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BEN GURION SAYS ARAB COUNTRIES HOPE TO ANNIHILATE JEWS OF ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion asserted last night that Israel was still surrounded by enemies hoping not only to destroy the Jewish State but also to throw the Jews of Israel into the sea. He declared also that peace for Israel was no nearer now than it was ten years ago, despite Israel's continual readiness to discuss peace terms with the Arabs.

Addressing the 350 delegates to the International Israel Bond Conference at the closing session, the Prime Minister repeated what he considered Israel's four principal tasks: security, immigration, conquest of the desert, and making Israel a world center of learning and science.

He again expressed his hopes that in the future, East European countries would permit the emigration to Israel of Jews in the hundreds of thousands. He said that when this happened, the integration of these immigrations would represent the greatest challenge to world Jewry.

The Prime Minister rejected the "prevailing idea" that the Middle East was "only Arab," asserting that "there are peoples in the Middle East who are not Arabs and their number is greater than that of the Arabs in the Middle East." He said that the time was not far off when Israel would gain friends from among the non-Arab Middle East countries "whose strength is greater than that of all Arab countries."

The delegates, in a unanimous resolution, pledged to raise an additional \$50,000,000 through Israel bond sales during the remainder of 1958.

Israel Is in Increasing Danger, Dr. Goldmann Declares

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Israel is in increasing danger, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, declared here tonight. Dr. Goldmann's address was delivered to 1,000 delegates attending a national conference of the United Israel Appeal.

Summing up the situation in which Israel finds itself, the head of the Zionist movement noted that the chief danger to Israel lay in the cold war and in the fact that the Arab states were in a position from which they might blackmail the major powers. Underlining that Israel's financial position remained precarious, Dr. Goldmann urged every effort to raise maximum sums through the UIA.

HAMMARSKJOLD EXPECTED IN ISRAEL TOMORROW; WILL CONFER WITH BEN GURION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold is expected to arrive here Saturday for talks with Israel Premier David Ben Gurion, informed sources said. He was in Cairo today.

(In a blast timed to coincide with the arrival in Cairo of Mr. Hammarskjold, United Arab Republic President Nasser charged last night that the United States and Britain were arming Israel in a "last hope of destroying Arab nationalism.")

Israel will seek information from the UN official, it was reliably reported here today, about the results of Mr. Hammarskjold's conversations in both Amman, capital of Jordan, and Cairo, particularly concerning what safeguards, if any, he had obtained against continuation of Nasser's campaign of subversion and indirect aggression in the area.

Israel also was understood to be likely to ask whether Mr. Hammarskjold had managed to get a clear-cut answer from Nasser on the issue of Egyptian claims of a "right to belligerency" against Israel. Israel more than a year ago asked the UN official to determine whether Egypt, in defiance of the UN Charter, considered herself in a state of war with Israel. After some prodding, Mr. Hammarskjold submitted the question to Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi but no reply has ever been received.

Israel officials were reported to feel that Mr. Hammarskjold should demand a clear-cut reply in his current talks and report continued evasion to the United Nations.

ISRAEL TO SEEK U.S. AID FOR BUILDING OF NATIONAL IRRIGATION SYSTEM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Israel will shortly submit to Washington a request for financial assistance for the building of a national irrigation system using the waters of the Jordan River, it was learned here today.

The request will most likely be put formally to the U.S. Export-Import Bank which recently granted Israel a \$25,000,000 loan for local irrigation schemes which, however, do not visualize the use of Jordan waters.

It is believed that the Israeli plea for assistance will refer to the regional water development plan proposed several years ago by Eric Johnston, then acting as President Eisenhower's personal representative in the Middle East. When the Johnston plan fell through, due to Arab intransigence, it was suggested that each country in the region develop its own irrigation and power programs--but in such a fashion that it could later fit into a regional network.

With this goal in mind, Jordan--assisted by American experts--has worked out plans for the utilization of the Yarmuk River, main tributary of the Jordan River, which is in small part used by Israeli farm settlements. At the same time that the Jordan plan for Yarmuk irrigation development took final shape, this week, Israel's plans for use of the Jordan River were completed and will be forwarded to Washington, together with the request for financial support.

Israelis Threatened by Jordan's Move to Divert Yarmuk River

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Israel settlements in the Jordan Valley are faced with a new hazard, a threatened Jordanian move to divert the Yarmuk River, one of the major tributaries of the Jordan River, and thus cut them off from adequate supplies of life giving water.

Jordan's threatened action, revealed in a concentration of heavy earth moving machinery and the erection of a huge labor camp in an area south of Lake Tiberias where the Yarmuk enters the larger stream, strikes the Israelis as the height of unilateral disregard for the rights of others. When Israel in recent years attempted to divert a portion of the Jordan's waters, the opposition from Jordan--and Syria--was so furious that it frequently broke into shooting.

The Yarmuk River runs from east to west and, in a number of places, constitutes the border between Jordan and Syria and between Syria and Israel. The Jordanian intention appears to be to extend the course of the Yarmuk southward at a point before it enters the Jordan River.

At one time, Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's personal envoy to the Middle East, proposed a regional water plan, one feature of which was common Israeli-Syrian-Jordanian use of the Yarmuk. Before the War of Liberation and the partition of Palestine, the Yarmuk's waters were used to drive the turbines of a hydroelectric power station at Naharayim.

ISRAEL IGNORES MIXED ARMISTICE COMMISSION SESSION CALLED BY EGYPT

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Israel failed to send representatives to an emergency meeting of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission called at the demand of Egypt, it was reported here today from Cairo. This was the first test of Israel's attitude toward the MAC since the Sinai operation at which point Israel declared the armistice agreement, under which the MAC had been set up, no longer valid.

When Israel failed to appear, the Commission adopted an Egyptian-proposed resolution condemning Israel for the alleged violation of the Sinai border by two armored cars on Aug. 26 and for firing upon Egyptians. The MAC had been ordered into session by Col. Sven Norstrom of Sweden, its UN chairman.

FOUR ISRAELIS SENTENCED IN JORDAN FOR "ESPIONAGE"; EIGHT OTHERS ACQUITTED

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- A Jordanian military court has sentenced an Israeli national to 13 years in prison on charges of espionage, and three other Israelis to three years each on the same charge, it was reported here from Amman. The same report said that eight other Israeli prisoners tried at the same time on similar charges were acquitted.

NASSER INVITES ITALIAN PREMIER TO CAIRO; ITALY CONSIDERS ACCEPTANCE

ROME, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Italy is giving favorable consideration to President Nasser's invitation to Italian Premier Amintore Fanfani to visit Cairo, an official source revealed today. He said the visit might take place soon.

The invitation was conveyed orally by United Arab Republic Ambassador to Rome Saeed Akacha. The UAR envoy has just returned from consultations in Cairo where the question of Italian assets frozen in Egypt was discussed.

JEWISH AGENCY VOTES 80, 000, 000 ISRAELI POUNDS FOR SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency budget commission approved today an 80, 000, 000 pound allocation to the Agency's settlement department for the next fiscal year.

Reporting to the budget commission, Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol said that a plan for setting up a network of settlements throughout Galilee required an investment of 400, 000, 000 pounds. One aspect of this program would be the consolidation of hundreds of settlements, with a total population of 32, 000 men, women and children, which were founded since the establishment of the state.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Agency executive discussed a proposal for the settlement of 350 families from the United States, Britain and South Africa. Totalling some 1, 500 persons, the families are organized in five settlement organizations with which the Israel Government and the Agency are negotiating the details of immigration.

ISRAEL HOPES TO OBTAIN MORE CREDITS FROM BRITAIN, ENVOY ANNOUNCES

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Israel hopes to obtain "more credits in Britain now that financial restrictions have been relaxed," Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath said here last night prior to boarding a plane for Israel.

The Ambassador will be gone five weeks, combining his annual leave with consultations at the Foreign Ministry. He also revealed that Israel plans to increase her exports to Britain and the Commonwealth nations.

BRITISH LABOR CONGRESS URGES INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES FOR ISRAEL

BOURNEMOUTH, England, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- A five-point resolution calling for an international guarantee of Israel's borders and a replacement of Israel's armistice agreement with neighboring Arab states by a "real peace" was unanimously adopted today by the Trade Union Congress, representing more than 9, 000, 000 workers in Britain.

The resolution urged: 1. Agreement by the Great Powers to work for the establishment of peaceful relations in the Middle East; 2. A large-scale development program under United Nations auspices for the entire Middle East; 3. An international guarantee for Israel's frontiers; 4. United Nations efforts to transform the armistice pacts into peace treaties through direct Israel-Arab negotiations; 5. Constructive solution of the Arab refugee problem through resettlement with external aid.

The Congress, which officially invited Dr. Ezra Hayut, assistant international secretary of the Histadrut, and Dr. S. Levenberg, Jewish Agency representative in London, to attend the meeting, pledged its complete support to the International Congress of Free Trade Unions for the development of such unions in the Middle East, as one of the main safeguards for peace and social and economic progress in the area.

George Harrison and Jacob Potofsky, members of the executive board of the AFL-CIO, said they would present their views on the Middle East during the coming weekend. Many delegates paid tribute to Israel and her important contributions to social progress and democracy.

BRITISH ZIONISTS ASK "FAIR RATE OF EXCHANGE" FOR NEW SETTLERS IN ISRAEL

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The General Zionist Organization of Britain called today upon the Jewish Agency's economic department to "institute a fair rate of exchange to be accorded immigrants with capital" when they settle in Israel. At the same time, the organization hit the "reduced rate" which Finance Minister Levi Eshkol instituted for such immigrants and warned that this might discourage the immigration to Israel of middle class Jews with capital.

Ten days ago, Mr. Eshkol announced the ending of a privileged rate of exchange which gave immigrants with capital a bonus over the official rate. The difference between what the immigrants had previously received and the new, normal rate, the Minister said, could be obtained in the form of a loan from the Jewish Agency. He felt there was no justification for continuation of a special arrangement.

So, American Settlers Ask for Restoration of Exchange Rate

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Continuation of the 20 percent premium for funds brought in by middle class immigrants, which the Israel Government plans to replace with a direct loan to the immigrants by the Jewish Agency, was urged today by representatives of the South American Settlers Association in a meeting with Finance Minister Levi Eshkol.

The Minister promised that the matter would be reconsidered at an early meeting of the Jewish Agency executive. In the meantime, he said, the Agency would grant a premium in the form of a ten-year loan to immigrants now en route to Israel or who are in the process of settlement. The settlers representatives contended that replacement of the premium with a loan would discourage prospective immigrants.

ISRAEL NAMES MINISTER TO BULGARIA; EXPECTS IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Israel Government announced today the appointment of Nathan Peled, Mapam leader, to be its Minister to Bulgaria.

Though Mr. Peled's selection was made several months ago, it is understood, the Israel Government was holding off naming a Minister while Sofia delayed payment of indemnification for the shooting down of an El Al passenger plane in 1955. However, since the case has been moved to the International Court of Justice, it was decided to proceed with the announcement of a Minister to Sofia.

Observers here expected the appointment to lead to an improvement in relations between the two states. The naming of a left-wing personality as Israel's representative in a capital of a Soviet-oriented state represents a revival of a tradition which is several years old. It dates back to the time when Israel Barzilai, Israel's current Minister for Health, represented his government in Warsaw.

Mr. Barzilai has maintained his friendly contacts with Polish Government circles and is currently in Warsaw heading a delegation of Israeli doctors returning a visit to Israel of Polish medical men.

GERMAN COMMUNITIES PLEDGE FUNDS FOR RENOVATION OF JEWISH CEMETERIES

KARLSRUHE, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Virtually all the communities of Baden, from which Jews were deported to the south of France in 1940 have pledged financial contributions toward the renovation of Jewish cemeteries near the Noe and Gurs concentration camps, the Council of Jews announced here today.

The pledges were made in response to an appeal by Karlsruhe Mayor Guenther Klotz who initiated a campaign to raise 335,000 marks for the renovation of the cemeteries in which the martyred deportees are buried. He wrote the Baden communities that participation in the program would "honor" them and "raise the esteem of Germany" in the world.

JEWISH STUDENTS FROM 95 UNIVERSITIES HOLD HILLEL SUMMER INSTITUTE

STARLIGHT, Pa., Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Jewish student leaders representing student groups on 95 American, Canadian and Israeli campuses began their 13th annual national B'nai B'rith Hillel Summer Institute today. On the first day, Hillel directors from a number of colleges lectured the 175 students on the importance of being Jewish while growing in the world of scholarship. The institute will close on September 9.

Maurice Samuel, noted lecturer and author, will address the institute tomorrow on the "Uniqueness of the Sabbath" in Jewish life, while Rabbi Louis Milgrom, Hillel director at the University of Minnesota is scheduled to discuss "God and Man: What Can the Jewish Student Believe." One of the additional features on the institute program this year are concerts of Israeli and Jewish music.

JEWISH MOTHER SAVES ANTI-SEMITIC ASSAILANTS FROM PENAL INSTITUTION

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Two Philadelphia teen-agers were put on probation today for an anti-Semitic attack on three Jewish boys, instead of receiving reformatory sentences, because the mother of one of the victims insisted incur that she did not want revenge.

The incident involved six teen-agers who stopped three younger boys coming from a synagogue dance on May 10 and attacked them. All three were taken to the Einstein Medical Center where one required major medical attention. When the assailants were brought before Judge J.S. Hoffman in Municipal Court for sentencing, the mother said: "We do not want revenge. We only want to make sure our son and other sons can walk the streets free from harm and hurt because of their race or religion."

Judge Hoffman denounced the teen-agers and said he had been prepared to commit them to a penal institution. He added that, because of the mother's plea for mercy, he would place them on strict probation instead. He ordered the boys to make full restitution of all medical bills, amounting to \$169. Because of their ages, names of both attackers and victims were withheld. The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia helped police trace the attackers and represented the victims in court.

DIRECTORS OF GHANA-ISRAEL SHIPPING LINE MEET; MAP PLANS FOR FUTURE

HAIFA, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The Israeli and Ghanaian directors of the jointly owned Black Star Line met here today to evaluate the line's past activities and lay plans for future business.

The Ghanaian representatives expressed themselves as well satisfied with the progress of the line, owner of one cargo vessel and charterer of several others. They were reserved as to expanding the line's business into the Mediterranean trade, preferring for the time being to take cargoes between West African ports and British and European ports.