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Jordan Seeking Security Council Meeting On Israeli Practices In East Jerusalem

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 30 (JTA)--Israeli sources confirmed today published reports that Jordan will probably ask for a Sept. 7 Security Council meeting on Israeli practices in East Jerusalem. One Israeli diplomat said such a meeting was "very probable" and was expected by his delegation. As of this afternoon, however, Jordan had not requested a meeting. Such a request by her has been a possibility for several months, but was first dropped during King Hussein's troubles with the Palestinian terrorists and was later put aside pending the completion of Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco's mission to Israel. A United Nations spokesman said today that no Israeli or Arab leaders had indicated yet their intention to attend the General Assembly, which opens Sept. 21, but the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned that Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban will probably be making his usual appearance at that international gathering. In the interim, Israeli diplomats will confer on the Jerusalem issue with the delegations of the 10 nations of the 16-member Security Council with which it has relations. One source added that it would make "not much difference," to Israel who is President of the Council next month, as far as that unit's consideration of Jerusalem is concerned. The seat will be filled by Ambassador Senjin Tsuruoka of Japan. Regarding radio reports that Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will attend the Assembly, a UN spokesman said Sadat had not yet officially indicated such an intention.

In another development, Syria has circulated a protest against "two recent official Zionist-Israeli statements which add a new proof, if a new one is needed, to the already existing scores of proofs about Israeli inherent expansionism and annexationist policy." In a letter to Secretary General Thant, Ambassador George J. Tomeh referred to articles in the JTA Daily News Bulletins of Aug. 19 and 20. The first, from Tel Aviv, quoted Meir Shamir, the outgoing director of the Jewish Agency's Hill Settlement Department, as forecasting permanent Israeli settlements on the Golan Heights and an Israeli population there of 15-20,000 within seven years. The second story, also from Tel Aviv, reported the speech by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan in which he called on Israel to regard herself as the "permanent" government in the occupied territories. Dr. Tomeh wrote Thant: "A subtle hypocrite and a brazen aggressor, a preacher of law and a master of lawlessness, an expert in provocation and unequalled in deceit, these have always been and remain some typical characteristics of the Israeli government and world Zionism."

State Department Still Reviewing Israel's Requests For Phantoms

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (JTA)--A State Department source told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that Israel's request for more F-4 Phantom jets was still under review. The source, in effect, denied conclusions drawn from a story in today's Washington Post that "we won't give anything to Israel." The source said that was "simply untrue." Michael Getler, Washington Post staff writer, reported today that Pentagon analysts believe that from a strictly military viewpoint, Israel does not need additional Phantoms at this time despite the heavy build-up of Soviet warplanes in the Arab air forces. The State Department source said "All of our people (the U.S. Government) agree that the (military) balance is not presently at a disadvantage to Israel. We just wouldn't let it get that way." The source could not say when a decision on Israel's request for more Phantoms would be made.

Jewish Agency Will Need \$645.M For 1972 Fiscal Year

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30 (JTA)--The Jewish Agency will need \$645 million during the fiscal year beginning in April, 1972 to carry out its activities in the fields of immigration, absorption, agricultural settlement, health and welfare services, youth aliya, housing and education, treasurer Aryeh L. Dulzin told a meeting today of the Jewish Agency Executive. Budgeted expenditures of the Jewish Agency for the current fiscal year amount to \$572 million. The budget proposed by Dulzin and approved by the Executive will be submitted to the Agency's Board of Governors which meets later this week. Jewish Agency chairman Louis Pincus said he hoped the fund-raising arms of the Jewish communities abroad would be able to meet the challenge and increase their contributions. The target for the current year is \$600 million of which \$400 million is expected to come from the United States. The Jewish Agency's budget is separate from that of the World Zionist Organization which amounts to \$28 million this year. With the reconstitution of the Jewish Agency, the WZO became a separate body charged with organization, information, education and other activities in the diaspora of a political nature. The Executive approved a proposal by Joseph Klarman, head of Youth Aliya, that it absorb another 4,500 pupils in addition to the 8,000 youngsters now living in Youth Aliya boarding schools. The additional pupils would come from large families and families on the poverty level.

Pope Feels Changing Character Of Jerusalem Disservice To Judaism, Religious Spirit

PARIS, Aug. 30 (JTA)--Tunisian Foreign Minister Mohammed Masmoudi, who had an audience with Pope Paul VI Saturday, claimed today that the Pontiff believes that anyone who tries to change the character of Jerusalem does a great disservice to Judaism and to the religious spirit of the Holy City. Masmoudi visited Rome as the bearer of a personal message to the Pope from President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia. The message reportedly contained charges concerning the "Judaization" of Jerusalem. Masmoudi said in Tunis today that "The Pope is concerned with Jerusalem, hoping on one hand that Moslems and Christians will remain in that city and on the other hand that Jerusalem keeps its immemorial character." According to the Foreign Minister, the Pope "is concerned lest attempts to change the city's urban and other characteristics will strike a blow to the religious spirit of Jerusalem."

Sapir Indicates He May Reconsider Treasury Move To Raise Prices

TEL AVIV, Aug. 30 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir indicated last night that he might reconsider the Treasury's decision to raise prices of basic commodities in the wake of the devaluation of the Israeli pound and thereby avert workers' demands for higher wages. Sapir, addressing an audience of industrialists, told them that they too must make sacrifices for the benefit of the national economy.