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WORLD COURT BEGINS HEARINGS TODAY ON ISRAEL'S CASE AGAINST BULGARIA

THE HAGUE, Holland, March 15. (JTA) -- The International Court of Justice in The Hague will begin hearings tomorrow on Israel's claim for damages against Bulgaria in the shooting down in 1955 of an El Al airliner with a loss of 58 passengers and crewmen.

The hearing will open with the submission by Bulgaria of a preliminary brief, challenging the right of the International Court's jurisdiction. The Israel delegation will be headed by Shabetai Rosenne, legal adviser to the Foreign Ministry. Bulgaria admitted responsibility for the disaster, after an investigation, and made several promises of entering negotiations for losses.

The opening of the hearing will be preceded by the installation of Justice David Gotein, of the Israel Supreme Court, and Justice Yarolsav Jourek of Bulgaria, as members of the International Law Commission of the United Nations. The two judges were designated by their Governments to sit as judges in the hearing.

The court will then call on the two parties to begin presentations. Israel will be represented by Mr. Rosenne; M. Schneerson, Minister with the Israel Embassy in Paris; J. H. Lazarus, assistant Attorney General; F. Landau, assistant State Attorney; and T. Meron of Israel's Foreign Ministry. Bulgaria will be represented by Dr. Nissim Mevorach, who will be assisted by Evgeni Kamerov, Bulgarian Minister in Paris, who will serve as counsel, and Pierre Cot, French lawyer, who will be advocate.

Proceedings were instituted by the Israel Government against Bulgaria in October, 1957. Israel told the world court that damages equivalent to \$7,462,803 had been claimed. Israel reserved the legal right to claim moral and material reparation at a later stage in the case. The United States State Department is on record as having denounced Bulgaria, and urged its government to settle claims arising from the incident. Cases filed by the United States and United Kingdom against Bulgaria are pending at the World Court.

The United States filed a brief and evidence on behalf of six American citizens who left American next-of-kin. America also sought through its action to protect freedom of the air. The United States position is that, even if a plane accidentally strays from its flight plan over a national boundary, there is no justification for shooting it down without warning, killing its passengers.

Bulgaria at first promised to make a financial settlement. But this was before Bulgaria gained admission to the United Nations. Once the Communist state was admitted to the United Nations, it arbitrarily refused to admit responsibility, holding that El Al was entirely to blame.

SHOOTING INCIDENTS REPORTED ON ISRAEL-ARAB FRONTIERS; THREE BY SYRIANS

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA) -- Four more shooting incidents took place along Israel's Arab frontiers during the week-end, three near the Syrian border, and one on Israel's side of the Jordanian armistice line. In all the Arab-provoked attacks, however, only one Israeli was wounded.

The wounded Israeli is a farmer at the settlement of Shaar Haishuv, in Upper Galilee. He was in a field with two other men, when Syrians opened fire from gun emplacements on their side of the border. This man received a bullet in one leg. At about the same time, another Syrian gun position opened fire on a second group of Israelis from the same settlement who were guarding a flock of sheep.

Yesterday afternoon, in broad daylight, an Israeli patrol spotted a group of armed Syrian shepherds north of Dan, near the Syrian border. The Syrians opened fire, which was returned by the Israelis. One of the Syrian bullets hit the Israeli patrol car, but none of the Israelis in this fracas was injured.

Meanwhile along the Jordanian frontier, another Israeli patrol spotted an infiltrator. When the patrol went after this man, Jordanians opened fire from their side of the border. In this instance, according to the Israel Army spokesman, the Israelis did not fire back.

ISRAEL SEEKS U. N. ACTION ON RENEWED EGYPTIAN BLOCKADE OF SUEZ CANAL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 15. (JTA) -- Israel today is awaiting word from the United Nations Secretariat as to what action, if any, the UN intends to take in connection with resumption by Egypt of its anti-Israeli blockade of the Suez Canal.

Joseph Tekoah, Israel's deputy permanent representative here, took up the matter with Under Secretary Ralph J. Bunche and Andrew W. Cordier, executive assistant to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. The latter is absent from Headquarters on official business.

Israel's specific complaint involves Egyptian seizure of a Greek freighter, flying the Liberian flag, which was halted at Port Said as the ship was attempting to negotiate passage through the Suez Canal on the way from Haifa to a port in Ceylon. The vessel was carrying phosphates and cement. The Egyptians not only stopped the ship but, reportedly, confiscated the entire cargo.

Under a Security Council resolution adopted September 1, 1951, Egypt is forbidden to blockade the Canal against shipping to and from Israel. Egypt violated that Council resolution many times, but this instance is the first of the kind since prior to Israel's Sinai campaign of 1956.

EXPERTS FROM MANY LANDS ATTEND ISRAEL SEMINAR ON AGRICULTURE

JERUSALEM, March 15. (JTA) -- An international seminar on land settlement--the first of a series of events being held in Israel in connection with the forthcoming International Agricultural Exhibition--was convened tonight at the Hebrew University's College of Agriculture at Rehovot.

Attending the seminar are 30 agricultural experts from Burma, Ghana, the United States, Ceylon, Senegal, Iran, Peru, Greece, Turkey, French Sudan, Dahomey, India, Britain, and Argentina. Two experts are also participating on behalf of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

Premier David Ben Gurion addressed here the first International Seminar of Socialist Youth Leaders, which is being held here under the auspices of the International Union of Socialist Youth. Attending the Seminar are delegates from Austria, Burma, Denmark, West Germany, India, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Nigeria, Sweden and Tanganyika. Other representatives are on the way from Ghana, Uganda, France, Vietnam, and Yugoslavia.

TOURISTS IN ISRAEL TO RECEIVE 20 PERCENT INCREASE ON EXCHANGE OF DOLLARS

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- "Effective today, tourists to Israel will receive a 20 percent cash premium over and above the official rate of exchange of 1.80 Israeli pounds to the dollar," it was announced today by Yohanan Beham, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office. "As a result, tourists will now receive 2.16 Israeli pounds for each dollar exchanged, up to a maximum of \$1,500 per month."

The 20 percent bonus was introduced to encourage tourist traffic to Israel, and its effect is expected to be felt as early as this Spring, the Israeli official said. "The new premium obviates and replaces the 20 percent discount which tourists received at hotels, sightseeing agencies and government-approved stores," he stated.

Another tourist facility introduced by Israel was announced here today. Upon their departure, tourists will be able to reconvert Israel pounds up to the equivalent of \$100, instead of the \$40 limit permitted hitherto.

GOLDA MEIR RETURNS TO ISRAEL; ADDRESSED 20 JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN U. S.

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, took off last night from Idlewild Airport to return to Israel following a one-month tour of the United States and Canada. She visited some 20 major cities, and addressed the Jewish communities there on Israel's needs.

On the eve of her departure, Mrs. Meir emphasized the importance of the participation of American Jewry in the tasks of receiving and absorbing an increasing number of immigrants to Israel this year, principally from Eastern European countries.

ONLY ONE JEW EMIGRATED FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO ISRAEL SINCE 1956

LONDON, March 15. (JTA) -- Only one Jew has emigrated to Israel from Czechoslovakia since 1956, according to a statement made in Cairo by the Czech Ambassador in the United Arab Republic. Word of this Czech "assurance" to the U. A. R. was received here today from Cairo where, the Ambassador gave an interview on the subject to the Egyptian newspaper Al Shaab.

Meanwhile, reports were received here from Vienna stating that 27 Jews are now serving prison sentences in Czechoslovakia, on charges of "Zionist activities." They have been sent to the Czech uranium mines at Joachimstal, one report said.

BASIC CHANGES IN COMMUNITY LIFE PREDICTED BY JEWISH CONGRESS LEADER

MIAMI BEACH, March 15. (JTA) -- The emergence of a new Jewish community in the United States, reflecting the attitudes and aspirations of a third generation of American-born Jews, was predicted here today by Isaac Toubin, national executive secretary of the American Jewish Congress, addressing a meeting of the South Florida Council of the organization.

In sketching what he called "the process of ferment and transition" which American Jewry is now undergoing, Mr. Toubin said an indigenous and characteristic way of Jewish life in America is now being created. The final form which this developing Jewish life takes, he predicted, will probably include these elements:

1. The formal Zionist movement in America will disappear and, in its place, will emerge a movement of "survivalist" Jews committed to the idea of the unity of the Jewish people throughout the world and to the centrality of Israel as a major instrument in Jewish survival.
2. Philanthropy for the cause of Israel will be divorced from such an ideological movement, which will concentrate on strengthening the bonds among Jews around the world. American Jews will come to see the Jewish community in Israel, and Jewish communities in other parts of the world, as part of an integral whole, exchanging their resources for their mutual enrichment.
3. Differences among the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform movements will be blurred, and the extremist fringes of each of these will wither.
4. Wasteful competition and duplication of effort among Jewish community relations agencies will be rejected by the community at large. A coordinated approach to Jewish public relations on the national level, similar to community relations councils now existing on the local level in all major centers of Jewish population, will be put into effect.
5. Barring a major economic reversal or some international misadventure, overt and organized anti-Semitism will not be a real concern of the Jewish community. It will therefore be able to devote itself to two positive tasks: a) developing an intelligent adherence to the Jewish community; and b) integrating the individual Jew in the total American community.
6. Fund-raising will be subjected to far-reaching revision, and a total budget for Jewish life will have to be drawn up to avoid conflicting national and international needs. In this process, pressure interests by individuals or groups will diminish in their significance.
7. In Jewish education, a unified and central bureau will be formed, as well as a unified and coordinated system of teacher training. The apparent rise in student enrollment will be revealed as a mirage, and the Jewish community will have to give higher priority to more intensive forms of Jewish education as the major guarantee of Jewish survival in America.

Mr. Toubin challenged the "public relations defense approach" of some Jewish organizations and leaders who hold that Jews must not take positions which are unpopular. He said a mature Jewish community must learn that "every major issue is controversial, and that taking a position on a controversial issue involves risk and jeopardy. We must not be confused between security and convenience," he stated. "Taking a stand may jeopardize our temporary convenience. But maintaining a position grounded in Jewish tradition and American democratic ideals insures our ultimate security."

Among the major controversial issues which require the Jewish community to take a stand, Mr. Toubin said, are: 1) civil rights in America; 2) enforcement of the doctrine of separation of church and state; 3) preservation of American civil liberties. "The price of living in the prophetic tradition has never been cheap," he stressed.

LABOR ZIONIST CONFERENCE VOTES URGENT SUPPORT FOR U. J. A. NEEDS

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- More than 500 representatives of Labor Zionist organizations from 45 communities on the Eastern seaboard today voted complete mobilization of their constituencies for the 1959 United Jewish Appeal campaign.

Meeting here at a conference at the Astor Hotel they made personal pledges of several weeks' income to a special drive which the Labor Zionist movement is conducting for extra gifts to the United Jewish Appeal Special Fund for resettlement of newcomers in Israel. No pledge was smaller than a week's income.

In a resolution passed by the delegates they stressed the need to help Israel's people absorb a heavy influx of recent immigrants. Sponsors of the conference were the three major Labor Zionist organizations: the Labor Zionist Organization of America, Farband and Pioneer Women. Speakers included Pinchas Cruso, national president of the LZOA, Louis Segal, member of the executive of the Jewish Agency, and others.

RABBI MILLER PLEADS FOR JEWISH EDUCATION; COMPARES IT WITH AIL ABROAD

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The current trend in the American Jewish community to relegate the task of strengthening Jewish education to "secondary importance," was deplored last night by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, central coordinating body of all Zionist groups in this country.

"In the light of the continued emergencies and appeals for help from abroad, too many American Jewish leaders consider Jewish education, schools of higher Jewish learning, as well as Jewish cultural expression in every form, as relatively unimportant," Rabbi Miller said. He emphasized that American Jewry was financially capable of supporting both local and overseas needs. He spoke at the 30th anniversary dinner of the Brandeis School of Woodmere, L.I., held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, attended by some 600 persons.

Rabbi Miller, founder of the Brandeis School and now president of its board of education, in his address pointed to the fact that the American Jewish community has lived on an emergency basis since World War I. Asserting that American Jewry is only now coming of age and that wiser and maturer counsel is prevailing, he said:

"The conviction is growing that unless American Jews develop and train a generation of youth cognizant of Jewish tradition and culture, it will not only fail in its debt to Israel and the Jewish people, but will lose its own raison d'etre here. The result may be observed in the growth of Jewish educational institutions, as well as in the increase of synagogue membership throughout the land."

COLORADO LEGISLATURE OUTLAWS BIAS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING

DENVER, March 15. (JTA) -- The lower house of Colorado's Legislature, the House of Representatives, has passed a "fair housing bill," outlawing discrimination, and a concerted drive will be made this week to put the measure through the State Senate. According to Robert S. Gamzey, editor of The Jewish News here, the proposed legislation "goes farther in the direction of outlawing discrimination in housing" than any measure of the kind yet adopted anywhere in the United States on either the State or municipal level.

Influential real estate interests are reported lobbying vigorously against Senate adoption of the bill, and a stiff campaign is under way here to counter-act the lobbyists. Among the backers of the fair housing legislation now mobilized to advance passage of the bill are Jews and Christians, and many organizations, including the Colorado Advisory Commission of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, the Colorado Committee on Discrimination, various Christian and Jewish church organizations.

NEW YORKERS TO "HEIGHTEN" PROTECTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACHIEVEMENTS

SYRACUSE, N.Y., March 15. (JTA) -- Mrs. Caroline K. Simon, Secretary of State of New York and a national vice president of the American Jewish Committee, today urged "heightened community awareness and protection" of New York State's great civil rights achievements.

Mrs. Simon listed five pioneering "firsts" by New York State and New York City in combating discrimination: The first state to pass a Fair Employment Practices Law; the first state to enact a Fair Educational Practices Law; the first state to ban discrimination in publicly aided housing; one of the first states to extend the administrative procedures of the Law Against Discrimination to places of public accommodation; the first city to ban by law discrimination in private housing.

The New York Secretary of State, appointed last January by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, spoke at the closing session of a conference here of the American Jewish Committee. At the session, Mrs. Simon was tendered a citation for her contributions to the strengthening of human rights and human relations.

NEW ZIONIST GROUP FORMED IN MEXICO; COMPOSED OF SECOND GENERATION JEWS

MEXICO CITY, March 15. (JTA) -- A new Zionist group, composed of many young Jews born in this country as well as some professionals who were born outside Mexico, was formed here today under the name of "Zionist Unity," dedicated to a program of cooperation with all Zionist groups but avoiding identification with any specific political party in Israel.

Jose Krauze was elected chairman of the non-partisan Zionist group, and the vice-chairman is the well-known Spanish language journalist, Sergio Nudelsterjer. The group issued a call to all second-generation Jews in this country to join the "Zionist Unity" movement.

TEXAS ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT JEWISH CONGRESS ON U.S. BODY FOR UNESCO

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The appointment of Marcus Ginsburg, Fort Worth, Tex., attorney and Jewish communal leader, as a member of the United States National Commission for UNESCO was announced today. Mr. Ginsburg will be the representative of the American Jewish Congress on the U.S. Commission, according to a letter from Andrew H. Berding, Assistant Secretary of State. The Commission advises the State Department on American policy towards UNESCO.