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ISRAEL SUBMITS CHARGES AGAINST BRITAIN TO SECURITY COUNCIL; ASKS FOR INVESTIGATION

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government today submitted to the U.N. Security Council a memorandum charging Britain with the "fomenting of an artificial crisis" at the precise moment when armistice negotiations between Egypt and Israel are about to begin in Rhodes under United Nations auspices.

The memorandum, presented by Aubrey Eban, Israeli representative at the United Nations, calls upon the Security Council "to investigate this situation, the continuance of which is likely to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security." It emphasizes that the Israeli Government desires no conflict with Britain, nor does it in any way threaten the political or territorial integrity of any of the Arab states with which Britain has treaty relations.

"Accordingly, the Government of Israel will do everything to insure that the forthcoming armistice negotiations shall open under the best possible auspices," the document emphasizes. "It is difficult, however, to see signs of a similar concern in the attitude of the United Kingdom," it points out. The memorandum makes it clear that "the Government of Israel attaches primary importance" to the armistice talks.

Cites British Violation of U.N. Truce In Sending Troops to Aqaba

Expressing "grave concern at the menacing attitude" adopted by the British Government toward the state of Israel, the memorandum says that the military, naval, aerial and political measures which Britain has taken in recent days appear likely not only to endanger the maintenance of international peace and security, but also "to widen the limits of a local conflict which might otherwise respond to the process of unprejudiced negotiations."

The memorandum then enumerates the British military, aerial and naval movements to which the Israel Government takes objection, especially the sending of British military forces to Transjordan. It draws the attention of the Security Council to its own truce resolution of May 29, 1948, which called upon all governments "to undertake that they will not introduce fighting personnel into Palestine, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Transjordan and Yemen during the cease-fire."

Since Israel does not threaten the territorial integrity of Transjordan, the sudden dispatch of troops and planes by Britain to the Aqaba area, in defiance of the U.N. truce resolution, can only be interpreted as "being designed to threaten the region of Israel lying in the southern Negev," the Israeli memorandum states.

Elaborating on the memorandum at a press conference after its submission, Eban said that the Council can investigate the Israeli complaint under its own resolution of May 29, 1948, or under Article 34 of the U.N. Charter which empowers the Council to investigate any situation, the continuation of which may endanger international peace and security.

ISRAEL TO ASK FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON BRITISH INTERVENTION IN PALESTINE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government today instructed its representative to the United Nations, Aubrey Eban, to request U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie to call an urgent session of the Security Council to hear Israeli charges against Britain of "unilateral intervention" in the Palestine conflict.

(At Lake Success late this afternoon, Eban categorically denied that he had received instructions from his government to ask for an emergency session of the Council.)

The Israeli complaint against Britain will be based on three major points, as follows: 1. The dispatch of British troops to Aqaba, which is a truce violation; 2. The provocative and inflammatory action in sending British armed reconnaissance planes over Israeli battle positions; 3. The widely reported British troop movements from Malta and Cyprus and in the direction of the Sinai border region.

"All these actions and the menacing campaign of certain British newspapers indicate the grave danger of an imminent British armed intervention, particularly in the absence of any reassurances from the British Government," the complaint will state. Eban has also been instructed to present to Lie evidence of the most recent British arms shipments to the Arabs.

James G. McDonald, special U.S. representative to Israel, was last night closeted with Premier David Ben Gurion for a lengthy session. It is understood that during their talks, which dealt with American mediation between Israel and Egypt, McDonald urged that the Jewish state change its mind and not complain to the U.N. Security Council against British troop movements in the Aqaba area.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT RESERVES FULL RIGHT TO FUTURE ACTION IN RELATION TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The British Government reserves its fullest right to future action in relation to Israel, a Foreign Office spokesman today stated, adding that meanwhile Britain is exercising the greatest restraint in avoiding any action which might jeopardize hopes for successful negotiations at Rhodes.

The reports of acting mediator Ralph J. Bunche "do not leave room for doubts that the present crisis is the outcome of Jewish aggression," the spokesman declared. He stated that the Jews made incursions into Egyptian territory and still occupy Lebanese soil.

One of the great dangers in the situation is the fact that the Security Council has been losing control of events, the spokesman insisted, adding that it is of paramount importance that this authority be reestablished without delay and maintained until a final settlement is reached. He also stated that the British Government feels that both sides should accept the Security Council's decision and from that point on negotiate for a permanent peace through the U.N. Conciliation Commission.

The Air Ministry today issued a communique taking issue with Israeli charges that the five RAF planes shot down last week were on photo reconnaissance missions over Israeli positions and Israeli territory. The communique said the British pilots had been ordered not to cross the border into Israel and that an inquiry since the incident establishes that they obeyed their orders. It also said that during the melee one or more British planes may have been forced over the border.

EGYPT DEMANDS ISRAEL WITHDRAW FROM RAFAH POSITIONS BEFORE RHODES PARLEY BEGINS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Israel today replied to Egyptian complaints to the U.N. that the Israelis occupied positions in the Negev after the latest cease-fire and that the Rhodes armistice negotiations should be delayed pending Israeli withdrawal from these positions. The Arabs insisted to the U.N. yesterday that the Jews captured some positions in the Rafah area after the fighting should have ceased.

Terming the Egyptian complaints "incomprehensible," an Israeli spokesman stated that the only movement of Jewish troops that occurred in that area after the cease-fire was the withdrawal from positions captured prior to the cessation of hostilities. It was learned, however, that the Egyptian delay was a result of intervention by the British who hope to hold up the Rhodes talks.

United Nations observers have been dispatched to the scene of the alleged cease-fire violations to check on the Egyptian complaints. They were accompanied by Israeli liaison officers.

David Crossley Tattersfield, the British pilot who died when his plane crashed in flames near the Jewish settlement of Nirim, was buried today in the British war cemetery at Ramleh with full military honors.

GREEK JEWS PROTEST TO GOVERNMENT AGAINST DETENTION, SEARCH OF ISRAEL-BOUND SHIP

ATHENS, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Jewish quarters here are discussing with the Greek Foreign Office the question of releasing the S.S. Tampa which anchored over the weekend at the Crete port of Heraklion to take on fuel and has reportedly been detained by local port authorities.

The Greek port officials are said to have claimed the right to search the ship -- carrying more than 500 Israel-bound Jewish passengers -- on the ground that they are checking to see if there are any men of military age aboard. The Jewish leaders here object to the search on the grounds that the Tampa made a casual call at the Greek port and the harbor officials are not entitled to search the vessel.

Z.O.A. LEADERS IN N.Y. AREA HOLD EMERGENCY MEETING ON ISRAEL; SILVER, NEUMANN SPEAK

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- More than 500 leading members of the Zionist Organization of America in the metropolitan area met today at an emergency meeting called by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Z.O.A. president, to consider the "grave political situation confronting Israel."

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, one of the principal speakers at the meeting, warned against a sense of complacency, adding: "The whole situation is as dangerously fluid as it might be." "Our government, which has shown in recent months a friendly attitude toward our cause," Dr. Silver asserted, "has as yet not given full recognition to Israel, nor given loans to Israel and has not brought about the admission of Israel into the United Nations."

Declaring that "it is time the world takes inventory of the action of warmongers," Dr. Neumann urged the U.N. to "curb the warlike and intransigent behavior of Bevin and his ilk." The Z.O.A. president emphasized that "there was a need for peace and unity not only in Israel, but in America," adding that the "U.P.A. and U.J.A. must look toward the larger interests of Israel and the Jewish people. We shall go forward to victory and shall oppose any dissident movement attempting to undermine the integrity and strength of organized Zionism in America," he added.

NATIONAL U.J.A. CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY IN ATLANTIC CITY; WILL SET GOAL FOR 1949

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Establishing a record without parallel in voluntary giving in the United States, the United Jewish Appeal, which opens its 10th Anniversary National Conference here tomorrow, has raised more than \$503,000,000 since inception in 1939, it was reported here today.

The report will be submitted to the 1,200 delegates who began to arrive here today from every section of the country to attend the conference at which the goal for 1949 will be set. The report reveals that of the sum raised by the U.J.A. during the 10 years of its existence approximately \$250,000,000 went for the overseas program of the Joint Distribution Committee; \$210,000,000 for the program in Israel of the United Palestine Appeal and \$37,000,000 for the refugee aid program here of U.S.N.A.

The national conference of the United Jewish Appeal, which will continue for two days, will devote major attention to the problem of transferring some 200,000 homeless Jews from Europe to Israel during 1949, in the process of which the Jewish DP camps in Germany and Austria will be virtually emptied; launching a vast building and housing program in Israel to make possible the absorption and integration of a large portion of the 120,000 immigrants who arrived in 1948 and the additional 200,000 in 1949; and establishing a network of new settlements and industrial establishments where the immigrants can be integrated into the country's economy.

Other problems that will be considered include rehabilitative assistance to tens of thousands of family heads -- particularly in Eastern Europe who as a result of war-time persecution or post-war developments are now obliged to find new means of earning a livelihood; expansion of medical and child care installations in Europe, preparing many thousands for emigration; increasing the flow of aid to Jews in North Africa and making possible a larger program of assistance to refugees who receive haven in the United States.

Among the principal speakers at the conference sessions will be Dr. Bernard Joseph, military governor of Jerusalem; Aubrey Eban, the representative of Israel at the United Nations; Harry N. Rosenfield, member, United States Displaced Persons Commission; Edward M.M. Warburg, chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee; Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, Herman L. Weisman and William Rosenwald, national chairmen of the U.J.A.; Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency; Edwin Rosenberg, president of the United Service for New Americans and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, chairman of the European executive council of the J.D.C.

1,000,000 Jews Will Enter Israel in Five Years, Dr. Joseph Says in N.Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Bernard Joseph, Israeli military governor for the Jerusalem area who is in the United States to address the U.J.A. national conference opening tomorrow in Atlantic City, told a press conference here today that Israeli officials estimate that 1,000,000 immigrants can be brought into Israel during the next five years if the present rate of immigration continues.

Asserting that the war in Israel is not yet over, and that tremendous sums from the United States are still needed, Dr. Joseph stated that although no U.J.A. funds are being used for military or semi-military purposes, the present military situation has compelled the Israeli Government to use all available resources to conduct the war effort. "The task of carrying out vital programs of immigration, housing, settlement and economic development is therefore dependent on the U.J.A.," he said.

Z.O.A. LEADERS WARN MORGENTHAU THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT MONTOR IN UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- A statement declaring that "the overwhelming majority of American Zionists reject and will never accept" a condition by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., which would provide for the re-employment of Henry Montor in the United Jewish Appeal, was issued here last night under the signatures of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Emanuel Neumann and a number of other leaders of the United Palestine Appeal. The statement, issued in connection with a drive to have Mr. Morgenthau retain the general chairmanship of the United Jewish Appeal for 1949, reads:

"A movement has evidently been launched to draft Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., as general chairman of the U.J.A. for 1949. What has not been revealed, however, is the intention to re-employ Henry Montor, formerly executive director of the U.P.A. and one of the executive vice-chairmen of the United Jewish Appeal, over the vehement opposition of American Zionists and the United Palestine Appeal. It is reliably reported that Mr. Morgenthau would be willing to assume the general chairmanship of the U.J.A. only under certain conditions set by him, including the re-employment of Mr. Montor. This is a condition which the overwhelming majority of American Zionists reject and will never accept, in view of the wrecking job which Mr. Montor has done during the past few months and the pernicious tendencies he represents.

"The Zionist leadership has, in recent weeks, gone to the greatest lengths to reach an agreement with the minority group known as the Committee of Contributors and Workers, and most far-reaching concessions were made in order to ensure peace and cooperation in the U.P.A. and U.J.A. An accord was reached and its terms made public. It was agreed from the beginning that the re-employment of Mr. Montor was not and would not be made an issue, and it was generally understood that he has made another connection. But this issue which has been considered closed is now being re-opened under the guise of a 'Draft Morgenthau' movement which is in effect also a 'Draft Montor' movement.

"The leaders of the U.P.A. have repeatedly urged Mr. Morgenthau to serve again and this invitation has had unanimous and universal support. But no man, however important and valuable his services, should attempt to set conditions wholly unacceptable to a large segment of the community. Much less should anyone attempt to impose an official who has been repudiated and dispensed with for disloyal conduct toward the organization which employed him. Mr. Montor's return in a key position would inevitably plunge the U.J.A. into a most bitter internecine conflict.

"The Zionists of America are proud of their achievements on behalf of the establishment of the State of Israel and of the services they have rendered as an organized movement to the U.J.A. They are determined to continue to play their part and to make their maximum contribution for the good of the Jewish people and for the benefit of Israel. They will neither be brow-beaten nor intimidated nor swept aside as a major factor in this work, which is so largely their responsibility.

"We would deeply deplore it if Mr. Morgenthau, for whom we have entertained the highest regard and the greatest respect, should lend himself to the machinations of a handful, avid for power and ruthlessly determined to have their way at all costs. We feel that the integrity and the very future of the Zionist movement is at stake and are resolved to do everything in our power to prevent the imposition of a dictatorship run by a reckless and unscrupulous official, under whatever facade he may plan to operate. Ours is a great democratic movement, representing the Jewish masses in this country. In the interest of the cause, and the future of Israel, the position and prerogatives of the movement must and shall be maintained."

