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Rumania Says it Will Not Aid New Arab Attempt to Destroy Israel

LONDON, July 24 (JTA)--In a major foreign policy speech before the Rumanian National Assembly today, Nicolae Ceausescu, the Rumanian Communist Party Chief, served notice on the Arab states that Rumania recognized the existence of the State of Israel and would not support Arab attempts to destroy Israel in any new war.

Rumania is the only country in the Soviet bloc that did not follow the lead of Moscow in breaking off relations with Israel last month on the outbreak of the Arab-Israeli war and its foreign minister made at least one attempt during the recent emergency session of the United Nations General Assembly to secure agreement on a resolution that would commit the Arab states to recognition of Israel's existence.

The Rumanian Communist leader said that while Rumania had always manifested friendship for the Arabs, "we wish to tell our Arab friends that we do not understand and do not share the position of those circles who speak in favor of the liquidation of the State of Israel."

He added that "we do not wish to give advice to anybody, but the lessons of history show that no people can achieve their national and social aspirations against the right of existence of another people." He made it clear that Rumania would continue to pursue a policy of friendship towards Israel and would not adhere to the anti-Israel line advanced by Moscow.

Israel Publishes 'Blackbook' on Soviet Encouragement of Arab Belligerency

JERUSALEM, July 24 (JTA)--The Israel Foreign Ministry issued a 78-page "blackbook" today showing how the Soviet Union has consistently supported Arab belligerency against Israel despite the knowledge that the Arabs sought the total destruction of Israel.

The book reproduces speeches by Arab and Soviet leaders, letters, briefs submitted to the United Nations, published Government statements and similar documents attesting to the close identification of Moscow with the Arab anti-Israeli cause.

The theme of the volume is that the Soviet Union identified itself unreservedly with the Arab designs against Israel, gave the Arabs full political backing and supplied them with slogans and arguments they knew to be untrue. The book is being published in English, French and Spanish and will be distributed by Israeli embassies and consulates throughout the world.

Eban Looks for Soviet Reappraisal of its Middle East Policies

LONDON, July 24 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban of Israel expressed hope today that the Soviet Union would reevaluate its position in the Middle East following what he termed the United Nations General Assembly's "positive rejection of a charge of aggression against a member state, Israel." He told a press conference here today that "I hope the Soviet Union will now reappraise its attitude and look at things from the center rather than from one wing. There were faint signs of such reappraisal. There was an impression that the Soviet delegates had been pleading with the Arabs for a modification of their position. But perhaps it was only a tactical move. It will be necessary to wait and see how things develop."

The Israeli foreign minister told newsmen in response to questions that "Israel is not writing off its relations with France" and hopes to restore the old Franco-Israeli relationship. He said the General Assembly session had shown that world opinion clearly wanted a radical remedy in the Middle East, not a restoration of the pre-June situation that led to war. He said it was becoming clear that world opinion was "getting fed up with Arab belligerence."

Benelux Powers Call for Direct Arab-Israeli Peace Talks

BRUSSELS, July 24 (JTA)--The Interparliamentary Council of the three Benelux nations issued a statement today declaring that all Middle East problems, including that of the Arab refugees, could be resolved only by peace treaties between Israel and the Arab states.

The Council urged the three nations--Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxemburg--to cooperate to assure the existence of such countries, particularly that of Israel. It also urged free passage in the strait of Tiran and other waterways in the Middle East to shipping of all countries, an equitable settlement of the refugee problem and free access to the holy places in the area.

Israel To Get Assistance Under Food For Peace Program

WASHINGTON, July 24 (JTA)--Government sources said today that an agreement to sell Israel between \$25 and \$30 million in surplus commodities, mainly food, may be signed by the end of this week. The transaction would be under the "Food for Peace" program known as Public Law 480. Under this law, repayment may be made in Israeli pounds.

Washington Silent on New Nasser Attacks, Threats Against Israel

WASHINGTON, July 24 (JTA)--The State Department declined to comment today on charges by President Nasser of Egypt that the United States had been guilty of "diplomatic deceit" last May in making Egypt believe that the Arab-Israeli dispute could be settled without war. Elsewhere in the speech, delivered on the fifteenth anniversary of the expulsion of King Farouk, Nasser said that he was prepared to talk with the Americans at any time on the question of peace in the Middle East.

The main thrust of the Nasser speech, however, was a renewed attack on Israel and an appeal to the Arab masses to organize to fight Israel. He said that "the military struggle will have to be fought not only by the armed forces but by the whole nation," adding that "we are not inferior to the people of Viet Nam." This part of his speech was interpreted as the threat of Arab guerrilla warfare against Israel.

(In London, Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban of Israel commented today that "Nasser's speech was one emanating from a conservative mind, a mind steeped in inertia, refusing to see change. He spoke as if the defeat of Egypt in the field was of no importance. This was a speech rooted in pre-June 5th attitudes, based on the world and the philosophy which existed before June 5.")

The Egyptian-controlled Middle East News Agency reported from Khartoum that the Arab Foreign Ministers will meet in Khartoum August 1, to plan new joint Arab strategy against Israel.

Symington Denounces 'Country X' Loans to Finance Arab Arms Deals

WASHINGTON, July 24 (JTA)--Chairman Stuart Symington of the Near Eastern Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee accused the Administration today of using "a trick of backdoor financing" to ship arms to Arabs and others without the knowledge and consent of Congress. The Missouri Democrat, former Secretary of the Air Force, criticized the "Country X" loans made by the U.S. Export-Import Bank to finance arms purchased largely by the Arab states. He said he doubted that a single senator knew of the arms financing program initiated in 1964 and he announced that he would vote in the Foreign Relations Committee to abolish the revolving fund from which "Country X" loans are made.

State Department spokesman Robert McCloskey said today that consultations were continuing on the question of American arms shipments to other nations. He declined to comment on congressional criticism of secret financing of arms for Arab states.

At Columbus, Ga., U.S. Army authorities said here today that seven Arab officers from nations that severed relations with America and declared war against Israel were taking military training courses at Fort Benning, the army's infantry and paratroop center. Two Iraqi and five Sudanese officers will be permitted to complete their studies "as a matter of practicality."

Rabin Says No Israeli Town Remains in Range of Arab Guns

JERUSALEM, July 24 (JTA)--Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, Israel Chief of Staff, said today that, as a result of Israel's occupation of Arab territories in the June war, no Israeli city or settlement was now within range of Syrian, Egyptian or Jordanian guns.

Before the war, he told the 70th jubilee convention of the Zionist Organization of America, Tel Aviv was 80 kilometers (40 miles) from the Egyptian border while Cairo was 280 kilometers (140 miles) from the Israeli border, but today "the situation is reversed." Israel's borders, he told the 2,000 delegates and guests, "are now much easier to defend."

He reiterated earlier Israeli denial of reports that Israel had turned over captured Soviet-made MIG-21s to the United States or any other nation. He said "we have one intact MIG-21 and we need it ourselves." He also denied that Israeli units had captured Soviet technicians or instructors.

Gen. Rabin told the delegates that "though the six-day war is over, the seventh day of rest has not yet been gained." He expressed the view that the struggle for peace "in our days" was still a long one, but added that the existing military situation made "better than ever" the chances for cessation of 19 years of Arab belligerency.

Joseph Sapir, Minister Without Portfolio told the convention that Israel's June victory had saved not only Israel but the whole Jewish people from annihilation and disintegration. He said it saved the Jewish honor. He also told the delegates that the first days of postwar victory in the reunited Jerusalem and other phases of life proved the falsity of Arab claims that Arab-Jewish co-existence was impossible.

Five Burmese Join UN Force of Cease-Fire Observers in Canal Area

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. July 24 (JTA)--Five Burmese army officers arrived in Jerusalem today to join the United Nations team of observers in the Suez Canal area, it was disclosed here. They will take up their posts after being briefed by Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, the Secretary General's personal representative, who is directing the cease-fire observation operation.

The Middle East crisis issue was formally returned to the Security Council today when the Secretary General transmitted to that body the records of the emergency special session of the General Assembly which had struggled with the question from June 17 to July 21. No meeting of the Council has been called to deal with the question.

The Egyptian delegation complained to the Secretary General today that Israel was attempting "to escape its obligations under The Hague Convention of 1954" on the preservation of cultural property in the areas occupied by Israel.

Israel, in another letter to the Secretary General, rejected Jordan's charge that captured documents published by Israel, establishing that Jordanian forces had been ordered to kill Israeli civilians, were forgeries. The Israelis offered the documents for inspection.

Egyptian Catholics to Give Pope Their Views on Jerusalem

ROME, July 24 (JTA)--A delegation representing the Patriarch of Cairo arrived in Rome today to convey to Pope Paul VI the Patriarch's views on Jerusalem and other Middle East problems. Msgr. Kables, head of the delegation, said today that the delegation wanted to discuss the fate of the victims of the Arab-Israel conflict, the status of Jerusalem and international law. All these, he said, were "different aspects of one indivisible problem, the Palestinian problem."

Jordan Won't Accept Refugee Documents, Delays West Bank Return

JERUSALEM, July 24 (JTA)--An International Red Cross spokesman informed Israeli officials today that Jordan has refused to allow use of an Israeli questionnaire for Jordanian refugees seeking to return to Israeli-occupied West Bank territory.

The spokesman said that Jordan's refusal stemmed from the fact that the questionnaires carry the imprint "State of Israel." Israeli officials previously agreed that the questionnaire forms should also carry the Red Cross stamp but even this gesture was rejected by Jordanian officials. Israeli officials said that Jordan's stand may cause still further delay in the return of the refugees because it introduced a new snag in procedures which are already complicated. Jordanians claim that 100,000 refugees want to return to the area now held by Israel. The questionnaires are an element of Israel's efforts to screen out Arab guerillas and other security risks.

Israel Tells UN Officials to do Their Job, Not Criticize Israel

JERUSALEM, July 24 (JTA)--Israel Foreign Ministry officials today told Nils-Goran Gussing, UN Secretary General U Thant's personal representative in the Middle East, that Israel would prefer to have the United Nations officials here stick to their business and not engage in public criticism of Israel.

Mr. Gussing was appointed by the Secretary General as his personal representative to deal with humanitarian matters in the aftermath of the war. He is to study the problem of the refugees from the West Bank area, the general treatment of the civilian population and the observance of the Geneva Convention on prisoners of war.

The Israeli strictures were not directed against any statements by Mr. Gussing, but were aimed at J. Reddaway, deputy director-general of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. Mr. Reddaway told a London press conference last weekend that both the Arabs and Israel gave a distorted, partisan picture of the situation. He asserted that the truth lay somewhere between what they both said.

Mr. Gussing was told that such remarks did not contribute to cooperation between Israel and the international agencies working here. No objection could be raised, it was pointed out, if Mr. Reddaway had confined his remarks to the treatment of refugees, which was the province in which he worked.

Nahal Group to Man Strategic Settlement On Syrian Border

JERUSALEM, July 24 (JTA)--A new settlement to be manned by Nahal, the Israeli paramilitary youth movement, will be established near Banyas, in Israeli-occupied Syrian territory, it was announced here today by the Jewish Agency. Banyas is at one of the three Jordan River headwaters which, in recent years, the Syrians threatened to divert.

Yakov Tsur, President of the Jewish National Fund, announced also that the JNF will develop lands for cultivation along the entire Golan mountain range which begins on the Syrian plateau and extends along Israel's borders with Syria, Lebanon and Jordan to east of Lake Tiberias. He said the JNF will also prepare ground for new settlements in the Latrun area where the shortened road between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem runs through territory held by Jordan until the June war.

Israel Must Concentrate on Attracting Younger Generation, Pincus Says

JERUSALEM, July 24 (JTA) --Addressing a memorial service for the late Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Israel, A.L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, said last night that Israel should heed Mr. Sharett's advice to appeal to youth and "concentrate first and foremost on the younger generation."

Mr. Pincus said that "hundreds of thousands of the young generation saw the Arab-Israel war as their war as well as Israel's." He warned however, that "in many cases, this enthusiasm, if we do not know how to properly utilize it, may quickly evaporate." It was necessary, he declared, "that we all join together in a huge educational and organizational process that will harness among the youth of the Diaspora the enthusiasms engendered by the miraculous victory of the six-day war."

Tel Aviv Poll Endorses Eshkol, Dayan, Eban for Their Current Posts

TEL AVIV, July 24 (JTA)--Israelis polled by the Institute of Public Opinion of Israel on behalf of Haaretz, Tel Aviv daily newspaper, have endorsed Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan as incumbents for their present cabinet posts, according to the results of the survey published by Haaretz yesterday.

Among the 1,500 respondents, 47 percent voted for Mr. Eshkol for premier, against 19 percent for Gen. Dayan. Mr. Eban was endorsed by 82 percent, and Gen. Dayan was endorsed as Defense Minister by 81 percent. Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion received 19 percent of the votes for the position of Prime Minister.

Poll Shows Most Brazilians Support Israel in Arab Conflict

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 24 (JTA)--More than 96 percent of the residents of Rio de Janeiro believe that if Brazil had to choose sides between Israel and the Arab states, the choice should be to support Israel, according to a public opinion poll here by Jornal de Brasil, the country's largest morning newspaper.

The poll showed that 75 percent of the respondents believed that, even if Israel may have been first to open fire in last month's war with the Arabs, Israel was right because the war had been provoked by Egypt.

On the issue of returning Israeli-occupied areas to the vanquished Arab states, 58 percent said Israel should do so, 38 percent opposed return of the occupied areas, and the rest could not make up their minds. A total of 91 percent endorsed the Brazilian Government's stand of neutrality as between Israel and the Arabs.

Argentine President Receives Dr. Albert Sabin

BUENOS AIRES, July 24 (JTA)--Dr. Albert Sabin, the American Jewish scientist and discoverer of the oral polio vaccine, was received today by Gen. Juan Carlos Onganía, the President of Argentina at the Casa Rosada. Dr. Sabin is visiting Argentina as the guest of the Argentine Jewish Institute for Culture and Information.

The scientist was also received today by Mayor Eugenio Schettini of Buenos Aires and participated in a 90-minute television panel show with Argentina's most distinguished physicians. On Sunday, Dr. Sabin was the guest of honor at a luncheon given by Lieut. Gen. Julio Alsogaray, commander-in-chief of the Argentine Army. President and Mrs. Onganía were among the guests.

Jewish Community Relations Agency Hits Racist Appeals by Some Negroes

PHILADELPHIA, July 24 (JTA)--The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia issued a statement today condemning racist appeals to bigotry made by some Negro speakers at rallies in this city. The statement expressed concern that while they had been directed against whites, some had been specifically aimed at Jews.

The JCRC statement stressed that "there is no distinction between Negro and white racism. Appeals to bigotry and anti-Semitism by Negroes give aid and comfort to racists and segregationists. They play directly into the hands of white supremacists who oppose equal rights for Negroes."

The statement noted with gratification that the Negro community recognized the harmful nature of racist appeals and continued to reject them. It pointed out that major Negro organizations and leaders had "unequivocally repudiated and condemned resort to anti-Semitism by Negroes."

The JCRC said that it and its member agencies would not be diverted from their continuing active involvement in behalf of equality and civil rights and expressed confidence that "the Negro community similarly will continue to reject racist appeals from whatever source and recognize that the achievement of full civil rights requires the joint, cooperative effort of citizens of all races and persuasions."

Jewish Labor Group Denounces Anti-Riot Bill as Threat to Free Speech

NEW YORK, July 24 (JTA)--The Jewish Labor Committee came out today in opposition to the anti-riot bill adopted by the House of Representatives last week, terming it "hysterical and clearly unconstitutional." The committee said "this vague and sloppily-worded bill is so vague as to threaten the free speech and free association of trade union organizers, as well as of others legitimately exercising their civil liberties."