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EISENHOWER SEES IMPROVED PROSPECTS FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower told his press conference today that chances for a long-term peace settlement in the Near East are better than before as a result of the action of the United Nations General Assembly special session.

While prospects were impossible to evaluate, the President said, he thought the new atmosphere created might provide a better chance for progress toward regional peace.

ISRAELIS PRESS SEARCH FOR ARMS TO OFFSET ARAB SUBMARINES

LONDON, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The Earl of Selkirk, First Lord of the Admiralty, and ranking officials of the Defense and War ministries and the Foreign Office were guests, with Israeli diplomats, at a luncheon today tendered by Ambassador Eliahu Elath of Israel in honor of Shimon Peres, Director-General of the Israel Defense Ministry.

Mr. Peres was reported today to be making progress in his talks with British officials on the provision of arms to Israel. Yesterday, with Ambassador Elath, he was the luncheon guest of the First Lord of the Admiralty and continued discussions there until the evening.

(The Associated Press reported from London today that the British Government had agreed in principle to help arm the Israeli Navy. Israel wants defensive equipment to enable it to cope with the threat of the submarines furnished Egypt by the Soviet Union.)

Delegates to Israel Bond Drive Get Briefing on Security Situation

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Delegates attending the international Israel Bond conference now in progress here were briefed today behind closed doors on Israel's security problems.

The 350 delegates from the United States, Canada and Latin America listened to reports by Col. Jehoshofat Harkabi, Israel's intelligence chief; by Col. Ozer Weizmann, Air Force chief, and by top-ranking Army officers. The delegates were told that all the Arab States are now undergoing complete militarization and are coming under the rule of Army officers.

(The military editor of the Washington Post and Times Herald reported that the Soviet Union may soon export its modern, Diesel-powered army tanks to the Arab nations. He described these tanks as superior to American armor.)

OPPOSITION SEEKS SPECIAL KNESSET SESSION FOR DEBATE ON ISRAEL'S FOREIGN POLICY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The Opposition parties submitted a resolution today at a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee for a special session of Parliament to discuss foreign policy questions. One of the issues to be discussed is Israel's vote in the United Nations General Assembly's emergency session for the resolution introduced by the Arab States. The committee will act on the motion at its meeting next Tuesday. Parliament is now in recess.

The Israeli Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, who returned here Monday, reported to the parliamentary group today on her talks in Paris, London and Rome, and gave the group her evaluation of the present Middle East situation. Mrs. Meir will reply at next Tuesday's meeting to criticism of Israeli policy voiced by the Opposition spokesmen today.

ISRAEL HOPES TO INCREASE ITS AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO WESTERN EUROPE

LONDON, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Israel hopes to increase its agricultural exports to European countries, the Israel Minister of Agriculture, Kadish Looz, said here today on completion of a four-week study tour of Western European countries.

He indicated that other crops apart from citrus and ground-nuts, which Israel now exports to Europe in sizeable quantities, should find markets here and noted that Israel this year, for the first time, had exported eggs to Europe and had found a ready market. Only a year ago, Israel had to import eggs to meet domestic shortages.

INVESTIGATORS SCORE OFFICIALS IN ARAB PRISON BREAK IN NORTHERN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Authorities at Shattah Prison in northern Israel, where dozens of Arab criminals escaped in a prison break last month which cost the lives of several guards and prisoners, were raked over the coals today for failure to take adequate security measures.

A special investigating committee, consisting of District Court Judge M. Etzioni and Knesset deputies Itzhak Ben Aharon and Yaacov Kilbanov, charged in a report released here that negligence with respect to security arrangements at the prison was "outrageous." The report stated flatly that the authorities were not fit to hold their jobs and invited Minister of Police Behor Shitreet to draw his own conclusions in this respect. The report said it was "astonishing" that the prison, in which "dangerous killers" were held, had been located so near a border.

The committee found that a "psychological psychosis" was rampant among prison authorities who, the committee said, devoted more time and energy surveying the psychology of prisoners than in guarding them. While its three members granted the importance of psychological study as a key to the rehabilitation of prisoners, the committee stressed that "it is not permitted to abandon public safety on account of prisoners' rehabilitation."

Several hundred Arab prisoners rushed the guards in the Shattah break and then forced their way into the warden's office to seize weapons. Jewish prisoners fought the Arabs and one Jew, a convicted murderer serving a life sentence, ran from the prison to the nearest settlement to summon police. After a battle of several hours the prisoners were subdued but many had fled and escaped over the nearby border.

TEL AVIV GROCERS TO DEMONSTRATE TODAY AGAINST OPENING OF SUPERMARKET

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Tel Aviv's grocery stores will shut their doors on Thursday in a 12-hour demonstration strike against the opening here of a giant American-style supermarket which is scheduled to open on Thursday morning. The new supermarket is the first of 20 which are expected to revolutionize the retail food industry in this country.

Earlier this week, angry Tel Aviv grocers, who see the supermarkets as a threat to their livelihood, demonstrated for two hours near the new shop and tried to smash its windows.

ISRAEL MINISTER, BANK HEAD TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY PARLEY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and David Horowitz, governor of Israel's State Bank, will go to New Delhi, India, early in October to attend an international monetary fund conference, it was announced here today.

During his stay in the Indian capital, Mr. Eshkol is expected to confer with statesmen and economists of India and neighboring Asian countries.

MUTUAL SECURITY BILL ALLOWS AUSTRIA TO USE AID FUNDS FOR NAZI VICTIMS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The Mutual Security Bill, as passed by Congress in the final hours before adjournment last Sunday morning, includes a proviso empowering the Austrian Government to divert surplus counterpart funds for the relief of aged and needy victims of the Nazi regime, it became known here today.

The provision, originally introduced in an amendment by Sen. Jacob K. Javits of New York, was rewritten and in its final form, provides that any surplus which exists up to a maximum of 100 million Austrian schillings (approximately \$4 million) can be used for any purpose approved by both the Austrian Government and the International Cooperation Administration.

However, the report of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the Javits amendment clearly stated that it was "designed in particular to make it possible for the Austrian Government to lend 100 million counterpart Austrian schillings to the Austrian Hilfsfond for use in compensating former Austrian nationals who were persecuted under the Nazi regime and are now residing outside Austria."

The Foreign Relations Committee noted that "although Austrian law now requires all claimants to be paid eventually, it is desirable that the process be hastened in view of the advanced age of the claimants."

The Hilfsfond (assistance fund), set up under the terms of an agreement between the Austrian Government and the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria, provided for the eventual payment of 550 million schillings (approximately \$22 million). But it also provided that no more than 10 percent of the total might be appropriated by the Austrian Parliament for this purpose in any one year. Under these circumstances, Jewish groups pointed out, many aged claimants who are in desperate need might not live long enough to receive the aid due them.

(In New York today, the American Jewish Committee, which was active in behalf of the amendment to the Mutual Security Act, hailed Congressional approval as a "humanitarian" gesture. It said the amendment "forecasts an essential improvement in the vital functioning of the Assistance Fund.")

EX-CONCENTRATION CAMP GUARD ASSURED SEAT IN BAVARIAN PARLIAMENT

BONN, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- A former SS guard at the Mauthausen concentration camp where thousands of Jews and other victims of the Nazis were done to death has been named a candidate for the Bavarian Parliament by the right-wing Christian Social Union, a party allied with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union.

The candidate, 49-year-old Peter Prueckeimaier, has been named for a "safe" constituency and is assured of election in the Fall balloting. Now a prosperous farmer and cattle dealer in the Hallertau district near Munich, Prueckeimaier joined the Nazi Party in 1933. He became a member of the Christian Social Union three years ago.

BERLIN FILM AUDIENCE FINDS NOTHING FUNNY IN CHAPLIN'S 'GREAT DICTATOR'

LONDON, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- A West Berlin cinema audience saw nothing to laugh at and nothing to applaud when Charlie Chaplin's hilarious satire on Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, "The Great Dictator," had its German premiere, British newspaper correspondents reported today.

They noted that while there had been some laughter in the theatre during the early scenes of the film, there was no laughter and no applause later.

FIVE JEWISH FAMILIES ARRIVE TO SETTLE IN BIROBIDJAN, MOSCOW PAPER REPORTS

LONDON, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Five Jewish families have arrived in Birobidjan, once the autonomous Jewish region in Siberia, the first new Jewish settlers there in many years, according to a report in the Moscow newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya. The five families will live on a collective farm.

The newspaper quoted the chairman of a local Jewish collective as asserting that 60 more Jewish families would soon settle in Birobidjan which the Communists originally created as a Jewish region to counter the appeal of the Zionist movement among the Russian Jewish masses.

The Moscow newspaper pegged to the news report, a long and glowing description of the "opportunities" offered Jews in the Soviet Union as compared to the hardships and disappointments it alleged awaited the Jewish immigrant to Israel.

Keating Asks U.S. Take Lead in Protesting Soviet Anti-Semitism

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Rep. Kenneth P. Keating of New York made public today the text of a letter to Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge urging that the United States take the lead at the United Nations in protesting anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

Rep. Keating said the rights of Russian Jews were being "systematically and savagely restricted." He said the situation provides an opportunity for the United States "to reaffirm its moral and democratic leadership of the free world."

"The coordinated destruction of Jewish civil rights in the Soviet Union is in bald derogation of the Charter of the United Nations," the Congressman asserted. He thought "the United States 'with its long tradition as defender of human rights, should properly take the lead in exposing this matter before the world.'"

BRITAIN ADMITS TEN IRANIAN JEWS TO STUDY FOR RABBINATE

LONDON, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The British Home Office has granted visas to ten young Iranian Jews who will attend the Sunderland Yeshiva to study for the rabbinate.

The Agudas Israel, which arranged for the entry of the students, said today that upon completion of their courses, the young men would return to Iran to serve as rabbis or would proceed to Israel to tend to the religious requirements of Iranian Jews settled there.

LATIN AMERICAN PARLEY WEIGHS JEWISH RELIGIOUS TEXTS IN SPANISH

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Publication of Jewish religious textbooks in Spanish was among a number of problems considered here today by delegates to the first Latin American conference of Conservative synagogues.

The delegates, who included rabbis and lay leaders from a number of South and Central American countries and guests from the United States and Israel, also discussed the holding of special services for Jewish youth and the problem of providing for visits by rabbis to smaller communities which are without religious guidance.

The conference also considered questions involved in the introduction of modern methods of teaching Hebrew.

ARGENTINE JEWISH SCHOOL TEACHERS END STRIKE AFTER WINNING PAY INCREASE

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- A ten-day strike by teachers in the Jewish schools of Buenos Aires and its vicinity ended today following agreement between the teachers' group and the Jewish Educational Committee on new wage scales adjusted to meet the spiraling cost of living in Argentina.

U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDS RACIST VIOLENCE IS LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- William P. Rogers, U.S. Attorney General, told the American Bar Association today that segregationist violence was a matter for local rather than Federal authorities although the United States would prosecute racist agitators like John Kasper who organize concerted interference with a Federal Court integration decree.

Mr. Rogers cited the case of Kasper, anti-Semitic and anti-Negro provocateur, recently released after serving a Federal prison sentence. The Attorney General said "if there is concerted and substantial interference, as in the Kasper case, with the decree of the court, we stand prepared to take such steps as may be necessary to vindicate the court's authority."

Kasper was described by Mr. Rogers as "an agitator for the Seaboard White Citizens Council. Action against him was taken because it was demonstrated his main purpose was to frustrate a Federal Court order."

But on the general problem of racist violence in the South, the Attorney General wished it to be "emphatically clear that the maintenance of order in the local community is the primary responsibility of the states. That responsibility cannot be shifted."

NEW SAN FRANCISCO F. E. P. C. TO CONCENTRATE ON ANTI-BIAS EDUCATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The first six months of operation of San Francisco's new Fair Employment Practices Commission will be directed toward educating the public in the requirements of the municipality's recently adopted anti-bias ordinance and on capitalizing on the fund of goodwill and good intentions which exists among employers and labor unions.

This goal was announced here by Edward Howden, newly appointed director of the FEPC who will take over his new duties September 15. The education program, he said, would concentrate on: informing members of minority groups of their rights and how to obtain them; and, on bringing to the public, employers and unions the merits of equal job opportunities.

Mr. Howden said that a recent report of the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity on employment discrimination had shown "not a huge amount of deliberate, determined discrimination, but rather a pretty fair measure of goodwill and good intentions among unions and employers."

TEEN-AGE JEWISH LEADER HITS YOUTH FOR BEING 'ASHAMED' OF JEWISHNESS

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 27. (JTA) -- The president of Aleph Zadik Aleph, teen-age boys division of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, criticized some Jewish youth today for "being ashamed of their Jewishness." He said that some of the fault lay with the present Jewish education system and warned that "we are being assimilated and don't even realize this fact."

Yale Rosenberg, 19, of Houston, Tex., addressing the AZA annual convention here, scored those Jewish youth who "take pride in their ability to conform to their general environment but take no pride in being Jewish."

He said youth should take the initiative in working with parents to create a program of Jewish education and should insist on a curriculum that is "truly meaningful to them."

More than 175 teen-agers are attending the five-day meeting which will discuss problems in Jewish and general education and the improvement of relations among peoples of all nations and faiths.

80 PERCENT OF TUCSON'S 7,000 JEWS AFFILIATED WITH TEMPLES, CENTER

TUCSON, Ariz., Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Four-fifths of the Jewish community of Tucson is affiliated with one of the two local religious institutions or the Jewish Community Center, a recent survey revealed.

The study, conducted in connection with a master thesis on the Jewish community by Gil Kushner, a graduate student at the University of Arizona, established that there were 1,875 Jewish families--totalling 7,084--in Tucson. This is the high mark of permanent Jewish residence in the city. Only 388 families are not affiliated with either a synagogue or the community center. Tucson's first house of worship, Temple Emanu-El was opened in 1910.

DOCTOR AT SAN FRANCISCO JEWISH HOSPITAL RECEIVES CANCER STUDY GRANT

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. B. L. Freedlander of the Mount Zion Hospital and Medical Center has received an \$8,510 grant from the American Cancer Society to continue studies inaugurated at the hospital into chemicals which may prove useful in combatting cancer. The Mount Zionist project involves synthesizing new chemical compounds and evaluating their effectiveness as anti-cancer agents in conjunction with radiation treatment.