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SHAZAR WELCOMED IN NEW YORK; LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING WITH JOHNSON

NEW YORK, July 28, (JTA) -- Top leaders of all major Jewish organizations were at the airport here early this morning to greet Israel President Zalman Shazar on his arrival from Brazil for a brief stay in the United States en-route back to Israel from a six-week trip to South America which included state visits to Uruguay, Chile and Brazil.

Most of these leaders had to get up at dawn and travel more than an hour to the John F. Kennedy Airport where the plane carrying the President and his entourage landed at 7:30 in the morning. The waiting room assigned by the airport authorities for the distinguished audience which came to meet President Shazar upon his landing was crowded even before 6:00 in the morning. At least 50 organizations sent delegations to the airport. They included the United Jewish Appeal, the Jewish Agency, the Israel Bond Organization, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Rabbinical organizations, Zionist groups and cultural institutions.

Among the delegations was also one representing the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Originally President Shazar was scheduled to pay a visit to the Rebbe on Saturday evening. However, certain changes were made at the last minute in the program of the President's schedule and his projected visit to the Lubavitcher Rebbe was eliminated along with other previously arranged meetings with various personalities.

The President looked somewhat tired from the all-night flight when he landed. The first to greet him at the airport were Israel Ambassador Avraham Farman; Ambassador Michael Comay, head of the Israeli delegation at the United Nations; and Michael Arnon, Israel's Consul General in New York. They escorted him and Mrs. Shazar to the waiting room where the delegations from the Jewish organizations were waiting to welcome him.

Mr. Shazar affectionately shook hands with many of the Jewish leaders whom he knew for years either from his old-time visits to the United States or from their visits to Israel. To some he made brief remarks in Hebrew, to some he spoke in Yiddish, and some he greeted in English. He expressed sincere joy in seeing some of his old personal friends in the audience.

Says Many Memories and Friendships Link Him with New York

At a brief press conference at the airport later, President Shazar said he was "delighted" to spend a few days in the United States on his way home from "most gratifying and heartwarming visits to Uruguay, Chile and Brazil." He stressed that he and Mrs. Shazar were "very happy to be once more in the great metropolis of New York" and emphasized that "many memories and friendships" link him and his wife to the city of New York.

"We particularly look forward to our meeting on August 2 with President Johnson, whose leadership in the defense of human rights and the strengthening of democracy, the preservation of the independence of small countries and the quest for world peace, we so deeply appreciate," he said.

In a brief Hebrew broadcast from the airport to Israel, he said how overjoyed he was with his visits to the South American countries and how glad he is to be on U.S. soil for a few days. He expressed hope that his visits to the American continent will contribute to the strengthening of friendship between these countries and Israel. He told his listener in Israel that he expects to be back in Jerusalem within a week.

Precautionary Measures Taken by Police to Protect Shazar

Strong precautionary police measures were taken at the airport hours prior to the arrival of the plane which carried Mr. Shazar and his party. Several policemen, headed by a Jewish police captain, also served as his body guards while he remained on the airport premises. He was taken by motorcade to the Plaza Hotel in the city where he will stay during the days he will spend in New York. The Israeli flag was displayed over the hotel, which is located in the fashionable center of the city.

President and Mrs. Shazar, tired from the flight, remained in the hotel for the entire day making no other arrangements for the day except resting. Tomorrow he will attend a luncheon given in his honor by Mayor John V. Lindsay at the Lincoln Center for the

Performing Arts. Representatives of the State Department, of Governor Rockefeller and of Mayor Lindsay were at the airport this morning to greet Mr. Shazar on his arrival to this country.

The Jewish press in New York, including the pro-Communist daily newspaper "Freiheit," carries long articles on Mr. Shazar and his role in the Zionist movement and in cultural life of Israel. In addition to articles and welcoming editorials, the Yiddish daily newspapers feature the arrival of the Israel President as the main news of the day with banner headlines "Welcome, President Shazar!"

Will Return to Israel Next Thursday with Stopover in Zurich

During his stay in New York, the Israel President will visit the United Nations as the guest of Secretary-General U Thant who is giving a luncheon in his honor on Monday. More than 40 dignitaries have been invited by the U.N. Secretary-General to this luncheon, including ambassadors from a number of countries.

While President Shazar will be entertained by the Secretary-General, Mrs. Shazar will be honored at a luncheon in the United Nations tendered by Mrs. Michael Comay, wife of the head of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations. Wives of U.N. delegates and leaders of women's organizations have been invited by Mrs. Comay to this luncheon.

President Shazar will leave the United States next Thursday, the day after his visit to Washington. His departure from this country was arranged on the basis of instructions issued by President Shazar while he was visiting Rio de Janeiro. Since flying from New York on Thursday will cause the Israeli President to arrive in Europe on Friday evening, he has arranged to stop over in Zurich, Switzerland, where he will observe the Sabbath. He will continue his flight to Israel on Sunday, August 7, where he is expected to arrive in the afternoon.

MAPAM THREATENS TO LEAVE CABINET; OPPOSES PROJECTED AUSTERITY PLAN

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol's coalition Government was facing mounting difficulties today with the leadership of the leftwing Mapam Party threatening to leave the Government over its proposed wage policy and the National Religious Party threatening to quit unless the coalition program on religious education is implemented.

Meir Yaari and Yaakov Hazan, the two foremost leaders of Mapam, gave notice to Premier Eshkol today that their party would leave the coalition unless proposals for freezing the cost of living allowances and other wage and social benefit payments are eliminated from the economic program of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

At a meeting attended also by the Premier, Mr. Sapir and Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Zadok, the two Mapam leaders said that the wage freeze proposal in the Finance Minister's three-year austerity program was contrary to the basic coalition agreement. The Mapam leaders are due to confer once again with Premier Eshkol next week when they are expected to present what they believe to be a more equitable economic plan with what they consider a more just distribution of the economic burden by all sectors of the economy -- employers and employees alike.

The National Religious Party informed Mr. Eshkol today that it would not continue to participate in the Government unless the coalition program on religious education is implemented. NRP leaders complained that the Government was not carrying out its agreement to establish new religious schools and enlarge the religious education network. The party's secretariat asked to meet with the Premier to discuss the issue.

ISRAEL FINANCE MINISTER ORDERS IMMEDIATE CURTAILMENT OF STAFFS

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir instructed all government departments today to start immediately to put into effect his personnel-curtailement program. Under that program, unnecessary posts will be eliminated, temporary workers are to be dismissed, and all operations in government departments are to be streamlined.

Mr. Sapir made it clear in his instructions that he expects the various departments to start putting the program into effect at once and that he wants each department to file a detailed report monthly, showing how the new personnel and operational plans are being implemented.

Mr. Sapir's decision to implement his program has elicited protests among civil servants and even among trade union officials controlled by the dominant Mapai Party. A number of unions are expected to request Histadrut, the Israel federation of labor, to examine the situation created by the Sapir orders and to take steps to guard the rights of workers in government departments.

U.N. TRUCE CHIEF LINKS ISRAEL'S AIR RAID WITH SYRIAN SABOTAGE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 28. (JTA) -- Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, today definitely linked Israel's July 14th air raid against Syria water diversion installations to previous terrorist mining attacks in Israeli settlements which cost Israel two dead and two wounded.

The Israel air raid, according to Gen. Bull, caused damage to Syrian earth moving machinery intended for use for diversion of Jordan River headwaters. He reported that nine Syrians were wounded, one of the casualties -- a woman -- dying later.

The significance of Gen. Bull's linkage of the Israel air raids with the terrorist attacks lay in the fact that Syria, supported by Jordan and the Soviet Union, has been insisting before the Security Council, currently in session, that the Israel air raid and the terrorist attacks against Israel must not be considered as parts of one single issue.

Earlier this week the Council, which has been considering Syrian and Israeli charges and counter-charges, requested Gen. Bull to file two separate reports, each devoted distinctly to the Syrian and the Israeli accusations, respectively. Today, the Council received the Bull reports, but the UNTSO chief added a third document. The linkage between the Israeli and the Syrian charges was provided by the third document.

In the third document Gen. Bull reported to the Security Council that he had written identical letters to Syria and Israel, telling the two governments: "It is my duty to express my deepest concern for the situation which has developed. Four mining incidents which occurred in Israel close to the armistice demarcation line, the first on the night of July 12-13, two on July 13th and the fourth on the morning of July 14th have resulted in the death of two Israelis and two others were wounded. On July 14 the Government of Israel responded with air attacks on Syrian territory."

Gen. Bull reported that, in June, weeks before the July 13th and 14th events, he noted grave increase of Israeli-Syrian tensions, and appealed to both governments to agree to an unconditional cease-fire. Both did agree to his demands early in June, he stated. "Despite the deplorable events," he told the Council, "I intend to continue conversations with both sides and try to settle the problems which have been the origin of too many serious incidents."

One of the most serious of the recent problems, he said, concerned Israeli and Syrian disagreements about cultivating certain fields in the demilitarized zone between their borders. "Efforts to reduce tension through negotiations," the UNTSO chief declared, "must be pursued as long as there is a will to succeed."

The two other Bull reports merely recited separately the same set of facts brought together in the third document, one dealing with the Israeli air raid, the other with the Syrian terrorist attacks. The two issues are to be debated further at the current session of the Security Council.

ISRAEL HALTING FARM WORK NEAR SYRIAN BORDER TO EASE TENSION

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government today informed the United Nations that it is granting a request by U.N. Secretary-General U Thant to halt temporarily some farm work near the Syrian border, so as to aid the U.N. in its efforts to relax tensions between Syria and Israel and bring back peace and quiet along the Syrian-Israeli frontier. The information was conveyed to Gen. Odd Bull, U.N. Truce chief by Yosef Tekoah, Deputy Director General at Israel's Foreign Ministry in charge of armistice affairs.

The issue concerns cultivation of some fields in the vicinity of Almagor, near the northern border, where both the Syrians and Israelis threatened to go on with cultivation. Political circles here said that, if Israel holds back on cultivation, such a step would be only temporary "as Israel is not prepared to renounce its sovereignty over part of its national territory."

It is believed here that Mr. Thant's request that work be halted in the fields near Almagor had been made on the demands of Gen. Bull, who apparently feels that without Syrian-Israeli agreement on the cultivation of the disputed fields he may not succeed in his peace-enforcing mission. It became known today that Gen. Bull voiced such a request when he visited the Israeli Foreign Ministry here recently.

Gen. Bull's initiative was seen here also in another step taken by Mr. Thant who was reported to have sent a letter to the Security Council, asking it discreetly not to adopt a one-sided resolution in the current Syrian-Israeli dispute, since such a resolution would only complicate Gen. Bull's efforts. The Thant letter had reportedly been sent to the Council from Moscow, where the Secretary-General is now conferring with Soviet

leaders on many other problems unrelated to the Middle East. (A spokesman for the highest echelons at the United Nations told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that no message has been received from Mr. Thant touching on the Security Council's current debate.)

Observers here pointed out that a decision to halt certain cultivation work temporarily to facilitate easing of border tensions would only bring additional proof that Israel is determined to help ensure tranquility along its borders, especially along the Syrian frontier. In the past, it was noted, Israel has taken other conciliatory steps to help ease tensions.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS OPENS 10-DAY ASSEMBLY IN BRUSSELS ON SUNDAY

BRUSSELS, July 28. (JTA) -- More than 400 delegates from about 65 countries are arriving here this weekend to attend the 10-day World Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly which begins Sunday evening. The United States delegation is composed of 80 members coming from 14 cities. Major problems concerning Jewish life today will be discussed as well as major world issues.

The keynote address dealing with "The Jewish People in the 20th Century" will be delivered Sunday evening by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president. Other speakers at the opening evening will be Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium, M. Willy de Clercq. One of the speakers at the Assembly will be Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, president of the West German Parliament. He will participate in a symposium on "Germans and Jews." Explaining the purpose of this symposium, Dr. Goldmann said in a statement:

"This symposium has caused some doubts and many misunderstandings. The leadership of the World Jewish Congress regards the open and frank discussion of this difficult and delicate problem as necessary, just because the problem is far from being solved, despite the indemnification payments and the normalization of relations between Israel and the German Federal Republic.

"After what happened in the Hitler period, it is obvious that it will take quite some time until German-Jewish relations will be psychologically and spiritually normalized, and recent symptoms of a new anti-Semitic colored nationalism in Germany have given cause to worries and fears. On the other hand, to ignore this problem and not to take note of Germany's growing importance is a most unrealistic attitude, based on pure emotionalism.

"The purpose of the discussion in Brussels, in which prominent German and Jewish leaders will participate, is to analyze the complexity and the difficulties of the problem, and to make the German people aware that merely material restitution cannot solve the question, and that they must continue to make serious efforts to avoid any resurgence of neo-Nazi or anti-Semitic tendencies and to eradicate old traditions of racial discrimination and anti-Jewish prejudices.

"The frank discussion of the problem by eminent Jewish and German personalities will indicate the importance of this question which will, for quite some time, remain on the agenda of the Jewish and the German peoples and may contribute to its clarification and to a gradual constructive solution," Dr. Goldmann stressed. Participants in the German symposium will be, in addition to Dr. Gerstenmaier, also Professor Golo Mann, Kilchberg-Zurich; Professor Salo Baron, New York; and Professor Gershon Sholem of Jerusalem.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS 'DIALOGUE' DISCUSSES ISRAELI 'JEWISHNESS'

REHOVOT, July 28. (JTA) -- Israelis were warned here today not to condemn Diaspora Jews since such condemnation is, in reality, "condemnation of Jewishness." Addressing a session of the American Jewish Congress Dialogue here, Col. Mordechai Bar-On, chief education officer of the Israel Army, stressed that any Jew who does not come to Israel is not inferior to an Israeli.

He called upon Israelis to concentrate on developing more "Jewishness" in their lives as the best way to attract immigration from western countries. Other speakers at the session included Dr. Moshe Ben Meir, Deputy Interior Minister, and Dr. Irving Greenberg, professor of history at Yeshiva University.

U.S. TOURIST LOST IN ISRAEL; DISAPPEARED IN EILAT; POLICE SEEK CLUE

JERUSALEM, July 28. (JTA) -- No trace has been found of Hupel Portogaz, an American tourist who disappeared this week from the Red Sea port of Eilat, in southern Israel.

Police said that Portogaz had been living in Israel for two years and arrived in Eilat one month ago. His abandoned car containing his suitcases was found by police but no clue to his whereabouts was uncovered.