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SOVIET ARGUES AT WORLD COURT AGAINST U.N. FORCES IN GAZA AREA

THE HAGUE, Holland, May 22. (JTA) -- The International Court of Justice was told by a representative of the Soviet Government today that Moscow does not consider itself obligated to contribute to the upkeep of the United Nations Emergency Force on the Israel-Egyptian border, because this force had been established by the United Nations as a result of "the British, French and Israeli aggression."

The argument was presented to the World Court here by Professor G. I. Tunkin, Soviet Foreign Ministry expert on international law, in contrast to arguments by the United States pointing out that, under the United Nations Charter, all UN member states are under obligation to pay the costs of maintaining United Nations peace forces in the Middle East, Congo and elsewhere.

The opposing arguments between the United States and the Soviet Union developed today as the International Court of Justice began its second week of hearings on the issue. The Soviet bloc and a number of other nations have refused to pay their assessments for the expense of maintaining the United Nations Emergency Force on the Israel-Egyptian border and in the Congo. The UN General Assembly asked the world court for an advisory opinion.

Abram L. Chayes, legal adviser of the U. S. State Department, and professor of law at Harvard University, in arguing before the world court today, pointed out that the UN forces have prevented aggression. "In Palestine and Kashmir, on the Gaza Strip, in Lebanon and now in the Congo, armed contingents contributed voluntarily by their own governments and, acting with the consent of all states concerned, have operated successfully under the flag and the command of the United Nations to safeguard international peace and security," he declared.

The decision of the World Court here may have profound implications on the capacity of the United Nations Emergency Forces to survive. In regard to the United Nations assessments for UNEF, the Soviet Union arrearage as of April 30, 1962, totaled \$3,992,661. The Soviet Union has never paid any money for the UNEF maintenance and operations.

NASSER INSISTS ON 'LIQUIDATION' OF ISRAEL; VOICES PLEDGE AT CONGRESS

LONDON, May 22. (JTA) -- Calling Israel "the most dangerous pocket of imperialist resistance against the struggle of our people," Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser last night called again for the elimination of Israel.

Presenting his new "national charter of Socialist principles" to the opening session of the Congress of Popular Forces, at which Nasser has brought together handpicked representatives of "peasants and workers," the Egyptian dictator reiterated his old policy of "need" for Israel's destruction. Egypt, he said, would "insist on the liquidation of Israeli aggression on part of the Palestine land."

U.S. DEEPLY INTERESTED IN ISRAEL'S SECURITY, SECRETARY OF STATE SAYS

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA) -- The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, whose delegation spent more than an hour yesterday in a Washington meeting with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, issued a statement here today on the results of the lengthy talk with Mr. Rusk. The statement declared:

"The delegation expressed to the Secretary of State the deep concern of the American Jewish community with the continuing belligerency of Arab states in the Middle East towards Israel. At the conclusion of the conference, Secretary Rusk assured the delegation the "deep interest which our Government has in the continuing security and welfare of the State of Israel, and of the peaceful solution of problems in the Middle East."

The Conference includes the presidents of the following organizations: American Israel Public Affairs Committee, American Jewish Congress, American Zionist Council, American Trade Union Council for Histadrut, B'nai B'rith, Council of Jewish Federations, Hadasah, Jewish Agency for Israel, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U. S., Labor Zionist Movement, Mizrahi-Hapoel HaMizrachi National Council of Jewish Women, National Council of Young Israel, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, United Synagogue of America, Zionist Organization of America.

JEWS, CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS IN FRANCE CONFER ON ALGERIAN REFUGEES

LYON, France, May 22. (JTA) -- Representatives of six Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant welfare organizations met here today and mapped plans for coping with the influx of refugees from Algeria to this area.

Stressing that the conference had "no political purposes whatever," the meeting resolved to call the attention of the public authorities to "certain social and economic problems posed by the Algerian drama."

The conference elected three co-chairmen. They are Cardinal Gerlier, representing the Catholic group; Pastor Arger, of the Protestant community; and Lyon Chief Rabbi Klink. The conference noted that "social work must be implemented on behalf of the Algerian repatriates, whose numbers are growing daily."

J. T. A. Correspondent Sees Remaining Jews in Algeria in 'Dire Peril'

WINNIPEG, May 22. (JTA) -- Algeria's remaining 130,000 Jews are "in dire peril," Shalom Kalfon, former Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Algiers, reported here today. Mr. Kalfon left Algiers recently.

So serious is the situation of the Jews in Algeria, Mr. Kalfon said, that 12,000 of the 18,000 Jews in Constantine have left the city. Most of them, he said, went to France, while the others sought refuge in other communities. "Algeria's Jewish minority," Mr. Kalfon reported, "faces privations and persecutions similar to those suffered by Jews in Tunis and Morocco after those nations obtained independence."

ISRAELIS TESTIFY AGAINST FORMER GESTAPO OFFICER IN WARSAW GHETTO

TEL AVIV, May 22. (JTA) -- Testimony by 31 Israelis against Hermann Hoeffle, a former Gestapo officer in the Warsaw Ghetto now facing trial in Salzburg, Austria, was sent today to the Austrian court by Justice N. Barzakai, president of the Tel Aviv District Court.

In the testimony, which was heard at the request of the Austrian court, 45-year-old Joshua Toporek said that he himself saw Hoeffle kill an elderly, sick Jew who was brought to Gestapo headquarters in Warsaw, where, he said, more than 100 dead Jews were already lying on the floor.

Among other witnesses who gave second-hand accounts of Hoeffle's bestiality, was Sharon Flint of Tel Aviv, who said that, in his opinion, Hoeffle was one of the "white collar" criminals who was aided in his "dirty work" by others, but who organized the cruelest killings himself.

ISRAEL HIGH OFFICIAL CONFERS WITH U. S. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, May 22. (JTA) -- Israel Deputy Minister of Defense Shimon Peres conferred with his United States opposite number today--Deputy Secretary of Defense Roswell L. Gilpatric--in what was described as a continuation of a series of "courtesy calls" being made on Government leaders during his brief Washington visit.

Mr. Peres, officially in the U. S. on bonds for Israel business, wound up his two-day stop over here as the guest at a dinner tonight by Ambassador and Mrs. Avraham Harman. Earlier in the day, he was the luncheon guest of Paul H. Nitze, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

It was the Israeli official's second luncheon in two days. Yesterday he was the guest at a Capitol Hill luncheon of Senator Stuart Symington, Missouri Democrat, who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Near East. Present at the informal luncheon were committee member John Sparkman of Alabama, Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, and Wayne Morse of Oregon--all Democrats--and Republican committee member Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin.

MAPAI SEEKS ELIMINATION OF SHORTER 'SUMMER HOURS' FOR OFFICE WORKERS

TEL AVIV, May 22. (JTA) -- The Mapai Party's central committee decided here today to call on its delegates in Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, to eliminate shorter "summer hours" for office workers in Israel for the next two years.

The decision was voted by an overwhelming majority, with only three members of the central committee opposed to the resolution, after several hours of stormy debate. The majority of the members of the central committee lambasted the alleged lack of "work spirit" among office workers. They held that a shorter summer schedule of working hours for office personnel was unjustified, in view of the fact that production workers are working regular shifts.

Moshe Sharett, as a member of the central committee, emphasized the need for increasing production in Israel, and called on office personnel and clerks to work full days, summer and winter.

WORLD PARLEY STIPULATES CONDITIONS FOR ZIONIST CONFEDERATIONS MERGER

AMSTERDAM, May 22. (JTA) -- Delegates from 26 countries to the world conference of the Confederation of General Zionists headed here by Mrs. Rose Halprin and Dr. Israel Goldstein approved unanimously last night a resolution for merger with the competing world General Zionist group headed by Dr. Emanuel Neumann provided the latter accepts "completely" the principle and philosophy of non-identification with any Israeli political party.

The resolution insisted that as a prerequisite for merger between the two confederations "there must be an official declaration" on behalf of the Neumann group "categorically accepting the philosophy and principle of non-identification." The resolution urged that such a declaration should be made in a manner recognizable as official policy.

Another portion of the resolution said that while the conference "views with favor" merger on the local and regional levels of existing organizations of General Zionists, such decisions on merger should remain "within the autonomy of the local and regional organizations."

Another condition in the resolution was that "no Israeli party, including the Liberal party, is to be eligible for membership" in the merged confederation. The Liberal party was the result of a merger of the General Zionists and Progressive party.

The resolution declared that it was "essential and desirable" that a new General Zionist organization be established in Israel to be based on the philosophy and principle of the merged confederation federation. "This Zionist body, when properly established, will be eligible for membership as the Israeli branch of the merged confederation," the resolution said. It stipulated that such a new Israeli General Zionist movement would not be accorded representation in the World Zionist Congress on the basis of elections to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

Goldmann Favors Disappearance of Political Parties in Zionism

The resolution was adopted at the closing session of the conference after the delegates heard an analysis by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization. He expressed the opinion that for more effective activity by the Zionist movement, he favored the disappearance of political parties in the movement. He said that for this reason he endorsed the possibility of an extension of the principle of non-identification as the basis for a merger between the two General Zionist confederations.

"If Israel believes it is not necessary to have a strong Zionist movement, this is a disrupting influence," he said. "Jews today get the impression from the Israelis that they can manage for themselves without Zionism."

He said the "present structure" was "unfortunate. It is old and does not suit present-day conditions. The party system was properly founded when Israel was being built, when the Zionist Executive was the government of Israel and it included members of all the parties." Now, he said, the Zionist Congresses have no influence on the decisions of the Knesset and the Zionist parties outside Israel "have no say over the Government of Israel."

He said he would propose at the next World Zionist Congress that the Zionist organization should not be built on party lines. The structure of the movement, he continued, should be based on the different conditions of each country and the Zionist groups should come to agreement among themselves.

At the present time, he told the conference, "there is no unity in the Zionist movement. Energies and forces are wasted. The movement suffers from a lack of leaders. Six million Jews have been murdered. There are no longer any intellectuals. The first thing is for all organizations to find the right people. I will try to make this an issue at the next Congress."

Participants in the debate included Sir Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. American participants included Dr. Miriam Freund, Eleazar Lipsky and Charlotte Jacobson.

ISRAELI SCHOOL TEACHERS AWARDED INCREASE IN SALARY; WAGE DISPUTE CLOSED

JERUSALEM, May 22. (JTA) -- Israeli school teachers were awarded a 3.4 percent salary increase today to bring to a close a dispute which had led to several walkouts last year.

The teachers unions and the Government submitted the issue for arbitration to Zeef Sharei a former Government secretary who is now on the board of the Weizmann Institute. Teachers in both elementary and high schools now have received pay increases similar to those approved earlier in the year for engineers and other professionals, who also struck in their fight for higher salaries.

400 MARRIAGES TAKE PLACE IN ISRAEL ON LAG BA' OMER ENDING 'SEFIRA' BAN

TEL AVIV, May 22. (JTA) -- Some 400 marriages took place last night and this morning throughout Israel as the end of the Sefira ban on weddings was marked on Lag Ba'Omer. Thirty-five rabbis were recruited to perform 127 marriages in Tel Aviv.

NEW YORK U. J. A. HONORS PEOPLE OF FRANCE FOR AIDING JEWISH REFUGEES

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA) -- The people of France were honored today by the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York for aid to Jewish refugees over the years, in a ceremony at UJA headquarters.

Raymond Laporte, Consul-General and Minister Plenipotentiary of France, received a scale replica of Michelangelo's Moses which cited the people of France for "distinguished service in aiding homeless Jews to dwell in freedom." The presentation was made by Sylvan Gotshal, honorary chairman of the board of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, who is a member of the French Legion d'Honneur.

Mr. Gotshal called attention to the humanitarian understanding with which France has welcomed the cooperation of the American Joint Distribution Committee and United Hias Service, beneficiary agencies of the United Jewish Appeal and of French Jewish community organizations in aiding Jewish refugees over the years. He pointed out that although UJA agencies have assumed the tremendous financial burden of caring for thousands of Jewish refugees in France, that nation and her people have had to shoulder substantial costs of providing educational, health and other vital facilities to these people in their hour of distress.

DR. SCHWARTZ, RETURNING FROM ISRAEL, REPORTS ON TOP PRIORITY NEEDS

NEW YORK, May 22. (JTA) -- More housing and jobs for immigrants who are now entering Israel at a rate comparable to the mass influx of the early days of statehood are now the two top priority needs in Israel, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, reported here today following his return from Jerusalem.

Reporting on his talks with Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, Finance Minister Eshkol, Foreign Minister Meir and others, Dr. Schwartz said that all government leaders underlined the central importance of Israel bonds in meeting these two priority needs. "Although the country has not yet completely adjusted to the new economic policy established several months ago," he asserted, "there is a gratifying awareness of the need for self-denial and economic controls in order to promote the orderly settlement of large-scale immigration."

As an example of the sharp increase in housing needs, he cited the fact that the Government of Israel will require an additional amount of \$33, 333, 000 to finance the construction of 10, 000 housing units, over and above the 20, 000 originally planned for this year.

Brigadier General Ezer Weizmann, Commander-in-Chief of the Israel Air Force, arrived today at Idlewild Airport for a one-month tour of major American cities in behalf of the Israel bond drive. General Weizmann's first meeting of his current visit in behalf of the Israel bond effort will be a dinner in Miami on May 27 which will inaugurate the 1962 campaign in that community. Among other cities where he will address Israel bond meetings are New York, Washington, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Cleveland.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY CONVENTION STRESSES NEED FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., May 22. (JTA) -- The teaching of religious values must become the primary function of Jewish education if it is to have an impact on human existence, it was agreed here today by a group of prominent Jewish educators.

Lay and spiritual leaders of Conservative Judaism, in papers and addresses before the annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, emphasized that the aim should be to make the American Jewish community realize that Jewish education "is not an end in itself but that the total human being is the end." The Rabbinical Assembly is the international association of Conservative rabbis.

Speakers stressed that although the study of the Hebrew language, the teaching of sacred texts and ritual "are indispensable," the major focus must be "to show the child how the values of Judaism are to play the determining role in his life's decisions and dilemmas."

Dr. Simon Greenberg, vice-chancellor of the Theological Seminary of America, declared that the role of the organized rabbinate "in determining the place that Jewish education is to occupy the life of the Jewish community is pivotal and probably ultimately determinative."

Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, the Assembly president, maintained that if the synagogue is the center of Jewish life, then the rabbi with the educator must be the key figure in education. However, he told the delegates, "unfortunately Jewish education has not always become religious education. So much time is spent on linguistics--the teaching of the Hebrew language--that by the time the child has finished his Jewish education, he has not absorbed a religious education."

The convention honored David Sarnoff, chairman of the board of the Radio Corporation of America, by presenting him with the first Rabbinical Assembly Medal for "outstanding contributions to faith and freedom." The presentation was made at a luncheon commemorating the centennial of the Jewish military chaplaincy in the United States.