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ISRAEL REACTS TO ARAB 'SUMMIT' DECISIONS; WARNS ARABS ON AGGRESSION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The Israel Government last night reiterated its determination "to repel and thwart any aggression" on the part of the Arabs and to continue in the development of its Jordan River irrigation project in spite of Arab threats to take steps to divert the Jordan headwaters in an effort to interfere with Israeli plans;

In a statement issued by a Government spokesman following preliminary discussions by the Cabinet of the recent Arab summit conference in Alexandria, Israel also called upon the nations of the world to repudiate the "aggressive declarations" made by the Arab heads of state who announced as their objective the "liberation of Palestine from Zionist imperialism;"

Asserting that it was the objective of the 13 Arab states to "attempt to destroy another state also a member of the United Nations and to plan a comprehensive military attack against Israel," the Israeli statement declared that "the world's peace-loving states, the United Nations and enlightened public opinion are surely not entitled to reconcile themselves to public announcements of aggressive intent and to declarations violating the purpose of the United Nations Charter and accepted principles governing relations between states;"

Moreover, the statement continued, "these aggressive declarations were made at a time when the world is engaged in attempts to increase understanding and find peaceful solutions for regional disputes. It would do well for the world not to revert to an attitude of complacency, silence and lack of concern which it once evidenced towards threats of aggression accompanied by political and military preparations aimed at translating threats into action;"

Citing the resolution adopted at the Arab summit conference calling for the diversion of the upper tributaries of the Jordan River and promising "implementation of Arab plans especially in the military and technical fields including the commencement of work of revolutionary character," the Government spokesman reiterated Premier Eshkol's statement in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, asserting that "Israel will draw water from Lake Kinneret within the quantities allotted her" in the unified plan for the division of the water worked out by the late Eric Johnston, the special envoy named by former President Eisenhower to deal with the problem.

Will Oppose Arab Measures; Contemplates Steps in World Capitals

"Israel will oppose unilateral illegal measures by Arab countries and will act for the preservation of her vital interests," the statement declared, adding that "in the measure that world public opinion rejects the counsels of hostility and aggression and encourages positive and constructive development, it will assist the Arab governments in abandoning a policy of dangerous adventure and will assist our region to move forward on the path of constructive progress and peace."

The implications of the Alexandria Arab summit conference will be further explored by the Israel Foreign Ministry which contemplates steps in major world capitals in order to make the nations aware of the true nature and dangers involved in the Arab threats, it was reported here today.

Israel's determination to repel Arab aggression and act for the preservation of her vital interests if the Arabs try to implement the diversion of the Jordan tributaries is expected to be conveyed to the various governments by Israel's envoys throughout the world. Israeli circles stressed today that it was the major responsibility of the powers supplying the Arabs with economic and military aid to realize the dangerous path involved and the clear threat of war.

Sen. Keating Asks U.S. to Prevent Formation of Arab Refugee Army

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Senator Kenneth Keating has urged the United States Government to "take every possible step" to prevent the using of the Arab refugees "to foment Nasser's plans of aggression."

In a telegram to Mr. Rusk, the New York Senator called the formation of an army from among Arab refugees "a most ominous threat to peace in the Near East." Asserting in the telegram that "this sign of new aggression against Israel has perilous implications," the Senator said that "if unchecked, it could develop into a world conflagration;"

TOP ISRAELI DEFENSE COMMANDERS LEAVE FOR PARIS; PERES TO JOIN THEM

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Major General Itzhak Rabin, Chief of Staff of Israel's defense forces, accompanied by Col. Ezer Weizmann, commander of the Air Force, left for Paris this morning on what was described as a "private" visit. They will be joined in the French capital Tuesday by Shimon Peres, Deputy Minister of Defense, who is now in England;

General Rabin and Col. Weizmann will visit various military establishments in France, as well as the factory where the French Mirage jet planes, which Israel's Air Force uses, are made. During Gen. Rabin's absence, his post here will be filled temporarily by Brig. Chaim Barlev.

RABBI SOLOVEITCHIK ISSUES STATEMENT ON VATICAN DRAFT ON JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America, an Orthodox group, today made public a statement by Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik, outstanding American Orthodox rabbi, commenting on the revised draft of the declaration on Jews by the Catholic Church presented to the third session of the Ecumenical Council which opened its deliberations today at Vatican City. Dr. Soloveitchik's statement, disseminated among the several hundred rabbis affiliated with the Rabbinical Council, reads:

"I fail to understand the surprise and dismay with which prominent Jewish leaders who actively participated in the theological "Dialogue" with the Catholic Church have greeted the latest draft of the Schema. The first draft of the Schema, in my opinion, was as evangelical as this one. The only difference between the two schemas is the explicitness and clarity with which the evangelical theme has been formulated now. While the first Schema contained only an oblique and indirect appeal to the Jewish community to embrace Christianity, this one addresses itself to us directly.

"Both Schemas present the typical Christological view that the historical mission of the Jews exhausted itself in, the so-called, Praeparatio Evangelica, in paving the way for Christianity and that the Jew, after the Biblical drama was consummated in the rise of the Church, forfeited his covenantal status and his very relationship to the Biblical past because he rejected Christ. Since the Jewish leaders did not object to this premise contained in the first Schema, they should not be surprised now that the Church, in which Jewish history supposedly culminated, expects the Jew to reactivate his role as a historic being, emerge from historic anonymity, and realize his destiny by ceasing to exist within the framework of a separate community.

"Those who are perturbed now should have realized before that the theological "Dialogue" was bound to become a theological monologue on the part of the Church which is not ready to depart from her basic interpretation of Jewish history. Instead of complaining bitterly against the Church, they should say "Nostra Maxima Culpa"--in plain Hebrew, Hotoru.--for rushing in where angels fear to tread. The Church is within her rights to interpret our history in her own theological--dogmatic terms. We are the ones who have transcended the bounds of historical responsibility and decency by asking for a theological document on the Jews as "brethren" in faith instead of urging the Church to issue a strong declaration in sociological--human terms affirming the inalienable rights of the Jew as a human being.

"I am very little concerned over the response of the Jewish community to the evangelical appeal contained in the new draft. The Jew, tenacious and totally committed to his past, with faith in his glorious eschatology, will reject this appeal with dignity. Such approaches by the Church have been made many times in our history and the powerful Church has always failed to sway the Jew from his eternal course. What hurts me is that for the first time in our history the Church was, because of naive and equivocal statements, led to believe that in the interests of good will we are ready for some revision of our historical attitudes and commitments. The situation does not call for hysteria and readiness to incur martyrdom; All it requires is common sense, responsibility, dignity and particularly a moratorium on theological "Dialogue" and pilgrimages to Rome."

GERMANY TO PAY COMPENSATION TO HEIRS OF JEWS DROWNED IN U-BOAT ATTACK

KARLSRUHE, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The West German Federal High Court handed down a decision today ruling that the heirs and families of the thousands of Jewish refugees who were lost when the British transport ship Arandora Star was sunk by a German U-boat in July 1940, are entitled to compensation in accordance with the Federal compensation law.

Most of the Jewish refugees were men who had been separated from their families and were on their way to Canada when the ship was torpedoed. All of the ship's passengers were lost.

ESHKOL ASKS MAPAI PARTY TO APPROVE ALIGNMENT WITH ACHDUT AVODA

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol today appealed to the top governing bodies of Mapai, Israel's dominant political party, to approve proposals for "alignment" of Mapai with Achdut Avoda, one of Israel's other leading labor parties.

CANADIAN NEO-NAZIS INTENSIFY THEIR ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES

TORONTO, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Canadian neo-Nazis resumed their hate-peddling activities this weekend when Jewish residents of the Toronto area received anti-Semitic "New Year's Greeting cards" signed "with best wishes from the Canadian Nazis." Extremists also mingled with the crowds outside a performance here of the Beatles, urging the spectators to send one dollar to a Flesherton, Ontario, address, for a copy of the infamous canard, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion."

The "greeting" cards, sent to hundreds of Jewish residents in Toronto, Hamilton and other parts of southern Ontario, pictured a stereotyped figure holding a brief case bearing a Star of David against a background of a swastika design. The envelopes bore a Toronto postmark and were sent to names apparently obtained from a Jewish mailing list. The recipients in Toronto included synagogues, rabbis and Jewish communal offices.

The leaflets offering to send copies of the "Protocols," were distributed outside the Maple Leaf Gardens here. Police picked up and questioned those distributing the leaflets but later released them. It was also reported here today that David Stanly, who has been identified with various neo-Nazi activities, is now back in Canada after spending the summer in Birmingham, Alabama, where he was associated with the States Rights Party.

ISRAEL DAY CEREMONIES HELD AT U. S. WORLD TRADE FAIR IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14; (JTA) -- Israel expects to increase its exports to the United States for 1964 to between 53 million to 55 million dollars, Pinhas Sapir, Israel's Minister of Finance, Commerce and Industry announced here today.

That figure will compare to 47 million dollars worth of Israeli exports to the United States in 1963. Despite this increase however, Mr. Sapir said that the trade gap between Israel and the rest of the world is still the "most burdening economic problem" facing Israel today. By comparison with Israel's exports to the United States, Israel imports from the United States are still about four times as high.

Mr. Sapir was the principal speaker here today at Israel Day ceremonies held in conjunction with the United States World Trade Fair which opened at the Civic Auditorium here last Thursday to run for ten days. Israel has one of the largest pavilions at the Trade Fair where 21 other countries are displaying their wares.

Against the background of Israel's colorful exhibit 300 leaders in general, civic, business and Jewish life from California gathered to participate in the Israel Day ceremony. The San Francisco group was headed by Mayor John F. Shelley, Charles Sinitow, president of the Fair, members of the foreign consulate staffs on the West Coast and leaders of trade and commerce. Leaders of various Jewish organizations including the local federation, United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds were among the guests of honor at the ceremonies.

60,000 Visitors View Israel Pavilion; Show Interest in Products

Israel's pavilion at the fair is not only among the largest but also among the most popular. So far since the opening of the fair last weekend an estimated 60,000 people have viewed the Israel exhibit and the total attendance is expected to be well over 300,000. Among those viewing the Israel exhibit and evaluating some of the products in detail are heads of trade organizations, large commercial combines on the West Coast and department stores. Many thousands of viewers representing the general public have similarly shown great interest in some Israeli products.

Among the products that seem to interest both commercial interests and the general public are Israeli fashions, flower bulbs, foods, stamps and coins, giftware and a new Israeli Sabra sports car. That car, a sports model, is to sell at approximately \$3,200 on the West Coast.

Pointing out that the United States is Israel's largest supplier and that, in 1963, Israel bought more than \$184,000,000 worth of goods and materials in the United States, Mr. Sapir said that the figure will be "considerably higher" this year.

"Now," he said, "we are not lamenting this fact. Indeed, you have very good products and we have close economic ties with your great nation. Still the ratio between exports and imports between our two countries is about 4 to 1 in your favor. We believe that the answer is not to buy less here, but to sell you more. We feel that we can and should sell more."

So successful has the Israel exhibit been here that the Israeli trade officials announced they will move it in toto next month to the Texas State Fair in Dallas, which is one of the most important state fairs in the United States.

Observers noted that Israel shared honors at the trade fair here today with one of its closest allies, France. France Day was celebrated at the Fair this afternoon while Israel Day was still in progress with a fashion show and other colorful events.

YOM KIPPUR STARTS TONIGHT; N. Y. PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO BE CLOSED TOMORROW

NEW YORK, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- Jews throughout the world will usher in Yom Kippur tomorrow evening at Kol Nidre services in the synagogues marking the most sacred Jewish holiday.

In New York, the Board of Rabbis, comprising 850 Orthodox, Conservative and Reform spiritual leaders, called today for a spirit of "self-examination and confession of sins and crimes committed against the Jewish people in the past and in the present;" In line with a policy adopted four years ago by the New York City Board of Education, public schools throughout the city will be closed on Yom Kippur.

NEW YORKERS TO HOLD PROTEST MEETING AGAINST SOVIET TREATMENT OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 14: (JTA) -- A mass rally protesting Soviet discrimination against Jews will be held in the auditorium of Hunter College here on October 28 to be followed by a protest march past the nearby USSR Mission to the United Nations, it was announced here today.

The rally, in which prominent Catholic and Protestant laymen will participate, will be sponsored by the New York City Conference on Soviet Jewry. An estimated 2,500 persons are expected to crowd the Hunter College auditorium while thousands more will hear the addresses over loudspeakers outside.

GROUP OF U. S. AND CANADIAN YOUTHS LEAVE FOR YEAR'S WORK IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Thirty-nine American and Canadian youths left yesterday by plane for a year's work, study and travel with the Habonim Youth Workshop in Israel at Kibbutz Geshet Haziv.

The Workshop was arranged by Habonim, the North American Labor Zionist Youth organization. This, the 14th Youth Workshop in Israel, brought to nearly 800 the number of young students of post high school and college age who have participated in the program, sponsored by Habonim with the cooperation of the Jewish Agency in Israel.

SAMUEL SINGER, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, WINS U. S. BIBLE CONTEST

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- An assistant attorney general of the State of New York today won the New York regional Bible Quiz finals and will be the only contestant from the United States to take part in the International Bible Contest to be held in Jerusalem on September 24.

He is Samuel Singer, 57, of Manhattan, who defeated two other finalists in the oral quiz which was held today at the New York World's Fair. Born in Poland, Mr. Singer came to this country at the age of 14 and has continued an active interest in Bible studies. He will leave Thursday evening for Israel for the international competition.

JUSTICE GREENBERG, SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH LEADER, DEAD; WAS 79

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Justice Leopold Greenberg, one of the greatest South African jurists and a former justice of the Appellate Division of the South African Supreme Court, died here yesterday at the age of 79. A distinguished leader of the South African Jewish community, he was an honorary president of the Israel United Appeal.

Born in Calvinia, Cape Province, South Africa, Justice Greenberg was the youngest of the South African jurists when he was elevated to the bench in 1924 at the age of 59. He became Judge President of the Transvaal in 1938 and he was raised to the Appellate Division of the South African Supreme Court in 1943. He served as acting Chief Justice in 1953 and retired from the bench two years later.

An honorary president of the South African Friends of the Hebrew University, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by that university which also named its Leopold Greenberg Institute of Forensic Medicine in his honor.

RABBI ELFENBEIN, NOTED JEWISH SCHOLAR, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 74

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Rabbi Israel Elfenbein, the noted scholar and education director of the Religious Zionists of America who died here yesterday at the age of 74.

Rabbi Elfenbein was born in Austria and came to the United States in 1906. He attended the Jewish Theological Seminary and New York University, and held pulpits at synagogues in Tennessee, Illinois and New York. His first rabbinate was at Temple Adath Israel in Hasville in 1915-16.

He was former editor of the weekly, Voice of the People and the author of many books including "The World of Rashi," "Maimonides, The Man and His Times," "Palestine Under Turkish Rule as Reflected in Responsa Literature," "Problems of Jewish Reconstruction in America" and "The Synagogue as a Leavening Force in American Jewry." For the past 24 years, Rabbi Elfenbein was the editor of Or Hamizrach, a Hebrew publication for rabbis, teachers and students.