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HAMMARSKJOLD LEAVES TODAY FOR MIDDLE EAST; MAY "DROP IN" TO ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 24. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold may "drop in" to Jerusalem to consult with the Israel Government during his trip to the Middle East to carry out the provisions of the Arab League resolution adopted unanimously by the emergency session of the UN General Assembly last week, he indicated here today prior to his departure on his mission tomorrow.

"However," Mr. Hammarskjold emphasized, "Israel is in no sense directly a party to the inter-Arab arrangements and inter-Arab agreements, reflected in the resolution--and the resolution as such does not call for anything that, in the usual diplomatic interpretations of the word, could be called consultations in Jerusalem."

The UN Secretary General, who will start his tour in the Middle East with a week's visit to Jordan's capital of Amman, said that "Arabs and non-Arabs alike" stand to benefit from the "new approach" to the Middle East problem which may develop as a result of the resolution adopted by the UN Assembly.

"I have no special authority to interpret the resolution," he told newsmen, "but I can state, without reservation, how I read it. The approach to the problem is, so to say, on two levels. There is the wider one of reaffirmation concerning all member states of certain rules that should apply in particular now to this region. And so far there is no distinction at all."

"Then, within that framework, those countries who sponsored the resolution reaffirm in relation to each other--in words which were quoted from the Charter of the Arab League but which have an independent life in our resolution--various commitments which should rule their mutual behavior. It is quite obvious that this latter part applies only to the countries which, so to say, are directly under the formula--my interpretation would be, in the first instance, the sponsors."

"However, as I pointed out, that mutual undertaking is fitted into and is a kind of intensification of a much wider statement of member obligations, and in that case, there are no distinctions. That is to say, automatically the rules will cover every country in the region, whether or not they are parties to this intensification of it in relation to each other."

The Secretary General also expressed the hope that the "radio truce" envisaged for the Middle East might ultimately develop into a "radio armistice." He brushed off questions designed to pin him down about plans for a new United Nations peace force in the Middle East by declaring that the present UN groups in the region---like the United Nations Emergency Force and the UN Observation Group in Lebanon---were now "integrated" under Secretariat direction.

Mr. Hammarskjold conferred during the week-end with Israel's delegation chairman, Abba Eban, who was accompanied by Gideon Raphael, Israel's Ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg, member of the Israel delegation to the special UN Assembly.

Israelis Doubt that U. N. Resolution Will Hamper Nasser's Expansionism

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Israeli circles here made no secret today of the fact that they were highly critical of the attempt made by the United Nations to revive the moribund Arab League by adopting last week the Arab resolution on the Middle East based on the Arab League's charter. They pointed out that the Arab League had in the past repeatedly proved itself a negative instrument incapable of any constructive action aimed at solving the real problems of the Arab countries.

It would be naive, these circles said, to assume that the resolution adopted by the emergency session of the United Nations General Assembly would put an end to Nasser's expansionism, or that it would solve the problems of Jordan, or of Lebanon, or of the inter-Arab dispute.

Israeli officials indicated that there were the following three reasons why the Israel delegation at the United Nations voted for the Arab resolution: 1. Ambassador Abba Eban, head of the Israel delegation, could stress the positive interpretation given by most delegations to the general applicability of non-interference embodied in the resolution; 2. The opportunity for Mr. Eban to point out the difference between these principles and the actual

behavior of some of the sponsoring Arab countries in relations both with Israel and with some of the other Arab countries; 3. Israel's desire not to be isolated by casting only opposition vote.

EGYPT GETS MORE MODERN SOVIET SUBMARINES; CAN CONTROL MEDITERRANEAN

LONDON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The four ocean-going Russian submarines which passed through the Straits of Dover last week are en route to join the United Arab Republic fleet, informed British sources reported today. They said the submarines are among the most modern in the world.

The four W-class underwater craft were reported accompanied by a submarine depot ship. They have a surface displacement of 2,000 tons, a submerged speed of 16 knots and an operational range of more than 20,000 miles. The British Admiralty reportedly was maintaining watch on the passage of the vessels.

The British sources stressed that Egypt has already received four similar submarines, as well as two 2,000-ton Skoryi destroyers and four minesweepers, under the 1955 arms pact with Czechoslovakia. With eight modern ocean-going submarines, the British experts claimed, Egypt has become a real menace for shipping.

The British sources said they had no information on whether the four new submarines would join the first four in Alexandria harbor, or whether some or all would be stationed in the Syrian port of Latakia or in the Gulf of Akaba. They pointed out that because of their unusual range, the submarines could exercise powerful control over the entire Mediterranean Sea.

The fact that the submarines are ocean-going led the British experts to believe they were destined for the Gulf of Akaba and the Persian Gulf. They added that while Russian technicians were on the submarines, part of the crews were Egyptian.

ISRAEL ABOLISHES PRIVILEGED EXCHANGE RATE FOR MIDDLE CLASS IMMIGRANTS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Declaring that there is no justification for the special exchange rate given now to new immigrants, Israel's Finance Minister Levi Eshkol announced today that the difference between the official rate of exchange and the special rate given to middle class immigrants, hitherto paid by the Treasury, will henceforth be made available to the newcomers by the Jewish Agency as a special loan.

At the same time Mr. Eshkol said that because of the need to maintain and encourage exports, the practice of a number of exchange rates for exporters earning foreign currency would have to be continued. He added that "as long as the Government did not find it possible to devalue Israel currency, it is essential to keep those various special rates at a minimum."

The Finance Minister stated he would not recommend a higher exchange premium to citrus exporters and that he would not agree to a higher premium on foreign currency earnings of the Zim Navigation Company as long as expenditures were higher than throughout the world. He stressed the need for cutting production thus permit carrying out of necessary projects at normal world prices.

Jewish Agency Leader Fears Measure Will Affect Middle Class Immigration

Leon Dulzin, director of the Jewish Agency economic department, expressed fears that the new Israel Treasury regulations ending special exchange premium for new immigrants with capital would create hardships for middle class immigrants and deter their coming to Israel.

Mr. Dulzin said he could not see any logic in rules under which a new immigrant receives only the official rate of 1.8 Israel pounds per dollar while any Israeli who brings in foreign capital from selling property abroad receives a 20 percent premium in the form of Government bonds.

He said that while the Jewish Agency, under arrangements announced by the Israel Finance Minister, would provide such new immigrants with a loan equivalent to the abolished premium, experience had shown that the immigrants want the premium, not a loan. He said he hoped the new Treasury regulations would be revised. Otherwise, he said, the decision would be a severe blow to middle class immigration and a blow to all Zionist activity outside of Israel.

A continuation of Israel's inflationary trends during the first half of 1958, partly due to a ten percent increase in Israel's international trade deficit, was reported today in a Bank of Israel survey. The report also noted a rise in personal consumption due to higher wages, more employment and increased receipts of personal reparations from West Germany.

The bank also predicted that the forecast of agricultural output for the full year would be 20 to 25 percent higher than in 1957. Also reported was a 25 percent increase in the number of buildings completed in the first quarter and a six percent rise in industrial wages.

REPATRIATION OF MORE JEWS FROM SOVIET RUSSIA TO POLAND IS ANTICIPATED

LONDON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The possibility of the repatriation of more Polish Jews from Soviet Russia was seen here today in the extension last week of the 1957 Polish-Russian agreement, under which nearly 40,000 Jews have been repatriated to Poland.

According to the official Polish Press Agency, PAP, under terms of the new agreement, those wishing repatriation can submit applications up to January 1, 1959, with such repatriation to be completed by the end of March 1959.

MURDER OF TWO JEWISH AGENCY ENVOYS IN ALGERIA CONDEMNED IN FRANCE

PARIS, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The Alliance France-Israel, headed by Minister of Information Jacques Soustelle, expressed "horror" today at the murder of two Jewish Agency emissaries to Algeria.

Gen. Edmond Laurent, honorary chairman, said in the message: "The two murdered men were guiltless and went to Algeria on a non-combatant mission. They were murdered, together with French officers, in cold blood." The victims were Yaacov Hassan, 36, and Raphael Ben Jera, 38. They were kidnapped by the Algeria rebel movement.

NAZI POLICEMAN TO GO ON TRIAL IN GERMANY FOR KILLING JEWS IN POLAND

FRANKFORT, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Trial will begin soon of Wilhelm Unkelbach, a Hesse truck driver accused of the killing of 30 Jewish men, women and children, in Czhenstochow, Poland, during the Nazi regime, the prosecutor's office announced here. The indictment asserted that the crimes were not committed on order but only because the defendant "enjoyed killing."

Unkelbach, who served as a policeman during the Nazi control of Poland, has been detained since last October when an Israeli came to Germany and located him. The prosecutor's office said 18 witnesses from various countries will be called when the trial begins in Hanau Jury Court.

100 ISRAELI FIRMS PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL FAIR IN TURKEY

ISTANBUL, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- One hundred Israeli firms were reported today to be participating in the International Fair in Izmir. The Israel Pavilion was inaugurated by the Minister of Trade, the Izmir Mayor and other Turkish officials. It was rated one of the best at the fair.

Eighty-six Israel Arab and Druse teachers arrived in Turkey today to visit universities and other schools and meet with Turkish teachers. Members of the group from Haifa will present a gift to the mayor of Istanbul from Abba Khoushi, Mayor of Haifa.

PREJUDICE IN CANADA STRONGER AMONG WORKERS THAN ANY OTHER GROUP

MONTREAL, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Racial and religious prejudice is more common and stronger among members of the working class in Canada than among any other economic groups in the country, it was established here at the conclusion of a two-week seminar sponsored by the Canadian Conference of Christians and Jews.

Participants in the seminar also established that children of college-educated parents are less likely to develop prejudice than children whose parents received only high school education. Prejudice is less common in a "cosmopolitan" Canadian centers such as Montreal, where there are many residents of various ethnic origins, than in homogeneous centers such as Quebec City or Toronto.

The presence of population elements of different cultural background in Canada, the Seminar found, has developed a form of tolerance and a *modus vivendi* which has resulted in the diminution of obvious discrimination or prejudice patterns. It has not resulted in the disappearance of prejudice.

There is a notably greater readiness to "live and let live" culturally in Canada than in the United States, the Seminar conclusions said. The melting pot principle which is widely accepted in the United States has fewer followers in Canada because plural culture is accepted here as a constitutional fact and as a social ideal, the students at the Seminar found. This pluralistic culture allows various ethnic groups in Canada to live without sacrificing their customs, language and creed.

JEWISH DRAFTES MAY REQUEST DEFERMENTS DURING THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Welfare Board has been officially advised by the Selective Service Commission that all draft boards have been asked to give "favorable consideration, wherever possible" to requests from Jewish registrants for postponement of their physical examination or induction into the Armed Forces during the High Holy Days.

ISRAEL MINISTER IN CHILE HONORS AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE DELEGATION

SANTIAGO, Chile, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee delegation touring South America were the guests yesterday at a banquet tendered by Israel Minister Samuel Goren and were honored tonight with a reception provided by the Santiago Jewish community. The delegates, headed by President Irving M. Engel and Honorary President Jacob Blaustein, paid courtesy visits to Chilean Cardinal Josemaria Caro and Foreign Minister Alberto Sepulveda.

Among the guests at the banquet were representatives of the Chilean Foreign Ministry and the Ambassadors of France and Uruguay and the American Charge d'Affaires. The delegation was met at the Santiago airport Friday by Mr. Goren, Roberto Levy, president of the Jewish Central Committee, Israel Pollak, president of the Zionist Federation and other leaders of the Jewish community.

SO. AMERICAN LABOR ZIONIST CONFERENCE OPENS; DELEGATES FROM SEVEN LANDS

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The third South American conference of Poale Zion-Hitchdut parties opened today in the presence of 100 delegates from seven countries and many guests. Dr. Tobias Kamenszain, secretary of the Argentine Labor Zionist party, told the assembly, representing Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia, Peru and Argentina that the movement was the strongest of all Zionist parties in South America.

Dr. Arie Kubovy, Israel Ambassador, stressed the democratic factor which the Labor Zionist parties had brought into Jewish life in South America. Israel Harkavi, General Secretary of the World Federation of Labor Zionist parties, stressing the key role of Labor Zionism in South America, urged identification with Israel in all fields as the only means of preventing assimilation. He read a message of greetings from Israel Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

FIRST OFFICIAL DELEGATION OF BRITISH JEWRY ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The first group of visitors officially representing the British Jewish community arrived in Israel for a ten-day visit. It was headed by Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain, and Dr. Israel Brodie, Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth.

"This is a historic moment," Mr. Janner declared when the group was welcomed by Meir Grossman on behalf of the Jewish Agency, which is host to the visitors. He called the group one which represented "every religious and political trend amid British Jewry." The visitors will tour Israel and study the problems of immigrants from Britain.

AMERICAN CENTER IN ISRAEL EXPLAINS BAN ON HIGH HOLIDAY REFORM SERVICES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The local management of the Beit Halutzot, a center maintained by the American Women's League for Israel, denied today that Orthodox pressure was responsible for refusal to Jerusalem's first Reform congregation to hold High Holy Day services in the center's auditorium.

The small Reform group, which has been holding Friday services in that auditorium, was notified several weeks ago that it could not hold High Holy Day Services there. The management explained today that introduction of Torah Scrolls and other ritual objects for High Holy Day services would interfere with the "basically secular" nature of the center. The management said it had promised to permit use of the auditorium for Friday services after the High Holy Days.

The Reform congregation, after numerous refusals from hall owners who admitted privately they feared Orthodox reactions, finally managed to obtain a small hall for the High Holy Day services.

DOROTHY THOMPSON, ANTI-ISRAEL JOURNALIST, DISCONTINUES HER COLUMN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Dorothy Thompson, considered the leading anti-Zionist among America's journalists, discontinued her newspaper column which has appeared in 150 newspapers and was distributed by the Bell syndicate.

A leader of the anti-Israel propaganda front known as "American Friends of the Middle East," she frequently attacked the State of Israel and propagandized against Zionism in her column. She said she discontinued the column because of the death of her husband, Maxim Kopf, whom she married in 1943.

ISRAEL DELEGATES ADMITTED TO WORLD YOUTH ASSEMBLY HELD IN INDIA

NEW DELHI, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Israel was admitted to the World Assembly of Youth now in session here which is also attended by representatives of the United Arab Republic and Pakistan. The session voted to admit Israel to full membership of the organization. Three Israeli delegates were sent from Jerusalem to attend the assembly.