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BIG THREE RESOLUTION CENSURES ISRAEL ON KIBYA INCIDENT

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 18. (JTA) -- A draft resolution condemning the "retaliatory action at Kibya taken by armed forces of Israel" was submitted to the Security Council today by Britain, France and the United States.

The draft expresses "the strongest censure of that action which can only prejudice the chances of a peaceful settlement which both parties in accordance with the Charter are bound to seek, and calls upon Israel to take effective measures to prevent all such actions in the future."

The proposed resolution also takes note that "there is substantial evidence of crossing of the demarcation line by unauthorized persons often resulting in acts of violence, and requests the Government of Jordan to continue and strengthen the measures which they are already taking to prevent such crossing."

It also reminds both Israel and Jordan of their obligations to prevent all acts of violence on either side of the demarcation line and calls on both governments "to ensure the effective cooperation of local security forces,"

Tells Jordan and Israel to Observe Armistice

The proposed resolution calls on both parties to "abide by their obligations under the general armistice agreement and the resolutions of the Security Council" and points out that this is essential "in order to achieve progress by peaceful means towards a lasting settlement of the issues outstanding between them, " It calls on both to cooperate fully with the UN truce supervisor and requests him to report back to the Council within three months "with such recommendations as he may consider appropriate on compliance with and enforcement of the general armistice agreements, with particular reference to the provisions of this resolution."

While the draft resolution thus charges Israel with a violation of the cease-fire and of the general armistice agreement, observers here pointed out that the resolution, by referring to "retaliatory action" implicitly recognized the existence of provocation for the incident as argued by Israel. Further, they said, by referring to the Kibya incident "and all such actions," the draft took cognizance of Israel's insistence that the Kibya affair should not be treated in isolation but as one episode in a long series of incidents.

Arab spokesmen were expected to raise strong objections to the draft resolution for its failure to put teeth into the censure of Israel. Arab representatives before the Security Council had demanded that the Council call on Israel to put those responsible for the Kibya incident on trial and to punish them and had also demanded that the Council order Israel to pay compensation to those suffering loss and injury in the Kibya raid. Neither demand was incorporated into the draft resolution,

The Israelis were expected to fight against any form of censure by the Council. They were also keenly disappointed by the failure of the resolution to make any strong gesture towards bringing about direct negotiations for a peace settlement, and particularly by its failure to take note of Israel's bid for direct high level talks with Jordan leading to a settlement of all issues.

Instead of making a bold move towards an overall peace settlement in Palestine, the three-power draft resolution envisages merely continuation of the present armistics agreements and Jordan-Israel talks on the level of local commanders along the frontiers.

Eban Criticizes Big Three Resolution

Criticism of the draft resolution was voiced today by Israel Ambassador Abba S.

En at a luncheon given him by the UN correspondents. He particularly deplored the failure of the resolution to affirm the need for peace in the area.

The Israel envoy remarked pointedly that his government would have "to consider whether to take diplomatic initiative to focus public attention on the distorted situation in our area," Reviewing the Security Council's handling of the Palestine situation, Mr. Eban pointed out that the Council concentrated on "symptoms" and ignored the "disease." This he described as disappointing and a defect in the UN's collective security system.

The Israeli delegate warned that the situation in Palestine could deteriorate further. He said "any impression of discrimination would have the most unfortunate effect," The present armistice agreements, he noted, had been meant to last for only a few months and he said they could not long remain the basis for any stability in Palestine. He termed the Israeli offer to meet with the Jordanians an interesting test for the Security Council.

Dealing with the Syrian complaint against Israel for proceeding with a hydroelectric development in the demilitarized zone, Mr. Eban called the Syrian move "the greatest hoax played on the international community."

EBAN ASKS SECURITY COUNCIL TO DISMISS SYRIAN COMPLAINT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Arab and Israeli spokesmen at the United Nations presented their points of view on the Syrian complaint against Israel's hydroelectric project at Bnot Yaacov in a verbal duel before the Security Council this afternoon as the Council resumed consideration of the question.

Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel urged the Council to dismiss the Syrian complaint and thus endorse the principle of social and economic progress underlying the Israeli works. Mr. Eban stressed that the project "touches the very essence of Israel's political freedom and economic independence." He insisted that the works prejudiced no interests—international, national, regional or private—and that to no state other than Israel is the matter of the "same vital interest or concern."

Dr. Charles Malik of The Lebanon, sole Arab representative on the Council, demanded that the Council not permit Israel to resume its work in the demilitarized zone between Israel and Syria until it reaches an agreement with the Arab state. He insisted that by working in the demilitarized zone Israel violated the Israel-Syrian armistice pact.

The Lebanese delegate took the position that the ultimate territorial status of the demilitarized zone had not yet been decided. The Israeli project establishes a de facto situation which prejudges the issue in favor of one of the two parties concerned, he maintained.

Eban Denies Syrian Right to Demilitarized Zone

On this very point, Mr. Eban pointed out that none of the territory in the demilitarized zone is Syrian and that the armistice agreement required the withdrawal of Syrian forces to the established frontiers of Syria. "Indeed, it was for the precise and exclusive purpose of securing Syria's unqualified exclusion from any area west of the frontier that the demilitarized zone was established, "the Israeli representative emphasized."

He also denied that the Jordan was an international river in the region in dispute, despite Syria's "lame conclusion that the River Jordan is not very far from the territory of Syria." In his "final summary" of Israel's case, Mr. Eban declared:

"Here are water sources which do not flow through Syria at any single point; which are unavailable for Syrian use by everyconsideration of geography, history, topography and law; but which do flow through Israel and represent Israel's sole source of natural power.

"The United Nations—the symbol and instament of international cooperation—is requested by Syria to withhold these water sources from Israel's peaceful economic development, merely because they pass for a small part of their course in a demilitarized zone, well outside Syria's territory, notwithstanding the fact that the armistice agreement contains not a single word which has been or can be quoted to justify such an arbitrary impediment. All this happens three years after the Security Council, in a case of similar effect in the same area, rejected the alleged right of Syrian veto, and canfirmed its policy of facilitating economic development projects depending upon work in the demilitarized zone,"

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT ADOPTS SWEEPING SOCIAL INSURANCE PROGRAM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today gave its second and final readings to a bill providing programs for mothers, old age, disability and workmen's compensation insurance and survivors' pension. The Communist and Mapam deputies abstained.

The act provides for the establishment of a special insurance board under the jurisdiction of the Labor Ministry. It also provides for a special insurance court to hear cases pertaining to the law and set financial awards.

The Speaker of the Knesset today denounced as an action of "hooligans" the attack yesterday on Moshe Shapiro, Minister for Religion, at the funeral for the late Rabbi Iser Zalman Meltzer, famed Talmud authority. A group of ultra-religious Jews, attending the funeral, pushed and shoved the Minister about and knocked off his hat. They indicated by their shouts that they held him responsible for passage of the women's national civilian service bill, which is unpopular with Orthodox elements.

ESHKOL DECLINES PREMIERSHIP; SHARETT RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT POST

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Levi Eshkol, Israel's Finance Minister, definitely declined an offer to succeed David Ben Gurion as Premier of Israel, it was reported here today. The report said that Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett is also reluctant to accept the post.

The two Mapai Cabinet members are the only candidates for the Premiership. Should both definitely decline to become Premier, the political committee of the Mapai will then meet and vote by secret ballot as to who shall be chosen to serve as Premier. The candidate chosen will have to accept the decision as a matter of party discipline.

JEWISH AGENCY ADOPTS BUDGET FOR 112,000,000 ISRAEL POUNDS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive has adopted a draft budget for nearly 112,000,000 pounds for the next fiscal year, it was announced here today. The budget will be submitted for approval to the next meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee, which is scheduled to be held December 24.

The budget does not take into account an expected receipt of some 5,000,000 pounds from the government for Jewish Agency agricultural projects. It was also decided to work with the Israel Government on a project to unify the fund-raising drives of the Hebrew University, Weizmann Institute of Science and the Haifa Technical Institute.

ISRAEL TO REPLY ON TVA JORDAN RIVER PLAN EARLY NEXT YEAR

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is studying the project submitted by Eric Johnston on the development of the Jordan River water resources under TVA supervision and will present its reply to Mr. Johnston early next year when he revisits Israel, it was indicated here today by a Foreign Mithistry spokesman,

Meantime, it was announced here that the Israel Government has asked three prominent American engineers for their opinion of the plan left here by Mr. Johnston. It is understood that these experts have already submitted their views on the matter and that they expressed the opinion that no incompatibility exists between the Israel hydroelectric project at Bnot Yaacov and that prepared by the TVA. The American experts believe that both projects can be carried out simultaneously, without affecting each other.

HEAVY RAINS WRECK TEMPORARY IMMIGRANT SHELTERS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- A cold wave accompanied by heavy rains and winds brought winter to Israel today and wrecked a number of temporary shelters, forcing their immigrant occupants to seek temporary cover in more permanent type homes.

The rains forced postponement of citrus fruit harvesting which was scheduled to start today. On the other hand, farmers with parched fields welcomed the first major rainstorm in a long time.

REP. CELLER ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; SEES NO CHANGE IN U.S. STAND

TEL AVIV, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler arrived here for a week's visit during his tour of the Neæ East to study refugee problems. The Congressman, who is scheduled to confer with Premier David Ben Gurion, Foreign Minister Moshe Starett and President Ben Zvi in Jerusalem, told newsmen that there has been no change in America toward Israel.

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J.D.C. COMPLETES REGISTRATION OF DP'S FOR IMMIGRATION TO U.S.

VIENNA, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The American Joint Distribution Committee has completed registration of Jewish refugees presently in Austria who may be eligible for immigration into the United States under President Eisenhower's emergency immigration program. About a thousand Jewish refugees remain in this country. Most of them live in the last two camps at Hallein and Asten.

BIGOT SEEKS TO DISSUADE EISENHOWER FROM ACCEPTING ADL AWARD

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- An attempt to dissuade President Eisenhower from accepting an award from the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, in connection with the 40th anniversary celebration of the ADL, was made here by Joseph P. Kamp, who is known for his anti-Jewish views.

Mr. Kamp, who is a leader of the right-wing "Constitutional Educational League," adversed a letter for this purpose to President Eisenhower. He stated that damaging information against the ADL was available from Robert L. Kunzig, counsel of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, He also asked Attorney General Herbert Brownell, who is scheduled to participate in the tribute to the ADL, to instruct the Federal Bureau of Investigation to undertake a probe of the organization.

The 40th anniversary convention of the Anti-Defamation League opens here on Friday and will last four days. President Eisenhower will attend the anniversary dinner of the organization on Monday evening and will participate in a telecast that will come from Mayflower Hotel here. He will be presented with the League's award by Henry Edward Schultz, ADL national chairman. Philip M. Klutznick, president of the B'nal B'rith, will act as host for the dinner.

In addition to the more than 1,000 ADL and B'nai B'rith leaders from all parts of the country, the dinner will be attended by more than 100 distinguished American personalities, including Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Chief Justice Earl Warren and five Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, FBI director J. Edgar Hoover, Attorney-General Herbert Brownell, Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Arthur Radford, and General Matthew Ridgeway.

Bernard Baruch, Henry Ford 2nd, General Walter Bedell Smith, Harold Stassen, Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban, Assistant Secretary of State Robert Murphy, and a large group of governors, senators, congressmen, White House officials and religious, business and educational leaders will also participate. The President's response to the ADL award will come at the conclusion of a one-hour TV spectacle dramatizing American progress in human relations during the past 40 years,

(In New York, Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the ADL, commenting on Mr. Kamp's plea to the President, declared: "Joe Kamp's plea to Mr. Eisenhower to withdraw from our dinner comes with ill grace in the light of Kamp's lies about and bigoted attacks upon Ike when the President campaigned for office last year,"

JEWS IN MEXICO PROTEST SPREADING OF "PROTOCOLS OF ZION"

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The notorious anti-Semitic forgeries, "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, "are currently being published by the local magazine "Revista Mexicana," which announced the publication of the "document" in thousands of anti-Semitic leaflets distributed by hand and through post boxes in the center of the city. The Jewish Central Committee has protested to the postal authorities against the use of post boxes for the spreading of anti-Semitic propaganda.

HAIFA TECHNION AWARDS DIPLOMAS TO 182 ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

HAIFA, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Haifa Technical Institute--Technion--opened its academic year with the award of diplomas to 182 architects and engineers at exercises attended by members of the Israel Government, the Jewish Agency, foreign diplomats and leaders in various fields in Israel.

President Yaacov Dori, reviewing progress made at the Institute, said that registration in the technical school was now nearly 1, 400. He reported that 373 freshmen had been accepted for the new year and 200 more fully qualified applicants had been turned away because of a lack of facilities. He revealed that two new departments were being opened this year, industrial and management engineering, and agricultural engineering. The latter department is headed by Prof. Walter C. Lowdermilk, noted American soil conservationist.

ISRAELI CINEMAS TO BE COMPELLED TO SHOW ISRAEL NEWSREELS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament referred to the Ministries of Education and Interior a draft bill which would compel every Israeli cinema to show an Israel-produced newsreel at each performance. All parties support the measure.

Israel Rokach, General Zionist deputy who introduced the legislation, said his bill would protect the struggling pioneer Israel film industry which is finding it tough sledding despite the fact that it is "doing great cultural work" such as presenting new immigrants with facts of Israel national life, familiarizing the people with the country's scenery and helping immigrants learn Hebrew.

Mr. Rokach reported that 25,000,000 admissions are paid annually to the 120 Israeli film houses, which hardly ever show Israeli films, and that foreign film producers earn an annual profit of 3,500,000 Israeli pounds.

AUSTRIAN CITY PRESENTS DOCUMENTS ON DR. HERZL TO JEWISH COMMUNITY

VIENNA, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Salzburg has received a number of documents pertaining to the stay of Dr. Theodor Herzl in that city, as a gift from the Salzburg Archives. The Archives requested that the documents remain in the possession of the local Jewish community.

They pertain to his activities while a law clerk in this city in 1885. An entry in Dr. Herzl's diary referring to this period in his life reads: "I would have liked to stay in this beautiful city, but as a Jew I had no chance to become a judge. Therefore I said addeu to Salzburg and to jurisprudence,"

BUENOS AIRES JEWS HONOR FAMILIES IMMIGRATING TO ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 18. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Buenos Aires today gave a farewell dinner to a group of middle class families who are sailing shortly to settle in Isræl. The members of the group will live in Kfar Argentina, near Tel Aviv, on a site on Jewish National Fund land in 35 homes erected with their financing.

The Argentine-Israel Chamber of Commerce today marked five years of existence at a luncheon here. Representatives of many types of business and industrial firms spoke at the affair, as did Israel Minister Arieh Kubovi.