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U.N. CHIEF OF STAFF MEETS WITH PREMIER BEN GURION ON ARMISTICE IN PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- United Nations Chief of Staff Brig. Gen. William Riley has met with Premier Ben Gurion, Walter Eytan and Reuven Shiloah of the Israeli Foreign Office and Yigal Yadin, Israeli Army Chief of Staff, it was announced here last night. Shiloah and Yadin are the Israeli representatives empowered to discuss the Security Council Negev and armistice resolutions with Riley.

It is reported that Riley gave the Israelis an account of his earlier talks with Egyptian representatives in Gaza on armistice negotiations and on the release of some 1,200-2,000 Egyptian troops encircled by the Jews at Faluja, in the Negev. Riley is reported to have voiced "moderate optimism" concerning the Gaza meeting.

It is understood that Israel will not withdraw from any area which its Army has occupied. This, it is believed here, will be Israel's position at discussions with the U.N. conciliation commission, established by the last U.N. General Assembly session, which are expected to begin early next year.

SECURITY COUNCIL VOTE ON ISRAELI U.N. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION POSTPONED UNTIL FRIDAY

PARIS, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The Security Council today postponed until Friday a vote on the Israeli application for membership in the United Nations. The motion for postponement was made by France and supported by Canada, the United States and the U.S.S.R.

The Council also refused to vote on a motion by British delegate Sir Alexander Cadogan that the Israeli application be postponed indefinitely. In support of his motion, Cadogan reiterated the British arguments raised previously in favor of postponement, declaring that the Council's resolution on the Negev withdrawal had not yet been carried out and that the problem of the encircled Egyptian garrison at Faluja was not settled. He also charged that Jewish troop movements from the Dead Sea area to the Gulf of Akaba continue, in violation of the Council's orders.

Both the United States and the Soviet Union again stated that they favored the immediate admission of the Jewish state into the United Nations. Their stands drew fire from Syria's Faris el Khouri who charged that with the exception of one or two politicians in the White House the people of the U.S. were opposed to the admission of Israel to the U.N. He also insisted that the Moslems in the U.S.S.R. were opposed to the Soviet's official position on Israel.

The Syrian delegate also made the generalized charge that public opinion in a number of countries, on record in favor of Israel did not support their governments on this issue. He threatened that the Arab states would boycott the U.N. conciliation commission if Israel became a member of the United Nations and indicated that he might attempt to refer the matter to the International Court of Justice at the next Council session.

ISRAELI SPOKESMAN DENIES ABDULLAH APPROACHED WEIZMANN FOR INITIATION OF PEACE TALKS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Israeli Government today denied a report which appeared in the afternoon papers here stating that King Abdullah of Transjordan recently made an offer to confer with President Chaim Weizmann on initiating peace talks, and that this offer was allegedly transmitted through U.N. acting mediator Ralph J. Bunche.

The spokesman emphasized that there has been no further contact between Israel and Transjordan since last Sunday when Col. Moshe Dayan, Israeli commander of the Jerusalem area, met with Lt. Col. Abdullah el Tel, commander of the Arab Legion units in Jerusalem. However, he revealed that technical contact--such as a direct telephone line--does exist, while no such contact exists with other Arab states.

The Israeli official said that the government of the Jewish state is impatient with the present "no peace, no war situation." He then added: "I do not know how long we can tolerate the continued presence of the invading Arab armies within Israel and on Palestine soil. Brig. Gen. William Riley, chief of staff of the U.N. mediator, did not bring any strong evidence upon his return from Gaza that the Egyptian Government has peaceful intentions. We have therefore drawn the logical conclusion that Egypt's intentions are still as hostile as those of the other Arab armies."

Questioned about a report that a stand-by order has been issued to the Israeli Army, the spokesman replied: "The state of preparedness in the army has not changed since the middle of May. Having no peace we must assume that the Arab intentions are hostile. We prefer direct peace talks with the Arab states."

BRITAIN DENIES ISRAELI CHARGE THAT IT SUPPLIED ARAB STATES WITH ARMS DURING TRUCE

LONDON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- A Foreign Office spokesman today denied that Britain broke the U.N. Security Council truce by supplying arms and ammunition to the Arab states, Reuters reported.

The denial was made to charges by the Israeli mission in Washington yesterday to the effect that last summer the British supplied thousands of rounds of artillery ammunition to Egypt and 20 fighter-bomber planes to Iraq. The British spokesman insisted that at no time during the U.N. truce did his government supply the Arab states with war materials.

An editorial in the London Times today praised Transjordan's King Abdullah for acting "prudently" in not rejecting the Palestine Arab crown because of Arab League pressure. The newspaper termed "unwarranted" accusations that Britain was behind Abdullah's move, adding that there is no reason to believe that the Arab monarch will be deflected by "misrepresentation of his motives or criticism of his country."

(The New York Times this morning viewed Abdullah's move as seeming to "strengthen hopes that a solution of the Palestine question is under way." The Times considered it significant that Abdullah's action was taken in the face of Arab League opposition. It also pointed out that the League has suffered a "serious rift" since Abdullah controls most of Arab Palestine and is in a position to carry out his plans.)

UNITED STATES HAS NO PLANS TO RECOGNIZE TRANSJORDAN GOVERNMENT, STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Under-Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett told a press conference today that, as far as he knows, the United States has no plans at the moment to recognize the Government of Transjordan.

U.S. MEMBERS OF JEWISH AGENCY ENTRUSTED WITH "FULL RESPONSIBILITY" FOR ZIONIST WORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Satisfaction over the settlement of the conflict in the United Palestine Appeal was expressed in a cable received here today from the executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, addressed to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, head of the American branch of the Agency.

Expressing "complete solidarity" with the American members of the Jewish Agency executive, the message said: "We particularly desire to stress that the American section of the Jewish Agency, with its past record of great accomplishment in the political field, is entrusted, now as heretofore, with full responsibility for representing, guiding and supervising all activities on behalf of the Zionist movement and the Jewish Agency on the American scene and all organized effort connected with the upbuilding of Israel."

The executive noted with "particular satisfaction that the status and integrity of the historic Zionist funds has been maintained and their authority upheld" in effecting last week's agreement which clarified the questions of disbursement of United Palestine Appeal funds and representation within the U.P.A. The cable lauded the "valuable cooperation" of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in the negotiations and stressed its appreciation of the "statesmanship and patience" displayed by the leaders of the Zionist funds under the guidance of the American section of the Jewish Agency and the "sense of responsibility shown by all concerned."

Recording its "high appreciation" of the efforts of the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund toward the resettlement of immigrants in Israel, the Jerusalem executive expressed the hope that "backed by the wholehearted support of American Jewry, the U.P.A. will continue to function in the future, as in the past, as a unifying central fund raising agency for the upbuilding of Israel." The two funds are beneficiaries of the U.P.A.

AMERICAN REVISIONIST PARLEY URGES ISRAEL TO DISREGARD U.N. PARTITION BOUNDARIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The National Council of the United Zionists-Revisionists of America last night concluded its national conference here after adopting resolutions urging the Provisional Government of Israel "to resist all attempts to impose upon it the boundaries outlined in the United Nations partition resolution of Nov. 29, 1947" and "to continue the struggle for the liberation of Israel, within the full extent of its historic boundaries."

Other resolutions deplored "attempts to negotiate a peace treaty between Israel and King Abdullah"; called on the Israeli Government to arrange for an exchange of populations with the Arab states; urged the Israeli Government to "release all political prisoners detained under the newly-enacted emergency regulations"; greeted "the heroic fighters of Israel for their splendid victories in the war of liberation"; and, voiced the hope that the Israeli Government will "keep the armed forces free from political and partisan influence."

The Council regretted the "recent split in the Jabotinsky movement" created by the formation of the Irgun-sponsored Freedom Party. At the same time it expressed "pride in the unprecedented heroic fight of the Irgun."

Meir Grossman, chairman of the World Revisionist executive, who is now in this country, outlined his party's program both in Israel and abroad. He said that the Revisionist Party will set up its own list of candidates for the forthcoming elections to the Israeli Constituent Assembly. "We would be willing, however," he added, "to consider a 'bloc arrangement' with groups closest to the Revisionist Party ideologically and programatically."

ONTARIO SCHOOL TEACHERS PROPAGANDIZE FOR CHRISTIAN FAITH AMONG JEWISH PUPILS

TORONTO, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The charge that Ontario public school teachers are trying to convert Jewish children to the Christian faith was made by Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg, addressing a conference of the Central Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"In some instances," Rabbi Feinberg said, "teachers have apparently not been able to resist the opportunity offered by the program for religious education in public schools to propagandize Christian doctrine among their Jewish students who do not leave classes during religious instruction. A program of religious instruction which encourages such activity should be abolished," he added.

JEWISH BUSINESSMEN TO FLY FROM ARGENTINA TO ISRAEL TO STUDY INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- A group of Argentine businessmen will fly this month to Israel to study the possibilities of private investment there, it was revealed here today by Eliahu Dobkin, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, just prior to his leaving for Uruguay and Brazil after a ten day stay in this country.

Dobkin expressed satisfaction with the result of the 1948 United Jewish Campaign in Argentina although he said that 48 percent of the Jews here did not contribute to the Campaign. He stressed the need for securing their participation and urged that the United Jewish Campaign double its goal for the coming year. His suggestion was accepted by leaders of the Campaign.

During his stay here, Dobkin arranged for 20 Jewish youth to proceed soon to Israel on a year's scholarship. They will return later to Argentina as cultural instructors. He expressed the hope that the number of Hachshara centers in Argentina, preparing youth for immigration to Israel, will be doubled.

Jewish Leader Says There Is No Anti-Semitism in Argentina

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The hope that Argentina will shortly recognize the government of Israel was voiced here today by Egon Glucksmann, president of the General Zionist Organization of Latin America, who has just arrived for a brief stay in New York.

In a statement to the press he cited President Juan Peron's oft-repeated boast that under his regime "there is no anti-Semitism in Argentina." On the contrary, Glucksmann said, President Peron was desirous of seeing "all facilities for a good life placed at the disposal of the Jewish population in Argentina."

"Argentina and Israel are both growing countries," the Buenos Aires Jewish leader said, "and there is every reason to believe that they will be of mutual help to each other, both in trade and industrial relations, as well as culturally." Many prominent Argentine businessmen, he pointed out, both Jews and non-Jews, are interested in investing capital in Israel's industrial future, which they see as "the new undeveloped frontier in the world of industry."