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EBAN, AT U.N., OFFERS COEXISTENCE TO ARABS; REFERS TO USSR JEWRY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, called here today upon the Arab states to observe the oft-repeated United Nations principles of coexistence and peaceful settlement of all disputes. At the same time, he urged the Soviet Union, which had been in the forefront here of the drive toward stressing the principle of coexistence, to extend observance of that principle toward USSR Jewry. In this context, he mentioned the Soviet Union specifically.

Mr. Eban made these statements, among others, in delivering his major address at the current session of the General Assembly before a plenary meeting of the body. He spoke during the "general debate," a procedure in which highest ranking leaders of U.N. delegations voice the major foreign affairs policies currently guiding their respective governments.

Noting, half-way through his long, 19-page address, that, behind the Israeli-Arab frontiers, established by armistice agreements reached in 1949, "the national life of sovereign states have become crystalized in an increasingly stable mold," the Israel Foreign Minister stated that "there is some evidence that thoughtful minds in the Middle East are becoming skeptical about threats to change the existing territorial and political structure by armed force." He pointed out that "such threats and the policies concerted to support them" violate not only the bilateral Israeli-Arab armistice agreements but violate also the U.N. Charter.

"It is not necessary," he said, "to formulate new or special principles for peace and security in the Middle East. Nothing is required beyond the precise application of Charter principles which enjoin respect for the sovereignty of states and the abstention from the use or threat of force against their integrity and independence.

"We hold that Israel and each Middle Eastern state have an absolute right to maintain their sovereignty and integrity immune from the threat or use of force. We stand for the precise and reciprocal application of Charter principles and of existing agreements. We make no claim against the integrity or the independence of other states. We have no concern with the nature of their regimes. We assume that different social and political systems, different attitudes to traditional culture, are destined to coexist in the Middle East, as in other parts of the world. What is needed is the consolidation, not the destruction, of existing elements of stability in the Middle East.

Sees Pact on Limiting Armaments as 'First Step' Toward Stable Mid-East

"If our neighbors refuse us recognition and contact, we shall pursue our national development and international vocation as best we can, and with strong prospect of success. While peace is not an indispensable condition of our existence, we hold it to be a high aim fraught with equal benefit to our neighbors and to us. A peace settlement, freely and directly negotiated, would inaugurate a new and glorious chapter in Middle East history.

"Indeed, the negotiation of an agreement on arms limitation might be the first step leading to a more stable coexistence. Only by establishing peaceful and stable conditions amongst themselves can the states of the Middle East keep the area free from external intervention, such as invariably arises wherever tension grows. All the residual problems left behind by the war launched against Israel 18 years ago, including those created by movements of population in both directions between Israel and the Arab states, could be solved in an atmosphere of bilateral, regional and international cooperation. Thus, in full respect of existing sovereignties, and of the region's creative diversity an entirely new story never told before would unfold across the Eastern Mediterranean."

Mr. Eban told the Assembly: "Coexistence means more than mere abstention from conflict. International solidarity is composed of countless links that transcend national frontiers." Such links, he said, include those that "unite religious, ethnic and cultural communities in their devotion to a common experience and common faith. There is not much meaning to the idea of coexistence unless the world is increasingly open to the constructive

expression of these affinities." Alluding then, pointedly, toward the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union, he declared:

Alludes to Soviet Jewish Need for Access to Heritage, Foreign Contacts

"Of special significance to my people are the links which unite the Jewish communities of the world in common pride and devotion and above all in tragic memory. This year I was able, on Polish soil, to visit the scene of the extermination of six million of our people by the Nazis. I saw the mountains of women's hair shorn from the bodies of executed victims and the piles of children's shoes torn from their feet before they were committed to the furnace. The governments and peoples of Europe, and especially of Eastern Europe, who witnessed and experienced the horrors inflicted by Nazism are our partners in the memory of these fearful acts. We should not forget that the United Nations itself was originally an anti-Nazi coalition charged with the duty of preventing any recurrence of the most fearful anguish that had ever befallen any family of the human race.

"It is inevitable that Jewish communities who witnessed and survived this assault feel a more profound need to express their mutual solidarity. The wounds of war have not yet been healed. Countless families have been separated and dispersed across different countries and continents, and still cherish the hope of reunion. There is a natural longing of these communities to join together in the expression and further development of the spiritual heritage which lies at the root of their identity. These impulses have led to an international interest in the right of Jewish communities everywhere freely to develop their specific culture.

"Thus, men of good will and progressive outlook who throughout the world recognize the historic role of the USSR in crushing the Nazi perpetrators of the Jewish tragedy in Europe, have expressed a natural desire to see the largest Jewish community in Europe enabled to have access to its own particular heritage and to make contact with others who share it throughout the world. In a Europe increasingly open to movement between its Eastern and Western parts, in a world in which barriers are falling and international contacts are being multiplied, the renewal of contact between kindred communities will become a natural corollary of peaceful coexistence."

Calls for U Thant's Reelection, 'Two Chinas,' Condemnation of Apartheid

Other issues discussed by Mr. Eban included the following:

He expressed the "ardent" hope that Secretary-General U Thant will accept reelection to his office;

He voiced a hope that the General Assembly will make further progress toward the formulation and proclamation of human rights, endorsing the move here toward appointment of a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

He called for more strenuous efforts, both by the big powers and the smaller nations, to make a reality of plans for aiding underdeveloped countries, declaring that the goals of the current U.N. "Development Decade," now at its half-way mark "have not been attained or even approached";

He endorsed the "two Chinas" principles being advocated by some delegations here, under which Communist China would be admitted but the Chiang Kai Shek Government on Formosa would also continue to hold U.N. membership;

He reiterated Israel's previously-voiced policies for U.N. intensification of "its presence upon the illegal regime in Rhodesia," South Africa's forfeiture of its mandate over Southwest Africa, independence for Portuguese-run Mozambique and Angola, and "condemnation of Apartheid" in South Africa. In this connection, he stated: "Israel's solidarity with Africa on this question is determined by the memories that our people carry with them across generations of martyrdom and discrimination."

ISRAEL FILES FORMAL BID FOR ASSOCIATED MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROMART

BRUSSELS, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Israel made formal application here today to the European Economic Community, seeking associate membership in the six-nation European Common Market. Israel's present limited trade agreement with the Euromart expires next June 1.

Amiel Najar, Israel's Ambassador to the EEC, notified the EEC Council of Ministers and the EEC executive commission of Israel's desire to start negotiations immediately for associate status, to replace the present agreement. That agreement was achieved after months of negotiation, and fell far short of Israel's hopes for a pact which would protect its booming exports against rising EEC tariff barriers. The six countries that are members of the EEC are France, Italy, West Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS URGES AUSTRIA TO HALT RISING NEO-NAZISM

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Immediate action "to halt the spread of ultra-rightist and neo-Nazi influence within Austria" was urged by a group of American Jewish Congress officials at a meeting here today with Dr. Ernest Lemberger, Austria's Ambassador to the United States. The meeting was held in the Austrian Embassy here.

Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the AJCongress commission on international affairs, told Dr. Lemberger that "the impact of extremist influence in Austria has become too pronounced to be disregarded, and instances of Austria's vulnerability to Nazi re-infection have become too glaring to dismiss."

Dr. Prinz told the envoy that Austria's political parties and national leaders had failed to admit Austria's past, "atone for anti-Semitic excesses and create a new national mood invulnerable to Nazi teachings." He proposed new efforts to keep former Nazis "from further infiltrating the public life" of Austria, a speed-up in Austria's prosecution of Nazi war criminals, a sharp upward revision of Austria's "token" restitution payments to surviving victims of Nazism, and a major overhaul of Austria's educational programs "to deal objectively with Austria's past, and prepare students to participate effectively in a democratic society."

Dr. Lemberger denied the charges that neo-Nazism was growing in Austria and said the Government of Chancellor Josef Klaus was determined to prevent a return of anti-Semitism. He said he would present a detailed answer to the AJCongress charges.

Dr. Prinz invited the envoy to prepare such a reply, and to appear before the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations to present his Government's side of the controversy. Dr. Prinz is chairman of the President's Conference.

INTERNATIONAL 'PEN' ASKS USSR TO GIVE STATUS TO YIDDISH LITERATURE

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the International PEN (Poets, Essayists and Novelists) meeting at Arnhem, approved a resolution urging Soviet writers and publishers to restore the prerogatives of Yiddish literature "to a status equal to all others" in the Soviet Union. The resolution said that PEN recognized "various improvements in the situation of Yiddish literature in the Soviet Union," but that further improvement was needed.

Boards of various Dutch Jewish communities sent telegrams yesterday to Premier Joseph Cals and Foreign Minister Joseph Luns, asking support at the United Nations for any steps there which might lead to religious and cultural rights for Soviet Jewry.

The telegrams referred to a discussion on the problem in the Dutch Parliament last December and the positive attitude by the Foreign Minister in that debate. They asked that this viewpoint be brought up at the current session of the U.N. General Assembly.

INTERFAITH MEETING WITH JEWISH COMMITTEE LEADER HELD AT AMSTERDAM

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish communities here held a unique interfaith meeting today with Philip E. Hoffman, chairman of the board of governors of the American Jewish Committee, who is currently on a three-week tour of Europe to study developments in Jewish-Christian relations.

Among those taking part in the meeting, which was held in the Succah of the Liberal synagogue here, were Dr. M. Koenig, chairman of the board of the Ashkenazi community; Dr. M. Goedeke, chairman of the Liberal congregation; Dr. E. Baruch, head of the Sephardic community; the Rev. J.H. Kroon of the Dutch Reform Church; and Father Kruijff, a Roman Catholic priest. In his address at the meeting, Dr. Koenig said that, if such gatherings had taken place 30 or 40 years ago, "then the catastrophe which befell European Jewry might never have happened."

CHICAGO COURT ORDERS 2 WEARING SWASTIKAS TO LEARN ABOUT NAZISM

CHICAGO, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Two young men arrested for street fighting while wearing Nazi swastika emblems on their jackets were given a choice in a court here of paying \$200 fines or reading a book on the evils of Nazism.

Judge Saul Epton, of Boys Court, offered the choice to Gene Kubisik, 19, and Daniel Kametz, 21, who faced disorderly conduct charges. Police said the two were arrested in a street fight Saturday while clad in jackets bearing swastikas.

The judge said: "If you did not learn what the swastika stands for in school, then perhaps the court should continue your education in that area."

PHILADELPHIA SYNAGOGUE VANDALIZED SIX TIMES; POLICE ON WATCH NOW

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- A police detail has been assigned to watch Congregation Shari Israel here, after six incidents of vandalism by neighborhood youths were reported during the past two years. In the incidents, the last of which occurred three weeks ago, bands of youth pelted the synagogue building with stones during and between prayer services. In some cases, the building was broken into.

Harry Beitchman, secretary of the 100-member congregation, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that, although prayer shawls were found strewn about the sanctuary on those occasions when the building was broken into, there was no evidence of desecration. He said the intruders evidently ransacked the synagogue in search of money or valuables. Police Capt. Michael Rotman, commander of the Civil Disobedience Squad, said that a tactical foot patrol had been assigned to the synagogue for this year's holiday services, and would remain on duty until further notice.

ACTRESS OBSERVING HIGH HOLY DAYS FIRED FROM 'FIDDLER ON ROOF' CAST

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- A Jewish actress who has been playing a key role in "Fiddler on the Roof," has been dismissed from the award-winning musical after absenting herself on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, it was learned today. The actress is Ann Mar-isse, in private life the wife of Rabbi Herbert Freed. She is also the daughter of an Orthodox rabbi.

Mrs. Freed charged in a letter to Harold Prince, producer of the play, that company manager Carl Fisher had explained her dismissal with the statement: "You stayed out of the show for the holidays, and we didn't want you to." She said she had informed Mr. Fisher of her intention to observe Yom Kippur "in ample time" to make the necessary adjustments, a reference to the need to provide for an understudy. Mrs. Freed had been playing the role of Tzeitel, Tevye's eldest daughter, for two years.

Mrs. Freed also asserted in her letter that she had informed Ed Baylies, the stage manager after her Rosh Hashana absence, that she absented herself "only after alerting my understudy, so that the show would not suffer. I made it clear to Ed Baylies that, being the daughter of an Orthodox rabbi and the wife of an ordained rabbi, my religious convictions dictated to me that I observe the Holy Days and absent myself from the show."

Mr. Prince replied in a statement that Mrs. Freed "did not ask for permission to take Rosh Hashana off. Instead she telephoned in that she was sick. I happened to be in the theater that night, called her back and discovered she was out for the night. Such behavior is highly unprofessional."

However, Mrs. Freed said the reason she had not been home on the eve of Rosh Hashana, when Mr. Prince called, was that she was attending synagogue services in Queens, and that she did not return to her apartment in Manhattan after services because she does not travel on Jewish holidays.

Mr. Prince added that "we have been in the habit of letting people observe all manner of high holy days." This was a reference to a practice of allowing personnel in the play to be absent on either Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur but not both. Mr. Fisher said that Herschel Bernardi, the current star of the musical as Tevye, was off on Yom Kippur, but that he performed on Rosh Hashana.

GENERAL ZIONIST CONFEDERATION LEADERS CONGRATULATE DAVID BEN-GURION

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose Halprin, co-chairmen of the World Confederation of General Zionists, cabled today the following congratulatory message to David Ben-Gurion, at his home in Sde Boker: "Hearty congratulations on your 80th birthday. Your place in Jewish history for your unique contributions to the Jewish State and people is assured. Best wishes for the years ahead."

RABBI ABRAHAM BURSTEIN, CHAPLAIN, AUTHOR, POET, DIES AT AGE OF 72

NEW YORK, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Rabbi Abraham Burstein, author and poet, who died here yesterday at the age of 72. He was chaplain of the Jewish Theatrical Guild, and senior Jewish chaplain of the New York City Board of Correction.

Born in Cleveland, Rabbi Burstein had served as secretary of the Rabbinical Assembly of America and of the Synagogue Council of America. He was the author of many works of poetry and prose, and served as editor of the Jewish Outlook. He also served as executive secretary of the Jewish Academy of Arts and Sciences.

GEORGE VANDENBERGH, JEWISH DUTCH LAWYER, ASTRONOMER, DIES AT 72

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 4. (JTA) -- The death of Prof. George Vandenberg, a Jewish lawyer, politician and astronomer, at the age of 76, was reported here today. The grandson of the founder of the worldwide Unilever company, he was also a former member of the Dutch Parliament, and of the Amsterdam Town Council.