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BRITAIN SEES NO END OF ARAB ISRAEL ARMS RACE WITHOUT PACT WITH RUSSIA

LCNDCN, July 22. (JTA) -- The arms race between Egypt and Israel can be solved only if a general agreement to this affect is reached between the Western powers and the Soviet Union, British officials indicated here today.

Their observations were made in connection with reports from Cairo stating that tomorrow will be the day when Egypt will display new modern air and sea armaments created in Egypt by German scientists and technicians, or acquired from the Soviet Union. Tomorrow is Egypt's "Independence Day", which will be celebrated with a display of supersonic jet-fighters, Russian-made air rockets and Komar rocket ships of Soviet make.

Foreign office circles here today pointed to the fact that the United States, France and, to a smaller extent, also Britain, are supplying Israel with defense weapons, with a view to keeping the arms balance in the Middle East. This, they said, is the second best of the two alternatives, since nothing has so far been done to bring about joint action on the part of the Soviet Union and the Western powers to put an end to the arms race between Nasser and Israel.

Foreign Office officials also stressed the fact that the Tripartite Declaration announced by Britain, France and the United States in 1950, guaranteeing the present Arab-Israel borders, has never been called off and is still, formally speaking, intact. At the same time, they emphasized that no one knows how effective this agreement could be in any emergency, adding that "this would not be the fault of Britain."

U. S. Diplomats in Cairo Reported Favoring German Scientists

A report from Cairo published here today said that American diplomats in Egypt would not like to see the departure of the German scientists helping Nasser to develop his rocket program. According to the report, the American diplomats in Cairo feel that this might undermine the Western influence on Nasser, since he might then turn to Moscow for Soviet technicians.

One American diplomat in Cairo was quoted in the report as stating: "We have an influence here and a presence -- and that is worth something if you are trying to keep the peace. What is more, the Middle East is a very cheap deal for the American taxpayer. That is why anything which upsets the area -- like the attempt to bar German scientists -- must be carefully examined to see what its effect may be on stability in the area."

A Moscow report by the Soviet news agency, Tass, today, revealed that Soviet technicians are to start work soon on a new, 740-mile network of high-voltage electric transmission lines in Egypt. The lines will stretch from Aswan to Cairo, and from the Nile to the Red Sea, the Tass report stated.

Director of U. S. Foreign Aid Questioned on Assistance to Nasser

WASHINGTON, July 22. (JTA) -- David Bell, director of the U. S. Agency for International Development, was subjected today to intensive personal cross-examination by Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, in a private meeting with a select group of congressmen which turned into an inquiry into the wisdom of continued American aid to Egypt.

It was learned that Mr. Bell expressed concern over Egypt's actions if aid were to be severed, and voiced fear that the situation would be worse. But he appeared to give serious consideration to the proposal by Rep. Halpern that standards of international conduct and morality be linked with aid.

Rep. Halpern is co-sponsor of the Keating-Halpern amendment which provides for severance of aid to nations which use their own resources to acquire Soviet arms. At the meeting with Mr. Bell, Mr. Halpern, supported by other members of the congressional group, insisted that Congress had an obligation to establish guidelines to be respected in the administration of the aid program abroad.

GOLDA MEIR CONFERS WITH U.N. TRUCE CHIEF ON SYRIA'S ABDUCTIONS

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Golda Meir demanded last night that the United Nations effect the immediate release by Syria of six persons abducted by Syria on Israel's Lake Tiberias, a week ago. She made the request in a conference in her office with Maj. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the U.N. body. She warned that Israel would have no alternative but to react forcefully -- as Israel has done in the past -- if Syrian armed forces entered the current dispute.

The kidnaping occurred a week ago. Today, it developed that United Nations military observers, occupying an observation post in the Syrian hills overlooking Lake Tiberias, had witnessed the abduction. Six persons-- three Belgians and three Israelis -- were on the lake in a motor boat which had, apparently, been disabled. Syrian army men and civilians waded into the water and forcibly dragged the small craft with its occupants to the shore.

Mrs. Meir emphasized to Gen. Bull that the lake is entirely in Israeli territory. She stressed the fact that there is an Israeli fringe of about 30 feet of land on the lake's eastern shoreline, so that there be no doubt that the entire lake is within Israel's sovereignty. Noting that Israel has permitted Syrian fishermen to cast their nets on the lake, Mrs. Meir pointed out that such fishing was tolerated by Israel so as not to endanger the livelihood of the Syrian fishermen, or punish them for their country's leaders' engagement in power politics.

U.N. Secretary General Asked to Seek Return of Abducted

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 22. (JTA) -- Syria's abduction of six persons on Lake Tiberias over a week ago, and a request for United Nations intervention for the return of the six to Israel, figured prominently today, when Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, conferred here with Secretary General U Thant. Representations on that issue had been made to the U.N. last week on Israel's behalf by a member of Israel's permanent mission here, Col. Yaacov Montaz.

Today's Comay-Thant conference had been scheduled prior to the development of the latest Syrian incident, since Mr. Comay is about to depart for a month's stay in Israel to consult with his Government about issues to arise at the next session of the General Assembly. The latter body will open its annual, regular session September 17. Mr. Comay will leave for Israel Wednesday. In addition to discussing the Syrian incident, the Israeli diplomat and the U.N. chief talked also about other current Middle East problems in general.

At the same time, today, Mr. Comay presented to Mr. Thant the new Israeli deputy permanent representative to the United Nations, Yoel Barromi. Mr. Barromi, born in Italy, and holding doctorates in jurisprudence from Rome University and the Hebrew University, emigrated to Palestine in 1939, served during World War II in the British army, served in the Israeli Army in 1948-49, and latterly held posts in the Israel Foreign Ministry as head of the Latin American and Western Affairs desks.

MOSCOW REPORTS DEFECTION OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE EXPERT ON MID-EAST

WASHINGTON, July 22. (JTA) - The Soviet Government newspaper "Izvestia" reported today that an Arab born former employe of the U.S. National Security Agency in Washington, who specialized in the Arab-Israel area, has defected to Russia and asked political asylum because he was "outraged" by American policies in the Near East.

He was identified as Victor Norris Hamilton (born "Hindala"), 44 years old, and a graduate of the American University of Beirut. He was said to be an expert in the U.S.A. Near Eastern Intelligence Section known as "Allo," and his responsibilities were said to have included the United Arab Republic, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Yemen, and other regional countries.

U.J.A. STUDY MISSION MEETS WITH TOP ISRAELI LEADERS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 22. (JTA) -- Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, met today with the 74-member United Jewish Appeal Young Leadership Study Mission which is currently visiting Israel. Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice president of the UJA, introduced the members of the mission to Mr. Sharett.

The mission was also addressed by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. When questioned on American Jews settling in Israel, Mr. Eshkol replied that Israel's need for know-how in many fields, as well as the overall challenge and inspiration of participating in the upbuilding of the Jewish state, would eventually attract more and more American Jews to settle here.

SOVIET GOVT. CHARGED WITH DISTORTIONS ABOUT ANTI-SEMITISM IN U.S.

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- Three leading American Jewish organizations today charged the Soviet Government with "shocking distortions" about anti-Semitism in the United States, in an effort to divert world attention from the Soviet's official policy of prejudice and discrimination against its three million Jewish citizens.

The charge was made in an open letter to Izvestia, official organ of the Soviet Government. The letter was signed by A.M. Sonnabend, president of the American Jewish Committee, Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, and Label Katz, president of B'nai B'rith.

The three leaders asserted that anti-Semitism in the U.S. today, "is at its lowest level in American history." This fact, they said, is in direct conflict with an article in Izvestia, of May 19, which had "outrageously distorted the facts" in saying that "anti-Semitism has assumed a truly colossal scope in America," and that "Jews in the U.S. suffer incredible humiliation, discrimination and anti-Semitism."

The three organizations, whose common purpose is to combat anti-Semitism in the United States and throughout the world, did not deny that "anti-Semitism is present in America and that there are tragic imperfections in the relations between different groups in our country." They said, however, that "through information and education, community action, public opinion, and with the help of law and government, we are working for the improvement of our society." The letter added:

"We have the right freely to criticize and combat imperfections, to make demands of our leaders and government, to change institutions and the climate of opinion. Through our actions, and those of many other civil rights groups throughout the land, we have helped to bring about profound changes in practices and attitudes."

U.S. Jewish Leaders Cite Anti-Jewish Discriminations in Russia

In contrast to the situation in the United States, the three organizations said that "Soviet Jews are deprived by official policy of religious and cultural rights which all other ethnic groups in the country have" and "Jews are the victims of discrimination in universities and in basic sectors of employment."

The three leaders urged that Soviet officials admit "the existence of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union" rather than contenting themselves with "ritualistic assertions that the Soviet constitution and Soviet law prohibit anti-Semitism and discrimination." They added: "The same Soviet constitution and the same laws were in effect when Stalin's 'doctors' plot' was fabricated, as Pravda itself admitted, to 'inflame feeling of national enmity' and, according to Izvestia, to instigate 'racial hatred.'"

Citing anti-Jewish propaganda in the Soviet press, the letter asserted: "For years the Soviet press has conveyed to its readers a viciously negative image of the Jews, drawn in all the traditional anti-Semitic stereotypes. In the last two years, the ominous impact of this press campaign has been sharpened, and the acute humiliation and alienation of the Jews aggravated, by a systematic campaign against economic crimes, for which the Jews have been used as the scapegoat."

"Employing the major public instruments of propaganda, pressure, and law, this campaign has singularly victimized the Jews and drawn public attention to their Jewishness," the letter stressed. "Though they constitute little more than 1 per cent of the country's total population, the government has made the Jews primarily accountable for economic crimes -- 60 per cent of those executed for economic crimes have been Jews. The significance of this entire policy pattern is not lost on the Soviet people."

Contrast Restrictions in Russia With Freedom of U.S. Jews

In a point-by-point refutation of the charges made by Izvestia about anti-Semitism in America, the organizations pointed to numerous "gross errors and distortions." They said that "the person described in Izvestia as a high-ranking Pentagon official" who belonged to George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi party, was merely a "minor civilian employee of the U.S. Army Map Service. Because of his membership in Rockwell's organization he was dismissed from his position."

"If any government has connived with American Nazis, it was a Soviet official. Valentin M. Ivanov, a former first secretary of the Soviet Embassy who was expelled from the U.S. in 1960, had many secret rendezvous with Roger C. Foss, one of Rockwell's supporters, trying to induce him -- with cash gifts amounting to \$500 -- to get a U.S. government job from which he could report to the Russians."

Contrasting the restrictions on Soviet Jews with the freedom of American Jews "to participate in those Jewish associations which express their own concept of Jewish identity," the letter said: "In America, Jews can be identified with the Jewish group or not, as they choose. Their choices are many. They can be religious or secular. They can

belong to religious institutions of their choice -- Orthodox, Conservative or Reform congregations -- or to non-synagogal Jewish community centers and to Hebrew cultural groups. They can choose from hundreds of Jewish newspapers and journals, and books of Jewish interest in English, Hebrew or Yiddish. They can elect to give their children a secular education or a religious one."

The letter expressed the hope that the Soviet Government "will extend to its Jewish citizens the same human, religious and cultural rights that other Soviet citizens have."

AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR PAVILION ON ISRAEL AT WORLD'S FAIR IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- Plans for a pavilion at the New York 1964-1965 World's Fair, which will display the products and art of Israel and highlight the history and culture of the Jewish people in relation to the Holy Land, were jointly announced here today by the New York World's Fair Corporation and the American-Israel World's Fair Corporation.

Agreements for the leasing of the land and the construction of the pavilion were signed in ceremonies held at the office of the World's Fair Corporation by former Governor Charles Poletti, Fair vice president in charge of International Affairs and Exhibits, and Harold S. Caplin, chairman of the Board of the American-Israel World's Fair Corporation. The Israeli Government had planned to have its own pavilion at the fair, but found that it would be too costly.

Nathan Straus III, president of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, stated that the chamber initiated this project in order to have a pavilion at the World's Fair which will "depict the history and culture of the Jewish people in relation to the Holy Land, the era of the Old Testament and the Old Testament itself; to display, promote and sell arts, products and services of Israel; and to stress American interest and participation in Israel."

The pavilion will be built on a site of 14,450 square feet in the Fair's International Area at the crossroads of the Avenue of Europe and the Avenue of Africa. In addition to the main exhibit area, the pavilion will have sections for the display and sale of products from Israel, as well as a restaurant-snack bar, which will specialize in Israeli and Kosher products.

RABBI LOOKSTEIN RE-ELECTED ACTING PRESIDENT OF BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY

TEL AVIV, July 22. (JTA) -- Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein was re-elected today as acting president of Bar-Ilan University. At the same time, Dr. Tuvia Bar-Ilan resigned his post as the university director, but joined the institution's managing committee.

At a press conference here today, following his re-election, Rabbi Lookstein said that a three-man committee will decide about the university's permanent presidency. He will be on the committee, he said, along with Minister of the Interior Moshe Shapiro and Prof. Sol Lieberman. Plans for the expansion of the university, he said, are progressing.

LOS ANGELES JEW OFFERS FOREST LAND TO SYNAGOGUES FOR SUMMER CAMPS

LOS ANGELES, July 22. (JTA) -- Temples and synagogues of this city -- Orthodox, Reform and Conservative -- have been given a unique offer of 480 acres of choice, virgin forest land for use as children's summer camps, on a non-profit basis.

The offer was announced by Paul Shapiro, an attorney, on behalf of the owner of the land, Israel Blum, a long-time resident of this state. Mr. Shapiro said the land is located in the Sequoia National Forest, has plenty of water available, and is accessible by roads in the summertime.

Each of the three branches of Judaism is to receive 160 acres. The donor has stipulated, Mr. Shapiro said, that a percentage of the funds received by any camp established under the grant, is to be reserved for scholarships.

MINISTER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AUSTRIAN-ISRAEL SOCIETY IN VIENNA

VIENNA, July 22. (JTA) -- Otto Probst, Austrian Minister of Traffic, was elected today as president of the newly-formed Austrian-Israeli Society. The organization, declaring as its aim "the intensification of Austrian-Israeli cultural relations," held its first meeting today. In addition to Dr. Probst, it elected Cabinet Undersecretary Ludwig Steiner as a vice-president. Another vice-presidency was voted to Mrs. Hermona Simon, wife of the Israeli Ambassador to Austria.