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Tito Says In Prague Arabs Must Accept Israel; Urges Israeli Withdrawal

PRAGUE, Aug. 11 (JTA)--President Tito of Yugoslavia declared here today at a press conference broadcast on Czech Radio that there was no longer any danger that Israel would be destroyed by its Arab neighbors. He said Israel should therefore take "a more realistic attitude" and withdraw to the armistice lines of the pre-June 1967 period "in return for guarantees of the status quo." He also declared "I have told Arab leaders that the existence of Israel must be accepted by them as a fact."

Observers noted that the visiting Yugoslav leader made no reference to the matter of which powers would provide the guarantee but most emphasis was placed on his statement about his conversations with Arab leaders and on the fact that he did not call Israel an "aggressor," as has been the practice of most Communist bloc countries since the June war. He noted that Israel had "diplomatic relations with many countries, including some of the world powers," and added that "most" nations sympathized with Israel because it was a small state "and there was always the danger she would be liquidated" but "today there is no such danger."

He told the newsmen also that Israel should accept the Security Council Nov. 22, 1967 resolution which he interpreted to mean, as do most Communist bloc states, Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories. He said "time works against Israel." It was believed here that Tito chose Prague as the site for his relatively moderate statement on the Arab-Israel conflict because he knew most Czechs were sympathetic to Israel.

Security Council To Resume Debate Today On Israel-Jordan Complaints

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 11 (JTA)--The Security Council was scheduled to resume debate tomorrow at the fifth meeting of its current session stemming from Israel's Aug. 4 air assault on new Jordanian terrorist bases at Salt. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

The session began last Monday on a complaint from Jordan and a counter-complaint from Israel. The debate has followed a familiar course. The Arab states and their supporters, led by the Soviet Union, have sought a condemnation of Israel and by implication, sanctions. The Soviet delegate, Yakov Malik, demanded on Friday that the Council take "more severe and more decisive" actions against Israel to force it to "comply" with the Council's Nov. 22, 1967 resolution. The Arab and Soviet blocs interpret that resolution as calling for Israel's immediate withdrawal from occupied territories. Israel maintained that its counter-measures against terrorists were legitimate acts of self-defense. Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, Israel's chief representative, told the Friday session that the Arabs' 20-year-old ambition to "liquidate" Israel was the root cause of the Middle East troubles.

The United States position, as summed up by its chief representative, Ambassador George Ball last week, was one deploring both Arab terrorist acts and Israeli reprisals. Ambassador Ball urged support for the peace-seeking mission of UN envoy Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring. Jose Araujo Castro, of Brazil, this month's Security Council President, said Friday that the Council must put its full weight behind Dr. Jarring's mission. He said that Israel and Jordan were entitled to defend their security by their own means but were also entitled to guarantees of security to be mutually provided by the major powers which had special obligations under the UN charter and "a direct influence" on the level of Mideast armaments. The Council also heard statements Friday from the delegates of Paraguay, China and India.

Eban-Jarring Talks In London Indicate Little Progress In UN Mission

LONDON, Aug. 11 (JTA)--A communique on a meeting here between Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban and Dr. Gunnar Jarring, the United Nations special Mideast peace envoy, was regarded by observers here today as indicating that the Swedish envoy had made little progress since the start of his mission late last year.

The communique on the talks yesterday, which were held at the home of Israeli Ambassador Aharon Remez, said only that Mr. Eban had reaffirmed his Government's endorsement of UN Secretary-General U Thant's recent report that it would be useful for Dr. Jarring to continue his mission. The two diplomats agreed to meet again in Jerusalem later this month after Dr. Jarring returns to his Nicosia headquarters and renews his contacts in the Arab capitals. Dr. Jarring was sent to the Middle East under terms of a Nov. 22, 1967 Security Council resolution. It was reported that Mr. Eban, in the talks yesterday, attributed the continuing impasse to Egyptian President Nasser's intransigence. Mr. Eban reportedly cited recent Nasser speeches declaring that there could be "no negotiations, no recognition and no peace" with Israel even after settlement of the issues of the 1967 Six-Day war.

Possible 'Climax' Soon In Efforts To Free Hijacked Plane Seen By Eban

LONDON, Aug. 11 (JTA)--Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban expressed concern yesterday over the continued Algerian detention of the hijacked El Al airliner and the 12 Israeli passengers and crew members in his conversations here with Dr. Gunnar Jarring, the United Nations Mideast peace

envoy. However, Mr. Eban did not ask Dr. Jarring to act to bring pressure on Algeria because of the approach already made by UN Secretary-General U Thant.

The Foreign Minister referred to the UN effort in a statement he made at Lydda Airport Friday before departing for London on the first leg of his visit to Africa, declaring that not all of the political possibilities for solution of the problem had been exhausted. He also said at the airport that he had an "impression" that the issue was "nearing a climax" which he said he expected might be reached within the next few days in political efforts for release of the plane and the Israelis.

(The Christian Science Monitor reported from Beirut that the envoys of Algerian President Boumedienne had informed several western governments that he would release the hijacked plane if Israel freed a few of the nearly 1,000 Arab terrorists now held by Israel.)

(Diplomatic sources in Jerusalem expressed surprise today over the acceptance by Mr. Thant of an invitation to visit Algiers in September but suggested that the acceptance might portend an early release of the hijacked airline and the Israelis. They said that the Secretary-General, who has been pressing Algeria to release the plane and the Israelis, might have accepted the invitation on the assumption that the problem would be resolved by the time of his visit.)

(It was also reported in Jerusalem that Gideon Raphael, the director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, has been in Rome since Friday to take part in talks on release of the plane and Israelis. The plane was seized July 23 over Italian territory. Prime Minister Levi Eshkol reported to the Cabinet today on the status of the efforts to obtain release of the plane and the Israelis but no details were given nor did the Government spokesman indicate any Cabinet reaction to Mr. Thant's scheduled visit to Algeria.)

(The American Society of Travel Agents warned in New York that the hijacking represented "a frightening escalation" in such practices and asked for international sanctions against hijacking of all carriers. The organization presented its views in an advertisement in the New York Times, headlined "Piracy In The Air: A Threat To World Travel." The organization demanded action "to ensure the immediate release of the passengers, crew and aircraft held illegally in Algiers.")

Arab League Head Hedges On New War; Cairo Editor Says It's 'Definite'

PARIS, Aug. 11 (JTA)--An official of the Arab League hedged, in a French radio interview here last night, on prospects of a new Arab-Israeli war breaking out in the Middle East. But another highly placed Arab said he thought a new war was no longer just a possibility but had become, in the last two months, "something definite." The latter view was taken by Mohammed Heikal, editor of the influential Cairo newspaper Al Ahram which often reflects official Egyptian policy. Mr. Heikal, who has been described as a confidant of President Nasser, said in Cairo that a "fourth round of war" was expected in both Arab and Israeli circles "when the Arabs are strong enough."

But Abdel Khalek Hassouna, general secretary of the Arab League, said the chances of war "will depend on the international political situation." He added, however, that "we must be aware that everything is possible." He said the goal of the next Arab summit meeting was "to wipe out the consequences of the (June, 1967) war."

Cabinet Defers Expulsion Order Against Orthodox Settlers In Hebron

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA)--The Cabinet deferred today an expulsion order against three Jewish settlers in Hebron who defied military government orders to tear down a kosher food stand they had built illegally in the West Bank town. The order was deferred for more discussion when Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, who did not attend today's meeting because of the death of his father, returns to the Cabinet. Action was postponed after several Ministers intervened for the settlers, among them Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon, Religious Affairs Minister Zerach Warhaftig, and Herut party leader Menachem Beigin, Minister Without Portfolio.

The settlers were part of a group of about 80 religious Jews who went to Hebron last Passover and subsequently announced their intention to remain. The Cabinet authorized them to remain on condition that they stayed within the military government compound and did not engage in any activity prohibited in the occupied area. Their soft drink and sandwich kiosk was located outside of the authorized area. The settlers also failed to obtain the special permit that non-residents require to trade or set up a business. The Cabinet, in a ruling several months ago, said the establishment of a residence or a business in the occupied territories was a political act.

The military governor said that the kiosk's owners not only broke the local law but their action was likely to spark unpleasant incidents with the local Arab population. Israeli soldiers tore down the kiosk when its owners refused to do so. The structure was located near the Tomb of the Patriarchs.

Defense Ministry Says 1,500 Arab Detainees Released From Prisons

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA)--The Defense Ministry announced today that more than 1,500 Arab prisoners and detainees had been released from prisons in Judea and Samaria in the occupied West Bank and in the Gaza Strip during the past ten months. The announcement added that 953 Arabs remained in the prisons.

A Ministry spokesman said that half of those now in Judean and Samarian prisons were serving sentences. The others are being held pending investigations or on administrative detention orders. Among those released, 160 were either acquitted or freed after investigation. Some 500 completed administrative detentions and 650 either served their prison terms or paid fines, while 57 prisoners received pardons, the Ministry said.

Strengthened Israel Navy To Open New Base Tomorrow At Ashdod

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA)--The Israel Navy, which has been strengthened since the Six-Day War, will open a new base Tuesday at the southern port of Ashdod on the Mediterranean. Adm. Shlomo Erel, Navy Commander, also reported that two merchant ships purchased by Israel had been refitted as warships. The ships, the Bat Galim and Bat Yam, sailed around South Africa and are now patrolling the Red Sea.

Since the 1967 war, Adm. Erel reported, the main Navy mission has been to patrol the southern Mediterranean up to the approaches to the Egyptian Port Said to prevent infiltration by sea. Patrols are also continuing along the northern Sinai shores where the destroyer Eilat was sunk by Soviet-made Styx missiles from Egyptian craft. Israeli ships on the Red Sea are delivering supplies to Israeli units on the shores of the Sinai peninsula.

Adm. Erel also reported that Eilat was not the only Israeli naval base in that area. He said there was another base near Sharm el Sheikh, in the Strait of Tiran, at the mouth of the Aqaba Gulf. The Israeli public will view the navy ships at Haifa, Eilat and Ashdod Tuesday, designated Navy Day.

Bedouin Tribes In Sinai Pledge Allegiance To Israel At Ceremony

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA)--The Bedouin tribes of south and central Sinai pledged their allegiance to the State of Israel today in colorful ceremonies attended by 200 Israeli guests. But more was involved than expressions of friendship and loyalty. Sheikh Abu Abdullah, head of the largest of the 16 nomad tribes, asked the Israeli representatives for greater employment opportunities and increased government health services for his people.

The ceremony, known as "Hafleh" — Gathering — took place in the Wadi Firan, near the Santa Catherina Monastery at the foot of the traditional Mt. Sinai of the Exodus, attended by 800 Bedouin leaders and their retinues, representing some 10,000 tribesmen. They treated their Israeli guests to a supper of mutton and rice, topped off by Bedouin tea and Arab coffee. They were entertained in turn by the first films they ever saw — the movie, "Sword of Ali Baba" and two Israeli documentaries in Arabic.

Eliav Named To Absorption Ministry; Talks With Jewish Agency Proceed

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA)--The Cabinet appointed Arye Eliav, a member of the Knesset (Parliament), to the post of Deputy Minister of Absorption today as plans went ahead to organize the new ministry that will take over responsibility for the absorption of immigrants. At the request of Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon, who holds the new portfolio, the Cabinet directed other Ministries to appoint liaison officers to the Ministry of Absorption. Those involved are the ministries of defense, health, education and culture, agriculture, trade and industry, special welfare, labor, interior, tourism and the treasury.

Mr. Eliav who is in his late forties, has held several posts related to the absorption of immigrants and the development of new areas for their settlement. He was regional coordinator of the Lakhish development area and was later director of an Israeli team that reclaimed the region of Kasvin in Iran to make it suitable for agricultural settlement. He also served as Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry.

Meanwhile, discussions continued in a joint Government-Jewish Agency committee on the division of functions between the new ministry and the Jewish Agency which was hitherto responsible for immigrant absorption. Matters still to be worked out include shifts in personnel that have to be made in line with the Cabinet's decision that absorption is to be taken over by the Government. No definite plan of operations has been worked out yet for the new ministry but it is known that the Jewish Agency will continue to hold responsibility for the absorption of needy immigrants and refugees.

Blast In Gaza Strip Town Kills Arab Youth, Wounds 11 Others

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA)--Military government officials and police today were investigating a blast in front of a movie house in the Gaza Strip town of Kahn Yunis Friday night which fatally injured a 14-year-old Arab boy and wounded 11 other persons. It was assumed initially that local inter-Arab feuding was behind the incident though some sources said it might have been a terrorist reprisal against the movie house owner who operated his business as usual under the Israel regime.

The blast was caused by a hand grenade hurled into a crowd waiting on line to enter the theater. The injured were rushed to a hospital where the youngster died. The Gaza municipality called for official mourning. In other incidents, two civilian employers of the Lapidot Oil firm were injured when their jeep hit a mine in the Gaza Strip and a window was shattered in the United States consulate in Jerusalem when an explosive charge went off near the building.

Swastika Must Go Off 'Anti-Nazi' Spray If Germans To Be Allowed To Buy It

FRANKFURT, Aug. 11 (JTA)--Police here banned the sale of an air freshener spray with the brand name, "Anti-Nazi" because the containers carried a swastika. The cans were seized but later returned to dealers with instructions to paste over the swastikas before the sprays were sold.

Australia Makes Gift Of Books To Hebrew University

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (HTA)--The Australian Government has made a gift of books on Australia to the Jewish National and University Library at the Hebrew University here. The volumes were presented to Avraham Harman, president of the Hebrew University today by the Australian Ambassador, William Landate.

NYU Accepts Goldberg Recommendation To Retain Hatchett As Official

NEW YORK, Aug. 11 (JTA)--New York University has accepted a recommendation of a special committee that it retain as director of its Martin Luther King Jr. Afro-American Student Center John F. Hatchett who has been accused of anti-Semitic views. The committee named to investigate the controversy over Mr. Hatchett's appointment was comprised of former United States Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg and District Judge Constance Baker Motley, a Negro jurist who is a member of the NYU board of trustees.

Dr. James H. Hester, NYU president, who set up the committee and who announced the decision to retain the former Harlem teacher, made public a letter from Mr. Goldberg stating that "As a result of my frank and candid talk with Mr. Hatchett, I believe he now understands the injustice and dangers inherent in the kind of criticism he voiced" in an article last November in the Afro-American Teachers Forum. Mr. Hatchett asserted in that article that Negro pupils were being "mentally poisoned" by Jews "who dominate and control the educational bureaucracy of the New York public school system and their power-starved imitators, the black Anglo-Saxons." Mr. Goldberg also said in his letter to Dr. Hester that Mr. Hatchett "strongly denies that he is anti-Semitic, although the expressions in the article can be so regarded."

Mr. Hatchett said he did not agree with Mr. Goldberg's evaluation of the article but added that he regarded the university's decision to retain him as a "sign of developing maturity." That decision was promptly denounced by Will Maslow, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, and James H. Sheldon, chairman of the department of Christian Social Relations of the Protestant Council of the City of New York. The two agencies joined with the Catholic Interracial Council in condemning the Hatchett article as "black Nazism" when it was published. It was also criticized by the American Jewish Committee of which Mr. Goldberg reportedly is scheduled to become president soon.

Two Art Exhibits Planned For 1,000th Anniversary Of Czech Jewish Life

PRAGUE, Aug. 11 (JTA)--Preparations were underway here today for various events to mark the 1,000th anniversary of the Jewish community of Czechoslovakia. They will include two art exhibits, one devoted to Czech Jewish painters and the other to Jewish artists from all over the world. There will also be an exhibit of documents and relics. Local Jewish leaders, however, attached greatest importance to the history of Czechoslovakian Jewry now being prepared for publication. A date for the official celebration has yet to be set but it is believed it will be held toward the end of the year. Originally, the Jewish millenium celebrations were to have been held last spring. But the prior Czech regime suspended plans following the June, 1967 Six-Day War and the severance of diplomatic relations with Israel.

The 20th anniversary of the death of Egon Erwin Kisch, a prominent Czech Jewish writer, was observed here on television and radio programs and in the local press. A special memorial meeting was held by the council of Jewish communities of Bohemia and Moravia of which he had been an honorary president. A well-known Czech actor, Vaclav Vasko, read excerpts from Mr. Kisch's works which were praised at the meeting by Rudolph Iltis, a scholar and critic.

Nixon Seen By Israeli Press As Having Free Hand On Mideast Policy

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA)--Israeli newspapers commented today on the choice of Richard M. Nixon as the Republican Party's 1968 Presidential candidate. The English-language Jerusalem Post said the choice indicated that America's internal problems rather than foreign policy will be the overriding issue of the Presidential campaign. The independent daily, Haaretz said that Mr. Nixon addresses himself to foreign policy matters with a "clean slate" and has reserved for himself a large measure of freedom of action in the Middle East situation. "Friendly words do not bind him to pursue a policy in complete accord with our demands," Haaretz said.

Peres Urges More Israeli Universities To Attract U.S. Settlers

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA)--Former deputy defense minister Shimon Peres said at a Labor Party meeting at Netanya last night that Israel must build more universities to attract more settlers from the ranks of professionals and Jewish youth in the Western countries. Mr. Peres pointed out that 25 percent of the professors in the United States and 10 percent of its 6 million students are Jews. The only way to bring them to Israel is by building as many universities as possible, he said.

Queen Juliana Appoints Dr. Nico Polak, A Jew, To Holland's Supreme Court

THE HAGUE, Aug. 11 (JTA)--Queen Juliana has appointed Dr. Nico Poiak, a prominent Dutch-Jewish jurist as a justice of the Netherlands Supreme Court. Dr. Polak is presently a district court judge and is curator of the University of Groningen. He is a brother of Dr. Carol Polak, Minister of Justice, and a son of a Supreme Court judge.

Father Of Gen. Dayan, One Of Earliest Settlers, Dies At 77

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA)--Shmuel Dayan, father of Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and one of the pioneer settlers of Israel, died today at Hadassah Hospital at the age of 77. Mr. Dayan, one of the founders of Nahalal, the first small holders cooperative settlement, was born in the Ukraine and came to Palestine early in the century. He worked at Petach Tikvah and Hedera and was among the founders of Deganya, the first kibbutz. He was a delegate to numerous Zionist congresses, a member of the Zionist General Council and for ten years after the establishment of the State, a member of the Knesset, Israel's parliament. He was the author of several books on the history of Jewish settlement in Palestine, one of them written in collaboration with his granddaughter, Yael Dayan.