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ISRAEL PROGRESSING IN DEVELOPING NEW WEAPONS, CHIEF OF STAFF REPORTS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Chief of Staff Zvi Tzur reported today that Israel was making progress with its armament, organization and exercises, as well as in the development of new weapons.

This progress, he added, meant that Israel would be able to overcome the enemy if it was attacked. He made the statement at another in a series of exercises marking the completion of training by an armored reserve unit.

ALGERIA ISSUES ULTIMATUM TO REFUGEES; MAY TAKE OVER THEIR BUSINESSES

PARIS, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Thousands of Jewish refugees from Algeria, now in France, may be seriously affected by an ultimatum issued today by Algerian authorities warning all refugees to return in a month or face possible loss of their business enterprises.

The statement of the Algerian Provisional Executive said that, after that period, Algerian authorities would consider themselves "entitled to take all steps necessary" to make the enterprises operate again.

Belaid Abdessalem, the Executive's Commissioner for Economic Affairs, told a press conference in Algeria that the measures would "not encroach" on the property rights of the refugees, however. He added that the measures would apply also to those Europeans who remained in Algeria but had closed their plants and shops.

It was learned in Paris that French officials approved the ultimatum after receiving assurances that the step would apply only to enterprises whose revival was important for the economic life of Algeria.

Official sources here sought to mitigate the unfavorable impression of the ultimatum on refugees who left businesses and property behind and who feel they cannot possibly return to the war-torn country. The sources said that provisional Algerian administrators would be named to run the suspended enterprises only if their owners fail to respond to the Algerian demand.

CLAUSE ON ARAB BIAS AGAINST U.S. JEWS DROPPED FROM APPROPRIATIONS BILL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk has encountered criticism from the House Foreign Operations Subcommittee because an anti-discrimination clause pertaining to Arab bias against American Jews was eliminated from this year's appropriations bill, soon to come before Congress.

A foreign assistance authorization bill, to which anti-bias language was added by Congress, was passed previously this summer. But the foreign assistance appropriations measure, which actually appropriates the money, is far more important and contains no anti-bias expression.

Rep. John J. Rooney, New York Democrat and member of the Subcommittee, told Secretary Rusk at a hearing he was "utterly surprised" to find that "the Department of State and/or the Agency for International Development requests that it be taken out of this bill." Secretary Rusk replied that his understanding was that a provision in the authorization bill took care of the matter. He said:

"There is no question whatever on the policy on this point and in all of our discussions with these highest officials of the government, whether they come here or we negotiate with them out there, we do take up this point with them and our Ambassadors do frequently."

"We have had more success, quite frankly, with individual visa problems, for example, and individual relationship than we have had with broad government policies in the case of certain countries, but there is no difference whatever on the underlying policy of the clause," the Secretary of State declared. He said he would like to explore legislative questions on Arab bias "a little bit further."

Rep. Rooney interrupted the Secretary to say that "the fact it might be in some other bill would not preclude the inclusion of it in this appropriation bill." He stressed that there was nothing in the appropriations law on this subject and thanks only to the committee, it was in the previous appropriations act. "It is only fair to express our policy for the protection of American citizens," he told the Secretary of State.

U. S. DELEGATION CHARGED WITH BLOCKING ISRAEL AT INTERNATIONAL PARLEY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The United States delegation at the International Civil Aviation Organization conference in Rome blocked Israel's membership on the council of the organization, the Cabinet was told yesterday.

Israel Bar Yehuda, Israel's Transport Minister, who headed the Israeli delegation to the conference, reported on the proceedings. He said that the open declaration by the American delegation of non-support for Israel's membership influenced the negative vote of the other delegations.

Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, who was chairman of the Cabinet session as Acting Prime Minister in the absence of Mr. Ben-Gurion who is touring Scandinavian countries, said he would leave Thursday for the United States to attend a meeting of the board of governors of the World Bank.

During his three-week absence, Interior Minister Moshe Shapira will be Acting Premier. Trade Minister Pinhas Sapir will handle Mr. Eshkol's financial duties. The Finance Minister will speak for the Israel bonds and United Jewish Appeal drives during his American visit.

LACK OF FUNDS MAY WEAKEN U.N. FORCES ON EGYPTIAN-ISRAEL BORDER

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Acting Secretary-General U Thant stressed today that, for the immediate future, the work of the United Nations would continue to be hampered by failure of some member organizations to pay assessments for the work of such special programs as the United Nations Emergency Force which is stationed between Egypt and Israel.

Mr. Thant referred to the problem in his introduction to the annual report of the Secretary General on the work of the UN for the year beginning June 16, 1961. He declared that "no provision has been made for assessing members for the costs" of such special programs as UNEF "beyond June 30, 1962, and some delay must be realistically anticipated before the members in arrears pay their full assessments."

The report did not identify the member states in arrears, but all members of the Communist bloc, led by the Soviet Union, have consistently refused to pay any of the costs of UNEF, which has been patrolling the Gaza Strip and the Sharm el Sheikh area on the Gulf of Akaba, since 1956.

SO. AFRICAN JEWRY SEEKS RESTORATION OF PERMIT TO SEND FUNDS TO ISRAEL

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Hope that the South African Government would soon restore a special concession for the transfer of gift funds to Israel was expressed in a resolution adopted today at the closing session of the biennial Congress of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies.

In another resolution, the delegates affirmed South African Jewry's religious and cultural ties with Israel, expressed appreciation for the past goodwill between South Africa and Israel, and noted with regret recent differences between the two countries.

This was a reference to the displeasure of the South African Government over Israel's vote against South Africa in the UN General Assembly last year on the issue of apartheid. The South African Government withdrew the concessions on gift transfers after the UN vote.

Other resolutions stressed the need for closer communal coordination, particularly in fund-raising, and approved continuation of the board's adult education program and its youth and student activities.

The delegates re-elected Namie Philips as president and chose Max Greenstein as treasurer. They also re-elected all members of the outgoing executive. The chairman of the board is to be elected at the first meeting of the executive, which is expected to re-elect Dr. Teddy Schneider.

RENT INCREASES GO INTO EFFECT IN ISRAEL; SOME UP TO 140 PER CENT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Rent increases, decreed by the Government last summer, went into effect here today, ranging up to a rise of 140 percent on some apartments owned by private persons.

The higher rents on government-owned property will be in effect only until next April 1, according to the decree. The increases range from 10 pounds to 19 pounds (\$3.33 to \$6.33), depending on the size of the flats.

NEW AMERICAN FIRM TO START PROSPECTING FOR OIL IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Prospecting for oil in several areas of Israel will be begun soon by a new American firm, the Asher Corporation, it was announced here today by Wesley Hancock, of Wilmington, Del., one of the heads of the firm. The Asher Corporation will drill for oil on the western slopes of Lower Galilee, in the Jezreel Valley and on Mount Carmel, Mr. Hancock said.

BRITISH COURT OF APPEALS DISMISSES SENTENCE IMPOSED ON NAZI LEADER

LONDON, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- An appeals court dismissed today a two-month prison term imposed on British National Socialist party leader Colin Jordan for "insulting behavior" during a riotous meeting of the party at London's Trafalgar Square last July 1.

A parallel appeal by party secretary John Tyndall was rejected but his six-week jail sentence was quashed and a 10-pound (\$28) fine was levied instead. R. E. Seaton, who presided, said: "We have considered Jordan's speech with very great care. It was very near the borderline but in our view it just failed to setp over the edge." He added that it was "a great pity there is no power to bar meetings of this sort" and expressed the hope something would be done about it.

Jordan said he was "very pleased" with the outcome and added "I must admit I did not expect it." Declaring he would continue to make speeches, he said the appeal verdict "confirmed the conviction that free speech is still allowed in Britain."

Jordan earlier had appealed to the British Education Ministry against his dismissal from his teaching post in a Coventry secondary school. The Coventry Education Commission suspended Jordan after the July 1 rally. In a letter to the Education Ministry, the neo-Nazi said the commission had refused to give any reason for the dismissal or to acquaint him with any charges. He asserted that the procedure was not "a right or fair process of dismissal."

Jordan, Tyndall and two other National Socialist officials are still scheduled to appear at the next session of the Central Criminal court on charges of violating the British Public Order Act. The specific charge is that of organizing "Spearhead," a paramilitary group.

U. S. IS SEEKING TO DEPORT YUGOSLAV COLLABORATOR FROM COUNTRY

DETROIT, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service has been seeking to deport Andrija Artukovic, the Yugoslavian charged with participation in wartime Nazi crimes in that country, to a country other than Yugoslavia, according to a reply received by a Detroit resident who had inquired about the status of the case.

Saul Karpf wrote to the United States Attorney General and received a reply from the Immigration and Naturalization Service Office in Los Angeles, reporting that the Federal agency had had a final order for Artukovic's deportation since April 1953 but that action was deferred pending the outcome of extradition hearings. The reply also noted that a United States Commissioner in California had ruled in 1959 that the crimes charged against Artukovic were political and that he was therefore not extraditable.

The Federal agency's office in San Pedro then granted Artukovic's application for a withholding of his deportation to Yugoslavia based on his claim that he would be physically persecuted in that country. At the same time, the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service "has continued its efforts to obtain a travel document for deportation to some other country but to date has been unsuccessful," the reply stressed.

CANADA BLACKLISTS ROCKWELL; WILL NOT PERMIT HIM TO ENTER THE COUNTRY

OTTAWA, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- George Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi party, has been included in a list of undesirable persons who will not be allowed to enter Canada in the future.

The addition of Rockwell's name to the list, which is circulated to all immigration officials, followed an incident last week in which the American Nazi was evicted from a Montreal hotel as an "undesirable person" when he came to organize anti-Semitism in Canada. He flew back to Washington the same day.

AMERICAN ZIONIST STUDENTS OPEN CONFERENCE; 99 COLLEGES REPRESENTED

CLINTON, Conn., Sept. 4. (JTA) -- Three hundred representatives from 99 college campuses met here today at a conference of the Student Zionist Organization.

Murray S. Greenfield, executive director of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, told the students that Americans who have worked in, or who have other ties with, developing countries, should form supporting groups similar to his association. He said such two-way associations, operating in the United States and in the developing countries, would serve as clearing houses for individual assistance and exchange information.

He said his group, which was founded in 1961, had given advice and aid on housing, jobs, language and customs to thousands of Americans and Canadians who either visited Israel or came to settle there.

He said more than 10,000 Association members, who include Foreign Minister Mrs. Golda Meir, give mutual aid and exchange information through the Association's newsletters, special events, housing mortgage plans and work conferences.

ISRAEL SENDS FIRST AID TO VICTIMS OF EARTHQUAKE IN IRAN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4. (JTA) -- An El Al plane left tonight for Teheran with a second shipment of first aid materials for the victims of Iran's catastrophic earthquake. The shipment will include medicines, tents, food and clothing. A first shipment of blankets was sent last night.