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SYRIAN REVOLT PUTS ISRAEL ON THE ALERT; BEN-GURION INTERRUPTS VACATION

TEL AVIV, Sept. 28; (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion cut short his 75th birthday vacation at Sde Boker to hasten back to Tel Aviv following the Syrian Army revolt against President Nasser's United Arab Republic regime. At the same time, the Israel Army spokesman announced today that Air Force planes engaged "a number of foreign planes" over Israeli territory last night and drove them off.

Mr. Ben-Gurion maintained constant contact today with defense headquarters here, including a visit to his Defense Ministry office. As in previous cases of internal turbulence among its Arab neighbors, Israel may set up special precautionary measures along its Syrian border.

The Army spokesman said the planes flew over Israel apparently for intelligence photography purposes and that, after a short exchange of fire, the Israeli interceptors drove them away. The Israeli planes had no losses in the clashes and it was not known whether any of the invaders were damaged. While the source of the invading planes was not indicated, it was presumed they were UAR planes.

Israeli Arabs were reported stunned by news of the Syrian revolt and many extremists openly expressed the hope that Nasser would crush the rebels. Many Arabs stayed glued to their radios and did not go to work.

Syrian Situation Overshadows Deadlock on Formation of New Cabinet

The Syrian revolt overshadowed the deadlock in the negotiations between the Israeli political parties on the formation of a new Cabinet. Within the Mapai party, of which Premier David Ben-Gurion is the head, more and more voices were proposing today that Mapai break off the bargaining talks with the other parties and return to President Izhak Ben-Zvi the mandate he has given to Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister and Mapai leader, to form the new Cabinet.

These suggestions gained strength today following an effort made by Mapai leaders last night to end the deadlock by negotiating with the former coalition partners secondary issues rather than the issues on which the talks are deadlocked. The meeting last night concluded with an agreement to meet again next week.

The issue on which the talks are deadlocked is the Mapai demand for a majority of portfolios in the next Government. The impasse led to a strategy of by-passing that issue to discuss arrangements for greater Parliamentary control over Israel's security forces and for a durable agreement on collective Cabinet responsibility.

Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and MP Akiva Govrin of the Mapai, who head the subcommittees working on the two questions, reported to other members of the subcommittee that progress had been made on the two issues but that a few points remained to be dealt with.

The principal issue--the status of Mapai in the next Government--was not touched on at the meeting last night. However, Moshe Shapiro, Religious Affairs Minister and National Religious party leader, said on behalf of his party that an exploration might be desirable of an arrangement under which Mapai would agree to parity and retain a majority vote only on key issues such as security and foreign affairs.

In offering the suggestion, Mr. Shapiro stressed it was offered on behalf of his party and not for the Bloc of Four--the Religious Party, Mapam, Achdut Avodah and the Liberal Party--which was organized for the talks. The current bargaining sessions are being held between Mapai and the four parties.

Israeli Officials Decline Comment on the Syrian Surprise Revolt

JERUSALEM, Sept. 28; (JTA) -- Israeli officials said today that the situation in neighboring Syria, where troops staged a surprise revolt against the United Arab Republic regime of President Nasser, was being closely watched but declined any other comment.

Diplomatic sources said that the information received on the outbreak did not give a clear picture on the extent of the uprising. The same sources said there did not appear to be any link between the revolt and the air invasion last night of Israel by enemy planes which were driven off by Israeli interceptors after a brief clash.

(In Cairo, President Nasser declared that the revolt was as serious as the 1956 Suez invasion and announced he had ordered the Egyptian troops stationed in Syria to crush the rebellion.)

ISRAEL OBJECTS TO NAMING TUNISIAN DELEGATE AS U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 28; (JTA) -- The question whether the Tunisian delegate Mongi Slim, President of the United Nations General Assembly this year, is fit to be named for the post of Acting Secretary General of the United Nations, succeeding the late Dag Hammarskjöld, was today a subject of intensive discussion among delegations from various countries, following a move made last night against him by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister.

Mrs. Meir, accompanied by Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative at the United Nations, conferred last night with Adlai E. Stevenson, head of the American delegation to the UN, and pointed out to him that because Tunisia is a member of the Arab League, Mr. Slim and his government are so firmly committed to an anti-Israel attitude that it would be absolutely impossible for him to handle any Arab-Israeli issue in a spirit of neutrality.

In their talk with Mr. Stevenson, Mrs. Meir and Mr. Comay pointed out that Mr. Slim's and Tunisia's hostility to Israel goes back a number of years, and did not start with last Monday's action by Mr. Slim when he snubbed Mrs. Meir. He had turned his back on her rather than shake hands with the Israeli Foreign Minister and with Ambassador Comay at a reception for all delegation chairmen held here Monday by President Kennedy.

Mr. Slim had reportedly told highest United States personalities that he had not noticed Mrs. Meir approaching the Kennedy reception line, and to have assured the Americans there would be other diplomatic and social occasions when he would shake hands with Mrs. Meir.

Despite this inferred policy, the feeling among numerous delegations here was today that while as President of the General Assembly Mr. Slim is only "a parliamentary traffic cop guiding procedures," his position of Acting Secretary General would require absolute proof of his being able to act with absolute neutrality on substantive issues. Some of the delegates said they now have "second thoughts" about voting for Mr. Slim for the UN executive post.

Meanwhile today Mr. Meir continued her contacts with many of the foreign ministers and other delegation chairmen attending the UN Assembly. Yesterday, in addition to seeing Mr. Stevenson, Mrs. Meir conferred also with the Earl of Home, Britain's Foreign Minister; and with Selim Sarper, Foreign Minister of Turkey. At noon today, Mrs. Meir held a conference with Dr. Miguel Angel Carcano, Foreign Minister of Argentina and with Norway's delegation chairman Sivert A. Nielsen.

ISRAEL GREETSI SIERRA-LEONE ON ITS BECOMING 100TH MEMBER OF THE U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 28; (JTA) -- Michael S. Comay, Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, today expressed Israel's good wishes to the African State of Sierra Leone on its becoming the 100th member of the United Nations. In an address to the General Assembly, Mr. Comay declared:

"I am happy to associate the Government and people of Israel and my delegation most warmly with the welcome extended to the new sovereign state of Sierra Leone on its becoming the 100th member state of our organization. This occasion marks a great milestone in the historic process of the emancipation of African peoples from colonial rule, and their attainment of freedom, equality and dignity in the family of nations.

"We feel it would be proper for us to recognize the achievement of the United Kingdom in facilitating the independence of its former colony in a spirit of mutual friendship and respect. This event fills us with the greatest pleasure and we look forward to brotherly relations and close cooperation with our new sister state, with whom we already enjoy diplomatic relations."

ISRAEL AND DAHOMEY SIGN FRIENDSHIP TREATY; DAHOMEY TO GET TECHNICAL AID

JERUSALEM, Sept. 28; (JTA) -- A treaty of friendship and a treaty of technical assistance from Israel to the new African republic of Dahomey were signed here today. A joint statement was published simultaneously stressing the gratification of the two countries over the friendship between them.

The treaties were signed by Dahomey Foreign Minister Assogba Oke and Israel Trade Minister Pinhas Rosen. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Dahomey President Hubert Maga signed the joint statement. Dahomey's President and entourage will finish tomorrow an eight-day visit which will include a dinner tendered them by President Ben-Zvi.

The technical aid treaty envisages mutual aid in areas of farming, training or manpower, health services, education, fishing, mining, transportation, and youth training. Israel will provide Dahomey with a number of scholarships in these areas and will pay expenses and maintenance for Dahomey personnel while training in Israel. Israel also agreed to pay the salaries of experts sent to Dahomey for limited periods while Dahomey will reciprocate in payment of salaries of Israelis who go to Dahomey for extended periods.

NASSER RECEIVED \$500,000,000 IN ARMS FROM SOVIETS, DEFENSE DEPT. SAYS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28; (JTA) -- The Soviet bloc has provided through loans or grants, up to last March 31, a total of almost a half-billion dollars in arms to the United Arab Republic; This was disclosed in testimony released today by a Congressional committee at which Colonel H. F. Nichols of the Department of Defense, testified; Colonel Nichols said Egypt got \$315,000,000 in Soviet arms while Syria received \$128,000,000 worth.

It was meanwhile revealed that an estimated 5,000 technicians from the Sino-Soviet bloc are active in the Middle East including military technicians aiding the UAR training programs; The UAR was the recipient of \$157,300,000 in U.S. aid in the fiscal year 1961, according to other information provided to Congress.

Rep. John Rooney, New York Democrat, has told Secretary of State Dean Rusk he was unable to understand "why our government did not grant military aid to Israel--especially since we have not hesitated to provide military assistance to countries which have been at war with her." The Congressman made known his views in a letter to the Secretary of State.

Rep. Rooney said that "any other country menaced by Soviet weapons has been granted our military aid, without question and without delay; And many of these countries have not shared Israel's dedication to freedom and her commitment to contribute to the defense of the free world."

Secretary Rusk, in his reply, failed to offer an explanation of the continued refusal of the United States to give Israel military assistance. The reply pertained mainly to the Arab refugee situation which "deserves our earnest study at this time." Mr. Rusk said: "The United States continues to support some reasonable implementation of paragraph 11 of the United Nations resolution 194 (III) which provides for the refugees the option of repatriation as law abiding citizens of Israel or of compensation for those who do not wish to return."

Rep. Rooney pointed out that Israel is "surrounded by hostile countries, some of whom--the UAR and Iraq--have been receiving weapons from the Soviet Union, and some of whom--Jordan and Saudi Arabia--have been receiving military aid from the U.S."

"As a consequence of our attitude, lacking military aid and denied membership in any collective security system, Israel has been compelled to buy weapons from European countries and to divert a large part of her resources to defense," Rep. Rooney said. "On top of this, Israel's economy has been further burdened because of the Arab boycott and blockade which has continued largely because it has not been effectively challenged by Western governments and the United Nations."

VOLUNTEERS FROM OVERSEAS HOLD RALLY IN ISRAEL; LAUDED BY BEN-GURION

TEL AVIV, Sept. 28; (JTA) -- Hundreds of members of Mahal, the Volunteers from Overseas, attended a special rally last night at which they heard a message from Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion telling them that they were "privileged to participate in the most outstanding enterprise of our times and it is still in its beginning."

The members, youngsters in their late teens or early twenties who have come to Israel for training in kibbutzim and in the army, heard reports of the earlier generation of Mahal members who took part in Israel's War of Liberation. The earlier generation, they were told, gave--as the Prime Minister put it in his message--"an enterprise of great economic and military significance" to Israel.

He mentioned the Bedek enterprise, an Israeli airplane industry which is headed and manned by graduates of Mahal. Many of those participating in the rally expressed the intention of settling in Israel after completion of their training. Representatives of Mahal groups from various countries were received today by President Ben-Zvi who stressed the importance of the continuation in Israel of the Mahal spirit which, he said, had brought many Jews to Israel and which was continuing to do so.

1,264 AMERICAN JEWS EMIGRATED TO ISRAEL DURING PAST JEWISH YEAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 28; (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency announced today that 1,264 American Jews emigrated to Israel from the United States during the past Jewish year. These immigrants included professionals who were processed through Professional and Technical Workers Aliyah (PATWA), chalutzim of the various Zionist youth movement, retired persons and middle class immigrants.

In making this announcement, Louis Segal, member of the Agency executive and chairman of the Aliyah department, said that the American aliyah this year was 30 percent above that of the previous Jewish year and the highest rate attained since 1949.

VANDALS SET FIRE TO JEWISH SCHOOL IN PARIS SUBURB; POLICE INVESTIGATE

PARIS, Sept. 28; (JTA) -- A fire and an explosion caused by an arson attempt damaged two classrooms last night in the Beth Rivka day school near Paris. The vandals placed cans of gasoline in a classroom and ignited them. The explosion was caused by an accumulation of gasoline fumes. School officials asked police to investigate the attack.

STUDY OF VITAL DATA ON JEWS PRESENTED TO LEADERS OF U.S. ORGANIZATIONS

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- "The very continued existence of the Jewish community is in serious question in some countries, owing to acutely irregular sex and age distribution, mixed marriages, low fertility and resultant insufficient reproduction rates," it was reported here today by two scholars of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem addressing leaders of American Jewish organizations and institutions at the national offices of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The two scholars--Professor Moshe Davis, head of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University, and Dr. Roberto Bachi, Professor of Statistics and Demography at the University--presented to the gathering a new study of vital statistics of the Jewish people just completed by the Institute of Contemporary Jewry.

Professor Davis reported on the progress of the Records Center of American Jewish Life and Institutions, established last year at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry with the cooperation of the heads of Jewish organizations in this country. The Records Center is now in communication with 40 national U.S. organizations and agencies. "There is already a steady flow of documentary material on American Jewry which we at the Hebrew University are utilizing in teaching Israeli students about the many aspects of Jewish life here," he said.

In emphasizing the "indispensability of sound and objective demographic analysis," Professor Bachi stated that this is important "not only to scholarship generally, but to an understanding of the present trends and prospects of Jewish population growth or decrease in the respective lands of Jewish domicile." Moreover, Prof. Bachi pointed out, "the study of Jewish demography can make a contribution to demography generally. The Jewish people is resident in many lands and cultures; and it has undergone considerable changes in recent times; Jewish demography illuminates the influence of spiritual, cultural, social and economic changes on demographic processes."

"Another factor which compels the development of Jewish demography on a universal scale results from the research of immigrant groups in Israel. These studies, which have made important strides in recent years, are devoted primarily to the changing characteristics of the immigrant population. Coming from disparate backgrounds, they and their Israeli-born children are undergoing a process of adaptation and acculturation. Basic to a proper evaluation of these changes on the Israeli scene is a knowledge of the demographic conditions of the Jews in their respective lands of origin," Professor Bachi said.

He envisioned "a long-range program to develop the study of Jewish demography," and requested the aid of scholars and authorities throughout the world in the furtherance of the program launched by the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry.

TRADE INCREASE BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL REPORTED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (JTA) -- Trade between the United States and Israel, which reached an all-time high in 1960, increased by more than 16 percent in the first half of 1961 compared with the same period last year, the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry reported today.

Data from official United States statistics showed that two-way trade in the first six months of this year totaled \$84,524,400. The figure for the first six months of 1960 was \$72,773,600.

Total United States exports to Israel in the first six months of this year was \$67,888,400, compared with \$60,158,300 in the same period last year. United States imports from Israel totaled \$16,636,000 in the first six months of 1961, compared with \$12,615,300 in the same period in 1960.

The Chamber reported that the marked increase in United States exports of domestic merchandise to Israel was due primarily to the delivery during last May and June of two Boeing 707 jet airplanes to El Al Israel Airlines for more than \$8,000,000. The \$4,000,000 jump in Israeli exports to the United States was due mainly to a \$3,682,000 rise in the export of cut and polished diamonds.

Israel to Exhibit in U.S. Seven Types of Baking Machinery

NEW YORK, Sept. 28. (JTA) Seven types of baking machinery made in Israel will be exhibited at the Baking Industry Exposition which opens next week in Atlantic City, N.J., it was announced here today by the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The machinery is manufactured by Gershon Paglin and Sons Machine and Oven Works of Tel Aviv which last year installed a giant oven at the Gold Medal Bakery in Philadelphia which is currently turning out 500,000 bagels daily. The Israeli firm has also sold smaller pieces of equipment to another Philadelphia bakery.

An outstanding feature of the Israeli-made baking equipment which serves as an advantage over similar imported machinery is the fact that components and accessories used in the construction of the machines are of U.S. origin, so that replacement and repairs pose no problems.

BECAUSE OF THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS, THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON TUESDAY