

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16 N Y

Contents Copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXVII - 42nd year

Wednesday, October 26, 1960

No. 203

GOLDA MEIR RETURNS HOME TODAY; DEPARTURE CUES GUESSES ON CRISIS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Forcign Minister, who has been heading her country's General Assembly delegation here since the Assembly convened last month, suddenly canceled all engagements today, and is returning home tomorrow. Mrs. Meir had been scheduled to stay on another week.

This morning, Mrs. Meir conferred with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. While the visit to the United Nations Chief was termed officially as a "courtesy farewell" call, the Israeli Foreign Minister was believed to have discussed with Mr. Hammarskjold the freezing of the Arab delegations' hostile attitude toward Israel here, as expressed by Arab spokesmen following her offer of immediate Arab-Israel peace talks "without preconditions."

(Israeli circles in New York speculated on the possibility that Mrs. Meir's sudden decision to return home earlier than expected may be due to the fact that both the Israeli coalition Government and the country's dominant political party. Mapai, may be facing a crisis because of the various probes into the circumstances under which Phinhas Lawon resigned from the post of Defense Minister in 1955.)

ISRAEL COALITION, MAPAI PARTY REPORTED SPLIT WIDELY ON LAVON ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The six-to-five vote in the Israel Cabinet, Sunday, to bublish the opinion of the Attorney General on the Cohn Committee report in the Lavon Affair, cut across party lines, according to the Jerusalem Post. Four Mapai Party members of the Cabinet voted for publication of the report, and two opposed publication. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and two other members of the Cabinet abstained no the issue.

Attorney General Gideon Hausner's report was published in the Israeli press yesterday but, so far, foreign correspondents stationed here have not been permitted by the censorship to transmit dispatches reporting its contents. Objections to publication were reportedly based on indications that there would be further investigations into the developments that forced the removal of Pinhas Lavon as Minister of Defense in 1955. Lavon, now secretary-general of Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, charged that he had been the victim of a plot by certain Army officers, and that forged documents and perjured testimony had been used to force his resignation.

The case has split Israel politically from top to bottom. In Mapai, the split has followed the lines of the cleavage between the veterans and the "young guard" headed by Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres, who is a central figure in the case. Peres was director-general of the Defense Ministry when Lavon held the portfolio. Lavon's demand for the dismissal of Peres led to his own resignation. Peres testified for two and a half hours Sunday before the Knesset Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, which is seeking to investigate the affair.

Attorney General Points to Possible Prosecutions for Inducing Perjury

NEW YORK, Oct. 25, (JTA) -- Attorney General Gideon Hausner of Israel has recommended to Prime Minister Ben-Gurion that the "appropriate bodies" should consider whether the services of a regular Army officer involved in the "Lavon Affair" should be retained. The regular officer, now a reserve officer, neither of whom has been publicly identified, had been involved in charges of forgery, perjury and subornation of perjury in connection with the case.

Although foreign correspondents in Jerusalem were not permitted by the censorship to transmit the Attorney General's report, it was published extensively in the Israeli press and copies were sent abroad through all channels except radio press communications.

The report recommended continuation of the investigation into the question of possible forgeries, holding that the committee headed by Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohn had not been able to complete this phase. The report advised that "the investigation may be completed so that a final conclusion may be reached."

The Attorney General said that the Cohn Committee's findings indicated that there might be grounds for filing charges of false swearing against the reserve officer.

The official's report said the Cohn 'Committee had found that the reserve officer, the knowledge of the regular Army officer, had made contact with a third man to induce him "to testify in a particular way" before the Olshan Committee in 1955. He said this attempt contained "an element of subornation" and that "both knew that what they were trying to do was subornation."

SEVEN ISRAELI ARABS CONVICTED AS SPIES, GIVEN HEAVY SENTENCES

HAIFA, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Seven of eight Israeli Arab intellectuals were found grifty in District Court here today of being members of a spy ring working for the Syrian intelligence services, and were given heavy sentences ranging from 14 years imprisonment to two years. The eighth of the accused was acquitted.

The members of the alleged spy ring were arrested two years ago. All are schoolteachers or intellectual leaders of other type among the Arab villages in the Galilee, Israeli security services, which arrested the members of the ring and testified for the prosecution, described the group as "the most dangerous batch of spies ever arrested in Israel,"

The stiffest sentence, to 14 years in prison, was meted out to the man accused of being the ring leader, Hassin Yassin, 24, a schoolteacher. A 12-year sentence was imposed on Ibrahim Pahwamy, 32, secretary of the Communist Party branch in the village of Tamra. The other sentences ranged downward from 10 years to six, four and two years's impriscnment,

SYRIANS FIRE ON WORKERS NEAR LAKE TIBERIAS; ISRAEL COMPLAINS TO U.N.

TEL AVIV, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Syrian gun positions opened fire this morning on Israeli workers employed on a water-piping project in the Tel Katzir area, southeast of Lake Tiberias. According to a Government spokesman here, there were no casualties among the Israelis.

The Government at once filed a complaint with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, which sent military observers to the scene to investigate the situation.

STATE DEPT. PERSISTS IN BACKING U.A.R. FOR UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL SEAT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25, (JTA) -- Election of the United Arab Republic to the United Nations Security Council will not change the State Department's "well-known position concerning the necessity for an Arab-Israel peace settlement, and the UAR's obligation to assure freedom of transit to all nations through the Suez Canal, "Temple Wanamaker, Director of Public Services of the State Department, said today,

Mr. Wanamaker, in a letter to National Commander I. L. Feuer, of the Jewish War Veteran of the U.S. A., said: "The UAR is a candidate for the Council seat traditionally occupied by a Middle Eastern state, is the only candidate for this seat, and is understood to have the endorsement of the other Arab states. The election is by secret ballot and, under General Assembly procedures, is not preceded by nomination or discussion of a candidate's qualifications."

The Jewish War Veterans indicated disappointment in the State Department letter. Replying to Mr. Wanamaker, Commander Feuer said the JWV's "primary concern remained a question of whether the United States will actively oppose the election of the UAR to this "seat in the Security Gouncil."

Mr. Feuer said that "any nation which flouts Security Council and United Nations decision, which refuses to negotiate peace, and continues to declare that it is at war with another nation, likewise a member of the United Nations, clearly displays that kind of unreasonable attitude which does not persuade to the idea that such a nation merits election to the Security Council."

Commenting on the exchange of correspondence, State Department sources said that it is clear that the Department will support the Nasser regime for election to the Security Council.

London, Cairo Heal Suez Breach, Agree To Exchange Ambassadors

LONDON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The Foreign Office announced officially here today that Britain and the United Arab Republic have agreed to resume full diplomatic relations, and will establish full embassies in each other's capitals. The Foreign Office spokesman said the agreement, which ends the London-Cairo disputes resulting from the Franco-British assault on the Suez Canal in 1956, was negotiated recently at the United Nations between the Earl of Home, Britain's Foreign Secretary, and Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, the Foreign Minister of the UAR.

(At the United Nations it was revealed today that Harold Beely, deputy chairman of Britain's permanent mission to the JJN, is expected to be named London's new Ambassador to Cairo,)

FRENCH STATESMAN TELLS ORT ISRAEL HAS DISPROVED OLD, ANTI-JEWISH CANARD

LONDON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Daniel Mayer, French-Jewish statesman and chairman of the executive committee of ORT, the Jewish rehabilitation and retraining organization, told the ORT world congress here today that "Israel has put paid to an old prejudice that Jews cannot work with their hands,"

M. Mayer, who is president of the League for the Rights of Man, declared that one of the essential rights of man was the right to work. Nowhere, he asserted, had this principle found greater expression than in the State of Israel "where we have reached the culmination point of individual and collective emancipation."

Max Braude, director-general of ORT, told the congress the challenge facing it today was "economic obsolescence," He pointed out that more than half of ORT's work area lay in countries sovereign less than 15 years. In the face of this crystal-clear challenge, he declared, "we must find the means to extend our services and to accelerate our historical adaptability."

GERMAN EXPERT TELLS COURT NAZIS COULD REJECT ORDERS TO KILL

ULM, Germany, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- SS and Security Police officers could refuse to carry out execution orders at no serious personal risk to their lives or positions, a West German historian has testified before the Ulm Jury Court,

"In all my extensive studies of Third Reich documents, I have not found a single case where refusal to carry out a death order led to serious punishment," Dr. Hans-Guenther Seraphim, director of the Goettingen Institute for Contemporary History, told the court.

He presented his testimony in the re-trial of Werner Schmidt-Hammer, 53, and Pranas Lukys, 60, both former members of the Tilsit Einsatz-Commando. Schmidt-Hammer was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, and Lukya to seven years in August, 1958, for complicity in the murder of 526 persons. The Federal Supreme Court ordered the men's retrial to determine the exact number of victims who had been killed, and to ascertain whether the defendants were aware that they had been ordered to execute innocent civilians.

AUSCHWITZ MATERIAL NAMES MORE SS MEN; CAMP DOCTOR TO FACE TRIAL

FRANKFURT, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The prosecution office announced today the receipt of valuable material from the Auschwitz Museum in Poland on the crines committed in the mass murder factory. The material includes orders of the camp commander, in which numerous SS men are named who have not yet been brought to justice.

At Muenster, it was announced today that Paul Kremer, the former Auschwitz murder camp "selection doctor," will go on trial before the Jury Court there next month,

Kremer had been sentenced to death in the Auschwtiz trial in Cracow in 1947. The sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment and, in 1958, he was pardoned by Polish Communist authorities. But the International Auschwitz Committee has brought charges against him.

AUSTRIAN JEWS ASK GOVERNMENT TO BAN ANTI-SEMITIC BOOK

VIENNA, Oct. 25, /ITA) -- The Federation of Austrian Jewish Communities today urged Austrian authorities to ban the import an arti-Semitic book published by Hungarian emieres in Munich.

In the book, "Vilgaghoditok" (Conqueror of the World), Hitler's persecution of Jews is represented as "horror stories," the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal is called a Jewish institution, the United Nations a Jewish organization, and Soviet Premier Khrushchev a tool of the Jews. The book "predicts" that, within 20 years, the 4,000,000,000 inhabitants of the world will be the "slaves" of 15,000,000 Jews,

FORMER HIGH-RANKING NAZI, LIVING IN CAIRO, WOUNDED IN MUNICH ATTACK

LONDON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- A German exporter who was seriously wounded last week when a bomb exploded in his car in Munich, was described today in reports from Bonn as a former high-ranking Nazi who, in recent years, had been working for the Egyptian secret service and had his headquarters in Cairo.

Bonn dispatches said that Dr. Wilhelm Brisner, 49, was listed as a member of Hitler's Elite Guard, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the security service. He had been living in Gairo and made periodic visits to Germany to visit his family. Press reports attributed the attack to a French underground terrorist organization which sought out Nazis who had escaped punishment for their crimes.

GERMAN POLICE CHIEF REPORTED ARRESTED FOR PERSECUTING POLISH JEWS

LONDON, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Walter Zurpins, director of police in Hannover. Ger many, was arrested there yesterday on charges of complicity in the possecution of the Jews in the Lodz, Poland, ghetto during the Nazi occupation of Germany, it was reported here today.

JEWISH AGENCY CHANGES, ISRAEL RELATIONS ON C.J.F.W.F. AGENDA AT DETROIT

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Two major sessions of the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds will be devoted to analysis and discussion of the reorganization of American Jewish aid to Israel, it was announced today. The assembly will be held in Detroit November 10-13 and will be attended by representatives of the 216 central community organizations affiliated with the Council.

Dewey D. Stone, of Brockton, Mass., president of the Jewish Agency for Israel, now, will analyze the changes made in that organization and will discuss the key problems in the situation. Sol Satinsky, of Philadelphia, vice-president of the CJFWF, will report for the Council's Committee on Welfare Fund - Israel Relations. The committee has made a number of suggestions aimed at strengthening the program.

Irving Kane, president of the Council, said that questions under consideration would include management of the debt problem, welfare projects under the auspices of party groups, priorities for use of philanthropic funds, American responsibilities related to other sources of aid, role of staff, and related considerations.

Dr. William Haber, Professor of Economics at Michigan University, will deliver a keynote address at the opening session of the Asembly on the basic economic and social changes that have taken place on the American scene. He will analyze the effect of those changes on Jewish health and welfare services and their implications for Jewish community organization.

Campaign results for 1960 and the prospects for 1961 will be appraised by Herbert Francisco and Isidore Sobeloff, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal and Isidore Sobeloff, executive vice-president of the Detroit Jewish Welfare Federation.

Council of Jewish Women, Worcester Federation Get Shroder Awards

The National Council of Jewish Women and the Worcester Jewish Federation were named winners of the 1960 William J. Shroder Memorial Awards, William Rosenwald of New York, CHFWF chairman of the Awards Committee, announced.

The women were recognized for the effective mobilization of large numbers of volunteers which resulted from the development in 1956 of an integrated national approach to community services and public affairs programs. The Worcester Federation, a central agency for planning and fund-raising, was named for the high standards of its leadership training program. Worcester, a city of 9, 600 Jews, was among the first to institute auch a program, and is unique in the scope of its training as-well as the significant corribution its young people have made to Jewish communal affairs in Worcester.

The awards, sponsored by the CJFWF, are given each year to two communities, one large and the other small, for "superior initiative and achievement in the advancement of social welfare." National agencies are included in the large city category.

BOYS ORPHANAGE IN ISRAEL RECEIVES \$130,000 FROM CATHOLIC WOMAN'S ESTATE

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- Executors of the estate of the late Mrs. Gertrude Dolan Anfenger, who died here in 1958, have selected a Jewish orphanage for boys in Yad Eliyahu, Israel, to receive a one-third share of her estate. The share is valued at \$130,000.

Mrs. Anfenger, a Catholic, directed that one-third of her estate be donated to a Jewish orphanage principally for boys, and another third toward a Catholic orphanage for cirls.

The Yad Eliyahu home is maintained by the "1939 Club," a fraternal organization of Polish Jews who came here as refugees from the Nazis. The club has voted to re-name the orphanage the Gertrude Dolan and Harold Louis Antenger Home.

JEWISH FAMILY AGENCY LAUNCHES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25. (JTA) -- The first fellowship program for the training of foreign graduate students in social work, to be set up by an American social work or maintain, was announced here by the Jewish Family Service Agency. The agency will work in cooperation with the Institute of International Education, which administers the Fulbright scholarships, and the University of California.

The graduate foreign students selected by the institute will study for a master's degree at the University of California School of Social Welfare, and will do required field work with the family agency. The agency will provide a stipend to cover the students' living expenses.

The fellowship will be known as the Hyman Kaplan Memorial Fellowship, after the former executive director of the Jewish Welfare Federation here. A special fund has been established for the purpose. It is expected that the first graduate student will be selected in Israel, although the fellowship is open to students from all countries.