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**U.N. TRUCE CHIEF SEES DANGER IN TENSION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARABS**

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 2. (JTA) -- There is no sign of closer cooperation between the Governments of Israel and Jordan, Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, chief of the United Nations' truce supervisory organization in Palestine, today reported to the UN Security Council.

Gen. Bennike emphasized in his report that there was a possible threat to the security of the area if the present tension between Israel and the neighboring Arab countries does not diminish. There has been no decrease in the tension on the Israel-Egyptian border either, he stated.

Referring to the Israel-Jordan conference convoked by the UN Secretary General, Dag Hammarskjold, for which no date has as yet been set since Jordan has not acknowledged Mr. Hammarskjold's invitation, Gen. Bennike said: "The difficulties which have arisen in connection with the convocation of that conference have not contributed to create a better atmosphere between the two countries."

The UN truce chief pointed out in his report that acts of violence on the Israel-Jordan border have increased since the Kibya raid. "No incident of major proportions, comparable to the incident at Kibya has occurred," he said, but went on to declare that minor acts of violence had actually increased and the tension along the demarcation line had been maintained.

**Reports Increase in Number of Israeli Complaints**

The number of Israeli complaints had risen sharply during the past few months, Gen. Bennike reported. "An increase in the number of complaints does not, however, suffice to indicate a deterioration in the local situation on the border," he added. "It may indicate an intensification of the cold war between the central authorities. Indeed, since the adoption of the resolution of the Security Council, the total number of complaints of various kinds has substantially increased on both sides."

"The situation needs careful watching, particularly in the present time in connection with the implementation of the Israel-Jordanian and Israel-Egyptian general armistice agreements, and I shall not fail to keep the Security Council informed of any developments deserving its consideration," Gen. Bennike said.

With regard to the Israel-Syrian dispute over the use of Jordan River waters, Gen. Bennike reports that the work which was started by Israel last September on a canal between the River Jordan and Lake Tiberias has not been resumed in the demilitarized zone. The general situation on the Israel-Jordan frontier remains "unaltered," the report added.

On the Israel-Lebanese border, Gen. Bennike reported, there are "relatively few and minor" difficulties in connection with the application of the armistice agreement. These difficulties have existed for more than three months, he stated.

## ISRAEL COALITION PARTIES DIFFER STRONGLY ON PROPOSED BUDGET

JERUSALEM, March 2. (JTA) -- Strong differences among member parties of the Israel coalition government have come to the surface in the past few days of debate in Parliament over the proposed 571,000,000-pound budget for 1954-55. However, General Zionist deputies, who have taken the opportunity to criticize the budget, last night underlined that while they feel that they are justified in opposing the budget, there is no danger of disrupting the coalition over it.

The General Zionists have demanded further cuts in the budget, insisting that it is too large for Israel's economic abilities. Chaim Ariav, one of the General Zionists who took the floor, called for liberalization of economic controls including scrapping of the foreign currency controls. He said the taxes needed to support the budget were out of proportion to the ability of the Israel people to pay. The very size of the budget creates a danger of inflation, he charged, and it must be cut even at the expense of essential services.

Shimon Bejarano, another centrist deputy, argued that his party had not entered the government to surrender its right to struggle for its own views. He denied that membership in the coalition means "uniformity" of views and argued for the right of his party to criticize a government policy even though it did not find it necessary to break with the government over it. Nevertheless, Mr. Bejarano concluded his remarks on an optimistic note, citing symptoms of stabilization in the economy.

### Mapai Deputies Oppose Further Cut in Budget

Mapai deputies argued that further cuts in the budget could not be made without slashing essential services. Finance Committee chairman Israel Guri insisted that only administrative costs could be trimmed and that essential services were now at an irreducible minimum. Demands for paring the budget, he charged, are a screen for opposition to the government's fiscal policy which, he asserted, is basically sound. The Israeli people must work and produce more in order to improve the country's position, he declared.

Two Poale Mizrachi deputies, also members of the government, split on the question of budget cuts. Eliahu Genehovsky called for a reduction, stating that taxes were too high. Moshe Kelmer, however, opposed cuts and demanded more funds for aiding the unemployed.

Poale Agudah leader Benjamin Mintz also supported the government budget, stating that Israel was an island of democratic life in the Middle East, for which it must pay. He demanded equalization of the income tax burden so that it would hit all classes to the same extent it hit wage earners.

The left wing Mapam Party has been in active opposition since the budget was introduced. Aharon Zisling attacked it as "anti-social and non-Zionist," and criticized the high unemployment situation and the stoppage of immigration. He called the budget a "reactionary" document which cuts social services.

Hanah Rubin, another leftist, charged the government with failing to keep its promises to halt rising prices. Israel still has not attained economic independence, he pointed out, while living standards are dropping and unemployment is increasing. Immigration was not responsible for the unemployment situation, he said but the decline in immigration was responsible for the joblessness, he said. Mr. Rubin forecast the break-up of the Mapai-General Zionist coalition.

Dr. Yochanan Bader, Herut deputy, attacked both the budget and the government's economic policy. There are no grounds for optimism in the current situation, he insisted, stating that taxes were too high and that the present economic policy encourages inflation. He concluded with a demand for economic stabilization.

The debate was scheduled to resume again late today, with the general debate closing and a detailed discussion of departmental budgets scheduled to follow.

JEWISH GROUPS IN 31 COUNTRIES SEEK SHARE IN GERMAN REPARATIONS

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations in 31 countries throughout the world have filed requests with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany for funds to carry out relief and rehabilitation work among Jewish victims of Nazi persecution, it was announced by the Conference here today.

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, which was a co-claimant with Israel in the \$822,000,000 reparations agreement negotiated with the Bonn Government last year, reported that the requests for the first year's installment of relief funds are in excess of \$54,000,000. This is more than six times greater than the \$8-9,000,000 which is expected to be available for distribution this year for the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Nazi victims outside Israel.

The rules of the Conference permit applications to be filed by Jewish organizations for allocations to be used in any country in the world where Jewish victims of Nazi persecution may reside. Urgency of need is a basic prerequisite in the consideration of applications by the Conference. Of the applications filed, a total of \$40,000,000 is requested for material relief and rehabilitation throughout the world, two-thirds of which is for use in European countries.

Included is an application from the United Restitution Office for funds to provide legal aid to indigent Nazi victims seeking to file claims under West German restitution and indemnification laws. The balance of \$14,000,000 has been requested for use in Jewish cultural rehabilitation which includes projects for education, research and publications and the salvage of intellectual and cultural treasures destroyed by the Third Reich.

Applications have been filed by organizations operating in the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy, Luxemburg, Norway, Saar, Yugoslavia, Great Britain, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Canada, United States, Guatemala, Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Uruguay, Australia, South Africa, Rhodesia, Philippines and Indonesia.

SOUTH AFRICAN CHIEF RABBI PERMITS PLAYING OF FOOTBALL ON SABBATH

JOHANNESBURG, March 2. (JTA) -- Dr. I. Rabinowitz, Orthodox Chief Rabbi of South Africa, has expressed the opinion that Jewish religious law does not prohibit the playing of football on the Sabbath. His opinion was expressed in an article in the South African Jewish Times, commenting on a furor caused by the forthcoming visit of an Israel soccer team to South Africa and its having accepted a schedule which includes playing some of the games on the Sabbath.

Dr. Rabinowitz disputed the "underlying suggestion" of the opponents of playing games on the Sabbath, which he described as being that to "play football on the Sabbath is as unthinkable as eating forbidden foods." He pointed out that ball playing on the Sabbath had been the custom in Israel thousands of years ago and was becoming the custom there again. "With changed conditions in Israel, where the gloom of the Diaspora has disappeared, the demand for a more congenial spirit of Sabbath observance" is being heard more and more, the Chief Rabbi declared.

SYNAGOGUES IN ENGLAND GRANT VOTING RIGHTS TO WOMEN MEMBERS

LONDON, March 2. (JTA) -- For the first time in the history of the United Synagogue, organization of Ashkenazi Jewish congregations in Britain, women have been granted voting rights in synagogal elections. The decision was taken at a meeting of the Council of the United Synagogue, augmented by representatives of all member congregations.

Women, however, will not be eligible for office. The decision, adopted by an overwhelming majority, provides that only women who hold seats in the congregation of their own right shall be entitled to the vote.

## AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS CONDEMNNS WIRETAPPING; APPEALS TO HOUSE

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today called upon the House Judiciary Committee to reject all bills that would ease restraints on wiretapping and on the use of evidence obtained from wiretapping. At the same time, the AJC urged the House Committee to outlaw all wiretaps.

In a letter to Congressman Chauncey W. Reed, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Herman L. Weisman, chairman of AJC Commission on Law and Social Action, declared: "The American Jewish Congress regards wiretapping as an invasion of essential rights of citizens, justifiable, if at all, only under the most dire necessity. We believe that the existence of such necessity has not been shown."

## CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY GROUPS CRITICIZED AT HADASSAH CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- Criticism of the methods and techniques employed by some Congressional committees conducting inquiries into subversive activities was voiced last night at the annual Mid-Winter national conference of the Hadassah by Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, chairman of the American Affairs Committee of the organization.

Mrs. Epstein called upon the country's national leadership "to safeguard the Constitution" from the mounting attacks of those forces in and out of Congress who would undermine "our traditional American concept of fair play." Acknowledging the validity of Congressional inquiries into subversive activities, Mrs. Epstein said:

"We endorse all legal inquiries into Communist activities in the United States. We do question, however, the methods and techniques employed by some Congressional committees and the resultant limiting curbs on the freedoms of American citizens. The American concept of justice has always demanded the full protection of the rights of the guilty as well as of the innocent. This concept is being deliberately destroyed by those who are charged with the responsibility of defending it."

Urging the leadership of both the Republican and Democratic parties to impose restraints on Congressional committees, Mrs. Epstein praised as "a big step in the right direction" the efforts made by Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan, head of the Republican Policy Committee, to bring leaders of both parties together on the problem of establishing guiding principles for future Congressional hearings.

## 38, 200 JEWISH IMMIGRANTS ENTERED CANADA SINCE END OF WORLD WAR II

MONTREAL, March 2. (JTA) -- The total number of Jewish immigrants to enter Canada from April 1, 1946, through December 31, 1953, was 38, 200, the Canadian Jewish Congress revealed here today on the basis of a survey completed by its experts. This influx since the end of World War II has increased the Jewish population of the Dominion by 21 percent.

An analysis of immigrants on the basis of their country of birth revealed that in the post-war period the largest group of Jewish immigrants originated in Poland, followed by those from the United States and Britain. In the last two decades before the war broke out Polish Jews were also the largest single group of Jewish immigrants to Canada.

The total number of Jews now living in Montreal, largest city of Jewish residence in Canada, is now estimated at about 92, 000, CJC statisticians report. They say that all but a handful of the 8, 700 Jewish immigrants who came to Quebec province in the past two and a half years settled in Montreal.

HADASSAH HEARS REPORT ON \$10,000,000 MEDICAL CENTER IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- Medical standards in Israel will be comparable to those prevailing in the United States with the construction, in the near future, of the projected \$10,000,000 Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, it was reported here today by Mrs. Abraham Tulin, chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization, at the annual Mid-Winter Hadassah conference.

Mrs. Tulin reported that intensive research is being conducted in Hadassah hospitals in Israel in arteriosclerosis and cancer "with unceasing patience and courage." She added that Israel's treatment of cancer "with radioactive substances is an endless adventure story."

Mrs. Tulin also reported that the chest surgery department, established recently in the Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem with the assistance of American and British medical experts, has been achieving "miraculous results." In the first few months of the new department, she said, 50 heart operations and 150 lung resections were performed without a single mortality.

She noted that Hadassah doctors in Israel have made "substantial progress" in the battle against infantile paralysis, and that a new Department of Psychiatry will be established this summer with the assistance of Dr. Milton Rosenbaum, Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati.

CONVENTION OF WORKING WOMEN'S COUNCIL OPENS; ACTIVITIES REVIEWED

TEL AVIV, March 2. (JTA) -- The 39th annual convention of Moetzet Hapoalot--the Working Women's Council of Israel--opened here last night with hundreds of delegates present, including Evelyn Kaplan of the United States.

Mrs. Beba Idelson, deputy in the Knesset and a leader of the organization, reported that there were 400 girls now receiving agricultural training and 800 were receiving vocational training in institutions operated by the organization. She added that some 2,000 women are enrolled in a variety of courses offered by the council.

\$8,000,000 RAISED BY WOMEN FOR NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- Women in Greater New York raised \$8,000,000 in the past four years for the medical and social service agencies affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, it was reported today Mrs. Richard Percy Limburg, as she released the text of her annual report.

Mrs. Limburg, who has just completed her four-year term as chairman of the board, declared in her administration's report that the number of gifts secured for Federation by women has been increased 50 percent since 1950 as a result of extension of women's efforts in many communities throughout Greater New York.

In the two decades that women have participated in Federation's voluntary fund-raising work, she declared, they have contributed \$28,500,000 toward the maintenance and expansion of Federation's health and welfare network.

GENERAL ZIONISTS PLEDGE SUPPORT OF NEW ISRAEL BOND ISSUE

TEL AVIV, March 2. (JTA) -- The praesidium of the General Zionist Party of Israel today announced its fullest support of the new Israel Development Bond Issue, which will be launched in the United States and other countries within the next few months.

The praesidium issued a statement calling upon General Zionist parties in other countries to do their utmost to assure the success of the \$75,000,000 issue. It also revealed that George Flesh, a General Zionist deputy in the Israel Parliament, would act as the party's representative in New York in dealing with problems raised in connection with the flotation of the new issue.