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Israel Cabinet Discussing 'Map of Middle East' When Peace with Arabs is Achieved

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) — Israel's Cabinet is currently discussing "the map of the Middle East, according to Israel's ideas, when peace with the Arabs is achieved." Foreign Minister Abba Eban declared here today. But, he added, the Government will not make its views on that subject public at this time, "keeping these views to itself until the time when direct negotiations with the Arab states begin."

Making the announcement at a press conference, Mr. Eban declined to answer questions as to whether Arab statesmen had already put out feelers regarding peace talks with Israel. However, he said, the Arab statesmen are not yet ready to negotiate at this time. Such tendencies, he declared, will develop in the future because of pressures in an existing situation. "If faced with the alternative of negotiations or the prospect that Israel will not budge from the territories she now holds," he observed, "they will eventually realize that they have to negotiate."

Concerning the United States embargo on arms shipments to Israel, Mr. Eban said that "a dialogue with the United States is a necessity and is continuing in order to keep the Israeli army strong."

Mr. Eban said that the August 31 deadline for the return of Arab refugees from Jordan to the Israeli-held west bank of the Jordan River, "should suffice, even for the stringent processing of the applications" from the would-be returnees. The first batch of applications from those refugees are already in Israel's hands, he said, and processing of the applications has begun.

Jordanian efforts to incite against Israel the west bank refugees who wish to return to their homes is "intolerable," an Israeli official told Nils-Goran Gussing, United Nations Secretary-General U Thant's special representative for humanitarian affairs, it was learned here today.

Yosef Tekoah, the assistant director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, raised the issue with the U.N. official. Mr. Tekoah said that residents planning to return under an Israel agreement with Jordan and the International Red Cross, were being exhorted by Amman Radio to become a "nucleus of resistance" to Israeli rule. Informed sources here indicated that, if such incitement was not halted, Israel might demand a personal written commitment to civil obedience from each would-be returnee.

Israel Possesses List of Potential Arab Trouble Makers

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) — Israel was reported here today to have captured, during the June war, Arab intelligence reports giving the names of possible trouble makers who are counted upon by Jordan to set up resistance or possible overt actions by Arab refugees who would return to the west bank of the Jordan River. Under the new Cabinet decision, adopted yesterday, for continuance of the policy of readmitting to the west bank those Arabs who had fled to the Jordanian east bank, Israel will screen the would-be returnees to keep out those potential trouble makers.

The Cabinet decision to continue the readmission policy, but under strict screening procedures, was adopted by the Government yesterday after a lengthy meeting in which some of the Ministers insisted that the readmission policy be reversed. They based their position on the increased and open calls by Jordan for resistance by the returnees. The Cabinet's new decision also made it clear that August 31 would be the deadline for the return of the refugees.

Israeli authorities have estimated that about 150,000 refugees plan to return from the east bank to the west bank. The Jordanians have claimed that the number is 250,000. Reports from Arab sources today indicated that thousands of the refugees are now gathered in camps at or near the east bank, filing their applications for return westward. The Jordanian Government has opened 100 registration centers, 10 of these in refugee camps, the others in Jordanian towns, to help the applicants. The flow of refugees is expected to begin in about 10 days.

(A dispatch from Amman, Jordan's capital, reported today that King Hussein told Iraqi troops in Jordan that the war with Israel "is not over," and that the June war had been "only a battle." The monarch was reported to have visited one of the encampments still being retained in Jordan by Iraq's 15,000 troops in that country, in the company of Iraqi President Abdel-Rahman Arif. He called for Arab unity "so as to enter the battle against Israel with one hand and one heart.")

Tito Not Acceptable to Israel as Peace Mediator in Middle East Crisis, Eban Implies

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Israel has received no peace proposal from Yugoslavia's President Tito, and will not be bound by any agreement that had not been submitted to Israel, Foreign Minister Abba Eban informed the Cabinet today. Yugoslavia's position regarding Israel at the United Nations and elsewhere, he pointed out, does not take account of Israel's fundamental rights.

Mr. Eban implied that Marshal Tito, who went first to Cairo, has proceeded to Damascus and Baghdad, and is reportedly scheduled to confer again with Egypt's President Nasser on Wednesday. Mr. Eban implied that Israel as a mediator in the Middle East crisis. Yugoslavia broke diplomatic relations with Israel in June, along with all the other East European Communist states except Rumania.

Israel's position, Mr. Eban noted, is one that had been formulated by the Cabinet and approved by its Parliament. "That position," he emphasized, "remains unchanged. It laid down the principle that Israel will not evacuate its forces from any of the Arab areas which she occupies until a peace treaty is signed as a result of direct negotiations with the Arab states."

Three Boys Arrested in Israel on Charge of Stealing the Tiara in Holy Sepulchre Church

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Three Israeli boys, each aged 18, were arrested here today on charges of stealing the precious tiara which had been stolen almost two weeks ago from the head of a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre here.

Israeli police said the boys were apprehended after they had tried to sell gold taken from the tiara to a dealer here. The thieves had apparently broken down the tiara, trying to sell it piecemeal. Police said that more arrests in the case were expected.

U.N. Secretary-General Confers Separately with Israeli and Egyptian Ambassadors

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Secretary-General U Thant held separate conferences here today with Israel's permanent representative, Ambassador Gideon Rafael, then with Egypt's opposite number, Ambassador Mohamed Awad El Kony.

In his conference with Mr. Rafael, the Secretary-General indicated he may announce tomorrow his appointee to the post of special representative on the situation of Jerusalem. It was believed that Mr. Rafael had agreed, on behalf of the Israel Government, on the name of the representative to be appointed and on the procedures under which that official will act.

Ambassador Rafael Reports to American Jewish Groups on Latest Mideast Developments

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations heard an off-the-record report today on the latest developments in the Middle East from Gideon Rafael, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations.

Mr. Rafael, who spoke for over an hour, answered questions from leaders of the 21 national Jewish agencies which make up the President's Conference. He was accompanied by Michael Arnon, Israel's Consul-General in New York. Dore Schary, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, presided at the meeting in the absence of Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the President's Conference, who is currently abroad.

Convention of Jewish War Veterans Hears Report on Coercion of Jews in Soviet Union

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union is trying "to coerce Soviet citizens of the Jewish faith into denouncing Israel," Malcolm A. Tarlov, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, charged here today. He spoke at the opening session of the 72nd annual convention of the Jewish war veteran's organization.

"As a result of Israel's defeat of the Communist-backed Arab forces," he said, "Communist anti-Semitism has increased. All the Communist nations, except Rumania, are wreaking vengeance against their Jewish citizens because Israel survived and defeated the onslaught that the Communists encouraged. Among the Communist states, he charged, Poland is now experiencing 'a new wave of anti-Semitism,' ousting Jews from Government posts.

Soviet anti-Semitism is one of the current world issues on the convention's agenda, along with a full review of the Middle East crisis. Among the prominent speakers scheduled to address the parley is Israel's Ambassador Gideon Rafael, permanent representative to the United Nations.

Tisha B'Av to be Observed Today in Israel with Live Broadcast from Wailing Wall

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Reading from the Book of Lamentations at Tisha B'Av services will be broadcast live from the Western Wall tomorrow for the first time in history. There will be no unified service on the occasion, but each community will be allowed to conduct prayers according to individual manner and custom.

(The Agudath Israel of America today cabled to Premier Levi Eshkol an appeal urging him to prevent the "conversion" of the Western Wall "from a holy religious site into a secular historic shrine." The message urged Premier Eshkol to grant Israel's rabbinate exclusive jurisdiction over the Western Wall.)

Republicans Seek to Block Secret Talks on Resumption of U.S. Aid to Egypt

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- The Republican Coordinating Committee has moved to block a developing State Department plan to resume aid to Egypt, it was revealed today by Republican Party leaders. A number of Republican members of Congress endorsed a document of foreign economic assistance, containing a specific prohibition on unconditional aid to the Nasser regime, after learning that the Administration has quietly discussed resumption of aid in secret talks now in process in Cairo.

The Coordinating Committee of the Republican Party's task force on foreign relations declared that "while not making aid conditional upon support of our foreign policy, aid should not ordinarily be forthcoming to those nations whose heads, like Nasser, engage in continual intemperate abuse of the United States, engage in military aggression or, in contravention of international law, harass American citizens engaged in commerce, or confiscate American-owned property without fair compensation."

The Republican report was released by the party's National Committee. It was prepared by a subcommittee headed by Ernest Griffith, former dean of American University in Washington, D.C., and former Ambassador Robert C. Hill. The report stressed, with reference to Nasser, that "aid and comfort should not be given by the United States to those who consistently help our enemies or the enemies of other free men. Nor should aid be given to those who rattle swords or engage in aggression."

Meanwhile, Rep. Theodore R. Kupferman, New York Republican, today introduced a bill that would prohibit purchase of long staple cotton from nations like Egypt that have severed diplomatic relations with the United States. He pointed out that cotton represented over 35 percent of Egypt's export trade and that such exports "bring foreign capital into Egypt, with which they can purchase military hardware for their aggressions against Israel."

Rep. Kupferman cited Department of Agriculture statistics revealing that the United States has surplus of its own long staple cotton. He said: "I see no reason why the United States should continue to subsidize indirectly a nation whose enmity toward the United States is daily made obvious, and whose avowed goal is the destruction of Israel -- a model of democracy, and one of our nation's most stalwart allies."

Three Hungarians Executed in Budapest on Charge of Murdering Jews Under the Nazis

LONDON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Three war criminals convicted some time ago of murdering Hungarian Jews during the Nazi occupation were executed in Budapest last week, according to dispatches received here from the Hungarian capital today.

The men, identified as W. Kresel, L. Nemet and A. Sandor were convicted in a district court at Budapest and sentenced to death, but the executions had been delayed while they appealed unsuccessfully for clemency to the State Council.

Soviet Author of 'Babi Yar' Novel Criticized in Russia for Describing Nazi Collaborators

LONDON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- A writer in Sovetsky Voin, a journal issued by the Soviet army, received here today, has denounced Anatoly Kuznetsov for his documentary novel, "Babi Yar," in which the author reported details of the execution by the Nazis of thousands of Jews, during World War II, in Babi Yar, a ravine in Kiev.

In the work, which has been widely acclaimed not only throughout the world but even in the USSR, the author had also reported that Russians, Ukrainians and other Soviet citizens in Kiev had collaborated with the Nazi regime during the occupation of the Ukrainian capital. Mr. Kuznetsov had been a boy of 12, living in Kiev, at the time the Babi Yar atrocities were committed.

Aleksei Yegorov, writing in Sovetsky Voin, gave Mr. Kuznetsov "credit" for avoiding the "sad error" committed by the famous Soviet poet, Yevgeny Yevtushenko who, in his poem entitled "Babi Yar," had suggested that the lack of a monument to the Jewish victims buried at Babi Yar reflected lingering anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. However, the author was criticized in the army journal for reporting eyewitness accounts of collaboration by citizens of Kiev with the Nazis, and for not giving enough details about the Nazi atrocities against non-Jews.

Bucharest University Presents Gift of 120 Books to Tel Aviv University

TEL AVIV, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- A gift of 120 books from Bucharest University to Tel Aviv University was turned over to Tel Aviv University officials today in a ceremony attended by Rumanian Legation representatives. Rumania is the only Communist country which rejected the lead of the Soviet Union in breaking off diplomatic relations with Israel during the June war.

Rumania is also the only Eastern Bloc nation represented in the International Youth Chess Championship Tourney now underway in Jerusalem. A Rumanian chess player arrived during the weekend and was immediately assigned to the competition.

Governor Romney Will Tour the Middle East Countries and Russia Next Month

MAKINAC ISLAND, Mich., Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Michigan's Governor George Romney, an unannounced but hopeful candidate for the Republican nomination for the Presidency in 1968, said here today he will tour the Middle East and the Soviet Union next month.

Leading Orthodox Rabbis from U.S., Britain and Israel Hold Conference in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Leading Orthodox rabbis from Israel, the United States and Britain concluded a two-day conference here today, designed to promote the solidarity of the Jewish religious forces around the world, examine common spiritual problems and discuss the possibility of Israeli-Diaspora coordination in the religious field.

Sponsored by Yeshiva University of New York, the conference included the participation, among others, of Prof. S.K. Mirsky, of Yeshiva University; Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits, chief rabbi of the British Commonwealth; and Israel's two chief rabbis representing the Sephardic and Ashkenazic communities.

Meanwhile, it was announced here today that Israel's Beth Din, the Chief Rabbinate's appeals court, will be moved from its present headquarters in Jerusalem to the Old City. The new headquarters will be set up in a building near the Western Wall.

YIVO Institute for Jewish Research Publishes Guide to Yiddish Literature in English

NEW YORK, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- A bibliography of Yiddish books published in English translation from 1945 to 1967 was issued here by the YIVO librarian, Miss Dina Abramowicz. The bibliography lists 217 individual items with full information as to year of publication, publisher and number of pages. Various editions of the same work are also listed.

Miss Abramowicz has also contributed an extensive introduction in which she outlines the enormous growth of interest in translations from Yiddish during the past twenty years. The half century before 1945 produced only 80 English translations in book form while the present bibliography lists almost three times that number, she stresses.

"Another, more subtle, but nevertheless distinct change," Miss Abramowicz writes, "is the shift of emphasis in the selection of materials for translation." The sweat-shop, the flourishing Yiddish theater and nostalgia for the shtetl were the chief motivating factors during the earlier period. There were, however, very few translations of the classic works of Yiddish literature. The situation reverses itself after 1945. In the current list the three "Founding Fathers" of modern literature, Sholem Aleichem, I.L. Peretz and Mendele Mocher Sforim, account for 35 items.

Samuel N. Katzin Elected Chairman of College of Jewish Studies in Chicago

CHICAGO, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Samuel N. Katzin, a Chicago industrialist and cultural patron, was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College of Jewish Studies. He assumes the office to launch an expansion of the college which was founded in 1925. In recent years, the College of Jewish Studies has grown as a center of Jewish studies for students who are enrolled in Chicago area colleges.

Mr. Katzin is a former member of the Mayor's Housing Commission. He has served as general chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal, was president of the Board of Jewish Education, and is an honorary fellow of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He also serves on the Board of Governors of Hebrew University.

The College of Jewish Studies conducts cooperative degree programs with Chicago area universities. It is officially approved by the state of Illinois to offer state teacher certification programs. Through the program, the College can provide teachers of Hebrew for public and private schools on both the secondary and primary levels.

Bulgarian Writers Honor Jewish Author in Sofia on His 60th Birthday

LONDON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Leading Bulgarian authors honored a prominent Jewish writer in that country, Chaim Benadov, celebrating his 60th birthday, according to a dispatch from Sofia received here today. The occasion was marked by a literary evening under the chairmanship of Angle Teodorov, a noted Bulgarian author. The event had been sponsored jointly by the Bulgarian Writers Union and the Jewish Cultural Association.

Memorial Services for Jewish Intellectuals Killed in Russia under Stalin Held in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Memorial services were conducted here last night at Congregation Nidche Israel, an Ashkenazic synagogue, in honor of the Jewish writers and other intellectuals executed in the Soviet Union under the Stalin regime 15 years ago. The services were conducted under the sponsorship of the congregation's cultural committee and the Mexican Jewish Writers Union. Jacob Glantz, chairman of the Writers Union, presided.

Samuel Senderei, Soviet Jewish Composer, Dies in Moscow; Wrote Symphony on Warsaw Ghetto

LONDON, Aug. 14. (JTA) -- Samuel Senderei, a Soviet-Jewish composer, died in Moscow, aged 62, according to a dispatch received here from the Soviet capital today. Among Mr. Senderei's compositions was a symphony based on the revolt against the Nazis in the Warsaw Ghetto.