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Eban Charges U.N. Security Council With 'Levity, Impudence' on Eve of War

LONDON, Nov. 5. (JTA) — Abba Eban, Foreign Minister of Israel, tonight denounced the "levity and impudence" with which the United Nations Security Council discussed Israel's "approaching doom" in the tense days before the Six-Day War last June. He declared that, in view of Israel's experiences, "never again shall we allow ourselves to be put in such a situation of danger and vulnerability."

The Israeli diplomat, speaking at a special Balfour Day celebration of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain, reiterated that Israel can depend only upon her own strength and ability because, in times of test, "all external elements of our security turned out to be fragile or illusory." Mr. Eban arrived here today from New York where he is heading the Israeli delegation at the United Nations. He is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Harold Wilson tomorrow to discuss the Middle East crisis.

Noting that, during the tense days of last May and June, just before the Six-Day War, international commitments, maritime promises, United Nations responsibility, and hope of moderation from certain Arab states "all melted away," Mr. Eban warned that "those who did nothing and attempted little to prevent war should be scrupulously careful to avoid obstructing peace." "The only bodies or agencies which can play a constructive role in the advancement of peace are those who do not commit themselves in advance against specific claims of positions of any negotiating party," he said.

Mr. Eban stressed that "a peace structure in the Middle East must grow up from within the region. It cannot be imposed from outside." He said that Israel's consistent policy, since hostilities broke out, sought "a directly negotiated settlement culminating in peace treaties in which we shall seek to define conditions of mutual co-existence between Israel and her neighbors, and not only formal peace but intensive regional cooperation within the Middle Eastern community of sovereign states." Referring to the Balfour Declaration, Mr. Eban said that 1967 would determine whether 1917 could be brought to successful issue for the benefit of Israel and the Arabs alike.

A similar note was sounded by another speaker at the Balfour Day rally, Richard Crossman, Britain's Lord President of the Council, who said he was convinced that "there is now really a chance of peace if only the great powers working through the United Nations can be content not to intervene and impose their own peace but to create conditions whereby Arabs and Jews can freely negotiate their own settlement."

The Poale Zion Organization of Leeds charged today that Patrick Gordon Walker, a Minister of State in the British Government, had cancelled a scheduled appearance before the organization because "he would find it embarrassing to face a Jewish audience at the present time, due to the British Government's hardening line on the Middle East issues." Mr. Walker had accepted the Poale Zion invitation to address a meeting in Leeds last night to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. He bowed out with an explanation that he was prevented to appear "due to pressing appointments."

Hussein to Meet 'Informally' With Johnson; Cairo Warns Him on Talks With Israel

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5. (JTA) — King Hussein will meet "informally" here with President Johnson on Wednesday, the White House has announced. A dispatch received here from Cairo reported that the Jordanian monarch was warned by Al Ahram, the authoritative newspaper which often reflects the views of President Gamal Abdel Nasser, that Egypt will "make it difficult for him, if not impossible, to enter into direct negotiations with Israel." Al Ahram reported that a message to that effect had been sent to President Johnson through an American source.

French Government Refuses to Lift Embargo on Jet Fighters for Israel

PARIS, Nov. 5. (JTA) — The French Government has decided not to lift its embargo on the shipment of Mirage jet fighters and other arms to Israel, which a French manufacturer has been holding up at Government request. The arms embargo was the principal topic of conversation during two days of talks here between Maj. Gen. Zvi Tsur, Deputy Defense Minister of Israel, and French Armed Forces Minister Pierre Messmer.

The jet fighters were bought and, according to reports, paid for in toto or in large part, before the Six-Day War erupted last June. However, an embargo on arms shipments to the Middle East was declared by President de Gaulle. It was reported here that only Gen. de Gaulle's veto had frustrated Gen. Tsur's effort to get possession of the planes now.

Israel Nabs Top PLO Officer as Terror Sweeps Borders, POW Camp

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5. (JTA) — While incidents of Arab terrorism, inside Israel and on its borders, especially the frontiers of Jordan and Syria, increased in the last few days, Jerusalem police announced the arrest of Faisal Al Hussein, one of the top leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization and a kinsman of the former Grand Mufti, who was notorious during World War II as a collaborator of Adolf Hitler. The man's father, the late Abdul Kadar Al Hussein, was also a staunch fighter against Israel, who was killed during the War for Independence in 1948.

Al Hussein's arrest brings to more than 30 the number of Arafat terrorists apprehended since the unsuccessful effort to blow up a crowded cinema theater here three weeks ago. The arrested man was a major in the army of Syria, where the PLO has been training many of the saboteurs that have created, or tried to wreak, havoc in Israel for a long time. Meanwhile, the following incidents have taken place:

1) At a prisoner-of-war camp for Egyptians, in Israel, the Egyptians staged a riot, suppressed after efforts at pacification, by Israeli military police. One prisoner of war was killed, two others were wounded, and several Israeli military policemen suffered slight injuries. The action took place Oct. 30, but was announced by the Israeli Army spokesman only today. Israel had promptly notified the International Red Cross of the incident.

2) An artillery duel between Israeli and Jordanian forces in the early hours this morning climaxed a night of attempted sabotage by Arab terrorists in and around settlements of the Beisan valley. In Kibbutz Maoz Chaim, which was struck by 10 shells, one person was wounded and the cultural house and clinic were wrecked. According to the Army spokesman, explosive charges were set off shortly after 2 a.m. at a silo and grain storage building at Kibbutz Sdeh Eliyahu. Two hours later, Israeli forces encountered a band of saboteurs retreating toward the Jordan River, south of Kfar Ruppin. Jordanian forces across the river opened fire to cover the withdrawal, and were answered by Israeli fire. Some time later, Jordanian artillery commenced firing and Israeli artillery replied. The foot-prints of eight persons, presumable saboteurs, were found at Sdeh Eliyahu.

3) Several Israeli soldiers were slightly injured this morning when their patrol clashed with a Syrian unit that had penetrated into Israeli-held territory in the Boutmihyah area. The fire exchange lasted several minutes. The Syrians were intercepted west of the cease-fire lines.

4) An Arab terrorist was killed by four Israeli youths after he opened fire on them on an unpaved road near Hebron, last night. The youths, all from Kibbutz Iftah, were traveling on the road when they were suddenly attacked by shots fired by the terrorist. The youths, who were armed, returned the fire and were soon joined by reinforcements. A subsequent search of the area found the body of the Arab terrorist holding in his hands a still hot Russian submachinegun. He also had four unused magazines.

Israeli police arrested today several Arab youngsters in the Gaza Strip, suspected of throwing hand grenades last week in protest against the 50th anniversary celebration of the Balfour Declaration. Four Gaza residents were injured in the explosions.

Another expression of Arab resentment was an almost total boycott of Gaza schools. The teachers arrived on schedule but, when very few pupils appeared, the Israeli authorities cancelled all classes. Schools in Arab refugee camps functioned normally. Strengthened army and police units patrolled the streets of Gaza, Khan Yunis and other Gaza Strip townships, but there were no incidents other than the grenade tossings.

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin met today with Northern front and local Israeli commanders in the Beisan Valley, site of recent infiltrations from Jordan, to discuss ways to intensify Israel's counter-saboteur operations.

It was learned at the same time that Jordan has been strengthening troop positions in the Jordanian section across the Jordan River from the Beisan Valley. Israeli officials speculated that either the Jordanians feared some Israeli reaction to the sabotage raids or that they had decided to take firm action against use of Jordanian territory as bases for raids across the river into Israeli-held territory. The Defense Minister and Gen. Rabin were accompanied by senior staff officials.

Israeli News Briefs

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5. (JTA) — Ceremonies were held today marking the return of the Hebrew University to its original campus on Mount Scopus, after nearly 20 years during which the university buildings were isolated from the rest of Israel in Jordanian occupied territory. Attending the ceremonies were President Zalman Shazar, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Sephardic Chief Rabbi Nissim, members of the Knesset, University president Elat and other dignitaries.

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5. (JTA) — Menahim Beigin, head of the Herut Party and a member of the emergency coalition Cabinet formed just before the Six-Day War, will leave on a speaking tour of the United States and Canada Tuesday, on behalf of the Israel Bond Organization. It is reported that Mr. Beigin will also conduct talks at the request of the Foreign Ministry.

TEL AVIV, Nov. 5. (JTA) — Maximum Israeli Government encouragement was promised this weekend to the American Electronics Laboratories, at the dedication of the company's Israeli plant at B'nei Brak, the Tel Aviv suburb. The pledge was made by Zeev Sharef, Commerce and Industry Minister.

German Justice Minister Sees Possible End of Time Limit on War Crimes Trials

BONN, Nov. 5. (JTA) — The statute of limitations which is applicable to Nazi war criminals may be prolonged beyond its December 31, 1969 termination date or possibly abolished altogether in crimes involving murder and genocide. Minister of Justice Gustav Heinemann, at a press conference here, disclosed that a commission for law reform has suggested that the statute of limitations be extended from 20 to 30 years but, even if this is done, it is not likely to cover crimes already committed. Mr. Heinemann himself proposed two months ago that the statute of limitations be abolished in cases of murder. He said at his press conference that more and more members of Parliament favor abolition but there was the question of whether the United Nations will establish a convention abolishing the statute for genocide. If Germany accepted this, it could be the solution, he added.

In reply to questions, Mr. Heinemann said it appeared that the Central Office for Nazi Crimes, in Ludwigsburg, would complete its cases by 1969. However, Ludwigsburg was surprised, he said, by the new evidence it has received, especially from the Netherlands, of hitherto unknown Nazi war criminals who participated in the deportation of Dutch Jews. The Soviet Union has also recently agreed to provide state prosecutors with additional evidence and, as time passes, Mr. Heinemann said, documentary evidence becomes more important than eye witnesses.

Two 'Presumed' Israeli Agents Arrested by Police in Munich

LONDON, Nov. 5. (JTA) — Two men "presumed to be Israeli agents" were arrested in Munich, Germany, last night as they tried to enter an apartment belonging to the wife of Heinrich Muller, the former chief of Hitler's Gestapo, according to a report in the Sunday Times today. Munich police, the dispatch from Germany stated, declined to give the names of the men or to reveal the reason for the effort by the men to see Mrs. Mueller.

Mueller, who was Adolf Eichmann's superior, disappeared in 1945. He has frequently been reported dead, but final proof of his alleged demise has never been obtained by either the Germans or by Jewish "Nazi hunters."

Weizmann Institute Marks Establishment of Philip Klutznick Chair in Biology

REHOVOTH, Nov. 5. (JTA) — Establishment of the Philip M. Klutznick chair in developmental biology was celebrated formally here today at the Weizmann Institute of Science, here, at a luncheon honoring Mr. Klutznick and his family, tendered by Meyer Weisgal, president of the Institute. The first incumbent of the chair, it was announced, will be Prof. Michael Feldman, dean of the Institute's Feinberg Graduate School. He is a famous biologist whose researches have, among others, provided new insights into the growth and development of cells generally and cancer cells in particular.

Among the guests of honor in addition to Mr. Klutznick and his family and Dr. Feldman were United States Ambassador Walworth Barbour; Adlai Stevenson, III; and the famous American cartoonist, Bill Mauldin.

Controlled USSR Press Seen Stepping Up Drives Against Jews and Israel

NEW YORK, Nov. 5. (JTA) — The bitter anti-Israel campaign which had been stepped up in the Soviet press right after last June's Six-Day War is not abating but, in fact, growing more virulent and taking on unmistakable tones of racial anti-Semitism, with the approval if not the outright collusion of the highest Soviet authorities.

This was the consensus today of various organizations and groups here which have made a detailed study of the Soviet Government-controlled press. They expressed particular alarm over a recent spate of articles which appear to be nothing less than an up-dating of the long discredited Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a notorious forgery that originated in Czarist Russia. The Protocols alleged a global Jewish conspiracy for world domination.

This is the tone of "Zionism, a Tool of Imperialism", an article by Trofim Kichko that appeared in the October 4 edition of Komsomolskoye Znamaya, official publication of the Young Communist League of the Ukraine. Kichko, the American Jewish Committee pointed out in a report on the article, was the author of a viciously anti-Semitic book, "Judaism Without Embellishment," which was published in 1963 but withdrawn by Soviet authorities after it aroused a world-wide storm of protest.

The selection of October 4, Rosh Hashana, for publication of the article appears to have been no coincidence. Another newspaper, Komsomolskaya Pravda, daily organ of the Communist Youth League in Moscow, selected the same date for publication of an article called "Lackeys at Beck and Call," by Ye. Yevseyev. The article was a 3,000 word denunciation of American Jewry as part of "an international Zionist conspiracy." Jewish Minorities Research, which, among other things, monitors the Soviet press, pointed out that Komsomolskaya Pravda is one of the most authoritative and influential Soviet newspapers, ranking behind only Pravda, Izvestia and possibly Trud.

Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, a coalition of 25 major American Jewish organizations, saw in this and similar articles an attempt "to terrorize the Soviet Jews to avoid any signs of affinity with Jews outside the Soviet Union, and serve as a warning to the young Soviet Jews who seek distinctively Jewish means of expression."

Zionists Point to Need for Stronger Movement as they Mark Balfour Day in N. Y.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- The need for a strong Zionist movement, which had been instrumental in the issuance of the Balfour Declaration by the British Government 50 years ago, viewing "with favor" the establishment of a "national home for the Jewish people," was emphasized here tonight at a Balfour Day celebration conducted by the American Zionist Council. The role of the United States Government in staunchly supporting the principle laid down by the Balfour Declaration was also emphasized at the meeting, attended by several hundred representatives of Zionist groups throughout the New York metropolitan area.

Among the principal speakers at the observance was Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's former Foreign Minister; Rabbi Israel Miller, who is also chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry; Dr. Emanuel Neumann, a member of the Jewish Agency executive; and Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, of Temple Emanuel of Englewood, N. J.

Dr. Neumann noted in his address that, "apart from the World Zionist Organization, there was no widely representative body, ready and able to assume," during the era highlighted by the Balfour Declaration, "the political and practical responsibilities of partnership on behalf of an otherwise fragmented Jewish people, leaderless and powerless."

"With the establishment of the Jewish State," Dr. Neumann continued, "the responsibilities of the Zionist Movement continued, though altered; while the support and cooperation forthcoming from the Diaspora, have grown tremendously. In view of these circumstances, and the very grave problems still confronting the State of Israel, we are being called upon, once more, to widen the organized Zionist base through a new process of reorganization. The movement is prepared, I am sure, to consider all reasonable and constructive proposals in that direction; but we should not become involved in changes for the sake of change which may weaken the movement, without assuring added strength. The time has not come to contemplate the liquidation of the strongest organized force in Jewish life, or the abdication of its historic responsibilities."

Role of U.S.A. Documented; Plight of Soviet Jewry Seen in Contrast

In a documented analysis of the role played by the United States after the Balfour Declaration had been issued, Dr. Hertzberg declared "the U.S.A. has been from the beginning a principal architect of the Jewish State." He said the protracted negotiations that led to the issuance of the Declaration in 1917 "did not take place in London alone." In the United States, he pointed out, the late Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, head of the Zionist movement here, worked hard to advance the Zionist idea through diplomatic channels and by the "deep involvement" of President Wilson, who hailed the Declaration in a public statement pledging U.S. support to the "Jewish Homeland" principle. In 1922, he recalled, both houses of Congress endorsed the Balfour Declaration unanimously.

"That the United States is today strongly committed to the existence and security of the State of Israel," said Dr. Hertzberg, "is thus the reaffirmation of the very basis of our policy as it existed from the very beginning. Beyond that, it represents a keeping of the promise that our country made when it was very much the co-author of the historic act whose 50th anniversary we are celebrating tonight."

Rabbi Miller, in his address, juxtaposed the historic developments that followed two great world events that occurred almost simultaneously in November of 1917 -- the issuance of the Balfour Declaration has now resulted in the universal view that it was "a shining beacon of liberty, freedom and democracy," the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union. Rabbi Miller said, "gives tragic witness to the lack of fulfillment of the promise of the Communist revolution. A slow but steady process of cultural and spiritual attrition is destroying the Jewish life of the 3,000,000 Jewish Soviet citizens. A pall of fear, thickened by an odious and vicious anti-Israel and anti-Semitic propaganda campaign, hangs heavily over Soviet Jewry. The humanitarian reunion of families, many of them separated by the holocaust, has virtually ceased. Premier Kosygin's statement last December in Paris that the 'door would be open' to emigrants remains mere words."

Leo W. Schwarz, Given Hadassah Award; Great Literary Talent Emphasized

NEW YORK, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- Leo W. Schwarz, writer, editor, teacher and lecturer, was presented this weekend with the Myrtle Wreath Achievement Award of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. The presentation was made by Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national president of Hadassah, at a brief ceremony at Veterans Hospital, where Mr. Schwarz is a patient. The citation hailed Mr. Schwarz as a "devoted friend of Hadassah, whose great literary talent, sensitive understanding and creative imagination have made him an outstanding interpreter of Jewish life." It was signed by the president of Hadassah and by Mrs. High Salpter, Hadassah's national membership chairman.

Council of Jewish Women To Open Center for Culturally Deprived in Jerusalem

NEW YORK, Nov. 5. (JTA) -- The National Council of Jewish Women has announced that it will establish a center in Israel for research into special methods and materials needed to teach disadvantaged and culturally deprived children and adults. The center, described by NCJW president Mrs. Leonard H. Weiner as the first of its kind anywhere in the world, will be affiliated with the Hebrew University's John Dewey School of Education, in Jerusalem.