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EGYPT AND ISRAEL SUMMONED BY U.N. MEDIATOR TO RHODES TO START ARMISTICE TALKS NEXT WEEK

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The governments of Egypt and Israel have been summoned by U.N. acting Palestine mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche to start their direct negotiations for an armistice on January 11 or 12 on the Greek island of Rhodes, former headquarters of the late U.N. mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, it was announced here today.

The announcement was made by Dr. Bunche, addressing a meeting of the Security Council's special committee on Palestine which was established to deal with the enforcement of U.N. resolutions on the Negev.

After hearing Dr. Bunche's report, the committee agreed unanimously that in view of the fact that the acceptance of the cease-fire in the Negev is to be "followed by direct negotiations between representatives of the governments of Egypt and Israel under U.N. chairmanship," for the purpose of reaching an armistice, there is no necessity at present for any further action on the part of the committee.

Dr. Bunche told the meeting that the acceptance of the cease-fire and of direct negotiations by Egypt and Israel was "a very promising" development. His chief of staff, Brig. Gen. William E. Riley, who also appeared before the committee, expressed the belief that with the acceptance of the cease-fire by the Egyptians and the Israelis, "we will now have a follow-through in the Arab world for armistice and peace in the Middle East."

Israel Has No Designs on Territorial Integrity of Any Arab State, Lourié Says

Mahmoud Bey Fawzi of Egypt emphasized that his country's acceptance of the cease-fire order and readiness to initiate armistice negotiations were a part of Egypt's policy of giving full cooperation to the Security Council in the re-establishment of peace in and around Palestine. He expressed the hope that complete truce supervision of the United Nations, according to the resolution of Dec. 29, would be ensured. He asked that the "proper atmosphere" for the armistice negotiations be provided by the Security Council.

Consul-General Arthur Lourié, appearing as Israel's representative, emphasized that Israel has no designs on the territorial integrity of any of the Arab states and that the Israeli Government desires to live in peace with all the neighboring Arab countries. "There is much in the mediator's report to encourage us to believe that the time may soon be at hand when the peoples of Israel and of the Arab states can put aside their weapons and enter into a new era of common effort for their mutual betterment and prosperity," he said.

"It is in that spirit," he continued, "that my government looks forward to the forthcoming negotiations, eager that the recent conflicts will be relegated far into memory's past, and hopeful that with the assistance of the U.N. Conciliation Commission the existing truce shall be rapidly transformed into an armistice leading to a just and honorable peace for all concerned."

FIGHTING CONTINUES IN RAFAH AREA AS CEASE-FIRE GOES INTO EFFECT IN REMAINDER OF NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The cease-fire in the Negev went into effect at P.M. local time today, it was announced by U.N. truce headquarters in Haifa. Two hours later, the announcement said, officers from both sides met on what was formerly the battlefield.

However, an official Israeli communique issued here late tonight disclosed that fighting was continuing in the Rafah area, in the southern Negev, as late as 5 P.M. Early this morning the Arabs launched a heavy attack which was repulsed. As the day waned the intensity of the fighting diminished, the communique said. It also reported that two enemy aircraft of about a dozen which flew over the Jewish lines near Rafah at 3 P.M. were shot down and one plane damaged earlier in the day was seen to crash.

It is hoped that armistice talks will follow immediately, the U.N. statement said. It also disclosed that U.N. observers are now stationed in the Negev and are in radio communication with headquarters.

Orders from the Israeli high command to its troops in the field were to hold their fire unless fired upon and to stay in their present positions. At noon, Henry Wiglers, the acting mediator's deputy who yesterday transmitted Egypt's request for an immediate cease-fire followed by armistice negotiations, called at the Israeli Foreign Office to discuss the dispatching of observers to the southern front to check the effectiveness of the cease-fire. The Israeli authorities offered him every assistance and also touched on the question of preliminary arrangements for armistice negotiations.

Egyptians Lost 2,500 Men in Killed, Wounded and Prisoners in Negev

In a statement to the press, Col. Yigal Yadin, Israeli Army chief of operations, reported that the Egyptians lost 2,500 men in killed, wounded and prisoners during the latest phase of the war in the Negev. He added that included in the booty, the largest seized by the Jews in the war, were 150 vehicles. Ten Egyptian aircraft were shot down, he said.

He pointed out that the aim of the Jews was to drive the Egyptians out of the eastern and southern parts of the Negev. At present, he said, Egyptians remain in Gaza, Faluja and Rafah. In all cases these troop concentrations are almost completely cut off from one another and from Egypt proper. The cease-fire finds no Israeli troops in Egypt, he declared, except perhaps in the Rafah area where the border is not clearly defined. "We did not intend to return to Egypt after 3,400 years," he remarked.

Col. Yadin attributed the overwhelming success of the Israeli forces to the element of surprise and the complete security blackout clamped down throughout Israel. He pointed out that the Jews were aware that the Egyptian commanders were preparing feverishly to resume the battle. Jewish engineers, he said, repaired the Old Roman road from Beersheba to Auja in record time, "whereupon we isolated and captured Bir Asluj, pursuing the fleeing and beaten Egyptians." It was during this phase of the campaign that the Jews penetrated Egyptian territory, in some cases to a depth of nearly 40 miles.

"While in Egypt, we destroyed several airfields, cut Egyptian rail communications with Palestine severely and now the Egyptians cannot evacuate Gaza by road, but can use the rails, when they are repaired," Col. Yadin stated. Egypt fought alone, he stressed, adding that "not a single shot was fired by other Arab League members in Egypt's support."

On the central front there was some fighting during most of the day. In the morning the Jews repulsed attempts by Iraqi forces to infiltrate their lines in the Ramath Hakovesh-Tireh sector. Later, the Arabs captured a height in the area.

BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS NEW ISRAELI INCURSION INTO EGYPTIAN TERRITORY

LONDON, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The British Foreign Office today insisted that Jewish troops have made a new incursion into Egypt, reaching a point three miles south of Haifa. The report was attributed to a "British source."

Commenting on Israel's acceptance of the U.N. Security Council's cease-fire order in the Negev, a Foreign Office spokesman stated that "if this means the Security Council's resolutions of Nov. 4 and 16 are to be honored, we welcome it." Asked whether Britain would be satisfied if Egypt is satisfied with a cease-fire agreement, without a withdrawal of troops in the Negev, the Briton said: "We want the Security Council's resolutions implemented."

Echoing the Conservatives' demand for British de facto recognition of Israel, the London Times asserted today that "at a time when the militarists in Israel threaten to gain the upper hand" such recognition should be extended.

(In Washington, a State Department spokesman said today, in commenting on a London report that Israeli forces have established a permanent military post on Egyptian soil, that the United States Government has no reasons to believe that assurances made by the Israeli Government that all of its troops have been withdrawn from Egyptian territory were not sincere and accurate. "We have no reason to believe the Israeli Government did not mean what it said," the Department spokesman added.)

TWENTY-TWO LISTS OF CANDIDATES FOR ISRAELI ELECTIONS APPROVED; ARABS RUN AS CANDIDATES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The central committee set up by the State Council to supervise the parliamentary elections scheduled to be held Jan. 25 announced that 22 groups submitted lists of candidates, all of which have been approved.

Leading the list on the Mapai (Labor Party) ticket are David Ben Gurion and Moshe Shertok. The list of Mapam--the United Workers Party--is headed by Itzhak Tobenkin and Meir Yaari. The Mizrahi-Agudah list is headed by Rabbi J.L. Fishman of Mizrahi, and Rabbi I.M. Lewin, Agudah leader.

The General Zionists have put Dr. Fritz Bernstein and Mayor Israel Rokach as first on their list of candidates. The Freedom Movement named Menachem Beigin and Uri Zvi Grinberg as their leading candidates. The Progressive Zionists have Dr. Felix Rosenbluth and Dr. Abraham Granovsky as the first candidates on their list. The Zionist-Revisionist Party headed its election list with Dr. N. Altman and Baruch Weinstein.

The Communist list is headed by I. Mikunis and an Arab, Tewfik Toubi. The Popular Arab Bloc, sponsored by Mapam, and the Arab Workers Bloc, under the auspices of Mapai, have each also submitted lists of candidates. The Fighters for Israel submitted a list headed by their leader, Nathan Friedman-Yellin and by Sheikh Abu Gush.

Other groups which registered separate lists of candidates include the Havoed Eadati, religious laborites affiliated with the Histadrut; the Women's International Zionist Organization; the Hapoeloth, a Mizrahi labor women's group; the Sephardic Community and the Agudas Israel Separatists.

The Arabs in Nazareth have filed an independent list, as did the Arabs of Haifa. A separate list has also been registered by Jerusalem Jews, headed by Mayor Daniel Auster. The Yemenite Jews have similarly presented a list of their own. There is also a list to be known as the Separatist Jerusalem Bloc.

ISRAELI PREMIER SENDS EMISSARY TO U.S. TO ASK MORGENTHAU TO RETAIN U.J.A. POST

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Bernard Joseph, Israeli military governor for Jerusalem, left today for the United States as a special emissary of Premier David Ben Gurion to ask Henry Morgenthau Jr., general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, to retain his post in 1949. Elections for a U.J.A. general chairman will take place at the Appeal's national conference which will open in Atlantic City on Jan. 12.

A delegation of top Israeli leaders, including Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog and Levy Skolnick-Eshkol, a member of the Jewish Agency executive, will leave this weekend by plane for the United States to participate in the U.J.A. conference. The delegation will outline to the conference the major current problems affecting Israel, with particular emphasis on the question of absorbing, housing, retraining and otherwise integrating the nearly 200,000 immigrants expected to arrive in the Jewish state during 1949.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS COMPLAIN OF GETTING MEAGER ALLOCATIONS FROM ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The present plight of the Hebrew University was described today at a press conference by Prof. Simcha Assaf, rector, and Dr. David Senator, administrator.

The two officials reviewed the war effort of the University's faculty and student body, particularly the "heroic defense of the University premises against Arab attack." Prof. Assaf said that a University medical school will be opened shortly, but will offer instruction only to advanced students.

A new legal faculty will be appointed soon, Prof. Assaf, who is also a member of the Israeli Supreme Court, announced, while the existing faculty for social and economic sciences will be enlarged and will be headed by Dr. L. Patinkin, a leading French scientist. Dr. Assaf also announced that Prof. Joseph Klausener, leading Israeli historian and scholar, will retire soon because of his age.

Voicing disappointment in the lack of funds available to the University, Dr. Senator said that the Jewish Agency had allocated only \$80,000 to the institution while the Israeli Government appropriated "barely \$8,000." He added that plans are being considered to build a suburb near the University linking Mt. Scopus with Jerusalem proper. The cost of the project is estimated at \$20,000,000.

SURVIVORS OF BUCHENWALD CAMP ESTABLISH COLONY IN NEGEV; SETTLERS ARE ALL ORTHODOX

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A new settlement was established in the Negev yesterday by a group of Orthodox youths who survived the Buchenwald concentration camp during the war. The settlers are all members of Poale Agudas Israel.

The thirteenth colony to be established in Western Galilee was dedicated today by its Hashomer Hatzair settlers. The colony, located near Acre, is composed of youths from Britain and recent arrivals from Hungary.

A total of nine new settlements were founded in various parts of Israel this week by members of Hashomer Hatzair, Mapai, Hapoel Hamizrachi and Poale Agudas Israel. Four additional colonies will be set up next week.

Jews who fled Egypt to Italy eligible for I.R.O. aid; Tripolitanian Jews excluded

ROME, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The International Refugee Organization has agreed to classify as displaced persons a number of Egyptian Jews who fled here from Cairo during the anti-Jewish pogroms there last year. They will be eligible for I.R.O. aid.

The decision by the I.R.O. was taken after the Jewish Refugee Organization in Italy intervened in the refugees' behalf. Although the number of Jewish refugees from Egypt is reported to be in excess of 200, only a handful at this time have received DP classification from the I.R.O. The Jewish Refugee Organization hopes, however, that in time the remaining members of this group will receive the same status.

Meanwhile, all of the Jews who fled to Italy from Tripolitania as a result of anti-Jewish outbreaks in that area arising out of the Arab-Israeli conflict, have been declared ineligible for I.R.O. assistance on the grounds that they are Italian citizens who entered Italy legally. Since the number of Tripolitanian Jews in this country is increasing almost daily, their welfare is becoming a growing burden for the Joint Distribution Committee, which is attempting to have the I.R.O. reconsider its decision on the status of these Jews.

SITUATION OF JEWS IN YEMEN CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE; LOOTING AND BLOODSHED REPORTED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government has been notified of the "further deterioration of the situation of the Jews in Yemen," it was announced here today. Information received here reveals that looting of Jewish property and some bloodshed is still taking place in Yemen.

RUMANIAN NATIONALITIES MINISTER URGES JEWS TO BE VIGILANT AGAINST "ZIONIST PROPAGANDA"

BUCHAREST, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A joint meeting of Hungarian and Rumanian Jews in Tarru Mures, Transylvania, organized with the participation of the Jewish Democratic Committee, today heard Ludovik Takats, Minister of Nationalities, appeal for brotherliness between all nationalities and urge that vigilance be maintained against "anti-Soviet, anti-Semitic and Zionist propaganda."

FEDERAL SEARCH STARTED BY U.S. AUTHORITIES FOR RING SMUGGLING PLANES TO ARAB COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- A Federal Government search for a ring of munitions smugglers allegedly attempting to ship war materiel from the United States to Arab states warring on Israel was revealed here after five crated planes were seized in a Newark, N.J., warehouse.

The planes, which were consigned by a mystery man who had given his name as John Romano to an Abyssinian company which disclaimed any knowledge of the shipment, were to be loaded aboard an Egyptian vessel, the S.S. Mohammed Ali el Kabir. Francis B. Laughlin, Assistant Customs Collector at the Port of New York, said today the "investigation is proceeding."

AMERICAN ZIONISTS CHARGE BRITAIN WITH BEING "AN ACTIVE ALLY" OF ARAB STATES

NEW YORK, Jan. 7. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Emergency Council last night released the text of a memorandum charging that "the most recent actions of Great Britain with regard to Israel have established conclusively that the British Government is in fact an active ally of the Arab states in their war against Israel." The memorandum is being submitted to members of Congress and other leaders of American public opinion.

