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Soviet Government Denounces Israeli 'Provocations,' Warns Of Serious Consequences

LONDON, Sept. 25 (JTA)--The Soviet Union issued a strong new warning today that Israeli policy may have serious consequences for peace in the Middle East. In an unusual news conference, called by the Soviet Foreign Ministry in Moscow, the press department chief, Leonid Zamyatin, charged Israel with dangerous provocations against her Arab neighbors. He reiterated Soviet position in support of the Arab nations and demanded that the United Nations Security Council resolution of Nov. 22, 1967 be put into effect. The Russians interpret the resolution to call for Israel's withdrawal from occupied Arab territory.

Zamyatin said the only obstacle to Middle East peace is "the attitude of the Israeli Government, which is supported by certain circles in the United States." He said that "were it not for this support, Israel wouldn't dare to ignore in such an impudent manner, the decisions of the UN and to challenge this international organization to which, by the way, Israel is obliged for her very existence."

A statement distributed by Tass, the official Soviet news agency, following the Foreign Ministry press conference quoted the Soviet Government as stating that it was "the duty of all peace-loving nations to take effective measures to prevent a dangerous new explosion" and it warned Israel of the "serious responsibility" it bears.

The statement said "the Soviet Union deems it necessary to most resolutely warn the Government of Israel of the serious responsibility it is bearing for the consequences of its dangerous provocations against the United Arab Republic, Jordan and Syria."

(Commenting in Rome today on the Russian warning, Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban said that Moscow was "delivering its message to the wrong address," and that Israel was not responsible for Middle East tension.)

Russian Carrier Joining Mediterranean Fleet In Gesture Of Support To Egypt

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 (JTA)--A new gesture of Soviet support of Egypt was seen here by intelligence circles in the disclosure that the new Soviet aircraft carrier, Moskva, has passed through the Bosphorus bound for Egypt. Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, U.S. Chief of Naval Operations, confirmed the movement of the Soviet ship which was accompanied by a screen of fast destroyers. The ship carries Soviet amphibious marines and special commando units. It is known to accommodate at least 36 troop-carrying helicopters and helicopter gun ships useful for desert and coastal action.

(The Christian Science Monitor reported that with the earlier passage of a Soviet cruiser and two destroyers through the Turkish straits, the Soviet Mediterranean fleet now comprised more than 50 ships.)

The movement of the Moskva into the Middle East provides the Soviet Union with a new capability and a psychological factor that both the Arabs and Israelis will take into account as the disclosure of the Moskva's movement coincided with a strong new warning by the Soviet Foreign Ministry aimed at forcing Israeli withdrawal.

Military sources speculated today on possible deployment of Russian "black beret" marine battalions on the Egyptian side of the Suez Canal cease-fire line in the event of a Soviet decision to dredge and open the canal at Egypt's request. Soviet intervention, if it occurs, could be modeled after the United States marine landing in Lebanon in 1958, the sources reasoned. The troops could provide a barrier from behind which Egyptian raiders could sally forth and Israel could not strike back without a direct confrontation with the Russians, they said. The "black berets" have been trained in seizing and holding landing zones at strategic points, covered by helicopter gunships.

In addition to the Moskva's potential, a number of Soviet LST's (landing ship transports), containing special naval troops, are reportedly in the vicinity of Egypt. Russian destroyers and cruisers, equipped with anti-aircraft missiles and surface-to-surface missiles, are in Egyptian waters. Russian pilots have arrived in force at Egyptian airfields and are flying the latest Soviet supersonic jets bearing Egyptian insignias, it was reported. One estimate put the number of Russian pilots at between 100 and 200 - enough to man several squadrons.

(The Beirut newspaper Al Nahar reported this week that a proposal to reopen the Suez Canal under international supervision will be made during current United Nations General Assembly. According to the report, the canal could be reopened under supervision of Britain, France and Holland. Egypt and Israel would also be invited to participate.)

Suspect Arab Terrorists In Explosion Destroying Israeli Exhibit At Buenos Aires Fair

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Arab terrorists are suspected in connection with an explosion and fire that destroyed an Israeli commercial exhibit valued at \$2 million at the municipal fair grounds in the heart of Buenos Aires today. The fire was reportedly started by two incendiary bombs and took five hours to bring under control. The exhibit, which arrived here from Israel last month, was

to have opened Oct. 5 as part of an international trade fair here. It consisted of industrial and agricultural equipment, housewares, appliances and a small Israel-made airplane. It was the first Israeli display of its kind in Argentina.

Two explosions were heard at about 10 p.m. local time as about 40 workers were busy on the site. Fire brigades arrived shortly afterwards but the flames were fanned by high winds. Damage was estimated at \$1.5 million. The Israeli exhibit occupied ground donated for the purpose by the Argentine Government.

A widespread police search had turned up no evidence today leading to the perpetrators of the bombing of the Nachman Gesang Zionist Center in Rosario City on Monday night, the second night of the Jewish New Year observance. The bomb, placed near the main entrance to the building, blew in the door, damaged the walls and shattered windows in nearby homes. There were no casualties.

Israeli Officials Discount Reports That Jordan Seeking Political Solution At UN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Official sources here today discounted reports that the Jordanian Government was seeking a political solution to the Arab-Israel conflict and said that statements to that effect by King Hussein, reported by the New York and London press, were only intended to make a "good impression" on the United Nations General Assembly. These sources also implied that today's warning by Moscow that alleged Israeli provocations were imperiling peace in the Middle East was mainly for the benefit of the General Assembly. Officials here declined to comment in detail on the Soviet warning because they lacked the exact text. One source said however that at first glance, the Russian statement appeared to be intended as a clarification of Soviet policy toward the Arabs and toward the rest of the world.

(New York Times correspondent Dana Adams Schmidt, in a dispatch from Amman yesterday, said that Jordan was sending Foreign Minister Abdel Moneim Rifai to the UN with instructions to seek indirect negotiations with Israel through United Nations special envoy, Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring. "It is understood by palace officials here that the Foreign Minister of the United Arab Republic, Mahmoud Riad, has similar instructions from President Gamal Abdel Nasser," Mr. Schmidt wrote. He said the reported peace moves resulted from Jordan's fear that the Hashemite monarchy could not survive another round of fighting with Israel and the current alternatives, in King Hussein's view are "an acceptable settlement this autumn or an explosion in the spring," the Times correspondent reported.)

Sources here recalled that Jordan had intimated as early as last May that it did not reject completely the idea of a meeting with Israel under Dr. Jarring's auspices, but subsequently failed to follow through. Jordan's failure to set a date for talks with Israel was blamed on the quest for Arab unity and the internal situation in Jordan, the sources said. But Dr. Jarring — as reported by Secretary-General U Thant — has made no progress since May and there were no signs that the Jordanian delegation would meet with the Israeli delegation during the present session of the General Assembly, they said.

(King Hussein continuing his reminiscences of the June, 1967 war in an article in the London Telegraph, rejected the idea of a separate peace between Jordan and Israel and warned that unless Dr. Jarring is able to make clear progress, the Middle East would be thrown into a "merciless struggle" that would be a prolonged war leading to Israel's defeat and would endanger world peace.)

Eban Will Place Plan For Peace, Development, Before General Assembly

TEL AVIV, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban left Israel today for New York where he will head the Israeli delegation to the 23rd United Nations General Assembly. Before his departure, he said he would place before the General Assembly Israel's plan for peace and development in the Middle East. The Israeli diplomat stressed that Israel was seeking a permanent peace and not a political arrangement as suggested by Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad of Egypt. Mr. Eban will make stops in Rome, Paris and London where, he said, he would explain the problems involved in a "political arrangement."

(The JTA reported from Paris that Mr. Eban would see Foreign Minister Michael Debre of France there on Thursday and would press for release by the French of the 50 Mirage supersonic fighter planes Israel bought and paid for. The planes have been embargoed on orders of President de Gaulle. There are persistent reports in Paris, the JTA correspondent noted, that France intends to call in the General Assembly for "immediate implementation" of the Nov. 22, 1967 Security Council resolution in accordance with the Arab interpretation of that document. That would require Israel to withdraw from territory occupied in the Six-Day War without direct negotiations, a peace treaty or even guarantees of its own future security.)

British Reportedly Advise Riad To Use Restraint

LONDON, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Members of the British Government were reported here to have advised Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad of Egypt that his country should exercise restraint in connection with the Middle East deadlock, it was reliably reported here today. Mr. Riad conferred here with Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart and reportedly asked for United Kingdom support against Israel in the UN General Assembly.

The Egyptian diplomat told the press that the Arab-Israeli situation was "very serious and dangerous" and warfare could erupt at any time. Appearing last night on the BBC's "Twenty-Four Hours" program, he insisted that Egypt had no military agreement with Russia "and we don't ask Russia to fight for us and we don't expect her to take any active part in our wars." Mr. Riad placed the burden of aggression on Israel and said further bloodshed could be avoided only if Israel implemented the Nov. 22, 1967 resolution which, he claimed, calls for Israel's unconditional withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories. Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon of Israel was to appear on the BBC program tonight to answer Mr. Riad. He had a private meeting today with Prime Minister Harold Wilson, a friend of many years standing, and met with Peter Shaw, Secretary of State for Economic Affairs.

Reminder Of Israeli Occupation Evident In Location Of Rosh Hashanah Services

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25 (JTA)--A new synagogue erected in a former Jordanian Army camp and the ruins of old synagogues destroyed by the Jordanians in East Jerusalem were the scenes of Rosh Hashanah services as devout Israelis observed the High Holy Days yesterday and Monday. The new synagogue was dedicated on the eve of Rosh Hashanah on a site north of Jerusalem where the settlement of Neve Yaacov stood prior to the 1948 War for Independence. The settlement was abandoned during the fighting and was later taken over as an Arab Legion encampment. The Army chaplaincy arranged for services for troops manning the cease-fire lines at far-flung points. Cantors and shofar-blowers were sent to the front where services were held in relays for men coming off duty.

Moscow's Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin exchanged New Year greetings with Israel's Sephardic Chief Rabbi Itzhak Nissim. A cable from Rabbi Levin arrived in response to greetings to Russian Jewry sent earlier by Rabbi Nissim. The Moscow rabbi's message read in part, "We wish you a new year of peace and blessing."

Rumanian Rabbi Sends Greetings; Prague Synagogues Full

BUCHAREST, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Dr. Moses Rosen, Rumania's chief rabbi, sent Jews around the world Rosh Hashanah greetings yesterday. He declared, "In the year that has gone by, Rumanian Jews worked loyally and diligently for the welfare of Rumania, our country where brotherly relations between religions and ethnic groups prevail. I send you all our traditional blessings of peace, happiness, tranquility of mind and long life. We must remain steadfastly loyal to our Jewish past and to our Jewish traditions."

In Prague, synagogues were generally full during the Rosh Hashanah holidays although the worshippers were mainly elderly Jews. The younger generation was conspicuous by its absence. The "Jerusalem" Reform Synagogue drew a capacity crowd. The historic Altneu Synagogue had a smaller attendance.

2 Soldiers, 5 Border Policemen Injured In Clashes On Israel Borders

TEL AVIV, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Two Israeli soldiers and five border policemen were injured in exchanges of fire that flared along Israel's borders and cease-fire lines during the past three days. The latest incident, in which one of the soldiers was injured, occurred this morning when Jordanian forces opened fire on Israeli units at the Umm Shurt pass, north of the Allenby Bridge, a military spokesman reported. The fire was returned. Earlier in the day, bazooka shells and volleys of automatic fire were aimed at a border police armored car from the Jordanian side. No casualties were reported.

Five border policemen were injured yesterday when two bazooka shells fired from Jordan hit an armored car near Ashdot Yaacov in the Beisan Valley. The policemen were hospitalized. Artillery fire was exchanged between Jordanian and Israeli forces near Umm Tutz, south of the Beisan Valley, without casualties.

An Israeli soldier was seriously injured in an Egyptian commando ambush of an Israeli Army truck on the east bank of the Suez Canal. An investigation disclosed sets of footprints leading from the site of the ambush to the canal. United Nations observers visited the site and reported their findings. Israel blamed Egyptian forces in a letter to the United Nations Security Council. The Syrian border was quiet. But a sabotage gang operating from Lebanon damaged a reservoir at Avivim settlement. Earlier in the week an abortive attempt was made to sabotage the reservoir in Zarait village in upper Galilee.

Authorities reported today that a number of suspected saboteurs were arrested during the past few days, all of them members of the so-called Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The new arrests followed the capture of Abd el-Rahim Jaber, of Hebron, a leader of the Popular Front believed responsible for the recent grenade explosions in downtown Jerusalem and in the central bus terminal in Tel Aviv. Mr. Jaber was wounded in a clash with an Israeli unit south of the Dead Sea and subsequently gave his interrogators the names and addresses of members of his organization. His statement also resulted in the discovery of several arms caches in the Judean hills.

'Folkstimm' Disputes Polish Official Who Claims Yiddish Has Diminishing Influence

LONDON, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Poland's only Yiddish newspaper, "Folkstimm," has taken issue with an official of the Polish Ministry of Education who claimed that the Yiddish language was having a diminishing influence in Jewish life. That dispute was the only item of opinion or comment to appear

in the latest edition of the paper which has been reduced to weekly status after having appeared four times a week for the last 22 years.

The edition of Saturday, Sept. 21, just received here, carried no column of Jewish news from outside Poland, formerly a regular feature. There was no editorial. The column of excerpts from the Polish press was devoted to reprints of an article from the Polish magazine "Literary Life" by Stanislaw Mauersberg, director of the department for minorities education of the Education Ministry. Mr. Mauersberg dated the beginning of Jewish education in Poland from 1944 when Jewish schools were established as private institutions in Lublin. They were taken over by the Government in 1949, he said, at which time there were 18 Jewish schools in the country, five with Yiddish as their language of instruction and one with Hebrew. According to the writer, there were only 11 Jewish schools in 1950, none of them employing Yiddish or Hebrew as the language of instruction although Yiddish was taught as part of the language curriculum. "This was the result of the diminishing influence of Yiddish as, even in Israel, the official language is Hebrew," Mr. Mauersberg wrote. Folkstimme said, in comment, that Yiddish was "far from being a dead language." The paper expressed surprise that Mr. Mauersberg cited Israel in support of his contention. "There must be other reasons for the abolition of Yiddish as the teaching language in Jewish schools," Folkstimme said.

West Berlin Trade Union Chief Calls For Outlawing Of National Democrats

WEST BERLIN, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Outlawing the extreme right-wing National Democratic Party was demanded here today by the chairman of the West Berlin Trade Union movement who characterized the NPD as the successor to the Nazi Party. Walter Sickert, in an address to the West Berlin Trade Union Congress, said there is no place in Berlin for the NPD.

The NPD may exacerbate Soviet attacks over neo-Nazism in West Germany when it holds a district convention in West Berlin at the end of September, political observers here believe. The appearance in the city of NPD chief Adolf von Thadden would be a direct challenge to the Russians and this might possibly be expected to induce the Western allies to voice opposition to the NPD parley, the observers said.

928 Czech Jews Have Registered For Migration Aid Since Invasion, Hias Reports

VIENNA, Sept. 25 (JTA)--The United Hias Service Office here reported today that 928 Czechs have registered for migration aid since the Soviet occupation of their country on Aug. 21. Ninety-three of the registrants arrived here within two days.

According to Gaynor I. Jacobson, executive vice president of Hias, the agency has already assisted 230 Czech Jews to resettle in more than a half dozen Western countries, including the United States and Australia, and is also assisting 450 Jewish refugees from Poland who wish to emigrate, mostly to the U.S. He said the Hias offices were working "around the clock" to expedite the emigration of the Polish and Czech refugees.

British Liberal Party Leader Praises Dutch For Seeing Threat To Israel In 1967

LONDON, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Jeremy Thorpe, British Liberal Party leader, paid tribute here to the Dutch people, political parties and Government for "recognizing before the Six-Day War that the threat to Israel was a threat to us all." He delivered his remarks at a congress of the Liberal International, the World Liberal Union. The congress called for peace between the Arab states and Israel through direct negotiations, including provision for the Palestinian refugees and an end to Polish and Soviet Government anti-Semitism.

Thant Says All Parties In Middle East Want Jarring Mission To Continue

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 25 (JTA)--Secretary-General U Thant of the United Nations expressed the belief that all parties in the Middle East want Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, the UN's special envoy for the area, to continue his efforts to find a settlement of the Arab-Israel dispute. The UN official declined to comment on the reasons for what a correspondent called the "stalemate" in Dr. Jarring's negotiations and said the envoy, who arrived here Monday for consultations, will make his own report and assessment "at the proper time."

Mr. Thant met the UN correspondents on the eve of the opening of the 23rd General Assembly. The Palestine question was formally transferred from the agenda of the 22nd assembly -- its only "unfinished business" -- and given a high priority on the new sessions' agenda. A warning that the Middle East was a danger spot that could "generate fresh dangers for mankind" was given the Assembly's opening session by Foreign Minister Corneliu Manescu of Rumania, who was president of the previous session.

The United States mission to the UN announced that Louis Stulberg, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, had been appointed a member of the mission. The committee on non-governmental organizations, a permanent committee of the Economic and Social Council, voted today to have the Agudas Israel World Organization and the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations retain their consultative status.

New Israel Envoy Praises Mexico As Friend Of International Peace

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Ambassador Avraham Darom of Israel told Mexican newspapermen here that Mexico and Israel shared a love of peace. He praised Mexico for pursuing a policy of peace in the international area and said that Israel was sincere and honest in its quest for peace in the Middle East. The envoy spoke with the press after he had formally presented his credentials to President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz.