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Israel Cabinet Mulls Stronger Action to Halt Arab Dissensions on West Bank

JERUSALEM, July 30. 6/TA) --- Measures for stronger action to halt anti-Israel agitation among Arab residents of the West Bank of the Jordan, territory occupied by Israel during the recent Arab-Israel war, were discussed at a lengthy Cabinet meeting here today. The proposed actions would be directed against individuals charged with printing or distributing anti-Israeli leaflets and engaging in other forms of civil disobedience.

Some Israeli observers maintain, however, that, on the whole, instances of non-cooperation were not extensive and that opponents of the Israel occupation should not be treated too harshly.

Arab teachers who have been using textbooks containing hostile references to Israel were reported to have refused to substitute revised textbooks with the anti-Israeli material deleted. Another instance of Arab non-cooperation is that lawyers in the Old City of Jerusalem are reportedly considering refusing to appear in Israeli courts.

Nablus was closed to Israeli visitors yesterday because of an Arab demonstration demanding Israel's withdrawal of military forces from occupied areas.

Threatening Leaflets Distributed by Arabs in Jerusalem

In Jerusalem, Arabic leaflets, calling on Arabs to boycott Israelis in the Old City, were found again last night. The leaflets warned that "collaborators" would get their "just deserts" when the Arabs "re-conquered Palestine,"

At the same time four Old City Arabs were remanded for 10 days in Magistrate's Court for distributing leaflets with a similar content. They were a doctor and his brother, a teacher, and two 22-year-old men. Informed sources said that, while the leaflets did not originate in Jordan, they did reflect West Bank "Palestinian nationalism" inspired by Nasser-directed propaganda. The doctor and the teacher had been jailed by King Hussein, before the June war, for nationalist activities.

Informed Israeli sources indicated that Israel may announce that it plans to remain in the West Bank area, in view of the intransigence of the Arab rulers about direct peace talks with Israel. Such announcement, it was said, together with long-term economic planning for the area which now has crash-program priority, would dispel any doubts the West Bank Arab residents might have about cooperating with Israeli authorities out of fear of retribution if the area were returned to Arab rule.

Israel Finds Jordan Had Discriminated Against West Bank's Economy

JERUSALEM, July 30, (JTA) -- Jordan had been systematically discriminating against her West Bank territory, and two-thirds of her investments were channeled to the East Bank of the Jordan River, according to figures published here today by Israel's Economic Planning Authority.

Before the June war, the West Bank, with half of Jordan's population had only 22 percent of the country's industry and 16 percent of her transport, the data showed. Total industrial output of the West Bank was 2 percent of Israel's production — about as much as the turnover of Israel's Dead Sea Works alone.

The Authority's research also pointed out that Israel tourism and purchases in the West Bank area are likely to make up for the district's economic hardships caused by loss of markets in Arab countries. West Bank exports mainly have been of the agricultural variety, and have been partly absorbed by Israel's shops and canning industry.

Eban Says Egypt Could Reopen Suez Canal If Israel Shipping is Allowed

JERUSALEM, July 30, UTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba S, Eban said in an interview with an Israel radio correspondent today that Israel will not object to any arrangement reactivating Mes Suez Canal, if Israeli ships are allowed free passage in the canal. The Foreign Minister said that such an arrangement need not be part of an overall settlement with Egypt. The U,A,R, closed the canal at the beginning of the June war.

U Thant-Grass Security Council to Seek Durable Peace' in Middle East

GREENSBORO, N.C., July 30. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary-General U Thant told a world conference of Quakers here tonight that he hoped the Security Council would give attention now "to the deep-rooted causes" of the Middle East crisis and "take appropriate measures towards ensuring a durable peace in the region."

Such efforts, he said, should begin by reaffirmation of the principle enunciated in the U.N. Charter, making it obligatory for all member states "to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations,"

Mr. Thant delivered his major address here before the fourth Friends World Conference, a parley convened every 15 years, and held in the United States for the first time in 30 years. About 900 delegates from 34 countries were in his audience. He noted that the Middle East crisis that developed this year "posed one of the gravest threats to the peace of the world that has been experienced since World War II." "I may ax?" he added. "that it continues to be ominous and menacing."

"The promotion of social progress and better standards of living in larger freedom," declared Mr. Thant, "is another goal of the Charter that belongs equally to all of mankind. To ignore human suffering is not only to fall in this duty but also to provide fuel for one crisis after another.

"We have seen this happen clearly enough in the Middle East. One of the chronic and underlying causes of the conflict, and one to which no solution has been found for 19 years, is the situation of the Palestine refugees. This problem has not only remained unsolved but has become much graver as a result of recent military conflict. I am glad to say that in the recent meetings of the Security Council and the emergency special session of the General Assembly on the Middle East crisis, there was agreement on the principle of humanitarian assistance for the innocent victims of the conflict,

"There is imperative need for making a fresh search for peace in the Middle East, so that the rights of all countries in the area may be respected, because the various countries are inhabited by human beings, and their rights as nationals of member states are as important as the sovereign rights of the states themselves. If this simple fact were accepted, it would become easier to agree upon solutions which would produce a durable peace in the Middle East and put an end to the cycle of threats and counter-threats leading to actual armed conflict which has three times during the last 20 years produced so much suffering for the unfortunate people involved."

Four Major Israeli Ambassadors Summoned Home for Consultations

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 30. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is scheduled to hold a series of consultations, opening this week, with its ambassadors to four major posts, it was learned here today.

Ambassador Gideon Rafael, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, left for Jerusalem tonight to participate in those consultations. At the same time, it was learned, Ambassador Avraham Harman, envoy to Washington, will join the talks in Jerusalem, as well as Ambassador Aharon Ramez, who will come from London, and Ambassador Walter Eytan, who has been summoned home from his post in Paris. The consultations are expected to last all this week.

Washington Writer Sees Some U.S. Pressures for One-Sided Concessions by Israel

WASHINGTON, July 30. (JTA) -- The Washington Post reported in a copyrighted story today that "behind the scenes, there has been heavy Administration pressures on Israel for one-sided concessions,"

Joseph Kraft wrote that "at one point, the United States very nearly switched its United Nations vote from abstention to Aye on a Pakistani resolution which, in effect, called for unconditional Israeli withdrawal from Jerusalem. This disposition to give way is particularly disquieting because, beneath the surface of events, there has been a considerable drift away from the extremist lead of Algeria and Syria."

The report said "Jordan is obviously eager for talks" and logic should impel the U.S. to allow time to pass before pressuring Israel for arbitrary concessions. The writer pointed out that the oil-rich Arab states wish a return to business as usual, He noted that, in Morocco, the regime was strong enough to jail a well-known labor leader for agitating against Jews and that, in Tunisia, President Bourguiba is ready to recognize Israel diplomatically as soon as peace talks begin,

An analysis was made of economic pressures on Egypt which are forcing that country towards a settlement. The Post report said "in this situation, doing nothing can be a paying proposition for the United States. The more time goes by, the more the impasse draws on without agreement, the more there will be promoted the sense of reality which must precede any settlement."

Rusk Sees Sale of U.S. Arms to Israel Linked to General Peace in Region

WASHINGTON, July 30. (JTA) — Secretary of State Dean Rusk said today, in a CBS television interview, that no decisions had been taken on sale of arms to Israel, and that the Administration now sees this matter as "part of the general stabilization of peace in that area." He said that Persident had pressed for limitation of arms shipments to the Middle East. There was a problem, he said, if outside sources shipped arms to the region, pointing out that munitions received by Egypt, Syria and Algeria created a problem not only for Israel but for other Arab countries,

Mr. Rusk made known that the question of arms for Israel has been kept under study and has not moved forward from its status of about two weeks ago when it was indicated that the issue was being examined. His indication today that the supply of arms to Israel was now tied to the question of regional peace was the first indication by the Administration that the supply of war materiel to Israel is being used as a lever in efforts to produce a settlement.

Commenting on the Soviet shipments of arms to Egypt, Mr. Rusk said he did not think it was reasonable to expect that the situation would have been left where it was at the termination of hostilities, when the Egyptian air force had been decimated. He said some resupply was to be expected. But he indicated that it was undesirable that the resupply be built up to a point where a new set of tensions and a "new round of hostilities" might result.

The Secretary stated he did not "attach too much military significance" to the presence of Soviet naships in Egyptian ports. He said the situation would be watched, but he pointed out that the United States has reached some point of understanding with the Soviet Union at the United Nations, and that that indicated that the U.S.A. did not view the naval presence with great concern. He predicted that the Middle East issue would go back to the United Nations Security Council after the forthcoming Arab summit conference.

Mr. Rusk was asked about secret loans through the Export-Import Bank to finance arms for under-developed countries. He defended this policy, stating that the Government was mindful of whether trans-actions would precipitate arms races with neighbors. He said that some who opposed the U.S. selling arms to various countries were "passionate against our undertaking responsibilities for their defense."

'Peace Pilot' Abie Nathan Held for Week After Second Flight to Egypt

TEL AVIV, July 30, (JTA) -- Abie Nathan, the self-appointed Israeli "peace pilot" who made a second pilgrimage to Egypt this weekend, trying in vain to confer about Egyptian-Israeli peace with Egypt's President Nasser, was served with a detention order today when a magistrate went to Ichilov Hospital here, where the man was taken by Israeli police after his arrest on a charge of crossing enemy territory.

Nathan flew from Cyprus to Port Said early this weekend and was promptly shipped back by the Egyptian authorities there. When he landed here, he was arrested. His first "peace mission" flight ended in a similar fiasco in 1965. At that time, however, Israeli police did not press charges against him, considering his adventure a mere prank,

This time, after his arrest, he fainted. It was believed at first that he had suffered a heart attack, However, physicians at the hospital said he was merely exhausted. The detention order served on him at the hospital today gives the police seven days to interrogate the man before proceeding further with the case against him.

Yesterday, Nathan started to stage a hunger strike at the hospital, insisting he would eat only food brought in from his own restaurant in Tel Aviv. However, he was persuaded to partake of the hospital food. Nathan reportedly told police at the hospital that, at Port Said, representatives of the Egyptian Foreign Ministry had given him information which he viewed as "very important, a matter of life or death," He demanded that he be permitted to talk of those matters with either Prime Minister Levi Eshkol or Labor Minister Yigal Allon.

Original Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus to be Rehabilitated

JERUSALEM, July 30. (JTA) -- The original Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus, inaccessible to Israelis during the 19-year Jordanian occupation of the area, will be restored as soon as possible, according to Mrs, Charlotte Jacobson, national president of Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization of America,

Mrs. Jacobson visited the war-damaged medical structure, which, she said, will be rehabilitated "as soon as we can return some of the wards to use," Hadassah built a new medical center at Ein Karem, west of Jerusalem, after control of the road leading to the original facility had come under Jordanian control in the Israel-Arab war for independence,

Prof. Kalman J. Mann, director general of Hadassah Medical Center, said the use of the Mount Scopus building would depend on a survey to determine the needs of the Jerusalem population, on the extent and quality of present facilities, and on financial resources available. Meanwhile, thousands of Arab families have been treated at the Mount Scopus center, including many children. About 100 wounded Israeli soldiers are also being treated there.

American Israeli Paper Mills Votes Additional Cash Dividend

TEL AVIV, July 30. (JTA) -- A cash dividend of 9-1/3 cents per share was voted by shareholders of the American Israeli Paper Mills, Ltd., at its annual general meeting here this weekend. The dividend, to be paid on August 29 to shareholders of record on August 6, brings the total payments paid for the fiscal year to 18-2/3 cents. A similar sum was paid last fiscal year.

The shareholders also voted to increase the capital of the company from 25,000,000 Israeli pounds (58,333,000) through the issuance of 10,000,000 new ordinary shares. At present there are 22,427,694 shares outstanding.

Rally Blaming Jews, Negroes for Country's Ills Triggers Riot in Newburgh, N.Y.

NEWBURGH, N.Y., July 30. (JTA) -- A rally in this city's court house last night by the fascist National Renaissance Party, whose speakers blamed Jews and Negroes for "tearing down" the country,triggered a riot by Negroes throughout Newburgh. The rioting and looting continued all night and this morning. Windows of shops owned by Jews and Christians, including Negroes, were broken in the disorder which started during the NRP rally. About 25 Negroes had been arrested and there were some injuries and small fires, olice authorities said.

There are about 700 Jewish families in Newburgh. Jewish and Negro organizations had fought in the courts to stop the NRP rally, but a permit was issued by a New York State Supreme Court judge. Once the permit was granted, Jewish and Negro organizations had agreed to stay away from the rally. However, several hundred residents, mostly Negroes, showed at the rally, and about 30 gained admittance to the court house.

Only 11 NRP members came to the raily, and all except one was from out of town. Some gun shots were fired during the night, and a policeman was injured,

Cincinnati Temple Bombed, 12 Jewish Stores Looted in Negro Riotina

CINCINNATI, July 30. (JTA) --- The Rockdale Temple was fire-bombed, and 12 Jewish-owned businesses were burned, looted or otherwise damaged in Negro rioting here this weekend, although no anti-Jewish pattern was discernible.

The attack on the Temple was no indication of anti-Semitism because a nearby Catholic church was also hit by the rampaging rioters. The 12 enterprises owned by Jews represented less than one-fourth of the total number of businesses attacked. This led to a conclusion that the rioting was generally anti-social in nature, and that there was no special effort to single out Jews.

Greek Government Assures B'nai B'rith on Easing Decrees Aimed at Jews

WASHINGTON, July 30, (JTA) — A promise by the Greek Government to modify its new regulations on the Jewish community of Greece and "allow it to administer its own internal affairs," Dr. William A, Wester, president of Brian Brith, said today. He expressed satisfaction with an official statement that the new Greek regime would rescind several decrees it had adopted last month which would have imposed non-Jewish representation on the directorates of the Jewish community's major functioning bodies.

Dr. Wexler and Herman Edelsberg, director of the B'nai B'rith International Council, met separately with Greek officials and representatives of the Jewish community in Athens last week. They received assurance that the rulings — which would have placed two non-Jewish Government officials on each of the five-member boards governing KIS, the central committee for Greece's 13 local Jewish normnunities, and OPAIE, which administers helrless properties of Jewish victims Azism, are to be amended, Dr. Wexler said, B'nai B'rith is active in Greece, with lodges in Athens and Salonika.

Dr. Wexler said that the pledge to alter the decrees indicates that the Greek Government "has accepted the view that appointment of non-Jews to administer the organized religious, cultural and educational activities of the Jewish community would have created a debilitating and intolerable condition."

Israel Philharmonic Greeted Enthusiastically at First of 20 Concerts

NEW YORK, July 30, (JTA) -- Thunderous applause and a standing ovation last night greeted the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, at Philharmonic Hall, in the first of 20 fund-raising concerts that will take the ensemble to 15 cities in the United States and Canada over a 24-day period. The 110-member musical group played to a capacity audience under the direction of William Steinberg, with planist Rudolf Serkin as soloist.

The 2,800-capacity hall in Lincoln Center was sold out a week in advance of last night's program. Proceeds of the tour will go to the Israel Emergency Fund. After two more concerts in New York, the orchestra will perform in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Denver, St. Louis, Cleveland, Louisville, Ky., and Toronto

Jewish Immigration to Israel Seen by Mrs. Halprin of Dominant Concern

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- Returning from a month-long visit to Israel, Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chalrman of the Jewish Agency-American section, said that "the key word in Israel today is 'aliyah." It dominates the thinking of the whole country and of all who are concerned for its future."

Mrs. Halprin, who attended the meetings in Israel of the executive of the Jewish Agency and other world Jewish organizations, said that "Israel has requested additional volunteers." She noted that a group of 125 left New York about 10 days ago, and another similar-sized group is leaving within a few days. Other groups are scheduled to leave in September.

On the question of Israel's Arab population, Mrs. Halprin commented: "Israel recognizes that Mide East stability is largely dependent on the ultimate solution of the so-called Arab refugee problem." She added that "significant steps have already been taken in Jerusalem and in the West Bank area to normalize the lives of the Arabs and to improve their economic situation."