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ISRAEL ANTICIPATES IRAQI MILITARY UNITS AT SYRIAN-ISRAEL BORDER

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Iraqi units may take up positions on the Israeli-Syrian border as a result of the merger of the Syrian and Iraqi armed forces under a six-man supreme council with one commander-in-chief which was announced in Damascus yesterday, it was foreseen here today.

Israeli sources emphasized that such a step would change the border status quo because Iraq did not sign an armistice agreement with Israel at the end of the 1948 fighting. Iraqi units did take part in the war, and suffered considerable losses but Iraq declined to sign an armistice pact on grounds it had no common border with Israel. Iraq agreed only to withdraw its troops.

Placement of Iraqi troops on the Syrian-Israel border would thus constitute a change in the status quo created by the Israel-Syrian armistice pact, because that pact does not bind Iraq. It was pointed out, in this connection, that Iraqi President Abdel Arif declared, in announcing the military unification, that the goal of the merger was Israel, particularly the Israeli plan to divert Jordan River water for an irrigation project.

The Egyptian press, according to reports received here, commented that the Syria-Iraq merger would not be able to carry out any Arab "national objective" or solve the "Palestine problem," and would not be able to prevent Israel from implementing the Jordan River project.

Egyptian Atomic Delegation Fails to Secure French Cooperation

PARIS, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- An Egyptian atomic delegation concluded today a two-day visit to France without reaching any concrete results or even discussing specific cooperation in atomic development between the two countries.

The mission arrived in France without its titular head, the Minister for Scientific Development, who canceled his visit reportedly when he learned that his French counterpart, Minister Gaston Palewski, did not intend to receive him.

The mission visited French atomic installations at Chinon and Sarclay, but was barred from entering the main French nuclear base at Peirrelate, where military projects are under development. Oddly enough, the Egyptians were led on their tour by Prof. Samuel Horowitz, a practicing French Jew.

The mission is scheduled to visit five other European countries, including Britain, West Germany and Italy. It was believed that the Egyptians already had received firm offers from a British company for sale of a nuclear reactor. A spokesman for the French Nuclear Commission told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here, however, that France has not proposed the sale to Egypt of a reactor or any other atomic equipment.

Saudi Arabia, Syria Reject Israel's Bid for Peace with Arabs

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Saudi Arabia today rejected Israel's calls for peace between Israel and the Arab states. Rashad Pharaon, the new Saudi Arabian representative, replacing Ahmad Shukairy who was dismissed from his UN post by the Saudi Arabian Government a year ago, addressed the plenary session of the General Assembly.

He said that, while the Israel Government has called for peace, "Israel has shown no indication of any intention to abide by the resolutions of the United Nations and recognize the rights of the people of Palestine. There can be no peace in the Middle East until the Palestine problem is solved in accordance with the principles of law and justice."

Salah El-Dine Tarazi, Syria's permanent representative, addressing the Assembly yesterday, asserted that the solution of the "Palestine problem" is no longer a matter of "Arab-Israeli relations" but an issue concerning the "Arab people of Palestine." It is up to the Arab people of Palestine, he said, to settle the issue. Declaring that the Arab people "had never bowed to the injustice committed against it" by what he called "Zionist imperialism," he said: "No Arab government could allow a status quo based on injustice."

ESHKOL RENEWS APPEAL FOR ISRAEL LINK TO EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Israel's bid for a trade arrangement with the European Common Market is a challenge to Western Europe's moral responsibilities to Israel, Premier Levi Eshkol asserted today.

He made the statement in a radio interview on a special French radio program beamed to Europe, Canada and French-speaking African countries. The program, which was staged in connection with International Radio Week, also featured interviews with United Nations Secretary General U Thant, U. S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Algeria President Ahmed Ben Bella.

Premier Eshkol emphasized that Israel imported twice as much from the six Euromart nations as it exported to them and that Israel had a right to expect that this should be considered.

After months of negotiations, Euromart negotiators rejected Israel's request for special trade agreements covering its exports to Euromart countries and offered only some minor concessions on three relatively trivial Israeli exports, a proposal Israel rejected. Renewed talks remain to be arranged.

FRENCH EX-PREMIER TO DISCUSS TREATMENT OF SOVIET JEWS WITH KHRUSHCHEV

PARIS, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Former French Premier and Socialist leader Guy Mollet will raise the question of the treatment of Soviet Jews with Soviet Premier Khrushchev whom he is scheduled to meet in Moscow at the end of this month, it was disclosed here today.

M. Mollet is leaving for Moscow as the head of a French Socialist delegation on October 27. He will confer with the Soviet Premier and other leading Soviet officials in Moscow. Because the French Communist party and the Soviet Union are interested in seeking an agreement with the French Socialists to form a united leftwing opposition to President de Gaulle, the former French Premier was expected to be in a position of strength for his talks with the Soviet officials.

It was understood that the former French Premier has long been aware of the plight of Soviet Jewry and has decided to raise the issue with Premier Khrushchev, just as it was raised at the Socialist International meeting in Amsterdam last month.

The French leader and his delegation will have complete documentation on the question and are expected to press their Soviet counterparts for concrete moves to ease the plight of Soviet Jewry.

JEWS LEADERS PAY TRIBUTE TO ADENAUER ON HIS RETIREMENT

HAMBURG, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Two Prominent Jewish leaders--Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Philip M. Klutznick--were among many world leaders who paid tribute today to Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the retiring West German Chancellor. Dr. Adenauer is to retire next week, and will be succeeded by Dr. Ludwig Erhard, now West Germany's Minister of Economics. The tributes, including laudatory statements from former Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower and Harry S. Truman, were published here today in a special edition of Der Spiegel, a news magazine.

Dr. Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and of the World Jewish Congress, noted in his statement that Dr. Adenauer was a man of "highest value," whose secret of personality "is based on a double synthesis, rare among great political figures. He is an autocrat who believes in democracy and combines political dexterity and talent with a philosophy of life that is deeply rooted on ethical and religious principles." Noting Dr. Adenauer's role in reaching the agreement on restitution and compensation for victims of Nazism, Dr. Goldmann declared:

"Without his authoritative methods, he would, perhaps, not have been able to enforce, over the resistance of many of his colleagues, even of the cabinet, the Luxembourg Agreement. Without the moral concepts of his policy, he would not have been able to accept in essence, against the advice of many of his financial advisers, especially his then Finance Minister, the large-scale demands I made on Germany in behalf of Israel and the Jewish world organization. Rather, he would have tried to get off cheaper."

Mr. Klutznick, international president of B'nai B'rith and former member of the United States delegation to the United Nations, declared he welcomed "this opportunity to state publicly my sincere and personal appreciation of Konrad Adenauer." He lauded Dr. Adenauer's "herculean effort to extinguish a blotch on the escutcheon of Germany." In that context, said Mr. Klutznick, "it has been an ennobling experience to come to understand and to appreciate the full depth of his inner conviction that the world has no place for bigotry and prejudice, let alone cruelty as a means of expressing it." Noting that, at the United Nations, he had met Dr. Adenauer's representatives, Mr. Klutznick stated: "Under his direction, they gave more than simple lip service to the ideals of the UN."

SENATE BODY APPROVES BILL BANNING RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION IN HOTELS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The Senate Commerce Committee approved yesterday a bill banning racial and religious discrimination in places of public accommodation.

Yhr measure would cover all hotels and other places serving transient guests except owner-occupied homes with no more than five rooms for rent. The Senate committee measure is similar to one approved by the House Judiciary measure, except that the latter is more sweeping in its coverage.

SCHOOLS IN COLORADO ADVISED NOT TO READ THE BIBLE IN CLASSES

DENVER, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- State Attorney General Duke W. Dunbar has advised Colorado State Education Commissioner Byron Hansford that school teachers in this state may no longer read the Bible to their classes, and must conform with the United States Supreme Court's decision banning Bible reading in public schools. The opinion was given by the Attorney General in response to a request for a ruling on whether a teacher may read any version of the Bible to public school pupils without comment, and whether such reading may or may not be required by a school board.

"Group Bible reading," Mr. Dunbar ruled, "and prayer, as a devotional exercise or ritual in the public schools of Colorado, may no longer be conducted, whether or not they are permitted or required by school boards, administrators or teachers, and whether or not the pupils engage in the practices."

The Attorney General pointed out, however, that the Supreme Court's decision, in his opinion, "imposes no ironclad limitations upon the mention of God, reference to the Bible or teaching about religion in the public schools. Nor is there any restraint upon unorganized, private or personal prayer or Bible reading by pupils during free moments of the day." It was also believed that the teaching of the Bible as literature will be permitted.

Gov. John A. Love, it was learned today, also had been asked by county officials to investigate whether Bible reading would be allowed in public schools under certain circumstances. The Governor replied: "I don't know how strong my feelings are about this. I believe the churches of Colorado are doing a good job of teaching religious education -- and I say this as a church and family man."

West Hartford Decides Against Prayers in Schools

WEST HARTFORD, Conn., Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The chairman of the West Hartford Board of Education praised the members of his board today for deciding, after lengthy debate at two successive meetings, to ban the recitation of the Lord's Prayer and Bible reading in the local public schools. In an interview with the Connecticut Jewish Ledger, the board head, Willis G. Parsons, Jr., stated that the action was a "duty" imposed on the Board by last summer's Supreme Court ruling on these issues.

By a vote of 5-2, the Board adopted the following rule: "Employees of the West Hartford school system shall not conduct or authorize students to conduct prayers or other devotional exercises on school premises during school hours." Other rules adopted by the Board permit periods of "silent meditation" at the discretion of teachers or principals.

Mr. Parsons pointed out that some practices were not covered by the Board's resolution. These "peripheral" programs, he said, concern hymn singing, which some persons consider "cultural" rather than devotional, and observance of certain holidays in classrooms.

Mr. Parsons, however, was firm on banning prayers and Bible reading. He said he believed most persons would accept the board's ruling on these issues because "the feeling is that religious training of children should be left to church, synagogue or home, rather than to the schools."

MOVING TRIBUTES PAID TO DENMARK FOR SAVING JEWS FROM NAZI HANDS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Moving tributes to the Government and people of Denmark were paid here last night at a mass meeting commemorating the 20th anniversary of the rescue of the Jews of Denmark from the Nazis.

Speakers included Deputy Premier Abba Eban, Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and Professor Ariele Tartakower of the World Jewish Congress Israel executive. Speakers lauded the courage of the Danish people in defying Nazi orders to round up Jews and instead smuggling them out of Denmark just as the Nazi occupation authorities planned to deport them.

A large delegation, representing the Danish Government and people, among them former underground members who took part in the rescue operations, attended the meeting as guests of the sponsors. They included fishermen, academicians, housewives and widows of resistance fighters.

ISRAEL RUSHES ANTIBIOTICS TO HURRICANE VICTIMS IN CARIBBEAN AREA

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- An El Al Boeing airliner left Israel today bearing a shipment of antibiotics as an Israeli contribution to the victims of Hurricane Flora in the Caribbean area.

The airline took charge of the shipment, destined for Haiti, after arrangements were made last night by Foreign and Health Ministry officials.

PRESIDENT SHAZAR HOLDS OPEN HOUSE ON SUCCOT; RECEIVES 6,000 GUESTS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Continuing the open house tradition during the Succot holidays carried out by the late Israel President Izhak Ben-Zvi, President and Mrs. Zalman Shazar received today some 6,000 Israelis with whom they exchanged Succot greetings.

The visitors, who streamed into Beit Hanassi--Israel's White House--all day, were mostly from immigrant settlements. Youth bands and choirs were in attendance and the visitors moved freely through the rooms and gardens with the President who chatted with many of them.

DENVER RABBIS AND COMMUNITY CENTER TO SETTLE DISPUTE OVER SABBATH

DENVER, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Officials of the Denver Jewish Community Center and of the Denver Rabbinical Association announced here that a series of meetings would be held to develop a mutually acceptable solution to differences over opening of the Center on the Sabbath.

At the first meeting of representatives of the two organizations, Sanford Solender, executive vice-president of the Jewish Welfare Board, and Rabbi Aryeh Lev, director of the JWB chaplaincy division, attended as guests.

The meetings were agreed on after the Center, bowing to the wishes of the rabbinical group, canceled plans for a poll of members as to whether the Center should be open on the Sabbath. Mr. Solender discussed at the initial joint meeting the experiences of other Centers with the problem, particularly in Detroit, Cleveland and Chicago.

It was agreed that the first step should be creating a climate of harmony, common understanding and common objectives. For that goal, the broad aspects of Center-synagogue relationships will be studied at future meetings, as well as specific questions of Center Sabbath programs.

JACOB SCHIFF CHARITABLE TRUST GIVES \$250,000 TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Columbia University has received a gift of \$100,000 from Lawrence A. Wien, a New York Jewish communal leader and \$250,000 from the Jacob H. Schiff Charitable Trust. The gifts were announced at a meeting held here to open a general alumni appeal for the University.

ZIM LINE REPORTED CARRYING MOST SEA TRAVELERS TO AND FROM ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Passenger liners of the Zim Israel Navigation Company increased their share of United States-Israel traffic eight per cent during the first eight months of this year, the American-Israeli Shipping Company, American representatives of the line, reported today.

During that period, the company accounted for 81 per cent of the total sea-borne passenger traffic on the New York-Israel route, compared with 74 per cent during the same period in 1962. By the end of last August, Zim liners on all routes carried 70,838 passengers, of whom 9,824 were carried in trans-Atlantic service and 61,014 in Mediterranean and other routes.

MAYOR WAGNER HONORED BY JEWISH LEADERS; PRESENTED WITH BOOK ON JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) - Mayor Robert F. Wagner was honored yesterday by a group of Jewish religious and education leaders for his support of Jewish causes. The delegation, headed by Rabbi Leo Jung, Orthodox scholar, presented the Mayor with a copy of "The Graphic History of the Jewish Heritage."

The delegation included Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz, president of the New York Board of Rabbis; Gustave Rosenberg, chairman of the Board of Higher Education; George Maislen, president of the United Synagogue of America; Jules Fried, president of the Jewish Education Committee of New York; and Joseph Schlang, former officer of the Synagogue Council of America.

ISRAELI ARTIST WINS HIGHEST ART AWARD GIVEN BY CITY OF PARIS

PARIS, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Isaac Fabra, an Israeli artist who works at Safed, Israel, and is due to have an exhibit here next January, was granted today the Paris Medal, a highly coveted art award given by the City of Paris. While other Jewish artists had received the award in the past, among them Marc Chagall and the late Mane Katz, the latter were French nationals, while Fabra is a foreigner.