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SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON ISRAEL COMPLAINT CALLED FOR TOMORROW

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 2, (JTA) -- President Leslie Knox Munro called today for a meeting of the Security Council on Thursday afternoon to hear Israel's complaint against Egypt for disregard of the Council's orders to halt the blockade of Israel-bound shipping and for violation of the Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement.

Interest was aroused here by reports from Cairo of intense diplomatic activity to secure favorable consideration of the Egyptian case. Over the last few days, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, the Foreign Minister, summoned the envoys of all states that are members of the Security Council, to give them private expositions of the Egyptian position.

Informed sources here expressed the view today that the Egyptians know they are in an impossible situation and can offer little real justification for their actions. It is believed here that they would like to drop their latest order adding foodstuffs to the list of "war potential" to be kept from Israel by blockade, if, by so doing, they could get Security Council action dropped. The issue, however, has gone too far for that.

U. N. Circles See Egypt in Predicament

Official indications in Cairo that Egypt would not recognize an adverse Security Council decision were not well received here either by United Nations officials or by members of the Security Council. One delegate, commenting on the Cairo report of an Egyptian claim that "the Security Council can recommend, but it lacks power to enforce," declared that the Egyptians simply did not know what they were talking about. General Assembly resolutions are "recommendations," he noted, but Security Council resolutions are "orders" and under the U. N. Charter, the Council has the power to enforce its orders.

U. N. observers commented today that Egypt has, by overstepping the mark with her blockade, put herself in a really tough spot. She can hardly hope to obtain international support in her dispute with Britain over the Suez Canal if she persists in denying free access to the Canal and defies the Security Council on this. On the other hand, the Naguib regime cannot face the loss of prestige at home and in the Arab capitals that would result if it had to bow to a Security Council order to halt its blockade practices.

BENNIKE INSPECTS ISRAEL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT ON JORDAN RIVER

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, head of the United Nations truce observance forces in Palestine, personally inspected the Jordan River canal at Bnot Yaakov, against which Syria has protested, and heard explanations on the spot from Israeli members of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission.

Gen. Bennike, who visited the development while en route to Damascus, to confer with the Syrian Government, was also shown the Arab land holdings on the east bank of the river which would be affected by the project.

ISRAELIS WARN ARABS AGAINST WRECKING ARMISTICE AGREEMENTS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The armistice agreements between Israel and her Arab neighbors and the entire United Nations armistice machinery could be wrecked by a new interpretation of clauses dealing with frontier controls, an authoritative military personality warned today.

He charged that the Arab states had embarked on a new tack to harass Israel by taking the position that the armistice lines were not closed to civilians. He noted that in meetings of the Israel-Jordan and Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commissions, the Arabs have suddenly begun to take the position that the armistice agreements do not cover the crossing of the border by civilians unless they were directed to do so by the authorities. If their contention were sustained, the Arab states would consider themselves absolved from all responsibility for halting infiltration to Israel.

The Israelis take the position that sections of the armistice agreements cover crossing of the border by regulars and irregular forces, and a sub-section dealing with the passage of civilians obliges the Arab authorities to prevent infiltration by civilians. An Israeli spokesman today stressed the importance of decisions by the UN truce authorities on this issue.

KNESSET GETS APPEAL TO AID DRUZE COMMUNITY IN SYRIA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A motion calling for an urgent debate in the Israel Parliament of the Syrian Government's military suppression of the Druze people of that country was yesterday referred to the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee, with the consent of deputy Sheik Jaber el Moadi, leader of the Israel Druze community who offered the motion.

Premier Moshe Sharett expressed the sympathy of his government for the Druze in Syria and concern for their fate. (Reports from Damascus said that Syrian Army artillery had levelled three of 12 Druze villages.) He counselled caution in dealing with the problem in the Knesset.

Sheik el Moadi, speaking for the 20,000 Israeli Druze, vehemently condemned the military attacks on the villages of his kinsmen in the Arab state. He pointed out that the Druze community in Israel had strong religious ties with the community in Syria. He declared that Israel could not remain indifferent to the fate of the Syrian Druze under dictator Adib Shishakly and asked the Knesset to investigate the suppression of the Syrian Druze community.

ISRAEL TO BEGIN REGISTRATION OF WOMEN FOR CONSCRIPTION

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The registration of Orthodox young women for national non-military service will begin in the near future, following the issuance by the Ministry of Labor of regulations governing the procedure.

It was learned that the Ministry estimates that the number of women involved in the program will not exceed 2,000 and that many of them will be entirely exempted from service on the grounds that their way of living conflicts with compulsory national service.

A Ministry spokesman said that a chief inspector and three regional supervisors, still to be appointed, will organize the work program in the various collective settlements and immigrant camps where the draftees will serve. He said that these officials would all be women, but not necessarily Orthodox women.

The district supervisors will interview each young woman accepted for national service and will attempt to ascertain what type of work will be most suitable for the individual. Arrangements will be made for small groups to work in Mizrahi Laborite and Agudah Laborite settlements. Women who enrolled as nurses and teachers will probably continue to work at their professions in immigrant camps.

PRIVATE FOREIGN CAPITAL FOR ISRAEL NOT EXHAUSTED, SZOLD SAYS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Private foreign capital for investment in Israel has not been exhausted and would flow into the country if conditions were favorable, Robert Szold, president of the Palestine Economic Corporation, said here at a reception in his honor.

The New York attorney and Zionist leader, here on a visit to inspect P. E. C. operations, said private capital should take a greater part in Israel's economy after public funds have done the pioneering work. There is still need for public funds, he said, but Israel should strive to be self-supporting. This would enhance the country's prestige both economically and politically.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency Executive and General Zionist leader, expressed fears that the government decision to take over the Palestine Electric Corporation would have the effect of slowing the flow of private capital into Israel. He expressed satisfaction over the positive attitude toward the Zionist movement voiced by Premier Moshe Sharett and said he hoped for a new era in the relations between the Government and the Zionist movement.

ISRAEL TO SELL GERMANY ORANGES; FIRST TRANSACTION IN 15 YEARS

COLOGNE, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Israel will sell 300,000 cases of Jaffa oranges to West Germany during the current season in the first straight business transaction between the two countries in 15 years.

An agreement signed in Bonn by the German Ministry of Economics and the Israel Purchasing Mission for the shipment of 12,500 tons of fruit by the Israel Marketing Board provides that payment will be half in specified German goods and half in Germany's foreign exchange surpluses with member nations of the European Payments Union.

Not since 1939 have goods from Jewish Palestine gone to Germany in commercial quantities, but in the ten years preceding World War II, Germany purchased more than 500,000 cases of Jaffa oranges yearly and from 1925 to 1935, Germany was Palestine's number two customer. In 1933, a peak season, 1,200,000 cases of fruit were consigned to Germany.

FRENCH ZIONISTS SET UP UNITED TERRITORIAL ORGANIZATION

PARIS, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A national conference of the French Zionist Federation, called to work out structural changes designed to unite both members of Zionist political parties and non-party Jews involved in aiding Israel, today adopted a program and constitution designed to attract the widest membership among French Jews.

One provision of the new charter sets aside 40 percent of the membership of the governing body of the organization for representation of non-party members. The conference concluded after adopting the program, which is chiefly aimed at reaching the youth and pressing cultural and educational activities.

The importance of the meeting as a forerunner of structural changes in other national Zionist set-ups outside Israel was underlined by the presence at the opening session Sunday of Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Israel Parliament, who came here especially for the meeting, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, and Yaacov Tsur, Israel Minister to Paris. Some 250 delegates from all parts of the country and another 1,500 guests attended.

Mr. Sprinzak, who made the keynote address, told the delegates that what was being attempted for the first time in France -- the organization of all friends of Israel in a single group -- was an outgrowth of discussions in the Zionist Actions Committee and elsewhere seeking a "dynamic new direction" for world Zionism.

He said that the new forces which could be united as a result of this conference could give "great energy to Zionism in France and set an example to the world." The precedent set here, if successful, "will create a renaissance in world Zionist activities," he predicted.

Dr. Goldmann stressed the need for a vigorous Zionist movement at this point in history. He asserted that the goal of Zionism had never been the creation of a state, but rather the survival of a people. He pointed out, however, that until the state is secure no one can safely predict the future for Israel.

Mr. Tsur announced that an Israeli warship would call at Marseilles some time this Spring to receive for reburial in Israel the remains of the Baron Edmond de Rothschild, French Jewish philanthropist who in the 1880's saved a number of Palestine settlements from financial disaster and helped develop the Palestine wine industry.

FRENCH, MOROCCAN LEADERS TO PROTECT JEWS, WJC AIDE REPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, director of the International Affairs Department of the World Jewish Congress, who has just returned from a tour of 12 countries on behalf of the WJC, today expressed gratification over the assurances given him by French authorities of North Africa, the Bey of Tunis, and El Glaoui, the Pashah of Marakeesh in Morocco, that the rights and security of Jews will be protected under all conditions.

Reporting at a press conference on his extended tour, Dr. Perlzweig declared that the Arab League has suffered a loss of prestige in North Africa among moderate nationalist leaders. He added that the revelation that the League is being supported and encouraged by Communist elements has widened this estrangement.

FORMER HITLER GENERAL ASSAILED FOR PLEA TO DROP SWASTIKA

FRANKFURT, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A former Nazi General who recently suggested that holders of German military decorations be permitted to wear them if the Nazi Swastikas are removed, told a lecture audience at nearby Alsfeld that he had received more than 1,000 "abusive letters."

The General, Hasso von Manteuffel, said he favored removal of the swastikas because he believed that reintroduction of swastika decorations would give rise to "misunderstandings" abroad. A similar proposal for legalizing the wearing of World War II decorations "cleansed" of the Nazi symbol has been recommended by a Bonn Government advisory board.

ISRAELI "WHITE BOOK" ON ARAB REFUGEES ISSUED IN GERMANY

COLOGNE, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Israel purchasing mission here, which in many respects serves as a diplomatic mission, has issued a 36-page German-language condensation of the Israel Government's White Book on the Palestine Arab refugees. Publication of the pamphlet was seen as an attempt to correct a distorted picture of the refugee situation presented by anti-Israeli elements in this country.

TURKISH ASSEMBLY TO INVESTIGATE "VARLIK" TAX ON MINORITIES

ISTANBUL, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Turkish National Assembly was expected today to act favorably on recommendations submitted to it by a parliamentary commission that it undertake a full-scale investigation of the so-called "Taranto Case" which grew out of the "Varlik," the confiscatory tax imposed in 1942 by the Turkish Government against Jews and members of other racial and religious minorities in the country.

In this particular case, Leon Taranto, a well-known Istanbul Jewish industrialist, was assessed a tax of 2,000,000 Turkish pounds (about \$700,000) under the "Varlik." To realize that amount of cash before the deadline, he was forced to sell a factory valued at 1,500,000 pounds to a Moslem associate for only 450,000 pounds.

In 1946, after the "Varlik" was repealed, Mr. Taranto sued the purchaser of the plant but lost the action and also his plea to the Court of Appeal. He then petitioned Parliament to investigate the conduct of the courts in this case. A commission has now proposed this course and called for the trial of the former Minister of Justice, the President of the Court of Appeal and five other judges.

Considerable interest is attached to the outcome of this case for if Mr. Taranto should succeed in obtaining redress, other Turkish Jews who had to liquidate property under duress in order to meet their "Varlik" assessments, would have a precedent for their claims.

PRIEST ASKS PRO-ISRAEL POLICY AS "REPARATIONS" TO JEWS

BRUSSELS, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The murder of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe during World War II demands reparations to the Jewish people in the form of "pro-Israel policies" by the European powers, Father Riquet of the Cathedral of Notre Dame of Paris told a public meeting here today.

Speaking at a meeting sponsored by the Belgian Friends of the Hebrew University, Father Riquet, who recently returned from a tour of Israel, gave his audience a detailed account of his favorable impressions of the Jewish State, describing the country's industrial and agricultural development and dwelling at length on the communal aspects of kibbutz life. The audience included members of the Belgian Government, Parliament and of the diplomatic corps.

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM SCHOOL ESTABLISHED IN INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Jewish Educational Association board, after a stormy, five-hour session, has granted permission for the use of its facilities by the "School for Reform Judaism" -- a new institution with a curriculum based on the program of the American Council for Judaism.

Permission to use the JEA building was granted on condition that the JEA would have the right to supervise the school, that the school's educational program would include nothing "offensive to the rest of the Jewish Community or segments thereof," and that the leasing of the facilities is not to be considered as "acceptance, approval or endorsement of the organization."

Much of the debate on the grant of the school facilities centered on the program and policies of the Council for Judaism and several speakers bitterly assailed its campaign against Israel. According to a circular sent parents of prospective students, "the child will be taught Judaism free of 'Jewish nationalism' and with proper regard for all his fellowmen and fellow Jews wherever they may be - whether in America, Israel or elsewhere."

MONTOR LEAVES FOR ISRAEL TO CONFER WITH PREMIER SHARETT

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Henry Montor, chief executive officer of the Israel Bond Organization, left here today for Israel where he will confer with Premier Moshe Sharett on the launching of the second bond sales campaign in the United States. The new issue, for \$75,000,000, will be launched officially at the National Planning Conference for Israel in Washington March 26-28.

In a statement prior to his departure, Mr. Montor said that during his discussions with Premier Sharett he hoped "to exchange views on how best to achieve the transition in Israel Bonds from a temporary campaign to the status of a permanent and continuing Jewish community responsibility in the United States."

It is expected that Mr. Montor will also discuss with Mr. Sharett plans for extending bond sales to Latin American countries, Europe and elsewhere.

SEMINARY-ISRAEL INSTITUTE TO LAUNCH THIRD ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Seminary-Israel Institute, sponsored jointly by the Theological Seminary of America and the Jewish Agency, will open its third annual lecture series at the Seminary February 10, Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Seminary, announced.

Each of the lectures, the purpose of which is to strengthen the spiritual and cultural bonds between Israel and America, will be addressed by distinguished American and Israeli scholars. The principal speaker at the first session will be Dr. Y. Leo Kohn, Weizmann Professor of International Relations at the Hebrew University, author of the draft Constitution of Israel, who will speak on the "Emerging Constitution of Israel."

Later lecturers will include: Prof. Howard Mumford Jones of Harvard University; Dr. S.D. Goitein of the Hebrew University's School of Oriental Studies; Dr. Morton Smith of Brown University; conductor and violinist Milton Katims; and Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.