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New Iraqi Revolutionary Council Calls For Militant Action Against Israelis

LONDON, July 17 (JTA)--The Iraqi military junta that ousted President Abdel Rahman Arif in a coup today has called for more militant action against Israel, according to reports reaching here from Baghdad. A communique broadcast by Baghdad radio said the revolutionary command council formed to run the country accused the Arif regime of having ignored the needs of the Army, participating in the disaster of the June, 1967 war against Israel and having done nothing to reach a settlement of the Kurdish problem. The new regime charged that the latter failure had deprived Iraq "of the honor of contributing to the struggle against Israel."

The Baghdad radio also broadcast an appeal to Iraqi troops, stationed in Jordan since June, 1967, to support the revolution. It said one of the reasons for the coup was the need for "more action and fewer words in striking blows against the Jews." "Let us march behind our revolution to fight Israeli aggression to the end," the broadcast said. President Arif, who took office in April, 1966, was reported to have been stripped of his powers and pensioned off. Other reports today said he has fled to Turkey.

Dayan Proposes Arabs Seek Work In Israel; Gets Arab Appeal On Passport Stamping

TEL AVIV, July 17 (JTA)--Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan suggested in Nablus yesterday that, "on the assumption that there will be no political changes in the near future," West Bank workers should seek employment in Israel instead of going abroad for jobs. Gen. Dayan made the suggestion to Mayor Hamdi Cannaan, of Nablus, in connection with Arab requests that Israel stop stamping the passports of Arabs entering the West Bank from other Arab countries.

Gen. Dayan said that he thought about 1,000 Nablus workers could be absorbed daily by the labor market in Natanya. He also said that the Israel Government was prepared to extend aid for any constructive suggestions but would not tolerate subversive activities. About a dozen Nablus high school youths have been arrested for training with firearms and distributing anti-Israel posters.

Mayor Cannaan used the occasion of Gen. Dayan's visit to appeal for an end to the passport stamping, which has apparently become a major issue among West Bank Arabs. Mayor Mouhammad Jabaari, of Hebron, made the same appeal to Minister of Religious Affairs, Zerah Warhaftig who visited that town yesterday. Mayor Cannaan said that Kuwait does not recognize passports bearing an Israel stamp. Many West Bankers work in the Kuwait oil refineries and return home once a year to visit their families.

The stamp issue arose when Israel authorized Arabs from abroad, particularly students, to spend their summer vacations with relatives in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Many Arabs stayed away, however, for fear of losing their passports when they returned home. The Israeli stamp, printed in Hebrew, Arabic and French, is similar to stamps affixed to passports at frontiers all over the world. Jordanian authorities announced earlier this week that they would issue new passports to all West Bank visitors.

Special Quarter Will Be Built In West Bank Town Of Hebron For Jewish Settlers

JERUSALEM, July 17 (JTA)--The Minister for Religious Affairs announced today that a special quarter will be built in Hebron for a group of Orthodox Jews who went there last Passover and announced their intention of remaining. Dr. Zerah Warhaftig said the plans included family housing, dormitories for yeshiva students, a dining hall, clinics and a children's house.

The settlers said they were determined to revive the Jewish community in Hebron which is the site of the Patriarchs' tombs and is considered holy by Orthodox Jews. But no Jews have lived there since the Arab riots of 1936 and the present Arab community objected vehemently to the 80-odd religious Jews moving in. Mayor Mouhammad Jaabari and the town elders protested to Prime Minister Levi Eshkol but to no avail.

Egyptians Court-Martialled After Penetration Of Air-Space By Israeli Pilots

LONDON, July 17 (JTA)--About 20 Egyptian Air Force officers have been court-martialled as a result of a daylight reconnaissance flight by two Israeli Mirage jet fighters, it was reported here today from reliable sources in Egypt. The sources said that the reconnaissance action took place about 10 days ago when the fighters penetrated Egypt's Soviet-supplied air defense network between the Suez Canal and Cairo. Scores of eyewitnesses were said to have seen the Mirages swoop between the Cairo International Airport and a nearby military field before heading back to Israel.

The Egyptian Air Force and ground defense made no apparent attempt to stop them, according to some reports. But others, which could not be confirmed, said that one Egyptian MIG fighter gave chase. The court-martial showed how gravely Egypt regarded the incident, the sources said.

13 El Fatah Saboteurs Killed In Clash Near Nablus; One Israeli Injured

TEL AVIV, July 17 (JTA)--Thirteen El Fatah saboteurs were killed and one was captured in a clash with an Israeli Army patrol north of Jericho today in which one Israeli soldier was slightly wounded, a military spokesman announced.

Three Israeli soldiers were injured when an Army halftrack hit a mine near the new settlement of Nahal Golan in the southeast Golan Heights. It was believed that the mine was planted by saboteurs who infiltrated from Jordanian territory. Another mine was found and dismantled at Tirat Zvi in the Beisan Valley.

The saboteurs killed near Jericho wore camouflaged uniforms and commando boots and carried large quantities of explosives. They were believed to have crossed over from Jordan. The captured man was said to have been their guide.

More than 25 Arabs have been arrested in the past few days on suspicion of sabotage and cooperation with terrorist groups. Three suspects were held for questioning in Gaza in connection with a rash of mining incidents in the Gaza Strip. Authorities in Hebron said that more than 10 arrests had been made there on suspicion of aiding terrorists.

Eban Reiterates Israel's Desire To Discuss Peace With Any Arab State In Region

JERUSALEM, July 17 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban said in the Knesset (Parliament) today that he had "every reason to believe that the United States Government will give its blessings to any talks that might be held between Israel and the Arabs and would not try to intervene in the discussions." Mr. Eban spoke in reply to a question by Shmuel Tamir of the Free Center faction. He reiterated Israel's position that it was prepared to have talks with any Arab country willing to discuss a lasting peace and security in the region. "We have no preference list or grading of importance. Any country willing to talk is welcome," Mr. Eban said.

In reply to a question from Aryeh Avneri of the Haolam Hazeh faction, Mr. Eban said that Israel stands by its proposal for a regional meeting on the refugee problem to prepare a five-year plan of refugee aid. He said that Israel suggested that such a conference start even before a solution is reached on the other problems because of the humanitarian needs involved. He said that a solution of the refugee problem would involve reconstruction and rehabilitation projects in all areas that can absorb refugees.

The Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee decided by a 19-to-14 vote today to hold a general debate in the Knesset on Israeli aid to Biafra, the break-away province of Nigeria where tens of thousands of civilians are reportedly facing starvation. The vote rejected Mr. Eban's proposal that debate on the subject be limited to the Foreign Affairs Committee. Replying to a number of questions, Mr. Eban said that Israel will take part in any humane action to help hungry Biafrans. Israel has sent some aid and more will be sent in the future, he said.

Israel's UN Ambassador To Return Home For Talks Before Assembly Opens

JERUSALEM, July 17 (JTA)--Israel's chief representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Joseph Tekoah, will return here for consultations which will begin early next month, the Foreign Ministry announced today. (It was reported at UN headquarters in New York today that the General Assembly will postpone its scheduled Sept. 17 opening for one week and will not begin general debate for an additional week. General debate is the series of major policy addresses made at the fall session by top delegates, including many foreign ministers. The delay was reportedly requested by the 66 nation Afro-Asian bloc.)

Meanwhile, a heated debate appeared to be shaping up for next Sunday's Cabinet meeting where Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and Foreign Minister Abba Eban will report on their talks with the American diplomatic mission headed by Ambassador George Ball and with McGeorge Bundy, president of the Ford Foundation and a confidant of President Johnson. The debate was expected to center around Mr. Ball's reported efforts to persuade Israel to relax its demand for direct negotiations with the Arabs and accept some other form of contact through the UN peace envoy, Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring.

Cypriots Plead With Israelis To Curtail Tourist Boycott Of Their Island

TEL AVIV, July 17 (JTA)--A group of visiting Greek Cypriots pleaded with Israelis today to end their tourist boycott of Cyprus because the island's economy was suffering.

The Cypriots, all farmers who spent several weeks at an Israeli agricultural settlement as guests of the Ministry of Agriculture, acknowledged that the boycott may have been justified by the pro-Arab stand that President Makarios of Cyprus took after the Six-Day War. At the time, he branded Israel an "aggressor" and has never reversed himself.

But, the Cypriots argued, Israelis still take vacations in France, notwithstanding President de Gaulle's unfriendly policy, "so they don't have to boycott us because of Makarios." Cyprus was formerly the favorite resort of middle class Israelis going abroad. The island is only an hour from Israel by air and an overnight cruise by sea.

First Malben Center In Jerusalem Opened, United Jewish Appeal Mission Told

TEL AVIV, July 17 (JTA)--Israel's first health, counseling and guidance center for the aged has been opened in Jerusalem by Malben, the agency ministering to the needs of ill, aged and handicapped immigrants. Harold Trobe, general director of Malben, told members of the United Jewish Appeal's young leadership mission that Jerusalem was selected as the site of the new center because of the large concentration of people of advanced age there.

World Council Of Synagogues Urges Relief For Jewish Minorities In Poland, USSR

LONDON, July 17 (JTA)--The World Council of Synagogues, representing Conservative Jewish congregations in 22 countries, concluded its biennial convention here today with an appeal to the Polish Government "to reverse the course of anti-Semitism now raging for more than a year." A resolution adopted by the convention charged that "what began as anti-Israel propaganda quickly degenerated into slanderous and vicious anti-Semitism, supported and abetted by prominent Government and Communist Party leadership." It said that "terror has descended upon the pitifully small remnant of Jews still remaining in Poland."

In a related resolution, the Council took note of the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union and called on the Soviet Government to "give its Jewish citizens complete freedom of religious, educational and cultural expression" and to grant to the Jewish minority the rights granted to other nationality groups.

The director of the Hillel youth movement in Latin America, Rabbi Isidore Aizenberg, of Caracas, Venezuela, speaking in a symposium on Jewish youth today, welcomed student revolt. "Let us not argue whether the means they use are right or wrong," he declared. "The point is that youth is starting to be concerned with the paths our world is walking on, with the advances and setbacks our present civilization is suffering." Another rabbi working in Latin America, said the synagogue there had not been able to reach and influence the Jewish youth. Rabbi Marshall Meyer of Buenos Aires, director of the Council's Latin American office, pointed out that in all of Latin America, with a Jewish population in excess of 850,000, there were no more than 50 rabbis. "The vast majority of these rabbis," he asserted, "have no secular training and are completely out of touch with the young Latin American university student who is asking questions that the older rabbis cannot even understand." Conceding that the synagogue was "the least important institution in Jewish life in this part of the world," Rabbi Meyer said that in the cases he had studied, "with few exceptions, the synagogue has made no attempt to communicate with the real spiritual problems of the modern man."

Morris Speizman, of Charlotte, N.C., was elected president of the Council, succeeding Emanuel G. Scoblionko, of Allentown, Pa., who was named honorary president. Mr. Speizman is vice-president of the United Synagogue of America and a trustee of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Argentine Jews Deplore Anti-Israel, Anti-Jewish Policies of Soviet Government

BUENOS AIRES, July 17 (JTA)--The central representative organization of Argentine Jewry, the DAIA, concluded its annual conference with adoption of a declaration condemning the Soviet Union for its anti-Israel policies and deploring its denial of rights to its Jewish minority. The declaration said that the Soviet Government, while proclaiming peace as its objective, stimulated Arab "aggressors" by its role in the Middle East arms race.

The DAIA expressed indignation over anti-Semitic policies practiced by the Polish regime and deep concern over the neo-Nazi revival in West Germany. The organization stressed its concern over recent anti-Semitic manifestations in Argentina and declared that public opinion was awaiting condemnation of the instigators and a forthright repudiation by the authorities. The authorities, it said, could discourage those who persisted in damaging the nation's image.

Prof. Eduard Goldstuecker Named To New 150-Member Czech National Council

LONDON, July 17 (JTA)--Prof. Eduard Goldstuecker, a prominent Czechoslovakian Jewish writer and academician, was one of the 150 members elected to the new Czech National Council, an interim body that will serve until a new Parliament is chosen in a general election sometime next year, it was reported here from Prague today. Prof. Goldstuecker, chairman of the Czech Writers Union and vice-rector of Charles University, was the victim of an anonymous anti-Semitic letter-writing campaign in recent months. The campaign was exposed in the Czech Communist Party newspaper Rudo Pravo, and drew a flood of letters of support for Dr. Goldstuecker from a wide segment of the Czechoslovak population.

The membership of the new National Council includes "a very strong body of prominent intellectuals" who had earlier rallied to defend Dr. Goldstuecker against the anti-Semitic letters, the reports said. The Council's powers will be limited. But according to reports reaching here, its selection "demonstrates the determination of the Czech nation to create, with the Slovak, on the basis of full equality, a new policy for Czechoslovakia as a whole."

Jewish Official In West Germany Disputes Rabbi's Pessimistic View Of Future There

GENEVA, July 17 (JTA)--An official of West Germany's Jewish community yesterday disputed a Bonn rabbi's pessimistic estimate of the future of Jews in that country. Dr. Hendryk Van Damm, general-secretary of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Dr. Bernard Farkas, rabbi of Bonn and Aachen, erred when he said that there were only 26,000 Jews left in Germany, more than half of whom are past 50 years of age.

Dr. Farkas voiced his views in a report to the biennial convention of the World Council of Synagogues in London yesterday. Dr. Van Damm was attending the Conference of Jewish Organizations here. He said that "the average age of Jews in Germany during the last 10 years remains constant - under 46." He said that there were 27,000 Jews affiliated with various communities in West Germany but there were others who were not affiliated but remained Jews and therefore must be counted as such. Dr. Van Damm said that Dr. Farkas had come to West Germany from Czechoslovakia a few years ago and was not a member of the presidium of the Union of Rabbis of the West German Federal Republic.

Javits Sees Need For New UN Resolution If Middle East Talks Do Not Get Started

WASHINGTON, July 17 (JTA)--Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, called today for United States-Soviet sponsorship of a new United Nations Security Council resolution on the Middle East if the resolution of Nov. 22, 1967 proves "as, now seems likely, inadequate to the task of getting real negotiations started among the nations involved." Sen. Javits' proposal was part of a five-point program for the Middle East which he outlined in a speech on the Senate floor. He said the new resolution should specifically address itself to the ways in which negotiations are to be carried on to implement the Nov. 22 resolution.

Sen. Javits also called for U.S.-Soviet agreement on the limitation of arms shipments to the Middle East, a prospect which he thought was encouraged by the new U.S.-Soviet nuclear non-proliferation agreement. But "if the Soviet Union continues to be unwilling to reach an agreement on limiting the supply of arms to the Middle East -- indeed until such time as a workable agreement is actually reached -- it will be essential for the U.S. to assure that there is an arms balance by providing Israel with such sophisticated military equipment as is needed for its security and which it cannot obtain elsewhere," Sen. Javits said.

The New York legislator also called for a "presidential initiative" in NATO and with America's Western allies for a "just and durable peace in the Middle East and for a major international initiative on the Arab refugee problem with a view to replacing the outmoded United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) approach" by a system that is "self-liquidating rather than self-perpetuating."

Sen. Javits suggested that the State Department undertake an "intensive and imaginative study" of some form of scientific, economic and technical cooperation in the Middle East that could serve as a political rallying point for America's friends there. He said that Israel need not participate in such a development "if its inclusion would create political obstacles which outweigh the undoubted contributions it could make."

Farbstein Urges UN Investigation Into Treatment Of Jews In Arab Countries

WASHINGTON, July 17 (JTA)--Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, urged on the House floor today that a United Nations investigation be undertaken immediately into the treatment of Jews in Arab countries. The Congressman said he has written to Secretary of State Dean Rusk asking him to instruct the U.S. delegation to the U.N. to propose the investigation.

Rep. Farbstein said "the reports become more frequent of the secret practice of genocide within the boundaries of the Arab states. We can no longer doubt that the Jewish population of Egypt and other Arab countries is currently being held hostage in the conflict with Israel. We know that large numbers of Jews have been sent to what we charitably call concentration camps, where they are left to wither and die."

(A U.N. investigation of the condition of civilians in the Middle East war zone was ordered by the Security Council several months ago. Israel agreed to cooperate provided the investigation also covered Jews in Arab states. But Arab refusal to permit such an investigation has forced Secretary-General U Thant to delay naming his emissary.)

House Gets Resolution Urging Bonn To Extend Period For War Crimes Prosecution

WASHINGTON, July 17 (JTA)--A member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee introduced a House-Senate concurrent resolution today calling on the West German Government to extend the period before the statute of limitations on Nazi war crimes goes into effect. Rep. William Broomfield, Michigan Republican, noted that the initiation of new cases against Nazi war criminals will cease when the statute of limitations becomes effective at the end of next year. He also noted that the Bundestag, West Germany's lower house, has passed a resolution calling on the Bonn Government to report to it on the issue of setting back the statute of limitations on Nazi war crimes.

His resolution, which provides for Senate concurrence, would tell Bonn that the U.S. Congress urges "such steps as may be necessary" to extend the period of time for prosecution of criminals of the Hitler era. "Nazi criminals still at large must not be permitted to escape punishment," the Congressman said.

The statute of limitations, scheduled to go into effect after Dec. 31, 1969, applies to war crimes involving murder. There is already a statute of limitations in effect that bars the prosecution of Nazis accused of lesser crimes. The outright abolition of the statute of limitations has been proposed by prominent Germans and by many leaders outside of Germany. But the major German political parties appear to be opposed to such a step and to any further extension of the period in which war crimes prosecutions may be undertaken.

Aaron Zeitlin, New York Yiddish Writer, Wins \$500 Argentine Literary Award

BUENOS AIRES, July 17 (JTA)--The 1967 Nizer Award for Yiddish literature was awarded today to the poet Aaron Zeitlin of New York, for his book "Lider Fun Churban Und Leider Fon Gloiben." The award, which carries a \$500 cash prize, was unanimously voted by a jury of the Argentine Culture Congress. Mr. Zeitlin is a contributor to the Day-Jewish Journal, Yiddish daily here.

Mrs. Gilner Dies At 75, Served As Personal Secretary Of Henrietta Szold

NEW YORK, July 17 (JTA)--Mrs. Elias Gilner, widow of the late veteran Zionist and founder of the Haganah, pre-state Jewish defense force in Palestine, died today after a long illness in Yonkers, N.Y. She was 75. As a young woman, Mrs. Gilner, who was born in London, went to Palestine shortly after the end of World War I and became confidential secretary to Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah.