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Security Council's 'Urgent' Meeting Continues Today; Arab Delegates Scored

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 15 (JTA)—The Security Council's "urgent" resumption of debate on the Middle East crisis, requested last week by Egypt, went over for still another day after a brief session this morning in which Israel and the United States castigated the Arab delegations, while both the U.S.A. and Britain pleaded with the 15-member body for "action now." When the Council reconvenes tomorrow, Egypt's "urgent" call will be exactly one week old.

Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban again told the Council that his Government will "maintain and respect" the cease-fire lines until these are "replaced by a peace treaty and secured frontiers." He charged the Arab spokesmen here with singing "hymns of hate, with no proposals for peace."

United States Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg told the Arabs they are trying to rewrite history by accusing the U.S.A. of delaying Middle East peace. He declared: "What we want now is action, not rhetoric." Britain's Lord Caradon scored the Syrian representative, Ambassador Adib Daoudi, for stressing "discord and deadlock." He pleaded with the Council to take action this week and to decide whether "we are going forward or backward." Lord Caradon did not introduce, as expected, a British draft resolution which had been foreseen as a possible bow to the Arab world. The Argentine and Brazilian delegations, which had led a Latin American move toward another draft resolution, presumably offering an anti-Israeli "compromise," had been scheduled to speak at the Council today and to offer their draft. But they took their names off the speakers' list. There were press reports here that Israel President Zalman Shazar had appealed personally to the presidents of Argentina and Brazil, requesting them to order their delegates hold back on their planned moves for a day or two.

Tunisia's Foreign Minister Upholds Israel's Existence, Ready for Mideast Settlement

BONN, Nov. 15 (JTA)—Tunisia's Foreign Minister, Habib Bourguiba, Jr., son of the Tunisian president, said here today that the Arab states must adopt a realistic attitude in the Middle East crisis because "they cannot oppose the very fact of Israel's existence." Mr. Bourguiba said in an interview with the German Press Agency that Tunisia is ready to participate in a settlement of the Middle East conflict.

Head of Belgian Senate Urges Security for Israel, Mideast 'Marshall Plan'

BRUSSELS, Nov. 15 (JTA)—The Chairman of the Belgian Senate declared at its opening session today that there will be no solution to the Middle East problem until Israel's right to existence and security is recognized by everybody, and until "the sad plight of the Arab refugees is equitably settled."

Senator Paul Struye, who was re-elected to the chairmanship, called on the small powers, especially Belgium, to take the initiative in formulating a "Marshall Plan type" of project for the Middle East that would embrace financing, irrigation and land rehabilitation to provide work and food for the refugees and finally restore peace to the region.

Israeli Police Jeep Fired Upon in West Bank Town; Occupants Escape Unhurt

TEL AVIV, Nov. 15 (JTA)—An Israeli police jeep was fired on last night by unidentified assailants in midtown Jenin, in the occupied West Bank. The driver of the vehicle managed to maneuver it in a way which permitted all of the occupants to escape being hit. Several bullets hit the jeep. The assailants used two machineguns, police said. The incident occurred just after the start of curfew. The curfew was extended this morning to enable continuation of the search for the gunners.

Gestapo Chieftain Mueller Reported Arrested as Germany Holds Israelis Without Bail

MUNICH, Nov. 15 (JTA)—The Bavarian State Prosecutor today filed charges against two Israelis, Baruch Shur and Daniel Gordon, who were arrested here for attempted housebreaking and passport violation nearly three weeks ago, and have been in jail since. The prosecutor, who refused to permit their release on bail, has demanded severe punishment. He admitted, however, that there is no evidence to support charges that the two were "agents" of a foreign country.

Shur and Gordon were picked up by police when they allegedly tried to enter the Munich apartment of the wife of Heinrich Mueller, a former Gestapo chief and one of the most wanted Nazi war criminals. They admitted that they were trying to track down Mueller, but denied that they were connected with any organization. Both men lost relatives in Nazi death camps.

In West Berlin, today, officials said that Mueller has been arrested in Panama, on a tip by a Belgian informant, and that West Germany has appealed to the Republic of Panama for his extradition.

(In London, the British United Press reported today that Mueller was arrested in Argentina.) The whereabouts of Mueller, Adolph Eichmann's superior in the Gestapo hierarchy, who disappeared in 1942, became a matter of international speculation following the Munich arrests. Though reported dead, there was no evidence of that fact. Earlier this week, an unidentified diplomat here was reported to have said that he knew Mueller to be alive in Maadi, Egypt, under an assumed name.

Czechoslovakia Admits Role in Canceling 1,000th Anniversary of Jewish Community

VIENNA, Nov. 15 (JTA)—The Czechoslovakian Government, which up to now has insisted that it had no official role in the planned celebration of the 1,000th anniversary of the Jewish community in Czechoslovakia, has admitted for the first time that it did indeed withdraw official sanction from the observance, which was canceled abruptly following the Arab-Israeli war last June. It was reported here that Czech security police secretly warned Jewish community leaders not to go ahead with the celebration without official approval.

The Czech admission was made by Education Minister Jiri Hajek, who told a Western Jewish journalist in an exclusive interview that the celebrations were canceled because representatives of the Czech Jewish community "made demands that the State was not prepared to grant" and asked for financial subsidies "over and above those granted to religious minorities within normal cultural subsidies." One of the alleged demands, according to Mr. Hajek, was made by Chief Rabbi Richard Feder "who wanted to invite large Jewish delegations from all over the world, including countries with which we maintain no diplomatic relations." The latter reference apparently included Israel with which Czechoslovakia severed diplomatic relations during the Six-Day war last June.

Poland Reports Expanding 'Anti-Zionist' Drive to Include All Jews in Country

BALTIMORE, Nov. 15 (JTA)—The Baltimore Sun has reported that an anti-Israel and anti-Zionist drive in Poland has been broadened to a move against the entire Polish Jewish community. Stuart Smith, in a dispatch from Bonn, based on reliable information reaching West Germany, said that the chief instigator of the anti-Semitic campaign has been identified as Mieczyslaw Moczar, Polish Interior Minister and Chief of Secret Police.

The report said that Col. Zygmunt Ostrowski, a 50-year old air force officer, and secretary of the technical institute of the Air Force Communist Party organization, committed suicide after being accused of pro-Israel sympathies. Victor Borowski, the Jewish Deputy editor of the Trybuna Ludu, the Polish party newspaper, was fired on trumped-up charges of Zionist feelings.

The sources reported, however, that the anti-Semitism of the authorities is not supported by the Polish people. It was said that the average Pole welcomed the Israeli victory as a comeuppance for the Soviet Union, and sympathizes with their Jewish neighbors.

U.S. Nuclear Expert Describes Details of Vast, Joint Project in Israel

JERUSALEM, Nov. 15 (JTA)—An atomic powered seawater desalination and electric generating plant to be built in Israel as a joint project of Israel and the United States will not be ready until 1975, but will have an electric output of 300 megawatts, 50 percent greater than originally planned, James Ramey, member of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, said here last night. Mr. Ramey, who stopped here for discussions of the project with Prime Minister Eshkol and members of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission, was enroute to Teheran. He departed last night.

He said that the atomic plant, which will be the second largest of its kind in the world, will have a desalting capacity of 100 million gallons of water per day. It was originally supposed to go into operation in 1973. Mr. Ramey noted that there are to be further discussions between the U.S. and Israel Governments as to how the project will be implemented. "I don't think that the discussions between the governments have gotten to the matter of financing yet," he said.

American Ambassador Tells Israelis He Hopes U.S.A. Will Not Disappoint Them

TEL AVIV, Nov. 15 (JTA)—United States Ambassador Walworth Barbour joined with Israeli dignitaries today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of Kfar Batya, a vocational and agricultural training center sponsored by the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America.

Responding to a speech by Interior Minister Moshe Shapira, hailing American friendship for Israel, Ambassador Barbour said he hoped that Israel will not be disappointed in her belief in the United States. Also present were Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Untermann, Itzhak Artzi, head of Youth Aliya, and Mrs. S. Deborah Ebin, honorary president of the Mizrahi Women, Kfar Batya, founded in 1947, has an enrollment of 500 pupils.

Sapir to Resign Israeli Finance Ministry; Hints at Great Cost of Six-Day War

JERUSALEM, Nov. 15 (JTA)—Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, said today, in an interview with the Army weekly Bamachaneh, that he intended to resign at the close of the current Parliament, in 1969.

The Finance Minister noted he had been a member of the Cabinet for 12 years, and that he felt "this was enough." He also said that direct and indirect costs of the Six-Day June war had been a "ten-figure number." Israel's defense budget is classified information.

CJFWF Assembly, Opening Today, to Plan Intensified Jewish Role in Many Areas

CLEVELAND, Nov. 15 (JTA)—Plans were being made here today for mobilization of the American Jewish community to meet intensified demands for aid in Israel and other countries abroad, and for the strengthening of Jewish community programs at home, particularly in the field of education. These topics will be the major concern of the 36th annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which opens here tomorrow at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel.

More than 1,500 delegates and guests attending the Assembly will also devote much attention to the role of the Jewish agencies in regard to the programs for dealing with urgent national social problems, such as the crisis in the cities, the war on poverty and the broadening of educational opportunities. The Assembly is also expected to devote much attention to the civil rights struggle, and to take a strong stand on the question of separation of church and state in the area of education.

As in past years, most of the Assembly's work will be done in workshop sessions, with the larger and smaller communities meeting separately to discuss the impact of issues on communities of like size, and how the community agencies can best deal with them. Major focus of the Assembly will be on the increased needs confronting the communities in 1968, after the greatest fund-raising year in American Jewish history.

Council officials noted today that the federations and welfare funds had raised some \$100 million more in 1967 for domestic and overseas needs than in 1948 — the previous peak year. Reports to the Assembly will establish that overseas needs, particularly in Israel, will continue in 1968 with little abatement because the State of Israel must concentrate its resources on security. This situation was recognized in the earlier decision to continue the Israel Emergency Fund for the coming year. Reports to the Assembly will also show the extent to which new and changing needs and rising costs have made it necessary to continue increased support for domestic programs.

Workshop sessions will consider in detail the extent to which Government welfare and health programs have affected the programs maintained by the Jewish communities, but reports prepared for discussion in these sessions tend to show that the Government programs fill hitherto unmet needs, rather than to assume the responsibilities of voluntary agencies. In line with the trend of recent assemblies, this session was expected to deal in detail with the question of Jewish education and to urge on the federations and welfare funds an increased role in this area, and support of detailed measures to upgrade Jewish education.

Observers predicted that the Assembly, the largest and most representative meeting of Jewish community leadership, would adopt a strong position on a number of political issues, including a plea to the United States Government to support Israel in its efforts to reach peace agreements with the Arab states; a strong reaffirmation of belief in the principle of separation of the church and state; a strong position on the civil rights issue; and detailed criticism of the Government's policies and measures in handling problems such as urban blight and the war on poverty. A special session of the Assembly will be devoted to the Jewish role in the human rights struggle.

Conservatives Vote Moderate Viet Nam War Stand Against Own Survey

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 15 (JTA)—The congregational movement of American Conservative Judaism has approved a moderate resolution on the Viet Nam war, favoring phased withdrawal of American troops and United Nations intervention to achieve a cease-fire.

The action followed a lengthy debate on the Administration's policy in Viet Nam, and contrasted with findings of an informal survey among the delegates to the biennial convention here of the United Synagogue of America. The survey was directed by Henry N. Rapaport, of Scarsdale, N.Y., president of the organization.

The approved resolution, which also opposed any change "in the restrained character of this conflict through military escalation" until "a negotiated settlement is achieved," followed generally a position taken last year by the Synagogue Council of America, the coordinating agency for Reform, Conservative and Orthodox congregational and rabbinic groups.

The survey, taken previously among 583 delegates, showed that 62 percent opposed the Administration's Viet Nam policy and that 73 percent opposed escalation, while 63 percent favored an end to the bombing of North Viet Nam only if "there is a prior reciprocal indication from Hanoi." In the survey, 84 percent rejected immediate and unilateral United States withdrawal, and 63 percent favored a phased withdrawal.

An attack on Congress for its "failure to pass meaningful anti-poverty legislation" was made at the convention by Rabbi Morris Laub, executive director of the United Synagogue's joint commission on social action. He called the 90th Congress "a do-nothing, know-nothing Congress, one of the worst in recent history." He urged that synagogues and their members should "speak up, write their Congressmen and make their views known."

Reform Parley Urges Congregations to Train Laymen for Christian Dialogues

MONTREAL, Nov. 15 (JTA)—A resolution committing American Reform Judaism to equip its lay members with the knowledge to undertake "sustained dialogue" with Christians was approved for the first time in the history of the movement today by delegates to the 49th biennial convention of the

Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The resolution urged the 680 affiliated Reform congregations in the United States and Canada "to institute continuing special adult education courses in basic Judaism which will prepare laymen for interreligious dialogue, to introduce courses in comparative religion by which to better understand the differences in theology and history which distinguish Judaism from other religions, and to initiate continuing, on-going interreligious adult education programs."

The resolution asserted that such dialogue "demands knowledgeable Jewish laymen. Thus prepared, we are not fearful that such interreligious confrontation will weaken the faith of those who participate in it. To the contrary," the resolution asserted, "experience has shown that the dialogue process is a vehicle for strengthening Jewish self-knowledge, self-respect and even personal faith."

Mild Resolution on Viet Nam War Contrasted With Eisendrath Advice

The 3,000 delegates also approved a mild resolution on the American participation in the Viet Nam war in which they urged "an early initiative" to halt the bombing of North Viet Nam and called on the Government of North Viet Nam "to respond favorably "on United States initiatives for negotiations to end the war."

The resolution also said that the delegates "deplored" the "ugly campaign of calumny and vilification that seeks to place major responsibility on the United States for the war in Viet Nam" and that "equally do we reject the counsel of those calling for intensified military engagement."

The resolution contrasted with the repeated demands by the UAHC president, Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, that the United States get out of Viet Nam immediately. In his opening address to the convention, Rabbi Eisendrath called the war "a bloody carnage" and "a deep burn in the American soul."

The delegates apparently also differed with Rabbi Eisendrath on his call for a resolution which would urge a law to accord conscientious objector rights to those who oppose only "a particular war," meaning the Viet Nam conflict. After a heated floor debate, the delegates rejected a resolution calling for "selective conscientious objection" by prospective draftees for the Viet Nam war. The delegates approved a proposal calling for expansion of opportunities for non-combat military and non-military service for all conscientious objectors, calling for "utmost care" in preventing the use of the selective service law "as punishment" against opponents of the war.

Toronto Sells Over \$1 Million in Israel Bonds, Honoring D. Lou Harris

TORONTO, Nov. 15 (JTA)—More than \$1,000,000 in State of Israel Bonds was sold in tribute to D. Lou Harris, National Chairman of the Israel Bond drive for Canada, whose 70th birthday was celebrated tonight. He was honored at a dinner attended by more than 1,000 persons.

The Prime Minister's Medal of the State of Israel, which Israel's Premier Levi Eshkol established in special recognition of the role of Israel Bonds in Israel's development, was presented to Mr. Harris at the testimonial dinner. The event was sponsored by the State of Israel Bond drive.

Mitchell Sharp, Canadian Minister of Finance; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization; and John Bassett, publisher of the Toronto Telegram, paid tribute to Mr. Harris's record of leadership in behalf of Israel and in a wide variety of communal and humanitarian activities.

Rabbis Rackman, Lookstein Honored at Bond Event Selling \$750,000 Worth

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (JTA)—The Israel Bond organization honored two prominent New York rabbis and sold \$750,000 worth of bonds at a dinner here last night, attended by 200 persons. Guests of honor at the dinner, organized by the Manhattan division of the State of Israel Bonds, were Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, and Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. Each was cited for his role as a spiritual leader, educator, scholar and "champion of Israel." Michael Arnon, Israel's Consul-General in New York, was guest speaker.

Humphrey Lauds New York Federation as World's Greatest Charitable Organization

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (JTA)—Vice-President Humphrey tonight praised the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, which he called "the world's greatest charitable organization" with greater financial resources at its command than any other private charity. The Vice-President spoke at a dinner of the Federation's Brooklyn division celebrating the Federation's current, 50th anniversary highlighting its \$27 million maintenance campaign for 130 health, welfare and community agencies serving more than 1,350,000 New Yorkers.

Mr. Humphrey hailed the "creative and enduring impact that the Federation has on the lives of downtrodden people of all faiths." "In a world still torn by racial and religious tensions, you have given unblemished expression to the highest Judeo-Christian ideals of brotherhood among men," he said.

Mr. Humphrey touched in his address on the war in Viet Nam, the war on poverty and foreign aid. Praising the generosity of the American people, he cited as examples, contributions to "the Red Cross, the United Jewish Appeal, the Church World Services, the Catholic Relief Services, Care and many other private organizations that have immeasurably strengthened the humanitarian impact of America in the world."