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## Syria Elected To UN Security Council For 2 Years, Gets Smallest Vote Of 5 Candidates

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 20 (JTA)--Syria, one of Israel's bitterest enemies was elected today for a two-year period as one of five non-permanent representatives of the Security Council. It was the candidate of the Asian bloc in the General Assembly and will take the seat vacated by Pakistan on Jan. 1.

A quiet campaign conducted by Israel to reduce the vote apparently bore some fruit because Syria emerged fifth in a field of five principal candidates for seats on the 15-member body which is charged with maintaining international peace and security.

Poland was given 121 votes; Burundi 118; Sierra Leone, 117; Nicaragua, 103; and Syria 101. The voting was conducted in secret and there were no abstentions recorded. Many other nations received a scattering of votes but none reached the 84 necessary for election.

The seats are allocated according to "geographical representation." Syria was given the Asian nations' endorsement, and under an agreement under which member states operate, the rest of the UN members accepted the selection. Poland replaces Hungary in the Eastern European seat; Nicaragua succeeds Paraguay; Burundi succeeds Senegal; and Sierra Leone replaces Algeria. In the last case, the pro-Arab balance is reduced by one. There are now five Council members who do not have diplomatic relations with Israel: Russia, Poland, Spain, China and Syria.

The other members of the Council for 1970 will be Spain, Finland, Colombia, Nepal and Zambia, whose terms expire at the end of 1970. Permanent members, all of whom have the veto, are the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia.

Despite its apparent inability to block the election of Syria, Israel has been campaigning to reduce the vote to demonstrate to the world community that many delegations were disturbed by Syria's continued illegal detention of two Israelis whose TWA jetliner had been hijacked to Damascus Aug. 29.

## Eban Says Syria's Election Could Lead To Change In Israel's Relationship To Council

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban told a press conference today that Israel would have to re-evaluate its relationship with the United Nations Security Council if Syria is elected a non-permanent member of that body and does not release the two Israeli hijack victims. Mr. Eban gave no indication of what Israel's changed attitude toward the Council might be.

The Foreign Minister scoffed at wire service reports that the United States and the Soviet Union had reached an agreement in principle for a settlement of the Middle East dispute. Mr. Eban said the Associated Press report was based on "old information," adding, "we have better information." He said peace efforts were being blocked because Egypt is "nowhere near ready" to make peace with Israel.

Mr. Eban said that Israel could not consider the establishment of a third Palestinian state in the territory of the former British Mandate of Palestine. Replying to a reporter who observed that the UN's 1947 partition plan envisioned the creation of an Arab state in Palestine, Mr. Eban said the Arabs themselves had rejected that notion. He noted that Palestinian Arab leaders regard themselves as part of a larger Arab nation--Jordan, whose population is half made up of people who consider themselves Palestinians but see no contradiction between that and being Jordanians.

## Sisco Assures Arabs U.S. Discourages Americans From Serving In Israel's Armed Forces

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (JTA)--A high State Department official reassured ten Arab envoys at a special meeting at the Department today that the United States policy seeks "friendship with both Arabs and Israelis" and that the U.S. does not favor the service of American citizens in Israeli armed forces.

Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, met with the envoys of Kuwait, Lebanon, Jordan, Morocco, Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Sudan. Egypt, Algeria and Sudan, which severed diplomatic relations with the U.S. during the June, 1967 Arab-Israeli war, were represented respectively by India, Guinea and Somalia.

A State Department announcement after the meeting said that Mr. Sisco denied that the U.S. encouraged its citizens to take part in military activities in the Mideast. He told the Arabs that "some very few Israeli citizens who hold dual Israeli-American citizenship may be serving in the Israeli armed forces, but we have no exact count." He said, "the same situation may well exist insofar as the armed forces of some other nations, including the Arab states are concerned. Far from encouraging U.S. citizens to serve in the armed forces of foreign nations, the U.S. government strongly prefers that they do not do so." Mr. Sisco said that "in the case of Israel and other nations, U.S. diplomatic and consular offices make every effort to protect U.S. citizens from being inducted into the armed forces of foreign countries, even where dual citizenship is involved." Mr. Sisco asked the Arab envoys to report these to their governments. He said that distorted reports "seriously impair efforts to create an atmosphere in which a just and lasting peace in the Mideast can be achieved."

### 3 Israeli Soldiers, 2 Civilians Wounded By Egyptian Fire At Suez Canal

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Three Israeli soldiers and two civilians were wounded by Egyptian mortar and artillery fire across the Suez Canal last night and this morning. A military spokesman reported a series of artillery exchanges near Port Tewfik but denied Egyptian claims of a major artillery battle followed up by an Egyptian commando foray against Israeli positions on the Canal's east bank.

The spokesman said the Egyptian claims of a raid that destroyed Israeli armored vehicles and fortifications and caused heavy casualties were "colorful fantasies," totally untrue. He said mines were discovered on the east bank of the Canal last night and that Katyusha rockets were fired north of Kantara.

Israeli forces fired mortars at guerrilla positions inside Jordan last night after an Israeli military post near Tirat Zvi in the southern Beisan Valley was attacked with bazookas. A railway line and a viaduct in the Gaza Strip were damaged by explosions last night.

Five Arab saboteurs were sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday. Four of them were members of an El Fatah gang captured near Nablus last August with large quantities of high explosives, arms and ammunition. Their leader reportedly received guerrilla training in Communist China and had planned extensive sabotage on the West Bank. The fifth saboteur was a member of the Syrian-sponsored Al Saiqua guerrillas captured near the Damiyah Bridge in the Jordan Valley last May.

Six Arab saboteurs were killed and five Israeli soldiers were wounded over the weekend in scattered clashes in the Golan Heights, Jordan Valley, West Bank, Gaza Strip and the Canal zone. An official communique described the weekend as one of the quietest in recent weeks along Israel's borders and the cease-fire lines.

### Dayan Visits Temple Mount Following Post-Fire Re-Opening To Jewish Visitors

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan visited the Temple Mount compound in East Jerusalem this morning following its re-opening to Jewish visitors for the first time since the El Aksa Mosque fire last Aug. 21. The Cabinet decided yesterday to lift the ban on Jewish access to the area held sacred by both Jews and Moslems. The ban was originally imposed to avoid possible clashes between Jewish visitors and Arabs who were incensed by the mosque fire.

The Cabinet's decision however affected only one access, the Moor's Gate, which has always been guarded by Israeli military police and has been used by Jewish worshippers and tourists going to and from the West Wall. The other nine gates under control of the Waqf, the Moslem religious council, remain closed to all but Moslem worshippers.

Gen. Dayan was accompanied by the chief of the Moslem guards employed by the Waqf. They are responsible for security of the El Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock (Mosque of Omar). But Israeli authorities are responsible for security along the approaches to the area.

The ban on Jewish access to the Temple Mount irritated some Israelis, especially after an Australian Christian, Denis Michael William Rohan, admitted setting fire to the El Aksa Mosque. Some Israelis still insist that Israeli police should control all of the gates. The matter has become an issue in the Oct. 28 national election.

### 350-Member United Jewish Appeal Study Mission Visits, Prays At Masada

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20 (JTA)--The 350 members of a United Jewish Appeal study mission climbed to the top of the Masada Mountain stronghold in 100 degree heat to pray for peace and to pledge themselves to support modern Israel in memory of the 960 men, women and children who took their own lives 2,000 years ago rather than submit to slavery.

"Grant us peace, thy most precious gift, Thou eternal source of peace and enable Israel to be its messenger unto the people of the earth," the American Jewish leaders recited. The group was led by Edward Ginsberg of Cleveland, UJA general chairman. The group also recited "Masada shall not fall again."

### Red Cross Official Accuses Egypt Of Committing Serious Breach Of Geneva Convention

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20 (JTA)--An International Red Cross official accused Egypt yesterday of committing a grave breach of the Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war and thus "endangering the whole established system aimed at assuring victims of conflicts the assistance of the Red Cross."

The charge against Egypt was made by Stephan Svikovsky, acting representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Israel in a radio interview. Mr. Svikovsky was questioned about the outcome of last week's visit to Cairo by Raymond Courvoisier, personal assistant to the Red Cross president, in behalf of two captured Israeli pilots. He said that since the June, 1967 Six-Day War, representatives had been granted access to all POWs without excessive delay. But an exception occurred when Egyptian authorities permitted a visit to Maj. Nissim Eshkenazi seven weeks after his jet was shot down over the Suez Canal and he was taken prisoner. Another Israeli pilot, Capt. Giora Ron, has been held incommunicado since he was shot down five weeks ago and no date has been set for a visit by the Red Cross, Mr. Svikovsky said. He said the Egyptians have not replied to an Israeli offer to exchange two captured Egyptian pilots for the two Israelis.

### Israel Will Begin Search For Offshore Oil Deposits With Probe Near Ashkelon

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Israel will begin searching for possible offshore oil deposits within the next few months, it was announced today. An oil prospecting ship, the "Typhoon," is now undergoing tests in the Gulf of Mexico and is due here soon. It will start drilling along the coast off Ashkelon on the chance that the Heletz oil fields extend under the ocean floor.

## 'Le Monde' Sees French OK Of Common Market Talks With Israel As Sign Of Better Ties

PARIS, Oct. 20 (JTA)--The influential Paris newspaper, Le Monde, said today that France's vote for negotiation of a preferential trade agreement between Israel and the European Common Market tended to show a changed French attitude toward Israel and a clear improvement in relations between the two countries. The newspaper, in a front page editorial, compared the decision last Friday of the Common Market's Council of Ministers to negotiate a pact with Israel with another decision to conduct exploratory talks with Egypt and Lebanon. While the ministers' mandate for talks with Israel was seen as nearly the equivalent of a concrete and favorable decision, the move toward the Arabs was seen as "more in the realm of abstract thinking than in that of a concrete decision." Le Monde discerned in this difference a newly favorable French attitude toward Israel.

It gave the same interpretation to France's indication that it was ready to reimburse the money Israel has paid for the embargoed Mirage V jet fighters. It concluded by stressing that a solution to the Franco-Israel differences over the Mirage issue is a necessary preliminary to any normalization of relations between the two countries.

In a related development, there were reports in official circles that Foreign Minister Abba Eban might visit France early next year while on an official visit to a number of other European countries. This possibility arose, sources said, when Mr. Eban conferred with French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann at the United Nations on Sept. 24. Sources close to the Israeli Embassy in Paris say that such a visit is a "definite possibility" and that it might take place in January when Mr. Eban goes to Holland.

### De Gaulle Declines Ben Gurion Request To Have Meeting During Visit To France

PARIS, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Former Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion is apparently not going to have the meeting he requested with his old ally, former President Charles de Gaulle. Authoritative sources said Gen. de Gaulle sent Mr. Ben-Gurion a friendly letter, in reply to one from the Israeli, saying the meeting would not be possible.

In replying to Mr. Ben-Gurion, who is due here on Friday, the General said he was observing a self-imposed rule not to receive political visitors. Except for a brief trip to Ireland last summer, Gen. de Gaulle has hardly left his country home at Colombey-les-Deux-Eglises since he resigned last April 28.

(Dr. Gustav Heinemann, President of West Germany, sent a message of congratulations to Mr. Ben-Gurion on the occasion of his 83rd birthday.)

Mr. Ben-Gurion will address two meetings on Sunday, one for Jewish youth and a mass rally to conclude this week's "Special Week Appeal" organized by the United Jewish Appeal of France. The UJA's goal here exceeds the \$5 million it raised in 1968.

## Sees Russians, Arabs Envious Of Israel's Ability To Progress As Democracy

DALLAS, Oct. 20 (JTA)--The thesis that envy of Israel's ability to achieve social goals within a framework of freedom and democracy is behind Soviet and Arab hostility was presented here yesterday by an authority on Mideast labor affairs. Dr. John J. Flagler, director of labor education at the University of Minnesota, spoke at a regional conference on Jewish issues sponsored by the International Council of B'nai B'rith.

According to Dr. Flagler, the Israeli experience has irritated "hard line" Soviet ideologists by demonstrating that new states "need not resort to institutions of dictatorial government, suppression of civil liberties or the regimentation of populations" to raise living standards and "reduce the gap between haves and have-nots." Russia and the "military juntas of the left and right that dominate most Arab regimes" are discomforted by Israel's demonstration that democracy and social progress are not incompatible for newly emerging nations, he said.

The conference, attended by 200 delegates, was the first of a series throughout the country intended to stimulate public action programs in behalf of Soviet Jewry, Jews in Arab countries and Israel's demand for direct negotiations with the Arab countries. Another speaker, Dr. Judd L. Teller, charged that Moscow was making scapegoats of Russian Jews as a "common enemy of all Russian peoples" in order to mollify other Soviet ethnic minorities that have become restive under Soviet efforts to "Russify" them.

## Israeli Ships En Route To Britain Searched For Bomb Following Tip To Scotland Yard

LONDON, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Israeli ships arriving at British ports were ordered searched by police and customs officials as a result of a report to Scotland Yard and the Home Office that a timebomb was secreted aboard one of them by an Ethiopian sailor in the employ of an Arab terrorist organization. (In Haifa, Israeli police branded the reports a "hoax" after searching vessels bound for Britain. The authorities said there was no Ethiopian aboard any Israeli ships sailing to or from Britain.)

Port of London police boarded the Israeli freighter Kineret of the Zim Lines on her arrival here from Ashdod and every other major port has been alerted. Zim's "Rachel" was searched at sea. The tip came from Israeli intelligence agents. They reportedly warned that the Ethiopian had smuggled aboard an explosive device powerful enough to destroy the ship and severely damage the port at which it berths.

## **Dr. Luria, Nobel Prize Winner, Published Article Likening Vietnamese To Jews**

BOSTON, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Dr. Salvador E. Luria, who last week was named a Nobel Prize winner, is a Jew and in 1967 published an article in the Boston Jewish Advocate, a weekly, entitled "Babi Yar, Warsaw and Vietnam."

In it he said, "The people of Hue, of Saigon, of all Vietnam, whether passive victims of bombs and napalm or active fighters for their life and liberty from foreign rule, are truly the brothers of the murdered Jews of Babi Yar and of the fighters of Warsaw's Ghetto."

Dr. Luria, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was one of three American scientists jointly awarded the 1969 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their discoveries in the field of virus and viral diseases research. The three scientists, who will share a \$73,000 cash prize, were hailed by the selections committee in Stockholm as having "set the solid foundation on which modern molecular biology rests."

Dr. Luria, 57, was born in Turin, Italy and studied medicine there before coming to the United States in 1940. He did research and teaching at Columbia University, Carnegie Institute, University of Illinois and the University of Indiana before joining the faculty at MIT, where he is Sedwick Professor and head of microbiology. He is active in the anti-Vietnam war movement.

## **Holiday Inns Sign Agreement To Build 500-Room Hotels In Jerusalem and Tel Aviv**

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Holiday Inns, a major American operator of motels and hotels, has signed an agreement to build and operate two 500-room hotels in Israel, it was announced here yesterday. The hotels, to be located at Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, will represent an investment of \$20 million of which Holiday Inns will provide one-half, with the balance covered by Government loans.

The announcement was made by Victor Carter, chairman of the American regional committee of the Council for Israel's Economic Development, which had an all-day meeting here. Mr. Carter disclosed that since the inception of the Council in September, 1967, it has brought 100 projects to completion with new investments of \$107.8 million. An additional 73 projects are now "in the pipeline," he said. Involved in these new projects, he said, were 15 major United States industrial corporations.

About 280 American Jewish industrialists and financiers attended the all-day meetings at the St. Regis Sheraton. Major emphasis in 10 committee sessions was placed on new projects and on increasing Israeli exports to this country. The conference was told that Israeli exports to this country in the first five months of 1969 were 28 percent higher than for the similar period of 1968.

(In Jerusalem, the Ministry of Development disclosed that it is negotiating with various groups for the construction of 10 new hotels at Israel's Red Sea port of Eilat that will provide about 1,000 rooms at that popular winter resort. The Ministry said it would provide more than half of the construction costs in the forms of loans and grants.)

## **Late Dr. Rabinowicz Donates 15,000-Volume Library To Hebrew University**

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20 (JTA)--A 15,000 volume library considered to be one of the most extensive collections on Zionism and Jewish history will be moved shortly from Scarsdale, N.Y., to the Hebrew University library here. The donor was the late Oskar K. Rabinowicz of Scarsdale whose father, Yehuda Arye Rabinowicz, started the collection. A room at the library that will house the collection was dedicated here yesterday in the presence of Hebrew University president Avraham Harman and the donor's widow.

Mr. Rabinowicz, a banker, author and life-long Zionist, was born in Austria and held a doctorate from the University of Prague. He had been a member of the board and library committee of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the board of the Jewish Publication Society of America and a member of the council of the American-Israel Cultural Foundation. Among his books were "Fifty Years of Zionism", "Winston Churchill on Jewish Problems", and "Herzl, Architect of the Balfour Declaration."

## **Holy Blossom Temple, One Of Canada's Largest Reform Congregations, Marks 120th Year**

TORONTO, Oct. 20 (JTA)--The Holy Blossom Temple, one of the largest Reform congregations in North America, marked its 120th anniversary last week, an event that coincided with the anniversary of the establishment of Toronto's Jewish community. The synagogue marked its centenary in 1956 but subsequent research by one of its members indicated that the congregation existed as early as 1849. It was founded as an Orthodox institution, "Sons of Israel", and acquired its present corporate name, Toronto Hebrew Congregation--Holy Blossom, in 1858. Attending the anniversary celebrations were Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, who served as rabbi of Holy Blossom from 1929 to 1943 and rabbi emeritus Abraham Feinberg.

## **Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg Named To Jewish Agency Executive, Replaces Rabbi Greenberg**

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, a Conservative rabbi from Englewood, N.J., has been coopted as a non-party member of the Jewish Agency Executive. Rabbi Hertzberg, 48, will replace Rabbi Simon Greenberg, vice chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who has resigned for personal reasons.

## **Isador Markus Dies In Toronto At 81, Was Active In B'nai B'rith**

TORONTO, Oct. 20 (JTA)--Isadore Markus, a British-born architect and leader of B'nai B'rith and the Jewish community here, died here at the age of 81. Mr. Markus was born in Manchester, England and came to Canada in 1905.