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ISRAEL AND JORDAN FORCES CLASH IN NEGEV; U.N. ORDERS CEASE-FIRE; BOTH SIDES ACCEPT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Col. Bennett de Ridder, Acting United Nations Truce Chief in Palestine, today issued a new cease-fire order to Israel and Jordan whose forces this morning engaged in a two-and-one-half-hour battle. The cease-fire order was to be effective 5:00 P.M. local time and both forces were instructed to withdraw to earlier positions astride the Elath road, leaving a demilitarized zone between them.

Israel immediately accepted the cease-fire order, but refused to withdraw its forces from the disputed area. A military spokesman declared that Israel will continue to use the road and will not fire on the Arabs unless they molest traffic. This information was transmitted to the U.N. by the Israel representative on the mixed armistice commission, to whom the original cease-fire order was handed. He also agreed to attend an emergency meeting of the armistice commission tomorrow.

(A report in New York from Amman said that Jordan had also accepted the cease-fire order. Another report from Amman, by the Reuter news agency, said that the Jordan Cabinet resigned today.)

Today's clash resulted from a Jordan move last Wednesday when an Arab Legion armored column erected a roadblock on the main motor road through the Negev. An Israel supply convoy, escorted by military forces in armored vehicles en route to Elath on the northern tip of the Gulf of Agaba, was forced to halt at the roadblock.

For several days the impasse remained unbroken while the Israelis awaited action by U.N. headquarters here to which the Jews had complained. On Saturday morning Col. de Ridder flew to Amman to consult with Jordan military leaders including British General John B. Glubb, commander of the Arab Legion. The Jordanians agreed to leave the matter to a mixed commission of experts, but refused to withdraw their forces pending a decision. The Israelis, meanwhile, found it almost impossible to obtain a meeting with Col. de Ridder.

Yesterday, a portion of the Israel column took to the desert wastes from the road and circumvented the Arab roadblock, which was located about 50 miles north of Elath. However, they found a second mass of Jordan armor and a block at a point farther south.

Israelis Dismantle Jordan Roadblock

An official Israel Army spokesman today revealed that last night at 5:30 local time an Israel note was handed the Jordan commander at the northernmost roadblock informing him that in a half-hour the Israelis would begin dismantling the roadblock and if the Arabs opened fire they would be held accountable for a breach of the peace. At 6:00 P.M., promptly, the roadblock was dismantled. The Arabs made no move.

This morning the Arabs re-erected the roadblock and the Jews dismantled it. The Jordanians opened fire at 8:45 A.M., wounding two Israelis. The Jews replied, setting one Jordan armored vehicle afire. Shortly after 11:00 A.M. the mortars and cannon ceased firing and the Arabs withdrew a short distance.

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C.I.F.W.F. ASSEMBLY CONCLUDES ON NOTE OF HARMONY; CALLS FOR MAXIMUM AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The three-day General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, at which serious differences of opinion on methods of raising funds for Israel were expected, concluded here today in a spirit of complete harmony. The 700 Jewish community leaders who attended the session were unanimous in expressing determination to secure maximum funds in 1951 to meet the needs of Jews locally and overseas, and especially the needs of Israel.

Unity was achieved following a statement made at a plenary session last night by Alex Lowenthal, leader of the recently-formed Committee to Safeguard the United Jewish Appeal, which opposed the blueprint for a community-sponsored national campaign organization prepared by the council. Mr. Lowenthal said that he is fully satisfied with an announcement made earlier at the Assembly that the Council's blueprint will not be voted upon at the current session and that the Council's proposal for the creation of a Central Israel Fund which would unify all fund-raising campaigns in this country--including the Hadassah, Histadrut, Weizmann Institute and Hebrew University drives--will not be implemented unless the Jewish Agency and the Zionist groups agree. At present they oppose it. (See page 3 for earlier story.)

Resolutions pledging full support of the Jewish communities in the United States and Canada to a four-point program in behalf of Israel and urging the U.S. Government "to grant all possible aid to the state of Israel" was adopted at the concluding session of the Assembly.

The session also adopted a resolution expressing gratification with the decision of the Jewish Agency in undertaking to present to the welfare funds a more comprehensive picture of the totality of needs in Israel and in recognizing the importance of establishing priority, "to this end that American philanthropic support may be channelled as fully as possible into the most urgent requirements."

The resolution commends the Agency for its action in establishing a committee to check on multiple campaigns for Israel in this country. It expresses satisfaction with the assurance of the Agency that it will attempt "to increase the authority and control exercised by this committee on all independent Israel campaigns" in the United States.

The Assembly also urged the communities throughout the country to exert all efforts towards immediately converting into cash all pledges in view of "the pressing needs in Israel, overseas and at home." It went on record as favoring pre-campaign budgeting in principle. Another resolution pledges Jewish communities to extend the maximum cooperation and participation in the development of all services under public and private auspices to meet the need of the armed forces and the civilian population "in this critical period faced by all American citizens."

Julian Freeman of Indianapolis was unanimously elected president of the council for 1951. Milton Kahn of Boston was elected secretary, and Sylvan Gotshal of New York, treasurer. The session approved a budget of \$473,000 for the Council for the coming year. Speakers at the closing session included Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, European Director of the J.D.C. and Stanley C. Myers, outgoing president of the Council. (Their addresses will be reported in the Bulletin tomorrow.)

C.J.F.W.F. ASSEMBLY AGREES NOT TO PRESS PLANS FOR NATIONAL CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, at the opening session of its annual General Assembly here this week-end made it clear that the blueprint for a community-sponsored national campaign organization--against which some American Zionist leaders have expressed opposition--will not be voted upon at the current Assembly, which is being attended by more than 700 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the country.

The delegates were also told that the Council's proposal for the creation of a Central Israel Fund which would unify all fund-raising campaigns for Israel--including the Hadassah, Histadrut, and Hebrew University drives--will not be implemented unless the Jewish Agency and the Zionist groups in the United States agree. At present they oppose it.

This announcement was made by Julian Freeman, chairman of the Council's Committee on Stable and Unified National Fund-raising. Reporting to the Assembly on the decisions of the Council, Mr. Freeman said that the recent announcement of a four-point program to aid Israel by raising one billion dollars in three years through philanthropy, bonds, private investment and government loans, called for clarification of a number of basic points. Although the primary task of local central Jewish community organizations is the raising of maximum philanthropic funds for Israel and other valid causes, the relationship between any bond drive and local welfare fund campaigns must be clearly delineated, he declared.

"If the four-point program is to succeed," he asserted, "each part of it must add to the others and not succeed at the expense of the others. We cannot have investment dollars or bond dollars instead of philanthropic dollars. To succeed we must have all of them," he stated.

Central Israel Fund Issue Placed Before Jewish Agency

Mr. Freeman informed the delegates that the proposal for the creation of a Central Israel Fund to embrace all of the fund-raising for Israel has been put before the Jewish Agency. "The proposal for the Central Israel Fund, which would unify all campaigns for Israel in a single drive," had been advanced by the Council, Mr. Freeman said, because "such an instrument would represent a mobilization of manpower and concentration of forces" which would have "a powerful impact on the whole Jewish community and give fund-raising for Israel a tremendous lift."

The Jewish Agency and Zionist groups had registered opposition to the fund, he continued, on the grounds that unification of all campaigns for Israel would result in less funds for Israel than are now being raised. "No Central Israel Fund--either partial or complete--can be established unless the Jewish Agency and the Zionist organizations agree," Mr. Freeman declared. "They do not now so agree."

Concerning the blueprint for a community-sponsored national campaign organization, Mr. Freeman pointed out that as a result of repeated crises in the United Jewish Appeal in 1941, 1945, and 1948, the communities, through the General Assembly, had decided that it was necessary to have such a plan in readiness if an emergency should arise in the future. "The blueprint was not drawn up in anticipation of a U.J.A. crisis in 1951," he asserted. "It is not intended to displace the U.J.A. It is not intended as a competition to the U.J.A."

Mr. Freeman also said that the plan was not being put forward for implementation at the current Assembly. The C.J.F.W.F. desired to get the comments and ideas

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of the delegates concerning the blueprint itself. It would be discussed and explored with major national and overseas agencies.

Mr. Freeman reported the terms of the agreement reached between the J.D.C. and the U.P.A. for the renewal of the U.J.A. for 1951. The terms, he said, provide: After deduction of administrative expense and grants to the United Service for New Americans, on the first \$55,000,000, thereafter, 33 percent goes to the J.D.C. and 67 percent to U.P.A. Of all funds in excess of the \$55,000,000, 12½ percent will go to the J.D.C. and 87½ percent to U.P.A. The Jewish Agency has taken over the responsibility for financing transportation to Israel, and the J.D.C. has taken over complete responsibility for financing the Malben program in Israel.

Mr. Freeman called on the assembled leaders to give their maximum support to the U.J.A. "Strong welfare funds and a strong U.J.A. working together in a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation are necessary conditions which must be established for our part of the overseas job in 1951," he stated.

Asserts Economic Situation in Israel Hurts Morale of People

Harold Glasser, director of the Council's Institute on Overseas Studies, addressing the General Assembly, urged American Jewry to do its utmost to alleviate Israel's "severe economic crisis." He also urged the creation of a Central Israel budget to apportion funds on the basis of "priority and urgency."

Mr. Glasser, who recently returned from a six-month study of economic conditions in Israel, said that Israel's present economic crisis has slowly been gathering weight and has daily been putting increased pressure upon the people living in the country. "The most serious aspect is the slumping morale of the people. They have had 18 months of self-imposed austerity, shortages, inadequate supplies."

Although Israel has the "full potentiality of being a modern nation with a decent standard of living and a high culture," Mr. Glasser said, at present the country has "limited resources which are inadequate to its needs," and that the American Jewish community has not been supplying "adequate funds" for the tasks of absorption and economic upbuilding. In the light of these facts, he added, efforts must be made to increase productivity, the amount of financial resources, and heighten the effectiveness of available resources.

"There has been insufficient attention on the part of organizations, there has been insufficient study of the ways and means in which programs can be coordinated so that the sum total of the American effort to assist Israel will be made effective," Mr. Glasser declared.

"It seems obvious that there must be some increase in the effectiveness with which funds are expended if there were some central point at which programs were discussed, were coordinated; where some planning of changes and improvements were attempted. It would be even more effective, if, at this central planning point, whether it be in Israel or in the U.S., some recommendations were made as to the relative importance and relative priorities of the various organizations in obtaining funds in the U.S. for programs in Israel," he pointed out.

Later, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, speaking at the Assembly, expressed disagreement with Mr. Glasser's observations that funds in Israel are being expended with insufficient effectiveness. The

Israel Government, he said, will accept opinion of American Jewish experts, but will never allow American Jews to interfere with internal affairs of the Jewish state, he asserted.

Jewish Agency Outlines Attitude Toward Central Israel Fund

The attitude of the Jewish Agency with regard to the proposals advanced by the Council concerning coordination of fundraising for Israel and transmission of welfare fund allocations directly to Israel was outlined in a written statement submitted by the Agency for the information of the 700 Jewish community leaders attending the Assembly. The statement, signed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Agency, made it clear that the transmission of welfare fund allocations directly to Israel "is inadvisable for legal and technical reasons and also because of various financial obligations undertaken by the Agency, the U.P.A. and the Zionist funds in the United States and in other countries which are based on the income of these agencies here in the United States."

The statement emphasized that not only is the Agency aware of the necessity to reduce the expenditures of various Zionist funds in this country, but steps had been taken to make sharp reductions even prior to the meeting with the Council. "Obviously, the pressure of inadequate funds for our programs in Israel provides the greatest incentive for us to carry out our operations in the most economical manner possible," the statement said. "Radical changes can be undertaken only by the World Zionist Congress, but the Jewish Agency is continuing to make efforts to reduce the local expenditures as far as possible."

Reiterating the opposition of the Jewish Agency to the proposal for the creation of a Central Israel Fund and Budget, the statement pointed out that approximately 75 percent of the funds collected by the Hadassah and the Histadrut in the United States are raised outside of the welfare funds. With regard to other independent Israel campaigns in this country, the Agency has created a special committee which checks multiple fund-raising drives and which is cooperating closely with the C.J.F.W.F. "We will try to increase the authority and the control exercised by this committee on all independent Israel campaigns," the statement pledged.

EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL MAKES AMERICAN JEWS FEEL MORE SECURE. HEAD OF C.J.F.W.F. SAYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- American Jews feel today more psychologically secure as Jews than ever before, the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds was told by Harry Lurie, executive director of the Council. He emphasized that except for unforeseen international political circumstances the existence of Israel will contribute to the psychological security of American Jewry.

Addressing the 700 Jewish community leaders who are attending the Assembly, Mr. Lurie said: "It is true that as individuals we share in the uncertainties of the total population and reflect the general insecurity of our times such as the dangers of a renewed world war, the possibilities of atom bomb destruction and the instabilities of our general culture. We are subject to these insecurities as members of the American people and not because we are Jews. It is a paradox of our times that at the same time that we feel less secure as human beings, we are beginning to feel more secure as Jews."

Current developments in American Jewish life hold much promise for a fuller and more vital Jewish community in the United States, Mr. Lurie declared. He urged that Jewish communal organization be developed so as to include cultural as well as economic objectives. He analyzed the divergencies prevailing in the field of American Jewish cultural activities and said that despite the continuing diversities in religious beliefs and practices, progress toward a greater cultural unity can be made.

PREMIER BEN GURION IN ATHENS FOR VACATION; WILL INSPECT GREEK ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

ATHENS, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Israel Premier David Ben Gurion, who arrived here this week-end for a short vacation, will stay at the residence of Asher Moissais, Israel representative in this country, it was reported today. Mr. Ben Gurion will inspect Greek archaeological sites. The Israel Premier is an enthusiastic student of Greek classics. This is his first trip abroad since proclamation of the state of Israel nearly two years ago.

U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTES \$50,000,000 FUND FOR "REINTEGRATION" OF ARAB REFUGEES

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- In a record two-minute vote, the United Nations General Assembly this week-end approved a proposal to raise a \$50,000,000 fund for the "reintegration" of Palestine Arab refugees. The hand-vote, which came without any prior debate in the Assembly, was 46 to zero, with six abstentions.

2,000 HEAR GOLDMANN, BROWDY AT FIRST U.S. CELEBRATION OF J.N.F. GOLDEN JUBILEE

NEW YORK, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Sounding a sombre keynote at the first celebration held in the United States of the Golden Jubilee of the Jewish National Fund, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, today declared that "Jews in America must begin to worry about Israel, not only be enthusiastic and proud; they must understand that their future, their status and stature in the world depend on the future and destiny of Israel."

Dr. Goldmann spoke at a banquet of the J.N.F. of Brooklyn, which was attended by over 2,000 persons. Among the other major speakers were Benjamin G. Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the J.N.F. of America.

Mr. Browdy urged the American Government to extend to Israel a grant-in-aid of half a billion dollars as part of the American program of helping democracies throughout the world. "Israel," Mr. Browdy said, "should not be expected to stand alone."

NEW YORK MAYOR LAUNCHES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Mayor Vincent Impellitteri today launched a membership drive for the New York Chapter of the American Friends of the Hebrew University at a reception tendered by the chapter to the members of the Israel delegation at the United Nations.

The reception commemorated the 26th anniversary of the opening of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Among those who attended the reception were: Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt; Senator John Sparkman of Alabama, member of the United States Mission to the United Nations; Dr. I.I. Rabi, Professor of Physics, Columbia University and a Nobel Prize winner; and Dr. Selman Waksman of Rutgers University, discoverer of streptomycin.

HOSPITAL FOR JOINT DISEASES IN NEW YORK DEDICATES BUILDING FOR POWERFUL X-RAY UNIT

NEW YORK, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- One of the most powerful cancer treating X-Ray machines ever built, a giant, two-million volt projector, was officially dedicated at New York's Hospital for Joint Diseases here in its new Lila Motley wing for radiation therapy.

The newly installed machine, built by General Electric, is contained in a circular shaft 30 feet high and is housed in a vault built of concrete walls up to four feet thick. The building also contains two smaller X-Ray units, the William Blau lecture hall, and the School of Practical Nursing.

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