Arabs Are Warned Not to Seek to Block East Jerusalem Schools Reopening

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11, (JTA) — Israel's security forces today warned some Arabs in the East Jerusalem school system that any attempt to incite teachers or parents against the opening of the schools in that section of the city next week will be dealt with firmly.

To date, one school headmaster has been arrested for trying to organize a general Arab school strike. Other Arabs have been given direct warnings against attempting to block the opening of the schools.

The Arab schools this year will be provided with many new textbooks from which anti-Israeli and anti-Jewish propaganda has been eliminated. The Ministry of Education has brought Israeli Arab teachers from other sections of Israel to replace those teachers who have left this city and crossed over to Jordan.

Cabinet Stands Firm on Direct Talks with Arabs, Eases Refugee Return

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11, (JTA) — Main guidelines for the Israel delegation to the forthcoming sessions of the United Nations General Assembly were being formulated today in line with policy decisions confirmed by the Israeli Cabinet at its meeting yesterday.

The major policy decision was a reaffirmation of the Israeli stand on negotiations with the Arabs adopted by the Cabinet last month. The Cabinet ruled then that "direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab states must take place with the aim of signing peace treaties. As long as there is no peace, Israel will maintain in its entirety, the situation laid down in the cease-fire arrangements that followed the repulsion of aggression by the Israeli forces."

The decision firmly ruled out any third-party mediation in which the third-party — the United Nations or interested states — would sit in on Arab-Israeli talks or seek to mediate between the two sides.

Cabinet Relaxes Position on Return of West Bank Inhabitants

The Israeli Cabinet was reliably reported also to have formulated new instructions on the return of Arab refugees to the Israeli-held west bank area. While no official information was forthcoming as to the nature of these instructions, it was generally understood that the Israel delegation to the United Nations General Assembly would be authorized to announce that additional numbers of Arab refugees would be permitted to return to the west bank.

Israel has been under strong pressure from the Western countries to permit the Arabs who fled during the fighting last June to return to their former homes on the west bank of the Jordan. Secretary of State Dean Rusk has been especially insistent on this point and, it was understood, his position was considered at length at the meeting of the Cabinet yesterday.

Britain, West Germany and the Scandinavian countries were also understood to have urged Israel to permit the return of the Arabs, stressing that creation of a new refugee problem would not contribute towards pacification of the area.

Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban, it was reported, led the fight in the Cabinet session for authorization to permit the return of a larger number of its former inhabitants to the west bank.

Ministers Told Not to Voice Personal Views on Policy Issues

The Israeli Ministers were forcefully reminded yesterday that only the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister were authorized to make public declarations on the future of the territories occupied by Israel in the Six-Day War.

Prime Minister Levi Eshkol reaffirmed this condition at the Cabinet meeting after Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban referred to statements on this issue by members of the Cabinet and said they had no right to make "personal" statements on matters of policy.

The discussion was precipitated by publication in the London Sunday Observer of an interview with Defense Minister Moshe Dayan who speculated on the possibility that Jordan might regain sovereignty over the west bank area but that the area would remain under Israeli aid to Jordan in the supply of water and electric power.
Two other members of the Cabinet have also recently aired their views on the future of the occupied territories in speeches and interviews. They were Minister of Labor Yigal Allon and Minister of Transport Moshe Carmel.

Cabinet Concerned Over Slow Rate of Population Increase

The Cabinet meeting evinced concern over the low Jewish birthrate in Israel. After considering a report from Prof. R. Baki, the Government statistician, the Cabinet decided on establishment of a Government Authority on Demography. Mrs. Zena Harman, wife of the Ambassador to Washington, was named to head the new agency.

Mrs. Harman will be a member of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations General Assembly and is expected to take up her new post early next year. She is currently a member of the executive board of the United Nations Children's Fund.

To Move Police Headquarters from Tel Aviv to East Jerusalem

Acting on the recommendation of Prime Minister Eshkol and Minister of Police Eliahu Sasson, the Cabinet voted to transfer headquarters of the Israel police department from Tel Aviv to East Jerusalem. The move, which may cost as much as $12,000,000, will bring the central police headquarters into closer relationship with other Government departments. In the three decades of the British mandate over Palestine, central police headquarters were in the Old Russian Compound in the Jaffa Road near the Old City.

‘Mutuality’ Policy Applies to Suez Approaches, Dayan Tells Cabinet

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11. (JTA) — Defense Minister Moshe Dayan told the Israel Cabinet yesterday that the policy of “mutuality” or reciprocity on shipping rights to which Israel and Egypt had agreed on navigation of the Suez Canal, held with equal force for shipping in the Bay and Gulf of Suez.

Gen. Dayan’s declaration came in a report he made to the Cabinet on last week’s fighting in the approaches to the canal for which Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, the cease-fire observance chief, blamed Egypt.

Under the Israeli-Egyptian canal agreement, neither side is to use the canal. As for the approaches, Gen. Dayan said, the same rule must hold — if one side can use them, the other can or else neither can.

(In Moscow today, Pravda, the Communist Party organ, challenged Prime Minister Eshkol’s declaration that the canal was a “natural” frontier and asserted that the canal was the “inalienable” property of Egypt and “will never be anybody’s border.”)

Waqf Protests Loss of Revenue from Visitors to Temple Mount in Old City

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11. (JTA) — The military governor of East Jerusalem refused today to accept a complaint by a Moslem religious body because the grievance had been written on stationery headed: “Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.”

The complainant was the Waqf, the institution administering Moslem religious properties in East Jerusalem. The complaint was against action by the Israelis in opening another entrance into the Mount of the Temple area where the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aksa Mosque are located. As a result of the opening of the new gate, visitors are able to enter the area without paying the Waqf gatemen an admission fee the Waqf has extracted from all non-Moslems for some 13 centuries.

TV Equipment Donated by Rothschilds Must Not Be Used for General Broadcasts

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11. (JTA) — The Rothschild family has informed the Israel Government that it cannot agree to permit the television installations it donated to enable Israel to introduce educational television to be used for general programs, the newspaper Maariv said today.

According to the daily, Lord Victor Rothschild pointed out to the Israeli authorities that the British Government had permitted purchase of the equipment free of tax on the understanding that it was to be used for educational purposes only. He was, consequently, not prepared to permit use of the equipment for general, non-educational purposes. Without these installations, Israel cannot put into effect plans for a limited schedule of general television broadcasts.

Many Volunteers Want to Remain in Israel, Histadrut Is Told

TEL AVIV, Sept. 11. (JTA) — At least a third of the volunteers who came to Israel from abroad during the pre-war emergency last May and who have not yet left the country are interested in making a long stay here or in settling permanently, the central committee of Histadrut, the Israel labor federation, was informed today.

Abraham Bankover, chairman of the organization’s volunteers committee, reported that 6,000 volunteers still remained in the country. Of these, 4,000 were working in settlements around the country. The remaining 2,000, he said, were employed by the Jewish National Fund on several development projects or were working at civilian occupations in new border outposts. He announced plans for a series of special rallies for the volunteers to be held during the next few weeks in various parts of the country.
Israel Denies Expulsion of Syrian Civilians, Bids Syria Negotiate Return

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 11, (JTA) — Israel denied today Syrian charges that she was “expelling by force” Syrian civilians from occupied Syrian territory, and said the question of the return of civilian evacuees to Israeli-held territory was a question for Israeli-Syrian negotiation.

Ambassador Gideon Rafael, Israel’s permanent representative to the U.N., told the Secretary-General that the majority of the inhabitants of the area had been evacuated by the Syrian authorities in the course of the fighting there, apparently for military considerations. “Many of these people have been in the direct employ of the Syrian army, whose camps, bases and extensive fortifications and installations had been the predominant administrative and economic factor in the area,” he said. He also challenged the accuracy of the figures used in the Syrian complaint.

UNRWA Consults Israel on Annual Report for First Time in 17 Years

JERUSALEM, Sept. 11, (JTA) — For the first time in the 17 years of its existence, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees has consulted Israel before submitting its annual report to the United Nations General Assembly.

Laurence Michelmore, UNRWA Commissioner-General, conferred here yesterday with Michael S. Comay, special political advisor to the Israel Foreign Ministry, on the general outlines of his report. It has been UNRWA practice in the past to consult the Arab “host” countries, but never Israel. This year, the report, it is understood, will include Israel as one of the “host” countries harboring Arab refugees.

Before departing for New York, Mr. Michelmore visited the UNRWA camps in the Gaza Strip and camps for the 1948 refugees in the west bank area now under Israeli jurisdiction.

(Secretary-General U Thant will make public tomorrow his 35-page report on the status of Jerusalem, embodying the report of his special envoy, Ernesto A. Thalmann. A U.N. spokesman said the report would include Israel’s reply to the General Assembly resolution on Jerusalem.)

Munich Lord Mayor Greets First Official Delegation of Israeli Mayors

BONN, Sept. 11, (JTA) — The first official delegation of Israeli mayors ever to visit Germany arrived in Munich today and was welcomed by the city’s Lord Mayor, Dr. Hans Vogel, long regarded as a staunch friend of Israel.

The group, which includes both mayors and deputy mayors, was invited by the Congress of German Cities for its annual meeting, attended by representatives both of the major German and of many foreign municipalities. The Israeli delegation proceeded from Munich to Dachau to pay tribute to victims of the former Nazi concentration camp there. The group will be received by Israel Ambassador Asher Ben Nathan later this week.

NCRAC Leaves for On-the-Spot Survey of Israel-Arab Relations

NEW YORK, Sept. 11, (JTA) — Leaders of the National Community Relations Advisory Council left for Israel Monday on a three-day study mission involving post-war Arab-Israeli relations.

The group, headed by NCRAC chairman Jordan C. Band of Cleveland, has been invited by the Israeli Government to investigate problems growing out of Israel’s efforts to secure peace with her Arab neighbors, problems of the post-war period in which the Jewish community relations field has special competence and interest, and world-wide problems in this period which are of common concern to both Israel and American Jewish communities. The mission will return to the United States on Oct. 22 to report on its findings at an NCRAC executive committee meeting.

French Agency Official Reports Increased Need Among North African Refugees

PARIS, Sept. 11, (JTA) — In the wake of the Arab-Israeli six-day war, nearly 5,000 new Jewish immigrants to France from North Africa have applied for welfare assistance, a delegation from the United Jewish Appeal women’s division was told this weekend.

Samuel Castron, director of the Marseilles branch of the Fonds Social Juif, told the 23-member group that his organization has received requests for help, in recent weeks, from 1,600 families, or nearly 5,000 persons. He noted that the Jewish population of Marseilles alone has grown from 12,000 to an estimated 65,000 since 1957, putting an “enormous burden” on French Jewish relief agencies, schools, youth centers, children’s homes, old-age homes and the ORT vocational training system.

Mr. Castron said the economic picture in France today is “not bright,” and that French employers require a much higher level of skill than the new Jewish immigrants needed in the North African countries of their origin. The immediate demands of the situation, he stressed, were “just the tip of the iceberg.”

The UJA delegation, headed by Mrs. Henry Jones of Detroit, has left Marseilles for Iran, after a three-day study mission in France. In Iran, the group will visit welfare, medical and educational services supported by the Joint Distribution Committee which benefit one out of every four of the country’s 80,000 Jews.
Six-Day War Rebuilt Bridge Between U.S. Jews and Israelis, Diplomat Says

COLD SPRINGS, N.Y., Sept. 11, (JTA) -- The Six-Day War has resulted in profound changes in the relationships between American Jews and the Israeli people, and, particularly, between the youth of the two countries, the North American Jewish Youth Council was told here yesterday.

Addressing the three-day conference of the council at Surprise Lake Camp, Yaacov Morris, Israeli diplomat and representative of the Jewish Agency, said that the war had "not only brought Western Jews back to Judaism but also brought many Israelis back to the Jewish people as well. In terms of the future," he added, "this means that the two-way bridge between the Jews of Israel and the United States has been strengthened and in some ways rebuilt. There is now a two-way bridge between equals."

Airport Synagogue Dedicated with Plea for Climate for World Peace

NEW YORK, Sept. 11, (JTA) -- Rabbi Israel Mcshawitz, chairman of the board of the International Synagogue at Kennedy Airport, called for a direct dialogue between Moslem and Jewish, Protestant and Catholic religious leaders, at a special service on Sunday marking the dedication of the synagogue.

More than 1,000 persons filled the new building to hear the rabbi's plea for an opening of communication among religious leaders of the major faiths "to create a climate for world peace, especially in the Middle East."

In a demonstration of interfaith unity, Roman Catholic and Protestant clergymen, as well as Dr. Bernard E. Donovan, New York City Superintendent of Schools, donned the traditional yarmulkes for the ceremony.

The synagogue stands side by side with the Catholic and Protestant chapels on the Tri-Faith Plaza, adjacent to the lagoon and the fountains in front of the airport's International Arrival Building. Built at an estimated cost of one million dollars, the synagogue features a 40-foot-high twin stone Tablets of the Law, or Ten Commandments. The chapel is patterned after the first synagogue built in the United States -- the Spanish and Portuguese Mill Street Synagogue of 1730, in Newport, R.I.

Baltimore Sun Warns Against Mixture of Black Nationalism, Anti-Semitism

BALTIMORE, Sept. 11, (JTA) -- The Baltimore Sun warned today that anti-Semitism was being mixed with Black Power extremism to create "an indigestible political stew which, if swallowed, could be poisonous."

In an editorial-page column, Gerald Griffin said that Black Power advocates had displayed anti-Semitism "too many times to be accidental." He said that "those who make use of it describe their position as anti-Zionist rather than anti-Semitic but in the context of their resolutions and literature, this distinction is not impressive."

The article held that "this exploitation of anti-Semitism by Black Power extremists appears to stem in part from the Communist line in support of the Arab states vs. Israel, in part from feelings among Negroes in the slums against some shopkeepers and in part from the sheer opportunism and irresponsibility which make anti-Semitism profitable to white racists. It feeds on the worst human instincts, as Hitler demonstrated. The appalling irony now is that the Black Power extremists have made themselves look so much like the white supremacists."

Reference was made to the recent "new left" convention in Chicago with the comment that "this political mess attempted at Chicago is as ugly as it is potentially poisonous, and its implications should be widely understood."

Extreme black nationalism, the article said, "promises violence and destruction." But when, it added, "a streak of anti-Semitism, typically blind and nasty, is applied to black nationalism, along with an assortment of Russian, Chinese, and Castroist Communism, the product is thoroughly vicious. Whether its fomenters know what they are doing, or are groping in the darkness of their impassioned ignorance, the result is equally deplorable and obnoxious."

American Jewish Congress Denounces SNCC Attacks on Israel

NEW YORK, Sept. 11, (JTA) -- Black nationalist attacks against Israel were described today by the American Jewish Congress as demonstrating "vast ignorance" of Middle East history and "a complete disregard of the facts of Israel's close and positive relations with the countries of Africa."

In a statement issued in pamphlet form, the Congress charged the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and other "extremists" with "inciting primitive anti-white and anti-Jewish sentiments" while supporting the Arab cause.

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld of Cleveland, AJC president, recalled his association with SNCC in Mississippi in 1964 and declared that "since those days, SNCC had become an advocate of that which was once its adversary; it has become the embodiment of those forces it once opposed. We witness today the tragedy of SNCC's decline and we can only regret that it lacked courage and conviction to make its own principles work. Where SNCC failed, however, we are convinced others will yet succeed. In that effort, the American Jewish Congress will be at the side of those who seek full equality in a free society for all Americans."