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BEN-GURION VOICES WARNING TO NASSER; STRESSES ISRAEL'S STRENGTH

JERUSALEM, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion warned the Arab world last night that if war is forced on Israel by miscalculating Arab leaders, "every one of us is ready to hit back and we will do everything so that the war will be waged on the attackers' territory within a few days."

Replying to threats from President Nasser on Egypt of the range of his new rockets, the Prime Minister used a phrase from a popular American song, "everything you can do, I can do better," in saying that what Nasser could do with missiles, "we can do with more skill, ability and knowledge."

He made his strong statement in an address at Sedjera, one of the first Jewish settlements in the lower Galilee where the Prime Minister himself worked 55 years ago as a young immigrant to the pre-state Jewish community in Palestine.

He asserted that Israel's army was stronger than those of the neighboring Arab countries but that it was doubtful whether "there is one Arab leader who appreciates this and who is therefore not planning to attack Israel." For this reason, he said, Israel "must maintain a strong deterring army."

The Prime Minister came to the settlement from a world meeting of Jewish War Veterans. In his address to the veterans he stressed the need of unity between all Jews which he called the main factor in preserving Jewish life and Jewishness throughout the world.

At a special Cabinet meeting today, the Prime Minister reported on his recent month-long tour of Scandinavian countries. The Cabinet approved the appointment of Joseph Almogi as Minister for Housing and Development to succeed the late Dr. Giora Josephthal. The new Housing Minister, who had been Minister without Portfolio, is a leading member of the Mapai party.

At the Prime Minister's request, Abba Eban will continue as acting Foreign Minister while Mrs. Golda Meir is abroad, in addition to his post as Education Minister. Previously, the Prime Minister had assumed the acting Foreign Ministry portfolio during Mrs. Meir's absence. She is now in the United States as head of the Israeli delegation at the current General Assembly of the United Nations.

Golda Meir and U. S. Secretary of State Hold Important Talks

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, met today with United States Secretary of State Dean Rusk in a conference that lasted an hour and a half, after which the two decided to hold another session in the near future.

Declaring only that "matters of mutual interest to the two Governments" were discussed at the lengthy session, spokesmen for both foreign policy chiefs stated that the talks were held "in an excellent atmosphere." The meeting was held at the offices of the United States delegation, across the street from United Nations headquarters.

At the United Nations, the first open clash between the Arab delegations and Israel at this year's General Assembly took place today when the Arabs fought hard to prevent the election of an Israeli delegate, Miss Hava Hareli, to the vice-chairmanship of the Assembly's Committee on Economic and Financial Affairs.

After a stiff, two-hour battle on the floor of the committee's session, the Arabs won a postponement on the voting for the group's vice-chairmanship. But Miss Hareli's ultimate election to the post was declared by many delegates, including Israelis, as virtually assured. The committee will resume its meeting next Monday. Miss Hareli's candidacy was formally co-sponsored by Madagascar, Upper Volta and Colombia.

ISRAEL COMPLETING NEGOTIATIONS FOR \$22,000,000 LOAN IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- An Israeli economic team, headed by David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, is completing negotiations with the World Bank here for a \$22,000,000 loan to construct a modern highway network in Israel. The loan will be at the rate of 5-1/2 percent and will extend over 10 years. Approval from the bank's board of governors is still pending but is expected in the next few weeks.

SWISS PARLIAMENT ADOPTS BILL RELEASING BANK DEPOSITS OF NAZI VICTIMS

BERNE, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- The National Council, one of the two houses of the Swiss Parliament, adopted today a bill providing for the release to surviving heirs of funds deposited in Swiss banks by Nazi victims, most of them Jews later annihilated by the Nazis.

The accounts, comprising properties estimated to total up to \$500,000,000, and publicly identified only by numbers, have been dormant since the end of the Second World War. Numbered accounts, many of which were opened to keep the properties from being confiscated by the Nazi regime, have never been identified publicly by name under the secrecy law for Swiss banks passed in 1937.

The bill provides for the distribution of the funds and properties, which include securities, insurance policies and deeds, to the surviving dependents of representatives of the Nazi victims. Any sums still remaining unclaimed, according to the bill, "shall be vested in a philanthropic fund." Only four of the 196 members of the National Council opposed the bill, arguing that secrecy of the Swiss banks should in any way be affected.

ISRAEL SUPREME COURT REDUCES SENTENCE OF CONVICTED MAPAM LEADER

JERUSALEM, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- A Supreme Court tribunal upheld today the conviction of veteran Mapam leader Aharon Cohen on charges of passing information to a foreign power but cut his sentence of five years to 30 months.

Three justices, sitting as an appeals court, split on the decision. Justices Moshe Landau and Zvi Berinson constituted the majority favoring upholding the conviction. Justice Alfred Witkon favored rejection of the conviction and a verdict of acquittal.

The justices found Cohen guilty of charges of contacts with foreign agents for 14 months and of conveying information on events in Israel. The three justices found that the third count on which the Mapam leader had been convicted, transmitting information dealing with security matters, lacked adequate evidence. The cut in the sentence was made, the justices ruled, in consideration of the defendant's excellent record in the pre-state period and in the period since his indictment and arrest.

NEW ARGENTINE MINISTER PLEDGES TO SUPPRESS ANTI-SEMITIC ACTS

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- A pledge to suppress any anti-Semitic manifestations in Argentina was made today by the new Acting Interior Minister at a press conference.

Alvaro Alsogaray, who is also Economic Minister, denied reports that there had been serious outbreaks of anti-Semitism in Argentina and that the Argentine Government was not acting against "the few episodes" which he called "truly insignificant." He made the statements in discussing Argentina's "new look" following the easing of the latest political crisis in Argentina. "I wish to guarantee in the most absolute manner that any such occurrence which might happen will be repressed with maximum energy," he said.

In another development, Police Chief Horacio Green, who has accused Argentine Jewry of taking the law into its own hands in combatting the wave of anti-Semitic incidents which broke out in Argentina following the execution in Israel of Adolf Eichmann last May 31, resigned. The resignation of Green, who holds the rank of captain in the Argentine Navy, apparently was brought about because of the Navy's position in the latest power clash.

MOSLEY ADDRESSES STUDENTS IN BUFFALO WITHOUT INCIDENT

BUFFALO, N.Y., Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Sir Oswald Mosley, British fascist leader, addressed a gathering of students and teachers today at the State University of New York here under heavy police guard. A few students picketed in front of the hall in which he spoke but there were no demonstrations or disturbances during Mosley's address. University officials praised the decorum of the audience which packed the hall to hear the speaker.

On his arrival here this morning, Mosley was met by students carrying placards reading "No Nazis Here," and "Keep Our City Clean." At the airport, Mosley told reporters that "I have never been and am not an anti-Semite. I've never attacked any man's race, birth or religion." Then he added: "Jewish interests were trying to get us into a war with Germany, not in a British but a Jewish quarrel." He said among the "remarkable things" Hitler accomplished was that "he solved the unemployment problem."

Asked why Jews regarded him as another Hitler, he replied that this was because Jews were "very excitable and very hysterical. I don't blame them because of the trouble they have experienced." If he ever came to power, he said, "Jews would in no way be affected if they obey the laws. There would be no discrimination against Jews."

Mosley was the first of a series of speakers on a program organized by the Students Association to provide students presentations of all shades of political opinion. Student Association officials defended their choice of Mosley with the assertion it was "very difficult" to find a fascist who could give a "dispassionate" analysis of that ideology. They added that the invitation did not constitute an endorsement of Mosley's views.

JEWISH PRESENTATIONS TO VATICAN BACKED BY ALL CARDINALS IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Cardinal Dom Augusta da Silva, of Bahia, today notified the Confederation of Jewish Communities of Brazil that he will support fully "all the noble and justified demands of the Jewish community," at the forthcoming Ecumenical Council to be convened at the Vatican next month. He pledged to support efforts to be made at the sessions of the Council to eliminate from Catholic texts all anti-Jewish expressions.

With the receipt of this assurance from Cardinal Dom Augusta da Silva, the Jewish community in this country has now received pledges on this issue from all four of the Catholic archbishops in Brazil. The three other cardinals made similar promises to the Confederation within the last month.

SCHOLARS FROM 14 LANDS CONCLUDE PARLEY ON JEWISH LIFE IN EUROPE

BRUSSELS, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Some 70 scholars from 14 countries closed a three-day Conference on Jewish Life in Contemporary Europe today with the creation of a committee to prepare and coordinate the studies on the situation of the various European countries discussed during the sessions.

In approving a program for future research, the delegates decided to start a study of the political, philosophical and religious views of students. A study group on research in social psychology, sociology and history in relation to contemporary Judaism also was recommended. The scholars also agreed that the dissemination of various scientific studies by institutions and individual scholars should be encouraged. Another proposal was the translation of studies of international interest. The delegates also decided to publish the reports, discussions and conclusions adopted during the conference.

The conference was organized jointly by the Institute of Contemporary Jewry of the Hebrew University and the National Center for Higher Jewish Studies at Brussels University. Countries represented included Belgium, Denmark, France, West Germany, Britain, Yugoslavia, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, Israel, Italy, Portugal, the United States and Switzerland.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS CONCLUDE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Jewish war veterans from seven countries ended today a ten-day world conference with a decision to seek international cooperation on such issues as defending Jewish rights.

The American contingent was led by Marton London of Teaneck, N. J., national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of America. Captain Joshua Goldberg, a retired U. S. Navy chaplain, announced that a steering committee had decided to organize a world group for liaison among the various national war veteran organizations. Other countries represented were Israel, France, Belgium, South Africa, Australia and Canada.

WEIZMANN SCIENTISTS SOLVE AGE-OLD RIDDLE OF THEORY OF TIDES

NEW YORK, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Scientists at Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science have cracked a classic mathematical riddle and are using the solution to make detailed predictions of the tides at every seaport in the world as well as at points beneath the oceans. This is said to be the first time that world tides have ever been calculated from pure theory alone.

The study, which also has bearing on theories of the cosmos, was reviewed in a report of the Institute's scientific activities made public here today by Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

The basic theory of tides was developed by a French mathematician, Laplace, in 1775. But as recently as four years ago, the report said, Weizmann scientists "also nearly succumbed to the general feeling that this task was impossible." The breakthrough was scored by a combination of new mathematical tools and electronic computer techniques, the report added.

ISRAELI EXHIBITION OPENED IN BERLIN BY A GROUP OF GERMAN YOUTHS

BERLIN, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- An exhibition of Israeli maps and other documents illustrating Israel's problems and the achievements of the Jewish State was opened here by a group of 26 West Berlin youths who returned this week from a four-week tour of Israel. All are non-Jewish. The exhibit, said the sponsors, is aimed to serve as instruction materials in German schools.

Among those who attended the opening of the exhibit were Dr. Heinz Galinsky, chairman of the West Berlin Jewish Community; and Mrs. Ella Kay, West Berlin Senator in charge of youth activities in this city-state.

In Essen, more than 7,000 persons have visited the Israel Stamp Exhibition on display there, exhibit officials said today. All stamps issued since the establishment of Israel are being shown. The exhibit will be shown later in other cities of West Germany.

NEW YORK STATE TO PROHIBIT READING OF ANY PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., Sept. 26, (JTA) -- The chief legal authority of the New York State Education Department ruled unconstitutional yesterday the reading aloud of any prayers in public schools in the state.

Speaking at the annual meeting here of the State Council of City and Village School Superintendents, Dr. Charles A. Brind, counsel to the department, said schools could not allow readings from the Bible when these were intended for spiritual--as against objective instructional--purposes. If a teacher allowed a pupil to recite a prayer aloud, he warned, the prayer automatically would be an official one.

He said this interpretation of the United States Supreme Court ruling of June 20 which barred a New York State Regents prayer from use in public schools, stemmed from the fact that teachers as employees of local boards of education were agents of the state.

He pointed out that there was no important legal difference between a prayer proposed by the state--as the Regents Prayer was done--and one approved by a school board or by a member of its staff.

Dr. Brind added that his comments were based on a ruling on August 29 by Dr. James E. Allen, State Commissioner of Education. Dr. Allen then ruled against the Hicksville, L. I. school board which wanted pupils to recite as a prayer a stanza of the Star Spangled Banner. The Education Commissioner declared that regardless of the source, such school board action made the prayer an official one and therefore unconstitutional.

JUVENILE COURT TAKES JURISDICTION OVER YOUNG SWASTIKA SMEARERS

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 26. (JTA) -- The juvenile court here took jurisdiction today in the cases of two teenage youth who confessed to smearing anti-Semitic signs on a Roman Catholic church.

Assistant Prosecutor Harold Dean asked Circuit Court Judge George Kinmonth, Jr., to hand the youths, Robert E. Ames, 17, of Old Lyme, Conn., and Diego Teixeira, 16, of Silver Spring, Md., over to juvenile court. They were charged with breaking and entering and larceny and damage to private property. They admitted scribbling "Jew Joint" and the Star of David and swastikas on the church on August 27.

The youths, accompanied by a 14-year-old boy who was turned over to juvenile authorities on August 28, also were charged with painting a giant Star of David and an anti-Semitic scribble on a bridge in Old Lyme. The assistant prosecutor said he had recommended juvenile court jurisdiction because neither youth had ever been in trouble with the law before. He said that action by the Juvenile Court implies that the defendants or their parents will pay for damages.

AVIAD YAFEH RETURNS TO ISRAEL TO ASSUME POST IN FOREIGN MINISTRY

NEW YORK, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Prominent leaders of the American Jewish community including outstanding Zionists joined in a farewell reception here last night in honor of Aviad Yafeh, Israel Consul and director of the Israel Office of Information in the United States for the past five years, who is returning to Jerusalem this week to take up the post of director of the Information Department of the Israel Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Yafeh was lauded highly for his contributions to Israel-American understanding and friendship by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council; Mrs. Rose Halprin, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency executive; and Mrs. Judith Epstein, former president of Hadassah. The reception, which was given by the American Zionist Council, was held at the Jewish Agency headquarters. Mr. Yafeh will be succeeded here by Shlomo Argov.

PRESIDENT OF MEXICO ATTENDS JEWISH FAMILY PARTY; JOINS IN CEREMONY

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- President Adolfo Lopez Mateos attended a circumcision party here at the home of a personal friend, Jacob Lasky. The Mexican Chief of State was honored by Mr. and Mrs. Lasky with a part in the ritual, acting as the baby's godfather. It is believed here that this was the first time that the President of the Republic participated actively in a strictly Jewish ceremony.

CITY OF NEW YORK PAYS TRIBUTE TO ISRAELI BANK; PRESENTS CITATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- The City of New York paid tribute to Bank Leumi le-Israel and its New York Branch today when Commissioner of Commerce and Industrial Development Louis Brodsky presented Dr. Y. Foerder, chairman of Bank Leumi, with a citation on the occasion of the bank's 60th anniversary and the first anniversary of the establishment of the bank's New York Branch. The presentation was made at a dinner given by Gottlieb Hammer, president, American Israeli Shipping Company, Inc., at the Sherry Netherlands Hotel in honor of Dr. Foerder who is here on a brief visit from Tel Aviv.