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BEN-GURION CONFERS IN SWEDEN ON U.N. PROBLEMS AFFECTING ISRAEL

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Problems concerning Israel and the Middle East to be taken up at the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly were discussed by Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Swedish Premier Tage Erlander. Mr. Ben-Gurion, who is currently visiting Sweden as part of a tour of five Scandinavian nations, was the luncheon guest today along with Mrs. Ben-Gurion and their daughter Rennana Leshem, of Swedish King Gustaf VI Adolf and Queen Louise at their summer residence in Sofiero.

The Israeli Prime Minister, who spent the entire day yesterday at the home of Premier Erlander, was understood to have briefed the latter on details of Israel's aid to underdeveloped countries. It is believed that Mr. Erlander promised Mr. Ben-Gurion that Sweden would pay full attention to Israel's standing proposition at United Nations sessions concerning the necessity of direct negotiations between the Arabs and Israel as a condition for any negotiation about the Arab refugees.

Last night, the Israeli Premier delivered an address at a dinner attended by Swedish Government officials and Jewish communal leaders, in which Mr. Ben-Gurion said that there was "a large measure of agreement and understanding" between Israel and Sweden "as to the ways in which problems should be tackled in order to increase peace, security and prosperity."

Predicts There Will Be Peace Between Arabs and Israel

Addressing a press conference here today, Mr. Ben-Gurion said: "I am sure peace will come to the Middle East, but I cannot know when it will be. If international tension will go on, peace will come later to our part of the world. If there will be less tension, I believe peace will be even in my lifetime."

Referring to the tension between the two major world powers, Mr. Ben-Gurion stated: "I believe the two Big Powers are wise enough to prevent war. I am sure both want peace. Also the Communists who say they are sure Communism will come to the whole world sooner or later, have no reason to destroy Russia by war."

Asked about Israel's refusal to admit Dr. Robert Soblen, the American psychiatrist convicted of spying for the Soviet Union, the Prime Minister replied: "We refused Soblen permission to settle in Israel because he is not an honest man. He did not want to settle in Israel, but only to escape from the United States."

With regard to the Eichmann trial, the Premier said: "The principal aim of the trial was to give the world the real view of the danger of anti-Semitism and to show the younger ones what really happened in the time of the Nazis. This aim was reached."

The Prime Minister confirmed that he had discussed with Swedish Premier Erlander the problem of aid to underdeveloped countries but added that he did not propose any cooperation between Israel and Sweden. He lauded Sweden for having attained the "highest degree" of social welfare. Mr. Ben-Gurion declined to answer a specific question about recent developments in Egyptian rocket capabilities, but he declared that "we will do anything in our power to defend Israel."

Referring to his luncheon visit with the Swedish King, Mr. Ben-Gurion said he was impressed with the simplicity of the King, and that he had invited him to visit Israel. The 80-year-old monarch declined, however, replying that he was too old, Mr. Ben-Gurion said. He added that the King showed a deep knowledge of Israel's problems.

ISRAEL FORMS BODY TO PROMOTE IMMIGRATION FROM SOUTH AMERICA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol will head the joint Government-Jewish Agency committee to promote immigration from South America, it was announced here today. Other Cabinet Ministers on the Committee are Commerce and Industry Minister Pinhas Sapir, Labor Minister Yigal Allon and Social Welfare Minister Joseph Burg.

Representing the Jewish Agency on the committee will be Jewish Agency Treasurer Arie Pincus; S. Z. Shragai, head of the immigration department; and Aharon Zisling and Arie Leib Dulcin, members of the Jewish Agency executive.

DR. NEUMANN URGES 'FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE' IN AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- A new communal policy "which will give the highest priority to intellectual and cultural endeavors, to Jewish schools, to Hebrew education, to the deepening and enrichment of Jewish life" in the United States was urged here today, by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, addressing the final session of the two-day meeting of the national executive council of the Zionist Organization of America, the ruling body of the organization between conventions.

"Therein lies the best assurance for the Jewish future," he told the 200 Zionist leaders from all parts of the country attending the meeting. He called upon the Zionist movement in this country "to bring about a fundamental change of climate in the American Jewish community" with emphasis on cultural work.

Dr. Nussbaum, president of the ZOA, told the gathering that the gap between the people of Israel and the Jewish communities in countries outside of Israel is continuing to widen. He said that America, and the free world as a whole, "must no longer be classified in the category of Galut (lands of dispersion)" and that "the Jewish community in the United States and the Jewish community in Israel constitute two permanent parts of one of the same ethnic group called the Jewish people."

The newly elected ZOA president voiced concern over the failure of the Argentine authorities to take stern measures to suppress action of terrorism against Jews. He urged the Argentine Government "to investigate the link between the current anti-Semitic excesses and the large-scale infiltration of former leading Nazis from Germany into Argentina."

Dr. Neumann also spoke on the situation in the Middle East. He said that "in the face of the continued build-up of Egyptian arms by the Soviet Union we cannot be content with repeated assurances by our government that it is concerned for Israel's security." He added that "Russian MIG's and submarine cannot be effectively countered by soothing words," and emphasized that "a policy decision is called for followed by action which will make it crystal clear to Egypt's Nasser and his cohorts that the free world, led by America, will not tolerate their planned aggression against Israel."

Jacques Torczyner of New York, chairman of the national executive council, addressing the session, declared that "in view of the forthcoming elections in the state of New York it is important to reiterate that there is no 'Jewish vote' in our country and that Jews do not vote as a bloc in favor of any Jewish candidate because of his race or religion." He made it clear that the Zionist Organization of America is nonpartisan and has friends in both the Democratic and Republican parties.

Other speakers included Joseph Serlin, Vice-Speaker of the Israel Parliament; Rabbi Charles E. Shulman and Ira Eisenstein, and Dr. Sidney Marks, ZOA executive director.

STATE DEPT. SAYS KENNEDY'S AIDE DID NOT SPEAK IN ISRAEL FOR U.S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The State Department this weekend stressed, both publicly and through diplomatic channels to the Arab states, that the discussions of Myer Feldman, deputy special counsel to President Kennedy, in Israel, did not necessarily reflect the views of the United States Government.

State Department spokesman Joseph Reap announced that Mr. Feldman's visit to Israel was private, "unofficial" and that "he was not there as a representative of the United States Government." The spokesman said Mr. Feldman paid calls on Israeli officials "but we do not know with whom he had appointments" because he was not there as a U. S. official.

The Department's comments on the trip by a top-ranking White House staff member and close aide to the President were considered unprecedented. It was learned that the Department made the comments on Mr. Feldman after inquiries had been made by Arab diplomats. Mr. Feldman assists President Kennedy on a broad range of legislative and administrative matters.

ISRAEL ASKS U.N. FOR ACTION TO CHECK SYRIAN MILITARY PROVOCATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Government this weekend asked the United Nations for quick action to prevent further military clashes in the Lake Tiberias area where Syrian gunfire was directed last week at Israeli farm workers.

Ambassador Avraham Daram of Israel's United Nations delegation, met with Secretary U Thant before the latter's departure for a visit to East European countries, and with UN Undersecretary Ralph Bunche. Israeli sources said the UN good offices were being sought "to prevent further deterioration of the situation."

Last week, Syrian forces in the Arab village of Tawafik directed machinegun, mortar and recoilless rifle fire on tractors working fields in the Israeli village of Tel Katzir. No casualties were reported.

NEW ANTI-SEMITIC ATTACKS ON JEWISH STUDENTS REPORTED BY D. A. I. A.

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The DAIA, the central body of Argentine Jewry, reported today there had been a new anti-Semitic attack on Jewish students at the Belgrano high school.

The DAIA reported the new incident in a telegram to Interior Minister Carlos Adrogué, who issued a public warning over Argentine radio and television last month that he would take all necessary steps to suppress a wave of such incidents during the spring and summer. The DAIA telegram accused the Tacuara, a Nazi-oriented youth group, with responsibility for the latest attack which occurred last week when the students were leaving Belgrano high school.

"We request positive intervention to stop the aggressions against the Jewish community in our country and we reiterate the urgent need for legal preventive measures against Nazi anti-Semitic centers which act openly and with impunity," the telegram stated.

MOSCOW ASKED TO PERMIT JEWS MAINTAIN LINKS WITH RELATIVES ABROAD

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, has addressed an urgent appeal to the Soviet Union to recognize the right of Russian Jews to maintain links with their brethren throughout the world and to allow those who wish to do so to migrate to Israel.

The appeal was published today in the Histadrut daily, Davar, over the signature of the Histadrut's executive committee and its Center for Culture and Education. The message recalled that a decade ago, 24 Jewish writers and intellectuals were executed in the Soviet Union after a secret trial.

The appeal said it appeared that the present Soviet Government had "reservations" about the trial and executions and apparently regarded them as sins of the Stalin period. The appeal added that although in recent years, the Soviet leaders had been redressing many acts of criminality of the Stalin era, the "incalculable outrage of the eradication of Jewish culture" in the Soviet Union still had not yet been set right.

GERMANY INVITES A. D. L. OFFICIAL TO MILITARY OFFICERS

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- West Germany's Ministry of Defense has invited an official of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to lecture student officers of the German armed forces on American attitudes toward the Hitler past and the German military tradition, it was announced today.

Kurt J. Bachrach-Baker, the League's director of foreign research, is the first representative of an American-Jewish organization to address members of the German armed forces. Mr. Bachrach-Baker, who was born in Germany and came to the United States as a refugee soon after the Nazis came to power, will also discuss current problems of German-American understanding.

Among the schools at which he will lecture are the West German Naval Academy in Flensburg-Murwik, the Army Officers School in Hannover, the Military School for Civic Guidance in Coblenz, and the Air Force Pilot Officers School in Fuerstenfeldbruck.

STAND OF 2,000 AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS ON EICHMANN TRIAL ANALYZED

NEW YORK, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- A survey of editorial comment on the Eichmann trial in some 2,000 American newspapers, made public today by the American Jewish Committee, shows that the press of this country almost unanimously saw the trial as a warning against all forms of prejudice and the continuing threat of totalitarianism to democracy. However, only a minority touched on the underlying causes of nazism and the world's failure to prevent the announced intention of annihilating the Jews of Europe.

The American Protestant and Catholic press, similarly surveyed, viewed Eichmann as an example of man's abdication of his responsibility to God. While bigotry and discrimination were vigorously condemned, anti-Semitism was usually equated with racism in general rather than examined as a prejudice with a unique history which, among other causes, includes religious roots.

Following the trial the vast majority--about seven of every eight papers which discussed the subject--found that the proceedings had been conducted with "impressive dignity," "remarkable restraint" and "scrupulous fairness." Repeatedly, Israel was commended for avoiding sensationalism and appeals to hate. Apparently, the study asserted, the proceedings themselves dispelled most of the early suspicions that Israel's main objective was to seek revenge.

GERMANY MARKS ROADS LEADING TO CONCENTRATION CAMP CEMETERIES

STUTTGART, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The German Federal Minister of Transport today announced that the approaches to concentration camp cemeteries and to memorials to the Nazi victims are to be marked with special yellow signposts on all roads in Western Germany.

CINEMA SHOWING 'EXODUS' BOMBED IN CYPRUS; PERFORMANCES TO CONTINUE

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The Minister of the Interior of Cyprus denounced today the bombing of a theater in which the film "Exodus" was showing and said that "no acts of lunacy" will be permitted to halt showing of the film.

The blast occurred last night under the back door of Cinema Diana Two, where the film, which relates the Jewish struggle to establish Israel, has been showing all this week. The theater was shut down after the blast but showing of the film continued at other theaters of the same company.

When news of the blast filtered into the other theaters, many viewers hastily left apparently fearing similar blasts at the theaters in which they had been sitting. The explosion damaged the rear door of the theater and left a crater in the ground nearby.

A spokesman for the theater firm said at first they would cancel all showings of "Exodus" for the time being but later, the company announced they would continue the performances tonight and tomorrow in Nicosia and on Monday would begin showing it in Limassol.

Interior Minister Polykarpos Georkratzi said in his statement that the blast was "undoubtedly a criminal action which by no means will serve the intentions of the culprits. The film is approved by the competent censorship. It will be shown and no acts of lunacy will stop its projection." He added that his Ministry would "take all necessary measures in this direction."

Police officials said today that they were actively investigating the explosion, concentrating their probe on "some suspected quarters." The blast climaxed a week-long controversy over the first showing of the film in Cyprus which began when theater officials said they had been threatened by gunmen, who warned them not to show the film. It opened on schedule under police protection.

Arab diplomatic missions in Nicosia, who had exerted considerable pressure to prevent showing of the film, issued a joint statement last Thursday calling the film a distortion of the events leading to the establishment of Israel and making the usual charges that Israelis had "usurped" the "Arab homeland." The Israel Embassy countered with a statement charging that the Arab criticism offended the policy of Cyprus of maintaining friendship and cooperation with all nations.

PROF. HORACE M. KALLEN HONORED ON 80TH BIRTHDAY; PRESENTED AWARD

HIGHLAND MILLS, N. Y., Aug. 26. (JTA) -- The Farband Labor Zionist Order today presented its Award for Distinguished Service to Dr. Horace M. Kallen, professor of political and social science at the New School for Social Research, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

The citation was presented at the Farband summer camp here by Meyer L. Brown, president of the organization. Prof. Kallen is active in Jewish affairs and deeply interested in promoting Jewish education. He is the author of numerous books on Judaism, Zionism and education.

DR. JOSEPH TAL LAY TO REST IN KIBBUTZ OF WHICH HE WAS A MEMBER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Giora Joseph Tal, Minister of Housing and Development, was laid to rest this weekend at Kibbutz Galed, of which he was a member, after his remains were brought to Israel from Lucerne, Switzerland, where he died last week of a heart attack at the age of 50.

Thousands of persons filed past the Jewish Agency courtyard here where his body lay in state before the funeral procession proceeded to Galed settlement in the Jezreel Valley. Among those attending the funeral was President Izhak Ben-Zvi. Eulogies were delivered by Acting Premier Levi Eshkol, Knesset Speaker Kaddish Luz and Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY FOR PROFESSOR FINE

WALTHAM, Mass., Aug. 26. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held at the Brandeis University here this weekend for Irving G. Fine, prominent American Jewish composer and professor of music at Brandeis, who died Thursday at the age of 47. Rabbi Harold Weisberg officiated.

Born in Boston, Mr. Fine studied choral conducting under Dr. Serge Koussevitzky and was for many years an assistant professor of music at Harvard University and served on the faculty of the Berkshire Music Center. In 1950 he joined the faculty of Brandeis University, where he was professor of music and chairman of the School of Creative Arts.