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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES SOVIET DEPORTATION OF ISRAELI DIPLOMAT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet discussed today, at its weekly meeting, the Soviet Government's order, issued in Moscow yesterday, expelling David Gavish, second secretary of Israel's Embassy in the Soviet capital, on charges of "espionage."

After Prime Minister Levi Eshkol reported to the Cabinet about the developments in Moscow, the Government discussed concrete steps for a reply to Moscow to what circles here called "a Soviet provocation which breaks normal conventions covering diplomatic relations between civilized nations."

Mr. Gavish has been serving in the Israeli legation in Moscow for 13 months, occupied with consular affairs. Part of his work was to maintain contact with those Jews in Russia who were given Soviet Government permission to emigrate to Israel. He is 42, worked until 18 months ago in the Government's statistical office here, and his assignment to Moscow was his first diplomatic post.

According to Tass, the official Soviet Government news agency, the Israeli was charged with activities "incompatible with the status of an accredited diplomat." He was declared persona non-grata, and was ordered to leave the country immediately.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency's correspondent in Jerusalem tried to telephone Mr. Gavish at Israel's mission offices in Moscow this morning, but found that the diplomat was no longer working there. Members of Israel's mission said they held a farewell party for him at the Embassy last night. They said that Mr. Gavish's wife and two children are scheduled to leave Moscow tomorrow for Vienna, on their way back to Israel.

Israel's Foreign Office Terms Soviet Charges 'Groundless'

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry here said today that the Soviet charges against Mr. Gavish are "absolutely groundless," adding: "The Soviet Government knows very well that no Israeli diplomat ever engaged in espionage, or engages in such practice now or ever will do so." The Foreign Ministry said that notice of Mr. Gavish's expulsion was received "with deep regret and great surprise." The Ministry was very clear on the point that the Government rejects the Soviet charge against Mr. Gavish.

Political circles here discern several reasons for the Soviet Government's action against Mr. Gavish. One motivation is the fact that, each year, about the period preceding the High Holy Days, the Soviet Government or press have found occasions to smear Israel as an offset to the pro-religious sentiments being stirred at that time among Jews in Russia.

An additional motivation seen this year was linked to the fact that the Soviet Union is eager to salve Syria's feelings. Syria failed in the United Nations Security Council a week and a half ago to get a condemnation motion passed against Israel in connection with Israel's air raid into Syria in July as a reprisal for Syria's connivance with saboteurs terrorizing Israeli border settlements. Moscow backs the Syrian regime.

BEN-GURION APPROACHED WITH PROPOSAL TO MERGE MAPAI WITH RAFI

TEL AVIV, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- An effort by some members of the Mapai Party to work out a rapprochement between Mapai and Rafi, the dissident faction formed by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, has resulted thus far in inconclusive statements by Mr. Ben-Gurion and by Mrs. Golda Meir, Mapai's secretary-general.

Members of a Mapai group seeking reunification with Rafi reported here today that they had discussed possible proposals for rapprochement with Mr. Ben-Gurion at a meeting with him at Sdeh Boker. They said Mr. Ben-Gurion replied he always favored greater unity within the Israeli labor movement but that such unity must be based on "truth and justice and the correction of wrongs."

Mrs. Meir declared she would always be ready to consider a merger with Rafi, however she told the Mapai secretariat that the merger must be "total" and must include the Rafi group within an "expanding alignment."

ISRAEL'S CHIEF OF STAFF WARNS AGAINST SYRIA'S 'MISLEADING' GESTURES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Israel's Chief of Staff Gen. Yitzhak Rabin said here that Syria was trying to mislead world opinion with her recent unusually conciliatory behavior in exchanging prisoners and her half-hearted attempts at reaching some kind of border agreement.

Addressing a group of graduates of an Israel Army staff and command course, Gen. Rabin declared that the truth is that the Syrians are now engaged in training El Fatah gangs as part of their "popular war" plans against Israel. He added that the Syrians knew that they did not have a chance in a direct confrontation with Israel and they were understandably eager to avoid any such showdown.

Gen. Rabin said that one way Syria sought to avoid retaliation was to have gangs operate out of neighboring Arab countries. This purpose could be served even better if Syria could impress upon the world that she is a peace-loving nation as demonstrated by her recent conciliatory gestures, he declared.

With respect to their plans for a "popular war," Gen. Rabin said that "the Arabs do not always carry out what they threaten to do. But we cannot rely on this. We will continue to hold responsible any country permitting gangs to operate from its territory. On the other hand, we will continue to regard Syria as though the gangs were operating directly from Syrian bases," he warned.

At the same time, he said, "Israel should not disregard any sincere peaceful gestures, no matter how slight, provided this does not in any way reduce the deterrent power of our defense forces. Israel's very survival and peace along the borders will hinge on the might of its armed forces," he declared.

TWO FOREIGN STUDENTS DISAPPEAR FROM KIBBUTZ NEAR SYRIAN BORDER

TEL AVIV, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Two young foreign students who have been working this summer at Kibbutz Shamir, near the Syrian border, disappeared last Friday and are feared to have wandered inadvertently across the frontier into Syria, Israel reported today to the Syrian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission.

The students are Jeanette Archer, 19, of England; and Gil Hirschner, 21, of France. Members of their kibbutz last saw them on the edge of the Syrian frontier last Friday. When they failed to return by nightfall, a search was started, but brought no results. Israel asked the United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission to try to see whether the two young people can be traced in Syria.

A Syrian was placed under arrest by Israeli police after he crossed the border and asked members of Almagor settlement for asylum. The settlers brought the Syrian, Mohamed Garida, to police, who detained him on charges of illegal entry. He told investigators that he fled to Israel because the Syrian authorities were after him.

LARGEST GROUP OF IMMIGRANTS FROM U.S. AND CANADA ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

HAIFA, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- A total of 146 immigrants from the United States and Canada -- comprising the largest group from North America ever to come to Israel for permanent settlement -- arrived here today aboard the Zim Israel liner Shalom. The group is the first of four aggregations of North American settlers expected here this summer.

Twenty-two of the newcomers are professionals, including three engineers, 11 teachers and three doctors. Ten are yeshiva students, and 21 are persons retired on Social Security. Thirteen expect to join kibbutzim. A team of Jewish Agency representatives met the immigrants upon their arrival, and a platoon of girl soldiers aided the newcomers with pre-settlement arrangements.

CHIEF INVESTIGATOR OF NAZI WAR CRIMES CONFESSES HE WAS A NAZI

LUDWIGSBURG, West Germany, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Erwin Schuele, head of the Central Office for the Investigation of Nazi War Crimes here, has announced that he will resign his post on September 1st. Dr. Schuele at first denied but then confessed to recent East German charges that he had been a member of the Nazi Party storm troops during World War II. He insisted, however, that he had not participated in war crimes, claiming that he joined the Nazi Party to escape persecution.

Meanwhile the State Ministry of Justice of Baden-Wuerttemberg announced that Dr. Schuele will become Chief Prosecutor of the Stuttgart district, a post he held before becoming head of the investigation office in 1958. Under Schuele's supervision the Central Office for the Investigation of Nazi War Criminals has prepared the pre-trial investigation of over 2,000 cases involving Nazi war crimes.

HADASSAH CONVENTION OPENS WITH CALL TO STRENGTHEN JEWISH LIFE IN U.S.

BOSTON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The importance of strengthening Jewish life in this country was stressed here tonight at the opening session of the 52nd national convention of Hadassah by Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, president of the organization, in her presidential address. More than 2,000 delegates and guests are participating in the four-day convention.

"The basic concern of a modern Jew in a free society is not whether his son will face anti-Semitism -- not whether his son will be able to earn a living -- but whether he will remain a Jew," Mrs. Jacobson asserted. She urged Jewish parents to: 1. Provide their children with Jewish education in the home "as an important part of their way of life"; 2. Practice Judaism in daily life so as to set an example for their children to follow.

"Ignorance of our Jewish heritage is by no means confined to young people," Mrs. Jacobson said. "We need a campaign -- a 'Project Late Start' -- to educate the parents who need to be educated in Judaism. Books alone cannot educate or inspire children. Youth must see its parents and teachers as live illustrations.

"The vitality of American democracy does not require the loss of one's own particular culture," she emphasized. "On the contrary, to give up the cultural pattern that has made the Jewish people one of the great moral and social forces of humanity diminishes ourselves not only as Jews but as Americans. A generation that has helped to rebuild Israel can surely find the way to maintain a conscious, affirmative Jewish way of life in America."

Hadassah Members Urged to Set Example in Their Homes

Mrs. Jacobson said that a century ago, the Jew was concerned about the future of his children in terms of their ability to survive pogroms and anti-Semitism; their ability to avoid starvation; their plans to emigrate. "But one concern he did not have -- whether or not his children would remain Jewish," she pointed out. "Even fifty years ago, Jews were still, in the main, being raised within a Jewish society. Judaism was their primary culture. The culture of the country in which they lived was secondary.

"Today the reverse is true. For Jews outside of Israel, Judaism is a second culture acquired on top of the culture of the countries where they live. The Jews of America today are worried about whether the next generation will retain its specific Jewish identity. There is cause today to worry over indifference to -- and ignorance of -- Judaism and Jewishness."

Mrs. Jacobson said that "every survey of the Jewish scene reports frightening statistics. This year, a survey showed that only half of the Jewish school-age population in the United States receive any form of Jewish education. The education of the 600,000 who do attend Jewish schools is said to be woefully inadequate.

"How can Hadassah help to remedy this situation? As an organization representing over 300,000 homes, we are responsible for approximately 650,000 children and grandchildren. What if we started with them? There is no doubt that Jewish education begins in the home and when parents view their own continuing education as an important part of their way of life, it helps to set an example. Therefore, I call upon our members to set the example -- a Jewish home is one where everyone studies Judaism and practices it."

President Johnson Lauds Hadassah; Eshkol Sends Message

President Lyndon B. Johnson, in a message to the convention, hailed the Hadassah as a voluntary organization "which gives impetus to our nation's major objectives -- that of helping people to help themselves. "Your convention theme -- 'Horizons Unlimited' -- is one of challenge, both here and abroad. Efforts such as yours enable countries throughout the world to develop and look to the future with hope and confidence," the President said in his message.

Israel Prime Minister Levi Eshkol stated in a message: "The name of Hadassah is written large across the panorama of modern Israel, bearing testimony to the magnificent record of creative achievement and inspired endeavor, which has consistently characterized your movement from its inception."

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a special citation to Hadassah by the American Association for World Health, in recognition of Hadassah's medical aid to developing countries in Africa and Asia and support of the World Health Organization. The citation was presented to Mrs. Jacobson by Philip E. Nelbach, executive vice-president of the American Association for World Health.

It stressed that in a half a century of dedicated effort, Hadassah has become the "healer of the sons and daughters of many nations as well as of Israel."

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF YOUNG REPUBLICANS ACTS AGAINST 'RAT FINKS'

CHICAGO, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the national Young Republican Federation voted here yesterday to cleanse itself of the Rat Finks, a faction of the New Jersey Young Republicans. The Rat Finks had been accused of being anti-Semitic and anti-Negro.

In a resolution adopted by the committee, it was decided that seven county units in the New Jersey organization, allegedly controlled by the Rat Finks, must dissociate themselves from the Rat Finks, the John Birch Society, the Exterminators and all other factional groups. The Exterminators is a faction formed in the New Jersey group last year for the purpose of ridding the organization of Rat Finks.

The executive committee also absolved Richard F. Plechner, leader of the Rat Finks, of charges of racism and bigotry. But, as part of a compromise, Mr. Plechner resigned his vice-chairmanship of the National Young Republicans.

The controversy over the Rat Finks arose last year when the group inside the New Jersey Young Republican organization issued a song book containing lyrics which were anti-Semitic and anti-Negro. Members of the group had sung these lyrics set to wellknown melodies, at conventions of the New Jersey Young Republicans.

ISRAEL MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE VISITS PERU; LEAVES FOR BOLIVIA

LIMA, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Israel's Minister of Social Welfare, Dr. Yosef Burg, arrived here for a brief stopover enroute to Bolivia from Bogota where he represented Israel at the inauguration of Colombian President Carlos Lleras Restrepo.

Although Dr. Burg's visit here is not official, he was cordially received by Dr. Daniel Becerra de la Flor, Peru's Minister of Health and he was guest of honor at a reception given by the Zionist Organization of Peru and the Association of Jewish communities here. Dr. Burg will leave here today for Bolivia where he was officially invited by President Rene Barrientos for an exchange of ideas aimed at strengthening Israel-Bolivian relations.

DAVID PALOMBO, ISRAELI SCULPTOR, DIES IN CRASH; MADE THE GATES TO KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- David Palombo, a well-known Israeli sculptor, died here last night when a motor scooter which he was riding crashed into a chain road barrier on Mount Zion. He was in his early 30's.

Mr. Palombo executed the impressive metal gates of the Tent of Remembrance at the Yad Vashem, the memorial to the martyrs of the holocaust, as well as the gates to the new Knesset Building which will be officially dedicated this fall. Only last week, the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization awarded him a scholarship for study in Japan.

DR. BRUNO KISCH TO BE BURIED TOMMOROW IN ISRAEL; DIED IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held in Jerusalem Tuesday for Dr. Bruno Z. Kisch, the noted cardiologist and medical director of Yeshiva University. He died in Bad Nauheim, West Germany, last Thursday at the age of 76.

Dr. Kisch, a native of Frague, Czechoslovakia, had been professor of physiology, bio-chemistry and experimental medicine at the University of Cologne for 11 years when he was forced to flee Nazi persecution in 1938. He joined the faculty of Yeshiva University shortly after his arrival in the United States and served as that institution's medical director for 25 years.

In 1952 Dr. Kisch broke a vow never to return to Germany when he was invited by the Bonn government to deliver the opening address at the silver jubilee session of the German Cardiological Society. He was a founder of the society, the first of its kind in Europe.

A man of varied interests, Dr. Kisch served as curator of Yale University's Edward Clark Streeter Collection of Weights and Measures, and was a consultant to the Smithsonian Institute on this subject. In 1949, Dr. Kisch organized the American College of Cardiologists. He served as the organization's president from 1951-53. He developed the world's first electronic microscope and his research into the structure of heart fibers opened up a new field of medical investigation.

Dr. Kisch was in Bad Nauheim for health reasons at the time of his death. He resided in Brooklyn and is survived by his wife Ruth, an assistant professor of music at Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women; a son Arnold, who is on the faculty of the University of California Medical School; and two daughters, Charlotte and Regina.