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Assembly in Recess for Week; Snags Hit on Face-Saving Resolution

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 6. (JTA) -- Efforts to reach agreement among members of the United Nations General Assembly on a "face-saving" resolution the Assembly could adopt before concluding its emergency session on the Middle East ran into the expected snags today.

Sweden, Denmark and Finland circulated a draft resolution which would call on all parties in the dispute for restraint and for observance of the cease-fire lines. It would also authorize the Secretary-General to designate a personal representative in the Middle East to deal with all the governments involved.

In conferences with representatives of the unaligned bloc, the Arab states and others who supported the unsuccessful Yugoslav resolution, discussion broke down on the question of inclusion of the non-belligerency concept. There was also disagreement over the term, "durable peace."

The Assembly session yesterday heard explanations of their votes on the various resolutions earlier this week by representatives of a number of states and bitter diatribes from the Arabs. In a sudden and unexpected maneuver which caught many delegates by surprise, President Abdul Rahman Pazhwak of Pakistan proposed an adjournment of the session until next Wednesday. There had been general agreement on a 48-hour recess. However, only Israel voiced objection to the long recess.

"The Assembly has fully debated the matter," Ambassador Gideon Rafael told the session. "It has reached a state of conclusion. It has taken votes and these votes clearly express the viewpoints of the member states of the United Nations on the various proposals submitted to them for their judgment and decision."

Plan New Onslaught Against Israel on Jerusalem Issue

The week-long recess was seen as a maneuver to keep the emergency meeting of the Assembly alive until Israel's deadline for compliance with the Assembly resolution ordering Israel to revoke its measures for the reunification of Jerusalem. Under the terms of the Pakistani resolution, Israel was given one week in which to comply. Next Tuesday is the deadline.

Since Israel refused to recognize that the Assembly had any competence in the Jerusalem question, the Secretary-General's report on Israel's compliance with the resolution is expected to be negative. Israel's foes in the Assembly consequently anticipated another opportunity to belabor the Jewish State as being in wilful defiance of the international body.

Secretary-General Sends Envoy to Middle East

The Secretary-General announced today that he had designated Nils-Goran Gussing of Sweden as his personal representative in the Middle East to investigate the treatment of the civilian population and prisoners of war. The appointment was in accordance with the Security Council resolution of June 14. Mr. Gussing is the representative in Greece of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

Ambassador Rafael complained to the Secretary-General today that while Israel had accorded normal facilities to the International Red Cross to visit prisoner-of-war camps in Israel, not all the Arab governments have permitted similar visits to Israeli prisoners. He complained of the absence of information in U.N. reports on the treatment of Israeli prisoners and expressed concern about the fate of these prisoners.

The Jordanian Government complained to the Secretary-General about the conditions under which Israel announced it would permit refugees to return to the West Bank area. The Jordanian complaint said the West Bank was "an integral part of the Hashemite Kingdom" and the right of Jordanians to return to their homes there "is a natural right affirmed and endorsed by the United Nations."

Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban of Israel, who had cancelled his scheduled return to Israel Wednesday night, was to have left New York for Jerusalem tonight.

Jordan Premier Tells Arabs to Reorganize Their Thinking on Israel

LONDON, July 6. (JTA) -- Jordan's Prime Minister told the Parliament at Amman yesterday that the Arabs would have to abandon their policies of the last 19 years and reorganize their thinking on Israel.

Premier Saad Jumaa blamed Arab leaders and their misleading propaganda for the "catastrophe" which had befallen Jordan. He singled out Ahmed Shukairy, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, for censure, asserting that PLO boasts that they would finish off the Jews had helped Israel to rally world public opinion. Jumaa urged an Arab summit meeting to recast Arab thinking and policies on Israel.

The London Daily Telegraph quoted Premier Jumaa as asserting that a secret organization of "Jordanian nationalists" had been established to assassinate Palestinian Arabs who agreed to sell their land or properties to Israel.

Spokesman Says France Has 'No New Initiative' for Middle East

PARIS, July 6. (JTA) -- French Minister of Information Georges Gorse said today that the French Government "has no new initiative in view" following the failure of the United Nations General Assembly to adopt operative resolutions on the Middle East. The French had strongly supported the unsuccessful Yugoslav resolution.

French newspapers continued today a barrage of criticism of President de Gaulle's Middle East policy and there was some suggestion that the President had been badly misled by French intelligence reports as to Israel's capacity to withstand the Arab onslaught.

Rusk Says America Cannot Impose 'Blueprint for Peace' on Mideast

CHICAGO, July 6. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk told the Lions Club International convention today that "there should be adequate recognition that three great religions have a deep interest in the holy places of Jerusalem."

On the general Middle East question, Secretary Rusk said the United States could impose "no blueprint for peace" since "the primary responsibility rests upon those who live there and upon their governments."

Mr. Rusk reiterated President Johnson's five-point program for settlement of the crisis: A recognition of Israel's right to exist as a nation; justice for the Arab refugees; free navigation through international waterways; an end to the arms race in the area; and respect for the political independence and territorial integrity of all the states of the area.

Sen. Brewster Says America Should Recognize Unification of Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, July 6. (JTA) -- Senator Daniel B. Brewster, Maryland Democrat, a member of the Armed Services Committee, said today the United States should extend de facto recognition to Israel's unification of the Old City of Jerusalem with the New City.

In a statement prior to his departure for home after a visit to Israel, Sen. Brewster also said that the United States must exert every possible influence -- economic and military -- to induce the Arab states to agree to peace talks with Israel. He added, however, that America should not give its hand to "unrealistic solutions."

In an interview published in the afternoon daily Maariv, the Maryland Senator also called on the American Government to supply Israel with arms and warned Israel to stand firm and not withdraw from the occupied areas unless peace is established.

Jesuit Organ Questions Need for Internationalizing Jerusalem

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA) -- A leading American Jesuit publication voiced differences today with the Vatican policy on internationalization of the city of Jerusalem as a holy place for three great religions.

An editorial in the current issue of America pointed out that "no single one of the world's great religions has a monopoly of interest in the Holy Land." It noted that "given the international character of Jerusalem, internationalization is perhaps the most logical solution to a problem that is of concern to so much of the world outside Israel's borders." It said, however, that "Israel's record over the last 20 years in providing free access to its Christian shrines has been commendable. If free access is the issue, then we cannot help wondering if the case for the internationalization of Jerusalem is as urgent today as it appeared to be in 1947."

Belgium to Handle Israel's Interests in Yugoslavia

BRUSSELS, July 6. (JTA) -- The Belgian Government has agreed to look after Israel's interests in Yugoslavia during the suspension of diplomatic relations between the two countries, it was announced today.

Yugoslavia, in company with all other members of the Soviet bloc except Rumania, broke off diplomatic relations with Israel after the outbreak of hostilities last month.

JDC Head Proposes International Task Force on Arab Refugee Problem

NEW YORK, July 6, (JTA) -- Creation of an international task force "to survey past, present and future programs by all agencies on behalf of Arab refugees" was proposed today by Charles H. Jordan, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, on his return from the Middle East. He conducted a personal survey of the dislocation of Arabs caused by the June war.

He suggested that the task force be comprised of representatives of the United Nations secretariat, of voluntary agencies in the United States and other countries, and of governments most concerned with the problem.

Mr. Jordan, who is also chairman of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service and of the Commission on Refugees of the International Council, emphasized that the proposed global task force should concern itself with more than immediate emergency relief measures.

He said it should consider "the absorption and rehabilitation of the refugees" on the premise that "every human being should have both the right and the opportunity to support himself by his own efforts to live as a self-sufficient and dignified human being. To help in achieving this will undoubtedly place very great responsibilities on both U.N.-sponsored and voluntary welfare agencies."

No Evidence of Pressure on West Bank Arabs to Leave

He also reported that there was "no evidence" that the movement of new Arab refugees eastward in Jordan was "being created or even encouraged by the Israeli authorities. Whatever may have taken place during and immediately after the war, my own observations indicate that those making their way to the east bank of the Jordan were doing so for a variety of strong personal reasons." The most important, he added, was that of family reunion. He said a large number of families had been separated since the 1948 war and many were now making a strenuous effort to find long-lost relatives. He also cited the wish of the Arabs to continue to receive funds from relatives in Kuwait and elsewhere and the escape of former Jordanian and other Arab soldiers.

He reported a visit to Arab refugee centers in the Gaza Strip, deploring the fact that the problem had been permitted to "linger" for 20 years and declaring that "a whole generation of refugee families has already grown up, bred in the squalor and futility of dozens of refugee camps." He said that, as a result of the 1948 war, between 650,000 and 700,000 Arabs became refugees and that 19 years later, the total had grown to 1,300,000 and would be 1,500,000 by 1970, when "more than 50 percent of the refugees will have been born in refugee camps."

He reported on evidence of anti-Jewish and anti-Israel training in schools in the Gaza Strip taught almost exclusively by Egyptians and added that "periodic upheaval and war" were inevitable "in an environment of poverty, frustration and hatred." He said this was "the heart of the problem" which all agencies aiding the Arab refugees should tackle.

UNRWA Chief Urges Arabs to Return to West Bank

Lawrence Michelmores, head of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, reported to the United Nations yesterday that 150,000 Arabs had left the west bank of the Jordan in the aftermath of the war and that of these, 80,000 to 100,000 might be refugees previously registered with UNRWA.

He urged the Arabs who fled from occupied Jordanian areas to accept the offer of the Israeli Government allowing them to return to the West Bank area by August 10. He stressed that facilities existed in the area for them and he also urged Arabs still living in the area to stay there.

The UNRWA official praised Israeli authorities for their cooperation, reporting that the situation generally in the West Bank area "appears to have improved."

Arabs in Gaza Strip to be Allowed to Go to West Bank Area

TEL AVIV, July 6, (JTA) -- Defense Minister Moshe Dayan informed Arabs now living in the Gaza Strip that they will soon be able to travel to the occupied west bank of Jordan. The former Egyptian-controlled area, which extends into Israel's southern coast, was taken over by Israeli troops during the recent hostilities.

Beginning next week, the Arab residents of the area will be able to obtain permits from the Israeli military authorities to travel to the former Jordanian territory now occupied by Israel. General Dayan said buses and taxis will move through Israel on their way to the West Bank.

General Dayan, according to Kol Israel, the Israel radio network, said that although security problems in the Strip were now fairly satisfactory, a sizeable number of fedayeen terrorists were still at large, and that firearms are still hidden among the populace. For this reason, he said, sunset to sunrise curfew hours must still be enforced.

Israel Air Force Thrills Spectators at Negev Air Show

TEL AVIV, July 6, (JTA) -- A dazzling display of flying techniques by a variety of combat aircraft enthralled spectators today at an air show on an air field somewhere in the Negev. Dozens of French-built Mirages, Mysteres and Fouga-Magisters participated in the demonstration at the very site from which they took off on June 5 for their decisive blow against the Egyptian air force. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff Itzhak Rabin, Air Force Commander Mordecai Hod and most of Israel's other top military leaders were present at the show, as were former Prime Minister and Mrs. David Ben-Gurion.

After the show, squadrons of aircraft swooped over Israel's major cities. The planes, including lightning-like Mirages, soared over reunited Jerusalem, Hebron, Nablus, Haifa and Nathanya -- finally circling back to Tel Aviv, where tens of thousands of people stood on rooftops and cheered the pilots. The occasion marked the first time the Israeli air force had flown over Jerusalem.

The breathtaking performance of a MIG-21 painted with red-gold Soviet colors but now bearing the marking of the Israel air force on its wings, was a highlight of the show. It streamed across the crowds and later roared aloft with two Mirage escorts. The plane was brought to Israel last year by a defecting Iraqi pilot.

Report Israel Negotiating for 50 French Ground-Support Planes

LONDON, July 6, (JTA) -- Israel is currently negotiating the purchase of 50 French Mirage M5 ground support planes, delivery of which is scheduled to begin next year, the London Daily Telegraph reported today. An embargo imposed several weeks ago by President de Gaulle is currently in effect banning any arms shipments to the Middle East. The Mirage M5 planes, which cost about 365,000 pounds sterling (\$1,000,000) each without spare parts and extras, have less electronic equipment than the Mirage III but have a longer range and can carry more rockets, bombs or ammunition.

Government-Jewish Agency to Open Special Office for Volunteers

JERUSALEM, July 6, (JTA) -- Labor Minister Yigal Allon announced in the Israel Parliament today that the Government and the Jewish Agency were setting up a special office to deal with the thousands of volunteers from abroad who came to Israel to offer their services during the Israel-Arab crisis. Mr. Allon noted that most of the volunteers were already working.

The Labor Minister also announced that those volunteers who planned on staying a minimum of two years and were in proper physical condition would be allowed to serve in the Israeli army.

100 Volunteers Leave for Year of Service in Israel

NEW YORK, July 6, (JTA) -- One hundred young American volunteers left last night for a year of service in Israel as members of the Sherut La'am (Service to our People). Of this group, 16 of whom are Canadians, 22 will work in kibbutzim and the other 78 will serve in various professional capacities throughout Israel. Of the 100 volunteers who left for Israel via El Al, 74 are girls. The Sherut La'am program in Israel is conducted by the Jewish Agency.

ORT Executive Votes to Step Up Activities in Israel

GENEVA, July 6, (JTA) -- The executive of the World ORT Union decided here today to increase the organization's activities in Israel in order to help repair war damage and make up for the loss of income in ORT working establishments. The decision was made at a plenary meeting of the executive here attended by 70 delegates from 13 different countries.

Max A. Braude, director-general of ORT, reported to the meeting that \$550,000 in extra funds would be needed to meet additional commitments as a result of the war. He also reported changes in ORT activities necessitated by recent events in North Africa and Asia.

In his introductory address at the meeting, Daniel Mayer, ORT president, expressed on behalf of the organization, admiration for the ORT students and graduates who took part in the war.

Book Week, Delayed by War, Is Marked Throughout Israel

JERUSALEM, July 6, (JTA) -- Israel Book Week, which was to have taken place last month but was postponed because of the outbreak of hostilities, opened today in cities and settlements throughout the country. Thousands of books, including many special editions, translations and original Hebrew works are on display at the various exhibits.

Memorial Services for War-Fallen are Held Throughout Israel

JERUSALEM, July 6, (JTA) -- Memorial services were held in military cemeteries throughout Israel today for the hundreds of Israelis who fell in the Israel-Arab war which began on June 5. The 30th day marks the end of the traditional initial mourning period.

Here in Jerusalem, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Chief of Staff Gen. Yitzhak Rabin were among the thousands who attended services at the local military cemetery. The El Maleh Rahmim and Kaddish memorial prayers were recited by army chaplains. Similar services were held in other parts of the country.