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MIDDLE EAST STILL TROUBLE SPOT, AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS

SYDNEY, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Richard G. Casey, Australian Minister for External Affairs, warned today that the Middle East remained an area of potential trouble because not one of the basic problems of the area which caused trouble in recent years had been solved.

Mr. Casey told the press here on his return from overseas that expansionist forces in Egypt were exploiting the general desire of the various Arab states for a better existence.

Referring to specific problems such as that of the Palestine refugees, the need for social reform and reasonable terms for Western access to the oil of the Arab lands, Mr. Casey, who served in the Middle East during World II as British Minister of State, declared that the hard fact was that the Arabs themselves, rather than outside countries, must make the fundamental moves. Other countries, he said, particularly the United States and Britain, would help to create conditions suitable for working out solutions.

PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST DEPENDS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EBAN DECLARES

LONDON, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Peace in the Middle East is dependent on economic development and the feud between the Arabs and Israel would disappear, given the possibility of economic development, Aneurau Bevan, Labor Party spokesman on foreign affairs, told the House of Commons today.

Speaking for the opposition in the first foreign affairs debate since Parliament reconvened, Mr. Bevan asserted that "there is no reason why we cannot reconcile all the movements in the Middle East."

The "shadow cabinet" foreign secretary indirectly welcomed construction of the Aswan Dam in Egypt with Soviet financial assistance and declared that the West should give the Arabs "every kind of encouragement we can."

Emanuel Shinwell, former Secretary for War, sharply challenged the government on its Middle East policy and said that "anyone who regarded prospects in the Middle East in an optimistic vein was "greatly mistaken." He said he saw no prospect whatever at the present time for a speedy disappearance of Middle East tension.

He said the arming by Britain of Iraq and Jordan while it had declined to provide arms to Israel "except on a very modified scale," was, "to a substantial extent, the cause of the tension in the past few years."

PREMIER DEFENDS ITALY'S INTEREST IN ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES

ROME, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Premier Amintore Fanfani wound up a debate on foreign policy in the Chamber of Deputies last night with an admonition to critics who had accused him of paying too much attention to Israel and the Arab States that they were blind to the facts of history and geography. He indicated strongly that Italy had pursued an active role in the Mediterranean on the direct encouragement of American, Britain, French and German leaders.

Signor Fanfani, in dealing with the recent Mediterranean conference at Florence, stressed that the conference had not been organized by the Italian Government. He referred to the fact that two of the Israeli representatives at the conference had been officials of the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

"The Arabs raised no objections to the invitation of the Israelis," the Premier stated. "The objections concerned the official nature, certainly unique at the conference, which the Israeli Government thought appropriate to give to Israeli participants."

Signor Fanfani commented on reports of new Soviet loans to Egypt and asked whether "we are still in time to avoid, once again, being supplanted in Egypt by those who would start building dams in order to send technicians and military experts there." He warned that political problems could not be solved by economic aid alone and said that political solutions with peaceful means and ends must be sought.

Signor Fanfani said his forthcoming visits to Cairo and Tel Aviv would be at a date and under conditions considered most appropriate by the governments concerned "in line with our policy of seeking peaceful solutions."

EBAN FINDS FUNDAMENTAL ARAB ANTAGONISM TO WEST ROILS MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Arab antagonism to the West is the primary factor in the unrest in the Middle East, Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador to Washington and head of its delegation to the United Nations, declared here last night. Mr. Eban delivered the third of the annual Herbert Samuel Lectures named for Lord Samuel, first High Commissioner of Palestine.

Tracing the history of the Arab peoples, the Ambassador said: "Arab antagonism to the West antedates, transcends and will survive Arab hostility to Israel." Pointing out that the non-Arab peoples of the region were a majority, he called on them to "make their voice felt" if they would have equal rights with the "Arab minority."

Mr. Eban expressed the belief that Israel's support of various Moslem nations in the quest for recognition--in respect to Tunisia, Morocco, Lybia, the Sudan and other gestures of tolerance--will "find their vindication in the long perspective of history in which the Arabs and the Israelis will eventually have to find common ground." He predicted that peace between Israel and the Arabs will be gained "not by a direct route which leaps straight towards peace as the immediate aim but through the steady indirect approach of Israel's peaceful consolidation."

ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW DENIES REBUFF BY PREMIER KHRUSHCHEV

TEL AVIV, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Joseph Avidar, former Israel Ambassador to the Soviet Union, denied today reports that Premier Khrushchev had refused to receive him for a farewell visit.

Brig. Avidar, who arrived in Israel yesterday, said he had never asked for an invitation or for a reception from the Soviet Premier.

STUDY GROUP URGES INTEGRATED COMBINE TO EXPLOIT ISRAEL'S MINERALS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The establishment of an integrated chemical combine to exploit the mineral resources of the Negev was urged here today in a report handed the government by a joint Israel-United Nations development board which, under the chairmanship of Sir Ben Lockspeiser, one of Britain's foremost scientists, has studied Israel's natural resources picture.

In support of its thesis that a giant unified complex is needed, the report notes that mineral deposits in the Negev are so situated as to "form a natural complex presenting an opportunity for constructing a diversified chemical industry which could give a 'new look' to Israel's balance of payments."

The report noted that both production and the rate of productivity in government-owned corporations involved in developing mineral resources had risen and that the exportation of Israeli chemicals had increased by 250 percent. By way of criticism, the report noted that the government companies invested less than one percent of the total production in basic research.

Wolfson Takes Over Shell Chemical Firm in Israel

JERUSALEM, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Israel Wolfson, British financier who took over the Israel market facilities of the Shell Oil Company, announced today purchase of Shell Chemicals, oil firm subsidiary here manufacturing chemicals, detergents and sprays. The acquisition, reportedly for a price of IL 1,500,000 (\$835,000), leaves Shell Oil with only an indirect interest in the Haifa refineries.

Mr. Wolfson also announced designation of Meir Sherman, former economic counselor to the Israel Embassy in Washington as director of the entire Shell operation in Israel. He said British chemists would be sent to Israel to help expand operations of the chemical firm.

CAIRO PRESS ANSWERS BEN GURION WITH CHARGES OF 'CONSPIRACY'

LONDON, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Cairo newspapers, apparently in answer to Premier David Ben Gurion's vitriolic attack on Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian dictator, in the Knesset yesterday, opened fire on Israel today with a barrage of assorted conspiracy charges.

The newspaper Al Ahram reported that Israel had mobilized and was massing forces on the Jordan border as part of an intricate British plot to seize the Jordan-held west bank of the Jordan River and place it under United Nations control. Another newspaper, which also reported this alleged massing of forces, charged that it was a move to support King Hussein against the Jordanian people.

RESIDENT AUSTRIAN JEWS TO FILE 8,000 CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION

VIENNA, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The Austrian Jewish community will shortly file 8,000 applications for compensation under the terms of recent Austrian legislation designed to indemnify victims of the Nazi regime, it was reliably reported here today. It is understood that in addition to the 8,000 claims from resident Austrian Jews, there will be an additional 30,000 from Jews now living abroad.

LAST POPE NAMED JOHN, IN MIDDLE AGES, PICTURED AS FRIENDLY TO JEWS

ROME, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The Milan newspaper Corriere della Serra, commenting today on the new Pontiff's selection of the name John, stressed that the last Pope to bear that name was a moderating influence with respect to the Inquisition and had recommended justice and tolerance toward the Jews. It said that the Jews had always found in him a refuge from popular fanaticism.

ISRAEL ABSTAINS IN VOTE ON ARTICLE FOR U. N. HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Israel abstained yesterday in the balloting on an article dealing with freedom from arbitrary arrest that will ultimately become part of the draft covenant on civil and political rights which is being discussed in the General Assembly's Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee.

Two amendments introduced by Israel which would have given an arrested person certain broad rights that could not be denied by the arresting officer failed of adoption.

JEWISH CONGRESS TO SET UP REWARD FUND FOR APPREHENSION OF NAZI LEADER

TEL AVIV, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress announced here today the establishment of a fund to collect \$20,000 to be used as a reward for persons providing information leading to the arrest of Adolf Eichman, arch-persecutor and murderer of European Jewry.

Congress officials, announcing a public committee to collect the award money, said that Eichman disappeared in 1945 and that his wife and children had joined him later in an unknown place.

The officials also announced plans to intensify a campaign to arouse public opinion against the "unexplainable" policy of the Austrian Government in evading efforts to bring to justice Nazi war criminals against whom there is ample evidence, while at the same time refusing to compensate Austrian Jewish victims of Nazism as West Germany does.

83 EGYPTIAN JEWISH REFUGEES ARRIVING IN FRANCE MET BY HIAS DIRECTOR

PARIS, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- A party of 83 Egyptian Jewish refugees, the largest group in recent months, arrived at Marseilles today. United Hias Service director James P. Rice was on hand to greet and assist the refugees.

J. D. C. AIDE IN PLEA FOR LONG-RANGE PLANNING, FINANCING

GENEVA, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- A plea for long-range financing of relief and rehabilitation programs in stricken Jewish communities was voiced here today by Charles Jordan, director general of the Joint Distribution Committee, as the only effective method to insure permanent recovery.

Addressing the closing session of the four-day JDC country directors meeting, Mr. Jordan said that he was confident that in the future, as in the past, American Jewry through the United Jewish Appeal, would "rise to emergencies and surpass themselves in generosity." However, he insisted that "if any single conclusion can be reached from this conference, it is that in order to really solve the problems that we are beset with there is a need for a long-term plan."

Mr. Jordan's remarks were made to the 120 JDC and other Jewish welfare leaders at the parley and a party of United Jewish Appeal leaders, headed by JDC chairman Edward M. M. Warburg, which arrived here today for conferences with JDC officials. The party, a "study mission," is going on to Israel and returning to report to communities throughout the country in advance of the 1959 UJA goal-setting parley.

Earlier, Louis Horowitz, JDC director for Israel, indicated that Malben, the JDC welfare and rehabilitation set-up in Israel, would change its policy direction in the coming year. Noting that Malben was organized nearly a decade ago as an emergency service to give medical and welfare assistance to massive numbers of ill and dislocated refugees, Mr. Horowitz said that the point had been reached where Malben and its clients were ready for more personalized service. The Malben program is the JDC's largest, with more than 36,600 clients and a budget equal to 40 percent of the JDC's worldwide budget.

SOVIET UNION ISSUES STAMP TO HONOR SHOLEM ALEICHEM CENTENARY

VIENNA, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government will issue a special postage stamp marking the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Sholem Aleichem which will be celebrated in 1959, according to a Moscow dispatch received here today.

Other events scheduled in connection with the Sholem Aleichem anniversary observance in the Soviet Union will include a special exhibit of the great Yiddish author's works in the Lenin Library in Moscow, the publication of Sholem Aleichem's collected works and issuance of a biographical novel based on his life written by Abraham Cahan of Kiev.

SHOLOM ALEICHEM, ISRAELI THEMES FEATURES OF JEWISH BOOK MONTH

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Publication of a volume analyzing the influence of Sholem Aleichem on Jewish literature will be one of the highpoints of the annual celebration of Jewish Book Month, it was announced today by Alan Steinback, president of the Jewish Book Council. The annual observance, sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, will be observed from November 7 through December 7.

Dedicated to Israel's tenth anniversary celebration, Book Month's theme for 1958 is "Israel: Land of the Bible." Some 2,000 communal organizations, including Jewish centers, local Jewish book councils, synagogues, schools and libraries will present programs around the Israeli theme.

PROF. JOSHUA LEDERBERG NAMED TO SHARE NOBEL PRIZE IN MEDICINE

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Joshua Lederberg, Professor of Genetics at the University of Wisconsin, was named today one of three American geneticists to be awarded the 1958 Nobel Prize in medicine for pioneer studies in genetics. Dr. Lederberg, 33, will receive half of the \$41,250 prize, while the remainder will be split among the other two prize winners.

The prize committee cited Dr. Lederberg for his discoveries concerning "genetic recombination and the organization of the genetic material of bacteria." Scientists believe the studies for which Dr. Lederberg and the other Americans were honored may lead toward greater knowledge of cancer. Dr. Lederberg was born in Montclair, N. J.

NEW YORK PATROLMAN CERTIFIED AS CANTOR BY SCHOOL OF SACRED MUSIC

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- A New York patrolman who studied for five years on his free time, has been certified as a cantor by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion's School of Sacred Music and will sing his first service Nov. 9 at the annual memorial rites of the Shomrim Society of the New York City Police Department. Patrolman Ian Cosman, 39, a veteran of 18 years service on the force, has announced he will continue to serve as one of the "city's finest."

AMERICAN REFORM JUDAISM WEEK TO BE MARKED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- American Reform Judaism Week in New York City in honor of the 85th anniversary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of Reform Judaism in America as an organized religious movement was proclaimed today by Mayor Robert F. Wagner in ceremonies at City Hall.

Mayor Wagner designated the week beginning Sunday for observance of the anniversary and extended personal congratulations to a delegation of nationally prominent Reform Jewish leaders headed by A. B. Polinsky of Bethesda, Md., general chairman of the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism. The Campaign is the Reform Jewish Community's central agency for support of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the oldest national institutions of Judaism in the western hemisphere.

MRS. DYCKMAN ELECTED TO SECOND TERM AS HEAD OF MIZRACHI WOMEN

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Mrs. Moses Dyckman of New York was re-elected president of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America at the closing session here last night of the national convention of the organization.

Resolutions adopted at the final session firmly backed the integration of American public schools, called for a more liberal immigration policy, reaffirmed the primacy of the United Jewish Appeal in fund-raising and expressed support of the Israel bond drive. Mrs. Bessie Gotsfeld of Tel Aviv, honorary national president, was honored on the occasion of her 70th birthday.

Moshe Kol, director of Youth Aliyah, told the delegates that his agency had spent more on the religious education of Jewish children than any Jewish voluntary agency in the world. He said that the number of Youth Aliyah children receiving an orthodox education was about 30 percent and the portion of the Youth Aliyah budget spent on absorption and education of those children was 45 percent. He explained that the number of orthodox settlements was not sufficient to absorb all the children who need an orthodox education and therefore the majority "are placed in children's villages and in institutions."

LEADERS OF ISRAEL MARCH IN FUNERAL PROCESSION FOR PROF. KLAUSNER

JERUSALEM, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Klausner was laid to rest yesterday after services which took on the aspect of a state funeral. Israel leaders, including Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, marched in a funeral procession from the Jewish Agency building to the municipal courtyard. Thousands of mourners passed the coffin in the courtyard.