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Eban Says Israel Does Not Approve American Arms Aid to Jordan

WASHINGTON, July 23, (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban of Israel indicated today in a television interview carried by the American Broadcasting Corporation network that Israel was opposed to the American supply of arms to Jordan and some other Arab countries.

Authoritative Washington sources confirmed this weekend that the Administration was studying the question of selling arms to Israel in view of the massive Soviet shipments to some of the Arab states, but stressed that main American concern was not about Israel but for the "pro-Western" states -- Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Tunisia. The State Department, it was reported, has recommended that the United States send new arms to these nations to balance the flow of Soviet arms to Egypt, Iraq and Syria.

Mr. Eban, in response to a question, noted that despite American intentions, Jordan had used American arms to kill Israelis in the recent war. He said that Israel had "pointed out that arms have often been given to Arab states for one reason and used for another." He recalled that: "it was said that giving arms to Jordan would certainly not be directed against Israel because Jordan, at that time, had a moderate aspect. The fact is," he pointed out, "that arms given to Jordan, despite the will and intention of the donors, were directed against Israel and our people were killed in their dozens and wounded in their hundreds by Jordanian tanks. I think this has to be borne in mind."

Sees American-Israel Agreement on Basic Issues in Present Situation

The Israeli Foreign Minister was asked about reports of some disillusionment in Israel over the degree of American support during the period of intense crisis last May. He said that when Israel tried to find out just what support it could count on in a confrontation, "I found it necessary to tell my colleagues that I thought Israel would get a lot of sympathy, a lot of support by world opinion and by friendly governments. But that we would be wrong to expect any physical support. I don't say that we wanted it," he added, but I had to say that I didn't think we would get it and, therefore our fate and our future and our survival were in our own hands."

Subsequently, Mr. Eban said, Israel had found a "very constructive attitude" on the part of President Johnson. He pointed out that "the chief element in President Johnson's position is that the United States does not think that withdrawal without an accompanying settlement is advisable." He termed this "a very important principle and it is the basis of unity between our policy and American policy."

In a wide-ranging interview, Mr. Eban said the issue of relations with Jordan was open to negotiation and if they wanted in addition to peace to have a more intimate union in economic and other fields, this could be considered.

He said Israel had to be concerned about a new eruption of hostilities "because the Egyptian Government has made statements and carried out actions which indicate a lack of firmness in support of the cease-fire." He said it was "up to Egypt" whether there would be peace along the Suez Canal or not. He denied that Israeli use of the canal was "provocative" asserting that "what is provocative is the Egyptian assumption that Israel has lesser rights in the canal than any other state." He said there was agreement under the cease-fire that either side uses the canal or neither uses it.

On special issues, Mr. Eban said bluntly that any Israeli Government that surrendered the Old City of Jerusalem would not deserve to survive politically. To a question about Defense Minister Moshe Dayan's reported view that the Gaza Strip should belong to Israel, Mr. Eban said "the Government of Israel has not yet reached a determination about what suggestions it will make and what demands it will put forward in a peace negotiation."

He expressed doubt that there could be a successful integration of the Arab refugees "in conditions of war or belligerency." If peace came, he said, the governments would have a common interest in transforming refugees into constructive citizens. "There should not be any refugees in the Middle East," he commented. "There should only be citizens of sovereign states." He said he thought it would be difficult to achieve a coherent refugee settlement policy until the final frontiers are agreed and as long as a state of belligerency prevailed.

General Assembly Returns Arab-Israeli Dispute to Security Council

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 23. (JTA) -- The special emergency session of the United Nations General Assembly confessed defeat this weekend and returned the Middle East question to the Security Council with the request that the Council consider "the tense situation in the Middle East" as a matter of urgency. An almost complete reversal of position by the Soviet Union which tried to get Arab agreement to a substantive resolution linking withdrawal of Israeli forces to the pre-June 5th line with Arab recognition of Israel's existence failed completely. The Arabs complained that the resolution "temporarily" adjourning the session was a "lamentable betrayal" of the Arab cause.

The president of the General Assembly was authorized to reconvene the body "as and when necessary." Arab spokesmen made their intention known to have the Assembly back in session soon as a forum for anti-Israel demonstrations as it was during the past five weeks. No Council meeting was scheduled for the immediate future.

The adjournment resolution had the support of the Soviet Union after it had become clear that all attempts at a substantive resolution had failed. Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko of the USSR castigated the United States after the voting for what he called Washington's "spirit of hostility" towards the Arabs and its support of Israel. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg replied that the Russian knew "more than anybody else in this hall" that the United States had made every effort "to arrive at a meeting of the minds" which the Assembly could approve.

Mr. Goldberg noted that Soviet Premier Aleksei Kosygin had told the Assembly, on June 19, that "every people enjoys the right to establish an independent national state of its own." In Mr. Goldberg's view, that statement had placed the Soviet Union in a position of conceding that the Arab states should acknowledge Israel's right to exist as an independent state.

Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban of Israel told the Assembly after the vote--on which the Israeli delegation had abstained -- that Israel stood ready now to negotiate a peace settlement with the Arab states. In the course of Israeli-Arab peace negotiations, he declared, all parties would be "free to present and examine any claims or proposals in an effort to reach mutual agreement."

Allon Says 'Bitter Lesson' of War Is Need for New Basic Industries

JERUSALEM, July 23. (JTA) -- Brig. Yigal Allon, the Israel Minister of Labor, said today that Israel had to create new basic industries to meet her requirements for military goods and make her independent of foreign sources.

Addressing the 70th jubilee convention of the Zionist Organization of America, the onetime Israeli chief of staff said Israel could not rely on foreign sources for supplies essential in emergencies. That, he said, was one of the "bitter lessons we must derive from our six-day war." The reference was to the embargo laid down by France which had been Israel's principal source for military supplies.

"It is necessary now," Gen. Allon said, "for Israel to transform her basic industries to make her independent of foreign sources for these supplies. We must attain a stage where we are independent in these supplies."

Gen. Allon called on Americans to increase their investment in Israeli industry. He noted that Israel itself was now investing large sums in the areas it had liberated in last month's war. "Israel," he stated, "must also invest money in reorganizing its army to face new technological developments, so that our fighting force becomes an army of the Seventies." The Labor Minister also called for new immigration into Israel, saying "what we lack most is Jews."

Leon Dultzin, head of the Jewish Agency immigration and absorption department, told the convention that the Agency accorded immigration the "utmost priority" and envisaged the arrival of between 15,000 and 20,000 families in the next 12 months. He stressed the need for skilled and professional immigration and described a program of incentives being offered skilled and professional immigrants. Several speakers, Americans residing in Israel, said that better results could be achieved if their organization were consulted in preparation for the absorption of immigrants from the West.

Rabbi Simon Greenberg, vice-chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, said that Israel's image "as a home for the persecuted" should be changed so that Americans would "view Israel as a challenge to the creative and visionary" impulses of all Jews.

State Dept. Wants to Use Bank Facilities for Arms to Arabs

WASHINGTON, July 23. (JTA) -- Disclosures that the U.S. Export-Import Bank had granted substantial loans to finance arms purchases, principally by the Arab states, were expected this weekend to result in delay of congressional action to extend the Bank's charter.

The State Department released secret testimony before the House Banking Committee by Eugene V. Rostow, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, in which he said the massive Soviet shipments of arms and equipment to some Arab states justified American arms aid for certain Arab countries. The Department said it regarded it vital that the Committee make no restriction that would prevent the Department from resuming military assistance to the Arab states through the Export-Import Bank.

Defense Minister Reports to Cabinet on Talks with Gen. Bull

JERUSALEM, July 23, (JTA) -- Defense Minister Moshe Dayan reported to the weekly meeting of the Cabinet today on his discussions yesterday with Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of the United Nations cease-fire supervisory team. The talk was held prior to Gen. Bull's departure for Cairo, where he was to confer on cease-fire arrangements with Egyptian authorities.

The Cabinet, however, did not discuss major political and international problems at its session today, due to the absences of both Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Mr. Eshkol was recovering from an attack of influenza and Mr. Eban was enroute home from New York. The Cabinet will hold a special session later this week when both Mr. Eshkol and Mr. Eban will be able to attend.

The Cabinet approved a bill authorizing a two-year income tax exemption for persons donating funds to a number of causes. Those causes are the Jewish National Fund; the Keren Hayesod, financial arm of the World Zionist Organization; the Moshe Sharett Fund for Cancer Research, and Hadassah. The exemption will apply to 30 percent of the donated sums.

The Cabinet approved appointment of Dr. Zvi Dinstein as Deputy Minister of Finance. He had been Deputy Minister of Defense when Mr. Eshkol held that portfolio.

Israel Rushes Blood Plasma for Victims of Turkish Earthquake

JERUSALEM, July 23, (JTA) -- Israel's Red Mogen David shipped 300 units of blood plasma and equipment for blood transfusions to Turkey today for assistance to victims of the earthquake there. The shipments went by air in response to a request for such aid received here from the Turkish Red Crescent Organization.

Israel Makes Another Concession to Speed Return of West Bank Refugees

JERUSALEM, July 23, (JTA) -- Israel agreed today to make a further concession to speed up the return of Arab refugees to the West Bank areas by assenting to an arrangement under which the documents the returning refugees must complete bear the name of the International Red Cross rather than that of the State of Israel.

The papers originally had borne the name of Israel but Jordanian officials balked at distributing the documents to the refugees in Jordan because they did not want to take any step that might involve recognition of Israel. Their refusal delayed the return of refugees to their former homes and it was to eliminate this delay that Israel agreed to changing the designation on the forms. The documents establish proof of residence on the West Bank and are required to help Israel screen out security risks.

Curfew is Eased in Jerusalem Old City; Becomes Effective at Midnight

JERUSALEM, July 23, (JTA) -- The night curfew in the Old City section of Jerusalem was eased today by an order of the Israeli authorities. The ban on civilian movements will now be in effect only from Midnight to 4 A.M. The previous curfew was in effect at 9 P.M.

The new rule was put into effect primarily to aid tourists who have been overcrowding the hotels in the New City of Jerusalem but staying out of the hosteleries in the Old City because they were not allowed to leave them after 9 o'clock in the evening. However, the curfew from 9 P.M. to 4 A.M. remains in effect in other towns on the West Bank of the Jordan River.

Experts Seek Outlets for Gaza Strip, West Bank Agricultural Produce

TEL AVIV, July 23, (JTA) -- Israeli agricultural experts worked today on measures to help Arab farmers in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank area market their mounting surpluses of fruits and vegetables. The war disrupted normal distribution of systems and cut off the customary outlets in Egypt and Jordan. The citrus grown in the Gaza Strip is generally of an inferior quality than Israel's and cannot be offered in Israel's major overseas citrus markets.

Experts were considering projects for canning a proportion of the crops, of exporting some and of disposing of part on the Israeli market.

Kalandria Airport May Be Used for Overseas Flights

JERUSALEM, July 23, (JTA) -- Representatives of international airlines who inspected the Kalandria Airport, just north of this city, indicated today that the field might be used for overseas flights.

The airport was relatively undamaged in the six-day war and the Israelis found it suitable for use but announced plans to expand it. The airport was incorporated into the new boundaries of Israel's capital at the time the Old City was unified with the new. The field can now handle the French-built Caravelle jet passenger planes. Regular service to Tel Aviv and Eilat will begin from Kalandria this week.

New Settlement to be Named for Pinhas Rosen, Ex-Justice Minister

JERUSALEM, July 23, (JTA) -- A new settlement in Israel's northern area will be named after Pinhas Rosen, the former Minister of Justice, the Jewish Agency announced here today. Mr. Rosen observed his 80th birthday a few weeks ago. Mr. Rosen, for many years a member of the Jewish Agency Executive, was a General Zionist leader and a founder of the Progressive Party.

Detroit Fund Makes \$500,000 Contribution to Israel Emergency Fund

DETROIT, July 23. (JTA) -- The endowment fund of the United Jewish Charities of Detroit has contributed \$500,000 to the Israel Emergency Fund, bringing total contributions of the Allied Jewish Campaign to the fund to more than \$6,000,000.

Announcement of the gift was made by Louis Tabashnik, UJC president; Hyman Safran, Jewish Welfare Federation president, and Paul Zuckerman, chairman of the emergency fund. The UJC had previously made a cash advance of \$500,000 to the emergency fund. The UJC board then decided to convert the advance into an outright gift.

As contributors continued to respond to appeals for broad community participation, William Avrunin, federation executive director, said that more than \$6,500,000 had been sent to the United Jewish Appeal since May 18 for both the regular Allied Jewish Campaign and the emergency fund.

French Bishop Says Church Should Not Dispute Israel on Holy Places

STRASBOURG, France, July 23. (JTA) -- Catholicism should not dispute with the Jews about the holy places in Jerusalem, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Elchinger, Bishop of Strasbourg, declared here today. The Vatican, he said, will have to extend the declaration adopted at its last Ecumenical Council regarding Christian-Jewish relations, "and recognize the value of post-Biblical Judaism."

Bishop Elchinger spoke at an interfaith conference here of Catholics, Protestants and Jews. He stressed the significance of Israel to Jews in other countries, declaring "we must understand what Israel means for the Jewish people."

Referring to the Ecumenical Council's declaration which, among other things, deplored anti-Semitism, Bishop Elchinger warned: "We must exterminate all remaining anti-Semitism, because anti-Semitism is still not dead within the Church. Together, we shall study what is God's plan for the Jewish people and its mission in the modern world because, I think, Judaism has a very important ecumenical mission to accomplish."

Cardinal Krol Receives Israeli Consul-General in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, July 23. (JTA) -- Consul-General Yissakhar Ben-Yaacov of Israel was received this weekend by John Cardinal Krol. The meeting followed the prelate's return from Rome where he had received his red hat. The Cardinal, who discussed the Middle East situation with the Israeli diplomat, expressed the hope that peace would soon be achieved.

On behalf of the State of Israel, Mr. Ben-Yaacov presented Cardinal Krol with a Hebrew Bible printed in Jerusalem and received, in turn, a medallion commemorating the visit of Pope Paul VI to the United Nations in 1965.

Cardinal Leger Writes Foreword to Guide on Jewish Religion

MONTREAL, July 23. (JTA) -- Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger has written a preface to new English and French editions of a guide and handbook on Jewish religious principles and practices written by Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg of Congregation Beth Tzedec, Toronto. The book, designed for people of all faiths, was originally published in the United States by the Paulist Fathers. In addition to the regular distribution methods, the Canadian editions will be distributed by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and in the Pavilion of Judaism at Expo 67.

Dr. Sabin, Virologist, Is Honored on Brazilian-Argentine Tour

BUENOS AIRES, July 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Albert Sabin, famed virologist and discoverer of the oral polio vaccine, arrived here this weekend for an 11-day visit as the guest of the Jewish-Argentine Institute for Culture and Information.

Dr. Sabin, Distinguished Research Professor of Research Pediatrics at the Cincinnati University College of Medicine, came here from Sao Paulo where he received the State of Sao Paulo Award for Meritorious Service. He was the guest in Sao Paulo of the Brazilian-Jewish Cultural Institute.

The Argentine Government and the Municipality of Buenos Aires both issued proclamations declaring Dr. Sabin to be an honored guest of the nation and city.

During his visits to Brazil and Argentina, Dr. Sabin is lecturing at universities and other scientific and medical institutions and meetings with government officials and Jewish groups. A series of receptions for him and Mrs. Sabin has been arranged here by the Institute.

Judge Jonah J. Goldstein Is Dead at Age of 81

NEW YORK, July 23. (JTA) -- Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, for many decades a prominent figure in the New York Jewish community and president of the Grand Street Boys Association, died Saturday in Bethlehem, N.H., following a heart attack. He was 81 years old. He had retired from the General Sessions bench 11 years ago.

A native of Canada, he was brought to New York City at the age of six and was raised on the low East Side. He was active in many New York welfare activities and served on the board of many Jewish institutions. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the mayoralty in 1945.