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RADIO OF PALESTINE ARABS VOICES THREAT TO ASSASSINATE ESHKOL

JERUSALEM, Cct. 31. (JTA) -- A threat to assassinate Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol was voiced today by "Radio Palestine," a broadcast transmitted from Cairo.

The marauders, said the Arab broadcast, can enter Israel's peaceful settlements at night at will. "Even the Frime Minister's life is in danger," the broadcast stressed. "It requires couraged to enter Jerusalem. But the attacks will continue, as will the incidents along the border, even in places like Natanya," (Natanya is not on any of Israel's borders, It is on the Mediterranean Sea.)

The Arab radio's warning strengthened the arguments for action expressed in Israeli circles in the last few weeks, since Syrian-engineered sabotage and murder raids have increased. These circles hold that even the more moderate statesmen in the nearby Arab countries may not be able much longer to restrain the fanatic Arab elements, if the Cyrian-incited raids into Israel continued without punishment by Israel.

Meanwhile, Arab terrorists struck into Israel again last night. An Israeli patrol was fired upon at dawn inside Israeli territory south of Mount Hebron. No Israelis were hit, and the raiders escaped in the darkness across the Jordanian border, which is only about 40 yards away from the spot whence the shooting had come. The infiltrators were believed to be part of a Jordanian-based group that struck previously in the area west of the Dead Sea.

(In Paris, the entire French press today predicted that growing Arab-Israel tension will lead to serious developments. Leading French newspapers, evaluating tentoninuing terrorist activities of Syrian-organized Arab infiltrators into Israel territory, were unanimous in stating that Israel cannot remain indifferent to the terrorist acts and will probably have to retaliate.)

SECURITY COUNCIL HOPES FOR AGREEMENT ON ISRAELI-SYRIAN CRISIS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 31. (JTA) -- After wrestling all day today with efforts called "serious" and "most urgent" to obtain agreement on how to treat the Anglo-Smerican draft resolution linking Syria with the recent terrorist incursions into Israel, the Security Council decided this afternoon to adjourn until tomorrow morning.

During a brief session of the Council this afternoon, it was made clear that the following sequence of events had taken place: 1) "Delicate" consultations took place all morning among the 10 non-permanent members of the Council (Argentina, Bulgaria, Japan, Jordan, Mali, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Uganda and Uruguay); 2) The issue had been passed on to the five permanent members -- the United States, Britain, France, the Soviet Union and China; 3) The non-permanent members are to receive their answer from the Big Powers by late tonight; the Big Powers will reconsider the issue. Agreement on how to treat the Israeli-Syrian crisis should be reached by tomorrow morning.

U.N. Requested to Take Firm Action to Curb Syrian Terrorism

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Mizrachi Women's Organization of America today adopted a resolution urging the United Nations Security Council to take "firm, vigorous, and undiluted action to curb Syrian terrorism."

The resolution, adopted at the close of the keynote session of the 41st Annual National Convention of the group, appealed to the U.N. for speed and urgent consideration to reduce growing tension in the Middle East. "More than 1/100 delegates, representing 50,000 members in 37 states recorded appreciation of the U.S. role in "seeking a reasonable resolution to end acts of infiltration, aggression, and hostility by Syrian-based terrorists,"

The Mizrachi Women's resolution warned that "the consequences of delay, inaction, or inconclusive direction by the Security Council can lead only to a grave heightening of tensions, and to a further deterioration of control by the United Nations Truce Organization in the area."

Mrs. Louis Gitelman, of the Bronx, N.Y., served as chairman of the opening session which heard Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, member of the Jewish Agency Executive and Israel Ambassador Avraham Farman, on the problem of Israeli security. In a presidential report, Mrs. Eli Resnikoff, of Brooklyn, N.Y., said Israel's security problems "will be met with the knowledge that self defense is the right of any nation as it is the right of any individual."

JEWISH AGENCY CHAIRMAN APPEALS FOR INCREASED AID FROM AMERICAN JEWRY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal was called upon today by Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, "to share the burden of cushioning the social consequences of Israel's current economic stresses and strains,"

Speaking before the closing session of the UJA Women's Division Study Mission Mr. Pincus said: "Israel has reached a crisis on every front, economically, socially, and on the borders." The economic recession, he declared, has hit hardest in the development towns where 250,000 recent immigrants, mainly from North African and Asian countries, are concentrated,

As these contain the greatest number of unskilled workers and illiterates, they are naturally the first to be hardest hit by unemployment, he said, warning of the danger of social unrest unless their plight is alleviated.

Mr. Pincus urged the UJA Women's Division to inform their home communities of Israel's serious problems and to enlist increased UJA aid. He said the Jewish Agency is developing a program for intensified absorption work among the socially and economically unabsorbed in the development towns, to improve conditions in overcrowded housing, increase organized youth activities, and to provide supplementary educational facilities for all age groups, including adult illiterates.

Members of the United Jewish Appeal Women's Division Mission concluded their onthe-spot inspection of Israel's problems by announcing substantially increased pledges, including many 100 percent increases, to the 1967 UJA campaigns in the United States. Mrs. Jack Karp of Los Angeles, national chairman of the UJA Women's Division, said the survey group was unanimous in expressing their determination to return to their home communities and inform them of the needs and urge them to raise additional funds.

JEWISH AGENCY REORGANIZATION MAPPED BY INTER-PARTY COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, Cct. 31. (JTA) -- Recommendations of an inter-party committee on the reorganization of the Jewish Agency were presented at a meeting of the executive today, but were not discussed. They will be discussed after the return from the United States of Aryeh L. Pincus, the Agency's chairman, who is leaving for New York this Thursday.

The recommendations include the creation of a new post, called "Chairman of Committee Responsible for the Department's Sphere of Activities," Each department ill also have a head of the department. The head of the department will be responsible for day-to-day activities, while the committee chairman will deal with matters of general policy and the broader aspects of the department's activities. In some of the departments, the head and the committee chairman will alternate positions at the end of every year. However, administrative streamlining is to be carried out, and each department will have a single director.

In addition to the head and the chairman, each department will have one or two additional members drawn from the overall Agency executive. The distribution of departments, with the departmental head named first, then the committee chairman, will be as follows: Finance, Aryeh L. Pincus, J. Klarmann; Youth and Hechalutz, Mrs. T. L. Lubetkin, E. Dobkin; Organization, Information and External Relations, Z. Lurie, H. Levanon; Keren Hayesod, Dr. Israel Goldstein, W. Perry.

The interparty committee recommended that the immigration authority, including the departments of immigration, absorption and economic affairs, will have three heads. One will be the departmental head, another will be the committee chairman, and one will be stationed abroad. The three will rotate. These three are S. Z. Shragai, L. Dulcin and A. Tsygel.

No decision has as yet been made for the committee chairmen of the departments of Youth Aliyah and Settlement. The heads of these departments, unchanged, will be Y. Artzi and Dr. R. Weitz. The Education and Torah Education departments will probably not have an executive committee; their heads, unchanged, will be Y. Harcavi and D. Beifarye.

Mapam abstained in the voting on this reshuffle. Herut opposed the plan and issued a statement against it. Y. Korn, of thud Olami, chairman of the interparty committee that recommended the plan, said that, while the plan was not perfect, it was the only possible solution under the existing coalition. He said this plan will be in effect until the next Zionist Congress, which may elect a smaller executive with fewer departments.

ISRAEL CABINET MEMBER ASSUMES POST OF MINISTER OF INFORMATION

JERUSALEM, Cct. 31. (JTA) -- Israel Galili, Minister Without Portfolio, who has been named recently the first Minister of Information in the Israeli Cabinet, took his post today. Mr. Galili is a leader of the Achdut Avodah faction of the Mapai-Achdut Avodah alignment, the dominant factor in Israel's present Government.

JEWS IN SCVIET UNION SEND GREETINGS TO BEN-GURION ON 80th BIRTHDAY

TEL AVIV, Cct. 31. (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion, Israel's honored elder statesman, whose 80th birthday is now being celebrated throughout the country, has received a number of birthday greetings from the Soviet Union, it became known here today. Some of the greetings from the USSR were in excellent Hebrew, others had been written in Russian.

A number of the pieces of mail addressed from the USSR to Mr. Ben-Gurion had carried only his name, without any specific address, but the Israeli Post Office directed the mail to Mr. Ben-Gurion's residence or office.

SOVIET OFFICIAL 'EXPLAINS' WHY YIDDISH BROADCASTS ARE EXCLUDED IN USSR

LONDON, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The chairman of the USSR Committee on Radio and Television said here today that, in his two years in the post, "I have not come across a request for broadcasting in Yiddish,"

Nicolai Mesyatsev, who is on a visit here as a guest of the British Broadcasting Corporation, made the statement in reply to a question from a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent. The Soviet official said that the total hours of broadcasting in the USSR were 12 per each 24 hours in 123 languages.

The official said that in Birobidjan, the "Jewish Republic" in the Soviet Far East, there was regular broadcasting in Yiddish "but the problem simply does not arise elsewhere. I have many Jewish friends," he added, "and I have never heard any of them raising this problem. You can create such a problem artificially," he commented, "but it does not exist."

The JTA correspondent, who was invited to continue the discussion, pointed out that 500,000 persons in the Soviet Union listed Yiddish as their native tongue in the last Soviet population census, and that it would seem only fair for that proportion to be reflected in the Soviet broadcast schedules. Mr. Mesyatsev replied that he did not know about that figure but he did know that his huge correspondence concerning program requests and suggestions did not include anything pertaining to Yiddish.

"Take Constantin Simonov, he is a Jew but his life and his culture and his writings are Russian and woven into the Russian fabric, "he said, "This applies also to the late Marshak, our greatest translator and others. Therefore, it would seem inadvisable to create an artificial problem about Yiddish where it does not exist,"

DESTRUCTION OF JEWISH LIFE IN RUSSIA WITHIN 15 YEARS IS PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union's policy of destroying Jewish life by forced attrition "is likely to succeed completely in 10 to 15 years," Prof. Erich Goldhagen, director of the Institute of East European Jewish Affairs at Brandeis University, said here. He based his fears on the restrictive policies which, among other prohibitions, deny Soviet Jews the right to train replacements for their small number of aging rabbis and other religious functionaries.

By the 1980's, the present handful will have passed on; and, with it, the process of transmitting the Jewish heritage to another generation of Soviet Jews, Prof. Goldhagen said at ceremonies yesterday opening a B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations exhibit on "The Tragedy of Soviet Jewry," at the American University here. Unless pressures from outside force a shift in Soviet policies, "Judaism in the Soviet Union will be reduced to a faint remnant within the next decades," he warned.

He said that Soviet officials, who resent the concern of Western Jews for their coreligionists in the USSR, also "watch with satisfaction how the Jewish substance is being sapped as they constrict and prohibit all serious attempts at keeping alive the Jewish tradition."

The 14-panel exhibit, on display at the American University for an incefinite period, illustrates with vivid photographs, and documents with charts and statistics, the plight of Soviet Jewry. The concluding panel, titled "I Shall Not Die," depicts dramatically the continuing will of Soviet Jews to live Jewishly. During the academic year, the exhibit will tour other American and Canadian college campuses.

Jews in Chile Submit Appeal to Visiting Soviet Parliamentary Delegation

SANTIAGO, Oct. 31. (JTA) - The Jewish Central Committee of Chile submitted to a visiting Soviet Parliamentary delegation an appeal, written in Russian, for easing of the situation of Soviet Jewry. The letter was sent, on behalf of the 35, 000 members of the Chilean Jewish community, to Nickolai Grigorievich, vice-president of the Soviet presidium. The letter complained that the Jews in the Soviet Union "do not enjoy elementary rights which other nationalities enjoy," and appealed to the Soviet delegation to "remedy this situation."

MAIMONIDES MEDICAL CENTER IN BROOKLYN LAUNCHES \$25,000,000 PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Maimonides Medical Center of Brooklyn announced a \$25,000,000 building construction program to meet patient and research needs over the next 10 years.

Mortimer L. Neinken, president of the board, said that the money would be used for five new buildings to handle the most efficient scientific equipment for examination, diagnosis and treatment. The program will increase the medical center's patient capacity from 580 beds to 700, plus another 300 nursing home beds.

Work has started on the first structure, a four-story community mental health center, Other units will be a clinical services building, a service building, a parking garage and a nursing home. The costs will be met partly by governmental sources; the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York of which Maimonides is an affiliate; and voluntary contributions.

ORTHODOX TEACHERS SEEK EARLY CLOSING OF FUBLIC SCHOOLS ON FRIDAYS

NEW YORK, Cct. 31, (JTA) -- A resolution calling on the New York City Board of Education to close all public schools at 3 p.m. on Fridays during November, December and January so as not to conflict with the onset of the Jewish Sabbath was adopted here at a general meeting of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers of the New York Public School System.

Asserting that requiring Friday evening attendance in New York City high schools for Jewish students and teachers was "an affront to the very large Jewish community," Max Zakon, president of the teachers group, declared at the meeting that problems of religious observance had criven many public school students to enroll in parochial and other private schools. He said the resolution would affect only high schools, and that any time lost could be made up on other days.

2, 276 SCHCLARSHIPS AWARDED BY WOLFSON FUND TO STUDENTS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Education Ministry reported that the Sir Isaac and Lady Wolfson Scholarship Fund for Secondary and Higher Education awarded 2, 276 scholarships to needy students in Israel during the past four years.

The Ministry also announced that the fund was set up by the British Jewish philanthropist as an annual budget of 100,000 pounds (\$33,300). Six Isaac became an honorary citizen of Acre by a unanimous vote of the Acre municipal council last night,

95 YOUNG AMERICANS JOIN 'SERVICE TO ISRAELI PEOPLE' IN TWO GROUPS

NEW YORK, Cct. 31. (JTA) -- The Sherut La'Am "Service to the People" program said today that 39 young American Jews, aged 19 to 39, left for Israel this month for a year of service to Israel under the program. They will join another group of 56 American Jews who went to Israel in June, making a total of 95 taking part in the program for 1966-67. Members of the second group, college students and graduates, volunteered to work either in a collective settlement or in new settlement towns.

ISRAEL CHESS TEAM RETAINS LEAD AT CHESS OLYMPICS IN HAVANA

MIAMI, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Israel chess team retained its lead in Group III of the 17th Chess Olympics in Eavana last night after playing to a 1-1/2 -1-1/2 draw with the United States team in the fourth round of the Olympics preliminaries, it was reported here today from Havana. Israel now has 9-1/2 points to 8-1/2 for the second place U.S. team.

In last night's matches, Miguel Czerniak of Israel defeated William Addison of San Francisco; Nicholas Rossolimo of New York defeated S. Kagan of Israel; and the game between Israel's Yeir Kraidman and Larry Evans of New York was a draw. A fourth game between Joseph Porath of Israel and Robert Byrne of Indianapolis.was.adjourned.

REV. ISIDORE FRANK, CHAPLAIN OF N.Y. CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, DEAD

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Rev. Isidore Frank, senior chaplain of the New York City Police Department for 45 years, died this weekend at the age of 85. He was one of the organizers of the Shomrim Society, the fraternal group of the more than 2,000 Jewish members of the Police Force.

Born in Poland, Rev. Frank came to the United States in 1894. He served as cantor for Emanuel Brotherhood on the Lower East Side and he was appointed chaplain of the House of Refuge at Randalls Island in 1915. He was named cantor of Mount Neboh Temple in 1918 where he served until 1946 when he was named cantor emeritus. He was appointed Police Department chaplain in 1921 and three years later he was instrumental in organizing the Shomrim Society.