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EBAN ADDRESSES U.N.; REQUESTS GUARANTEES FOR ALL MIDDLE EAST STATES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Israel's support of the seven-power resolution on the Middle East now before the emergency session of the United Nations General Assembly was voiced here today by Ambassador Abba Eban, head of the Israeli delegation, addressing the Assembly session. At the same time Mr. Eban called on the United Nations and the Great Powers to:

1. Guarantee the political independence and territorial integrity of all the states in the Middle East.
2. Enforce the principle of the "settlement of disputes by peaceful negotiation, not by pressure or force."
3. Require the "abstention from economic warfare" in the region. This, he insisted, would disallow "acts of belligerency, including the blockade regulations in the Suez Canal which the Security Council forbade in 1951."

In implying that Israel would vote for the seven-power resolution, Mr. Eban said that "beyond its specific provision for dealing with the Lebanese and Jordanian problem the authors of this resolution lay down solemn precepts of conduct for all Middle Eastern States, and for all States in relation to the Middle East."

"Since it is conceived in strict realism, this resolution does not pretend to offer that peace which can only spring from voluntary acts of will by Middle Eastern governments themselves," the Israel Ambassador stated. "It is, however, an impressive international call to abstention from hostility. It demands the observance of civilized restraints. It seeks nothing more, but also nothing less, than a transition in the Middle East from unbridled antagonism to a basic international tolerance. If this transition is put into effect then greater and more glorious transitions may yet lie in store."

Ambassador Eban emphasized that application of all the provisions of the UN Charter to the Middle East would "demand the integral observance, conditioned only by reciprocity, of all the provisions of agreements and treaties." Such observance, he declared, would include implementation of the section of the Israel-Jordan treaty which provides for access to all Holy Places; also the creation of a special Israeli-Jordan committee to settle outstanding disputes regarding the Jerusalem area. Jordan has consistently refused to join Israel in forming such a committee.

Lauds Eisenhower's Speech; Stresses Right to Collective Security

Mr. Eban praised the speech delivered here last week by President Eisenhower, declaring that the speech evoked "universal respect," because it was "touching by deep understanding of the theme of development within the concept of nationalism."

Stressing Israel's interest in the present discussions at the UN Assembly, Mr. Eban dwelt on the right of nations to collective security. This right has always been an axiom on international law and a crucial element in the security of small nations, he pointed out.

"It is important for all states in the Middle East," he said, "to feel that the United Nations, in its corporate capacity, will constantly defend the sovereign equality of states; will accordingly give sympathy and aid to states striving to resist encroachments, whether by claims of hegemony or by threats of aggression."

The Israel diplomat then urged the Great Powers--whom he did not otherwise identify--to strengthen security in the Middle East "by positive action, by guaranteeing the territory of states against forcible change and by helping Middle Eastern states to develop their new political freedom into broader visions of economic and social progress." He asked the Great Powers to strengthen security in the Middle East also by "acts of abstention." He made it clear that he was referring to military imbalance in the region and asserted that where such balances have been dislocated, the Great Powers must "redress this balance."

Explains Israel's Interest in the Independence of Lebanon and Jordan

Mr. Eban emphasized that with regard to the situation in Lebanon and Jordan which is being discussed by the Assembly session, Israel is making its voice heard at the Assembly, after weeks of "total reticence," not only because Israel has a part in the burden of judgment

which falls collectively upon the 81 members of the Assembly who are custodians of the United Nations Charter, but also because Israel is a neighbor of Lebanon and Jordan,

"We are neighbors of the two states whose anguish and turmoil lie in the centre of the Middle Eastern crisis today," he said. "With each of them we share a common frontier. If their independence and integrity were diminished, ours would be gravely imperilled. Moreover, our own experience in relation to the forces pressing upon them gives us a special insight into the origins of their present ordeal."

Asserting that the "ultimate relationship between the independent Arab peoples" must be determined by the countries concerned, and that "there is nothing in the UN Charter to prevent a state from voluntary union with another," Mr. Eban called attention to the fact that "separate existence and identity" was also permitted members when they wanted such status.

"But the relations between the Arab states in the Middle East are only part of the situation," Mr. Eban added. "Together with the liberation of the Arab peoples, other nations in the Middle East have secured their independence. It is vital to recall that every non-Arab member of the United Nations in the Middle East has complete equality of rights with every Arab member of the region."

Doubts Whether "Spectacular Diplomatic" Action Would Bring Arab-Israel Peace

Mr. Eban reminded the Assembly that while the Middle East included 54 million Arabs, it included also 76 million non-Arabs. He said that "in the light of this fact, official declarations about a continuous area between the Atlantic Ocean and the Persian Gulf as the inheritance of one nation must be regarded as an offense to international peace as well as a distortion of history, geography and law. While full respect is due to the rights of Arab nations, it remains true that the Middle East has not been in the past, is not now and cannot be in the future an exclusively Arab domain."

Declaring that "nationalism must come to terms" with the UN Charter, and asserting that "no nation could justly seek rights for itself which it denies to another nation," Mr. Eban cautioned that "the relations of Arab states with each other and with their non-Arab neighbors are not likely to achieve full stability in the early future."

"Peace between Israel and her neighbors," the Israeli diplomat continued, "is more likely to emerge from a long period of tranquility, carefully nursed, than to spring from some spectacular diplomatic initiative or from the clash and thunder of public debate." He emphasized that "if the Middle East cannot yet have peace, it must at least have security."

"The question whether development in the Middle East," he stated, "will be pursued on a collective or on a national basis is far less important than the question whether it will be pursued at all. If water resources can be used and developed in direct cooperation, we are ready now as before to work within such a framework. If others are not psychologically ready for this, then each state should be helped to carry out its national programs in such manner as will not encroach on the rights of others."

U. N. RESOLUTION SECURES ISRAEL'S POSITION, DULLES TELLS DELEGATES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles yesterday assured the representatives of 20 Latin American members of the United Nations, who have expressed concern about Israel, that the Western-backed seven-power draft resolution now before the emergency session of the UN General Assembly was intended to secure Israel's position.

That became known here today from Latin American sources after diplomats from 15 Latin American countries had a luncheon conference with Abba S. Eban, head of Israel's delegation. The luncheon today took place in the delegates' dining room and was reported by all sides to have been extremely cordial.

Mr. Dulles held his conference with the Latin American delegations yesterday to discuss the Western-backed resolution and to ask the delegations from Latin America to vote for it. A number of Latin Americans asked Mr. Dulles whether the resolution might not affect Israel's position negatively. Mr. Dulles then assured the group that, on the contrary, one of the most important operative clauses of the resolution was drafted specifically with the protection of Israel's security in mind.

That clause reads: "The Assembly reaffirms that all member states should refrain from any threats, direct or indirect, aimed at impairing the freedom, independence or integrity of any state, or at fomenting civil strife and subverting the will of the people of any state."

Today's luncheon was given by Mr. Eban in honor of Dr. Moshe Tov, head of the Latin American division of the Israel Foreign Ministry. Mr. Eban, speaking at the luncheon, analyzed the problems of the Middle East, stressing not only the emergent nationalism in the region but also the implications of Nasserism. Dr. Tov also addressed the luncheon briefly.

SOVIET MINISTER GROMYKO ATTACKS ISRAEL AT U. N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Andre Gromyko, Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union, today attacked Israel before the emergency session of the United Nations General Assembly for sitting "mysteriously silent" in the face of reports that it would invade Jordan.

"There are mysterious hints," Mr. Gromyko told the Assembly in the course of a long denunciation of American-Anglo "intrusions" in Lebanon and Jordan. "The hints are that the British are prevented from leaving Jordan because of threats that Israel would attack Jordan and war would begin. All this time the delegates of Israel are here. They are right here, mysteriously silent. The Israel delegation does not either deny or confirm, it is merely sitting pretty.

"If Israel is not supported, there cannot be any such attack. And Israel should make a statement, put an end to such intimidation. If this is not done, then it shows that the comedy is being played out to the end, a comedy in which the roles have been assigned in advance."

\$2,000,000 ROTHSCHILD FOUNDATION ANNOUNCED IN ISRAEL; TO ADVANCE SCIENCE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The establishment of a \$2,000,000 Baron Rothschild Foundation for the Advancement of Science in Israel was announced today by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion's office.

The Foundation, which is registered in the United States, was created through the generosity of Miss Batsheeba de Rothschild, daughter of the late head of the French branch of the family, according to the announcement.

The Foundation will finance applied scientific research in Israel and will concentrate on such branches of research as will best advance Israel's development. Miss de Rothschild has visited Israel several times, including one visit during the Sinai campaign. She has made donations for various cultural enterprises, including the financing of tours to Israel by entertainers from other countries.

ISRAELI WINS INTERNATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ; FRANCE AND BRAZIL RUNNERS-UP

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Amos Haham of Israel was the winner today of the International Bible Quiz, scoring 42 out of a maximum possible 45 points before a huge audience in the Hebrew University open-air amphitheater and a 700,000 radio audience.

Simone Dumont of France was second with 29 points and Mrs. Irene Santos of Brazil was third with 23 points. President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi and Premier David Ben Gurion were part of the audience for the finals which lasted nearly five hours. A large part of Israel's populace sat before radios until after 1 a. m., listening to the results. The empty movie theaters and deserted streets were reminiscent of Israel's war-time curfews.

Fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh places were won by Uruguay's Dr. Nester Figari, Finland preacher Viljam Aitalah, Columbia's Dr. Raul Maya, and Mexico's Sarah Rabinowitz. Mrs. Myrtle Davis, the American finalist, was eighth. Next in order were Carol Treard of Sweden, Daniel Duplessis of South Africa, Dr. Prosper Azulai of France, Angelo Pera of Argentina, Paul Guillamier of Malta and Laura Cerutti of Italy.

The Jewish entrants among the finalists were Haham, a 30-year-old employe of the Jerusalem Institute for the Blind; Mrs. Rabinowitz and Dr. Azulai. Haham won an antique glass vase from the Talmudic era which was found near Caesaria.

The Prime Minister received the three top winners today and chatted with them about the Bible, posing questions of his own. The Prime Minister was overheard to say that he knew the answers to about 40 percent of the questions posed to the finalists. On the basis of the scoring system used in the finals, this would have placed the Premier third in the contest.

500 TEACHERS IN JEWISH SCHOOLS IN BUENOS AIRES DECLARE STRIKE

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- All Jewish schools in Buenos Aires were closed today as the result of a strike by some 500 teachers in a bid for higher salaries.

The Jewish Teachers Organization, in calling the strike yesterday, said the walk-out was due to the low salaries paid teachers for many years, and a conviction that responsible Jewish educational institutions were not satisfying the material needs of the teachers.

The request asked by the striking teachers corresponded with the increase in the cost of living index here. The teachers did not receive, during the past year, increases to adjust salaries to meet the spiraling cost of living in Argentina.

The local Jewish Educational Committee met to consider the strike and asked that the teachers return to their jobs immediately, and said that the possibility of increases would be considered.

U.S. DELEGATES TO INTERNATIONAL ISRAEL BOND PARLEY LEAVE FOR JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The first contingent of American delegates to the International Mobilization Conference for State of Israel Bonds left for Israel today aboard an El Al Israel Airlines plane.

The group of 52 Jewish leaders is the first of more than 350 men and women who will attend the meeting in Jerusalem, which will highlight the key importance of American support of Israel's economic development in the present Middle East crisis. The Conference will open in Jerusalem on August 25 and conclude on September 3.

The sessions, taking place at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, will be addressed by President Ben Zvi, Prime Minister Ben Gurion, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and Foreign Minister Golda Meir. Following three days of meetings, the delegates will go to Beersheba on Thursday, for the dedication of a new railway line which will ultimately link Beersheba to Elath on the Gulf of Akaba. The new railroad is financed with the aid of Israel bond funds.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SEES ISRAEL'S ECONOMY UNAFFECTED BY MID-EAST CRISIS

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Reports from all fields of economy activity in Israel continue to indicate normal conditions in industry, agriculture, foreign trade, transportation and finance, with no visible effect on the Israel economy by the Middle East crisis, the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce reported today.

"Even the sensitive field of tourism has been unaffected," the report said. "As a matter of fact, the number of tourists that entered Israel in July, 1959, is almost 50 percent higher than the number of tourists that arrived in Israel in July of last year. The Israel Government Tourist Office believes that the estimated total of 80,000 tourists which it anticipated during 1958, will indeed visit Israel this year.

"On the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, securities linked to the exchange rate of the dollar remained virtually unchanged, indicating lack of concern about the stability of the Israel pound. On the other hand, industrials rose markedly last week after several weeks of minor fluctuations," the report continued.

Although some saw a connection with the apparent increased needs of defense expenditures by the Israel Government, the major economic news from Israel had no direct connection with the Middle East situation. It was a series of stiff increases in customs and excise duties, the Chamber of Commerce stated.

Government spokesmen tied these increases with the continued policy of "liberalizing" the import of additional items on the one hand, and of "absorbing excess purchasing power" on the other hand, the report stressed. The increased cost of the various products is expected to prevent an excessive import and consumption, while at the same time government revenues from duties and taxes would rise, it was explained.

AMERICAN ZIONIST FUND REPORTS RAISING \$406,000 FOR Z. O. A. PROJECTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Morton J. Robbins, national co-chairman of the American Zionist Fund, financial instrument of the Zionist Organization of America to finance the major projects of the organization, announced today that a total of \$406,000 has been raised to date in the current fiscal year for the Fund.

The major Israeli projects are the ZOA House in Tel Aviv and Kfar Silver, agricultural vocational school near Ashkelon, named for Dr. Abba Hillel Silver. Dr. Robbins also announced that the AZF goal for the ensuing year will be \$1,000,000 to finance the expanded program of the organization.

JEWISH CONGRESS OPPOSES RELIGIOUS CENSUS IN NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress requested the County Superintendent of Schools of Jersey City to restrain the public schools under his jurisdiction from taking a religious census.

The AJC also filed a complaint with the N. J. Commissioner of Education charging that a religious census was being taken in a public school in Jersey City. The Congress charged that this act is a violation of the First Amendment of the Federal Constitution and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey.

B'NAI B'RITH GIRLS OPEN FIVE-DAY ANNUAL CONVENTION; TO DISCUSS JUDAISM

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The 14th annual International Convention of B'nei B'rith Girls opened here tonight with about 170 teen-age delegates in attendance. The youth leaders, who come from every state in the union, Canada and Great Britain, represent the organization's more than 20,000 members.

B'nei B'rith Girls--for high school-age girls--is one of the major constituent divisions of the B'nei B'rith Youth Organization. Theme of the five-day parley will be "Citizenship and Judaism," with the young delegates probing their present leadership roles, as well as their potential future adult leadership in the Jewish and general communities.