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Hebrew Street Names Reappear in Jerusalem's Old City After 20 Years

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) --- Hebrew street-signs are up again in the Old City, now East Jerusalem.

Municipal officials in the re-united city have restored the tri-lingual street-signs — in Hebrew. Arabic and English — which were used in Jerusalem prior to 1948, when the city and all of Palestine were under the British Mandate.

After the War of Independence in 1948, when Jerusalem was divided between Israel and Jordan, the Jordanians tore down the Hebrew name-plates in their portion of the city. These have now been restored.

An order vesting ownership of the Old City's Jewish quarter in the State of Israel is due to appear this week in the Government's official gazette and to be signed by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. The acquisition will facilitate a planning survey of the quarter, so that it can be reconstructed as a major national site of religious and historical interest.

Israel Cool to Proposal for U.N. Intermediary, Stresses Direct Arab-Israel Talks

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) --- Israel reiterated to friendly Western powers this week that it does not place much weight on the proposal they individually suggested to Jerusalem that a special United Nations representative be designated to investigate the possibilities of bringing about peace talks between Israel and the Arab states,

These proposals, it was learned today, were carried to the Foreign Ministry by the representative of several friendly countries. Israeli officials advised them that Israel did not believe mediation or arbitration could bring about a peace settlement but only direct Arab-Israeli face-to-face talks could achieve this.

To the envoys who brought these proposals, it was learned, Israel handed a background document explaining the Israeli position on basic issues, including the principle of direct face-to-face peace talks. Israel, the diplomats were told, would encourage their efforts if these efforts did not involve third-partiparticipation in the potential direct talks between Israel and the Arab states.

Israelis recalled that a proposal to appoint a special United Nations representative for the Middle East with instructions to seek means of bringing about an Arab-Israeli settlement had been made to the special emergency session of the United Nations General Assembly last summer. Lord Caradon, head of the British delegation, was the author of the proposal.

(The special session of the General Assembly to deal with the Middle East situation has been convened for Sept. 18, a day before the opening of the regular Assembly session, it was announced today.)

No 'Real Response' from Israel on Readmission of Arabs, Rusk Asserts

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk said today that the United States had not had "a real response" to its request to Israel to permit the return of more Arab refugees to the occupied territories.

In response to questions on the ABC "Issues and Events" TV program, the Secretary said he thought that events "will give us our response,"

Mr. Rusk had told a press conference Friday that the displaced Arabs had not been responsible for the recent war and should be permitted to return to their former homes in what is now Israeli-occupied territory. He said the United States had made its views known on this score to Israel and that the future would tell "how far we will go in this regard."

The Secretary of State said that "in general" he saw encouraging signs in the recent Arab summi conference at Khartoum, that the "realities" were becoming more apparent to both sides. He voiced hope that the forthcoming sessions of the United Nations would heed the voices of moderation and would be able to stabilize conditions in the Middle East. He pointed out, however, that those who lived in the area had the primary responsibility for peace there, and he remarked that a state of belligerency was not consistent with peace.

Mr. Rusk said that the American position remained that outlined by President Johnson in his five points. The United States delegation would do everything it could along these lines of approach in the forthcoming U.N. meetings. he said.

Report Eban Seeks Agreement on Plan to Admit More Arab Returnees

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) --- Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban was reported today to be seeking cabinet agreement to the admission into Israel-occupied territory of a greater number of Arab refugees than those who are to be admitted as holders of valid permits or on humanitarian grounds. The Foreign Minister, it was said, wanted the Israel delegation to the forthcoming United Nations General Assembly special emergency and regular sessions to be able to make the announcement and thus deflate in advance some of the heavy pressure to which Israel will undoubtedly be subject on the question of the return of the west bank Arabs to their homes.

Israeli Army Used Soviet-Built Artillery in Sinai Clash with Egyptians

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Soviet artillery pieces captured from the Egyptians in the Six-Day War last June were used for the first time by the Israel Army in actual combat conditions in last Wednesday's fighting in the Suez Canal area, it was disclosed today.

The Soviet-built weapons were used by the Israeli Army to silence artillery directed from within the town of Ismaeliya against Israel positions on the east bank of the canal. Israel not only captured large numbers of these weapons in good operating condition in its cleanup of the Sinai Peninsula but also huge stores of ammunition.

(The London Daily Telegraph said that the useable arms and equipment recovered by Israel in the Snai Desert were valued at 60 million pounds sterling (\$168,000,000). In addition, it said, other booty to an equal value would be sold as scrap or put to other uses. The paper noted that British-built tanks captured from Jordan had already been out into service.)

Israel Reported in Deal to Acquire Oklahoma Jet Plane Plant

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) - Reports persisted today, despite denials, that the Rockwell-Standard Corporation had sold its jet aircraft plant in Oklahoma to Israel.

A spokesman for the Israeli Embassy in Washington denied that Israel was planning to buy the plant, In New York, Israel's Minister for Economic Affairs, Nachum Shamir, said he knew nothing about the purported transaction. But, in Oklahoma City, a local newspaper quoted Col. Willard F. Rockwell, founder and chairman of the corporation, as saying that the plant had been sold to Israel for \$25,000,000 and that "everything about the sale is final, except that we have not signed the contract -- but the contract is arreaable to everyone."

In Pittsburgh, Donald McLeod, vice-president and general counsel of the corporation, said: "no agreement has been reached with any party — and that includes Israel." In Oklahoma City, however, Gov, Dewey Bartlett protested to the U.S. Department of Justice against what he called a "forceed" sale of the aircraft factory to Israel, fearing that the state would thereby suffer the loss of several hundred jobs. Gov, Bartlett said that Rockwell-Standard had to divest itself of the plant in order to be able to merree with a major aviation firm.

Pincus Describes Coordinated Government-Agency Setup to Handle Immigration

LONDON, Sept. 10, (JTA) — Israel's military successes in the Six-Day War have made increased immigration into the country a "foremost necessity." and governmental administrative apparatus has been "radically reorganized" in the face of this situation, A.L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive committee, said today. He told officers of the British Zionist Federation that a joint committee of Israel cabinet ministers and executive members of the Agency has been made responsible for the practical planning of immigration and for the absorption of immigrants. Immigration administration has now been centralized in one department, he said.

Mr. Pincus said that, while there was still unemployment in some sectors of the Israeli economy, there was also a noticeable lack of manpower in others. He said a number of concessions for new immigrants has already been agreed upon, including lower taxation, housing facilities and free Ulpanim (intensive instruction in Hebrew).

Mr. Pincus said that the dangers Israel faced just before the war and her subsequent victories had aroused a deeper sense of solidarity in every Jewish community throughout the world. There was an active interest in Israel's post-war problems, he said; and he called upon the world Zionist movement to "give meaningful direction to these awakened creative energies." In view of these circumstances, Mr. Pincus said, the Jewish Agency Executive fell it "imperative" to advance by a year the date of the World Zionist Congress. The new date is February, 1968, in Jerusalem,

Dr. Neumann Warns Against Moves to Weaken Johnson's Five Points for Peace

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, a member of the Jewish Agency Executive, warned today that "all friends of Israel in the United States must be vigilant and constantly on the alert against the possibility of subtle changes in the official American position, by watering down of President Johnson's five points for peace in the Middle East."

United Hias Service Urges Easing of U.S. Immigration Regulations

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) - United Hias Service provided rescue, resettlement and related services last year to approximately 53,500 Jewish men, women and children, Carlos L. Israels, president, disclosed in the agency's annual report for 1966, made public today. More than 8,800 were assisted to resettle in the United States and other Western countries, he said.

During the past year, the active caseload of persons registered to emigrate reached 23,608; premigration services in the United States and Latin America were rendered to 16,319 relatives and sporso of prospective migrants; 3,020 were aided in the United States with such post-migration services as naturalization, adjustment of status, and prevention of deportation and jeopardy; 1,549 persons were located throughout the world; and, in Latin America. 158 migrants who arrived in prior years received agency assistance.

The cost of the agency's worldwide operations for the year, Mr. Israels stated, amounted to \$2,250,334 and resulted in a net cumulative deficit of \$131,267.

Gaynor I, Jacobson, UHS executive director, stressed in another section of the report, "the importance of modifying the restrictive labor certification provisions in the new liberalized immigration law," Current provisions, he said, restrict the entry of many would-be immigrants. "Allough there has been administrative easing of some restrictions, there is room for change in this part of the law to permit more immigrants to enter this country." Mr. Jacobson stated.

In addition, he pointed out the need for "new seed?" immigrants who do not have close relatives and whose skills are not in short supply. "These people, if given the chance, would make significant contributions to social, economic and cultural life in the United States," Mr. Jacobson said,

Report Dismissal of Arnold Zweig from East German University Post

BONN, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Arnold Zweig, internationally known German-Jewish writer, has been dismissed from his post as chairman of the literature department of the University of Humboldt in East Germany, according to reports received here today. The Stuttgart newspaper, Der Mittag, said that Dr. Zweig had been dismissed because he had refused to support the Communist regime's anti-Israeli campaign.

Arnold Zweig, now 80 years old, was exiled from Germany at the outset of the Hitler regime and lived in Palestine from 1933 until the end of World War II when he returned to Germany. He took up residence in East Germany, and in 1957 the regime designated him president of the East Berlin Academy of Arts, Many of his novels deal with Jewish themes,

Kaunas Authorities Expropriate Slovodka Jewish Cemetery

LONDON, Sept. 10. (JTA) — British tourists who spent some time in the Soviet Union reported to-day on their return here, that, on June 7, when the Russian press campaign against Israel was at its height, the municipal council of Kaunas, capital of Lithuania, decided to expropriate the Jewish cemetery in the Slovodka suburb of the city. Jewish attempts to appeal against this move were unsuccessful, they said,

Rabbi Kirzner Installed as Grand Rabbi of London Federation of Synagogues

LONDON, Sspt. 10, (TA) — Rev. Dr. Ellezer W, Kirzner, formerly of New York, was inducted here as Grand Rabbi and head of the religious tribunal of the Federation of Synagogues, a group of more than 50 Orthodox synagogues in London and vicinity. Dr. Immanuel Jacobovits, Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth, officiated at the installation services and halled the "unprecedented unity in the ranks of Orthodox Jewry."

In his induction sermon, Rabbi Kirzner told an audience of distinguished representatives of British Jewish religious and lay organizations that "the heroic stand of Israel recently saved our lives and our honor. We must continue to make every sacrifice for Israel, we must increase Jewish immigration to Israel and we must give Israel every practical support."

He spoke also of the "millions of our brethren who live under oppression," and declared that, in Britain, "we must work to secure for them the right to live as Jews."

Judge Israel Maisels to Head South African Zionist Organization

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 10. (JTA) --- Judge Israel Maisels, a former president of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and who is not a member of any Zionist political party, has been elected chairman of the South African Zionist Federation. He succeeds Edel J. Horwitz, Johannesburg attorney, who is retiring from the chairmanship after eight years.

The concluding session of the Federation's 30th bienniel conference adopted a series of policy resolutions halling the people and armed forces of Israel, and the reunification of Jerusalem; deploring Soviet aid to Arab countries, aimed against Israel; recording gratitude to the South African Government for permitting the transfer to Israel of funds raised for the Israel Emergency Appeal, despite currency restrictions, and reaffirming the solidarity of South African Jewry with the people of Israel.

Farband Votes Top Priority to Israel Immigration: Hits Negro Anti-Semitism

HIGHLAND MILLS, N.Y., Sept. 10. (JTA) --- More than 750 delegates from the United States and Canada, attending the 21st national convention of Farband-Labor Zionist Order, went on record today as favoring top priority for Israel immigration. The convention concluded after reelecting Samuel Bonchek president and Jacob Katzman, national secretary.

Sen. Gale W. McGee (D-Wyo.), speaking at the main banquet session of the convention on Saturday, said that, in the current dispute over pre-war boundaries, Israel should "hang tough and tight against the pressures to return to old boundaries, for the reason that this time we have to make sure that an enforceable arrangement undergirds whatever final settlement may evolve."

The anti-Semitism "so openly expressed by Negro extremists and by a part of the Negro masses and by even some Negro intellectuals" was criticized at another session of the convention.

The delegates adopted a resolution, asserting that "no amount of justified grievance against the seventy at large, no amount of frustration, can justify the unleashing of such hatred against the Jews, or for that matter, against any other ethnic or religious group. Neither the human rights nor the dignity of the Negro will be achieved by anti-Semitism."

The resolution said that it was "incumbent on the enlightened Negro leadership to combat this evil within its own people," and it also stressed that it was "incumbent on Jewish leadership to combat every manifestation of anti-Negro attitudes and actions on the part of Jewish and other members of the white community."

Miss Marie Syrkin, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, warned the convention that the "unholy alliance" of extreme right and extreme left in increasing ant-Israel propaganda was an "un-wholesome development," She sharply criticized the recent New Politics convention in Chicago.

The convention also voted to establish the Farband teacher training scholarships for prospective Hebrew and Yiddish teachers as a measure to help combat the teacher shortage. Farband will also increase its awards to college students for excellence in Yiddish, Hebrew and other Jewish studies from 40 to 100 yearly.

To Hold Charles Jordan Memorial Meeting at Carnegie Hall Next Sunday

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) —A memorial meeting honoring the late Charles H. Jordan, executive vice-president of the Joint Distribution Committee, who met his death in Prague last month, will be held Sunday, Sept. 17, at 2:30 P.M. at Carnegie Hall. Louis Broido, chairman of JDC, said the meeting would be open to the public.

Mr. Jordan disappeared on Aug. 16 after leaving his Prague hotel room to buy an American newspaper. His body was found in the Vitava River four days later. The State Department and Jewish organizations have been urging the Czechoslovak Government to continue investigation of the circumstances of Mr. Jordan's death until the full facts are revealed.

Stern College for Women Opens Semester with Enrolment Passing 600

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Enrolment at the Yeshiva University's Stern College for Women with exceed 600 when the college begins its new semester here tomorrow, Dr. Samuel Belkin, Yeshiva president, said today. The college opened in 1954 with a student body of 33.

An apartment-hotel, valued at \$4,000,000, has been taken over by the college as dormitories for out-of-town students — about two-thirds of the enrolment — and a 113-year-old policis station was acquired and completely remodeled to provide additional administrative space and classroom facilities,

Florian Sokolow, Journalist, Son of Nahum Sokolow, Dead at 80

LONDON, Sept. 10, (JTA) — Funeral services were held here this weekend for Florian Sokolow, noted Polish Jewish journalist and son of Dr. Nahum Sokolow, the famed Zionist leader. Mr. Sokolow, who was 80, is survived by his widow, Janina, He had been a resident of London since 1936.

A native of Warsaw, educated in Warsaw and St. Petersburg (Leningrad) as a lawyer, Florian Sokolow entered journalism in 1912 and became known throughout Poland as an editor, political commentator and foreign correspondent. He was widely known for his association with Gazeta Polska, Poland's leading prewar newspaper.

Mr. Sokolow made his home in London in 1932 and in addition to serving as correspondent for Polish dailies, wrote for publications in Britain and elsewhere. He achieved distinction as a war correspondent in World War II and as a B.B.C. broadcaster from London. His only son, George Sokolow, was killed in a London airraid.

Mr. Sokolow maintained a lively interest in Jewish life but did not actively participate in Jewish communal affairs. His books included a volume of essays, a memoir of his father and a full-scale blography of his father in manuscript form.