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Eban, Pope To Confer Monday, Expect Holy Places To Be On Agenda Of Mideast Issues

ROME, Oct. 5 (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel will confer with Pope Paul VI on Middle East peace issues in an audience tomorrow, it was announced separately by Vatican City and the Israeli Foreign Ministry. Mr. Eban arrived in Rome today en route home from his nearly two-and-one-half weeks visit to the United Nations and United States. It is expected that the Holy Places will be discussed.

The Vatican said the Pope's interest in conferring with Mr. Eban "falls within the framework of the very keen interest constantly demonstrated by the holy father for the peace and conciliation of peoples in the Middle East." The Foreign Ministry, in Jerusalem, said the meeting was arranged "because of the great interest shown by the head of the Catholic Church on peace in the Middle East, in bringing closer the peoples of the area and in the Holy Places." The Vatican has never recognized the State of Israel and meetings between the Pontiff and Israeli leaders have been rare.

The Monday meeting, to which the Government attaches great importance, will be the first between an Israeli Cabinet minister and the Pope since the intensive talks which took place in the first few months following the 1967 war. It was noted that in addition to stopping its active campaign for an internationalization of Jerusalem, which has been a long-term Vatican aim, the Holy See has stopped pressing actively for a return to the city's pre-war status. "The Church seems to be satisfied with the status granted to the churches right now," a source said. The meeting will give Mr. Eban "the opportunity to clarify Israel's views on these problems to the Pope," the Foreign Ministry said.

(In his speech to the UN General Assembly last month, Mr. Eban said that "Israel does not claim exclusive or unilateral jurisdiction in the Holy Places of Christianity and Islam in Jerusalem and is willing to discuss this principle with those traditionally concerned. There is a versatile range of possibilities for working out a status for the Holy Places in such a manner as to promote Middle Eastern peace and ecumenical harmony. In the meantime, our policy is that the Moslem and Christian Holy Places should always be under the responsibility of those whom hold them sacred. This principle has been in practical effect since 1967.")

Pope Paul sent an appeal to the recent Islamic summit conference in Rabat, Morocco, calling for peace in the Holy Land that would include an agreement of Islam, Christianity and Judaism on the future of Jerusalem and the Holy Places.

In a message to conference chairman, King Hassan II of Morocco, the Pontiff told the delegates that "we think that the the representatives of the three monotheistic religions should come to an agreement to recognize the unique and sacred character of the Holy Places and of Jerusalem in particular."

The Pope refrained from using the word "internationalization." Past proposals by Pope Paul and his predecessors using this term for Jerusalem were rejected by the Arabs and Israelis.

The Tel Aviv newspaper Yediot Achronoth said that an exchange of letters between the Pontiff and Mr. Eban took place recently and were based upon passages in the Foreign Minister's recent book "My People" which dealt with Jewish-Christian relations through history.

Cardinal Cushing Urges Better Understanding of Relationship Between Jews, Israel

BOSTON, Oct. 5 (JTA) -- Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, told an audience here that Christians must develop a better understanding of the unique relationship between the Jewish people and Israel if Christian-Jewish dialogues are not to become "strained and ultimately fruitless." "Israel is not just a homeland for the persecuted and oppressed, not just a refuge for people the world has abused," Cardinal Cushing said. "It is for the Jews the fulfillment of prophecy, the return to the Promised Land, the realization of the Divine Covenant, the answer to the prayers of generations of the Chosen People."

Cardinal Cushing spoke at the 10th annual "good neighbor night" dinner of the Temple Mishkan Tefila brotherhood in Newton, Mass. He addressed an audience of 700 which included Gov. Francis Sargent. He noted that some commentators have suggested that religious understanding between Christians and Jews is likely to be severely strained so long as the Mideast conflict remains unsettled. To prevent such a development, he said, "Christians in our country and everywhere must earn of the relationship of these people with their land. They must come to see it not just in terms of politics and foreign policy, not just in terms of geography and development, not just in terms of humanity and humanitarianism. They must see it in terms of the Covenant, of the Prophets and the total history of the Jewish people.

Cardinal Cushing declared that Israel is part of world history. "It is a State that here and now

exists. We must ensure its permanent place among the family of nations. To insist upon this is not to deny any legitimate rights of other people. It is merely elementary justice."

Eban Says Israel Would Negotiate Even If Cease-Fire Violations Continued

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 5 (JTA) -- Israel would negotiate with the Arabs without pre-conditions despite continued violations of the cease-fire, Foreign Minister Abba Eban said here Friday. Although Israel would prefer an international effort to strengthen the cease-fire, he said, this would not be a pre-requisite to the beginning of talks. He indicated that Israel might raise the problem of a cease-fire "improvement" as one of the early and urgent matters for negotiation through UN representative Gunnar V. Jarring.

After going through nearly two-and-one-half weeks of intensive diplomatic consultations accompanying the opening of the General Assembly, Mr. Eban said the Mideast "diplomatic situation is immobile" and that the Arabs and Israelis were not "very near to a negotiating context."

But he said that he found "certain ideas on the march" and that "more than previously (there is) the concentration on the central issue. . . negotiation." He found, in studying the various nations' foreign policies speeches in the General Assembly, "no tendency to enter into a specific and detailed analysis of the points at issue." Rather, he discovered a general plea to the Arabs and Israelis -- and super-powers -- to avoid enlarging the conflict beyond the region.

On the other issues, Mr. Eban said the continued detention by Syria of two Israeli passengers from a hijacked TWA plane is one of the Mideast's "most urgent matters." He said that Israel was in constant touch with the U.S. Government, aviation and pilots organizations and Secretary-General U Thant in efforts to try and secure their release.

Asked whether there has been an improvement in Franco-Israeli relations since the departure of former President Charles de Gaulle, Mr. Eban said that there has not been "a sharp and drastic departure from previous policies" but that there has been a "definite evolution in the expression of ideas."

Reading Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann's General Assembly speech and comparing it to the French presentation of 1968, Mr. Eban found "the element of acrimony and of criticism is not there. There is no effort to make any definition, negative or otherwise, of Israel's action of June, 1967. There is no zeal to state emphatically that negotiations are out of the question."

He also cited but did not describe a "new French formula" recently presented to the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community (Common Market) and said that Israel would wait to see if the formula "can unfreeze the deadlock which has so far applied to Israel's request for a certain type of association" with the Market. He also found a reference in Mr. Schumann's speech to an arms balance or military equilibrium, and said Israel would wait to find out what its significance was.

Golda Meir Delays Return To Address AFL-CIO Convention In Atlantic City

NEW YORK, Oct. 5 (JTA) -- Israel's Premier Golda Meir, long a friend of American labor, postponed her return home today so that she can address the annual meeting of the AFL-CIO in Atlantic City tomorrow. Mrs. Meir has expressed her gratitude to the American trade union movement for its moral, political and financial support to Hisradrut, Israel's labor federation, and for speaking out on "Israel's desire to achieve a permanent peace in the Middle East." She has been a top official of Histadrut and addressed labor meetings in this country when she was Israel's Minister of Labor.

On Friday, Mrs. Meir stopped over in Milwaukee, the city where she was brought up, went to college and later taught. It was a hectic three-hour visit made obviously for sentimental reasons. She visited the elementary school where she began her education 63 years ago. Today the pupils are all Negro. They greeted Mrs. Meir by singing Israel's national anthem, "Hatikvah." The houses where Mrs. Meir lived as a girl have long been demolished.

The Israeli Premier was greeted at the airport by 500 children from local Hebrew schools waving Israeli flags. Later she addressed a capacity crowd in the new Performing Arts Center and was given an enthusiastic welcome inside. But outside pickets who identified themselves as members of the Arab-American Committee and the Committee to Support Middle East Liberation carried signs and chanted "Golda go home."

Israel Says It Forces Repulsed Large Scale Commando Attack Across Suez Canal

TEL AVIV, Oct. 5 (JTA) -- Israel said today that its forces repulsed a large scale Egyptian commando attack under cover of a heavy artillery barrage across the Suez Canal. Other Israeli forces raided two Lebanese border villages yesterday and blew up 20 buildings which had been used by Arab guerrillas responsible for recent attacks in Israel.

An Israeli military spokesman said that two Israeli soldiers were killed in the Canal Zone fighting and that five Egyptian soldiers were killed in the landing attempt and three were wounded, one of whom died later in a hospital. Egyptian casualties were considerably higher however and a number of bodies were believed to be still floating. Israeli jets later carried out a punitive raid on Egyptian positions on the western shores of the Gulf of Suez.

12,000 Jews, Mostly Young, Dance And Sing In Moscow To Celebrate Simhat Torah

LONDON, Oct. 5 (JTA) -- About 12,000 Moscow Jews sang and danced on the quarter-mile long Arkhipov St. outside the Choral Synagogue last night in a spontaneous celebration of Simhat Torah. Eyewitnesses said that youngsters outnumbered the middle aged and elderly. They sang traditional Jewish songs, including "Hava Nagila" and some groups chanted, "I am a Jew, we are all Jews."

The normally quiet street near the headquarters of the central committee of the Soviet Communist Party was closed to traffic by police. There was no interference with the celebration which has become a Jewish tradition in Moscow on Simhat Torah. But some elderly Jews told foreign observers that they doubted if celebrations of the holiday were allowed on the same scale in other Soviet cities with large Jewish populations like Kiev, Kharkov and Odessa.

One elderly Jew reportedly complained to visitors that Moscow's 300,000 Jews had no central meeting place outside of the synagogue. The young people learned of the holiday by word of mouth because no Jewish calendars are published in the Soviet Union and the press never reports the event of religious holidays. The outpouring of emotion was seen by observers as a demonstration of identification with Israel by some Jews or simply of Jewish identity by others. Moscow has no formal Jewish schools but people in the Simhat Torah crowd said many youngsters studied Hebrew in private groups.

Parade, Park Rite Highlight Denver Solidarity Day; Events Planned Across U.S.

DENVER, Oct. 5 (JTA) -- A torchlight parade and the dedication of a municipal site in Denver, which the city and county have agreed to develop as a memorial park for victims of the Babi Yar massacre by the Nazis, highlighted a Simhat Torah demonstration here today as Jews in more than 50 cities and universities planned to express solidarity with Soviet Jewry. Arrangements for the park were made with the Committee of Concern for World Jewry of Denver and approved in a resolution.

The demonstrations are being coordinated by the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry. A parade-demonstration is planned Oct. 6 at the capitol building in Phoenix, Arizona. Prayer services and outdoor demonstrations are set for Oct. 12 in Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco. Demonstrations will take place Oct. 5 in Hamden and Hartford, Conn., and at Yale University and in Waterbury on Oct. 12.

Outdoor rallies are planned for Oct. 12 in Wilmington, Del. and Washington, D.C. The University of Chicago will be the site of an outdoor gathering on Oct. 4. Community rallies are planned on Oct. 5 in the Miami Beach Auditorium and the Chicago Loop Synagogue. Also scheduled for Oct. 5 are demonstrations at the University of Indiana and at Hammond and on Oct. 12 in Indianapolis. A protest march to the state capitol is scheduled in Des Moines on Oct. 5.

Events are also slated or were held in San Jose, Bloomington, Boston, Northampton, Detroit, Flint, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Kansas City (Mo.), St. Louis, Omaha, Albany, Ithaca, Schenectady, Syracuse, Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, Youngstown, Tulsa, Portland (Ore), Easton, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Providence, Dallas, Houston, Lynchburg, Norfolk, Seattle and Milwaukee. In addition, Canadian demonstrations were scheduled or held in Edmonton, Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg.

West Berlin Jewish Center Marks 10th Anniversary With Performances By Artists

WEST BERLIN, Oct. 5 (JTA) -- The local Jewish Center celebrated its 10th anniversary with performances by Jewish and Israeli artists that were televised over the Berlin network. The event coincided with the 50th anniversary of Berlin's Tribune Theater and was addressed by one of the original members of that troupe, the German-Jewish actor, Fritz Kertner.

He recalled that the Tribune Theater was the birthplace of the Expressionist movement in the theater. It had left-wing leanings and many of its artists and authors were Jewish. For that reason, Mr. Kertner recalled, it became one of the first targets of the Nazis. Some of the Jewish performers escaped from Germany but others died in concentration camps or took their own lives, Mr. Kertner said. He read a long list of Jewish martyrs of the Tribune Theater.

The Basheva dance company from Tel Aviv received a warm reception here at the start of its second European tour. The troupe is appearing here under the auspices of the Berliner Festwoche. They will perform in Scandinavia and Portugal before returning to Israel. An Israeli flag flew over the theater where they performed for five days.

4 German Peasant Families Received Yad Vashem Medals, Citations

BONN, Oct. 5 (JTA) -- Four West German peasant families received medals and citations from Israeli Ambassador Asher Ben Nathan Friday for having saved the lives of a Jewish family hunted by Nazis during World War II. The citations were authorized by the Yad Vashem, the martyrs documentation center in Jerusalem which has also planted trees in Israel in the names of the Germans. The peasants sheltered the Jewish family between February, 1943 and the end of the war in 1945.

In a related development, a former guard in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, Heinz Zimmerman, was sentenced to one year in prison by a Cologne court for complicity in the shooting of Russian prisoners of war and Jews during World War II.

Jewish Defense League Petitions Justice Department To Oust Arab Exchange Students

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5 (JTA) -- A Jewish group which has proclaimed itself the defender of Jewish lives and property in urban ghetto areas has petitioned the Department of Justice to oust Arab cultural exchange students for allegedly violating laws pertaining to resident aliens. A five member delegation representing the Jewish Defense League of New York presented the petition to J. Walter Yeagley of the internal security division of the Attorney General's office. They said the petition contained 18,000 signatures which they claimed to have gathered during the preceding 10 days.

The delegation was headed by Meir Kahane, an Orthodox rabbi who identifies himself as JDL national director. Presented with the petition was "documentary evidence" purporting to expose close ties between Arab students, Trotskyites, Cuban revolutionaries, pro-Peking and Black militant groups who allegedly want to overthrow the U.S. Government. According to the petitioners, the Arab students "have violated the statutes that regulate their conditions of entry, and we respectfully call upon the Department of Justice to begin the legal moves necessary for deportation of these dangerous students from these shores." According to the JDL, Mr. Yeagley indicated that if further investigation of the data provided reasonable evidence of violations, proper action would be instituted.

Brooklyn Community Council President Asks Mayor, Police Head for More Protection

NEW YORK, Oct. 5 (JTA) -- The president of the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council today demanded more police protection for synagogues and Hebrew schools in the city. Sol A. Liebman wrote to Mayor John V. Lindsay and Police Commissioner Howard Leary that last weekend's vandalism at the Crown Heights Yeshiva in Brooklyn indicated the need for "more aggressive measures" to avoid the repetition of such incidents.

The building was entered while it was closed for the Sukkot holiday by vandals who smashed windows, emptied filing cabinets and damaged 25 classrooms. The yeshiva is located about three blocks away from the local police station. Mr. Liebman claimed in his letter that "acts of vandalism directed against synagogues in this city have not abated."

American Jewish Congress Endorses Oct. 15 Nationwide Campus Vietnam Protest

NEW YORK, Oct. 5 (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress has endorsed nationwide campus demonstrations set for Oct. 15 to call for an end to the Vietnam war. The event is sponsored by student groups. In a directive to chapter presidents all over the country, the AJCongress said "although the moratorium originally was intended principally for young people in colleges, we associate ourselves with this effort as a means of dramatizing the desire of Americans in all walks of life to bring about an end to the war." Among the activities suggested for chapter members were community meetings, petitions and letter-writing campaigns, efforts to obtain resolutions from local government bodies and observances in plants and offices.

33 Americans, Canadians Have Joined Faculty Of Bar Ilan University In Ramat Gan

NEW YORK, Oct. 5 (JTA) -- Thirty-three Americans and Canadians have joined the faculty of Bar Ilan University, an American-sponsored institution of higher learning at Ramat Gan, near Tel Aviv. According to an announcement by the university's administrative office here, they comprise the largest group of American and Canadian academicians to join the Bar Ilan staff in a single academic year.

Twelve of the new faculty members come from New York. The rest are from 10 states and Ontario. Their specialties include science, economics, mathematics, English, education, foreign languages, political science, psychology and Bible. Bar Ilan, founded in 1955, has a current enrollment of 4,500 students in 28 under-graduate and post-graduate departments and a faculty of over 600.

Burial Services Set For Sidney G. Kusworm, Sr., Longtime B'nai B'rith Leader

DAYTON, Ohio, Oct. 5 (JTA) -- Burial services for Sidney G. Kusworm Sr., who for 49 years was a national B'nai B'rith leader, will be held Tuesday at Temple Israel here. He died Saturday in Miami at the age of 84.

Mr. Kusworm, a lawyer, had served as a member of B'nai B'rith's board of governors since 1921 and in 1926 was elected treasurer, a post he held for the next 42 years. A B'nai B'rith constitutional revision adopted in 1959, which placed a two-term (six year) limitation on tenure of office, specifically exempted him.

Dr. William A. Wexler of Savannah, Ga., international president, said that Mr. Kusworm's death marked "the passing of an era in Jewish life. He was unique in the longevity of his leadership and in the B'nai B'rith accomplishments he pioneered." An official delegation, headed by Maurice Bisgyer of Washington, retired executive vice president, who had worked closely with Mr. Kusworm for 30 years, will attend the funeral. A special memorial service will also be held in the B'nai B'rith headquarters in Washington.

Mr. Kusworm was instrumental in establishing his organization's Commission on citizenship and civic affairs. He became its first chairman in 1921 and held that post concurrently with his other offices until 1962. In the 1920s he initiated a program of B'nai B'rith naturalization classes for immigrants and he organized legal aid committees for immigrants in more than 350 communities.