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Eban To Answer Riad In General Assembly; Israel Not Affected By Council Changes

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 27 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban will reply formally tomorrow to yesterday's exhortation of Israel in the General Assembly by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad. Mr. Eban, who indicated his feelings about Mr. Riad's speech at a press conference yesterday, calling it a "violent and dishonorable tirade," added then that his formal response would also be non-defensive. Meanwhile, United Nations observers were saying today that yesterday's change in the composition of the Security Council would not make it either more pro-Israel or more pro-Arab. Western sources noted that of the five outgoing members--Colombia, Finland, Nepal, Spain and Zambia--only Spain has taken an anti-Israel stance, although other observers noted that Zambia introduced last May's resolution insisting on Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and is currently a sponsor of an African resolution that Israelis are calling pro-Arab. The Western sources added that of the five new members of the Council--Argentina, Belgium, Italy, Japan and Somalia--only the last-named is hostile to Israel. Thus, according to those sources, the balance on the Council remains the same as regards attitudes toward the Middle East situation. (Continuing on the Council through 1971, in addition to the five permanent members, are Burundi, Nicaragua, Poland, Sierra Leone and Syria.)

The Egyptian view of the new Council alignment was expressed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today by Foreign Minister Riad and UN Ambassador Mohammed H. el-Zayyat. Mr. Riad, apprised of the changes by a JTA reporter, said, "What does it matter?" as long as they abide by the UN Charter. Dr. Zayyat, questioned separately, gave a similar response. Asked whether he thought Israel would be satisfied with the new Council, he replied: "Israel thinks the Charter is anti-Israel." Western sources today disclaimed a front-page report in today's Washington Post that said that Mr. Eban at his press conference "hinted pointedly that Israel would accept something less than a rollback of Egyptian missiles if confidence were established for the renewal of peace talks." The observers said the Israeli Foreign Minister had "made it very, very clear" that Israel would not return to the negotiations without a rollback of Egyptian missiles placed in the Suez Canal zone in contravention of the standstill agreement.

Israeli sources said today that Minister Riad's speech was worded very toughly to mask a weak argument. But Western sources--not American--countered that while the speech was indeed "tough," it was rather moderate in light of the history of Egyptian rhetoric. There was disagreement among diplomats here today over the future of the African resolution promulgated at the request of Egypt and being circulated among delegations and of other rumored resolutions by the U.S. and others. Mr. Eban observed yesterday that Article 12 of the UN Charter prohibits the General Assembly from passing resolutions on matters before the Security Council, unless the Council approves. But one informed non-American Western diplomat observed that "Article 12 of the Charter has been breached before and will no doubt be breached again," emphasizing that there could be disagreement among members as to whether, in the words of the Charter, the Security Council is currently "exercising...the functions assigned to it" on the matter of Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967. Assembly president Edvard I. Hambro of Norway might find it difficult not to accept the introduction of resolutions in view of a tradition of "breaches" of Article 12, the diplomat said.

Government Leaders Differ On Immediate Political Future Of West Bank

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Sharp differences have developed among members of Premier Golda Meir's government on the immediate political future of the West Bank. The controversy may come to a head when Police Minister Shlomo Hillel presents a report to Mrs. Meir next month on the political situation on the West Bank. Mr. Hillel, the Prime Minister's representative for political affairs in the occupied Arab territories, has just completed three weeks of talks with West Bank leaders. His report is expected to be ready by the time Mrs. Meir returns from her current visit to the United States. Meanwhile Mr. Hillel and a number of his cabinet colleagues are divided on the question of autonomy for West Bank Arabs. Some ministers contend that all the talk of "home rule" comes from Jews while the Arabs have expressed no support for such schemes. Paralleling the schism in the government is the division among the Arabs. The West Bankers seem to be fragmented on the issues most vitally affecting them though some spontaneous political activity has been evident since the civil war in Jordan last month.

According to Israeli observers, the strongest political faction to emerge so far is in Hebron where the Mayor, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Jaabari, has urged a study of the situation and coordination with Jordan and the Gaza Strip. In East Jerusalem, a group of about 25 young intellectuals calling themselves the Palestinian National Alignment has proposed asking the United Nations to conduct a referendum in the occupied territories to allow the Arabs to determine their own future. But the group lacks political experience and already appears to be disintegrating because of internal differences. A third faction has emerged in Nablus under the leadership of former Mayor Hamdi Kanaan who has bitterly attacked King Hussein of Jordan. But Mr. Kanaan enjoys little support even in his own town. A group of Nablus dignitaries who have just returned from Cairo have urged the avoidance of local initiatives before Israel withdraws.

Mrs. Meir Meets With Students To Discuss Israel's Domestic, Foreign Policies

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Israel's Premier Golda Meir told more than 300 Jewish student activists that Israel is opposed to the creation of a separate Arab state consisting of the West Bank and Gaza

Strip because it would not be viable. She also told the students that without U.S. aid, Israel's security would be in great danger. Mrs. Meir spoke at length about Israeli problems and policies to the students who gathered from 90 campuses in the United States and Canada, at a marathon 3 1/2 hour meeting here Sunday evening. Details of the meeting were released today. The meeting, the first of its kind with a visiting Prime Minister of Israel, was sponsored by the American Zionist Youth Foundation. The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint and inform the students first-hand about Israeli policies and to erase any fears or doubts students might have about Israeli strategy and tactics. Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Leftist and Rightist groups were represented at the meeting which included leaders of the Jewish Radical Union at McGill University in Montreal, the Jewish Cultural Institute and Minyan Club at Brooklyn College, the Hillel Foundation at Fairleigh Dickinson University, and the Jewish Student Union of City College.

A student panel consisting of six persons posed questions on Israeli policy to Mrs. Meir and a lively discussion ensued. In response to a question on Russian involvement in the Middle East, Mrs. Meir disclosed to the students that the Israelis had definite proof of this involvement because Israel had shot down four Soviet planes piloted by Russians shortly before the current 90-day cease-fire went into effect. She declared that Israel had not announced this incident at the time because "we do not want to appear victorious over Russia and thus risk a confrontation." She decided to disclose this information during the course of the meeting one student participant told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, because several leftist students had questioned the need for U.S. military aid to Israel. One of the Orthodox students in the audience raised the question of "who is a Jew," stating that although the group he represented was pro-Israel, they were uneasy at one of the basic religious tenets being denied by the State. Mrs. Meir replied that although she deeply respected the religious groups living in Israel and their principles, she found it impractical not to follow the will of the majority.

She stated that if large groups of Orthodox persons would immigrate to Israel and become the country's majority group, she would then bow to their wishes on this issue. Mrs. Meir, referring to the vital links between Israel and American Jewry, called for more aliyah and for continued political support. She agreed that the Zionist ideology is still necessary to provide Israel with a socially conscious aliyah of young Americans. "New ideas are acceptable to us on the basis of your coming here and living together with us and building the Israel society," Mrs. Meir stated. Many questions related to the present and future state of Soviet Jewry were discussed, and Mrs. Meir emphasized that the revival of Jewish identity among Jewish youth in Soviet Russia was one of the great events of the last years. Throughout the entire meeting, Mrs. Meir maintained an excellent rapport with the students who described the exchange as "relaxed, informal and very heimish." Often, loud bursts of appreciative laughter would greet Mrs. Meir's witty and caustic remarks and several of them drew prolonged response. At the conclusion of the spirited talk, Mrs. Meir thanked the students for their remarks and suggestions and promised a continued dialogue in Israel. The students accorded the Prime Minister a standing ovation.

Israel's Armaments Industry Turns Out Superior Weapons

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Under the impact of defense needs and with the help of Jewish scientists brought in from abroad, Israel's armaments industry is proving capable of turning out modern weapons systems that are superior to their foreign counterparts and better adapted to local conditions, if not always cheaper to make. This picture of Israel's armaments industry was drawn for Knesset members yesterday by Prof. Aryeh Dvoretzky, chief science officer of the Israeli Defense Ministry. Prof. Dvoretzky said the defense research establishment has succeeded in bringing many Jewish scientists to the country and engaging them in defense research. He said that outstanding men between the ages of 30-40 are being sought and no expense should be spared in the effort. Prof. Dvoretzky claimed that Israel has developed new weapons systems in a much shorter time than the 7-10 years it usually takes abroad to develop a new tank or missile. He said Israel has been able to rehabilitate old tanks and equip them with modern instruments and that on several occasions it has manufactured for itself certain advanced weapons that it had been barred from purchasing abroad. Prof. Dvoretzky said however that Israel was not entirely self-sufficient in weaponry and still lacked the broad industrial infrastructure that would permit it to mass produce locally made prototype weapons.

Jewish Birthrate In Israel Rising Steadily But Still Behind Arab Birthrate

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA)--The Jewish birthrate in Israel has been rising steadily since the June, 1967 Six-Day War but is still far behind the local Arab birthrate, according to the new statistical yearbook published today. During the past three years Jewish births have risen from 21.5 per 1000 to 24.2. The birthrate among Israeli Arabs is almost twice as high but a decade ago it was nearly triple the Jewish rate, the statistics showed. They also showed that the birthrate is falling among Oriental Jewish families and rising among Western Jews, apparently as a result of assimilation between the two groups. The average Jewish urban family here has 3.9 members. According to the statistical yearbook, the world Jewish population in 1968 was 13,765,000. The statistics disclosed that only 14 percent of Israeli families own a car. Half of native-born Israelis have telephones but only 12 percent of those families whose breadwinner was born in Africa or Asia possess the instrument.

Israel Will Not Withdraw From Certain Areas; Nixon Has List From Mrs. Meir

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Reliable sources said here today that President Richard M. Nixon has received a secret list from Premier Golda Meir naming the occupied Arab territories from which Israel refuses to withdraw under any circumstances. According to the report, the list was intended as information only for the U.S. government. Mr. Nixon reportedly took note of Israel's position without indicating approval or disapproval. The sources could not say whether the list was submitted to the President during Mrs. Meir's visit to Washington in September or during her current visit.

Rabin Calls For Resettling Refugees On East Bank; Heckled By Arabs

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin said the Palestine refugee problem could be solved by resettling most of them on the east bank of the Jordan River within the area, he said, was originally declared to be Palestine. (The area east of the Jordan River, like Palestine, was part of the pre-1914 Ottoman Empire. It was placed under British mandate in 1921 and designated Trans-Jordan. The Hashemite dynasty was founded in that year under British auspices and the Kingdom of Transjordan, later Jordan, was proclaimed in 1946.) Ambassador Rabin spoke at the American University, scene of a two-day student-sponsored seminar on the Middle East this weekend attended by more than 900 students and faculty from Washington area universities and by faculty and observers from other universities. Heckling occurred during a question period when Gen. Rabin was called "a liar" by a member of the audience, Wassef Kozem, who identified himself as an Arab. But about a dozen Arab young men who asked questions of Ambassador Rabin and other speakers, received responses without any stir. The Arabs were presumed to be students at area universities. About 50 non-Jewish college-age men and women participated.

During his presentation, the Israeli Ambassador who led Israel's armed forces to victory as Chief of Staff during the Six-Day War, stated that Israel will not resume firing at the expiration of the current 90-day cease-fire on Nov. 5. "Regardless of political developments," he stated, "we will not be the first (to begin firing)." He declared that Israel would "enter indirect talks" under the auspices of the United Nations Middle East peace envoy, Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring "as long as the other side proves capable of maintaining the agreement that has been achieved," Ambassador Rabin emphasized: "It is as simple as that." Responding to the heckling by Kozam and several Arab supporters, Mr. Rabin said: "It is possible to reach an understanding between Israel and the Arabs" but added that he was "not certain about Arabs who feel like you." The 400 persons in attendance were generally friendly. The two-day symposium on the Middle East was sponsored by a new American University campus group, Concerned Students in Quest for Peace in the Middle East.

Avivim Settlement Attacked Again; Grenade Injures Three Gaza Residents

TEL AVIV, Oct. 27 (JTA)--For the second night in succession, the Avivim settlement in the upper Galilee near the Lebanese border was attacked. Mortar shells were fired at the settlements from across the Lebanese border. The settlers went into shelters and Israeli army units returned the fire. No casualties or damage was reported. Three Gaza residents, including a woman and child, were injured this afternoon in the Jaraliya Quarter in the Gaza Strip when a hand grenade aimed at an army patrol exploded.

Krone Says Not Enough Funds Available For Jewish Education In U.S.

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA)--The head of the Jewish Agency's religious education department complained today that not enough funds were being made available for Jewish education in the United States. Moshe Krone said Jewish education received only eight cents out of every dollar allocated by the Jewish welfare funds in the U.S. for local needs. Local community needs, including education, share in the monies left over after the major part of the funds raised in the U.S. are transferred to Israel. Mr. Krone claimed that if more money was provided for Jewish education in the U.S. "maybe there would be fewer young Jews among the hippies and the new left." He acknowledged that the Conservative movement in the U.S. has approached his department for cooperation and assistance and said the request was under consideration. Mr. Krone, who is Orthodox, would not say what kind of assistance the Conservative movement wanted. His department, which has an \$1.4 million budget, devotes most of its resources to the needs of Orthodox communities abroad. He denied that the American Reform movement has ever asked his department for aid.

Trudeau Pledges His Government Will Try To Alleviate Plight Of Soviet Jews

MONTREAL, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Canadian Premier Pierre Elliot Trudeau, re-affirming his government's pledge to do what it can to alleviate the plight of Soviet Jewry, has warned that efforts in that direction by foreign governments can sometimes be counter-productive. Mr. Trudeau's warning was contained in a letter to 300 Jewish students at the Wagar High School here who had petitioned him last month to intervene with Kremlin leaders on behalf of Soviet Jews. At the time Mr. Trudeau was scheduled to visit Moscow, a trip since postponed. "Your concern for the position of Jews in the Soviet Union is shared by both the government and myself and various efforts have been made in the past to do whatever is possible to ease their situation," Premier Trudeau wrote. He said that the pressure of public opinion and representations from other countries "may sometimes help Soviet Jews to preserve their religious and cultural heritage." But, he cautioned, "It can also have an opposite effect of causing the attitude of Soviet authorities to harden." He said the Soviet leadership was extremely sensitive to criticism on the subject of Russian Jews.

Gromyko Confronted By Jews Demonstrating For Rights Of Soviet Jewry

LONDON, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, who was faced by Jewish protesters when he landed at London airport yesterday, was met by them again today as he arrived at No. 10 Downing St. for a meeting with Prime Minister Edward Heath. The demonstrations for the rights of Soviet Jews went off without incident. A march on the Soviet Embassy will take place here tomorrow night under the auspices of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and 28 other Jewish groups. The demonstrators plan to give Mr. Gromyko a letter stating the attitude of British Jewry on the mistreatment of Jews in the USSR.

New Aliya Circles In France Join Moshavim, Kibbutzim In Israel

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Naftali Bar Giora, Deputy Director of the Jewish Agency's Immigrant and Absorption Department, reported that two new aliyah circles have been founded in France and will join moshavim and kibbutzim in Israel.

Two Synagogues Bombed; Extensive Damage To Both Buildings; No Motives Known

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Oct. 27 (JTA)--Two synagogues here were ravaged by bombs early this morning, injuring two persons slightly and causing extensive damage to both buildings. The blasts, which were spaced ten minutes apart, occurred shortly after midnight at Temple Beth Sholom and The Light of Israel Sephardic Center. This is the second time in two weeks that Rochester has been the target of what police termed "maniacal bombers." The first wave of bombings occurred on October 12, when dynamite bombs exploded in the Federal Building, Monroe County Building, two Negro churches and in the home of a union official. Police Commissioner John Mastrella stated that the bombings appeared to be a "coordinated attack." District Attorney B. Lazarus said that "circumstances would indicate that there is a definite link between the two waves of bombings." No motives or suspects for any of the bombings has been found. Police, however, reported that a red car was seen speeding away from one of the two synagogues immediately after the explosions. Rabbi Solomon Cohen, spiritual leader of the Sephardic Center, estimated the damage inflicted upon his synagogue as \$40-50,000. Damage to the Temple Beth Sholom Center was estimated at \$30,000. Although chemical tests to determine what kind of explosives were used had not been completed earlier today, a preliminary police investigation indicated that it was dynamite.

Twenty minutes before the explosion at Temple Beth Sholom, Mr. Irving Goldstein, a synagogue elder, said he had locked the doors for the night and had not seen or heard anything unusual. Shortly after midnight, caretaker Wallace Gilbert and his wife, who live in an apartment in another section of the synagogue building, heard a loud explosion which they thought came from the boiler. Alarmed neighbors, however, who had been awakened by the blast, began assembling in the street and shouting that a bomb had gone off. Mrs. Gilbert fainted from shock and was taken to a local hospital for treatment where she was later released. Another unidentified woman sustained minor injuries and was also treated at a local hospital. At Temple Beth Sholom, the blast blew a big hole in the wall, jarred loose cylinder blocks, shattered several windows and reduced the rabbi's office, a social hall and several classrooms to a shambles. Eight large windows were knocked out in the Sephardic Center, with rubble and splinters of glass scattered wildly on the floors of all the rooms in the building. "I can't understand why this would happen," remarked Rabbi Cohen, who has been with the Center for twenty years. "Why us? We are a smalltown congregation with mostly middle-class and working people."

Two Jewish Newspapermen Recipients Of Inter-American Journalism Award

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA)--Two Jewish newspaper men, from New York and Rio de Janeiro, will be the recipients of the Maria Moors Cabot inter-American journalism prize to be presented here Thursday by Dr. William McGill, president of Columbia University. Alberto Dines, editor in chief of the *Jornal do Brasil*, a leading Brazilian daily, and John M. Goshko, Washington Post correspondent in West Germany, will receive gold medals and \$1000 prizes for "distinguished journalistic contributions to the advancement of inter-American understanding." A third recipient of the award announced yesterday is John D. Harbron, associate editor of the *Toronto Telegram*. Mr. Goshko, a 37-year-old native of Swampscott, Mass., was cited for his reportage on events in Latin America during the four-and-a-half years that he was the Washington Post's correspondent assigned to that continent. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the Columbia University School of Journalism. Mr. Dines, 38, was born in Rio de Janeiro and began his journalistic career at the age of 20 as a reporter and film critic. He was named editor in chief of *Jornal do Brasil* in 1962 and earned a reputation as a champion of freedom of the press in his country. In 1967 he covered the Arab-Israeli war for his newspaper. The Maria Moors Cabot prizes, the oldest international awards in the field of journalism, were established by the late Dr. Godfrey Lowell Cabot of Boston as a memorial to his wife. They were first presented in 1939.

Congregations Move To Require Contributions To UJA As Condition For Membership

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (JTA)--More than 20 congregations in various communities all over the United States have joined in a move to require contributions to the United Jewish Appeal as a pre-requisite for membership, it was reported today by Rabbi Earl Jordan, director of the UJA's rabbinical advisory council. Rabbi Jordan said the boards of rabbis in Cleveland, Kansas City and St. Louis have adopted resolutions advocating the same practice. Rabbi Jordan said the first congregation to take this step was Beth Jacob of Los Angeles where Rabbi Simon Dolgin found that 130 of the 500 member families had not made contributions to the UJA. After instituting the mandatory contributions requirement, 128 of the families submitted checks, Rabbi Jordan reported. Temple Menorah, of Miami, Fla., was one of the first six congregations in the U.S. to initiate the mandatory contributions practice. A resolution issued by Rabbi Mayer Abramowitz and Temple officials requires all members to contribute to the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's annual combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund campaign. Others include Temple Sinai of Los Angeles (Rabbi Hillel Silverman); Congregation Ezra, (Rabbi Ira Sud), and the K.A.M. Congregation (Rabbi Simeon Maslin) both of Chicago; and Congregation Agudath Sholom (Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkranz) of Stamford, Conn. Rabbi Jordan said that no minimum contribution is being proposed by the UJA, the boards of rabbis or the synagogues. The act of giving is considered more important than the size of the contribution, he said.

Soviet Jew Asks President Shazar For Help To Emigrate To Israel

JERUSALEM, Oct. 27 (JTA)--A 33-year-old Jew from Riga has appealed to President Zalman Shazar for help in emigrating to Israel. The President's office disclosed the contents of a letter from Eisik Gamza who said that an application for exit permits for himself, his mother and his sister was rejected by Soviet authorities in July, 1969 on grounds that they were "a united, well settled family." According to Gamza, he and his family were deported to Siberia during World War II where his father died. When they returned to Latvia after the war they found that all members of their family had been killed. "Our desire to return to our historic homeland is natural and legitimate," Gamza wrote.