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U.S. REPORTED REQUESTING ISRAEL TO JOIN THE MOSCOW NUCLEAR PACT

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- The United States was reported here today to have requested Israel to join the countries adhering to the new treaty initiated last week between the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union, for a cessation of nuclear testing in the atmosphere, outer space and under water.

United States Ambassador Walworth Barbour conferred with Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, last night. Today, at the regular session of the Cabinet, she reported on the talk with the U.S. envoy to the members of the coalition Government. She said that Mr. Barbour presented to her officially a copy of the test-ban treaty agreed upon by the Big Three at Moscow.

The members of the Cabinet requested copies of the treaty for further study. A decision on whether Israel is to adhere to the pact is expected to be made at the next meeting of the Cabinet, a week from today.

MOSCOW TALKS CITED AS EXAMPLE OF NEED FOR DIRECT ARAB-ISRAEL TALKS

TEL AVIV, July 28. (JTA) -- The success of the direct talks in Moscow between the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union, on the banning of atomic tests in the air and under water, was cited here today by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol as best proof for the need of direct Arab-Israel negotiations to achieve Arab-Israel peace.

Speaking at a press conference here, the Israeli Prime Minister said the successful results of the Moscow talks encourage Israel to continue to ask for direct negotiations with the Arabs. Direct talks, he stressed, bear the best results. "I do not know of a better solution to the Arab-Israel problem than direct negotiations," he declared. The Big Power treaty initiated in Moscow last week, he said, should be regarded as a gateway to more understanding between opposing blocks, but it is still to be seen if it has any bearing on the situation in the Middle East.

Regarding Israel's relations with the Soviet Union, Mr. Eshkol said Israel had tried on a number of occasions to achieve an improvement here, but that Israel found no listening ears. Similarly, he said Israel had also revealed its good will toward Communist China, but "we wanted and still expect a more positive reaction."

Israel Preparing to Answer Nasser's Threats, Eshkol Says

With regard to the threat voiced by Egypt's President Nasser last week at the military parade in Cairo, in which he emphasized that he is preparing "to free Palestine of Zionists," Mr. Eshkol said that Israel's reply to this threat will be military preparations.

"The best reply to preparations is preparations," he stated. "I am often blamed for speaking too much of peace. Yet this does not come instead of alertness and preparedness. There will be no easy going about this."

Regarding atomic research in Israel, Mr. Eshkol said the atomic reactor in Dimona is progressing according to plan, though there are the normal delays of engineering and construction adjustments. He said he does not contemplate any visit or meeting with heads of states outside Israel in the next few months, and that the Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, would head Israel's delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, scheduled to convene in September.

The Prime Minister said he favors the introduction to Israel of educational television and, in due course, might consider the establishment of a general television network for the country. As to proposals to bring the remains of the late Zionist Revisionist leader, Zeev Jabotinsky, to Israel for reburial, Mr. Eshkol said he does not consider dealing with this question in the near future. Mr. Jabotinsky had requested in his will, prior to his death in 1940, that the Jewish State, which he foresaw, bring his remains to the State for reburial.

ISRAEL SENDS AID TO YUGOSLAVIA FOR VICTIMS OF SKOPJE EARTHQUAKE

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- Israel has offered to help Yugoslavia's sufferers from the disastrous earthquake at Skopje, and Yugoslavia has accepted the offer "gratefully," Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister, reported to the Cabinet here today. The first shipments of aid to the victims of the catastrophe left Israel by air tonight, with the full Cabinet's approval.

Mrs. Meir told the Cabinet she offered to Yugoslavia immediate dispatch of Israeli teams of personnel to help the victims of the earthquake, as well as tents, medical supplies and vitamins. In its acceptance, the Yugoslavian Government asked that the tents and supplies be sent first, waiving temporarily the offer of medical teams and other personnel from Israel.

TWELVE YOUNG ZEALOTS SENTENCED IN JERUSALEM FOR STONING BUSES

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- Twelve young religious zealots were sentenced by a magistrate here today to five days' imprisonment each, after being convicted of having caused a Sabbath disturbance yesterday, near the Mandelbaum Gate, by stoning buses and damaging bus stations. Six others, all under 16, were detained by police. One of the latter group is a son of Dr. Zorach Warhaftig, Minister for Religious Affairs.

The melee started when members of the ultra-Orthodox Neturei Karta massed near the Mandelbaum Gate where Israeli buses had been lined up to transport Baptist pilgrims entering this country from Jordan-held part of Jerusalem, for a tour of Israel. The Baptists are members of a large group of their faith holding a world conference at Beirut, Lebanon.

The ultra-Orthodox youths started throwing stones at the buses. Israeli police tried to halt the demonstration. For a time, the riot was quieted when the police authorities convinced the demonstrators that all of the bus drivers were non-Jewish and were, therefore, not violating the Sabbath. However, the rioting was resumed when Neturei Karta adherents charged that some of the buses were owned by the Hamkasher Cooperative, all of whose members are Jewish.

Considerable damage was caused by the rioters. When several of the demonstrators were arrested, their colleagues tried to rescue them, and the fighting between the rioters and police was intensified. Two policemen were injured.

The bus company suspended service today in the Mea Shaarim quarter, where the Neturei Karta adherents live. Bus firm officials said the service had been halted because many vehicles needed repairs. Members of the Neturei Karta set up their own transport in automobiles mobilized to take residents of their quarter to or from work.

ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTRY CLARIFIES PROTEST OF MOSCOW'S CHIEF RABBI

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbi of the Soviet Union, Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin, did not attribute "ulterior motives" to Israeli Embassy staff members who distributed religious articles recently in Moscow, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said here today.

Commenting on the exchange of letters on the subject between Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim of Israel and Rabbi Levin, the spokesman said Israel's Ambassador in Moscow, Yosef Tekoah, had received a protest from Moscow's Jewish community leaders requesting that the distributions be halted.

In their protest, criticism was leveled against synagogue officials who were said to have exploited the newly available prayer books, prayer shawls and mezuzot for "material and crude purposes." These charges have also been made in Moscow by Rabbi Levin, who has censured three synagogue officials for dealing with the religious articles distributed by the Israeli Embassy personnel.

ISRAEL AGAIN ON AGENDA OF EUROMART MINISTERS MEETING OPENING TODAY

BRUSSELS, July 28. (JTA) -- The projected establishment of a link between Israel and the European Common Market will be on the agenda again when the European Economic Community's Council of Ministers convenes for its monthly meeting here tomorrow and Tuesday.

Amiel Najar, Israel's Ambassador to the EEC, met here today with S. Mansholt, deputy president of the EEC. It is expected that, at this month's Council of Ministers session, there will be only a general exchange of views regarding the EEC-Israeli link. The decisions upon which negotiations for the establishment of the link will be based are not expected to be reached until September.

U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY INCLUDES TWO ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUES IN ITS AGENDA

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 28. (JTA) -- Two items affecting Israel-Arab relations are on the provisional agenda of the next session of the General Assembly, scheduled to open September 17. The agenda was made public here today.

One of the items concerns the maintenance of the United Nations Emergency Force, which guards the Gaza Strip border and the freedom of Israeli shipping on the Gulf of Akaba. The other concerns a review of the activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

In addition, there are several items on the agenda of general interest to Jews the world over. Most of these are in the field of human rights. They include resolutions forwarded to the Assembly by the recent session of the Economic and Social Council, held at Geneva. One of the drafts calls for the elimination of all racial discrimination, another proposes elimination of all religious discrimination.

A third ECOSOC report, dealing with the right of every person to leave his own country and return thereto, is also among the documents to be placed before the Assembly. The latter report touches upon the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union, who are forbidden to emigrate. However, the report does not mention the USSR specifically.

SWISS LAW ON UNCLAIMED HEIRLESS PROPERTIES ISSUED IN ENGLISH

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress office here today issued an English translation of the recently adopted Swiss decree on "Unclaimed Properties of Stateless Persons and Foreigners in Switzerland" and its implementing regulation. The law lifts the stringent Swiss banking regulations that protected the identity of depositors and have, until now, prevented action regarding bank accounts, deposits or other assets left unclaimed since the war.

Enactment of the Swiss legislation follows long negotiations, both by the Allies and various Jewish organizations -- Swiss and foreign. The decree deals with all kinds of properties of which it is known or presumed that they belonged to persons who have been "victims of racial, religious or political persecution."

EXTENSIVE STUDY OF PROBLEMS OF JEWISH STUDENTS STARTED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, July 28. (JTA) -- An extensive study to determine the social and educational problems facing Jewish college students has been launched by the Jewish Vocational Service here, it was announced today. The embarking on such a study was prompted by the fact that at least one out of three Jewish students have been dropping out of college.

Officials of the JVS pointed out that the problem of Jewish college drop-outs is serious, since at least 70 per cent of all Jewish high school graduates go on to college -- a higher rate than that prevailing in the general American population. The college drop-out survey, believed to be the first of its kind ever launched in the United States, will probe into Jewish students' personal and social adjustment to college life.

More than 800 college students who have contacted the JVS this summer will receive a questionnaire during the next month. Other questionnaires will be distributed in the fall through Hillel chapters on Midwest campuses. Tabulation of results is scheduled to start in October.

"Data obtained from these unsigned questionnaires will be instrumental in providing more effective counseling of young people who are planning to attend college," said Dr. William Gellman, executive director of the Jewish Vocational Service, an agency of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

"It will be of special value in advising students seeking assistance in choosing the right school. We hope this survey will be of significant help in reducing the drop-out rate among our young people, a vital factor in promoting the welfare of the Jewish community," he said.

VATICAN CRITICIZES U. S. SUPREME COURT'S BAN ON PRAYER IN SCHOOLS

ROME, July 28. (JTA) -- The United States Supreme Court's decision banning The Lord's Prayer in public schools was criticized this weekend by the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano.

The principle of separation between church and state in the United States, the newspaper said, "is tending to become, also legally, agnosticism."

U.S. TOURISTS SPENT \$23,000,000 IN ISRAEL LAST YEAR, EMBASSY REPORTS

LONDON, July 28. (JTA) -- American tourists visiting Israel spent \$23,000,000 in 1962 compared to \$22,000,000 in 1961 and \$20,000,000 in 1960, the U. S. Embassy reported this weekend.

INTERMARRIAGE BETWEEN JEWS AND NON-JEWS IN SOUTH AFRICA RISING

JOHANNESBURG, July 28. (JTA) -- Intermarriage between Jews and non-Jews in South Africa is on the increase "to an appreciable degree," the Federation of Synagogues of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State declared in its annual report here today. The report has been readied for submission to the third national Conference of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, to be convened here next month.

According to the report, intermarriage in South Africa "is assuming disquieting proportions." The report also noted that there is a shortage in this country of rabbis and other Jewish religious functionaries, and urged expansion of training for such posts by local Jewish institutions. Still another section of the report criticized Reform Judaism, declaring that the Reform movement is "the negation of everything Orthodox Jews stand for," and stating there can be no rapprochement between Jewish Orthodoxy and Reform Judaism.

In regard to general South African affairs, the report pledged support to the Government. Stating that "our country is beset by innumerable problems, and has become the target of violent attacks from the outside," the Federation pledged "unwavering loyalty" to South Africa. The Federation recorded its gratitude to the Government "for ever-ready assistance and cooperation from its many departments."

JEWISH COMMITTEE URGES RELAXATION OF SUNDAY LAW IN PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA, July 28. (JTA) -- Legislators in the Philadelphia area have been asked by the American Jewish Committee's chapter here to provide relief to businessmen who sustain losses because of Pennsylvania's Sunday closing laws.

A letter sent to each member of the state's House and Senate by Mrs. Leon C. Sunstein, Jr., chapter president, said that Orthodox Jews and members of certain Christian sects "are required to keep their businesses closed on Sunday although they remain closed on Saturday which they observe as their Sabbath." House Bills 975 and 976 have been introduced to remedy this situation, the letter noted.

House Bill 975 exempts from the Sunday Blue Laws persons who observe a Sabbath other than Sunday and keep their businesses closed that day. House Bill 976 permits a person to keep his business closed Saturday or Sunday. The group endorsed both bills but prefers the latter since no religious question is raised by it.

CALIFORNIA RABBIS BACK NEGRO FIGHT FOR RIGHTS; ISSUE STATEMENT

LOS ANGELES, July 28. (JTA) -- The Board of Rabbis of Southern California today issued a statement expressing "profound sympathy with the Negro community in Greater Los Angeles in its struggle to achieve full emancipation and equality." The Board represents Conservative, Orthodox and Reform rabbis.

"As Jewish religious teachers we are deeply concerned about the problems of discrimination and injustice which afflict our Negro neighbors," the statement said. "Our own history of suffering from prejudice and persecution has made us particularly sensitive to the plight of oppressed peoples everywhere.

"Our moral principles and way of life, drawn from the sacred texts of the Jewish religion -- the Bible and the Talmud -- move us to speak out at this time, as the ancient Hebrew prophets spoke out in their generation against the indignities imposed upon any group in our society.

"We call upon the political, civic, business and labor leaders of this great metropolitan center to act with dispatch in answer to the grievances voiced by Negro leaders through eliminating segregation and inequality in the social, educational and economic spheres of community life. We call upon the members of our congregations to act in all their business and social contacts with their fellow citizens in the Negro community in accordance with the moral imperatives of our religious tradition."

ONE-THIRD OF ALL JEWISH CHILDREN IN BRAZIL RECEIVE JEWISH EDUCATION

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 28. (JTA) -- A total of 8,450 children are enrolled in 43 Jewish schools in this country, Moshe Reznik, president of the culture and education department of the United Zionist Organization of Brazil, reported today at a plenary session of the UZO here. He reported that 33 per cent of the Jewish children in the country are receiving a Jewish education.

ISRAEL INVITED TO PAN-AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE IN BOGOTA

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 28. (JTA) -- Israel is the only non-American country invited to the Pan-American Educational Conference, to be held in Bogota, Colombia, from August 4 to August 10, it was announced here today.