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ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT REACHING A 'TURNING POINT,' PREMIER ESHKOL REPORTS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27; (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol declared here tonight that the Middle East was nearing "a turning point" in its history, marked by a more realistic Arab policy toward Israel.

Speaking at a dinner in honor of the 11th United Jewish Appeal Study Mission, the Premier cited the proposal by Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba last spring, calling for Arab recognition of Israel's existence and urging an Arab effort to join in a search for a peaceful solution to the Arab-Israel dispute.

The Premier said that while some elements of Bourguiba's proposal were unacceptable, Israel welcomed the appeal for recognition and for an effort at a peaceful solution. He added that he agreed with Bourguiba's statement that he was not the only Arab leader who believed in that approach.

Premier Eshkol told the UJA leaders that this did not mean that Israel could relax its vigilance. On the contrary, he stated, Israel must enhance the strength which he called the pre-condition for the new Arab realism.

He said Israel had noted that Egyptian President Nasser's bid for Arab dominance was stagnating and even regressing. He said that Nasser's fight over West Germany's diplomatic recognition of Israel had proved that Nasser "can bluster and threaten but not deliver" in his bid to line up a united Arab front of reprisals against West Germany. There was growing bitterness in Egypt against the Nasser regime and thousands of Egyptians were imprisoned and in concentration camps for their opposition to the Nasser "dictatorship," the Premier told the UJA leaders.

Stresses Israel's Ties with the West; Hails U. S. Friendship

Discussing Israel's ties with the West, the Premier singled out particularly the United States and President Johnson's friendship. He also reaffirmed Israeli-France ties, declaring that the formal visit earlier this month by Egyptian Vice-President Amer to Paris was not at Israel's expense.

Reporting that Israel was rapidly nearing the 3,000,000 point in population, the Premier said: "We passed a turning point also in the history of absorption of immigrants. I am happy to announce tonight that, once and for all, we are closing a chapter in that history called transit camps." He qualified this statement by noting that thousands of immigrant families were still living in slum-like conditions.

He said that until recently Israel's major effort was geared to absorption of newcomers but that now Israel must concentrate on raising the country's educational level, particularly for new immigrants. Commenting that "we live in the era of a new technology," he said: "We must ride this crest or fall into its backwash." He called the Israel Education Fund of the UJA -- created to build and staff secondary schools -- second only to the central aim of the ingathering of the exiles. He listed three spheres of joint responsibility of Israel and world Jewry: saving Jews, strengthening Israel and strengthening Jewish life in other countries.

Max Fisher Says U.J.A. Will Seek Larger Funds in 1966 Campaign

Premier Eshkol's speech, which highlighted the conclusion of the visit of the United Jewish Appeal Study Mission, was followed by an address by Max M. Fisher, UJA General Chairman, who announced that the UJA anticipates the raising of \$60,000,000 this year in the United States and intends to seek greatly increased funds in its 1966 campaign.

At a session held earlier, the Study Mission leaders announced advanced personal gifts amounting to more than \$3,000,000, the largest sum ever brought forward by a Mission group, to the 1965 UJA's nationwide campaign. In addition, the Israel Education Fund of the United Jewish Appeal announced new gifts here totaling \$1,000,000. Thus the Mission's visit produced a total of approximately \$4,000,000. The Mission members adopted a resolution, introduced by Albert Parker of New York, UJA Executive Committee member,

which calls on the 3,000 American Jewish communities which conduct fund-raising campaigns for UJA to "do all within their power during 1966 to meet the regular budgets of the Jewish Agency and Joint Distribution Committee;" Mr. Fisher, addressing the gathering, listed four high priority tasks which UJA supporters and funds must help to meet in 1966, including:

1. A stepped up program to help Israel absorb 200,000 recent immigrants, from backward Asian and African countries, settled in 21 immigrant development towns throughout the country;
2. Large scale aid to help an anticipated 50,000 Jewish immigrants a year move from distressed areas of Europe, North Africa and Asia to Israel and Western lands;
3. Increased aid for some 400,000 distressed Jews residing in Europe and various Moslem lands;
4. Make up the loss of \$17,500,000 which the Jewish Agency, the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Hias Service, all UJA beneficiaries, were receiving from German reparation funds for the last ten years, but which have now ended.

"It is urgent that American Jews provide greatly increased funds to help speed up the process of absorbing and aiding the immigrants they have helped to bring in," Mr. Fisher declared. He also noted that the "ending of German reparation funds puts a severe strain on both the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee at a time when the needs of those they serve are rising. The Jewish Agency will lose \$10,000,000 annually which it has been receiving for the last ten years, beginning with 1966. The JDC and United Hias Service have lost \$7,500,000 of similar funds this year. As a result the JDC suffered a 25 percent loss in its total income."

U. S. GOVERNMENT SPONSORING STUDY OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IN TEL AVIV

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27: (JTA) -- The United States Government is sponsoring a study of juvenile delinquency in Tel Aviv in the hope of finding answers to some of its own juvenile delinquency problems, Dr. Ellen Winston, U. S. Commissioner of Welfare, made known today.

Dr. Winston revealed to the Greater Washington Hadassah Chapter in an address that counterpart funds are being used for the project. It involves use of social welfare personnel to work with street gangs "to learn more about them and to find improved methods of directing their activities into socially useful channels."

A preliminary report, she said, revealed extraordinary similarities between the street gangs of Tel Aviv and those of New York, Philadelphia, and other American cities. From the Israelis' appearance and the terms they use, said Dr. Winston, "you would think they were boys from our own city slum areas." She added that their intense absorption in anti-social behavior is also similar.

ARAB INFILTRATORS FROM LEBANON BLAST HOUSE IN ISRAEL SETTLEMENT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27: (JTA) -- An uninhabited house in the Margaliyet settlement a few hundred feet from the Lebanese border was destroyed last night in an explosive blast.

Infiltrators from Lebanon were believed responsible. Israel filed a complaint on the incident with the United Nations Lebanon-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission. There were no casualties.

IMPROVED BRITISH-ARAB RELATIONS WILL NOT AFFECT ISRAEL, MINISTER SAYS

LONDON, Oct. 27: (JTA) -- George Thomson, British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs reiterated here last night that better relations with the Arab states will never be sought "at the expense of Israel."

The British statesman, who returned recently from a tour of Middle East capitals, which included Jerusalem, also told a large and distinguished gathering at a dinner of the Anglo-Israel Association that "there are no serious problems between Britain and Israel." He added that Britain's policy was to "seek friendly relations with all countries in the Middle East."

NEW YORK GOVERNOR FAVORS NOMINATION OF SEN. JAVITS FOR VICE PRESIDENT

ITHACA, N. Y., Oct. 27: (JTA) -- Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York was mentioned today by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller as this state's "favorite son" for the Vice-Presidential nomination of the Republican Party in 1968.

Commenting on speculation that Sen. Javits might be the candidate, Governor Rockefeller, here to attend ceremonies at the state agricultural college, said that the Jewish Senator is "one of the most highly respected members of the New York State governmental structure" and that he would be New York's favorite for the nomination.

NEW YORK FEDERATION PUBLISHES PROPOSALS MADE TO STRIKING EMPLOYEES

NEW YORK, Oct. 27; (JTA) -- The current strike of the employees of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York today prompted the Federation president Irving Mitchell Felt to issue a statement in which he emphasized that the original demands by the union of the employees, if granted, would have cost the Federation approximately \$1,000,000 during the first year of the new agreement:

"This amount is, of course, fiscally impossible for Federation or the contributing community to absorb," Mr. Felt stated; He said that Federation believes that the offers it has made to settle the dispute "are generous and consistent with its financial and communal responsibilities;" He listed the terms of Federation's proposals as follows:

1: Permanent clerical employees will receive an increase of \$10 per week over a three-year period, except for a few employees who are receiving salaries more than 50 percent above the minimum rates, which latter employees will receive a smaller increase. The average clerical salary for permanent employees is \$86.85 per week, and the increase would therefore amount to an average of 11-1/2 percent over the three year period.

2: Permanent fund raisers and technical employees will receive an increase of \$1,000 per annum over a three-year period. The average salary for permanent fund raisers is \$8,411.25 per annum, and the average salary for permanent technical employees is \$8,277.70 per annum. The proposed increase would therefore be approximately 11 to 12 percent over the three-year period.

3: Minimum starting rates in all categories will be increased.

4: A major medical plan will be instituted for permanent employees, to which Federation will contribute \$15 per annum for each employee.

5: All retired employees will continue to be covered by Blue Cross hospitalization and health insurance, until the effective date of the Medicare program, provided the union recognizes the right of Federation to retire employees at age 65.

6: Sick leave can be accumulated to a total of 60 working days, rather than 45 working days.

7: A \$2,500 group life insurance policy will be granted to each permanent employee.

8: The 35 hour week for clerical employees will be extended to cover six months of the year. The other six months span the annual campaign, during which considerable overtime is paid, and any reduction of the work week to 35 hours for that period would result in additional overtime pay, and therefore be in effect another wage increase.

9: A provision will be inserted in the agreement providing that no professional employee will work seven days in any work week. Heretofore the agreement provided that professional employees could work 7 days in a week only in a "bona-fide emergency." In a few instances during the height of the fund raising campaign last year a few employees did work seven days in a week because of emergencies and were given additional time off to compensate for such work.

10: Employees who are laid off because of retrenchment or reorganization or the introduction of automated procedures will be given preferential rights for one year to fill permanent vacancies arising in other departments.

11: All new permanent employees will be covered by a union shop.

12: A promoted employee will be guaranteed an automatic increase of at least three percent.

13: Federation is willing to discuss further with the union the issue raised by it concerning the working of late hours by female employees.

The union rejected Federation's proposals as "inadequate," and on October 13 the employees walked off their jobs. A spokesman for the union insisted today that Federation had refused to give "acceptable terms" on a number of key issues and that it had refused arbitration of issues in dispute which the local was willing to accept. He said that Federation negotiators at a mediation session last night had threatened to seek an injunction against the employees who have staged a sit-in in the Federation for the past two weeks as part of the strike tactics. The spokesman said that the union planned to vacate the building today.

He discounted the federation offer of a union shop for all new permanent employees on grounds that, from the union's viewpoint, this would leave unresolved the problems arising from what he called a Federation practice of hiring large numbers of temporary employees during peak periods.

THREE DAY CONFERENCE ON JEWISH VOCATIONAL TRENDS OPENED IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Oct. 27: (JTA) -- Current vocational trends and their impact on the Jewish community will be studied at a three-day conference of vocational service professionals gathered here from 20 different cities in the United States and Canada. The conference, which opened today, is sponsored by the Jewish Occupational Council, the national coordinating agency for the Jewish vocational service agencies, a group of communally sponsored agencies known for many pioneering programs in the field.

Highlighting the conference are discussions on problems faced by Jewish youth under academic pressures; an evaluation of the older workers' changing status in today's economy; and new approaches in helping the handicapped take their place in society.

Other areas which are being subjected to professional scrutiny are the implications of the new immigration law, particularly in regard to serving Jewish emigres; an assessment of programs for upgrading disadvantaged youth in our volatile society, and its impact on Jewish communal services. Dr. Sanford L. Kravitz, chief of Research and Program Development of the Office of Economic Opportunity, the keynote speaker at a dinner meeting tonight reviewed the Anti-Poverty program and its relationships to the Jewish community. Chairman of the Jewish Occupational Council is Samuel S. Greenberg of Detroit. Bernard Stern of New York City is executive director.

JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY DISPUTE ENDED; WILL MOVE QUARTERS TO BRANDEIS

WALTHAM, Mass., Oct. 27: (JTA) -- A lengthy internal dispute in the American Jewish Historical Society over moving its headquarters from New York to the Brandeis University campus was reported today by the university as ended with dismissal of a suit against the transfer filed in federal court.

With transfer obstacles removed, the Society asked a New York architectural firm, to prepare preliminary designs for a headquarters building for the 73-year-old research and publication organization. The university made the site available to the Society. The building will be named for the late Lee M. Friedman of Boston, former president of the Society, who left the bulk of his estate to the Society. Funds for the building were provided in his will.

Leon J. Obermayer, Society president, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the will left the Society about \$1,600,000 of which about \$600,000 would be used for the new headquarters building. He said he could not give a date for the start of construction on the new structure because a determination must be made by the Surrogate Court in Boston on whether the transfer of the headquarters in any way violates the terms of the will. He explained that the will stipulated that the bequest was contingent on the Society remaining an independent organization and that the Society preferred to obtain a formal court ruling before proceeding.

He added that a friendly suit had been filed in the Surrogate Court for a determination and that, since there was no litigation involved, an early ruling was expected. He stated that the independence of the Society was assured in the arrangements with Brandeis University. The decision to relocate the headquarters was made by the Society's executive council after an extended analysis of possible locations in a number of cities. The vote confirmed earlier decisions of the executive council and a referendum of the Society's membership.

SIX YOUTHS ARRAIGNED IN BROOKLYN; CHARGED WITH SETTING SYNAGOGUE AFIRE

NEW YORK, Oct. 27: (JTA) -- Six teen-age boys were arraigned today on charges of burglary and arson in a two-alarm fire in the synagogue of Congregation Sons of Israel in Brooklyn which caused damages estimated at nearly \$400,000. They were released in their parents' custody for appearance in Brooklyn Family Court.

The blaze destroyed a priceless collection of rare Judaica, the Ark with 18 Scrolls, a stained glass window and prayershaws and other religious items.

DR. MAX BEER, DEAN OF U.N. CORRESPONDENTS, DEAD; WORKED FOR J.T.A.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 27: (JTA) -- Dr. Max Beer, dean of the correspondents covering the United Nations, and former correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, died here today, aged 79.

Born in Vienna, he studied at the Heidelberg University in Germany, took a law degree at the Sorbonne in Paris, and became one of the foremost correspondents at the League of Nations, where he represented the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung of Berlin, a leading German newspaper. When Hitler came to power, the newspaper was forced to dismiss him because of his Jewish descent. He then became the correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Geneva. In 1940, he came to the United States where he became United Nations correspondent for the Neue Zuercher Zeitung, leading Swiss newspaper published in Zurich.