, there seems to be an improvement in the attitude towards Israel's request for arms sales, but there is still some hesitation there before the completion of the present emergency session of the United Nations General Assembly, where the Middle East crisis is under discussion.

On the whole, informed sources consider Mrs. Meir's talks very successful, having effectively presented Israel's evaluation of the present situation in the Middle East, and having achieved similarity of views on the subject.

The political activities of members of the Israel armed forces were also discussed at the Cabinet meeting. The Cabinet reiterated its 1954 decision, prohibiting any political or party activities by soldiers.

DELEGATIONS AT U. N. ASSEMBLY CONSIDER ISRAEL'S VIEWS AND NEEDS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Leading delegations at the General Assembly emergency session here--especially those from Europe and America--are showing an increasing tendency to respect Israeli's rights and to take account of her views and needs. That was the opinion expressed by Israeli sources here today as they evaluated the progress made thus far in the session's Middle East debate.

The principal resolutions being prepared for Assembly consideration--by Norway's Deputy Foreign Minister Hans Engen, in consultation with the British and American delegations--is showing "a special interest in the general principles" of concern to Israel, the sources said. The resolution, it is understood, will ask the Assembly to affirm the duty of countries to abstain from hostile acts and to respect the independence and integrity of the Middle East states.

"It appears certain," the Israeli sources said, "that these principles will be stated more broadly in the Western draft, and even in another resolution being prepared by Dr. Arthur Lall, of India, than in the speech made at the opening of the special Assembly by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld." That speech proposed that the Arab states alone exchange pledges of non-aggression.

These views by the Israeli sources came to the fore today after a heavy week-end schedule of conferences by Abba Eban, chairman of the Israel delegation here. Following a conference last Wednesday with United States Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Mr. Eban, over the week-end, conferred with Selwyn Lloyd, Britain's Foreign Secretary; Aichiro Fujiyama, Foreign Minister of Japan; Dr. Frank Aiken, Foreign Minister of Ireland; New Zealand's Sir Leslie Munro, president of the Assembly, and Mr. Engen.

In the talks, it is understood, the Israeli delegation chief discussed both the current business of the Assembly and Israel's relations with the countries whose foreign policy chiefs he met. All the various talks, including that with Mr. Dulles, "confirmed Israel's position and prestige," the Israeli sources said.

Mr. Eban will make a full policy statement on behalf of his government when he participates in the Assembly's general debate on Tuesday or Wednesday. It is understood that he will outline Israel's views on the problems of nationalism in the Middle East, viewing the entire nationalist development in historic perspective.

ISRAEL POLICE BREAK UP ARAB SPY RING; 13 ARRESTED; GATHERED MILITARY DATA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17, (JTA) -- Thirteen Arabs, some of them local Communist leaders in Arab villages, have been arrested and have been charged by police with having formed "a most dangerous espionage ring" which was gathering military information for the Syrian government's intelligence service, it was announced here today.

Among those arrested are former teachers in Arab schools, one teacher who was still conducting classes when he was caught, the secretary of the Communist cell in the Arab village of Yamrah, near the all-Arab city of Nazareth, and several other Communist cell leaders. A number of the arrested men speak Hebrew fluently, some being graduates of Hebrew high schools and several being students at the Hebrew University here.

The arrested men, according to police, had information regarding Israeli defense force, military installations, air force bases and camps, troop movements, the location of anti-aircraft guns, and other vital information. They will be tried under Section Nine of the State Security Law--the only clause in Israeli law that permits the death penalty for those convicted.

On July 14, an Israeli security officer driving a car in northern Galilee offered a ride to Mahmud Fadel Hassan, a Communist member of the group. The officer drove Hassan to the nearest police station, where the man was found to possess military data. Three agents from Syria were, at the time, waiting at Arraba to receive the information. The courier allegedly confessed, and a police net was spread for the round-up and arrest of the other members of the ring.

Police said the group has been under investigation since April. It was allegedly organized by Hassan Ali Yassin Gharbuni, 23, a teacher at a school at Arraba. On May 2, the police charge, Yassin sent two emissaries to Damascus, where they conferred with Burhan Boulos, a high official in the Syrian intelligence service, who ordered the group to concentrate on military espionage. The two came back and reported to their young leader, who had formed a "cultural and sports club" which the police suspected as far back as last April of being a cover for a spy ring. Headquarters of the "club" was the local Communist headquarters at Arraba.

U. S. ZIONIST LEADERS URGE GUARANTEES FOR ISRAEL IN EISENHOWER PLAN

NEW YORK, Aug. 17, (JTA) -- Leaders of the American Zionist movement, who have just returned from Jerusalem, today urged that the implementation of President Eisenhower's six-point program for a solution of the Middle East crisis be based on a firm guarantee of the existing frontiers of all the states in the Middle East, including Israel. At the same time, they asserted that, while Israel does not oppose the legitimate aspirations of Arab nationalism, her statesmen are deeply concerned with the nascent imperialism personified by Nasser.

The Zionist leaders--Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council--spoke before several hundred Zionist leaders from all parts of the country assembled at a two-day extraordinary conference of the Zionist Organization of America. They comprised members of the National ZOA executive council, and presidents and other key leaders of ZOA chapters. Jacques Torczyner, administrative vice president of the ZOA, presided.

Dr. Neumann, a member of the Jewish Agency executive, who returned a few days ago from the Jerusalem sessions of that body, declared that "Israel passionately desires peace and seeks no aggrandisement." He denied reports that "Israel is waiting for the opportune moment to annex part of the fragile Kingdom of Jordan" asserting that "there is no truth whatever in the story." He predicted that Eisenhower's economic development program will be rejected by Nasser.

Referring to President Eisenhower's implied promise of assistance to any Middle Eastern state that is threatened, Dr. Neumann called upon the President to spell out this pledge if "it is to act as a deterrent." He urged that "President Eisenhower's implied pledge should be made explicit and operative through firm international guarantees--not implied, but expressed; not informal, but formal; not private, but public--for all to see and hear. And in the case of Israel, as of other states, it is essential that such guarantees should refer both to her freedom and her territorial integrity."

Rabbi Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, on which are represented all Zionist groups in this country, welcomed President Eisenhower's constructive proposals for a solution of the Middle East crisis. At the same time, he urged that the implementation of the President's program be based on a guarantee of the existing frontiers of all the states in the Middle East. "Although Israel was not mentioned in the President's address," he said, "it must be borne in mind that that country is a natural ally of the West."

FOUR JEWS ARRIVE FROM IRAQ TO ISRAEL; RELEASED BY THE NEW REGIME

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17, (JTA) -- Four Jewish immigrants arrived here today from Baghdad where they had been imprisoned by the old regime. They were among political prisoners released by the new revolutionary government in Iraq.

A. D. L. SEES "GLOOMY" FUTURE FOR SOVIET JEWRY; REPORTS ON ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Soviet statistics highlight the steady destruction of the civil rights of Jews, who are being progressively squeezed out of educational, economic, political and social life in the Soviet Union, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported today. This has been accompanied by a nation-wide anti-Semitic campaign in the Soviet press and the continuing repression of the religious life of Jews, the ADL said.

The League's report, "Anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union Today," was made public by Henry Edward Schultz, the ADL's national chairman. A key to the systematic exclusion of Jews from Russian life comes to light from latest Soviet figures on Jewish membership in the Soviet parliament now in the possession of the League. Whereas in 1937 Jews constituted 4.1 percent of the total membership, in 1958 Jewish membership dropped to one-fourth of one percent.

Other statistics obtained by the ADL reveal a consistent effort by Soviet authorities to degrade Jews in various fields of Russian life, scientific, educational and war services-- "as if Jews did not exist there." Equally significant, the report declared, are statistics in the field of Soviet higher education. Noting that the existence of a quota system against Jewish students in Soviet universities and technical and academic institutes has been widely reported since 1955, the ADL said there is good ground for the belief that the barring of Jewish applicants has been extended.

With respect to religious repression, the ADL noted, the Khrushchev regime is continuing in full force the old Stalin policy of severely restricting the number of synagogues available to religious Jews, far below the number needed. "It prevents the building of new synagogues or the repair of old ones, and imposes unusual restrictions on the availability of necessary religious articles, such as prayer books and prayer shawls," the report stressed.

"Utterly deprived of any means of cultural or communal expression," the report added, "the Soviet Jew is yet required to identify himself as a Jew by nationality. The Jew's identity card, specifying as his nationality--'Jew'--is all that remains of formal, legal, official recognition of the Jewish nationality. This identification gains no rights for the Jew, but makes him an easier target for discrimination."

The report declared that, while restrictions against Jews have been tightened in education, in the diplomatic and military services, in government employment, and in Jewish religious life, Soviet newspapers and periodicals in the past year have been publishing regularly articles that are clearly anti-Semitic. "These have resorted to obvious and crude forms of stereotyping, in order to demonstrate the 'anti-social, parasitical' behavior of Jews in Soviet life," the report stated.

The report emphasized that "Soviet anti-Semitism and Soviet strategic objectives in the Middle East complement each other. The USSR's pro-Arab anti-Israel diplomacy ties in perfectly with its older, anti-Zionist policy, as well as with its anti-Western strategy in the Middle East. Finally, the anti-Israel policy serves as a weapon to stifle Soviet Jewish sentiments for Israel and, as an additional device, for enforcing internal conformity and the rupture of all Jewish ties with the outside world."

The prospects for Soviet Jewry, the ADL declared, "are dire and gloomy: at best, the extinction of a once-flourishing and rich cultural tradition and life; at worst, the completion by the Communists of the heinous work begun by the Nazis--the liquidation by forcible assimilation of this community of three million Jews."

Moscow Uses Orthodox Soviet Jews in Campaign Against Israel

LONDON, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Obviously acting under the pressure of the Soviet Government, members of the Moscow synagogues issued a statement--carried today by the official Soviet news agency Tass--attacking the Israel Government and appealing to Jews in the United States and other Western countries "to use all their efforts in order to prevent the threat of war, caused by the intervention of British and American aggressors in Lebanon and Jordan."

The statement, as quoted by the Soviet news agency, declares that "the Government of Israel and leading circles there are acting for the benefit of their overseas benefactors and are ignominiously helping the invaders in their shameful deeds."

U.S. Broadcasting Senate Speech on Anti-Semitism in Russia

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The Voice of America is broadcasting portions of a Senate address by Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, enumerating instances of anti-Jewish discrimination by Communist regimes. In the address, Sen. Javits called attention of the Senate to the pattern of discrimination against Jews in Eastern Europe.

"It behooves the Soviets and their satellites, if they wish to practice the international political morality they profess to the world, to cease the persecutions imposed upon its minority groups, both Jews and others, to permit families to be rejoined, and to cease blocking the reasonable movement of its own citizens to homes of their choice," Sen. Javits said in his speech.

LEHMAN PROPOSES FOUR-POINT PROGRAM TO EASE TENSION IN MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- A program designed to ease tensions in the Middle East, "where the peace of the world hangs in the balance," was proposed today by former Senator Herbert H. Lehman, general chairman of the American Committee for Israel's Tenth Anniversary Celebration. He called for:

1. A guarantee by the West and the United Nations "of the national security and territorial integrity of all the nations" of the Middle East "against either direct or indirect aggression."

2. A prompt and constructive response on the part of the West to "just Arab demands for economic and social justice" which "should not be ascribed to Communist intrigue."

3. Recognition of Israel "as one of the major centers of stability and strength in the Middle East, which has served as a containing wall for the explosive forces which have erupted in Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan."

4. Pending a disarmament agreement for the entire area, the "supplying of arms to Israel to balance those which have been acquired by Arab forces hostile to Israel."

Sen. Lehman's statement, cabled from Europe, where he is travelling, was part of a report summarizing the past year's activities of the Tenth Anniversary Committee, now being brought to a formal close.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE DELEGATION HONORED IN RIO DE JANEIRO

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The delegation of American Jewish Committee leaders which is now touring Latin American countries arrived here this week-end, and was honored at a dinner attended by more than 300 prominent Jews and non-Jews.

The delegation, which is headed by Irving Engeli, AJC president, and Jacob Blaustein, honorary president, will be received by President Juscelino Kubitschek of Brazil, probably tomorrow. Israel Ambassador Arnie Aronch tendered a luncheon in honor of the delegation, which was attended by the Jewish community leaders.

PARENTS BLAMED FOR CONFUSION OF JEWISH YOUTH AT TEEN-AGE CONFERENCE

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Jewish parents are failing their children by not providing them with proper spiritual and ethical guidance, Dr. Ira Eisenstein of Chicago charged, addressing a conference here of 80 teen-age regional leaders of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. He asserted that Jewish youth today is "altogether confused because they cannot see what effect either belonging or believing has upon moral behavior or individuals."

Rabbi Eisenstein was equally critical of the structure of organized Jewish religious life. "Jewish adults seem to think that when they have established three major denominations they have solved the problem for their children--all the young people have to do is choose one of the denominations. The fact is, however, that none of the three groups offers a clear-cut program of Jewish belief and practice. Each is a loose consideration of more or less like-minded people who are not prepared to make an issue of doctrine, because they are too concerned about keeping their organization intact."

The result is confusion for most young people, Dr. Eisenstein continued. "The solution is an enriched religious school curriculum that would stress values of living and ethical life," he declared.

U. S. SCHOLAR MICROFILMS VALUABLE HEBREW MANUSCRIPTS IN HUNGARY

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham I. Katsch, chairman of the Department of Hebrew Studies at New York University, has reproduced on microfilm, for the first time, about 600 extremely valuable Hebrew manuscripts and fragments now at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, according to a report received here today from Budapest.

The materials, belonging to the Kaufman Collection, are part of a larger collection found at the end of the 19th Century in an old synagogue in Cairo. According to Dr. Katsch, who studied the material in Budapest, the collection will help shed light on Bible studies related to the early Christian era.

RELIGIOUS ZIONIST YOUTH GROUP CONCLUDES WORLD PARLEY IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Jewish youth throughout the world were urged, in a resolution adopted at the closing session today of the world convention of B'nai Akiva, the religious Zionist youth movement, to settle in Israel to build and defend the Jewish State.

The 71 delegates from 22 national branches of the pioneering youth movement emphasized the "Torah and Work" motto of the organization. They urged increased training programs in the free world, to prepare Jewish youth for participation in such a program of strengthening Jewish tradition in Israel while building up the land.