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U.N. ASSEMBLY OPENS; U THANT ADVOCATES DIRECT ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE TALKS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 20. (JTA) -- The 21st annual General Assembly of the United Nations opened here today with a report before it by Secretary-General U Thant in which he appealed to the Arab states and Israel to enter into direct peace talks. The appeal was contained in an evaluation of the world situation -- including the Middle East situation -- made by the Secretary-General.

Warning that "dangerous tensions" continue to exist in the Middle East, Mr. Thant asked all other members of the United Nations to obtain a settlement of international conflicts, but pointed out that only the parties involved can transform conflicts into peace. "Although Viet Nam represents the most serious manifestation of the unsatisfactory state of international affairs, it is not the only point of open danger. The situation in the Middle East has shown no improvement, and dangerous tensions persist," he warned.

Noting the U.N.'s involvement in the search for peaceful solutions in Yemen and in Aden, Mr. Thant stated: "Beyond these questions lies the long-standing conflict between Israel and the Arab states, and the continuing need for passions to be restrained and the terms of the armistice agreements to be observed by all concerned." The four armistice agreements, signed in 1949 by Israel on the one hand and Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan on the other, all specify that the pacts must form only the first step toward peace treaties between the states involved.

Says Peace Is Up To Parties Directly Concerned in Conflicts

The use of direct talks between the Arab states and Israel to transform the armistice pacts into peace treaties was touched upon by Mr. Thant in his mention of the United Nations Emergency Force. Noting in today's document that, in the Middle East, the U.N. is committed not only through UNEF which guards the Israeli-Egyptian borders along the Gaza Strip and on the shores of the Gulf of Akaba -- but also through the U.N. Truce Supervision Organization, Mr. Thant declared:

"The crux of the matter from the standpoint of the United Nations is the continuing absence of any resolve on the part of the parties directly involved in a dispute to seek a reasonable way out of it. Indeed, at times it seems, and it may actually be the case, that they tend to take the attitude that the very United Nations presence frees them from any pressing obligation to exert a really serious effort towards a settlement of their differences.

"It may well be true that the existence of the United Nations peace-keeping operation and the feeling of security that grows with its effectiveness reduce the sense of danger and urgency about the continuing dispute, thus relieving the pressure on the parties to seek a settlement," the Secretary-General stated. He then told the Assembly that there was no way "out of the dilemma" except for the U.N. to maintain its peace-keeping force and, at the same time, to intensify peace-making efforts, "seeking always to find new and better means of inducing states to settle their disputes peaceably and of helping them to do so."

He reminded the U.N. members that the Assembly and the Security Council could help toward peace. He told the U.N. that all members "could play an important role in helping to find a settlement of the political problems that lie at the root of international conflicts." But, he stated, "in the last analysis, 'peace is up to' the parties directly concerned in the conflicts."

The principal items on this year's Assembly agenda affecting Israel directly are reports dealing with the Arab refugee problem and with the United Nations Emergency Force. Other agenda items of general concern to Jews all over the world will deal with various phases of human rights, including further efforts to put through a United Nations Convention banning all forms of religious intolerance.

Eban Arrives to Head Israel's Delegation to the U.N. Assembly

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister, Abba Eban, arrived here today to head, in the 21st session of the General Assembly, an

Israeli delegation which includes 25 diplomats and principal aides. During the early period of the Assembly, which is expected to last until about December 20, Mr. Eban will act as chairman of the Israeli delegation. The permanent chairman will be Israel's permanent representative here, Ambassador Michael S. Comay.

There will be four other members on the delegation with the rank of full ambassador. They are: Gideon Raphael, of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, vice-chairman; Dr. Shabtai Rosenne, legal adviser to Israel's Foreign Ministry; Joseph Tekoah, assistant director-general of the Foreign Ministry, who had served as Ambassador to the Soviet Union and Brazil; and Gershon Avner, Israel's present Ambassador to Canada.

ISRAEL FINANCE MINISTER LEAVES FOR U.S.; WILL NEGOTIATE IN WASHINGTON

TEL AVIV, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir left today for a visit to the United States, where he will attempt to persuade American authorities to allow Israel to buy U.S. surplus foods, shipped here, with Israeli currency. Until now, Israel has been buying U.S. surplus foods with American dollars, paying out for this purpose about \$8,000,000 a year. Expenditure of the dollars for this purpose, said Mr. Sapir, "has now become a heavy burden on Israel's foreign currency balance."

During his trip, Mr. Sapir is to visit eight major American Jewish centers, to confer with leaders of United Jewish Appeal drives. He will also explore the possibility of convening North American and South American industrialists and investors next year, in an effort to interest them in investing in development projects in development areas in Israel. The conference, he said, would be held in Israel.

ISRAEL WILL HONOR BEN-GURION ON BIRTHDAY; SHAZAR TO OPEN FETE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20 (JTA) -- President Zalman Shazar will personally open the celebrations for former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's 80th birthday, October 1.

The President will go with his wife and members of the official celebration committee to Mr. Ben-Gurion's residence at Sde Boker in the Negev to convey the best wishes of the nation to Mr. Ben-Gurion. The President and the committee members will arrive at Sde Boker on September 28, the eve of Succot. They will attend an open-air rally at Negev College at which the former Premier will be one of the speakers.

Members of the Cabinet also will travel to Sde Boker to convey the greetings of the Government. However, because of the strained relations between Mr. Ben-Gurion and Premier Levi Eshkol, the Premier will not be a member of the Cabinet delegation nor does he plan to send a personal letter to Mr. Ben-Gurion.

Mass rallies will be held in Haifa and Ramat Gan, but it was not known whether Mr. Ben-Gurion would attend either assembly. Haifa Mayor Abba Khoushi said the city would stage a large municipal celebration and that he would meet with the former Premier and invite him to attend. Mayor Avraham Krinitzi of Ramat Gan said he was organizing a "Ben-Gurion Evening" in the city's National Park. He said he expected a turnout of about 10,000 for that rally. Beersheba has offered Mr. Ben-Gurion an honorary citizenship on the occasion of his birthday.

ISRAEL MINISTER REVERSES DECISION ON \$1,000,000 GIFT FROM GERMAN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- The controversy over a gift by a West German publisher of \$1,000,000 to the Israel Museum was revived today by a temporary reversal by Education Minister Zalman Aranne of the Museum's acceptance of the donation.

A Ministry spokesman said that a final decision on the gift from Axel Springer, offered for construction and maintenance of a special building to house a library and archives for the Museum, would be taken at "the Cabinet level," and that the matter would rest until that decision was made.

Teddy Kollek, chairman of the Museum committee, met last night with Premier Levi Eshkol for a discussion of the question. Mr. Kollek then cabled Herr Springer, giving him a full report and assuring him that any "temporary difficulties" had nothing to do with his past.

The museum directors held a secret and stormy meeting last week on the offer which was made when the publisher visited Jerusalem two months ago on a private visit. The dispute in the board centered on whether the donor had a Nazi past. After a probe showed that Mr. Springer had had no connection with the Nazis, the board voted nine to three to accept the offer. Some members expressed reluctance about following the normal procedure of naming the building after the donor but museum sources said that Mr. Springer himself had asked for an "abstract name" for the proposed building.

ESHKCL WARNS AGAINST DEMANDS FOR WAGE RISES; STRESSES UNEMPLOYMENT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol warned today, in a major address, that Israel's troubled economy could not stand any additional demands for increased wages. Speaking at a meeting of the executive of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, he referred specifically to nurses, teachers and electrical workers who have threatened to strike tomorrow if their demands for more pay are not met.

The Premier, whose Mapai Party is one of the dominant elements in the Histadrut, declared that the present time was a decisive period in Israel's economic affairs and that every effort should be made to preserve present production costs, which he called already very high, and to increase productivity and exports on which the success of Israel's new three-year austerity program depends.

The Premier discussed at length Israel's growing joblessness which he said hit hardest at new immigrants and residents of development areas. He noted that some 25,000 Israeli workers were jobless and that more were expected to lose their present jobs after the holidays. He confirmed reports that a meeting of American Jewish industrialists and investors would be convened in Israel to discuss possibilities of more industrial investment in development areas.

He called on the Histadrut to create a special department to deal with urgent employment problems. The executive began a discussion of his proposals.

ITALIAN COMMUNIST SENATOR ASSAILS MOSCOW'S POLICY ON SOVIET JEWRY

ROME, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- A leading member of the Communist Party of Italy, and one of the party's founders, criticized the Soviet Union severely here last night for its oppressions against Jews in the Soviet Union, and called upon Moscow to restore to the USSR's Jews the fullest religious and cultural rights guaranteed them by the Soviet constitution.

The statement was made by Senator Umberto Terracini at a ceremony, attended by invited Jews and non-Jews, launching the publication of a book highly critical of anti-Jewish oppressions in the Soviet Union, entitled "The Jews in the USSR."

Sen. Terracini, who is a Jew, made it clear that he was speaking "as a Communist, not as a Jew." As author of the book's preface, the senator revealed that he had discussed the Russian Jewish situation with the Italian Communist Party's principal leader, the late Palmiro Togliatti. Furthermore, he revealed that Italian Communist leaders here "frequently" discussed the situation of Soviet Jewry with their Soviet colleagues.

In his preface to the book, Sen. Terracini stated, "After the violent suppression of every cultural activity of the Jews in the Stalinist period, there was no restoration of legality in this field. The organization of the Jewish religion and the exercise of its cult remained, compared to other churches and other existing cults in the USSR, extremely restricted. It is difficult to give a valid explanation for the policy of discrimination still existing against Jews in Russia."

"The full restoration of the national status of Jewish collectivity must legally be accompanied, as far as the Jewish religion is concerned, by the establishment of rights equal with those enjoyed by other religions. It is necessary that, in this field, there be no delay as to the return of the full application of the Soviet Constitution's right, bestowed on citizens, to an education for each citizen in his mother tongue, which in this case means Yiddish. The citizen must be given the right to worship according to his religion," the Italian Communist Senator demanded.

ROCKWELL FINED IN CHICAGO FOR CONDUCTING MEETING WITHOUT PERMIT

CHICAGO, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- George Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party, today pleaded guilty and was fined \$400 for unlawfully soliciting funds and conducting a meeting on park property without a permit.

Ralph Perry Forbes, 21, of El Monte, Calif., paid a \$300 fine arising from a September 12 conviction on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Forbes is a henchman of Rockwell in the Nazi movement. Both had been arrested in racial incidents here associated with Nazi incitement against Negroes and Jews.

GERMAN JEW ATTACKED BY NAZIS IN MONTEVIDEO; HIS CONDITION CRITICAL

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- A German Jew, Herbert Bittner, 31, was in critical condition today after suffering a beating from unknown assailants, assumed to be Nazis. The police said they found a sign on the victim's back declaring: "Let this be a lesson to all damned Jewish agents, so they will mind their own business. Heil Hitler."

U.S. RABBIS SEEK BAN ON AUTOPSIES IN ISRAEL; LEGISLATION PENDING

NEW YORK, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- A resolution demanding that the Israel Government "prohibit forthwith" the performance of any autopsies in Israel except under severely limited conditions was adopted today at a protest meeting here called by the Central Rabbinical Congress of the United States and Canada.

The resolution was read to the rally, held at the Manhattan Center, by Rabbi B. Rottenberg, chairman, who said the sponsoring organization was composed of more than 180 Orthodox rabbis in the United States and Canada. The resolution called for legislation to bar autopsies. It proposed that autopsies be allowed in Israel only if specifically permitted by rabbinical courts and only if consent was given by members of the family of the deceased person. Before the meeting, rally participants picketed the Israeli Consulate here.

The Israeli Consulate here issued a statement reporting that a number of amendments to Israel's Anatomy and Pathology law were now under consideration by Israel's Parliament. One of the amendments would ban an autopsy "if the deceased had left instructions in writing or in another manner to the effect that no autopsy was to be performed, or if the deceased's relatives registered opposition to an autopsy.

A requirement for the written approval of three doctors before any autopsy may now be performed would, under the proposed amendments, remain in force, even if no instructions were left by the deceased and no objections were raised by relatives. The consulate noted that Israeli law does not allow doctors to sign any kind of undertaking concerning autopsies when the patient is admitted to a hospital.

The consulate also said that, aside from the requirements of the law, physicians in Israeli hospitals "are instructed to exercise extreme care in determining whether or not an autopsy should be performed." The consulate statement stressed that the percentage of autopsies performed in Israel was "lower than in many other countries, including the United States."

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN ISRAEL TO BE NAMED FOR DALLAS PHILANTHROPIST

TEL AVIV, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Three American Jews from Dallas have contributed \$490,000 for the construction of a vocational school, at Lydda, to be named the Zale Vocational School, it was announced today by Joseph Meyerhoff, chairman of the Israel Education Fund of the United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Meyerhoff made the announcement at ceremonies at Lydda for the start of the school's construction, attended by Mr. and Mrs. William Zale, of Dallas, who represented the Zale Foundation on which contributed \$390,000 for this purpose. Morris B. Zale, of Dallas is president of the Foundation. Additional \$100,000 was given for the building of this school by another Jewish leader from Dallas, Jacob Feldman, who also made his gift through the Israel Education Fund, Mr. Meyerhoff said.

MRS. SAMUEL J. ROSENSOHN, EX-PRESIDENT OF HADASSAH, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Mrs. Samuel J. Rosensohn, former national president of Hadassah died today at the Madison Avenue Hospital. She was 81 years old. For almost 40 years, Mrs. Rosensohn was a member of the national board of Hadassah and served the organization in many capacities. She was the national president of Hadassah in 1952-53, and since then an honorary national vice president.

Born in Calveston, Texas, she attended the University of Texas and later the New York School of Social Work. In 1920, she became active in the National Travelers Aid Society and served the organization as a member of its board of directors, secretary and vice president. At the time of her death, she was an honorary vice president of the society. Despite her many interests and activities, Zionism and Hadassah were the focal points of Mrs. Rosensohn's life.

She also was a member of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a member of the Board of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, and had been a member of the Zionist General Council of the World Zionist Organization.

ARCHIBALD SILVERMAN, WELL-KNOWN U.S. JEWISH LEADER, DEAD; WAS 86

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Sept. 20. (JTA) -- Archibald Silverman, a long-time Zionist and Jewish philanthropic leader, died here, after a heart attack at the age of 86.

He had been a member of the board of directors of the United Jewish Appeal and of the executive board of the Israel Foundation Fund. He also had served as a member of the board of the Jewish National Fund and of the executive committee of the Joint Distribution Committee. He also had been a member of the executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America.