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Tekoah Tells Thant That Situation Of Jews In Iraq Worsens, Asks International Action

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 25 (JTA)--Ambassador Yosef Tekoah of Israel described the situation of Jews in Iraq as grave and declared today that their condition can no longer be left "without international action." His warning was contained in a letter to United Nations Secretary-General U Thant and he asked that the message be circulated as a Security Council and General Assembly document.

Mr. Tekoah drew attention to what he said was "fanatical incitement against the Jewish community that is being conducted in the Iraqi Government press, radio and television." He asserted that many Jews that were detained after the Arab-Israel war last June are still under arrest. Others, he said, have been deprived of their livelihood. "Their only salvation would be to leave Iraq, but the Government has forbidden them to depart the country," he said.

Citing his own letter of May 31 to Mr. Thant in which Mr. Tekoah said there was a "serious aggravation" of the situation of Jews in Iraq, the Israeli Ambassador said today that Iraq's reply on June 3 did not refute the charges. In Iraq's reply, its UN envoy Adnan Pachachi said that Iraqi Jews "enjoy complete equality with other citizens." Mr. Tekoah had assailed recent Iraqi legislation as discriminatory and Mr. Pachachi replied that the laws were designed "to protect the interests of loyal Jewish citizens of Iraq," describing them as "minor legislative measures." In his letter yesterday, Mr. Tekoah declared that "it is a cynical and callous mockery of human rights to describe Hitlerite legislation" as "minor." The laws involved, Mr. Tekoah said in his May 31 message, denied Jews civil liberties, freedom of movement and the possibility of employment.

Israelis Discount Reports Of British Pressure On Rusk For Middle East 'Timetable'

JERUSALEM, June 25 (JTA)--The Foreign Ministry today discounted press reports that Britain's Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart was trying to influence United States Secretary of State Dean Rusk to agree to a "timetable" for implementation of the Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 resolution on the Middle East. Mr. Stewart and Mr. Rusk are attending a conference of the NATO ministers council in Reykjavik, Iceland.

The Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mail reported in London yesterday that both Stewart and Rusk were concerned over the lack of progress in Middle East peace efforts and were preparing to pressure both sides toward a compromise. The Telegraph said that Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko had hinted to Mr. Stewart in Moscow two months ago that he would be ready to join Britain and the U.S. in Middle East peace efforts. The Soviets insist that the Nov. 22 resolution calls for an immediate Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories.

Concerning Stewart's talks in Moscow, Israeli Foreign Ministry sources said today that the British Foreign Office had advised the Israel Embassy in London that there was agreement with the Soviet Union "only on the aim of peace."

Knesset Labor Faction Drafts 'Secrecy' Rule After 'Leak' Of Controversial Dayan Remarks

JERUSALEM, June 25 (JTA)--The Labor Party faction in the Knesset (Parliament) took steps today to plug the "leak" that was the cause of a political controversy in Israel last week. The group drafted a rule binding its members to secrecy on any subject that its chairman might classify as secret. The move followed press publication of off-the-record remarks by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan at a party caucus. Gen. Dayan had reportedly urged the Government to reject the Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 Middle East resolution because, as he interpreted it, the resolution called for Israel's unconditional withdrawal to the boundaries that existed before last June's Six-Day War. The accuracy of the attribution was not disputed in the debate that followed. But the Government, obviously embarrassed, issued a Cabinet statement Sunday rejecting the alleged Dayan interpretation of the resolution and re-stated its own which is that the resolution provided a basis for peace talks.

Prime Minister Eshkol said in a radio address Friday night that foreign policy statements were the prerogative of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister only. Foreign Minister Eban was reportedly seeking a Cabinet ruling barring such statements by other ministers. Defense Minister Dayan yesterday rejected, on grounds of security, a question in the Knesset by a member of the New Communist Party. The questioner wanted to know the number of persons detained in Israel for security reasons.

El-Kony Tells Thant Dayan's Remarks Indicate 'Designs' On Territories

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 25 (JTA)--The United Arab Republic's envoy here conveyed to Secretary-General U Thant remarks attributed to Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israel's Defense Minister, and commented that they demonstrated Israeli "designs" on occupied territories and "contempt and disregard" of a UN resolution on Mid-East peace.

Alleging that the remarks indicated Israeli expansionism in the Middle East, Ambassador Mohamed Awad el-Kony asked that the letter be circulated as a Security Council document. Among Gen. Dayan's remarks in question were statements that Israel must retain parts of the Sinai Peninsula and Sharm-El-Sheikh, the latter guarding the approaches to the Straits of Tiran.

Cease-Fire Violations Alleged By Israel And Jordan In Separate Letters At UN

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 25 (JTA)--Israel and Jordan have exchanged allegations here of cease-fire violations. Israel's charges were contained in a letter sent yesterday to Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, this month's Security Council president. The Jordanian accusations appeared in a letter sent June 21 to Secretary-General U Thant. The letter sent by Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah said that between May 26 and June 23 there have been 68 Jordanian cease-fire violations of which 49 have been attacks from military positions employing artillery, mortars, bazooka and machineguns. He said there had been 11 mining raids and eight attacks by armed commandos who entered Israel.

Mr. Tekoah said that three civilians and one soldier were killed and 15 civilians and 22 soldiers wounded in the period cited. "The danger to the civilian population has greatly increased in view of the recent upsurge in sudden night attacks on Israeli villages. In these attacks heavy mortars are employed frequently by El Fatah units receiving support from regular Jordanian forces," Mr. Tekoah asserted.

Jordan's Ambassador, Muhammad H. el-Farra, said in his message that Israeli forces has engaged in a concerted wide range of attacks on the Jordan River's East Bank during April, May and the first week in June. He alleged that the attacks were aimed mainly at Jordanian farmers and civilians living and working in the Jordan Valley, and said that Israeli troops attempted to cross the river several times, succeeding in planting mines in fields and roads, causing death and injury to civilians. "It is of specific importance to note that the Israelis used the Church of Baptism on the River Jordan as a base from which they shelled Jordanian observation posts and farms," Mr. el-Farra asserted.

Gaza Military Tribunal Sentences 10 El Fatah Leaders; One Gets 18 Years

TEL AVIV, June 25 (JTA)--A military tribunal in Gaza yesterday imposed prison sentences ranging from one to 18 years on 10 El Fatah members. The maximum penalty was drawn by Amran Mahmoud Assnoui, an El Fatah operations officer in the Gaza Strip who was convicted of recruiting youth to the terrorist organization, possession of an arms arsenal and smuggling arms to the Hebron region. The El Fatah "political officer" in Gaza, Abdul Latif Oubayed, was sentenced to seven years in prison. He had pleaded that there was "no El Fatah political activity" in the Gaza Strip. The other defendants received smaller sentences.

Newsman Force Retraction Of Jordanian Charges Israelis Applying Death Penalty

ROME, June 25 (JTA)--Two former Jordanian officials were forced by sharp questioning at a sparsely-attended news conference here to retract a charge that Israeli occupation authorities were imposing death sentences on Arabs in the West Bank area.

The charge was one of a number of similar allegations made by Rouhi el-Khatib, former mayor of East Jerusalem, and Rimahoui Kassem, former vice-president of the Jordanian Parliament and Information Minister, on a tour of Europe. The two Jordanians accused Israel of aggression and with "unjustified annexation" of East Jerusalem, as well as of enforcing "oppressive military and emergency laws" in the occupied areas and with "imposing death and life imprisonment on the slight suspicion of using arms." Under questioning, they conceded that no death sentences had been imposed in the occupied areas. The former mayor reportedly said in Geneva that demonstrations against Israeli "oppression" in East Jerusalem were being carried out by Arab women because the Israelis "have threatened demonstrators with 15 years' imprisonment."

Pope Paul Makes New Plea For Peace In Middle East, Cooperation With Jarring Mission

ROME, June 25 (JTA)--Pope Paul has appealed to the "interested parties" in the Middle East not to widen the present tensions, mentioning Lebanon specifically, and to find a workable solution to the Arab refugee problem. Lebanon has been involved in across-the-border shooting in recent months for the first time since prior to the Six-Day War a year ago.

The Pope, speaking to the Cardinals on the occasion of his patron saint day, also urged avoidance of discrimination toward inhabitants of any countries in the area and called for application of all possible efforts to find new formulas of co-existence and cooperation in the region. He suggested the United Nations resolutions on the Middle East offered possibilities for a just and durable peace and he urged maximum cooperation by the various countries to implement them. He said he hoped every nation in the area would have dignity, independence and "the right to existence." He also reiterated his belief that Jerusalem and the Holy Places should be under international jurisdiction.

Eshkol Tours Negev Research Institute, Finds Desalinated Water 'Isn't Bad'

TEL AVIV, June 25 (JTA)--Prime Minister Levi Eshkol drank a glass of desalted water in the Negev today and said "it isn't bad." Mr. Eshkol was on a visit to the Negev Research Institute in Beer-sheba, a research center sponsored by the Israel Government with the assistance of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) to study ways to improve agriculture in Israel's arid desert regions and to make human life there more comfortable. The institute is marking its 10th anniversary.

Prominent Citizens of Togo Name Their Children After Personalities in Israel

LOME, Togo, June 25 (JTA)--Prominent citizens of this West African Republic are naming their children after Israeli personalities as a way of expressing their friendship toward Israel and appreciation for the training many of them have received at the Afro-Asian Institute in Tel Aviv which is sponsored by Histadrut, Israel's labor federation. A former Togolese Minister of Justice has named his son Nicolai Moshe, the first name being in honor of the President of the Republic and the second for Israel Ambassador Moshe Livai. The infant son of N. Amagan was named Shalom after the Institute's Shalom social club.

Dr. Neumann Elected Chairman Of Jewish Agency's American Section; Absorption Unit Named

JERUSALEM, June 25 (JTA)--Dr. Emanuel Neumann of New York, was unanimously elected chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency Executive at a plenary meeting of the Executive here last night. Dr. Neumann, who heads the World Union of General Zionists, will succeed Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, of the World Confederation of General Zionists, who did not join the new Executive. Mrs. Halprin's seat has been given to Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national president of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

The Jewish Agency also named its representatives to the joint Government-Agency committee that will work out a division of responsibilities between the Government and the Jewish Agency in the field of immigrant absorption. They are Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency and head of its immigration department; A. L. Dultzin, the new treasurer; and Avraham Cygiel who was deputized by Mr. Pincus to run the unified immigration and absorption department of the Jewish Agency until a division of its functions with the Government is worked out.

The Government will establish a new Cabinet ministry for absorption. It is understood, however, that the Jewish Agency will retain responsibility for the initial stages of absorption. The task of the joint Government-Agency committee will be to decide where the initial stage ends and the permanent stage begins.

Earlier, the new Jewish Agency Executive met with outgoing members here to arrange handing over of responsibilities and departmental reorganization. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, former president of the World Zionist Organization, attended the meeting.

Zionist 'Peace Corps' Will Increase Threefold, Youth Serve On Kibbutzim

JERUSALEM, June 25 (JTA)--The Zionist version of the Peace Corps — a movement which brings youngsters from all parts of the world to Israel for a year's voluntary service on a kibbutz — will be increased threefold, according to a resolution adopted here at the closing session of the conference of the World Confederation of General Zionists. The General Zionists and the Jewish Agency jointly finance the movement which is known as "Shnat Sherut" (Year's Service). They plan to increase the number of volunteers from 200 to 600 a year and have agreed to finance the purchase or construction of additional youth hostels in Israel to accommodate the increase.

(The American Zionist Youth Foundation announced in New York that more than 1,500 high school and college students will participate this summer in programs in Israel. According to Charles Bick, chairman, the Summer Kibbutz in Israel program has tripled its enrollment this year with 450 participants. He credited the increased interest in Israel among college students and the work of local Israel programs committees for the record enrollment. The Sherut La'am (National Service) which is the American title for "Shnat Sherut" will send 150 volunteers to Israel this year. Other American youth will participate in the Israel Summer Institute, a study and tour program for college-aged youngsters established 20 years ago.)

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of Keren Hayesod, the fund-raising arm of the World Zionist movement, was elected co-chairman of the World Confederation of General Zionists along with Mrs. Rose L. Halprin of New York. Elected vice chairmen were Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, president of Hadassah, who was also elected to the Jewish Agency Executive, and Ezra Shapiro. Kalman Sultanik was elected executive vice chairman.

Israel's Interior Minister, Moshe Shapiro, Elected Mizrahi Hapoel Hamizrachi Head

JERUSALEM, June 25 (JTA)--Moshe Shapiro, Israel's Interior Minister, was elected world president of the Mizrahi Hapoel Hamizrachi movement at the religious Zionists' world conference which closed here today. The post has been vacant since the death of Rabbi Meir Bar-Ilan.

The delegates elected Rabbi Zemach Zambrowski of Montreal, Canada, as chairman of the organization's world center, succeeding Leon Gellman, who retired. Rabbi Zambrowski has been president and chairman of the Canadian Mizrahi organization. He will now settle in Israel. The delegates also elected 28 members to the new world center. One decision of the conference was a resolution approving the stand of the Mizrahi against joining the Jewish Agency because it did not receive the immigration portfolio. The delegates also approved a \$350,000 scholarship fund for religious students.

Goldmann Criticizes Israel Peace Policy, Takes Dim View Of Zionist Movement's Future

TEL AVIV, June 25 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who said that one of his main reasons for declining re-election to another term as president of the World Zionist Organization was to be free to speak his mind, exercised that freedom at a press conference here today. The 74-year-old world Jewish leader voiced some sharp criticism of Israeli foreign policy. He also took a dim view of the future of the Zionist movement which he had headed until a week ago.

Dr. Goldmann urged the Israel Government to state its proposals for a peace settlement with the Arabs now, even if that meant wrecking the national coalition Government that Prime Minister Levi Eshkol put together during the war crisis of May, 1967. Dr. Goldmann spoke at the Tzavta Club, an organization sponsored by the leftist labor party, Mapam. He said that American diplomats with whom he was in touch were getting "weary" of Israel's insistence that she would reveal her peace plans only at the negotiating table with the Arabs. He told questioners that he was convinced that the road to Middle East peace passes through Moscow and that he would continue to maintain his contacts with Soviet bloc diplomats.

Dr. Goldmann said that he doubted whether the Zionist movement could be revived though he would do his best to help his "good friend" Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive.

Orthodox Group Asks Soviets To Permit More Jewish Religious Leaders To Visit U.S.

FALLSBURG, N.Y., June 25 (JTA)--The head of the largest Orthodox rabbinical group in the Western Hemisphere appealed today to the Soviet Union to permit Jewish religious leaders to visit the United States to establish a closer relationship and build a bridge of understanding between the Soviet and American Jewish communities.

The plea was made by Rabbi Pesach Levovitz of Lakewood, N.J., president of the Rabbinical Council of America in the presence of Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin of Moscow. Rabbi Levin received a rousing ovation from the 500 rabbinical delegates as he entered the convention site. The Orthodox rabbinical group is holding its 32nd annual convention.

Rabbi Levin warmly acknowledged Hebrew greetings of the welcome extended to him and heard Rabbi Levovitz assert that "we fervently hope that his visit will result in the achievement of a closer relationship between the two largest Jewish communities in the world." Leaders of the Rabbinical Council characterized Rabbi Levin's visit as "a major breakthrough." In this connection the Orthodox leaders said it was the first time in the past 50 years that Orthodox Jewish leaders had been permitted to come to the U.S. They added that Rabbi Levin was "a living symbol of Russian Jewry."

In a brief talk, Rabbi Levin praised the American Jewish community for building Jewish culture and religious institutions and for placing emphasis on instilling a love for the Torah in Jewish homes. Specifically, he praised Jewish mothers for giving their children traditional Jewish education.

The luncheon session was addressed by the Israeli Ambassador, Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, who said "Israel is capable of holding on to won territory 10, 15 and even 20 years. We will hold it until the Arabs are ready to negotiate." Gen. Rabin added that it was not a question of "our loving our new territory, as even some nations friendly to us have ascribed, but rather and simply a question of Israel's security. The territory is Israel's big bargaining point."

Gen. Rabin firmly declared that Israel wanted a real peace. The time element, he added, was up to the Arabs, as was the duration of Israel's holding the occupied territory.

New Histadrut Institute To Honor Dr. Paul Dudley White, Heart Specialist

BOSTON, June 25 (JTA)--The National Committee for Labor Israel announced plans today to honor Dr. Paul Dudley White, the heart specialist, by creating a Dr. Paul Dudley White Cardiovascular Research Institute in one of the 14 general hospitals in Israel of the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation.

Initial funds for the project were raised at a dinner here attended by more than 500 guests. Another beneficiary is the International Cardiology Foundation of which Dr. White is president. Dr. White lauded Israel's high level of health standards and Histadrut's goal of humanitarian progress.

American Negro Leader Due In Israel Today As Guest Of Foreign Ministry

WASHINGTON, June 25 (JTA)--Sterling Tucker, Washington director of the Urban League and national coordinator last week of the Solidarity Day program in connection with the Poor People's Campaign, is expected to arrive in Israel today as guest of the Foreign Ministry. Mr. Tucker is a specialist in urban planning.

98 United States Immigrants Arrive At Haifa, Most Have Jobs Waiting

HAIFA, June 25 (JTA)--The Greek liner, Queen Anna Maria, arrived here yesterday and disembarked 98 immigrants from the United States, most of them professionals who have jobs waiting for them in Israel. Ninety-one of the newcomers were given temporary residents status but seven received new immigrant status after waiving all rights of foreign citizens. Ten young people in the group will join kibbutzim. Part of the group went directly to flats that they had acquired in advance of their arrival.

The newcomers represent a fair cross-section of immigration from the United States. Abraham Chussid, who arrived with his wife and four children, was a salesman in the United States but will try kibbutz life here. Prof. Franklin Vogelson will teach sociology at Haifa University. Moshe Sapirstein will teach English at the American College, a new institution for foreign students that will open in Jerusalem next fall.

Dr. Morton J. Robbins Dead At 70; Was Long Active In Zionist Efforts

NEW YORK, June 25 (JTA)--Dr. Morton J. Robbins, an honorary president of the Zionist Organization of America who practiced medicine in Nashua, N.H., died in Tel Aviv at the age of 70, it was reported here today. Dr. Robbins had attended the 27th World Zionist Congress.

He was born in the Ukraine, came to the United States in 1922 and studied pharmacy at Rutgers University. He earned his medical degree at the University of Liege, Belgium, in 1927 and was awarded an honorary doctorate of letters by the International Academy of New York and London in 1953.

Dr. Robbins, who retired from practice in 1964, had been vice chairman of the ZOA's national executive council and national chairman of its youth commission and of the American Zionist Fund. He was a member of the Zionist Actions Committee.

He also had been a member of the national council of the United Israel Appeal and a governor of the Jewish National Fund. He was a founder of the American Physicians Fellowship of the Israel Medical Association.