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ISRAELI LEADERS REPORT STRENGTHENING OF COUNTRY'S SECURITY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The Israeli Air Force has been strengthened by the acquisition of more of France's newest interceptor, the Mirage Jet, and the Israeli Navy has been enlarged with additional ships and increased with locally produced various types of new weapons, Israeli military leaders reported today.

The Israeli Chief of Staff, General Zvi Tsur, commented in a statement on the recent threat by Syria that it would forcibly oppose completion of Israel's largest irrigation plan. He declared that the Israel armed forces could assure Israel's development plans. Israel is working on a project to tap Lake Tiberias in the North for irrigation of the Negev in the South.

General Tsur also reported that the Israeli Air Force successfully operated the Mirage interceptor last year, and that more planes of the same type will be received next year. He declared that Israeli armored equipment had been enlarged by additional tanks and by renovation of older tanks. He said that, recently, the Israeli Ordinance Corps modified British-built Centurion tanks.

Special attention is being given to preparation for installation of the American Hawk ground-to-air supersonic missile, which will be received shortly, he reported. The Hawks will make possible a significant improvement in Israel's anti-aircraft defenses, he added.

Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres reported that Israel's military industry had developed new types of weapons, and that it also was producing the guns used by the Mirage.

PRESIDENT OF IRAQ SAYS ONLY ARAB AIM IS 'TO ANNIHILATE ISRAEL'

CASABLANCA, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Iraqi President Aref today said that any payments of compensation to Jews whose property was confiscated when they left Iraq, Syria or Egypt, were "out of the question" if they subsequently settled in Israel.

In an interview in the Tunisian newspaper, Jeune Afrique, Marshal Aref also said he sees no possibility for an Arab-Jewish state within a federation of Arab countries.

"Our only aim is to annihilate Israel," he declared, adding that, as long as Jews considered themselves a nation, "there is no other solution to the Palestine issue except war."

Arab Rulers Split on Cairo Decision for 'Palestine Entity'

LONDON, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Ahmed Shukairy, the discredited former Saudi Arabian representative to the United Nations who was fired from his post by King Saud last year, will show up at the UN General Assembly again this year, leading a so-called "Palestine Arab Delegation," according to a decision reached by the political committee of the Arab League. The committee, meeting in Cairo, has given Shukairy carte blanche to organize his own "delegation," dispatches from Cairo reported here today.

In a statement in Cairo, after he had been selected by the committee, Shukairy said that the "Palestine Arabs" have decided "to take direct action to liberate Palestine." The League's political committee authorized him to start organizing a "Palestine entity," sort of a government-in-exile, to fight for the ousting of the Israelis from Palestine. However, both Jordan and Saudi Arabia opposed that move, fearing that such a set-up would jeopardize Jordanian rule. About half of Jordan's population consists of Arabs who claim to be refugees from Israeli Palestine.

During the last two sessions of the General Assembly, a group calling itself the "Palestine Arab Delegation" has appeared at the United Nations. Members of the group have been permitted to address the Assembly's committee dealing with the Arab refugee problem, but were recognized only as individuals.

JERUSALEM POLICEMEN INJURED IN CLASH WITH ZEALOTS; SEVEN ARRESTED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 22. (JTA) - Two policemen were injured here yesterday in a clash with ultra-orthodox zealots who demonstrated against Sabbath traffic through the Meah Shearim quarter of the city. Seven zealots were arrested in the melee, including one American who was identified as Hersch Leib Gansfried, a 21-year-old student at the Visnitza Yeshiva in Bnei Brak.

KENNEDY REPROACHES MOSCOW ON CLOSING OF SYNAGOGUES; VOICES CONDEMNATION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 22. (JTA) -- President Kennedy, in his address before the United Nations General Assembly on Friday, indirectly accused the Soviet Union of violating the UN Charter by closing down synagogues. Without mentioning the Soviet Government by name specifically, he stressed that member states of the United Nations "are committed by the Charter to promote and respect human rights." He then added:

"Those rights are not respected when a Buddhist priest is driven from his pagoda, when a synagogue is shut down, when a Protestant church cannot open a mission, when a Cardinal is forced into hiding, or when a crowded church service is bombed. The United States of America is opposed to discrimination and persecution on grounds of race and religion anywhere in the world, including our own nation," he emphasized.

Through legislation and administrative action, through moral and legal commitment, he pointed out, the U. S. Government "has launched a determined effort to rid our nation of discrimination which has existed far too long--in education, in housing, in transportation, in employment, in the Civil Service, in recreation and in places of public accommodation. And, therefore, in this or any other forum, we do not hesitate to condemn racial or religious injustice, whether committed or permitted by friend or by foe."

(Widespread approval of President Kennedy's reference to the religious discrimination against Soviet Jewry in his United Nations address was expressed today by the Israeli press which warned, however, that Israelis will have to undertake a more active policy in this area to secure international support for a change in the situation. The world will not understand President Kennedy's intervention, "if the Israel delegation does not express its own feelings about the plight of Soviet Jews," Hatzoker, General Zionist newspaper declared, reflecting the prevailing opinion in Israel.)

Soviet Charged with 'Expunging' Sufferings of Jews from History

LONDON, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Richard Crossman, Laborite member of the British Parliament, reporting on a recent visit to the Soviet Union, charged today that "the sufferings of the Jews of Kiev" during the Nazi occupation "have been expunged from Russian history as a topic which causes too much discomfort and arouses too much suppressed emotion."

In a broadcast over the BBC, the member of the House of Commons said that he had wanted to visit Babi Yar, the gully outside of Kiev where the Nazis slaughtered more than 75,000 Jewish men, women and children in one of the worst massacres of Russian Jews. He said that when he talked to his Russian hosts in Kiev, he had asked whether the Jews of Kiev had not suffered particularly at the hands of the Nazis. He said they replied with anger that the Jews of Russia were no different from anyone else.

His temper rising, Crossman reported, he asked "then why are they the only people who have to put their religion on their identity papers?" The reply was that "this does not make them any different. They have their own republic in Siberia and are represented on the Soviet Council of Ministers, so they are not different from the Georgians or anyone else."

Crossman said he retorted that there was a difference, since the Georgia province was "the homeland of the Georgians while the Jews do not want to live in that confounded republic." His hosts commented, "well, that's their own fault." By then, said the MP, he realized that the sufferings of the Russian Jews had been expunged from Russian history.

Rabbis to Devote Yom Kippur Sermons to Soviet Jewry

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- In a special pastoral letter addressed to all members of The Rabbinical Assembly, the international association of Conservative rabbis, Rabbi Theodore Friedman, president of the organization, today called on his colleagues to devote their Yom Kippur sermons to the situation and problems that confront the Jewish community in Russia. The members of The Rabbinical Assembly serve hundreds of congregations in the United States, Canada, Latin America, Germany and Israel.

Speaking of the threats to the Jewish communities of Soviet Russia today, Rabbi Friedman said: "There is no more suitable occasion for bringing this situation to the attention of our people as effectively as we can, than on the High Holy Days, when we discuss the fate and future of our people. Virtually every week brings fresh evidence of the unrelenting policy of the Soviet Government to effectuate the extinction of Jewish religious practices and cultural life."

A sharp protest against the death sentence imposed by a Soviet court against Rabbi B. Gavrilov, of Pyatigorsk, was sent to the Soviet Ambassador in Washington by Rabbi Abraham N. Avrutick, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, an Orthodox group. The letter, voicing the sentiments of the several hundred rabbis who are members of the Council, requested the Soviet envoy, Anatoly F. Dobrynin, to ask his Government to remit the death sentence and to stop persecuting the Jewish people in the USSR.

An officer of the Council declared that, unless a positive answer were received from Ambassador Dobrynin "in a few days," the U. S. Government will be asked to intervene on the issue with the Soviet delegation at the United Nations.

MISS ARENDT'S VIEWS ON EICHMANN TRIAL CALLED 'DANGEROUS NONSENSE'

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Judge Michael A. Mussmano, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, delivered a scathing denunciation here tonight against various intellectuals who have recently voiced "apologies for Nazis, who plunged the world into an ocean of blood." He named specifically Prof. Bruno Bettelheim, of the University of Chicago; Miss Hannah Arendt, author of "Eichmann in Jerusalem"; and Raul Hilberg, another author of a book on Nazi atrocities against Jews.

Justice Mussmano, who was one of the judges in the international war crimes trial at Nuremberg, and who testified for the prosecution at Adolf Eichmann's trial in Jerusalem, was the principal speaker at installation ceremonies held by Bnai Zion, the American fraternal Zionist organization. Norman G. Levine was installed as president, while Edward Sharf and Judge Arthur Markewich were installed as members of the executive board and the administrative committee, respectively. Judge Harry A. Pine, of Newark, presided.

The Pennsylvania jurist rejected Miss Arendt's views of Eichmann's career as "dangerous nonsense." He characterized as "foolish" the theme advanced by Prof. Bettelheim, who had held that Eichmann had not issued orders to kill Jews. He declared that Raul Hilberg "had done incalculable harm by asserting that the unspeakable murder of 6,000,000 Jews was, to a great extent, the fault of the Jews themselves because they did not rebel against their murderers."

During the ceremonies, Justice Mussmano was presented with a citation showing that a 1,000-tree grove is being planted in his honor in the American Freedom Forest in Jerusalem in recognition "of his outstanding services and leadership in behalf of humanity and justice to all peoples."

ORTHODOX JEWS APPEAL TO FEDERATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF ALL-DAY SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Orthodox leaders renewed their appeal today for Jewish communal support of all-day Jewish schools with a warning that they might otherwise have to seek government aid.

Participating in the appeal to Jewish federations and welfare funds were Rabbi A.N. Avrutick, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, Morris Morgenstern, head of the Morgenstern Foundation, and Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, director of Torah Umesorah, an association for such schools. An estimated 54,000 children attend 275 all-day schools throughout the United States, most of them under Orthodox sponsorship.

Rabbi Avrutick said the growth of the day school movement had been accompanied by a deficit that threatened "the very existence of these schools." Mr. Morgenstern asked the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies to give "maximum financial support" to day schools in the New York area. Present support was called "nominal" by Dr. Kaminetsky, who said that the Federation annually allocated \$750,000 to the Jewish Education Committee, of which \$50,000 goes to the day schools with 39,000 pupils in New York City. Declaring that there are 179 Orthodox day schools in New York, he said they were struggling with budgets aggregating \$11,000,000.

Dr. Azriel Eisenberg, head of the JEC, said that \$65,000 goes to day schools from \$100,000 of the annual Federation grant which is spent on Jewish schools of all types. He added, however, that this was "only a fraction" of what the JEC did for day schools. He said the JEC provides a revolving loan fund without interest to day schools, screens educational personnel, publishes textbooks and channels more than \$2,000,000 in cash subventions, surplus government food, milk subsidies and transportation for day school pupils.

COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF DISPLAYING CRECHE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL LAWN

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Display of the Nativity scene on a lawn in front of a public school does not violate the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees the separation of church and state, State Supreme Court Justice Hugh S. Coyle ruled here yesterday.

The ruling upheld the previous decision of the Board of Education at Hartsdale, a suburb, to build a creche and display the Nativity scene in front of one of the town's public schools. The board's 3-2 decision had been appealed to the court by 16 residents of Hartsdale, who sought to ban not only the Nativity scene, displayed every Christmas season in front of the school, but also other religious symbols, Jewish Mohammedan or Buddhist.

Declaring that the "ultimate objective" of the appellants could result in the "entire elimination from schools of religious symbols," Judge Coyle held that the Hartsdale display does "not constitute active involvement by the Government in religious exercises," and is not comparable to the banned recitation of the Lord's Prayer or the Bible in classrooms. He stated that the creche on the school lawn is "a passive accommodation of religion" and no one is forced to look. To outlaw the display, he held, "would be tantamount to sanctioning judicially a policy of nonrecognition of God in public schools."

SENATE MEETING OPENED WITH ROSH HASHANAH PRAYER BY SENATOR KEATING

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22. (JTA) - A Rosh Hashanah prayer, offered by Senator Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, marked the opening of the meeting of the Senate on Rosh Hashanah. Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield, of Montana, expressed appreciation for the prayer offered by Sen. Keating.

"It was most moving and touching, and I think it was in the best possible taste," Sen. Mansfield said. He expressed belief that the Senate was indebted to Sen. Keating for the prayer voiced in the Senate Chamber. The House of Representatives conducted no business because of the Jewish holiday.

1,500 JEWS ATTENDED ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES IN MOSCOW SYNAGOGUE

LONDON, Sept. 22. (JTA) - More than 1,500 Jews attended the Rosh Hashanah services in the Moscow central synagogue which were conducted by Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin, according to reports from the Soviet capital. The majority were elderly people. Private gatherings of "Minyanim" for High Holy Day praying were banned this year for the first time in Soviet history.

ROSH HASHANAH SYNAGOGUE SERMONS IN ISRAEL DEVOTED TO SOVIET JEWS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Automobiles and buses crowded roads and highways throughout the country last night and this morning as hundreds of thousands of Israelis began returning home following Rosh Hashanah--the only holiday observed here for two days--which gave Israelis a rare three-day weekend. Police toiled late into the night to untangle the traffic jams and loosen up the major arteries in and out of Tel Aviv which were blocked with long lines of bumper-to-bumper traffic.

During the High Holy Days, worshipers filled synagogues from Metulla in the north to Eilat in the south where sermons by rabbis were devoted in nearly every case to the plight of Soviet Jewry. Crowds including many tourists also filled hotels and resort areas as mild and pleasant weather prevailed throughout the country with the exception of the Haifa area which had an unseasonal five-minute shower--the nation's first rainfall.

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES ORGANIZED FOR ALGERIAN REFUGEES IN FRANCE

PARIS, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Special Rosh Hashanah services for many thousands of Jewish refugees from North Africa were held throughout France. In a number of instances, High Holy Day services were conducted in a number of French towns where no organized Jewish community has existed for some years, until the recent influx of North African Jewish refugees.

In Paris, the Cirque d'Hiver was the location for special services for Jews from Oran, Algeria. The newly opened Paris Jewish Community Center was converted into a synagogue where services were conducted in the Algiers tradition. Many smaller auditoriums and chapels were used for services for Jewish immigrants from Tunisia, Morocco and Egypt.

RABBI USES TELEPHONE ON ROSH HASHANAH; SECURES 'TASHLICH' RITES

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- An Orthodox rabbi made the first telephone call of his life on Rosh Hashanah and 6,000 Jews were able to hold their annual "tashlich" observance by a little lake in the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens.

When the Jews reached the gardens, it was found that the iron gate leading to the lake was padlocked and the participants would have to pass through the turnstiles to get to the site. This, Rabbi Samuel Schrage asserted, was not permitted on the Holy Days. He also said that Dr. George S. Avery, garden director, insisted the Jews would have to go through the turnstiles.

So Rabbi Schrage called City Hall and Assistant Chief Inspector Patrick Whalen ordered a police emergency squad to take action. The squad members took the hinges off the big iron gate and the 6,000 Jews walked in, led by Rebbe Menachem Schneerson, leader of the Lubavitcher chassidic movement.

AKRON REMOVES FROM CLASSES TEEN-AGERS SUSPECTED IN NAZI ACTIVITIES

AKRON, Ohio, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- A number of teen-age students have been removed temporarily from public school classes while police investigated reports of American Nazi party activities in five of the schools, Martin Essex, school superintendent, disclosed today.

He said the students who had been taken out of school included "the leaders" of the suspected pro-Nazi activities and "those who may need protection." He added that "many of the other students are not taking favorably to these youngsters."