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#### U. N. ASSEMBLY OPENS TODAY; GOLDA MEIR HEADS ISRAEL'S DELEGATION

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The United Nations General Assembly opens here tomorrow with two of Israel's outspoken enemies--Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev and President Nasser of the United Arab Republic -- prepared to play prominent roles during the Assembly session. This will be Nasser's first appearance in the United Nations, and his first visit in the United States.

The Israel delegation to the Assembly, composed of 23 members, is headed by  ${\rm Mrs.}$  Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, who is arriving in New York tomorrow. There are no items on the Assembly's agenda affecting Israel directly, but there are two items that touch upon Israeli interests indirectly. These are: The continuance of the United Nations Emergency Force which is stationed as a barrier between Egypt and Israel; and the activities of the United Nations Works and Relief Agency for Arab refugees. Arab delegations usually exploit the debates on these items to voice attacks against Israel.

Today, as the special emergency session of the Assembly continued its debate on the explosive Congo problem, Israel was keeping out of the discussions. However, Israel may participate in the Congo debate either tomorrow or possibly even tonight if a late night session takes place on the issue.

Late yesterday afternoon, Ahmad Shukairy, representative of Saudi Arabia. injected Israel and "the Palestine Question" into the Congo debate. He told the delegates that the Congolese province of Katanga is likely to become "another Palestine." He reiterated loudly old charges that he has made here often about Arabs being "expelled". from Palestine and about Palestine being taken over by "alien immigration,

Michael S. Comay, permanent representative of Israel here, and chairman of the delegation, rose to reply. In about 30 seconds, he dismissed Shukairy's attack, which he called "obsessive with hatred." Calling attention to the fact that Shukairy had made such attacks against Israel frequently, Mr. Comay said: "Israel will treat these remarks with the contempt which they deserve. "

The posture taken by Mr. Comay in replying to Shukairy was seen by Israel observers here as a preview of what Israel's attitude will be at this year's Assembly. When attacked -- Israel will reply. Otherwise, Israel will confine the work of its large delegation to meeting foreign ministers, cabinet members and ambassadors in the corridors and at other places, and cementing Israeli relations especially with African, Asian and Latin American states.

Israel's delegation is expected to meet with leaders of the Soviet bloc in attendance here on an informal basis, although some talks may be held on a more official basis with some of the heads of Soviet countries. Israel will, of course, ignore the presence of United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser--unless he attacks Israel. Then he will be answered by Mrs. Meir if she is still here, or by Mr. Comay if the attack comes after she has left.

It is expected that, as usual, the Soviet Union will again attack the legality of the United Nations Emergency Force, and will once more refuse to pay its special UNEF assessment. The budget for next year's UNEF operations has already been fixed at \$19, 384, 800, a reduction from this year's budget of \$20, 000, 000 for the maintenance of the force of about 5, 300 officers and men. Not only the Soviet Union but the Agab states are also in arrears on their UNEF assessments. Israel has paid its modest assessment every year since the Force was created in 1956.

## Nasser Reported Determined to Get Invitation to Washington

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- President Masser of the United Arab Republic is determined to get an invitation from the State Department to come to Washington and discuss Middle East problems with high United States officials, Arab diplomatic sources indicated here today.

They also revealed that he intends to address Americans of Arab descent in San Francisco and perhaps also in other cities during his stay in the United States. Many Americans of Arab descent in this country are Lebanese and Syrians who do not hesitate to voice their opposition to Nasser, and to advocate Arab-Israeli understanding.

# TRACES OF OIL DISCOVERED IN ISRAEL NEAR GAZA STRIP BORDER

TEL AVIV, Sept. 19, (JTA) -- Traces of oil--not in commercial quantities--have been discovered at the Nirim One drill of the Lapidot Company located near the Gaza Strip border, Mordechai Cohen, managing director of the firm, announced today, Mr. Cohen said the discovery had helped geologists pinpoint the site for nearby Nirim Two.

#### SOVIET RUSSIA AND HOLLAND REPORTED GRANTING HUGE CREDITS TO NASSER

LONDON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- A report from Damascus published here today said that about \$71,000,000 worth of contracts had been recently concluded by the United Arab Republic with the Soviet Union. The contracts are for development projects which include building a railroad linking the rich agricultural northeastern district of Syria with the Syrian port of Latakia on the Mediterranean via Aleppo,

At the same time it was reported here today from The Hague that a credit agreement which would enable the United Arab Republic to order factory equipment, aircraft, ships and other capital goods worth up to 50,000,000 florins (\$13,160,000) from a variety of Dutch firms, is now being prepared by the Twentsche Bank, one of the five largest in the Netherlands. The maximum credit term would be five years, according to the agreement.

#### ISRAEL AMBASSADOR GOES ON TRIAL IN TEL AVIV; CHARGED WITH PERJURY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Yeheskel Sahar, Israeli Ambassador to Austria, today was scheduled for trial in District Court here, October 2, on a charge of perjury. He pleaded not guilty to the charge when he appeared yesterday.

The case grew out of a libel suit instituted in 1957 by Amos Ben-Gurion, son of the Prime Minister, who was then deputy Inspector General of Police under Mr. Sahar. The latter, who was Amos Ben-Gurion's chief, testified on behalf of the Premier's son. Amos Ben-Gurion had sued a group of vigilarts here who had published allegations that he had closed a police file involving a friend of young Ben-Gurion, Yeshayah Yarkoni,

Amos Ben-Gurion won the case after Mr. Sahar had testified he did not know Yarkoni was under suspicion. He was awarded damages but a higher court later reduced the amount of damages. In the course of the Judgment reducing the damages the court accused Mr. Sahar of perJuring himself. Mr. Sahar is on leave from the foreign service pending the court's determination of the charges against him.

## EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA MAY VISIT ISRAEL; CLOSER RELATIONS SOUGHT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Emperor Haile Selassie I, of Ethiopia, may make a "personal religious pilgrimage" to Jerusalem, it was indicated authoritatively here today, after General Moshe Dayan, Israel's former Chief of Staff of the Defense Forces, and now Minister of Agriculture, met with the Lion of Judah at Addis. Abbaba this weekend.

Highest officials, who would neither confirm nor deny the Emperor's plans to visit here, said merely that the Negus of Ethiopia has "a standing invitation from the Government" to visit here at his pleasure and convenience.

General Dayan, it was revealed, brought to the Emperor a personal letter from Prime Minster David Ben-Gurion, as a result of which closer diplomatic relations may be established between Israel and Ethiopia. In the letter, Mr. Ben-Gurion recalled the close ties that have existed between the two countries since Biblical times, expressing the hope that the future relations will be even closer.

The Israeli leader also pointed out in his letter that the center of world interest these days has shifted from the arms race to an increase of development projects for the better ment of every day living for all peoples.

# ISRAELI DELEGATION RETURNS FROM YUGOSLAVIA; ATTENDED YOUTH SEMINAR

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- A four-member Israeli delegation comprising representatives of Mapai, Mapam and Achdut Ha'Avoda returned here today from Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, where they attended the annual International Youth and Students Seminar organized by Yugoslav Socialist youth. The four Israelis spent ten days in Yugoslavia.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said today there was no foundation whatever to a report broadcast over Cairo Radio claiming that the Yugoslav Government had withdrawn an invitation to Israel representatives to attend an economic conference in Belgrade. The spokesman said the Ministry had no knowledge of any such conference.

# JEWISH GROUPS IN FOUR SO, AMERICAN LANDS TO ATTEND ZIONIST CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The central Jewish organizations of four South American countries have already decided to send "fraternal delegations" to the next World Zionist Congress, to be convened here in December, it was announced here today by Yaacov Tsur, a member of the Jewish Agency executive, Mr. Tsur reported that Argentina will send six delegates; Brazil four; Uruguay two; and Chile, two,

#### COALITION PARTIES IN AUSTRIA AGREE ON COMPENSATION TO NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- A committee of the coalition parties in the Austrian Government has reached an agreement on restitution for racial and political persecution during the Nazi regime, an authoritative Government source told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today.

Under the agreement, the Government will make available within three years 600, -000, 000 schillings (about \$150, 000, 000) for such claims. This will include 150, 000, 000, schillings (about \$40,000,000) on which agreement was reached last spring. The money will be used for partial restitution of confiscated bank accounts, lewels and the like.

The spokesman said that West Germany would contribute to the restitution fund, adding that the West German contribution had been agreed on in principle but that no agreement had yet been reached on the West German share.

The spokesman also said that since Austrian-West German negotiations on the amount cannot be concluded before November, the Austrian Parliament will not act on passage of the necessary restitution legislation before December or January.

#### GERMAN MUNICIPALITIES VOTE TO LEND ISRAEL \$1,450,000 FOR HOUSING

BERLIN, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- A development loan of 5,800,000 Deutschemarks (about \$1,450,000) to Israel, to help the Jewish State solve its housing shortage, was voted here today at a meeting of the West German Association of Municipalities.

Under this plan, every West German city with a population of 200,000 or over will be asked by the association to contribute at least 50,000 marks to the loan fund. The Senate of West Berlin has pledged to advance 300,000 marks. According to the West Berlin Senate representative at the meeting, the loan is being granted "because of the realization of Israel's housing difficulties, due to the constant flow of immigrants into Israel."

#### MUNICH MAYOR SEEKS TO ESTABLISH CULTURAL TIES WITH JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- A plan to establish cultural lia ison between Jerusalem and Munich, Germany, is purely a municipal affair, and the Israeli Foreign Ministry has not been consulted in regard to the proposal, a spokesman for the Ministry stated here today.

Last May, Mayor Hans Jochen Vogel, of Munich, wrote to Jerusalem Mayor Mordechai Ish-Shalom, noting that Munich had established cultural ties with other foreign
cities, and proposing that similar relations be established with Jerusalem. Mayor
Vogel informed Mr. Ish-Shalom that the director of Munich's cultural department
would visit Jerusalem to discuss the proposed relations. Mayor Ish-Shalom replied
that he would make an "all out" effort to facilitate the success of the cultural ties
between the two cities.

During the last week, a number of Israeli newspapers protested against the plan. Today's Foreign Ministry statement, motivated by those protests, pointed out that the matter was on the municipal level, and had nothing to do with the Government's attitude toward Mayor Vogel's proposal.

#### FIRST JEWISH SCHOOL SINCE WORLD WAR II DEDICATED IN GREECE

ATHENS, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The first Jewish school to be built in Greece since the Second World War was dedicated here yesterday. Marco Osmos, president of the Athens Jewish community, hailed the new school as providing the first opportunity available since the end of the war "to promote Jewish cultural and religious values for our children while providing them, at the same time, with a thorough Greek education,"

Charles Jordan, overseas director of the Joint Distribution Committee, represented both the JDC and the Conference for Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, which, together with the Central Board of Greek Jewish Communities, the Athens Jewish Community and the Salonica Jewish Community, financed the building of the school, which now becomes the property of the community. The school will serve 250 children in primary grades and 80 children in kindergarten,

Referring to the long delay in building the school, Mr. Jordan declared that the agencies he represented were dedicated to the rehabilitation of Jewish life and institutions destroyed by the Nazis. "Devoted as we are to the preservation of Jewish spiritual values, we had to devote ourselves first to the material welfare needs," the JDC official declared. "Before we could preserve Jewish life," he said, "we had to save Jewish lives,"

Mr. Jordan revealed that the JDC spent \$2,000,000 in Greece since the end of the war. "When we came into Greece at the end of the war." he declared, "we found a pitiful remnant numbering 10,000-only 13 percent of the original 75,000 Jews. They suffered from malnutrition and disease. They had no families to turn to, no near ones to take care of them. Our job was to feed them, clothe them, heal them and to help them rebuild their lives. It was only after this job was well started that we could begin to think of their need for things of the spirit!"

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#### N. Y. JEWISH POLICEMEN TOLD THEY MUST BE ON DUTY DURING ROSH HASHANAH

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (ITA) -- New York Police Commissioner, Stephen S. Kennedy, said last night that Jewish policemen who could not exchange tours with other policemen during Rosh Hashanah--which coincides with the visit of Khrushchey, Castro and Nasser to the city to attend the United Nations General Assembly--would have to report to work.

Speaking on a television program, the Police Commissioner, whose wife is Jewish, said an emergency has arisen because of the large number of Communist leaders attending the United Nations General Assembly this week and he needs, his entire 24,000-man police force to keep order. For the 1,300 Jewish members of the force, this means working during the Holy Days which begin at sundown Wednesday.

Emphasizing that he is not going to "back away" from his order that every policeman able to work must report to duty, Commissioner Kennedy said that any policeman avoiding duty during the emergency was a man "quitting under fire." He wanted to know what practice is followed by police in Israel. "We have separation of Church and State in this country under the Constitution and I will not succumb to any political, religious or racial pressure group." he said.

Deputy Police Commissioner Walter Arm, who works directly under Kennedy, said Jewish policemen failingto report to work on the Holy Days would be "subject to the rules and regulations of the department with which every member of the force is familiar," He added that "I would not speculate on the penalties involved for committing this offense,"

A Police Department spokesman said all policemen knew when they joined the force that religious holidays could be canceled by the Police Commissioner in an emergency. Jewish policemen will be allowed time to attend synagogue services, he said, but must return to work afterward.

## PIONEER WOMEN DECIDES TO BUILD 'ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HALL' AT HEBREW U.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Pioneer Women, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America, has decided to establish an Eleanor Roosevelt Lecture Hall in the Graduate School Library building to be built for the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, it was announced at the closing session here today of the organization's 35th anniversary conference.

Mrs. Sidney A. Leff, national president of Pioneer Women, presented Mrs. Roosevelt with an engraved plaque "in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the cause of Israel." The construction of the Hebrew University library building is an overall project of Pioneer Women for the coming year.

A resolution adopted by the conference voiced "profound regret" at the injection of "irrelevant religious issues into the current Presidential campaign," and urged "the American people to disavow the so-called religious issue and cast their votes as free men and women in accordance with the dictates of their conscience,"

# ISRAELI SCIENTIST REPORTED DISCOVERING NEW PILL FOR BIRTH CONTROL

LONDON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The discovery by an Israeli scientist of a birth control process through a pill made from an extract of mushrooms was announced in the press here today. The scientist, well known in England, is Dr. M.C., Shelesnyak, head of the department of endocrinology and reproductive physiology at the Weizmann Institute of Science, at Rehovot.

Dr. Shelesnyak has been working on the new process for eight years, according to the report here, carrying on some of his researches at Birmingham University in England, three years ago. In 1958, he received the Oliver Bird Prize there for developing a theory on the mechanization of implantation and its control.

According to the reports received here, Dr. Shelesnyak said he has, thus far, carried out his experiments with the birth control pills on animals only, avoiding experimentation with women so as not to "become involved in religious controversy." However, it is reported in one dispatch that the scientist and his colleagues have made some "major tests" with about 100 women volunteers in Israel, "meeting with absolute success,"

# JERUSALEM NAMES STREET IN HONOR OF MEXICO ON 150TH INDEPENDENCE FETE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- A Jerusalem street was dedicated here today in honor of Mexico on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of independence of the Latin American country. Mexican Ambassador Jorge Daessle Segura and Isræel Foreign Minister Golda Meir participated in the ceremony.