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Tekoah Rejects Security Council Resolution Enjoining Changes In Jerusalem's Status

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 16 (JTA) -- "In a sense these resolutions are like certain currencies -- the more they are printed, the less valuable they become," said Ambassador Yosef Tekoah yesterday. The envoy thus expressed Israel's rejection of the Security Council vote demanding that Israel obey resolutions enjoining any changes in the status of Jerusalem. The Council adopted a resolution presented by Pakistan by 11 votes with four states abstaining. The abstainers were the United States, Finland, Colombia and Paraguay.

Voting for the resolution were Albania, Britain, China, France, Hungary, Nepal, Pakistan, Senegal, Spain, the Soviet Union and Zambia. The British vote surprised the Israelis who had been led to believe that Lord Caradon, Britain's envoy, would abstain.

The preamble to the resolution said that the statements heard in the Council reflected "universal outrage caused by the act of sacrilege in one of the venerated shrines of mankind." This reference was to the Aug. 21 fire at the El Aksa mosque in Old Jerusalem, an event which outraged the Arab Moslem world and led to the Council session. In presenting Washington's argument, U.S. Ambassador Charles W. Yost said that his Government believed that the resolution should have been confined to the question of the fire alone.

The resolution said that "the execrable act of desecration and profanation of the holy El Aksa Mosque emphasizes the immediate necessity of Israel desisting from acting in violation of (previous) resolutions (on Jerusalem's status) and rescinding forthwith all measures and actions taken by it designed to alter the status of Jerusalem."

The Council said that "any act of destruction or profanation of the Holy Places, religious buildings and sites in Jerusalem or any encouragement of, or connivance at, any such act may seriously endanger international peace and security." The Council reaffirmed "the established principle that acquisition of territory by military conquest is inadmissible." The resolution was a compromise between the desires of conservative Moslem nations to focus on the religious issues and the militant Arabs who wanted to exploit the fire for political purposes. A young Australian Christian has confessed to setting the mosque fire.

Mr. Tekoah charged that the Soviet Union had ruled out its fitness to serve as a Mideast peace-maker by its incitement of the Arabs. He was replying to a statement by Council president Jacob Malik of the Soviet Union, who had taken the floor as the Soviet representative, that the resolution should have been tougher in stipulating Israeli "political and moral responsibility" for the fire.

Mr. Malik had said that Russia "will not accept maintenance of the present situation in the Middle East." Mr. Tekoah replied that the combination of "name-calling, fact-twisting and sanctimonious protestations about Soviet love for religion confirm that the Soviet Union has not mended its ways." Mr. Tekoah branded the resolution as a repetition of "inequitable and unrealistic views." He noted that of the 11 nations voting for the resolution, six have no diplomatic relations with Israel. He said that the Council's deliberations had clearly shown that Israel had had no hand in the fire.

Government Officials React Bitterly To Britain's Vote

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- Government officials reacted bitterly to the United Nations Security Council's vote. Official ire was directed at Lord Caradon who had been expected to abstain. An official protest was lodged today when the British Ambassador, Ernest John Ward Barnes, was summoned to the Foreign Ministry by its director-general, Gideon Rafael. It was reported that the British envoy was told that Lord Caradon's vote was contrary to public opinion in Britain as reported in the press and from other sources.

(A protest against the British vote was lodged in London today by Eitan Ruppin, Minister of the Israeli Embassy, with William Tripp, head of the Foreign Office's Middle East department.)

The Israeli Foreign Ministry issued a statement denouncing the nations which voted for the resolution. While no country was mentioned specifically, the text made it clear that Britain was the main target. It referred to the shelling of Jewish Jerusalem in 1948 and the subsequent systematic destruction of Jewish Holy Places by the Arabs. At the time, the occupying army was the Jordanian Arab Legion under the command of British officers.

Deputy Premier Yigal Allon said today that the resolution "will not in the slightest degree change the situation in Jerusalem or its status." Mr. Allon spoke at cornerstone-laying ceremonies for a new East Jerusalem housing project for Arabs. He charged that the Council's action had "kindled new flames" by seconding, by implication, "the irresponsible incitement of the Arab states." He said the resolution raised "new and even stronger doubts about the Council's morality."

Mr. Allon said the new housing project was intended for Arabs in East Jerusalem who cannot find quarters in existing buildings or who have been evacuated from their homes "in the course of the city's rebuilding."

Michael Denis William Rohen will go on trial in Jerusalem district court on Oct. 6 on charges of setting the El Aksa fire. Rohen, who has confessed to setting the blaze, is charged with arson and desecration of a Holy Place.

Israeli Jets Smash Egyptian Military Positions On Suez Gulf In 2 Attacks

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- Israeli jets smashed Egyptian military positions on the Gulf of Suez in two separate attacks today. A military spokesman said all planes returned safely to their bases after striking targets near Bir Oudayeb, about 30 miles south of Port Suez. The first attack was carried out at 4:30 p.m. local time and the second at 6 p.m. They marked the second time since Sunday that Israel's Air Force has attacked Egyptian positions near the Gulf of Suez. That region was the scene of a 10-hour tank and armored infantry raid by Israel on Sept. 9 which was followed up by air attacks on successive days.

(The U.S. State Department disclosed today that it summoned Israel's Ambassador, Yitzhak Rabin, to express the Government's displeasure over Israeli behavior related to "violations of cease-fire lines." Gen. Rabin was received by Under-Secretary of State Elliot L. Richardson. State Department officials said the Israeli envoy was informed of U.S. concern over Israel's policy of reprisals.)

Israeli jets attacked two guerrilla bases in a 20-minute raid over Jordan today. The targets were Tel Hufeija near the Umm Tutz pass and Wadi el Arab, opposite the Beisan Valley settlement of Gesher. A military spokesman reported that all of the planes returned safely to their bases.

An Israeli woman was killed and her 16-year-old son was injured today when a handgrenade exploded in the Gaza marketplace. Another Israeli woman and 15 local Arabs suffered injuries, most of them minor. Roadblocks were set up immediately after the incident as Israeli security forces searched for the terrorists. A number of suspects were detained for questioning.

An Israeli border policeman was slightly injured today when his patrol was attacked by mortar, bazooka and small arms fire while passing through Kfar Ruppin in the Beisan area. The fire was returned. A burst of automatic fire was aimed at a police station near Hebron last night but caused no casualties. Defense Minister Moshe Dayan visited the area later, accompanied by Brig. Gen. Shlomo Gazit, coordinator of operations in the occupied territories.

150 Troops Used Russian-Built Armor In Attacks, 'Time' Reports

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- Israel's amphibious raid which destroyed Egyptian military positions along a 30 mile strip of coast on the Gulf of Suez last Tuesday was carried out with Russian-built tanks and armored vehicles captured from Egypt in the June, 1967 Six-Day War, according to an account in the current issue of Time magazine. Time said that only 150 Israeli soldiers and nine vehicles were employed in the operation. The Russian-made vehicles and the Egyptian type uniforms worn by the Israeli soldiers who spoke fluent Arabic achieved complete surprise, Time said.

CBS Sends New Correspondent To Israel To Succeed Hatch

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- The Columbia Broadcasting System in New York has sent Peter Kalischer to Jerusalem to replace Anthony Hatch whose credentials were withdrawn by the Israel Government last week for an alleged violation of censorship. Mr. Kalischer arrived here Sunday.

But Mr. Hatch and CBS are still striving for his reinstatement. They have appealed to Israel Galili, Minister-Without-Portfolio, who is in charge of the Government information services. Mr. Hatch's accreditation was withdrawn after he telephoned a report of Israel's amphibious raid on Egyptian military positions along the Gulf of Suez Sept. 9 two hours before the attack was officially announced. The Government contended that this was a serious breach of censorship and military security. Mr. Hatch and CBS claim that details of the attack were common knowledge in Israel when the correspondent phoned his report.

Dayan Outlines Views On Israel's Security Needs, Heads Rafi Election List

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- Defense Minister Moshe Dayan once again outlined his assessment of Israel's security needs which he believes require maintaining a firm grip on key areas of the occupied former Arab territories. Gen. Dayan spoke last night at a meeting of the Rafi faction of the Israel Labor Party which placed his name at the head of its nine-man election list. He is thus assured of a ministerial post in any new Government formed by the Labor Party-Mapam alignment after next month's elections.

Gen. Dayan said that Israel's quest for peace must not obscure the fact that the nation's security depended upon control of the Sharm el-Sheikh, Israeli settlement of the Golan Heights and the permanent stationing of Israeli units along the Jordan River.

However, he said, events that will take place between the Hebrew New Year and the universal New Year less than four months hence would be "landmarks" upon which Israel's future policy depended. He listed those events as Premier Golda Meir's meeting with President Richard M. Nixon in Washington on Sept. 25; the arrival in New York of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko and resumption of the U.S.-Soviet and Four Power Mideast talks; and the military developments between now and the start of the rainy season when military activity must slow down.

Gen. Dayan rejected any proposal that Israel break out of the present cease-fire lines and "go on to Cairo and Amman." Israel's military posture should be defensive," he said, "but we should hit back hard against any serious breaches of the cease-fire." He defended his "open bridges" policy which has come under increasing criticism lately on a high level, notably from Deputy Premier Yigal Allon.

The policy permits the free movement of goods and people between the West Bank and Jordan over the Jordan River bridges.

Gen. Dayan warned that if the bridges were closed it would be like tying down a safety valve. The open bridges policy allows West Bank farmers to market their surplus produce in Jordan and West Bank families to keep up ties with relatives across the river. But critics of the policy say the open bridges provide a channel for arms and ammunition to reach terrorists. Only yesterday Israeli military officials banned trucks crossing the bridges from carrying hollow objects such as gasoline and water containers in which explosives could be concealed.

Gen. Dayan said he was against capital punishment for captured terrorists on grounds that it would not be a deterrent. He noted that last month, Israeli forces killed 52 guerrillas but others were not prevented from trying to penetrate into Israel.

Gen. Dayan said he thought the situation in the festering Gaza refugee camps could be improved during the next two years if new initiatives were taken. "The human question troubles me," he said. He thought the first step was to provide work for 20,000-30,000 Arab breadwinners. The second step would be to change their present "miserable" camps, but not to establish a "model village" system which he regarded as propaganda.

The order in which candidates' names appeared on the Rafi election list came as a surprise inasmuch as veteran Rafi leader Shimon Peres placed third. Second place went to a relatively young man, Gad Yaacobi, who is a member of the Histadrut central committee but not a national political figure. Nevertheless, the Rafi group agreed that Mr. Peres along with Gen. Dayan would get ministerial posts in the new Government.

Nasser Will Not Visit Moscow In Near Future, 'Daily Telegraph' Reports

LONDON, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- The Daily Telegraph reported from Cairo today that President Gamal Abdel Nasser will not visit Moscow this month or in the near future. According to the report, an official announcement in Cairo denied widely published reports that Col. Nasser was going to Russia for medical treatment and conferences with Soviet leaders. The Telegraph said the denial was issued to dispel reports that Nasser was reluctant to attend the Islamic summit conference scheduled to take place in Rabat, Morocco Sept. 22-24.

First New Settlement Of New Year Begun Near Gaza Strip, Jewish Agency Says

JERUSALEM, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- The first new settlement of the Jewish New Year was established yesterday on a 1,000 acre tract in the Eshkol region near the Gaza Strip, the Jewish Agency's settlement department announced. The settlement, named Moshav Besor Bet, is a small holders colony divided into 50 family farm units on land made arable by the Jewish National Fund. The inhabitants are the offspring of moshav members who established their community following Israel's War for Independence in 1948.

Senators Write Rogers Asking That Hijacking Of TWA Jetliner Be Brought To UN Council

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- One-third of the members of the Senate joined Tuesday in demanding that the Arab hijacking of an American TWA airliner last month be brought before the United Nations Security Council.

Sen. Alan Cranston, California Democrat, supported by 36 other senators, wrote Secretary of State William P. Rogers to ask for a full public review of the hijacking which involved a narrow escape of passengers from a bomb blast that seriously damaged the plane at Damascus airport.

The senators called for criminal prosecution of the hijackers and the immediate release of the Israeli passengers still held by Syria. Secretary Rogers was also asked to propose an international agreement for the apprehension, extradition, and punishment of air pirates when the International Civil Aviation Organization meets in Montreal on Sept. 23.

New Libyan Regime Pledges Equal Treatment For Country's Jewish Citizens

ROME, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- The new regime in Libya has declared that it will follow an independent course in the Arab world, will treat its Jewish citizens on an equal basis with all other citizens and will not tolerate violence against anyone, according to authoritative reports in Italian newspapers.

A spokesman for the military junta that deposed King Idris reportedly told Italian journalists that Libya stands aloof from either Nasserism or Baathism (the regimes of Syria and Iraq), will not accept the "advice" of Mohammed Heykal and in fact would resent a "paternalism" on the part of any Arab leader.

Mr. Heykal is editor of the semi-official Cairo newspaper Al Ahram which is regarded as a mouthpiece for the regime of President Gamal Abdel Nasser. The junta spokesman reportedly said that Libya will fulfill all international agreements and is neither Communist nor any variety of Marxist. He said that Libya will be on the side of the Arabs in all major international issues but has its own role to play in the Arab world and in Africa.

Libya's New Premier Was Born In Palestine, Educated In Syria And U.S.

LONDON, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- Libya's new Premier, 34-year-old Dr. Haamoud el-Naghrabi, is a Palestinian by birth who was educated in Syria and the United States, it was learned here today. The new leader of the government which deposed King Idris was once jailed and deprived of his Libyan nationality because he led petroleum workers in a demand for higher wages.

Most West German Politicians Expect NPD To Gain Seats In Bundestag, Klutznick Says

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- Most West German politicians believe the extreme right-wing National Democratic Party (NPD) will win enough votes in the Sept. 28 national elections to gain its first seats in the Bundestag. But such an event is likely to have a greater impact on Germany's image abroad than on its internal politics, according to Philip M. Klutznick writing in the current issue of The National Jewish Monthly, the B'nai B'rith organ.

Mr. Klutznick, a former president of B'nai B'rith and one-time U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, recently returned from a visit to West Germany. He said most reliable political observers concede five to eight percent of the vote to the reputedly neo-Nazi party although polls show its strength to range between two and three percent. Five percent is required to enter the Bundestag.

Mr. Klutznick said the higher estimate was based on the tested observation that malcontents seldom register their views in polls accurately. The NPD election campaign is aimed at discontented elements of the lower middle classes. Mr. Klutznick said that German politicians, even those who tried unsuccessfully to have the NPD banned as anti-democratic, do not regard the NPD as a domestic threat. "What really concerns the West German leadership is the harm an NPD presence in the Bundestag can do to the Federal Republic's image abroad," he wrote. "The Germans recognize that the equivalent of an NPD in the United States, France or Great Britain might lift an eyebrow. When it happens in Germany, a whole world becomes shaken and alert."

Histadrut Treasurer Says Israel Develops Economy, Society As If There Were No War

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- The treasurer of Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, said here today that the virtual state of war that exists in the Middle East has not prevented Israel from expanding its economy and developing its society "as though there were no war going on."

Yehoshua Levy spoke at a luncheon meeting of the directors of the National Committee for Labor Israel which raises funds for Histadrut in this country. He said that immigrants are arriving in Israel at a faster pace and the numbers from affluent Western countries are setting new records.

"The country is in a period of full employment and seeks more skilled manpower and greater capital investment for its established industries and for new enterprises on the planning board," Mr. Levy said. He said Histadrut has managed to hold the line against inflation by holding down wage increases and linking them to increased productivity.

Wreaths Placed Near Iraqi Mission To Protest Hanging Of Alleged Spies

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- Wreaths were placed on the sidewalk in front of the Iraqi Mission to the United Nations here last week by 18 nationally prominent persons protesting the hangings in Iraq of alleged spies for Israel and the United States. The group included Roman Catholic and Protestant clergymen, Negro civil rights leaders, educators and figures from the sports and entertainment world.

Among them were Dr. Harry Gideonse, chancellor of the New School; Joseph Monserrat, president of the New York City Board of Education; Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Bayard Rustin, civil rights leader; Father C.J. McNaspy and Father John B. Sheerin; editors respectively of America Magazine and Catholic World; Rev. Richard Neuhaus, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Lutheran Church, and Rev. Canon William S. Van Meter, executive secretary of Christian Social Relations, Council of Churches, New York City; playwrights Dore Schary and Murray Schisgal; actresses Ina Ballin and Gila Golan; and Emil Griffith, former world's welterweight and middleweight boxing champion.

Nechama Lifschitz To Begin U.S. Tour On Oct. 5 With Appearance In New York

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- Nehama Lifschitz, the Russian-Jewish folk singer who became an Israeli citizen earlier this year, will make her American concert debut at the New York Philharmonic Hall on Oct. 5. Her performance, which is expected to be attended by Premier Golda Meir and Israel's Ambassador, Yitzhak Rabin, will be the start of a two month concert tour that will take Miss Lifschitz to 17 major cities in the U.S. and Canada. The Lithuanian-born singer who has been likened to the late French songstress, Edith Piaf, was regarded as the Soviet Union's outstanding Jewish concert artist. Last March she and her family were granted permission to emigrate and settled in Israel.

Services Slated For Saul Tukachinsky, Father of Yosef Tekoah, Israel's UN Envoy

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- Funeral services have been scheduled tomorrow for the father of Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, who died here yesterday in Mount Sinai Hospital at the age of 75.

Services will be held for Saul Tukachinsky, who had been the head of the Jewish community of Shanghai, China, during World War II and was active in Jewish communal affairs in the borough of Queens, where he lived. Other survivors of Mr. Tukachinsky are a son in Tokyo and a daughter in Brazil.

N.Y. AJCommittee Chapter Asks Mayoralty Candidates To Avoid Inflammatory Oratory

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (JTA) -- An urgent appeal to New York's three mayoralty candidates to stop "the kind of campaign oratory that pits ethnic and religious groups against each other and that encourages inter-group tension" was issued today by the New York chapter of the American Jewish Committee. In telegrams addressed to Mayor John Lindsay, State Sen. John Marchi and Controller Mario Procaccino, Edward D. Moldover, chapter president, said, "The chapter does not endorse political candidates nor engage in any manner in campaigns for public office. We do reserve the right... to comment on certain developing tendencies in the current mayoralty campaign which... may have serious consequences affecting future inter-group relations."