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NASSER ASKS U. N. FOR RESTORATION OF 'FULL RIGHTS' TO PALESTINE ARABS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 27. (JTA) -- President Nasser of the United Arab Republic today charged that the United Nations "has forgotten its Charter and disregarded its responsibilities towards the rights of the people of Palestine." He voiced this charge in addressing this morning's session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Mr. Næser called for "the restoration of the full rights of the people of Palestine," Without mentioning Israel by name during his entire speech, he said that the Arabs did not accept "the loss of Palestine." The Palestine mandate of the League of Nations-which pledged the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine --was an "imperialist conspiracy," he said,

"The Arab nation," he declared, "does not accept the geographic division imposed by imperialism" on Palestine. The only solution of the Palestine problem, he said, was that the land "should return to the condition prevailing before the error was committed."

Speaking in Arabic, Nasser told the General Assembly that his government was "ready to accept the UN Charter and its principles, the resolutions of the United Nations and its recommendations for a just settlement with the best of good will." He gave no indication as to whether he would agree to carry out the UN Security Council resolution to keep the Suez Canal open for the passage of ships of all nations, including Israel.

Says Palestine Arabs 'Have Not Forgetten Their Country'

"In our part of the world," Nasser told the UN Assembly, "the Arab East, the United Nations has forgotten its charter and disregarded its responsibilities towards the rights of the people of Palestine.

"Have the days and the years led to a solution of the problem? Have the people of Palestine forgotten all about their country, their land and their homes? Did the Arab nation forget the tragedy of the Arab people of Palestine against whom imperialism conspired—with a mandate from the League of Nations—taking upon itself to promise to certain groups a country belonging to another people? Since when have the mother lands of peoples been property of the imperialists, to dispose of arbitrarily and to give to others?

"Imperialism has its own logic. The logic of imperialism, as manifested in its crime against the people of Palestine, has been to break the geographical unity of the Arab world on the one hand, and on the other, to create for itself in the very heart of the Arab world a base from which to threaten the Arab peoples. I believe no stronger proof of this could be given than the conspiracy which led to the tripartite aggression against us in 1956."

Four years ago, Nasser stated, "the aggression on Suez brought the end of urmasked imperialism and its graveyard." Illustrating his contention that some nations have learned to enforce their own demands, he told the Assembly that the UAR had shown how successfully it could operate the Suez Canal "as a waterway for the advancement and prosperity of the world." He made no mention of the fact that the Canal is closed to Israeli goods and shipping.

While Nasser was delivering his address, a statement was circulated here by the Society for the Prevention of World War III, charging him with engaging in "continuous incitement to hatred and unrest through press, pulpit and radio." thereby posing "a threat to peace in the Middle East and Africa."

King of Jordan Says He Does Not Want to Meet Nasser at U. N.

LONDON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- King Hussein of Jordan arrived here today en route to the United Nations General Assembly. He said his interest in the United Nations was in its dealing with the problems of small nations, Jordan-United Arab Republic relations and United Nations aid to Jordan.

Asked if he would see President Nasser of the UAR, the young king said he had no personal desire to meet Nasser.

GOLDA MEIR CHALLENGES NASSER TO IMMEDIATE PEACE TALKS WITH ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister of Israel, today challenged President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic to make good on his expressed desire for peace in the world by entering into peace negotiations with Israel immediately.

Mrs. Meir made her statement in an interview here for Radio Rivadavia, of Buenos Aires, with an Argentine broadcaster, Juan Lefcovich. The interview took place immediately after Nasser addressed the General Assembly. Asked for her reaction to the Nasser speech, she replied:

"Mr. Nasser in his statement spoke about some principles in which he says he believes I and my government and my country are ready to accept. They are the following:

"1. The safeguarding of the Charter of the United Nations. 2. A general declaration about the desire of peace in the world. 3. His suggestion that the problems of the world that may endanger the peace of the world should be resolved by negotiation.

"For instance, he called upon President Eisenhower and Mr. Khrushchev to meet and to negotiate disarmament and other outstanding problems between the two blocs. In the name of Israel, I say that we are prepared to accept these principles,

"The Charter of the United Nations, in its first Article refers to peace in the world, to the solution of all problems by peaceful negotiation and not by any sort of boycott by one country against another. We say to Mr. Nasser: If you desire peace in the world, there should also be a desire for peace in every part of the world.

"It is not a secret that our area is one where there are difficulties, because Mr. Nasser says that he is in a state of belligerance against Israel. This is why we say to Mr. Nasser that he should sit down with us and start immediate negotiations to arrive at peaceful solution of the problems between Israel and the United Arab Republic. We are ready also to sit down with any other or with all of the leaders of the Arab states to negotiate the péace immediately. This would be a concrete contribution to seace in the world."

Implies Ben-Gurich Would Be Ready to Talk to Nasser at U.N.

Asked whether there is a chance that she would see Mr. Nasser while she and the United Arab Republic President are here, Mrs. Meir replied: "If Mr. Nasser is willing to speak with us, it will be a pleasure for us to speak with him about peace. If he does not want to see me because he is President and I am only a Minister, and he wants to see the Prime Minister, our Prime Minister has said repeatedly in our Parliament and on many other occasions that he is ready to see him at any time or in any place--or to see the leader of any other Arab state, to discuss peace. If Mr. Nasser wants to see me, I am ready to see him, at any moment,

Mrs. Meir said she did not think that Nasser's presence here would change the policies of either the United States or the United Nations. "Until Mr. Nasser is ready to act according to his declarations, he really cannot have any influence whatoever," she said.

Mrs. Meir spoke about Israel's friendly relations with the new African nations, and said, in reply to another question, that relations between Israel and Argentina are once again friendly. She stated: "Argentina always was considered by Israel as one of its best friends, like all other Latin American countries. It is a source of encouragement to us that our relations with all the Latin American countries were soo good,"

EISENHOWER'S TALK WITH NASSER BRINGS NO SOLUTION OF SUEZ CANAL ISSUE

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- United States Government sources said today that President Eisenhower was favorably impressed by President Gamal Abdel Nasser but these sources expressed doubt that the two leaders achieved a solution of the Suez Ganal transit impasse.

These sources said the Suez blockade was extremely complicated because of Nasser's stand linking it with resettlement of Arab refugees and other issues. It was indicated, however, that Mr. Eisenhower included the Suez item on the agenda when the two leaders met for the first time yesterday in New York.

Mr. Eisenhower later told his associates that he had achieved an excellent rapport with Mr. Nasser who invited him to come to the United Arab Republic as a guest of honor before or after January 20 when his term expires. Mr. Eisenhower expressed appreciation for the invitation and told Mr. Nasser he regretted not having stopped a Cairo last December during his Asian goodwill visit.

RAELI MAIL CARRIED BY U.S. PLANE CONFISCATED BY LIDYAN AUTHORITIES

LONDON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Israel mail destined for Nigeria, carried by an American commercial plane, was confiscated today by Libyan authorities, when the plane made a forced landing at the Tripoli airport in Libya.

JEWISH GROUPS URGE NOT TO RAISE RELIGIOUS ISSUES IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The National Community Relations Advisory Council, coordinating body of six major national Jewish organizations and 52 Jewish councils in cities throughout the United States, today issued a statement declaring that to raise questions about the religous affilication of presidential candidates is a negation of the principle of religious liberty.

The statement was approved by the NCRAC's executive committee. It calls on "Americans of all faiths to resist any direct or indirect establishment of a religious test for public office."

It warns against the introduction into American political life of "the kind of religious strife and voting blocs that have plagued other countries," Candidates run "on the ticket and the platform of one or another political party," the statement observes, "None is the candidate of a church or religious group,"

Participating in the executive committee meeting and Joining in its unanimous action were representatives of all six of the NCRAC's constituent national organizations and of Jewish community councils in many parts of the country. The national organizations comprising the NCRAC are: American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and United Synapowe of America.

The statement stresses that the position taken is consistent with a long term communent by all the organizations to the view that religious affiliation is not a proper matter for debate in a political contest.

SO. AFRICAN BOARD OF JEWISH DEPUTIES STRESSES 'NO JEWISH VOTE' PRINCIPLE

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of SouthAfrican Jews appealed to South African Jewry today to ignore new appeals to them to vote as a community in the forthcoming referendum on establishment of a Republic of South Africa,

The latest such bid was made in a statement issued on Rosh Hashanah by a group calling itself the "Jewish Democratic Association," a tiny extreme leftist group which has defended Stalin and the Soviet Union and which has attacked members of the board and of the South African Zionist Federation. The statement of this group, which was unsigned, appealed to Jews to vote against the Government in the October 5 referendum, calling the Government Nazi and anti-Semitic.

The appeal was denounced yesterday by Mendal Levin, a prominent Jewish member of National party. Mr. Levin, in an interview with the Transvaler, declared that the group "represents no one outside a possible dozen members," He reaffirmed the Government's friendship to the Jewish community and offered the opinion that most South African Jews would vote for a Republic, although some members of the Opposition believe most Jews will vote against the Government's proposals.

Othe Board in its statement said: "The Board of Deputies, as the representative body of the South African Jewish community, regrets to note that appeals are being made to the Jewish community as such to vote in the coming referendum on a sectional basis. The attitude of the Board of Deputies on political issues has been frequently stated in the past and once more reiterated at the last biennial Congress as recently as the beginning of this month, namely, that Jews-no less than other citizens--participate in the political life of the country in the exercise of their rights and duties of citizenship in accordance with their personal convictions and beliefs.

"The Board of Deputies trusts that this attitude will be respected by all political groups," the statement emphasizes, The statement was issued to half "sectional" appeals and to remove the "misleading impression" that there was a Jewish vote

BONN GOVT, LAUDS DECISION TO DROP CHARGES AGAINST DR. OBERLAENDER

BONN, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The decision of the public prosecutor to drop proceedings against Dr. Theodor Oberlaender, who was accused of participation in a 1941 massacre of Polish Jews, was welcomed today by Felix von Eckhardt, chief spökesman for the West German Government.

The decision of the public prosecutor followed an II-month Judicial investigation which produced "no evidence" that the former West German Minister for Refugee Affairs was involved in the atrocity in Lvov in German-occupied Poland. The charges, which originated from Communist sources, forced Dr. Oberlaender to resign the Cabinet post last May.

Von Eckhardt said it was necessary to make the result of the investigation widely known because of the propaganda campaign conducted against Dr. Oberlaender in East Germany. He added that there was no question of Dr. Oberlaender being readmitted to the West German Cabinet.

The public prosecutor's office, in justifying its refusal to issue an indictment, reported that the testimony of scores of witnesses and a study of Nuremberg trial records did not produce any evidence that Dr. Oberlaender had any part in the pogrom or in causing any members of his battalion to take part in the killings.

N. Y. RABBIS INSIST ON RELEASING POLICEMEN FROM DUTY ON YOM KIPPUR

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The New York Board of Rabbis today renewed the controversy over New York City Police Commissioner's Stephen Kennedy's dispute with Jewish members of the police force by sending a telegram asking the Commissioner to allow time off to Jewish police officers for Yom Kippur.

The executive committee of the rabbinical group said in a statement that the commissioner's explanations that he meant no offense to the Jewish community "thus far are unacceptable." The furore was touched off by the Commissioner's appearance on a television program on September 18 in which he indicated doubts about the religious sincerity of Jewish police who wanted time off for Rosh Hashanah observance.

The Commissioner said he had been forced to mobilize the entire 23,000-man force because of security problems arising from the attendance at the current General Assembly of the United Nations by many leaders of the Soviet bloc including Soviet Premier Khrushchev. Under pressure, Commissioner Kennedy later agreed to permit Jewish policemen to arrange swaps of duty tours with Christian policemen. It was reported that 335 of the city's 1,300 Jewish policemen arranged such swaps for Rosh Hashanah.

Mayor Wagner apologized on behalf of the Commissioner and asked him to apologize as well. The Commissioner refused, asserting that anti-Semitism was abhorrent to him and that he did not consider an apology. necessary. Former Senator Herbert H, Lehman came to the Commissioner's defense.

Asserting that the New York Board of rabbis "did not level the charge of anti-Semitism" against the Commissioner, the rabbis' statement expressed the hope that the Commissioner "would find it in his heart to express regret to Jewish policemen whose religious sincerity and devotion to duty he questioned in his ill-considered remarks. His explanations thus far are unacceptable."

The rabbis said they were grateful to Mayor Wagner "for his conciliatory efforts" and added that they accepted the Mayor's apologies "in the name of the city administration," The rabbis also expressed thanks to the non-Jewish policemen who increased their tours of duty "to enable their Jewish colleagues to worship at services for the New Year, even as Jewish policemen have made it possible for their Christian colleagues to worship on Christmas and Easter.

The statement said the rabbis were fully aware of security needs but felt that, through vacation leaves and "other available means," there will be sufficient replacements" for Jewish police to be permitted to attend services on Yom Kippur, "and are so requesting in a telegram to the Commissioner."

CABINET MEMBERS ATTEND LUNCHEON FOR ESHKOL IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Cabinet members and other leading government personages attended a luncheon tendered here by Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman in honor of Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol.

Among those in attendance were Robert B. Anderson, Secretary of the Treasury; Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture; G. Lewis Jones, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, Per Jacobson, managing director of the International Monetary Fund; Walter Sauer, executive vice-president of the Export-Import Bank; J. Burke Knapp, vice-president of the Bank for International Development, and others,

URI RAANAN APPOINTED PRESS OFFICER FOR ISRAEL DELEGATION AT U. N.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Uri Raanan, for the last two years lsrael Consul in New York, and veteran Israeli Journalist was today appointed press officer for the Israel delegation here. He succeeds Michael Elizur, who has been reassigned to new duties as coordinator of Israel's large delegation to this year's General Assembly.

Mr. Raanan had formerly been political correspondent for Haaretz in Israel. In addition to Mr. Raanan, the Israel delegation's press services here, during the next two weeks, will be aided by the press counselor of Israel's Washington Embassy, Michael Arnon.

EDWIN WOLF II NAMED PRESIDENT OF FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Edwin Wolf II, of Philadelphia, was chosen president of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture by the board of directors in the first election of permanent officers, it was announced here today. Mr. Wolf, a professional librarian and historian, is president of the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia and was formerly president of the Jewish Publication Society.

At the same time Herbert H. Lehman, former Governor and Senator of the State of New York, was named honorary president. Other efficers elected were: Samuel Bronfman of Montreal, Julian Freeman of Indianapolis and Judge Simon Sobeloff of Baltimore, vice-presidents; Edwin Rosenberg of New York, treasurer; William Lee Frost of New York, assistant treasurer; and Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, also of New York, secretary.