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### New Dispute Brewing in General Assembly on Mideast Resolution

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 5. (JTA) -- A new fight was in the offing tonight in the United Nations General Assembly over a resolution to deal with the Middle East situation. The fight was centering on a proposal by the Scandinavian countries to offer a resolution calling on the Arab states and Israel to use restraint in the present situation and to ask the Secretary-General to send a high-ranking personality to the Middle East as his representative to negotiate with the governments involved.

As a result of the new development, Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban, who was to have left New York tonight to return to Jerusalem, cancelled plans for his departure.

A complete stalemate had developed in the General Assembly on measures to deal with the Middle East situation. The emergency session, summoned by action of the Soviet Union, debated 14 days. A Soviet resolution to condemn Israel as the aggressor and to order it to pull its troops back from territory it had taken, was roundly defeated in what was considered a severe blow to Soviet prestige.

A resolution backed by the unaligned states and the Afro-Asian bloc which would have called on Israel to pull back its forces, after which the Security Council would deal with all aspects of the problem, failed to receive the necessary two-thirds majority. A Latin-American resolution, endorsed by the United States, which would have tied Israeli withdrawal and cessation of belligerency, likewise failed to receive the necessary majority.

A Pakistani resolution declaring Israel's unification of Jerusalem invalid was carried by 99 votes to none against with Israel not participating in the voting. An Israeli spokesman said later that the Jerusalem question was "outside the competence of the General Assembly." Mr. Eban reportedly informed Secretary-General U Thant of this today and Mr. Thant took note of the Israel reservations.

One other resolution, urging measures to alleviate the plight of the war victims was unanimously adopted.

### Assembly President Claims Great Gains Made in Debate

Today, when the General Assembly met to hear explanations by various delegations on the votes they had cast on the resolutions Tuesday, the president, Abdul Rahman Pazhwak of Pakistan, in summing up the emergency session's activities, asserted that the session had made "important contributions to the cause of peace in the Middle East." He said it had "laid down principles and guidelines which, if properly pursued, may terminate the long period of delay in bringing the unfinished business in the Middle East to a peaceful solution." In seeking to express a consensus of the Assembly views, Ambassador Pazhwak stressed the demand for withdrawal of the Israeli forces, asserting that "there is virtual unanimity in upholding the principle that conquest of territory by war is inadmissible in our time and under our Charter."

Israel notified the United Nations today that it would permit Lt. Gen. Odd Bull and his staff to reoccupy Government House in Jerusalem, former headquarters of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. The Israelis specified however, that this was solely in connection with Gen. Bull's duties in supervising the cease-fire arrangements, not observance of the 1949 armistice agreements.

### Israelis Are Satisfied with Outcome of United Nations Debate

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- Political circles here generally expressed satisfaction today over the outcome of Tuesday's voting at the United Nations General Assembly which failed to adopt both major resolutions calling for withdrawal of Israeli forces from Arab territory. Stressing that U.N. resolutions could be effective only if they dealt justly with both sides and remained objective,

an Israeli spokesman said it was far better to have no resolution at all than one which would seriously hamper all chances to improve the situation and eventually to reach a peace settlement.

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol himself was quoted by the Israeli Radio network as having commented that apparently "logic and justice have prevailed."

(In Paris today, the Council of Ministers discussed the vote, after which Information Minister Georges Gorse deplored the situation as "a bad thing which settles nothing" and expressed regret that King Hussein of Jordan, whom he described as the most moderate of the Arab leaders, was the one whose situation was "the most difficult.")

(The New York Times expressed satisfaction that Soviet attempts to brand Israel as the aggressor had failed, and voiced the hope in an editorial today that the failure of the Arabs to win world support would "lead to a more realistic attitude.")

### **Soviet Leader Says Russian Policy was Justified and Correct**

LONDON, July 5. (JTA) -- A dominant figure in the Soviet hierarchy insisted today that the Soviet Union had been justified and correct in the policies it had pursued in the Middle East and asserted that Soviet policy would continue to support the Arab states.

Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Communist Party chief, said that "looking back, we can say with certainty today that our actions were correct in the crucial days of the Middle East crisis." Speaking at a Kremlin reception, he asserted that the Soviet Union "firmly and resolutely supports the Arab states and is rendering them all-around assistance." He added that conferences which President Podgorny has just concluded in Egypt, Syria and Iraq would undoubtedly "facilitate the coordination of joint action in the political struggle" in defense of the rights of the Arab states.

The party leader assailed the Israelis, accusing them of aggression and of "behaving like the worst of bandits." He accused them of atrocities against the Arabs and charged that "it seems they want to copy the crimes of the Hitler invaders." The war, he said, was not the result of national strife between the Arabs and Israelis but "a struggle between the forces of imperialism and the forces of national independence, democracy and social progress."

### Israel Sees Egypt as Military Threat in One Year

The London Daily Telegraph said today that Israel was prepared for a long period of Soviet-inspired provocation from the Arab states, particularly Egypt. It asserted that Israeli officials expect the Arabs to put on military pressure along the cease-fire line and to wage political and propaganda warfare.

The newspaper reported that Israel had collected evidence that the Soviet Union had embarked on a massive rearmament of the Arab states, including Iraq, which was only slightly involved in the recent fighting. Hundreds of transport planes have landed in Egypt in recent weeks, the paper said, and the Egyptians have received fighter planes including the MIG 17s, 19s and 21s.

At the current rate of buildup, and allowing time for retraining and regrouping, Israel estimates that Egypt could again pose a serious military threat to Israel's existence within a year, the Daily Telegraph asserted. The paper said the Soviet rearmament of Egypt probably stemmed from a desire to provide the country with some defensive capacity after its rout by Israel and to show the Arabs they were not being left in the lurch. It pointed out that Israel intended to stand firm on all its borders pending a peace settlement and was capable of maintaining control of the territory it had captured.

### **Pope Receives Israeli Envoy in Long, Private Audience**

ROME, July 5. (JTA) -- Ambassador Ehud Avriel of Israel had a long private audience today with Pope Paul VI. Immediately following the audience, the envoy left for Jerusalem for consultations. There was no statement as to the nature of the discussion.

A member of the Vatican staff, Msgr. Angelo G. Felice, has gone to Israel on a fact-finding mission and was to begin a tour of the holy places today. He was also due to confer with Israel Government officials.

Before his departure from Rome, the Osservatore della Domenica, generally accepted as a Vatican organ, published an article on the future of Jerusalem and the control of the holy places. The paper recalled that the Vatican had intervened in 1948 and 1949 when Pope Pius XII supported the internationalization of Jerusalem, and cited the papal pronouncement to the Cardinals on the same subject on June 26.

It said that the Vatican had never altered its position on the internationalization of Jerusalem and favored an international regime for the city based on United Nations principles and the Declaration of Human Rights, with freedom for all faiths and "where all the monotheistic faithful meet as brothers, sons of the same Father."

## Israel Plans to Have Special Volunteer Labor Battalion

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- A special labor battalion composed of volunteers from overseas who recently arrived -- and are still arriving -- in Israel to serve in various non-military capacities was proposed to the Knesset today by Minister of Labor Yigal Allon.

The work force would be engaged in essential projects, including the complete rebuilding of a road mainly with physical labor and utilizing as little mechanical aid as possible. The volunteers would be assigned to Israel's Department for Improving the Landscape, an agency responsible, among other responsibilities, for preserving the holy places. They would also help to make presently unusable land arable in various kibbutzim.

Members of the work force would be given lessons in Hebrew, Jewish history and the geography of Israel. The Jewish Agency and the Government would establish a special joint command to absorb the volunteers during their first days in the country, when they would live in camps and undergo medical checkups, servicing for insurance, and other preliminaries.

Mr. Allon said that more than 5,000 volunteers had reached Israel since the beginning of June, all of whom had been absorbed in essential work. Although some occasional snags have developed in the course of their introduction to conditions in Israel Mr. Allon said a more basic cause for some dissatisfaction was the natural post-war "letdown" experienced by youngsters who arrived in the country at the height of the nation's enthusiastic support for the military effort. Young people who hoped to engage in more dramatic enterprises now found themselves asked to water orchards or carry stones for building projects.

Mr. Allon said that in the future only volunteers who sign up for a six-month period of service will be accepted. Others who wish to take part in volunteer programs, he said, would have to pay their own way. The Knesset will debate the proposals after the summer recess.

## Amnesty Bill is Given First Reading in Israel Parliament

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- A general amnesty bill passed on first reading in the Israel Knesset today. Devised as a national expression of thankfulness for the victory which delivered the country from possible extermination, the bill affects some 600 people now serving prison terms, plus about 800 whose cases are pending before the courts.

Exempted from the amnesty are those arrested for crimes involving the security of the nation, as well as those serving sentences under the law against Nazis and their collaborators and those serving terms above ten years.

Under the terms of the law, people charged with income tax violations will be given a chance to make good by payment of their indebtedness as their financial means permit. The law is the second amnesty authorized in Israel; the first was approved in 1949 on the occasion of Israel's victory in its War for Independence.

## Eshkol Bids West Germany Help Israel on Common Market Issue

BONN, July 5. (JTA) -- The West German Republic can contribute to a lasting peace in the Middle East if it helps Israel with regard to the European Common Market and in other ways, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol said today. Israel is seeking associate membership in the six-nation European Common Market which represents her major export outlet.

Mr. Eshkol said in an interview with the newspaper, Die Welt, that he appreciated the many ways in which West Germany had expressed sympathy and solidarity with Israel during the recent conflict. He said relations between the Federal Republic and Israel had improved to a large degree and it was to be hoped that future relations would be even more positively developed.

He stressed, however, that on a political solution of the Middle East conflict, only direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab states could bring lasting peace. He reiterated his readiness to meet President Nasser of Egypt and King Hussein of Jordan.

## Six Thousand at Negev Services for Israelis Who Fell in Sinai

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- Some 6,000 mourners, including bereaved parents, wives and children, gathered at a temporary war cemetery near Kibbutz Beeri in the western Negev yesterday to pay their respects to approximately 300 Israeli soldiers who fell in the fighting in the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula. The occasion was the 30th day of the mourning period, the traditional time for completing the initial observance for the dead.

Meanwhile, it was reported here that about 700 Israeli soldiers are still hospitalized, of whom some hundreds are classified as permanently disabled. The total number of disabled resulting from the Arab-Israel war is expected to exceed 1,000. Those most seriously disabled by the hostilities, such as paraplegics, will be given cars by the Ministry of Defense.

## Knesset Gets Plan to Encourage Large-Scale Western Immigration

JERUSALEM, July 5. (JTA) -- Labor Minister Yigal Allon introduced into the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today, a far-reaching program aimed at the encouragement of immigration to Israel and absorption of some 15,000 families from affluent countries of the free world. The plan, which was approved earlier by the Joint Government-Jewish Agency Coordinating Committee, offers incentives to the newcomers in the form of housing aid, income tax reductions and relief from customs duties. The program was approved today at the plenary meeting of the Jewish Agency executive.

According to the plan, the immigrants from the more affluent countries will be provided with rental housing without having to pay "key money" or down payments normally required for rental housing in Israel. They will also be given the option later to buy the apartments outright with the rent already paid to be considered as part of the purchase price.

The immigrants will get substantial income tax concessions for three years after their arrival and will be freed entirely from customs duties on all their belonging brought to Israel regardless of value or weight. Another incentive to encourage western immigration will be the provision for them free of charge of Ulpan-type full or part-time Hebrew instruction for six months.

The Agency plenary also approved a plan under which some 500 young Israelis will be sent to western countries to explain conditions and prospects in Israel and to encourage immigration.

## B'nai B'rith Women's Leader Sees Need to Strengthen United Nations

BILOXI, Miss., July 5. (JTA) -- The international president of B'nai B'rith Women last night defended the United Nations against critics who claim the Israeli-Arab crisis proved its ineffectiveness in global affairs. Mrs. Arthur G. Rosenbluth told delegates at the closing session of the annual convention of B'nai B'rith District 7 here that, despite "strong reservations" over recent U.N. action in the Middle East, Americans must not forget that "hundreds, thousands, and perhaps tens of thousands of lives would have been lost if the United Nations had not been present to help institute a cease-fire," for the Arab-Israeli war.

Mrs. Rosenbluth said that the agreement ending the conflict could not have been negotiated "so swiftly" were it not for the U.N., since it provided the Soviet Union with an agency to "run to when it saw the fighting was going against the Arabs." Absence of the U.N., she said, might have compelled Russia to enter the war directly.

Those who are unhappy at the way the U.N. functions, added Mrs. Rosenbluth, should note that "the answer is not to abandon it, but to strengthen it."

## Jewish Veterans Will Weigh Soviet Policies at London Meeting

WASHINGTON, July 5. (JTA) -- A conference of Jewish ex-servicemen from throughout the free world will open in London Friday to deal with neo-Nazism and anti-Semitism in various countries, including what is described as extreme new anti-Jewish tendencies emerging in the policies of the Soviet Union arising from the Israeli defeat of Communist-supported Arab forces.

Taking part in the four-day conclave will be a delegation representing the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. headed by National Commander Malcolm A. Tarlov.

The veterans groups will draft a program at the conference of international cooperation and mutual action to combat anti-Semitic manifestations throughout the world.

## ORT Schools Expect 50,000 Enrolment; No Space for Further 40,000

NEW YORK, July 5. (JTA) -- More than 47,600 persons were enrolled last year in the international vocational training and education programs conducted by ORT, the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training, it was revealed in the new edition of the ORT Yearbook, published here yesterday. The organization ended a meeting of its international executive committee in Geneva yesterday which considered new measures to meet the impact of Middle East events, including reports of large-scale migration from North Africa.

The publication noted that although two-and-a-half times as many people were receiving ORT instruction and other forms of economic assistance on January 1, 1967 as on the same day ten years ago, there were some 40,000 youth in Israel and thousands of others in France, Iran, India and other countries for whom accommodations were not available in ORT schools.

ORT's facilities in Israel, the yearbook revealed, was by far the largest single national program in the organization's world-wide network. More than half of the total of ORT trainees, 26,700, studied 71 trade and industrial skills there. Total cost of the ORT endeavors in 1966 was \$12,900,000.

The yearbook forecast that about 50,000 persons would be enrolled during 1967, with greatest increases expected in Israel and France. Iran and Latin America are other areas where significant growth is expected.