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State Department Raps Egyptian Measure Blaming U.S. For Failure To Achieve Peace

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19(JTA)--The State Department voiced "regret" today over a resolution adopted by Egypt's National Assembly which held the United States responsible for the failure to achieve a political solution of the Middle East conflict. Carl Bartsch, the department spokesman, said the resolution was "shot through with false charges against the U.S. and fit a pattern of distortion and fabrication which we have noted, with regret, emanating from Cairo." He also said U.S.-Soviet bilateral talks on the Mideast would be resumed but gave no date.

The Egyptian National Assembly adopted its resolution yesterday after hearing a report from Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad on the latest diplomatic developments. Mr. Riad rejected U.S. peace proposals because, he alleged, they showed "complete support of Israeli aggression." The resolution claimed that "America is responsible for pushing the Mideast toward a war whose possibilities and effects on world peace and security nobody can foresee."

Later the official Government spokesman in Cairo, Ismat Abdel Meguid, charged that the latest U.S. proposals deviated from the basic UN peace guidelines laid down in the Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 resolution. He laid the blame for the current crisis on "those who help Israel materially, politically and militarily."

Dayan Warns That Israelis will Strike Into Lebanon If Guerrillas Hit Israel

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19(JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan warned yesterday that Israeli forces will strike across Lebanon's borders if guerrilla bands attack Israel from Lebanese soil. Gen. Dayan delivered his remarks to a group of 50 American investors visiting Kfar Ruppin, a Besian Valley settlement that has come under almost daily attack from Jordan. He said that while Israel has a cease-fire accord with its northern neighbor, it will hit back if the agreement is violated, regardless of any arrangements that may have been made between authorities in Beirut and the El Fatah guerrillas.

Gen. Dayan told the visiting group that the terrorists have no hope of defeating the Israeli Army. Their only victory would come he said when Israeli women and children are no longer able to visit Gaza or Hebron in safety just as Arabs from the occupied territories now visit Tel Aviv. He said Israeli forces were capable of holding and securing Hebron and Gaza.

Key To Mideast Settlement Lies In Moscow, Eban Tells Labor Alignment

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19(JTA)--The key to a Middle East settlement lies in Moscow not in Washington, and Moscow is apparently committed to the policies of Cairo, Foreign Minister Abba Eban reportedly told members of the Labor-Alignment in the Knesset yesterday. Mr. Eban said that the Soviet reply to the latest American proposals was given by President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt in his recent bellicose speech before the Egyptian National Assembly. Mr. Eban said that Soviet-Egyptian cooperation is being followed up by the dispatch of a senior Egyptian delegation to Moscow to seek further Soviet arms supplies.

Israeli Jets Hit Egyptian Military Positions At Suez Canal; All Return Safely

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19(JTA)--Israel Air Force jets attacked military positions on the Egyptian side of the Suez Canal today and returned safely to their bases. A military spokesman said the targets were located in the southern sector of the waterway.

An Arab boy was killed and another was seriously wounded today when a grenade exploded at the Bank Leumi branch office in Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip. Authorities were investigating the incident. A curfew was imposed today until further notice on the villages of Djabaliya and Beth Hanoun in the Gaza Strip following an attack on an Israeli vehicle in which three Israelis were injured. An Israeli tractor driver suffered slight bruises today when his tractor struck a mine near Metullah close to the Lebanese border. The tractor was damaged. Another mine was found nearby and dismantled.

An Israeli soldier was killed last night when Jordanians fired at an Israeli position at Ras El Yahoud in the Jordan Valley south of Jericho. The victim was identified as 20-year-old Corp. Israel Schuchman of Petach Tikvah.

Jordanian Government Announces It Will Bar West Bank Deportees

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19(JTA)--The Jordanian Government announced yesterday that it would bar entry into Jordan to persons expelled from the West Bank in order to curtail what it called the "Judaization" of the Israel-occupied territories. There was no official reaction here to the announcement from Amman. But Israeli sources denied Amman press reports of mass deportations from the West Bank.

They said that only four persons have been deported across the Allenby bridge in recent weeks and that none were former residents of the West Bank. The Israeli sources described the deportees as terrorists and infiltrators from the East Bank who were sent back after serving prison terms in Israel.

Shamgar Asks Punishment For Rohan Despite Mental Illness Aspect of His Case

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19(JTA)--Attorney General Meir Shamgar today demanded punishment for Denis Michael William Rohan, the Australian sheepherder who has confessed to burning the Al Aksa Mosque in East Jerusalem last Aug. 21. Mr. Shamgar said that Israeli courts do not recognize mental illness as automatically absolving a criminal from guilt and responsibility for his acts. The defense has claimed that Rohan was mentally ill at the time of his offense and is therefore not punishable under Israeli law. His mental illness was confirmed by several psychiatrists who testified both for the defense and the State. But Mr. Shamgar noted that Rohan admitted during the trial that he was aware that his act was contrary to Israeli law and that he must bear responsibility for it.

British Government Expected To Ask U.S. To Help Curtail Israeli Oil Drilling in Sinai

LONDON, Nov. 19(JTA)--British Government circles are concerned over oil exploration in the Israel-occupied Sinai Peninsula and are expected to ask Washington to help curtail such operations as long as the Sinai is under Israeli control.

An American company, known as "Midbar" (Desert) is involved. It maintains an office in London where it is registered as a limited company, but it is doubtful that the British Foreign office could intervene effectively here. Foreign Office circles stressed that their concern was "purely political" and in no way related to commercial oil operations. They said the Egyptians were "aggrieved" by the oil explorations in their territory under Israeli aegis and it was felt there that if continued, it would further complicate the Middle East situation and make prospects for a settlement even more remote.

(The State Department disclaimed knowledge last week of a report that the U.S. had pressed Israel to abandon the Midbar drilling project. The Israeli Embassy also denied the report. But a news service said that "secret message were exchanged and American officials are under orders not to talk about the matter.")

A California oil company will start drilling for offshore oil off the Israel coast next month. The Equitex Petroleum Corp. is sending its prospecting ship, Typhoon to Israel. It recently acquired 10 percent of the stock of Petroleum Services Ltd., a company partly owned by the Israel Government. Equitex has requested registration as an oil prospecting company.

Knesset Calls Upon World's Parliaments To Help Obtain Freedom For Soviet Jews

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19(JTA)--The Knesset today called on the parliaments of the world to use their influence to obtain freedom for Soviet Jews who want to emigrate to Israel. The appeal was contained in a resolution adopted at a special session of the Knesset devoted to the condition of Jews in the Soviet Union. It was the first special session held by the newly convened seventh Knesset.

The impassioned rhetoric that resounded through the chamber was capped by Premier Golda Meir who pledged that the Israel Government and people would do everything in their power to enable Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel. She described a letter received from the heads of 18 Jewish families in the Soviet Georgian Republic appealing for aid to emigrate to Israel as "a manifest indication of the way Jews in the Soviet Union feel" and of "historic significance." The letter has been relayed to the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

Mrs. Meir said the appeal of the Georgian Jews was grounded on many international conventions and treaties that have been signed by the Soviet Government. She vowed that today's Knesset discussion would not be the end of the struggle. The Knesset resolved the same thing and crushed an opposing resolution introduced by the pro Moscow New Communist Party.

After the session, Mrs. Meir received a delegation of immigrants from the Georgian Republic, some of them relatives of the families who signed the appeal. They said, that they continued to receive letters from their kin who, said they were still "sitting on their luggage" in the hope of obtaining exit permits.

Israeli newspapers today published what was purported to be an "open letter" from a Jewish girl in Moscow to Premier Alexei Kosygin demanding permission to emigrate to Israel. There was no indication of how the letter reached the papers. But they identified the writer as Tina Brodetzkaya, published a photograph showing a girl in her early 20s and gave her home address. The letter said that the writer has wanted to come to Israel from her earliest student days.

Tourist Season Is Over, But UJA Missions Bring Scores Of Visitors Weekly

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19(JTA)--The tourist season is over in Israel but scores of Americans continue to arrive in the country every week for more than sightseeing. They are participants in the United Jewish Appeal's "Operation Israel," a series of study missions intended to acquaint American Jewish community leaders and other influential persons with Israel's economic and social problems at first hand.

This week the UJA's Women's Division is represented by a 100-member delegation. They were addressed yesterday by Col. Gershon Rivlin, the Army historian, who stressed the importance of Israel's ties with Jews all over the world. The Arabs have their rich and powerful allies, but Israel has a stronger, more trustworthy ally--the Jewish People, he said.

Another UJA group visited Beth Shean (Beisan) yesterday where two schools are under construction financed by the Israel Education Fund of the UJA. The Women's Division of the New York UJA has pledged to raise \$1 million in the next two years for the Beth Shean High School, an education center and a pre-kindergarten institution. Beth Shean, the Hebrew name for Beisan, is the central township of the Beisan Valley located west of the Jordan River and South of the Sea of Galilee. The region, with its string of agricultural settlements, has been described as Israel's "soft underbelly" because of its vulnerability to attacks from Jordanian territory.

West Berlin Leader Says Attempted Bombing Of Center Is 'Gravest Incident Since 1945'

WEST BERLIN, Nov.19(JTA)--The chairman of the West Berlin Jewish Community described a recent bombing attempt of the community center here as "the gravest incident against German Jews since 1945." Heinz Galinski claimed today that the planting of a bomb, which was discovered in the community center synagogue, and other recent anti-Semitic actions were not the work of individual cranks but part of a carefully planned assault on Jews by fanatic groups. Three youths were being held in the bombing case.

Mr. Galinski said he was disappointed by the "weak" public reaction to the incident. He deplored the "silence" of church leaders, politicians and trade unionists and especially "certain intellectual circles" who at other times were quick to demonstrate. Mr. Galinski however cited a number of letters from German workers and others who sympathized with the Jewish community.

Northwest German Communal Fund Marks Anniversary, Elects Officers

DUSSELDORF, Nov.19(JTA)--The Northwest German Jewish Communal Fund held its elections and marked its 10th anniversary here yesterday. The fund is based at Hamburg. Dr. Hendrik G. Van Dam was elected chairman; Dr. Ludwig Loeffner, vice chairman, and Kurt Neuwald, secretary. Among the new executive members are Dr. Sigmund Fischel, Alexander Ginzburg and Zvi Kudler.

Anti-Israel Remarks By Syrian Patriarch Deplored By Embassy In Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Nov.19(JTA)--Anti-Israel remarks made by the Syrian Christian Patriarch of Antioch, Maximos V. Hakim, during his visit here as a guest of the Argentine Government, were denounced in a statement issued by the Israel Embassy today. Patriarch Hakim blamed the creation of the State of Israel for the misfortunes suffered by the Arabs and charged that Israel barred access to Jerusalem's Holy Places to 15 million Arab Christians and 100 million Moslems living in Arab lands.

The Embassy's statement noted that the Patriarch had lived in Israel for 20 years and had cooperated closely with the Government in religious and economic matters and had affiliated himself voluntarily with Histadrut, Israel's labor federation. When he was in Israel he spoke in a totally different manner, the Embassy said.

It charged Patriarch Hakim with ignoring the origin of the Arab refugee problem in the war, which it said, the Arabs started in 1948 against Israel "when they incited the Arab population of Palestine to leave temporarily so as not to interfere with invading Arab armies." The Embassy said it was "astounded" by Patriarch Hakim's charges about the Holy Places when for 20 years he has ignored the destruction of synagogues in Arab-occupied Jerusalem and has never protested the fact that Moslems and Christians living in Israel, as well as Jews, had been barred by Jordanian authorities from the Holy Places in the Old City.

Santiago Police Probing Bombings Of Hungarian Jews' Club And Synagogue

SANTIAGO, CHILE, Nov.19(JTA)--Local police were investigating a series of bombings at Jewish premises yesterday which caused an estimated \$800 damage. A bomb exploded early in the morning at a club of Hungarian Jews and another bomb destroyed the front door of a synagogue. An unexploded bomb was found later at a Jewish cemetery.

Quebec Department of Education Will Try To Re-Schedule Exams Set For Shavuot

MONTREAL, Nov.19(JTA)--The Quebec Department of Education has promised that it will try work out arrangements whereby observant Jewish children will not be required to take their high school final examinations on June 10-11, a date that conflicts with the holiday of Shavuot. The matter was brought to the attention of the board by the Joint Community Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith. The latter was supported by the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal.

S.W. Dickson, associate deputy minister of Education of Quebec, explained in a letter to the Community Relations Committee that "difficulties which arise as a result of 'moveable' holy days become quite complex in a pluralistic society and from time to time there seems to be no alternative other than to invite some concessions from those immediately concerned." He requested the Community Relations Committee to detail "the difficulties that Jewish students would encounter if examinations were scheduled on June 10-11."

In reply to Mr. Dickson, the CJCongress-B'nai B'rith unit noted that Jewish students are excused from attending school on religious holidays and that the scheduling of final examinations on such days "would simply mean that observant Jewish students would not be able to take them and thus be victimized for their religious principles." Mr. Dickson wrote back, "even though scheduling increases in difficulty each year through the addition of new subjects, I am confident that the Examination Service will be able to comply with your expectations."

Discover Poems Apparently Written By Residents Of Warsaw Ghetto 25 Years Ago

LONDON, Nov.19(JTA)--An elderly Polish woman has accidentally discovered poems, that were apparently written by residents of the Warsaw ghetto a quarter of a century ago, according to a report in the Polish Yiddish newspaper, Folkstime, received here. The woman, Jadwiga Krul, who is not Jewish, wrote to a Warsaw newspaper inquiring whether she should turn over her find to some authority. She said the poems were written on backs of 52 ration cards issued during the German occupation. She said she found the cards in a bundle while walking on a street in an area that was once in the ghetto. No author's name was given. The poems appear to have been written by more than one person.

Funeral Service Are Held For Fanny 'Bobbie' Rosenfeld, Canadian Athlete

TORONTO, Nov.19(JTA)--Funeral services were held here for Fanny "Bobbie" Rosenfeld, Canada's greatest all-around woman athlete, who died here at the age of 65. In 1950 Canadian sports writers named her Canada's "Athlete of the Half Century."

Dr. Prinz Asks Oberammergau Mayor For Copy Of Revised Passion Play Text

NEW YORK, Nov.19,(JTA)--Mayor Ernst Zwick, of Oberammergau, the little Bavarian town where the Passion Play is performed by villagers at 10 year intervals, has given assurances that a revised script for the 1970 performance is free of any passages that could be construed as anti-Semitic. But the American Jewish Congress, long a critic of the play, is not taking Mayor Zwick's word for it.

Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the AJCongress' international affairs commission, has cabled Mayor Zwick for a copy of the revised text which the villagers have approved. Dr. Prinz has also asked the Mayor to send a copy of the script to Father Stephan Schaller, a Benedictine monk and high school teacher who labored two years re-writing the script to delete anti-Semitic passages only to have his version rejected almost completely by the villagers.

Dr. Prinz said, "it is hard to have confidence in the competence and intentions of the mayor and his friends when their position throughout has been that the original grossly anti-Semitic play was completely proper and acceptable. It is unlikely that they can cure a defect they cannot even perceive"

Father Schaller wrote to Dr. Prinz in September of his frustration in dealing with the villagers who had originally chosen him to re-write the play. He said, "the already weak will to reform the play disappeared completely" when Oberammergau was told by travel agents that the 1970 performance was sold out. Dr. Prinz appealed at the time to Julius Cardinal Doepfner, Archbishop of Munich, to intervene. A week ago he was informed by the Cardinal's secretary that the prelate supported reform of the Passion Play and favored Father Schaller's version. He added however that Cardinal Doepfner could only offer suggestions and could not interfere with the artistic contents of the play.

Dr. Prinz said, "We are gratified that Cardinal Doepfner has affirmed his support of our protest. We cannot however be so sanguine about the assurances offered by Mayor Zwick. We are reluctant to comment on a proposal we have not yet seen or heard about in any detail." Mayor Zwick however has insisted that "the text we have just adopted can stand up to any criticism." He said the text committee had decided to adhere to a script written over 100 years ago by a Benedictine monk which "toned down" parts of the traditional text, especially those which tended to hold the Jews collectively responsible for the death of Jesus.

Boston Area Rabbi Apologizes For Permitting Militants To Use Pulpit For Denunciation

BOSTON, Nov.19(JTA)--A Newton rabbi has apologized for lending his pulpit to a group of black and white militants at a Friday evening service who used it for a personal attack on a Jewish realtor in Boston whose practices they condemned. Rabbi Samuel Chiel, of Temple Emanuel, said a group of 60-70 persons, black and white men and women, entered the temple as he began his sermon and seated themselves. The group identified itself as "the Squatters" and asked for permission to speak, which Rabbi Chiel granted. After speaking, they left quietly.

Rabbi Chiel said he had no way of knowing in advance that their remarks would be directed against an individual without his having an opportunity to respond. "Although the visit was carried out in a very orderly fashion, it was an unsettling experience for all of us who were there," Rabbi Chiel said, according to the Boston Jewish Advocate.

The rabbi explained that in anticipation of a possible intrusion by militants, he had discussed the proper tactics to meet it with the officers and board of trustees of Temple Emanuel and decided to follow guidelines laid down by the Synagogue Council of America and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. Those bodies have determined that the best means to handle an intrusion by militants is to let them speak and then leave peacefully.

Atlanta Extends A Warm Welcome To Singer Nehama Lifschitz, Who Visits Day School

ATLANTA, Nov.19(JTA)--Atlanta extended a warm welcome to Nehama Lifschitz yesterday. The Russian-born Jewish folksinger, who left her native land earlier this year to become a citizen of Israel, was here on a concert tour sponsored by Premier Golda Meir of Israel. She was greeted by Mayor Ivan Allan and, accompanied by the Israel Consul General, Moshe Gilboa, visited a Hebrew day school.

Miss Lifschitz told the youngsters that she hoped Jewish youth in Russia will some day have the same rights to study Hebrew and other Jewish subjects as the children of Atlanta. The Atlanta Constitution, a daily newspaper, welcomed the singer in an editorial which described her as "a symbol of Jewish identification." A welcoming committee for Miss Lifschitz, headed by Mayor Allan, included Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr., widow of the slain Negro civil rights leader, and Mayor-elect Sam Massell, a Jew.

Congressman Charges Marine Was Brutalized For Being Jewish, asks Courts Martial

WASHINGTON, Nov.19(JTA)--A New York Congressman charged today that a Jewish Marine Corp recruit suffered a mental breakdown as a result of brutal treatment he received at the hands of anti-Semitic drill instructors at the Parris Island, S.C. Marine training base. Rep. Mario Biaggi, a Democrat, told JTA that the youngster, who received a medical discharge from the Marine Corps last July, is now confined to the North Shore Mental Hospital in New York for psychiatric treatment. Rep. Biaggi said the boy's name is being withheld at the request of his mother.

He said that Dr. Robert Hirsch, a medical doctor psychiatrist, has verified that the recruit's breakdown was precipitated by anti-Semitism and beatings at the hands of non-commissioned officers. According to Rep. Biaggi, he was "treated like a prisoner in a Nazi concentration camp." Drill instructors allegedly painted a Star of David on the youth's forehead, struck him repeatedly on the head and called him "Jew boy" and "bagel." Rep. Biaggi said that witnesses in the same platoon confirmed that the recruit was systematically brutalized by drill instructors because he is Jewish. He said he has asked the Marine Corps Commandant to court martial two drill instructors named in the complaint. Marine authorities had no comment. Rep. Biaggi described the boy as "a very sensitive young man of marked intelligence" who had been president of his high school student council. Rep. Biaggi has previously disclosed other episodes of alleged racism at Parris Island involving Negro and Puerto Rican recruits.