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Premier Says Israel Won't Compromise On 'One Inch' Of Land If It Affects Security

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- Prime Minister Golda Meir was on record today with notice that even if prospects for peace arose in the Middle East, Israel will not "forego one inch of land if it means endangering our security borders." The 71-year-old Mrs. Meir, exhausted after the convention of her own Israel Labor Party, spoke last night at a joint meeting of the party and the Mapam Party in Mann Auditorium here. It was the first such meeting since the two parties entered into a political alignment and it marked the beginning of the campaign for next October's parliamentary elections.

The election will be fought on three levels -- for seats in the Knesset, for representation in the governing councils of Histadrut, Israel's powerful labor federation, and for offices in municipalities and other local bodies. The Israel Labor Party and Mapam will appear on a common list. Both parties have approved a common platform for the Histadrut and local elections. But they have yet to approve the Knesset platform which was incomplete when their conventions ended. Three controversial planks dealing with security borders, foreign policy and policy in the occupied Arab territories were referred by each party to its central committees for final decision.

Israel's security appeared uppermost in Premier Meir's mind when she said, calmly and deliberately: "We shall measure every centimeter to ascertain which border in truth will assure us of peace. There may be disagreement, but the decisive thing is what will ensure peace, not only for one day but for all times."

Mrs. Meir Defends Labor-Mapam Alignment, Stresses Need For Unity

Mrs. Meir said that Foreign Minister Abba Eban was right when he said at the convention that Israel was not alone in the world. But, she added, "while our friends stand by us on vital issues, we are certainly not pampered by them. We need the strength some times to stand up to our friends and even oppose them."

Mrs. Meir defended the Labor-Mapam alignment which has been criticized by some elements in both parties. She said it was not an expedient alliance of two political camps but "the logical conclusion of 50 years of arguments and great deeds. The main thing is to seek what unites us rather than points of division. Peace is still far off. War is very much with us. We can discuss and argue about future borders but it is only an argument. What matters is not argument but performance."

Pinhas Saphir, secretary-general of the Israel Labor Party, said there was no dissension at the convention "despite our enemies' predictions" and added, "We are fully prepared to embark on the election campaign."

Eban Makes Slashing Attack On Dayan's 'Strategic Border' Proposals

Foreign Minister Eban has sharply rejected an Israel Labor Party platform plank on Israel's "strategic borders" proposed by Defense Minister Dayan and, in effect, challenged Gen. Dayan's supporters to leave the party.

Mr. Eban spoke at the closing session of the Labor Party convention yesterday. The sharpness of his remarks, which were apparently not cleared with all of the Labor Party's leaders, aroused new fear of a schism within party ranks. Members of the Rafi faction which is headed by Gen. Dayan, have already demanded a "clarification." But Mr. Eban, anticipating the reaction, told the convention he was not afraid of a split and said the party should reconcile itself to that possibility. He added that it would win the elections in any event.

The proposals which Gen. Dayan said should constitute an "unwritten" plank in the Labor Party's election platform, spelled out in detail what Israel would consider to be its strategic frontiers. They called for permanent retention of the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights and a section of the Sinai peninsula that would link Israel with the Sharm el-Sheikh strongpoint commanding the Gulf of Aqaba. Gen. Dayan also proposed that the Jordan River be established as Israel's eastern "security frontier."

No Prior Conditions In Talks With Arabs, Eban Insists

Mr. Eban stated flatly that he was opposed to "unwritten" platforms. What counts, he said, is the written platform which speaks of "secure and agreed boundaries." He said Israel's readiness to enter peace negotiations with any Arab state without prior conditions was the "overriding policy principle" of the party platform. He said it was decided deliberately not to include geographical definitions in the platform and to keep its wording entirely in the realm of principles. Mr. Eban criticized Gen. Dayan's use of the term "strategic borders," observing that secure borders implied that they must be strategic.

Mr. Eban was supported by Deputy Premier Yigal Allon who also criticized Gen. Dayan's proposals to integrate the West Bank economy with that of adjacent areas of Israel. Owing to the controversy, the platform planks on security, foreign policy and policies in the occupied territories were referred to the party's central committee for final decision.

Nasser Spokesman Bids Americans Demand Halt To Arms Supply To Israel

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- President Nasser's official spokesman, Mohammed el-Zayyat, appealed to the American people today, over the head of the American Government, to press for termination of arms supplies to Israel. The appeal was keyed to the Senate action today on the Administration's anti-ballistic missile (ABM) proposals.

In an appeal to anti-war and anti-military elements in the United States, the Egyptian official accused the Nixon Administration of supporting Israeli occupation and military policies through the supply of modern arms. He voiced the hope that "the American people will refuse to endorse this policy" which he described as unqualified support of Israeli militarism.

(Reports to London from Damascus quoted the Government organ, Al Baath, as predicting that Israel would launch a major surprise attack to give government leaders a popularity boost before the October elections. The paper asserted that Israeli leaders were outbidding each other with talk of annexation and war.

(The Christian Science Monitor reported from Beirut that Arab diplomats were considering the possibility of another session of the United Nations Security Council "to discuss Israel's defiance of last month's Security Council resolution calling for a halt to Israeli integration measures in East Jerusalem.")

Israeli Planes Attack Bases In Jordan After Shelling Of Beisan Settlements

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- Jordanian artillery and mortars heavily shelled Ashdod Yaacov in the northern Beisan Valley today as Israeli Air Force jets smashed targets inside Jordan. A military spokesman said all the planes returned safely to their bases.

An artillery duel developed in the vicinity of the Abdallah bridge where Jordanian 105 mm. field guns shelled Israeli positions. The fire was returned. No casualties were reported on the Israeli side. The sorties by Israeli jets lasted 30 minutes. The targets were not announced.

Ashdod Yaacov was hit by 25 pounders and mortar shells which damaged several buildings and electric power lines but caused no casualties. Israeli guns returned the fire.

Israeli Officer Shoots It Out, Western Style, With Terrorists In Gaza Street

A gun-battle, Western style, was waged in the streets of Gaza yesterday when an Israel Army major shot it out with a gang of terrorists after a hand grenade was hurled at a local cafe. When the smoke cleared, one terrorist was dead and another wounded. The major himself was wounded and two Israeli soldiers were slightly injured by the grenade blast. All were hospitalized.

The incident occurred in the afternoon when terrorists threw two grenades at a group of Israeli soldiers outside the Abu Azziz cafe. The cafe is on Gaza's main street, facing the civil administrative offices of the military government. The Israeli major, who was not identified, came on the scene accidentally. He pulled out his pistol and opened fire on the terrorists who were concealed in an alley. The shooting continued until both sides ran out of ammunition. By then, other Israeli soldiers arrived and opened fire on the fleeing terrorists. The dead Arab was identified as Mahdi Mustaffa Hassan. His wounded companion was taken to a hospital.

In other action today, a border police patrol was attacked in the Ashdod Yaacov area of the northern Beisan Valley. The police returned the fire and suffered no casualties. Three Israeli soldiers were slightly wounded in an exchange of artillery and small arms fire with Egyptian forces across the Suez Canal last night.

East Jerusalem police investigating underground terrorist cells there discovered a hidden cache of small arms, hand grenades and explosives. Twenty Arabs have been detained for questioning.

Eighth Maccabiah Games End In Lopsided Victory For United States Athletes

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- The Eighth Maccabiah Games, Israel's "little Olympics", ended yesterday in a lopsided victory for the American teams. The United States took 63 1/2 gold medals, 40 1/2 silver medals and 34 1/2 bronze medals. Israel was second with 48 gold medals, 52 1/2 silver and 51 bronze medals. Britain, with 10 1/2 gold medals, took third place.

But Israel's basketball squad scored a surprising upset victory over the United States in the basketball finals yesterday. A crowd of 5000 watched in the Ramat Gan stadium as the Israeli five won by a score of 74-70. It was the first American defeat in basketball since the Maccabiah games were started 20 years ago. Israel was originally to have played a semi-final match against Uruguay but was pitted against the powerful U.S. team when Uruguay was disqualified by the Maccabiah organizing committee on grounds that it had two non-Jews on its basketball squad. Maccabiah rules limits competition to Jews.

Canada was in 11th place among the 19 nations participating in the Maccabiah games. Canadian athletes won three gold medals, three silver medals and two bronze medals.

Deputy Premier Yigal Allon voiced the hope today that the next Maccabiah games played in Israel will see Jewish athletes from Eastern European countries participating. Mr. Allon addressed the 1,500 participants in the Maccabiah, when the athletes and their entourage visited Jerusalem and held a rally on Mt. Scopus. Mr. Allon told them that lasting peace could be achieved only at the negotiation table. He said when that stage is reached, "we have a lot to offer the Arabs."

Finance Ministry Official Rejects Suggestion Israel Pound Should Be Devalued

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein rejected today any suggestion that the Israeli pound should be devalued again, asserting that such a move would have no practical value and would not improve the situation. He stressed that a devaluation move was not under consideration in official Israeli quarters.

Mr. Dinstein declared that devaluation of the Israeli currency or an increase in taxes would have a greater deterrent effect on investment in Israel than fears about the security situation. He said what should be done to narrow the trade gap and cut Israel's adverse foreign trade balance would be to reduce imports, increase exports and diminish the increase in private consumption in Israel.

Chief Rabbinate Protests Reported Plan To Make Western Wall A Historic Site

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- Israel's chief rabbis Itzhak Nissim and Issar Untermann protested today against a rumored plan to make the Western (Wailing) Wall a historic site and to include secular bodies in its administration. They also demanded that a ministerial committee on holy places see to it that archaeological excavations at the Wall are ended and that the site be used exclusively for religious services and prayers.

Total Of 67,000 Tourists In July Sets All-Time Record For Month In Israel

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol said today that the rapid expansion of Israel's tourist industry called for thousands more trained employees. He spoke after certificates were awarded to 234 graduates of the school of tourism here. They included hotel managers, senior clerks and receptionists. Mr. Kol announced that 67,000 tourists visited Israel during July, an all-time record for that month.

The Ministry was reported today to be negotiating with foreign investors for the construction of a string of hostels to accommodate tourists visiting the Sinai peninsula. The hostels would be located north of Sharm el-Sheikh on the Gulf of Aqaba and at Nuweiba, about 30 miles south of Eilat. They are expected to begin operating next winter.

Historical Spectacle To Be Projected Nightly At Tower of David As Tourist Attraction

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA) A light and sound spectacle, the first of its kind in Israel, which will relate the history of Jerusalem from the days of King David to the present, will shortly be performed nightly at the Tower of David in Jerusalem's Citadel. The spectacle was conceived by Baron Edmond de Rothschild, who sent specialists to create the spectacle there.

The spectacle will be projected about four months each year as a tourist attraction in Jerusalem. Performances will be given three times nightly in Hebrew, English and French. The company which will produce the spectacle is owned equally by Baron de Rothschild, Jean Friedman, owner of a French publicity firm, the Israeli Ministry of Tourism, and Axel Springer, the West German publisher.

Hormone Used By Nazis On Prisoners Is Studied For Effect On Children's Intelligence

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- Hormones used by the Nazis in their experiments to sterilize Jews, now found in one form of estrogenic birth control pills, produced an unusually low IQ in the offspring of concentration camp inmates subject to the hormone, an American psychologist reported here today.

Dr. J. Jofen of the City University of New York, at the Fifth World Congress on Jewish studies, told a section of the Congress dealing with the Holocaust that in studying the sterilization experiments performed by the Nazis on inmates of the Auschwitz concentration camp, she had discovered documents revealing that Nazi Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler had been interested in the development of a drug that would cause sterilization of enemies of the Reich without their being aware of it.

The records indicate that in one set of experiments a hormone synthesized from a plant was administered through soup given to the inmates, men and women, who temporarily lost their virility. Dr. Jofen discovered that children subsequently born to women subjected to the drug were of lower average intelligence than children of concentration camp inmates not subject to the drug. Dr. Jofen said she was making a study of this to ascertain if there could be a similar effect on children born to women periodically using the contraceptive drug.

Israel To Hold Conference On Science, Education In Underdeveloped Countries

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- An international conference on science and education in underdeveloped countries will open at the Hebrew University here Aug. 18 and will continue at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovoth, it was announced today. The conference will draw 116 delegates from 59 countries, among them Dr. Emile Darlin Zinsou, President of the West African republic of Dahome and Dr. Rene Maheu, secretary general of UNESCO. In addition, 28 ministers of education and dozens of scientists from abroad will participate.

Premier Golda Meir and Foreign Minister Abba Eban will address the opening session. Dr. Maheu is scheduled to deliver the keynote address on "educational prerequisites of the implementation and promotion of science in developing countries."

Fifteen students from underdeveloped countries who completed a special course in agricultural engineering have been awarded degrees by the Haifa Technion. They were the last of four classes to complete the special course, bringing the total number of graduates to 82. Among the graduates were three Biafran students who, with five others here, are unable to return home because of the war there. All have taken courses in Hebrew here and will seek to find jobs in Israel until they can go home.

Report Another Moscow Family In Demand To Podgorny For Right To Leave USSR

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- The newspaper Maariv published today a copy of a letter purportedly written by a Jewish family in Moscow to President Nicolai Podgorny of the Supreme Soviet, demanding their right to immigrate to Israel "because we feel ourselves spiritually and emotionally part of that state."

According to Maariv, the letter was sent to President Podgorny in April. The paper claimed that it obtained the copy and a photograph of the family of five from a tourist. The family was identified as Klizemer-Borochovitz, of 457-1 Novokuzminskaya Street, flat 72, Moscow. The letter was signed by A.J. Klizemer, B.J. Borochowitz, K.B. Borochowitz, K.B. Borochowitz, J.B. Borochowitz and Boris L. Shlein.

The letter was sharply critical of Soviet treatment of the Jews. According to the text published in Maariv, the family said it had been trying in vain since December to get permission to emigrate and continued: "We have been raised according to Jewish traditions. But under present conditions our children are deprived of the possibility of learning Hebrew and all other subjects that are needed to learn the great cultural heritage of our people. And this is because, unlike other nations in Soviet Russia, we are discriminated against. We are dreaming of going to settle in Israel. As citizens of Russia, in accordance with the basic laws of Russia which are opposed to racial discrimination, we have the full right to immigrate to Israel. We pray that the Soviet authorities will reveal an understanding of our peoples' problems and that our request will be granted."

(According to the Boston Globe, which received a copy of the letter from the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry, three members of the family applied for exit permits on Dec. 30, 1968, with the necessary "affidavit of invitation" to be reunited with their family in Israel. On June 16, they were informed that their application had been denied.

(The Boston Globe declared that the accusation voiced by these people, "once again underscores the discrimination against the Jewish minority behind the Iron Curtain, now abetted by pro-Arab policies of the Communist governments."

(The paper declared that "the letter, one of the few of its kind to come to the attention of the West in recent months, is touchingly appealing and yet a bit defiant in its tone.)

The family applied for exit permits in order to be reunited with other family members in Israel in accordance with a declaration by Premier Alexei Kosygin in Paris in December, 1966, that Russian citizens who wished to leave their country to be reunited with their families abroad would receive permission to leave the Soviet Union.

Israeli Foreign Ministry Denies Suppression of News Of Soviet Jewish Life

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry flatly denied today charges by a Knesset member that the ministry had imposed censorship and pressure to prevent publication here of news of a revival of Zionist and Jewish nationalist aspirations among the Jews of the Soviet Union.

The charge had been made by Mrs. Shulamith Alon, a Labor Party member, in a letter to Foreign Minister Eban. Mr. Eban has stated that there is no censorship of such news and a spokesman stressed that, on the contrary, the Foreign Ministry welcomed publication of any trustworthy reports on developments concerning the Soviet Jewish community.

Aryeh Neshet Is Appointed Executive Director Of Israel Foundation Fund

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- Appointment of Dr. Aryeh Neshet as executive director of the Israel Foundation Fund was announced today by Charles J. Bensley, the president. The fund is a program of the United Jewish Appeal established in 1964 to meet acute building, personnel and equipment shortages in Israel's secondary school system, particularly in the development towns.

Dr. Neshet, an Israeli educator and social scientist, was executive director of Sherut La'am (Service to the People), which organized the dispatch of American and Canadian college graduates to Israel for volunteer service in the development areas. He has served as a human relations consultant to the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency.

A native of Rumania, Dr. Neshet was active in the anti-Nazi resistance and in work for displaced persons after World War II. He arrived in Israel in 1948 and after army service, including direction of the Army program of absorption of newcomers, joined the Ministry of Labor as an economist.

To Open New Unit In Pediatric Ophthalmology In Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- The Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center is establishing a special unit in pediatric ophthalmology, a relatively new medical specialty, to deal with children's eye diseases, Mrs. Max Schenk, national president of Hadassah, disclosed today. The unit expects to work with the medical center's pediatricians in early detection of those eye problems that could lead to impaired vision or blindness.

Pilgrim Groups From Britain And France Are Awaited In Israel

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6 (JTA) -- Two groups of pilgrims, headed by church leaders, are enroute to Israel. One group from France, headed by Msgr. Charles, Archbishop of the Sacre-coeur Diocese in Paris, which will arrive in Haifa tomorrow, numbers 200 and will tour the Galilee, Jerusalem, Jericho and Hebron. The second group, arriving Aug. 10, will be headed by the Archbishop of York, the Most Rev. Frederick Donald Coggan. The group will number 60 British pilgrims and will be accompanied by Kathleen Kenyon, archaeologist and author, principal of St. Hugh's College of Oxford University and former head of the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem.