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GROMYKO BLASTS ISRAEL AT U.N.; FEELS ISRAEL WOULD NOT ATTACK JORDAN

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 2. (JTA) -- Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko savagely attacked Israel today as a tool of the Western Powers, when he addressed the United Nations General Assembly. But at the same time, he ridiculed the possibility of an Israel attack on Jordan, except with Western approval.

The Soviet delegate brought Israel into his slashing diatribe against the United States and Britain by asserting that an Israeli attack on Jordan was advanced as one of the reasons why the British troops could not be withdrawn from the Hashemite Kingdom. His entire speech was a rejection of Anglo-American commitments to withdraw their troops from Lebanon and Jordan and of those parts of the Secretary General's report to the General Assembly which accepted the Western commitments in good faith.

Mr. Gromyko's main contention was that the Western Powers had failed to obey the resolution of the Special General Assembly and had no intention of doing so. He demanded that their failure be put on the agenda of this session as a separate item for debate.

Golda Meir to Answer Gromyko's Aspersions at U.N. Assembly

Mrs. Golda Meir, the Israel Foreign Minister, is expected to take note of the Gromyko aspersions when she addresses the Assembly next Tuesday. Henry Cabot Lodge, head of the American delegation, in a brief reply to Gromyko at today's Assembly session, called his speech "mere billingsgate." He said:

"Mr. Gromyko has not offered one scintilla of proof of one single thing that he has said. The speech was straight, unadulterated villification. It is mere billingsgate. It is abuse with a sinister, ulterior motive. Speeches of this kind make a travesty of the United Nations. They reveal all too clearly Mr. Gromyko's contempt for the United Nations. It insults the intelligence of the members."

Mr. Gromyko, in his abusive speech, claimed that Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld displayed "artificially generated optimism" in his report on the intended withdrawal of the American forces from Lebanon and the British forces from Jordan. He charged the two democratic powers with "practicing obstruction" with regard to such withdrawal. Injecting Israel in his address, he declared:

"It still happens sometimes that it is pointed out that in the event of British troops leaving Jordan the latter will be faced with the threat of being attacked by Israel. We believe that this version has sufficiently discredited itself as everyone understands that an attack by Israel against Jordan would in actual fact be an attack by the United States and the United Kingdom. Without their sanction and encouragement Israel certainly cannot even move a finger, but the repercussions of this version still make themselves felt, in view of which it would not be inopportune to say a few words on this score."

"If the United States and the United Kingdom continue to engage in intimidating Jordan by possible attack on the part of Israel this will mean that they are consciously resorting to this so as to complicate matters with regard to the withdrawal of troops. But in this case they assume full responsibility for the play-acting which they stage from time to time and in which the title role is given to Israel," the Soviet Minister stated.

GOLDA MEIR MEETS WITH DULLES; DISCUSS PRESENT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir met with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles for 40 minutes today and later described the conference as "a very pleasant call" and "an interesting discussion of the situation in the Middle East."

Israeli sources later revealed that the conversation between Mrs. Meir and Secretary Dulles confirmed the existence of general harmony of thinking of the two governments on the position in the Middle East and on Israel's right to a sense of security.

The conversation dealt with the broader questions of policy and appraisal and will be followed by discussions in the normal channels on more specific questions, they stated. Mr. Meir was accompanied by Ambassador Abba Eban. She said she would remain in New York for another two weeks in connection with the current UN General Assembly.

MOROCCO AND TUNISIA EVOKE JEWISH CONCERN; JOINED THE ARAB LEAGUE

NEW YORK, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations here expressed concern today over the news that Tunisia and Morocco have joined the Arab League. A report that they had been admitted to the League was published here this morning.

The concern expressed by Jewish leaders here was on two counts: Firstly, it was feared that with entrance into the Arab League, the two North African countries might impose a complete ban on Jewish emigration to Israel. Secondly, it was feared that Tunisia and Morocco's joining the Arab League may make the situation of the Jews in these countries as precarious as in other Arab League countries.

There are today 200,000 Jews in Morocco and about 80,000 Jews in Tunisia. Although the Jews in these two countries are receiving relatively fair treatment now, the concern exists here lest Nasser, who dominates the Arab League, will convince the governments of these countries to treat their Jewish nationals in the same way as they are treated in Egypt, Syria and the other Arab countries.

Dr. M. L. Perlzweig, director of the World Jewish Congress' international affairs department, who recently visited North Africa, reported today that the political life of the whole region was dominated by an intensive Arab nationalism which tended to express itself in regimes controlled by a single nationalist party. "One result had been the adhesion of new states to the Arab League, in spite of the reluctance of leaders who had no illusions on the threat of Nasserism to their own independence," he told a meeting of the WJC executive here. "Another was the pressure on minorities to abandon their distinctive cultural and social institutions and traditions in favor of total assimilation in these fields.

"The Jews were in effect being urged to reduce Judaism from a way of life to a sectarian cult limited to the synagogue," he continued. "And with the denial of the historic position of Jewish communities inevitably went a demand to abandon emigration to Israel. The World Jewish Congress was seeking satisfactory solutions to the problems, as yet unsolved, which this situation had created," Dr. Perlzweig said. "The statesmen in these countries, with whom the WJC has had long standing and friendly relations, had repeatedly affirmed their support of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights. On this basis discussions are now taking place."

ISRAELIS AND ARABS MEET JOINTLY TODAY AT "MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE"

ROME, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- For the first time since the State of Israel was established Israelis and Arabs will meet face to face tomorrow at a "Mediterranean Conference" to search out the common values of Jewish, Christian and Moslem civilizations. All representatives to the parley, including the Israelis, the Arabs and others will attend in their personal capacities.

The Israeli group will consist of Maurice Fischer and Reuven Shiloah of the Foreign Ministry, invited as individuals, Reuven Barkatt of the Histadrut's political department and two Hebrew University professors well versed in the Arabic Middle East. The first is Prof. Martin Plessner, an expert on Arabic languages and literature; the other is Prof. Uriel Heyd, a student of the modern Middle East.

Italy's President Giovanni Gronchi and Premier Amintore Fanfani will be present. The meeting has the blessing of many world leaders including President Nasser of the United Arab Republic, Premier Charles de Gaulle of France and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, all of whom have sent messages of greetings to the parley.

Histadrut Leader Heads Israel's Group at "Mediterranean Conference"

JERUSALEM, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- Reuven Barkatt, Histadrut leader, was today named chairman of the Israeli delegation which will attend the "Mediterranean Conference" which opens in Florence, Italy, tomorrow.

The naming of Barkatt as chairman followed a communication from Gioglio la Pira, former Mayor of Florence and sponsor of the parley, that Arab delegates had threatened to withdraw if the Israel Foreign Ministry sent official delegates to the parley.

At first it was thought that Israel would withdraw the names of two of its delegates, Foreign Ministry officials Reuven Shiloah and Maurice Fischer, but later it was decided that they would be invited in their personal, not their official, capacities and another Israeli, not associated with the Foreign Ministry, would head the Israeli unit. Dr. Nahum Goldmann also received a personal invitation.

ITALIAN PREMIER POSTPONES TRIP TO ISRAEL; WILL VISIT NASSER IN CAIRO

ROME, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- Premier Amintore Fanfani announced today that he would postpone his much publicized visit to Israel until a more appropriate time. The Italian statesman will call on President Nasser at the United Arab Republic capital of Cairo later this month.

VIRGINIA JEWS DISCUSS COORDINATION WITH NATIONAL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 2. (JTA) -- The charge that national Jewish leadership lacks understanding of local Jewish problems in Virginia in connection with the school segregation issue was voiced here today, revealing that discussions on this subject are now taking place between representatives of the national organizations and local Virginia Jewish leaders.

Professional staff members of one national Jewish group met with Jewish community leaders of 10 Virginia cities to discuss the impact of the school integration crisis on the Jewish population in the state, it was learned here today. At the same time, it was also learned that all regional activities connected with the desegregation issue conducted by another national Jewish organization must from now on receive prior approval from the local leaders of that organization in Virginia.

Asserting that the Virginia Jews are acting to ensure their own safety, it was decided that the Virginia program of the regional office here of a leading national Jewish organization is to be examined for approval by leaders of that organization in Richmond. The same applies also to civil rights pamphlets and materials distributed by the regional office.

Jews in Virginia Cities Exchange Views on Combatting Anti-Semitism

Generally, a better understanding of national and state views on the Jewish role in the desegregation crisis emerged from mutually beneficial meetings held in both New York and Richmond. One Virginia leader said he thought national professional staff workers now more fully understood the "perilous position of Jews in Virginia and the need for prudence." He said Virginia Jewry benefited from the exchanges by a realization that they could not legitimately insist on national groups' silence on desegregation provided statements are made outside the South.

Within Virginia views have been exchanged by Jewish community leaders of various cities and towns on techniques of combatting segregationist anti-Semitism. Indications of boycott of Jewish merchants came from various parts of the state.

It appeared that in some way segregationists obtained names of Jewish businessmen who responded in years past when asked by Negro customers for donations to the NAACP. In Danville, a Jewish merchant was confronted and condemned by a customer known to be a member of the state-wide segregationist front "The Defenders of State Sovereignty." The segregationist had obtained information that the merchant gave a small contribution to the NAACP several years ago.

Norfolk Jews were reported studying a plan for Jewish children to receive temporary instruction through a pooling of facilities of synagogues and temples. Junior and senior high schools in Norfolk were closed last month by Gov. Almond to prevent Negroes from attending. Several hundred Jewish youngsters are among the many thousands of Norfolk children affected.

KU KLUX KLAN CIRCULATES ANTI-SEMITIC MATERIAL IN LATIN AMERICAN LANDS

NEW YORK, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- United States action to stop Ku Klux Klan circulation of anti-Semitic materials in Latin America was urged here today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Western Hemisphere executive of the World Jewish Congress.

Reporting on his recent visit to Latin America, Dr. Goldstein told a meeting of the executive that he had found "anti-Semitic literature circulated by the Ku Klux Klan and mailed from the United States to a number of countries, including Argentina, Uruguay and Chile.

"This is a matter which should be investigated by the Department of State and the FBI," Dr. Goldstein said. "Race hatred is an article which must not be tolerated either for domestic consumption or for export to foreign countries." The material, bearing a Waco, Texas, postmark, is in both English and Spanish.

NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION ANNOUNCES \$18,000,000 CAMPAIGN GOAL

NEW YORK, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- A goal of \$18,000,000 has been set by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York for its 41st annual appeal on behalf of 116 member hospitals, health and social service agencies which last year served more than 700,000 men, women and children. It was announced today by Lawrence A. Wien, campaign chairman. The campaign will open October 9 and will continue through January 31, 1959.

Mr. Wien asserted that campaign officials had taken "inventory" of the potential dollars it can expect without special effort. "Last year, we raised about \$16,000,000. From this, there is a normal attrition from deaths, business reversals and dozens of other factors of about an additional \$2,000,000," he went on. "This leaves us needing to raise in increased contributions and new gifts a total of \$4,000,000 to hit the minimum target that will safeguard community services and institutions." Mr. Wien said that the \$4,000,000 represents a "Crisis in Maintenance" Fund, a term that has become the theme and slogan of this year's drive.

DETROIT TO CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS JEWISH COMMUNITY

DETROIT, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- The 60th anniversary of the organized Jewish community of Detroit will be celebrated here this year, it was announced today by Judge Theodore Levin, president of the Jewish Welfare Federation, the successor organization to the United Jewish Charities which was organized in 1899. The event will be marked by the publication of a history of Jewish philanthropic endeavor in Detroit prepared by Irving Katz, Jewish historian.

"The United Jewish Charities and its successor organization, the Jewish Welfare Federation, has had the continuous benefit of the interest and the contributions of men and women who accept increasing responsibility in behalf of their fellow Jews and for the benefit of their own families and community," Judge Levin said. "The organized services of the Detroit Jewish community were strengthened markedly in 1957-58. Participation in the rescue and rehabilitation program for world Jewry and the resettlement program in Israel was continued at an impressively high level despite the obstacles placed in our way by the economic recession.

"Our participation as an organized community in the national life and world problems of Jewish people was integrated with a parallel interest in development of our own communal machinery and programs at home," Judge Levin pointed out. "Since the end of World War II, Detroit has consistently raised more money in its annual campaign than any other community of less than 100,000 Jewish population. We maintained this record in 1958 by raising almost \$5,000,000 under the leadership of Max M. Fisher, our campaign chairman," Judge Levin emphasized.

Sobeloff Outlines the Changes in Detroit Jewish Life

Isidore Sobeloff, executive vice-president of the Jewish Welfare Federation, said that the last decade has seen the crystallization of a broad development which has been gradually taking place since the United Jewish Charities was organized in 1899. This development is taking place simultaneously in three parallel areas:

1. The nature of the Jewish community has changed. It is no longer made up of the Americanized and the foreign born; the rich and the poor; the benefactors and the clients. The members of the Jewish community of America, and certainly of Detroit, with rare exceptions, fit in the great middle class. All of them together now recognize and discharge with equal interest their responsibilities at home and abroad--in Detroit and in Israel--through their membership in the central community.

2. Parallel with the change in the Jewish population has been a change in organization--in the structure of the Jewish Welfare Federation. The few hundred contributors at the turn of the century have become some 26,000 contributors of the present. The handful of board members who discussed every "needy case" among themselves and visited each "client" personally of his benefaction, has developed into a board of governors of 68, with a broadly representative membership. It includes 14 member agencies providing for the aged, child care, health services, camping, vocational services, community relations, recreation and culture, Jewish education in a planful way with a broad social perspective. All of this program is carried on with a sense of assurance of Jewish survival.

3. A third stream of change which parallels the other two is the change in the nature of the services. From services to the poor, the undernourished, the unlearned, individuals and families with social problems, we have gradually shifted to major emphasis on services for the average family; from social services to communal services; from welfare services to enrichment services, leisure time activities, cultural, educational, Jewish identification services and programs which enrich the lives of ourselves and our children.

"The central theme of these parallel developments is that we have grown into a community characterized by the phrase 'by all of us together for all of us together,'" Mr. Sobeloff stated. "The ties of membership in the Jewish community create a common purpose which easily cross the lines of social and economic differences," he concluded.

JEWISH FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS TO SELL \$1,000,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- More than 350 leaders representing 3,000 fraternal organizations in New York unanimously endorsed today the goal of \$50,000,000 in Israel bond sales by January 1, 1959 that was set by an Israel bond conference in Jerusalem. As their part of the total, the leaders set plans for an intensive three-month drive for the sale of \$1,000,000 by fraternal groups.

At the gathering, a report on the current situation in the Middle East was presented by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization. Calling attention to the continuing elements "of major upheaval in the Arab states and imminent danger for Israel," Dr. Schwartz declared that "in the midst of crisis, Israel faces the future with courage--and with a blueprint of constructive action based on the confidence that the Jews of the United States and Canada will maintain their strong bonds of economic partnership regardless of what may happen in the coming months."