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Britain Urges U.N. to Establish New Form of 'Military Presence' in Middle East

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 21, (JTA) -- Britain proposed to the emergency special session of the General Assembly here today that Secretary-General U Thant name a representative to supervise all U.N. operations in the Middle East arising out of the Arab-Israeli war, and that the U.N. develop "a new form of military presence" to help preserve peace in the area.

The proposal, among others, was made by George Brown, Britain's Secretary for Foreign Affairs. He said that the representative to be named by Mr. Thant should be a person whose "standing should be unchallenged" who would go to the area with a proper staff and full facilities. This representative, he declared, "should advise the Secretary-General on the whole conduct of relations arising from the cease-fire and the subsequent keeping of the peace on the frontiers, report to the Secretary-General and play an active part in relations with all the parties in the area itself."

Advocating also the strengthening of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, Mr. Brown proposed that the first task of the new representative be the recommendation of further work by UNTSO, in consultation with UNTSO's chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Odd Bull. He lauded Gen. Bull for the work he has done until now and proposed that Mr. Thant be authorized to recruit and "dispatch at once any extra personnel Gen. Bull may need." Under the direction of the representative, he said, UNTSO's operation should be expanded.

However, Mr. Brown declared, the steps he outlined regarding a new representative and the strengthening of UNTSO would tackle only the cease-fire and arrangements immediately following the end of shooting. "There is the much bigger and more lasting problem," he said, "of future peace-keeping in the area. In my view, it is clear that, for this, a new form of United Nations military presence will be necessary which will give reality to the preservation of peace in an area which may well be troubled for some time to come. One of the most urgent duties of the Secretary-General's representative should be to advise the United Nations on the form which a future United Nations presence should take."

Warns Israel Against 'Annexing' the Old City of Jerusalem

The British Foreign Minister laid heavy stress on the need for maintaining the territorial integrity of all states in the Middle East, as prescribed in the United Nations Charter. But, he stated, such recognition of the principle "should not lead to territorial aggrandizement."

Mr. Brown viewed as "one urgent problem" reports he had received regarding Jerusalem. "I call upon the Government of Israel," he stated, "not to take any steps in relation to Jerusalem which would conflict with this principle. I say very solemnly to that Government that, if they purport to annex the Old City or legislate for its annexation, they will be taking a step which not only will isolate them from world opinion but will also lose them the support that they have."

Earlier in his address, Mr. Brown said that the first interest of the current Assembly should concern itself with the interest and welfare of the Arab refugees. Secondly, any settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict should recognize the right of all states in the area to exist "in true dignity and real freedom." Third, "there must be respect for the right of free and innocent passage through international waterways." On this point he implied that he meant not only freedom of passage through the Strait of Tiran but also through the Suez Canal.

The fourth point, which he called "really critical," is that the countries of the Middle East must be "freed from the pressures of the arms race." He declared it was "imperative" that an agreement on the limitation of arms shipments to the Middle East be concluded as soon as possible.

Eban Indicates Israel's Determination to 'Unite' Jerusalem

Mahmoud Fawzi, Egypt's Deputy Prime Minister, followed Mr. Brown to the rostrum, again accusing Israel of aggression and charging that Israel had committed many "atrocities" against both civilian and military personnel, alleging that the International Red Cross had "confirmed" the commitment of the "atrocities."

Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban replied before the Assembly to both Mr. Fawzi and to Mr. Brown's statement regarding Jerusalem. The Egyptian's accusations, he said, were absolute

falsehoods, both as to Israeli "aggression" and regarding so-called atrocities. It was untrue, he said, that the Red Cross had confirmed Mr. Fawzi's "wild" charges about atrocities. In fact, he said, the Red Cross had expressed "satisfaction" over the manner in which Israel has treated the people in the areas of the Arab-Israeli war.

As to Jerusalem, Mr. Eban pointed out that it was Jordan that had turned the Holy City into a battlefield, "committing the sacrilege of bombarding the city and killing scores of its people." He noted also that Jordan had denied to Israel free access to holy places in Old Jerusalem. By contrast, Mr Eban pledged Israel would preserve "the unity of the city," provide free access to the holy places for all faiths, and "perfectly respect" all religious interests there.

Flag of Jerusalem Municipality Raised by Mayor Over Old City

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- The flag of the Jerusalem Municipality was raised by Mayor Theodore Kollek today over the former Municipality Building in Old Jerusalem which thus symbolically -- if not yet officially -- became once again part of Israel's capital.

It appeared certain that former Mayor Mordecai Ish Shalom would be named by the Jerusalem Municipality as head of a committee to deal with the Old City's services and reconstruction. Plans have already been submitted to Mayor Kollek by City Engineer Josef Steinberg to reconstruct the Jewish Quarter in the Old City.

Eshkol Sees Better Prospects for Peace Now; Assails Kossygin's Speech at U.N.

JERUSALEM, June 21. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol said today that the situation in the Middle East presented better prospects for peace, after Israel's victory in the war, than ever before. He added the Cabinet hoped to report to Parliament on the postwar situation within a month.

At the same time, the Premier declared that the Soviet Union was trying to turn the clock back by giving unlimited diplomatic support to the Arab rulers and by re-supplying Egypt with weapons. The Premier described the speech by Soviet Premier Aleksei Kossygin before the special meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on Monday as "aggressive and inimical to Israel."

Mr. Eshkol said the Soviet Premier's comparison of Israel with the Nazis was "frightening and shocking" and he added that "it is difficult to find many wars in which the civilian population came to so little harm" as did the Arab civilians "because of careful and purposeful direction" of Israeli military efforts.

Gen. Moshe Dayan, the Defense Minister, substantiated Mr. Eshkol's statement on the Arab civilian treatment in a statement he presented to Parliament today in reply to a motion by Meir Wilner of the New Communist Party, who charged that the Arabs were being expelled and their homes destroyed. The New Communist Party, comprised of one Jew and two Arabs, was the only Knesset faction to disapprove of the war. The other Communist Party faction supported it.

Gen. Dayan declared that neither Israeli aircraft nor ground artillery bombed civilians in Cairo, Damascus or Old Jerusalem, nor any other Arab town. He added it could easily have been done. He said that in Hebron, there was not a single civilian casualty and that in Jenin, where Israeli and Jordanian troops fought in the streets, only two civilians were hurt.

Speaking at Sharm El-Sheikh yesterday, Premier Eshkol said he was prepared to meet with "any and each" of the Arab leaders to discuss a peace settlement of the Arab-Israeli issues. Israel, he said, would enter such discussions "not from a position of strength but from the point of view of reaching a settlement that would benefit the entire area." Mr. Eshkol stated he was ready to meet particularly with Mr. Nasser and Jordan's King Hussein, "or any other Arab leader, on land or sea, any time, anywhere."

State Department Announces Lifting of Restrictions on Travel to Israel

WASHINGTON, June 21. (JTA) -- The State Department announced today that it has lifted restrictions on travel to Israel and four other nations.

State Department spokesman Carl Bartsch said the ban, imposed on June 5 when the Arab-Israeli war erupted, would no longer be in effect for Israel, Kuwait, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, and Tunisia. But restrictions will remain in force for Egypt, Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. The prohibition on travel to the nine Arab nations was continued "because of conditions resulting from recent hostilities in the Near East."

(In New York, the Israel Government Tourist Office announced here today that all "tourist services, hotels and transport facilities throughout Israel are operating normally." Abbie Ben Arie, director of the office, also said that organized groups may visit the Old City of Jerusalem and Bethlehem, starting Sunday, June 25. He said he would like "to invite every American Jew to make a personal pilgrimage to Jerusalem to stand with Israel once more in the shadow of the Western Wall, to share the power and spirit of a unified Jerusalem")

Italian Eyewitness Describes Hunt on Jews in Libya; 18 Killed by Mobs

ROME, June 21. (JTA) — At least 18 Jews have been killed during the past two weeks in Libya by rampaging Arab mobs and some 4,000 others have barricaded themselves in their homes in Tripoli, an Italian journalist reported today.

Giorgio Fattori, reporting in La Stampa, said that 6,000 Jews live in Tripoli and that "more than 1,000 are for the moment safe in the Gargaresh Barracks outside the city." Several hundred other Jews with foreign passports are protected by their embassies. This information left 3,000 to 4,000 "hiding in the city," he estimated.

He also reported that Libyan police were stopping assaults on Jewish homes but doing nothing to assist the Jews, who have been barricaded for 13 days. If they leave their homes in search of food or medicine, "they risk death," the journalist wrote.

(In Geneva, Chief Rabbi Alexandre Safran asked the International Red Cross to intervene in behalf of the Jews in Egypt and their rabbis who were arrested at the outbreak of the war and were reported held in Cairo and Alexandria prisons under very bad conditions.)

International Labor Organization Parley in Geneva Hears Israeli Leader

GENEVA, June 21. (JTA) — Not only the workers of Israel but all the Israeli people believe that the countries of the Middle East could advance toward world progress "when they live in peace with each other," Aharon Becker, secretary-general of Histadrut, the Israel labor federation, told a plenary session of the International Labor Organization's conference today.

Participating in the general debate of the conference here of the ILO, a specialized agency of the United Nations, Mr. Becker noted that, from this platform, he had warned repeatedly that Israel had been threatened by its Arab neighbors ever since Israel came into being in conformity with United Nations decisions. Noting that the Arab states had not stopped at mere verbal vows to destroy Israel but had implemented their threats through murder and sabotage by terrorists penetrating Israel's borders, Mr. Becker said:

"I have come here year after year and, from this very rostrum, appealed for peace with our neighbors in the interest of the working people of the Arab countries and Israel. I have spoken for the workers of Israel, but my appeal represents the thinking and striving of the entire nation and of its Government. I believe firmly that the strength of the Middle East does not belong only to its great past, when it served as the cradle of civilization. I am sorry to say that we have had no response to this call for cooperation in the advancement of man and the improvement of his living standards, which are the ILO's major concerns."

Jewish Communities in Italy Thank Italian People for Supporting Israel

ROME, June 21. (JTA) — The Union of Italian Jewish Communities issued a statement here today thanking the Italian people for supporting Israel "at a time when her existence was threatened."

The statement also declared that Italian Jewry hopes such solidarity with Israel would continue "until a just and durable peace is achieved, since such a peace alone could guarantee a free life to democratic Israel in harmonious coexistence with all nations."

Jewish and Non-Jewish Volunteers Fly from Britain to Israel to Work on Farms

LONDON, June 21. (JTA) — A chartered plane, carrying 166 Jewish and non-Jewish British volunteers, left last night for Israel, the third plane from Britain carrying such volunteers during the past week. The volunteers will be integrated into the life of collectives, border settlements and other farming enterprises.

Moshe Gilboa, chairman of a special emergency committee for Israel, said that the three planes carried a total of 856 volunteers assisted by the Jewish Agency and that another 100 went on their own and were absorbed in 32 collectives. Letters received from Israel indicated that the volunteers were giving a most important service.

\$1,500,000 of Israel Bonds Sold at New York Dinner Honoring Ambassador Rafael

NEW YORK, June 21. (JTA) — The sale of \$1,500,000 in Israel bonds was recorded here tonight at a dinner in honor of Ambassador Gideon Rafael, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations. U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas was the principal speaker.

Mr. Rafael expressed to the 1,000 representatives of Jewish fraternal orders Israel's gratitude for the outpouring of economic aid by the American people during the new Arab-Israel war and said Israel bond dollars would help finance the readjustment of Israel's economy.

Justice Douglas, describing Israel as "a symbol of democracy in a benighted area," called for a "rule of law" to assure Israel's security and role as a "teacher" of under-developed nations. He called the June war Israel's "severest crisis" and said Israel had "won the battle without outside help and now rests secure — temporarily."

Reform Rabbis Discuss Revision of Prayerbook and Military Service Draft

LOS ANGELES, June 21. (JTA) -- The Central Conference of American Rabbis was told yesterday of plans for substantial revision of the American Reform movement's Union Prayerbook to make it "more congruent to the needs of contemporary man."

Rabbi Joseph Narot, chairman of the CCAR committee on liturgy, told the 500 Reform rabbis at the 78th annual meeting of the CCAR that the present Reform Prayerbook was last revised 30 years ago "before the Nazi holocaust, before the atomic bomb and before the space age." He said these developments had raised "theological and moral questions" requiring "new and more relevant liturgical creations."

The committee presented a survey of Reform rabbinical attitudes toward the Prayerbook, which was performed by Rabbi Jack Bemporad, director of the CCAR Commission on Worship, and Dr. Emanuel Denby, director of research for Fairleigh Dickinson University. Rabbi Bemporad said the study had found that most Reform rabbis were sharply critical of the Prayerbook.

A split developed over a proposal for creation of a draft category, "the selective conscientious objector," so that Americans other than pacifists would have the right not to be inducted into military service.

The Justice and Peace Committee of the Reform rabbinical group said that with such status "a man may not be a committed pacifist but may decide that a particular military engagement in which our country is involved is one to which he cannot morally subscribe." The CCAR includes many members, particularly its president, Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, who have been among the most active foes among the American clergy against the United States involvement in the Viet Nam war.

However, Rabbi Selwyn Ruslander of Dayton, Ohio, chairman of the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, criticized the proposal declaring that "no democracy can function in this type of atmosphere." He warned that the concept of conscientious objector was "so highly ambiguous it can only be interpreted by an individual who can decide for himself that which is good and that which is evil."

Post Office in Canada to Forbid Using Mails for Anti-Jewish Materials

OTTAWA, June 21. (JTA) -- Postmaster General Jean Pierre Cote told the House of Commons that he would forbid an organization in Montreal from using the mails to distribute anti-Jewish materials. The organization, L'Alerte del'Occident, recently resumed distribution of an expanded 64-page brochure, "La Cle du Mystere," containing a variety of anti-Jewish libels.

Three national Canadian organizations announced opposition to the dissemination of hate propaganda and asked for federal action to ban such distribution.

The Ontario Association of Mayors and Reeves accepted a motion from the city of London, Ontario, urging the federal government to enact such a law. The action was taken at the association's conference. The National Council of Women of Canada decided to examine and discuss a bill against such distribution now before a joint committee of the Commons and Senate. The Council wishes to present its views to the joint committee.

The Ontario Command of the Canadian Legion adopted unanimously a resolution asking the federal government and all provincial and municipal governments in Canada "to act in concert to declare the activities of the Canadian National Socialist Party as seditious and that the continued existence of the party be forbidden and that dissemination of its scurrilous and treasonable utterances and publications be banned."

Ort Report on its Vocational Training Courses in Poland Terms Them Successful

WARSAW, June 21. (JTA) -- Vocational training courses given by Ort in Poland during the semester concluding today, were described as successful in a report by the organization. Instruction was given during the year in various technological branches including dressmaking, industrial drawing as well as routine and well-established courses in electricity, management and other fields.

The report noted that a special course in dressmaking was given by Ort in conjunction with a local Jewish cooperative in the Jewish home for the aged which served as a therapeutic activity for the residents.

Former Jewish Minister Named Mayor of Amsterdam; Is First Jew to Hold This Post

AMSTERDAM, June 21. (JTA) -- Ivo Samkalden, former Dutch Justice Minister, was nominated today to become mayor of Amsterdam, starting on August 1. He will be the first Jewish mayor of Amsterdam.

Council of Jewish Communities in Spain Holds Elections; Mazin Reelected President

MADRID, June 21. (JTA) -- Twelve members were elected to the Council of Jewish Communities here, it was announced today. Max Mazin was reelected president; Samuel Toledano was elected vice-president; Moise Serefaty, treasurer; and Leon Ass, secretary-general.