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U. N. ASSEMBLY OPENS; CRISIS OVER FINANCING U. N. FORCES IN GAZA, CONGO

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 1. (JTA) -- The 19th session of the United Nations General Assembly opened here today in an atmosphere electric with tension over fears that the world organization might break up, due to rigid disagreements between the United States and the Soviet Union over the financing of the UN forces stationed in the Gaza area on the Israeli-Egyptian borders and in Congo.

At issue in the financing dispute are the USSR's failure to pay \$52,600,000 it owes in assessments for UN operations in the Congo and in the maintenance of the United Nations Emergency Force in the Gaza area and at Sharm el-Sheikh, a Sinai height overlooking the Gulf of Akaba, Israel's waterway to East Africa and Asia.

On the Assembly's 92-point agenda, in addition to the financing problem and UNEF itself, is another issue of direct concern to Israel--the problem of the Arab refugees. The agenda contains also a number of items dealing with human rights, of interest to Jews all over the world.

The Assembly chose Alex Quaison-Sackey, of Ghana, as its president. Mr. Quaison-Sackey is the acknowledged dean of the African diplomatic corps here, since Ghana was the first of the new African states admitted to membership, in 1957. The Ghanaian Government is considered friendly to Israel. After choosing the president and admitting three new members--Malta, Malawi and Zambia--bringing the total UN membership to 115, the Assembly decided to start hearing the addresses by leading world statesmen regarding the major foreign policy affairs of their governments.

Eban to Address Assembly; Mrs. Hayes is Member of Canadian Delegation

Israel's address in that category is to be delivered within the next two weeks by Deputy Prime Minister Abba Eban, who will replace his Government's Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir. She is ill, but is expected to come here early next month. Mr. Eban arrived in New York tonight.

The chairman of the Israel delegation is Ambassador Michael S. Cornay, who has held that post since 1958. He is backed in the Assembly this year by a strong team of full ambassadors, including his permanent deputy, Dr. Joel Barromi; Gideon Rafael, one of the highest officials in the new Foreign Ministry at Jerusalem; Amiel E. Najar, envoy not only to Belgium and Luxembourg but also to the all-important European Economic Community, which has its headquarters in Brussels; and Dr. Shabtai Rosenne, legal advisor to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

Israel's diplomatic team for the Assembly includes also a number of other experts in various vital fields. Among them are Daniel Lewin, director of the Foreign Ministry's Asian department; Shlomo Hilil; Hanan Aynor, brought here from his ambassadorial post in Senegal; Uzi Nedivi, an economic expert, and Theodor Meron. Others on the 17-member Israeli group are Lt. Col. Jacob Monbaz; Simcha Dinitz, Rem Nirgad, David Ramin, Gershon Ben-Mikael, Gideon Yarden, and Dr. Meir Rosenne.

(In Montreal, it was announced today that Mrs. Saul Hayes, a member of the National Council of the Canadian Jewish Congress, is one of the members of the Canadian delegation to the UN General Assembly. Mrs. Hayes, a native Montrealer, is the immediate past president of the National Council of Women of Canada and a vice-president of the International Council of Women.)

SYRIA AND ISRAEL EXCHANGE FIRE ON BORDER; NO CASUALTIES REPORTED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Syrian positions opened fire this morning on an Israel patrol moving along a new road in the same area where a similar attack on November 13, touched off a sharp tank and plane clash currently still under consideration by the United Nations Security Council.

Occupants of the Israeli patrol car returned the fire and continued their patrol. No casualties were reported. Israel complained to the UN Mixed Armistice Commission. An official communique indicated that the Syrians used heavy machineguns and possibly recoilless guns in the new attack.

ISRAELI INDUSTRIALIST ARRESTED; IS SUSPECTED OF SPYING FOR EGYPT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 1; (JTA) -- An industrialist born in the Old City of Jerusalem who has had a checkered career in Israel commerce, was arrested under suspicion of working for Egyptian intelligence.

The suspect, Shmuel Baruch, studied textile engineering in Manchester, England for several years and married there. Returning to Israel, he tried to set up plants several times. When he proposed building a plant for production of silk and other fine textiles, in Kiryat Gan, he received a grant of 600,000 pounds (\$200,000) from the Israel Development Budget and built a 120-spool plant.

For a variety of reasons, the plant failed to make money and Baruch obtained new investment funds mainly from England but the enterprise continued to founder. He made a final attempt to make his workers partners by turning the plant into a cooperative enterprise but this also failed and heavy losses forced closing of the plant.

Baruch asked to be declared a bankrupt but instead he was charged with receiving money under false pretences. He was nevertheless allowed to go abroad to seek additional funds. He was arrested last week while trying to leave Israel again and police said they found him in possession of documents of a highly secret nature and security value. He was said to be cooperating with police.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT APPOINTS INQUIRY COMMITTEE ON 'SHALOM' COLLISION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1; (JTA) -- Israel's Transport Minister Israel Bar-Yehuda appointed an official committee of inquiry today into the causes and circumstances of the collision last week between the Zim liner Shalom and the Norwegian freighter, Stolt Dagali off the coast of New Jersey.

Israel Auerbach, head of the shipping and ports division of the Transport Ministry, will serve as chairman of the committee which will also include I. Mintz, the ministry legal adviser, and M. Ackdish, shipping commissioner. Mr. Ackdish has already arrived in New York in connection with the inquiry.

JEWISH VICTIM OF AUSCHWITZ TESTIFIES AT TRIAL OF CAMP GUARDS

FRANKFURT, Dec. 1; (JTA) -- Rudolf Vrba, the first man to give the world an eyewitness account of the mass murder at the Auschwitz concentration camp when he escaped from there in 1944, testified today at the trial of 22 Auschwitz guards charged with war crimes. Mr. Vrba, a Czech Jew who was born Walter Rosenberg, corroborated the testimony by Auschwitz experts during the 11-month trial that up to 25,000 victims were gassed daily during the peak operation of the death camp.

His report on the camp in 1944 was brought to the attention of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Pope Pius XII and was used in an attempt to warn the Jews of Hungary what was in store for them at the hands of Adolf Eichmann.

Mr. Vrba, who is now a biochemist in England, was sent to Auschwitz at the age of 17 in 1942, and worked there as a slave laborer handling the baggage of newly arrived prisoners. After months of watching untold thousands of Jews sent to their deaths, Mr. Vrba and another man made one of the few successful escapes from Auschwitz and reached Czechoslovakia. There he met with the Papal Nuncio and drew up his report of Nazi atrocities in Auschwitz which convinced the Allies that Hitler meant to carry out his threats of murdering world Jewry.

BONN DECISION TO END PROSECUTION OF NAZIS CRITICIZED IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- West Germany's decision to adhere to the statute of limitations on prosecuting Nazi war criminals "has shocked world opinion," Maurice Edelman, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, and a Labor member of Parliament, declared here today.

At the same time Lord Bertrand Russell, the British philosopher, warned today that the likely return to political life of many Nazi war criminals for lack of prosecution in West Germany would be "in violation of the London agreement of August 1945 which is international law." He said the 1945 London agreement should be supported by the British Government and he urged West German authorities "to reconsider their decision to waive the time limit on war crimes by Nazis."

Mr. Edelman, addressing a meeting of the AJA executive council, said this decision to let Nazi war criminals "escape justice is a retrograde step, and would have an adverse effect on West Germany's relations with the free world." The Bonn announcement, he declared, "read in conjunction with Germany's adamant refusal to establish effective legislation to curb activities of German scientists in Egypt, must cause the gravest misgivings."

He said he hoped the German Government would have second thoughts on the issue "and would not allow itself to be jockeyed into a position of giving aid and comfort to elements whose declared intention is the destruction of the democratic society which Germany has labored painfully to establish."

\$1,250,000 RAISED FOR DR. SCHWARTZ FUND FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- A program of greatly expanded cultural activity between the American Jewish community and Israel began tonight with the announcement that \$1,250,000 had been raised to initiate the newly established Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz Fund for Leadership Training at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The announcement was made at a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel where the Scopus Award--the highest honor given by the American Friends of the Hebrew University--was conferred on Dr. Schwartz, executive vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization.

The \$1,250,000 figure exceeded by 25 percent the results anticipated when the idea of the Fund was first projected; Approximately 1,000 community leaders, many of them from distant cities across the country, attended the nationally sponsored dinner to Dr. Schwartz who has for more than 30 years been a key figure in the American Jewish community.

In response to the presentation of the Scopus Award, which was made by Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Avraham Harman, Dr. Schwartz spoke of "the urgent need for strengthening Jewish values to stem the tide of assimilation in a world which is hopefully shaking off the poison of anti-Semitism."

U. S. Jewish Youths Urged to Spend a Year at Hebrew University

Dr. Schwartz posed these questions: "What will happen to the Jewish people if a release from persecution is translated into a release from all practice and identity with Judaism? What positive formula of education can be devised to replace the negative stimulus of oppression? What force other than Israel can be brought into play to stop many Jewish intellectuals in the United States and other parts of the world from drifting away from the mainstream of Jewish communal and cultural association?" An answer to those questions, he asserted, would be provided "if thousands of our young people spent a year or more at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem."

Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis University, outlined the history of the Hebrew University which this year celebrates its 40th academic year. He cited the growth of the Hebrew University, which this year has over 10,000 students on its five campuses and a faculty of 1,200.

Ambassador Harman represented Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, whose visit to the United States has been prevented by illness. Other Israel Government representatives included Ambassador Michael Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, and Ambassador Katriel Katz, Consul General. The program was opened by Professor Milton Handler, chairman of the executive committee of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, who presided.

Messages of tribute to Dr. Schwartz were received from Israel's President Zalman Shazar, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Hebrew University President Eliahu Elath. A message of tribute was also received from Samuel Rothberg of Peoria, Ill., chairman of the Board of the American Friends of the Hebrew University who was unable to attend the dinner because of illness.

Lionel R. Bauman, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, said that "as one member of the generation which witnessed a barbarous attempt to liquidate our people and almost overnight a heroic, miraculous resurgence, I gratefully acknowledge the leadership and dedication of Dr. Schwartz who throughout these turbulent years was always the right man in the right place at the right time."

\$12,900,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS REPORTED SOLD IN NEW YORK THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 1. (JTA) - A capacity audience of 18,000 New Yorkers filled Madison Square Garden last night at the Chanukah Festival for Israel, the major highlight of the 1964 Israel bond campaign in New York City.

The event brought to \$12,900,000 the amount of Israel bonds sold in the metropolitan area since the beginning of the year, it was reported by William Goldfine, campaign chairman of the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds. The second and third performances of the Chanukah Festival will be held on December 17 and January 4 at Madison Square Garden.

\$250,000 Pledged at J.N.F. Chanukah Dinner for Kennedy Forest

LCSANGELES, Calif., Dec. 1. (JTA) -- More than \$250,000 was pledged here at the annual Jewish National Fund Chanukah banquet for the John F. Kennedy Forest in Israel. Senator-Elect Robert F. Kennedy of New York, the guest of honor, told the gathering of more than 2,000 persons of the late President's interest in Israel. The money pledged at the meeting matched the nearly \$250,000 subscribed previously to meet Southern California's quota of \$500,000 for the Forest.

Other speakers included Mayor Samuel Yorty of Los Angeles, Rabbi Max Nussbaum, president of the Zionist Organization of America, Rabbi Jacob M. Ott, Benjamin H. Swig of San Francisco, president of the West Coast JNF, and Milan Roven, president of the Los Angeles JNF Council.

SOVIET TELEVISION FEATURES FINALS OF WORLD CHESS GAMES IN TEL AVIV

MOSCOW, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Soviet television featured today the finals of the world chess tourney in Tel Aviv with a telecast of the presentation of gold medal winners and Soviet grand masters.

Boris Rodinov, the head of the Soviet chess delegation, said in the television program that the tourney in Tel Aviv was the "most representative" of all the international chess competitions held until now. The Soviet players won ten gold medals.

Soviet press agency Novosti reported that Rodinov also told the Russian television audience that the Russian chess players visited a number of cities in Israel and that "wherever we went we received a friendly reception from the Israeli people."

MAURICE BISGYER, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT OF B'NAI B'RITH, RETIRES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Maurice Bisgyer, for 27 years the executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith, will retire on December 31, B'nai B'rith announced today on the eve of the organization's annual board of governors meeting. Mr. Bisgyer is 67 years of age.

During Mr. Bisgyer's tenure as key administrator, the 121-year-old B'nai B'rith achieved its greatest period of growth with membership rising from 46,000 to its present 480,000. An annual budget for national affairs that was \$110,000 in 1937--the year Mr. Bisgyer became operating head--now exceeds \$7,000,000. It was also under Mr. Bisgyer's management that the organization built its modern national headquarters in Washington housing a staff of 147.

Mr. Bisgyer terminates 45 years as a leading personality in the Jewish community's "civil service." He started in 1919 as executive director of the Jewish Education Alliance in Baltimore. As B'nai B'rith executive, Mr. Bisgyer was appointed by a number of Presidents of the United States to various commissions. During the Hitler era, he initiated a crash program to furnish affidavits of support to facilitate migration and entry of Jewish refugees.

SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONISTS REVISIONISTS HOLD CONFERENCE IN JOHANNESBURG

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- A resolution to do "what is practical and possible to improve relations between the people of South Africa and Israel" was adopted at the National Conference of the Zionist Revisionist Organization which met here, attended by delegates from all parts of the country. The conference also resolved to "strengthen Jewish education in South Africa, to give it full support, and as far as possible, to influence its direction."

A feature of the conference was the tribute paid to Mr. Joseph Daleski, who resigned the chair after 15 years' leadership of the organization. Conference inscribed Mr. Daleski in the Tel Hai Iron Book, and a presentation was made to him by his colleagues on the outgoing executive. Messages tributing his sterling leadership of the South African movement were read from World Zionist Revisionist leaders, while tributes were also paid to him by leaders of the S.A. Zionist Federation, of which he is a vice-chairman, and the S.A. Jewish Board of Deputies, of which he was formerly an executive member. Mr. Daleski is also a life member of the World Zionist Actions Committee and a member of the World Revisionist Executive. The conference unanimously elected him vice-president of the organization. Arnold Golembo was unanimously elected chairman in succession to Mr. Daleski.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE OPENS IN ISRAEL; 50 LANDS REPRESENTED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- An international conference on the role of women in the struggle for peace and development opened here today in the presence of some 100 delegates from about 50 countries. Among the speakers who addressed the opening session were Deputy Premier Abba Eban and the first lady, Mrs. Zalman Shazar. Foreign Minister Golda Meir, who initiated the conference, was unable to attend because of illness.

JEWISH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS IN SOUTH AMERICA HOLD FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE

SAO PAULO, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Delegates representing Jewish women's organizations in Brazil, Argentina and Chile today concluded a five-day regional convention of the International Council of Jewish Women. The delegates, who decided to hold such meetings regularly every three years, dealt with various problems including service for the aged, Jewish education, administration, fund-raising and housing.

LOUIS BERLIN, FOUNDER AND FIRST EDITOR OF 'SENTINEL,' DIES IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 1. (JTA) -- Louis Berlin, who founded the Sentinel, the Chicago English Jewish newspaper, and edited it for 33 years, died here. He had been living here and in Florida in retirement since 1961. He and a friend organized the Sentinel in 1911. In 1943 he sold the publication to J.I. Fishbein, then assistant to the publisher, and to Jack Feldman, then advertising manager.