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SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS TODAY ON ISRAEL COMPLAINT AGAINST EGYPT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 3, (JTA) -- The Security Council, which will hear Israel's complaint against Egypt tomorrow afternoon, will have to consider more severe action than mere condemnation of Egypt for violation of the Council resolution of September 1, 1951, and the Israel-Egypt armistice agreement by its maintenance of a blockade of Israel-bound shipping, U. N. circles predicted today.

They pointed out that the Security Council has already condemned Egypt for illegally denying free passage to shipping through the Suez Canal and for violating the armistice by its blockade measures. In the face of this flouting of U. N. authority and intimations from Cairo that the Naguib regime will reject or ignore a new resolution, U. N. circles here commented, the Council action will have to go beyond a simple resolution.

Members of the Security Council, it was reported today, were discussing means of putting teeth into a new Council resolution. The possibility of sanctions also emerged in informed speculation. Except for the Korean situation, the Security Council has imposed sanctions in only one case - that of Spain in the first years of the U. N.'s existence. The problem, one delegate said today, was not to secure a majority for a resolution but of finding means to enforce a resolution.

Abba S. Eban, head of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations, conferred in Washington earlier this week with Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., head of the United States delegation, on the Suez Canal situation. Mr. Eban will present the Israeli case before the Council tomorrow. Israeli sources gave no indication whether Mr. Eban will ask the Council to impose sanctions on Egypt. It was made clear, however, that he will certainly point out that Egypt has consistently flouted Security Council orders, the armistice and all international obligations with respect to the Canal, and that there is no reason to assume now that Egypt will do otherwise without compulsion.

Suez Canal Blockade Debated in Commons

(In London, today, former Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison reminded the Government in the House of Commons that Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, when a member of the opposition, had demanded that the British Navy be used to escort Israeli-bound British vessels through the Egyptian blockade at the Suez Canal.

(To Mr. Morrison's query as to what had become of Mr. Eden's advocacy of this course, Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd replied that Mr. Morrison himself had a measure of responsibility for dealing with that suggestion. Mr. Lloyd added that the question of the Egyptian blockade was now an international matter, not an issue on a national level.

(Mr. Lloyd further told the House that Britain had repeatedly informed Egypt that she did not recognize the Egyptian blacklisting of ships and said that refusal of facilities did not necessarily prevent passage through the Suez Canal by the blacklisted ships.)

Egyptians Charge Israel Complaint to U.N. is "Spurious"

The Egyptian delegation to the United Nations, in a press statement, tonight charged the Israel Government with filing a "spurious complaint" against Egypt with the Security Council to cover up the "moral damage suffered by Israel as a result of the recent condemnation of its butchery of innocent Arab men, women and children" at Kibya.

The Israeli complaint that Egypt is violating a Security Council resolution and the Israel-Egyptian armistice agreement by its blockade of the Suez Canal against Israel-bound shipping was characterized by the Egyptian statement as a "three-barrelled gun designed for Arab hatred-blazing, Israel's censure-erasing, and Zionist fund-raising."

"The significance of geographical distortions," the statement continued, "spelt out at the very outset of an official memorandum to the Security Council by calling the Gulf of Aqaba that of Eilat, cannot fail to give rise to further misgivings regarding Zionist expansion in the Middle East."

Egyptian Statement "Ridiculous," Israeli Delegation Says

The Israeli delegation characterized the Egyptian statement as "one of the most ridiculous statements in international history and literature" and said it showed "a spirit of complete and intransigent desperation."

The statement, the Israelis charged, "failed to touch in any substantive manner upon the central features of Israel's complaint." Egypt's position, the Israelis declared, was defined by the Security Council in 1951 as an "illicit abuse of Egypt's rights and obligations."

The Israeli statement added that "Egypt now faces the just indignation of world opinion over this defiance of international law and arbitrary interference with the rights and interests of Israel and of other maritime countries."

U.S. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UNACCEPTABLE TO ARABS, RADIO SAYS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The Arab states will never accept the American plan for developing the water resources of the Jordan River valley which Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy, has urged upon them, the Egyptian Government said today in a Cairo broadcast.

The broadcast noted reports that Mr. Johnston is to leave the United States this month for a second Middle East tour to discuss this plan, drawn up by TVA experts, and secure Arab acceptance. It declared that "the American Government may believe that the Arabs will abandon their stand toward this project or that their drafting of another project means that they are prepared to bargain. The United States may also believe that the obstacles which Syria's complaint against Israel is meeting with before the Security Council may force the Arabs to agree to this American project. The Arabs, however, have clearly announced that they will not accept this project, which only serves Israel's interest at their expense."

"Johnston should remain in his country," the broadcast said, "and spare himself the trouble of the trip. His work as president of the Motion Picture Association is more beneficial to him and his country than his mission as an official envoy of the American Jordan Valley project."

F.O.A. AUTHORIZES \$2,120,000 IN SUPPLIES FOR ISRAEL IRRIGATION PROJECT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The Foreign Operations Administration today announced an authorization of \$2,120,000 for an Israeli irrigation project.

The authorization was the second in two days. The FOA yesterday authorized purchase of \$350,000 worth of irrigation equipment by Israel which was an additional order on a previous authorization.

HEALTH AGENCY DEFERS SCHEME TO AVOID ARAB ANTI-ISRAEL BOYCOTT

GENEVA, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The executive board of the World Health Organization has referred back to the assembly of WHO for further study procedures permitting the Eastern Mediterranean Regional Committee to be divided into two sub-committees to overcome the refusal of the Arab States to sit with Israel.

The regional director, who had called a meeting of the first sub-committee, in which Israel does not sit, has been instructed by the director general of WHO to postpone the meeting until such time as the second sub-committee could also meet.

The action followed advice by Israel to the agency that the compromise it had attempted to sidestep the boycott of the Jewish State by the Arabs had not worked out and that "it would be better to await more propitious times in order to undertake a re-examination of this question."

Dr. M. Kahany, permanent delegate of Israel to the Geneva headquarters of the United Nations, reminded the board that not one of the 11 member countries having their seat of government in the region had expressed desire to sit on the second sub-committee with Israel. Only one of the three European countries administering territories in the region had agreed to sit on both sub-committees, he said.

Dr. Kahany pointed out that with the fixing of the seat of the first sub-committee as Alexandria, Israel had been deprived of freedom of choice and was virtually excluded from membership on that committee. With Israel as sole member of the second sub-committee, he said, "this would be tantamount to the barely disguised exclusion of a member from its region."

"We were not and are not opposed to any bona fide effort which may be made to resolve at least provisionally the deadlock created by the obstructive attitude of the Arab countries," the Israeli representative declared. He said that "efforts made by the regional director in pursuance of the wish expressed by the assembly can hardly warrant much hope that this solution can presently be found."

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION GRANTS WORLD OSE UNION OFFICIAL STATUS

GENEVA, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The World OSE Union, Jewish health organization, has been given official status with the World Health Organization, it was announced today. The agency was admitted, after its application had previously been denied, under a broadening of WHO admissions criteria to admit "sectional" groups and to allow admission of more than one non-governmental agency working in the same field.

Admitted with the OSE were two Catholic health agencies. Admission of these three groups was opposed by the Brazilian representative, Prof. M. J. Fefreira, who held it was the wrong step to accept organizations based on confessional grounds or restricted in membership by race or other criteria.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS EXHIBITS COPY OF MISHNEH TORAH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A copy of Maimonides Mishneh Torah published in Istanbul in 1509 has been placed on display at the Library of Congress as part of an exhibit of Turkish literature arranged in honor of the visit of Turkish President Celal Bayar to this country.

The Mishneh Torah, completed by Maimonides in the 12th century, is a 14-volume compendium of the Talmud, religious guide and complete codification of Biblical and rabbinic law.

WARSAW RADIO UNLEASHES CAMPAIGN AGAINST GOLDMANN, ISRAEL GOVT.

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A violent offensive against the Israel Government and against Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, has been unleashed by the Warsaw radio in a series of Yiddish-language broadcasts.

Dr. Goldmann, leading figure in the negotiations which led to West Germany's agreement to pay \$822,000,000 in reparations to Israel and the Jewish people, was assailed for allegedly having stated that diplomatic relations would be established between Israel and West Germany.

The "Mapai-bourgeois majority" in the Israel Parliament was denounced for having rejected a leftwing motion for a debate on the rearmament of Germany. (Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett recently told the Knesset that the government had, on several occasions, informed the Great Powers of its fears of a revival of Nazism in Germany and had warned against the dangers involved in the rearmament of Germany.)

The broadcasts, monitored here, charged that Israel had been "sold out" to Germany. They asserted that "in Israel, as in the Arab countries, German monopolist firms have gained a foothold." German concerns, according to the broadcasts, are building factories and constructing strategic roads and airfields on Israel's frontiers "at the orders of their U.S. masters."

By rejecting the motion for debate on rearmament of Germany, a broadcast charged, "the Mapai and General Zionist majority in the Knesset has shirked the most important problem facing Israel and the entire Jewish people."

SPRINZAK HAILS FRENCH ZIONIST UNITY PROGRAM AS "IMPRESSIVE"

PARIS, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The French Zionist conference which concluded here yesterday after adopting a program aimed at attracting all French Jews involved in aiding Israel, regardless of party affiliation or lack of it, must be seen as an "impressive point of departure" for new Zionist activities in France, Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Israel Parliament, declared here today.

At a press conference held prior to his return to Israel, Mr. Sprinzak noted that this "new direction" was in the nature of an experiment. He underlined that trial and error was the essence of the Zionist movement and that the movement must be flexible enough today to "accommodate itself to the problems of the Diaspora." Mr. Sprinzak described himself as "extremely optimistic" about the outcome of the French experiment.

FORMER AUSTRIAN MINISTER CHARGED WITH MISUSE OF JEWISH ASSETS

VIENNA, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Peter Krausland, who was the Austrian Cabinet Minister responsible for confiscated Jewish property after the liberation of Austria, and is now being tried on charges of misuse of his office for personal gain, has charged that top Austrian political leaders advised him to get out of the country rather than stand trial.

Dr. Krausland, who is a member of the Peoples Party, dominant group in the coalition government, said that former Chancellor Leopold Figl, of his party, and Vice Chancellor Adolf Schaerf, of the Social Democrats, offered this advice. He further charged that the Socialists had made proposals for profiting from the properties in his charge, but that he had refused such deals.

Dr. Krausland, who at one time had responsibility for the operation of 13,000 industrial and commercial enterprises, is accused of having handed over the operation of businesses worth millions of schillings to close associates who operated them for the gain of the ring. He is on trial with six other former high government officials. The prosecution has stated that as a result of the manipulations of the defendants, rightful owners were prevented from resuming control of their businesses.

NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMNS ANTI-SEMITIC SHEET

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The New Jersey State Assembly, Lower House of the Legislature, unanimously adopted a resolution yesterday condemning Common Sense, an anti-Semitic sheet published by Conde McGinley.

The resolution expressed "abhorrence of the organized campaign of prejudice and bigotry" conducted by Common Sense and noted that it was edited by a "bigot who is anti-Negro, anti-Catholic and anti-Jew."

Assemblyman Frank Thompson, who introduced the resolution, characterized McGinley's paper as "a bit of carrion fit only to attract buzzards." He blasted Common Sense for using the word Zionist instead of Jew and for then trying to "make Zionism and Communism identical." However, Thompson opposed attempts to ban the publication of Common Sense because he believed that such a prohibition would breach the Bill of Rights.

CHILEAN PRESIDENT IBANEZ RECEIVES REPRESENTATIVE OF HIAS

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- General Ibanez, President of Chile, today received Henry Shoshkes, HIAS representative, and discussed with him the immigration situation here as it pertains to Jews.

To Dr. Shoshkes review of the limited immigration facilities available to Jewish immigrants, the President replied that Chile needed technicians and farmers very badly and that it would not discriminate between Jews and non-Jews. The audience was conducted in a friendly atmosphere.

FIRST JEWISH CONGREGATION ORGANIZED AT UNITED STATES ARCTIC BASE

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A Jewish congregation, the first in the Arctic, has been established at Thule, the U.S. Air Force base in Greenland. Rabbi Max Eichhorn, director of field operations of the National Jewish Welfare Board's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, reported yesterday.

Rabbi Eichhorn, who has just returned from a Defense Department-sponsored tour of the Far East, revealed that the morale of Jewish GI's stationed in various parts of the world is high. He made his report at a luncheon for women held by the New York City Council of the JWB. The luncheon was also addressed by Nelson A. Rockefeller, Under Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

BEN TOUSTER RE-ELECTED TO THIRD TERM AS HIAS PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Ben Touster was yesterday re-elected to his third term as president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the organization announced. Murray L. Gurfeln and Mrs. Herman J. Laffert were re-named vice-presidents and Mrs. Laffert was re-elected president of the HIAS Women's Division.

SAEMY JAPHET, BANKER AND PHILANTHROPIST, DIES IN LONDON AT 95

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Saemy Japhet, prominent London banker and philanthropist, died here yesterday at the age of 95. Mr. Japhet contributed to a number of Jewish causes and took a deep interest in Palestine development, although he was never identified with the Zionist organization.

Mr. Japhet was born in Frankfurt and received his training in the banking business as an apprentice in a German bank for which he began working when he was 15. After a number of years in London, he established S. Japhet and Company, which is now one of London's greatest banking houses.