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Senate Body Seeks Limitation on Administration's Power in Arms Deals

WASHINGTON, July 25. (JTA) -- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee amended the Foreign Aid Bill today to require the Administration to provide more complete information on proposed arms transactions. The committee action followed disclosure that Arab arms acquisitions had been financed by secret "Country X" loans by the U.S. Export-Import Bank.

The committee deferred action on proposals for the limitation of arms sales until after it hears Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara who is to testify tomorrow. Sen. J. William Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat and chairman of the Committee, noted that in some cases the United States gave economic aid to certain countries and thus, he said, enabled them to buy arms from France. France had been the main source of aircraft for Israel prior to the June war.

The State Department and the Embassy of Israel both issued denials today of a widely-publicized and detailed news report asserting that Israel was offering this country captured Soviet-built arms and equipment in exchange for special categories of American-made weapons. The report, which emanated from Bonn, said the Israeli offer included several secret weapons which had not even been released by Moscow to its Communist allies.

Arabs May Be Strong Enough Soon to Try A 'Pre-emptive Strike'

Rep. Seymour Halpern, N.Y. Republican, told the House today that the Administration was quietly seeking methods of financing new arms shipments to Jordan. He said he would oppose the fiscal authorization unless Jordan first made peace with Israel.

The New Yorker referred to the heavy Soviet rearmament of the Arab states and said that "the least we can do is to assure Israel of all the necessary jets and other equipment to replace the equipment depleted during the conflict and balance the flow of MIG-23s and other super-sophisticated weapons from Russia to the Arabs."

The Soviet resupply of arms and equipment to the Arabs has reached such a level that the Arabs "will be able before long to contemplate an imitation of the pre-emptive strike that worked so well for the Israelis on June 5," a Washington Star columnist reported today. Charles Bartlett said that the Israelis, "with one-fifth of their own airforce destroyed, take the darkest view" of Arab intentions.

The columnist said that President Johnson had not yet endorsed the idea "but a consensus of his subordinates is reluctantly espousing the shipment of weapons to Israel and Jordan as the only discernible means to avert a new war if the Russians keep up the pace of their resupplies to the United Arab Republic." He added that "the President's advisors have no intention of urging that he abandon the West's stake in the Arab nations but they see no way to avoid the necessity of insuring that Israel is strong enough to rebuff any second-round attack by the Arabs."

Soviet Union Warns Security Council Arab-Israel War May Be Resumed

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 25. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union addressed a warning to the United Nations Security Council today that "so long as the forces of the aggressor (Israel) are on Arab territory, and so long as Israel, with reckless insolence, makes territorial and other claims on neighboring Arab countries, there will be no peace in the Middle East." The Soviet communication asserted further that "the acts of military provocation being staged by Israel in the Suez Canal area demonstrate that the resumption of the war can be expected any day."

The Soviet letter, signed by Ambassador Nikolai T. Fedorenko and addressed to the President of the Security Council, reviewed the recently adjourned emergency session of the General Assembly and said it had failed because of the attitude of the United States and some of its allies to take measures for the "elimination of the consequences of Israel's aggression and the withdrawal of Israel's forces from the seized Arab territories."

As a result, the Soviet envoy asserted, "a crucially important task now faces the Security Council." The letter, however, did not request a meeting of the Council, and it was generally assumed that the Russians would wait until after August 1, when the French delegation chief becomes Security Council president.

"The Security Council will have to take fully into account the desire of the majority of the states, clearly expressed at the Assembly session, to achieve a constructive solution of this problem and, first and foremost, the withdrawal of Israel's forces from the Arab lands which they have seized," the Soviet letter asserted. "The Soviet Government," it added, "for its part, is prepared, as before, to cooperate with all peace-loving states in attaining that aim."

The letter was interpreted here as a return to the Soviet hard line, temporarily abandoned in the last days of the General Assembly, when Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko tried to get acceptance of a resolution which did not condemn Israel as an aggressor and linked an Israeli withdrawal to an Arab recognition of Israel's existence -- a compromise which the Arabs indignantly rejected.

Rep. Taft Says Strong U.S. Leadership Needed to Achieve Mideast Peace

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- Rep. Robert Taft Jr., a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said here tonight that "strong United States leadership is needed in bringing peace to the Middle East by promoting direct negotiations between the countries involved in the dispute within the principles of the United Nations Charter."

Rep. Taft, an Ohio Republican, spoke at a ceremony dedicating a library to his late father, Senator Robert A. Taft, who for many years was a leading non-Jewish supporter of Zionism. Rep. Taft proposed that Article 33 of the U.N. Charter be invoked to call for solution by direct talks between the Arab countries and Israel. If such a move failed and the Soviet Union continued to arm the Arab countries, he said, "the United States must have the courage to recognize that its only alternative is to assist in further arming Israel," as "the course of least danger."

The dedication was a highlight of the 70th jubilee convention of the Zionist Organization of America. The library will be erected at the agricultural school of Kfar Silver, a major project of the ZOA in Israel.

Ben-Gurion Says June War was not Last Arab-Israel Conflict

Former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion told the 2,000 delegates and guests that the June war was not necessarily the last Arab-Israel war and that the June conflict was not yet ended. He said he came to that conclusion after listening to Egyptian President Nasser's speech on Sunday. Stressing the need for settlement in Israel of Jews from the free world, he said that if only two or three percent of those Jews came, Israel would have thousands of newcomers each year.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, stressed the need for a Jewish "roof" organization to coordinate efforts and work for the Jewish people and Israel. He said that world Jewry had "re-discovered Israel" as a result of the June war and that now it was Israel's turn to "re-discover" world Jewry.

Menahem Begin, Minister Without Portfolio and Gahal leader, said it was the duty of the Israel Government to make a resolute decision not to withdraw from occupied Arab territories until there was a final settlement and lasting peace with the Arabs. He also called for urgent and massive migration from the Western world because the future of Israel depended, he said, on such immigration.

Another event at Kfar Silver was the dedication of the Mollie Goodman High School, named in memory of the late wife of Abraham Goodman, New York Jewish and Zionist leader. The institution will be the first American high school in Israel in which English will be the main language in the lower classes but Hebrew will replace it in the higher classes. The first 20 American pupils of the school are expected soon.

Archdiocesan Organ Rejects Demands to Internationalize Jerusalem

ATLANTA, Ga., July 25. (JTA) -- The publication of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta declared in its current issue that pressures on Israel to internationalize Jerusalem including those from the Vatican, were not justified because "the Israeli Government will preserve Christian and Moslem shrines and permit free access" to them. It declared editorially that "the call to internationalize Jerusalem is not only 19 years too late, it ignores the history of the Jews."

The Georgia Bulletin, publisher of which is Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan, approvingly quoted a statement by Israel Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban warning the United Nations General Assembly to "ponder long and hard" before it recommended a division of Jerusalem "which would deny Jews access to their holy places as has been the case for 19 years." The editorial said the "warnings and admonitions against Israel" by the Vatican and others "amaze us."

The editorial noted that "Israel has lived a threatened existence since 1948 and did not start the recent war" which was provoked by Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Iraq joined Nasser," it said, "in the effort to exterminate Israel."

The editorial added that "now the defeated Arab world expects the United Nations to side with it and pressure Israel. At the same time the Arabs absolutely refused to negotiate with Israel." The editorial indicated agreement with Mr. Eban's rebuke to the U.N. "for not expressing dismay because Jews could not visit their Holy Places for almost two decades." The editorial noted that "those who are now so concerned about free access have been silent for 19 years."

Moslem Group Challenges Israel's Authority in Old City of Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- For the first time since the Old City of Jerusalem came under Israeli control, a group of Arab leaders today had challenged Israel's authority. Twenty-five Moslem leaders, lay and religious, sent a resolution to the Israeli Government after a meeting in the compound of Al Aska Mosque, in which they stated formally they did not recognize the "annexation" of the Old City.

The group said that the Old City was "occupied only and remains an integral part of the Kingdom of Jordan." The group said they had decided to elect a new Moslem spiritual leader and not to submit advance copies of the Imam's sermons to the Israeli authorities. The Imam's Friday sermon is generally broadcast in the Arabic programs of the Israel Radio.

The Moslem notables who signed the document included the former governor and mayor of Jerusalem, the chief judge of the Moslem religious courts and a former Jordanian ambassador to London.

Regular Flights Are Started from New Jerusalem Airport

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- Regular, scheduled airlights began yesterday from Jerusalem Airport, formerly the Kalandia Airport, linking Jerusalem by air with Tel Aviv, the Galilee and Eilat. The airport is only four miles from the city, and the Israel Government intends to develop it as an international airport.

Survey Shows 320,000 of Gaza Strip's 380,000 Are Jobless and On Relief

JERUSALEM, July 25. (JTA) -- The Economic Planning Authority released today the results of a study of the Gaza Strip that revealed that, when Israel took over the territory in June, 320,000 were unemployed and dependent on relief.

The Authority said the population of the 200-square mile area was 380,000, of whom 270,000 were refugees. The Egyptians had put the refugee total at more than 300,000. All the refugees were without jobs. An additional 50,000 of the permanent population of the area were also jobless and on relief.

The Authority estimated that per capita annual income was \$125, compared to about twice that of the population on the West Bank, and about one-tenth of the Israeli per capita income.

The report noted that the only modern industry in the Strip was a plant producing citrus products. It employed 80 workers. Residents of the Strip were not admitted to Egypt without special permits. The Authority reported that the Sinai Peninsula, an area of 37,000 square miles, had a population of only 130,000.

EEC Deputies Establish Group to Back Israeli Tie to Common Market

BRUSSELS, July 25. (JTA) -- Members of the parliaments of the six nations composing the European Economic Community announced today the formation of the Europe-Near East Association which will seek association of Israel with the Common Market. The new organization, which will have headquarters in Luxembourg, will also seek closer links with other countries of the area and will be ready to support their efforts to establish closer ties with the EEC on condition that they will be prepared to cooperate with Israel inside the framework of the Community.

Israel, which now has limited agreements with the European Common Market -- which represents its largest export market -- has been seeking associate membership in the European Economic Community. The ruling bodies of the EEC have deferred action on the Israeli application.

Progress Reported in Arab-Jewish Rapprochement in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, July 25. (JTA) -- Efforts to bring about a rapprochement between the Jewish and Arab communities in Argentina have been meeting with an encouraging degree of success, it was reported today.

In the city of Tucuman, leading physicians of Arab and Jewish descent signed a statement calling for peace and harmony in the Middle East between Israel and its Arab neighbors. A similar statement is now in preparation in Buenos Aires, to be signed by prominent Argentine Arab and Jewish personalities.

In San Rafael, in Mendoza province, during a patriotic ceremony, the mayor asked a leader of the Jewish community and a prominent Arab citizen to join together in raising the Argentine flag.

The Arab communities in Argentina have been subjected to a heavy anti-Jewish and anti-Israel propaganda barrage directed by the Arab legations and consulates here. Members of the Argentine Arab community were accused at various times of collaborating with the anti-Semitic Argentine neo-Nazi organizations.

Jewish Property Losses in Detroit Rioting Estimated at \$20 Million

DETROIT, July 25. (JTA) -- Jewish merchants suffered losses estimated to run at least \$20,000,000 in the two days of racial rioting that transformed the core of this city into a burned-out hulk.

The center of the disturbances was the 12th Street area, downtown, which, years ago, was the Jewish ghetto. About 20 Jewish merchants who still maintained businesses there were all but wiped out since insurance companies had refused to issue policies on stores in the area.

The disturbances reached some of Detroit's finest shopping areas in other parts of the city as well. One of the city's largest and most popular music stores -- Grinnell's -- which was Jewish-owned, was gutted and its stocks of television and radio sets and musical instruments looted.

Jewish organizations generally were closed throughout the city yesterday but were reopening this morning. The Jewish Community Council, in association with the Archdiocese of Detroit and the Protestant Council of Churches, opened an advice and counselling center downtown.

Observers stressed the absence of any manifestations of anti-Semitism throughout the disorders. To the extent that the disorders represented protest, they were directed against whites as such. Detroit authorities largely discounted the protest nature of the disturbances, citing the fact that many Negro civil rights leaders actively tried to quiet the rioters, and claimed that the disorders were "lawlessness and hoodlumism." It was pointed out that in some districts, the bands of looters were "integrated" with whites and Negroes working together to empty the shops.

Congress Group Asks Action to Close Gap Between Negroes and Whites

NEWARK, N.J., July 25. (JTA) -- In a statement today deploring the race riots in Newark and elsewhere, the New Jersey Region of the American Jewish Congress urged residents of New Jersey "to join in supporting whatever steps are necessary to close the gap between whites and Negroes -- in housing, education, employment and, above all, in communication. Silence and inaction now," the statement added, "would be an invitation to disaster."

British Jewish Group Urges Strengthening of Anti-Bias Laws

LONDON, July 25. (JTA) -- The British Section of the World Jewish Congress announced today that it favored amendment of the Race Relations Act of 1965 to outlaw racial discrimination in housing, employment, commercial services and places of public resort. A campaign to persuade the government to initiate the amendment in Parliament was launched by the United Kingdom Committee for Human Rights.

United Nations to Issue Stamps to Mark Chagall's 80th Birthday

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 25. (JTA) -- The United Nations will issue a series of six postage stamps commemorating the 80th birthday of Marc Chagall, the Jewish artist. Each of the stamps will reproduce one section of the stained-glass window at the United Nations Headquarters executed by Chagall in memory of Dag Hammarskjold, the late Secretary-General. The U.N. Postal Administration will put the stamps on sale Nov. 17.

In Buenos Aires, an exhibition of works by Chagall, many of them lent by the French Embassy, featured observance of the artist's birthday by the Buenos Aires Jewish community.

British Zionist Federation Head to Work in Kibbutz as 'Example'

LONDON, July 25. (JTA) -- The chairman of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland left for Israel today to spend four months working in a kibbutz. Donald Silk told federation leaders last night at a farewell reception here that he thought the head of the Zionist group ought to give a personal example of service to Israel and that was what he intended to do. He will live and work in Kibbutz Amiad.

Rabbi Abraham Heschel, Agudist Leader, Dead at 79

NEW YORK, July 25. (JTA) -- The body of Rabbi Abraham Heschel, Hassidic leader and honorary president of Agudath Israel, was flown last night to Israel for interment today in Tiberias. Rabbi Heschel died Monday morning at the age of 79.

More than 3,000 persons attended funeral services yesterday held in front of his last residence in Brooklyn. Known as the Grand Rabbi of Kopyczenitz, he was an international leader of the Agudath Israel world movement.

Rabbi Heschel, the scion of a long line of Hassidic rabbis, was born in Husiatin, Eastern Galicia. His father was a rabbi, and his mother the daughter of another famous rabbi. During World War I, he moved to Vienna. In 1940, he came to New York, where he established a Hassidic center on the lower East Side. Later he moved to Brooklyn, where he founded a yeshiva in the Boro Park section. Two of the rabbi's sons, among five children surviving, are also rabbis.