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MOSCOW WANTS TRANQUILITY ON ARAB-ISRAEL BORDERS, DIPLOMAT INDICATES

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Ambassador Joseph Tekoah, a member of Israel's delegation to this year's General Assembly, was given to understand yesterday by the Soviet Union's highest-ranking diplomat in Washington that the USSR is interested in tranquility along the Israeli-Arab borders.

Mr. Tekoah met with Soviet Minister Zinshuck, charge d'affaires of the Soviet Embassy during the temporary absence of Ambassador Dobrynin. He said he had requested the conference for continuance of Israeli-Soviet discussions of problems of mutual interest. Some of those discussions had been held here in the last three months during the 21st session of the General Assembly. The Israeli and Soviet diplomats talked in the Soviet Embassy, and had luncheon together.

Ambassador Tekoah, whose regular function is that of deputy-director general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, expects to return to Jerusalem tomorrow. During his day in Washington, Mr. Tekoah reported, he also conferred with Foy D. Kohler, Deputy Under Secretary of State. They discussed matters of mutual interest to the United States and Israel. At this conference, he was accompanied by Ephraim Evron, Minister in Israel's Embassy in Washington.

ISRAEL FINANCE MINISTER PRESENTS \$1,700,000,000 BUDGET TO KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Israel Government will continue to apply the brakes to the economy in the coming fiscal year, in its pursuit of a more stable and more productive economy, but at a slower pace than at present, the budget presented to Parliament last night indicated.

The budget was presented by Pinhas Sapir, the Finance Minister. It calls for expenditures in the fiscal year starting next April of \$1,700,000,000, an increase of \$144,000,000 over planned outlays for the current fiscal year. The ordinary budget calls for only slight increases in outlays, mainly for social services. However, large sums are earmarked for development in an effort to ease Israel's austerity-induced joblessness. More than two-thirds of the increase in the budget will go for such projects.

Although larger expenditures are projected, the budget does not include any tax rises. Additional government income is projected from larger personal and corporate income anticipated from reactivation of the economy.

Concedes Going Too Far in Applying Brakes to Israel's Economy

The Finance Minister conceded that the braking operation had gone too far during the current fiscal year and created the danger of crippling production. He said the 1967 budget was designed to ease Government curbs but without countering the Government's basic goals of deflating the economy, reducing the world trade gap, holding back increases in personal consumption and improving worker morale and productivity.

Direct allocations to promote exports and develop foreign sales will be doubled in the next fiscal year. Subsidies to keep stable domestic prices of such foods as milk, bread and meat will be continued. Special consideration is being given to families with an annual income of less than \$1,500, who will benefit from a special fund set aside by the National Insurance Authority.

Road, bridges and electrical projects, which were delayed in previous years because existing manpower was considered too costly, will be resumed under the new budget. Vocational and secondary schools in new immigrant areas rank high on the list of budget priorities. President Shazar was among the Government officials who braved flooded roads to get to the Knesset to attend the presentation of the eagerly-awaited budget.

JOHNSON'S ENVOY ASSURES ISRAEL OF U.S. AID FOR WATER PROJECTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Ellsworth Bunker, President Johnson's special envoy on water problems, told the press today that the United States would support Israel in the development of water resources here. Mr. Bunker came to Israel to discuss with Israeli

officials the much-delayed joint United States-Israeli project to build a \$200, 000, 000 experimental nuclear plant to desalt brackish water.

Mr. Bunker visited the National Water Carrier. He told newsmen that Israel was managing its water problems efficiently and that other countries could benefit from Israel's experience in the field.

AMBASSADOR COMAY GIVES ISRAEL'S VIEW ON U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Despite some negative developments, mainly due to failure of the United Nations to tackle new approaches to the Arab refugee problem or to deal effectively with U.N. peace-keeping machinery, the 21st session of the General Assembly, which closed yesterday was "on the whole, a period of great satisfaction," Ambassador Michael Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the U.N. told a press conference here today.

Mr. Comay saw "special satisfaction" for Israel in the reelection of Secretary-General Thant, in the collapse of an Arab drive for appointment of a custodian over property which the Arabs claim to have abandoned in Israel, and in American and British opposition to aid channeled by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency to Arab refugees enrolled in the Palestine Liberation Organization. The latter is openly training for warfare against Israel.

In the area of general Jewish interest, including Jews all over the rest of the world as well as in Israel, Mr. Comay hailed the adoption of the two human rights covenants guaranteeing economic, social, cultural, religious and linguistic rights to all people. He noted that those rights now extend to Jews in the USSR as well as in other countries. He recalled also that, during the Assembly, Israel spoke up at least three times on Soviet bias against Russian Jewry, noting that such expressions by Israel constitute "a moral duty."

Mr. Comay noted that Israel was far from isolated, either in the United Nations itself or in some of its major specialized agencies. He pointed to the fact that, here, Dr. Shabtai Rosenne, chief legal officer of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, was reelected to membership on the International Law Commission. At the same time, in Paris, Dr. Moshe Avidan, of Israel, was elected to the executive board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Both were chosen by large majorities in the face of Arab-Moslem-Soviet opposition.

Complicating Israel's Assembly labors this year, Mr. Comay said, was the fact that, between the pre-Assembly preparatory period in July and the Assembly season in October and November, Israel had to fight three diplomatic battles against the Arab states in the Security Council. During these altercations, Israel was censured once, but came out best in two other disputes.

ISRAEL ARMY GETS FIRST ISRAELI-MADE SERVICE RIFLES AND MACHINEGUNS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The first Israeli-made rifles and light machineguns have been phased into Israeli army equipment, Bamachaneh, the Israeli Army organ reported today.

The Israeli arms industry received permission from Belgian and British patent owners of the .76-mm service rifle for limited production only for Israeli army use. This is the first time the Israeli arms industry has produced service rifles. Small arms production locally has until now made only the Sten Gun, dating from the pre-state period, and later the famous Uzzi submachinegun.

DOMINANT PARTIES IN ISRAEL OPPOSE BROADENING OF COALITION GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Requests for a broadening of Premier Levi Eshkol's coalition government were renewed today by two coalition partners, the National Religious Party and the Independent Liberals.

Dr. I.S. Ben-Meir, Deputy Interior Minister, told officials of Rafi, former Premier David Ben-Gurion's dissident party, that a number of younger members of his NRF were pressing to leave the government because of a "crisis of confidence" in the present coalition. Yitzhak Artzi, an Independent Liberal Jewish Agency member, told a party meeting in Natanya that a wider coalition was needed to carry out the government's policies.

The Premier's dominant alignment of Mapai and Achdut Avodah responded with plans to start an information campaign tomorrow to counter such proposals. The campaign will continue for several weeks in an atmosphere which some observers said could be described as an election mood without elections.

The National Religious Party, which is represented in the Government, has been conducting a campaign for some time advocating a "wall-to-wall" Cabinet to include also the political parties not represented now in the Government. Such an extension would strengthen the position of the NRP in Cabinet but would weaken the influence there of the Mapai-Achdut Avodah alignment.

SOVIET URGED TO MEET JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN LEADERS ON EMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The president of the American Jewish Committee and a prominent Protestant spokesman today called on the Soviet Government to meet with Jewish and Christian leaders to work out humane and orderly ways for Jews to leave the Soviet Union to be reunited with other members of their families in other countries.

Morris B. Abram and the Rev. Dr. Truman Douglass, executive vice-president of the Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ, voiced their appeal in response to a statement recently made in Paris by Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin that "there is no problem" for Soviet Jews who wish to leave Russia to be reunited with their families. The appeal was made in a broadcast this evening that was released to radio stations throughout the U.S.

Mr. Abram said he assumed the Kosygin announcement was evidence of "Soviet policy in compliance with Article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which the Soviet Union has subscribed to. That article provides that everyone has a right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his own country."

On his part, Dr. Douglass demanded that the U.S. Congress pass enabling legislation to permit Soviet Jews to join their families here. "I would insist," Dr. Douglas said, "that the United States must open its doors to any Jews from the Soviet Union who wish to come here. I would insist that if enabling legislation is needed, we must do what was done in the case of the Cubans desiring to leave Cuba and must see that such legislation is passed."

Asked by Dr. Douglass whether the Jews can take Kosygin's pledge seriously, Mr. Abrams declared during the broadcast: "I think that the Soviet Premier's announcement must be taken at face value. Soviet officials speak carefully, and if they mis-speak, their words are corrected before they appear in the official Soviet Press. Premier Kosygin's remarks twenty-four hours later were published in the official Government newspaper, *Isvestia*.

"Now I will know whether Premier Kosygin's promises mean what they say: if there is no recrimination or reprisal against those who apply to leave or against those families who remain, and if machinery is established by the Soviet Government to carry out new policy, and finally if Soviet Jews are permitted to widely know that policy and that they are free to avail themselves of the opportunity," the American Jewish Committee leader emphasized.

DELEGATION OF ISRAELI EDUCATORS TOURING GERMANY; INVITED BY BONN

BONN, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Shaul Levin, head of a delegation of Israeli educators touring West Germany, told a press conference here last night that the teaching of the history of Israel should be intensified in West German schools, in addition to teaching the history of the Nazi era.

The educators are visiting West German educational institutions at the invitation of the West German central office for political education in Bonn. Dr. Levin also told the conference, held in the Israeli Embassy here, that a mixed German-Israeli commission would ensure that textbooks in West Germany would properly reflect Jewish history and that Israeli textbooks will properly cover the history of postwar Germany.

NEW YORK ZIONIST STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE IN FRONT OF GERMAN CONSULATE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- A 24-hour vigil began at 11 a.m. today in front of the West German Consulate to protest the "rise of right-wing and neo-Nazi elements in West Germany."

About 50 student representatives of the 10 Zionist youth movements in the American Zionist Youth Council, sponsors of the vigil, participated in the 24-hour protest. They carried banners and posters and handed out information leaflets. They will remain in front of the Consulate till early tomorrow morning.

In the afternoon today, a delegation of four representatives of the Council met with Klaus Curtius, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany, and presented him with a statement. The statement said that the American Zionist Youth Council sees "as dangerous the rise of ultra-nationalist and radical rightist elements in the Federal Republic of Germany. Specifically we point to the recent electoral successes of the extremist National Democratic Party in the German states of Hesse and Bavaria."

LEFTIST STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS DEMONSTRATE AT U.S. EMBASSY IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- A group of leftist students and university lecturers staged a demonstration yesterday near the United States Embassy in Israel calling for an end to the war in Viet Nam.

A deputation was received by the press attache at the Embassy, who was handed a petition signed by some 80 "writers, artists and actors." The press attache invited members of the delegation to discuss the question but at a different time. He told the protest group that demonstrations were not the best method to deal with the problem.

NEGRO LEADER APPEALS TO JEWS TO BACK NEGRO CAUSE DESPITE ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- A Negro leader in the fight for Negro rights said today that he was "deeply ashamed" of anti-Jewish feelings in the Negro community, but that ultimately, it is the raising of the standard of living in the Negro ghetto that will eliminate the Negro's need for a scapegoat.

The leader, Bayard Rustin, urged that "Jews should not get out of a movement they believe in because of the frustration expressed by some Negroes." He compared the civil rights movement in the United States to efforts to eliminate anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. "I would not desert the fight against Soviet anti-Semitism if every Jew told me to get out," he declared. "I believe in this cause."

Mr. Rustin, executive director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, spoke at a session of the national executive committee of the Jewish Labor Committee. He said that the Negro falsely reasons that "if the Jews really meant business, if they wanted to end discrimination, they could have," and he added that the Negroes "feel the same about organized labor."

"In addition, the Jews and the police are the only whites who have not entirely deserted the ghetto," Mr. Rustin declared, "and in looking for a scapegoat for your frustrations you jump on those near you and on those with whom you have relationships."

NEW YORK FEDERATION SEEKS 1,000 STUDENTS FOR SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York announced today that it was offering a career-building experience to 1,000 college students who wish to work, to serve their community and at the same time to become involved in an educational process by serving as counselors at summer camps.

A special camp placement bureau was opened by the Federation Employment and Guidance Service at its headquarters here to interview college students and others for positions as general counselors next summer at the 52 summer country camps and city day camps sponsored by the Federation.

More than 1,000 openings exist at these camps, which serve some 15,000 persons of all ages, from pre-school aged children to the aged, it was reported by Sidney Witty, president of the FECS. He asserted that the bureau was set up at this time as a convenience to vacationing college students during the coming school recess who are interested in applying now for counselor positions next summer.

To qualify for the camp counselor vacancies, the minimum age for young men and women is 18, with completion of at least one year of college at the time the camps open. However, older applicants with previous camp experience, group leadership or teaching background are preferred. Since most of the openings for the college students are at camps dealing with children, the FECS is particularly interested in obtaining counselors who are specializing in the fields of education, psychology and sociology.

FLOOD THREATENS ISRAEL SETTLEMENTS; STORM DESTROYS HOUSES IN SAFAD

TEL AVIV, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- The rains subsided in the country today, but some areas in the southern region were still in danger from flood waters continuing to pour down from the hills. Residents of the Bet Shikma settlement, who were evacuated two days ago during the heaviest rain and who were returned to the settlement yesterday morning, were evacuated again last night when flood waters rose again to a danger point. A number of old dwellings in Safad were destroyed by the storm.

The first casualties of Israel's current floods were recorded today near Ashkelon where two soldiers were drowned when the army truck in which they were riding was inundated by flood waters last night. Rescue teams, using searchlights and aided by helicopters, searched through the night after the two soldiers were reported missing but the bodies were not found until this morning.

BEN-GURION'S 80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED BY JEWS IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- Argentine Jewish central organizations arranged a public meeting here yesterday in honor of former Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion's 80th birthday.

Speakers included Tobias Kamenszain, president of the Buenos Aires Jewish Community, and Sion Cohen Imach, vice-president of the DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry. A youth choir presented a program.

B'NAI B'RITH LODGE ESTABLISHED IN INDIA; FUNCTIONS EXPLAINED

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21. (JTA) -- A branch of the B'nai B'rith has been established in India with Dr. Arie Schmetterling as president. Dr. Schmetterling, in an address to the Jewish community of Madras, explained the constitution of the new branch and reported on activities of the order, including those of the principal section in the United States.