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SYRIANS PENETRATE ISRAELI TERRITORY BEYOND DEMILITARIZED ZONE, SHARETT CHARGES

TEL AVIV, May 6. (JTA) -- The situation on Israel's northeastern frontier adjoining Syria has become "seriously aggravated" in the past few days and has gone beyond armed interference by Syria in the Hulah reclamation project, Moshe Sharett, Israeli Foreign Minister and Acting Premier in the absence of David Ben Gurion, today told a press conference here. He revealed that Syrian forces had penetrated beyond the demilitarized zone farther into Israel territory, but had been driven out by Israeli troops.

Earlier in the day, it was announced officially that Minister Sharett had sent a letter to Col. Bennet de Ridder, Acting United Nations Truce Supervisor, acknowledging the U.N. official's latest request for an immediate cease-fire. Pointing out that Israel must defend itself in the present attack, Mr. Sharett says that cease-fire orders will be issued to Jewish soldiers as soon as the United Nations has removed the threat to Israel's security by prevailing upon the Syrians to withdraw from Israeli territory in the demilitarized zone.

The Sharett letter also asked the Acting Truce Chief what steps his organization contemplated taking to end the violation of the armistice agreement by Syrian armed forces concentrated in the demilitarized zone, adding that Israel's accession to the cease-fire of last Friday had only served to give the Syrians additional opportunities for strengthening their positions and for renewing the attacks on Israeli territory. Besides, the letter said, the protection of Israel territory west of the demilitarized zone to which the fighting had spread, was strictly Israel's affair and was not limited in any way by the armistice agreement.

At his press conference the Acting Premier charged that Syria's assertion that it had no responsibility for, or control over, irregular troops in the demilitarized zone was "untenable." He said that Israel had evidence that regular Syrian Army forces had participated in the fighting—which is in its sixth day—adding that the irregulars are being used as a "cat's paw against Israel and a cloak to cover the aggressive designs" of the Arab state.

Israelis Drive Syrians from Strategic Height

Bayonet-wielding Israelis soldiers, covered by an artillery and mortar barrage, early today regained possession of the strategic height south of Tel Metulia, about two-thirds of a mile inside Israel territory, in bitter hand to hand fighting, an Israeli army spokesman announced. Syrian forces were driven back into the demilitarized zone.

The Beirut radio, heard in Jerusalem, announced that the situation along the Israel-Syrian border was tense and that heavy fighting continued with "heavy Jewish casualties." The announcer added that the greater part of the Syrian Army was concentrated in the border area and that the Syrian Air Force will be ordered to attack if the battle goes on.

NEW YORK PLANS PARADE FOR BEN GURION; ISRAELI PREMIER TO MEET WITH TRUMAN TOMORROW

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- Preparations were completed here today by city officials for a reception to be given by Mayor Impellitteri to Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion when he arrives in New York from Washington on Wednesday. The reception, to be held at City Hall, will be preceded by a parade up Broadway in which U.S. Army groups and 200 Israeli sailors will participate. A force of 3,000 policemen will line the route and seats for 5,000 spectators have been arranged in City Hall Park.

During his stay in Washington, the Israeli Premier was introduced to members of the U.S. Government at a luncheon given in his honor by President Truman at Blair House. Mr. Truman proposed during the luncheon a toast to Israel's President Chaim Weizmann. Mr. Ben Gurion, in response, paid tribute to the special part played by Mr. Truman, referring to the affinities between the American people and the people of Israel. The Israel Premier drew a comparison between the ideals and pioneering endeavor which corresponds in the history of both Israel and America.

Another meeting has been scheduled between Mr. Ben Gurion and President Truman in addition to the previously-announced itinerary. Mr. Ben Gurion will see the President Tuesday morning. During the week-end the Israel Premier also met with Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall. After the two had talked for about 45 minutes, Mr. Ben Gurion told the press that the conference concerned the maintenance of peace in the Middle East. He said a number of points of mutual interest were touched upon in his talk with the American Defense Secretary. The Premier was accompanied by Ambassador Eban and Col. Chaim Herzog, Israel Military Attache.

Ben Gurion Discusses "Certain Matters" with U.S. Government, Harriman States

W. Averill Harriman, special assistant to President Truman, revealed that he had talked for over an hour with Premier Ben Gurion and Ambassador Eban about Israel's immigration problems and other matters which he said could not be disclosed. Mr. Harriman said he took the opportunity of his first meeting with Mr. Ben Gurion to inquire about conditions in the Near East. He added that they discussed general matters of interest to the two countries but that it was impossible to get into details. Mr. Ben Gurion was in Washington to discuss "certain matters" with the United States Government, Mr. Harriman declared.

The New York Times, in an editorial welcoming the Israeli Premier said: "David Ben Gurion is welcome in the United States as Premier of a friendly foreign country, as a statesman of international renown and as an outstanding leader of democracy in a most sensitive part of this troubled world. The Premier of Israel will discover during his brief visit here that Americans have the warmest regard for the energy, ability and idealism that have combined to build up in three short years a new and vibrant state in the Middle East. Overcoming every obstacle that man and nature could put in their path, the pioneers of Israel--many whom Ben Gurion himself is pre-eminently--have succeeded in establishing their homeland on a solid moral and political foundation.

"But new funds are still needed for its development and they are being sought here through private investors as well as through government assistance. We are sure that Premier Ben Gurion will find a receptive and sympathetic audience wherever he goes throughout the United States," the editorial concluded.

ISRAELI SENDS DIPLOMATIC MESSENGERS TO KUSSID IRAQ'S DEADLINE FOR DEPARTURE OF JEWS

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- Diplomatic steps to persuade the Iraq Government to extend for a month the final date of the completion of emigration of Jews from Baghdad to the Jewish state were undertaken by the Israel Government, it was learned here today from Jewish Agency sources. The deadline set by the Iraqi authorities is May 15. There are indications that the steps taken by Israel will yield positive results.

ISRAEL'S ECONOMY DEPENDENT ON RESPONSE OF U.S. JEWRY TO BOND ISSUE, MINISTER SAYS

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- The outcome of Israel's battle for economic independence rests primarily upon the success of the \$500,000,000 Israel Bond Issue in the United States, Israel Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan told 2,000 persons today at a rally in Manhattan Center under the sponsorship of the Greater New York Committee for the State of Israel Bond Issue.

Speaking to members of fraternal and independent organizations after the presentation of the American and Israel flags by American Legionnaires and sailors of the Israel Navy, Mr. Kaplan emphasized that Israel is "determined always to keep its doors open in heartfelt welcome to immigrants from enslaved or shattered nations of the world.

"Israel has the natural resources, the energies of its people and the fire of ambition to become a great nation," Mr. Kaplan stated. "But before we can exploit our resources and channel the skills of our people, we must have additional working capital. We must increase our exports and decrease our imports and to do this we need funds to build power plants, develop our agricultural potential and construct thousands of dwellings and industrial buildings. In short, we need to develop our economy so that the people of Israel need not look to friends across the sea for gratuities.

James G. McDonald, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel, who is chairman of the Advisory Council of the American corporation which directs and manages the State of Israel Bond Issue in the United States, told the assembly that "the friendship between the people of Israel and the people of America is stronger today than ever before."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE WANTS SPEEDY SETTLEMENT OF RESTITUTION PROBLEMS IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today adopted a declaration demanding "a speedy and fair settlement of the problems involved in the restitution of property to the victims of German Nazism." The declaration also demanded that "the Jews who wish to remain in Germany should be granted full equality of rights and freedoms, and conditions should be such as to permit them to live a free and dignified life there."

The declaration on Germany was made by the A.J.C. at the closing session of the semi-annual meeting of its executive committee attended by more than 100 Jewish community leaders. "Germany should not only adopt formal provisions for the protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, but international controls shall be established to guarantee the fateful observance of these rights," the declaration stated.

Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, addressing the session last night, urged the United States to vigorously exert its influence to bring permanent peace to the Middle East. "The United Nations did a magnificent job in bringing about armistices between Israel and its Arab neighbors, thus ending the then existing hostilities. But what is sorely required for real and enduring stability are peace treaties that will bring to fruition the objective of the United Nations," he declared.

Discussing recent developments concerning the state of Israel, Mr. Blaustein asserted that it is to the interest of the U.S. Government to extend grants-in-aid to Israel, just as it is doing to other friendly nations. He hailed the signing of the Point Four agreement between the United States and Israel as an important step toward facilitating the economic growth of the new democracy providing it with technical assistance to fully develop its natural resources.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE U.S. START OBSERVANCE OF "JEWISH HISTORY WEEK"

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- The observance of Jewish History Week started today in hundreds of Jewish community organizations throughout the country with a wide range of activities, including lectures, forums, exhibits, film showings in Jewish Centers, schools, synagogues and other institutions.

The aim of Jewish History Week is to develop an understanding of the role of Jews in American life, of the contributions they have made both as individuals and as a community to the growth of America and of the Jewish ideals of democracy that have helped to formulate and mold American democracy. The observance of the Week is also a means of disseminating information concerning the structure and function of the American Jewish community. The Week has been initiated by Lee M. Friedman, president of the American Jewish Historical Society, which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

DR. SILVER MEETS WITH PRESIDENT WEIZMANN; SAYS AMERICAN JEWS WILL COME TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, American Zionist Leader, was the guest yesterday of President Chaim Weizmann at a luncheon at his home in Rehovot, Herzl Bernstein, leader of the General Zionists in Israel, also was present.

Speaking today at a luncheon tendered to him by the Commercial and Industrial Club, Dr. Silver expressed his conviction that American Jews would come to Israel. He said that the Jewish state is entitled to claim continued economic and political support from American Jewry and emphasized that the Zionist Organization of America is the best organized Zionist group in the United States.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS WINS LIBEL CASE; WAS SUEED BY DEFENSE LAWYER OF SEDITION TRIAL

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- The libel suit of Henry H. Klein, one of the defense lawyers in the famous wartime sedition case against the American Jewish Congress, and Samuel Kaplan, editor of Congress Weekly, resulted during the week-end in a unanimous verdict for the defense. Klein had complained against an editorial published in Congress Weekly in 1944 at the time of the sedition trial against Joseph P. Williams, Elizabeth Bilkis and others. The jury in the Klein case, tried before Justice Donald Cook in N.Y. Supreme Court, unanimously found for the defendants.

WORLD JEWISH ALIEN BILLS 2,000 BILLIONS; SPENT \$667,507 DURING LAST YEAR

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- The New York Daily Mirror for Jewish Aliens spent \$667,507 during 1951 to help more than 2,000 alien refugees, it was revealed today in the annual report published by the organization. The report shows that the Daily Mirror incurred a deficit of more than \$20,000 during the year.

\$2,000,000 CONTRACT IN WARE SETTLEMENT BEARING HEAVY BURDEN OF WAGES

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- A large bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln, one of the three statues placed on the site of the World War II Memorial, was unveiled today at 11th Street, the statue was in his honor. The unveiling ceremony was held at the Lincoln Memorial and the statue is the gift of the War Relocation Authority. The statue is the work of the artist, Jacob Lawrence, and the artist, Paul Manship, chairman of the National Jewish War Relocation Authority.

NEW YORK JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER TO BE OPENED NEXT YEAR