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## U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET TOMORROW ON GAZA INCIDENT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 2. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council will meet Friday afternoon to consider the protest lodged by Egypt against Israel in connection with the clash in the Gaza area. It is understood that Israel will submit a request to the Security Council to add to its agenda an item on Egypt's violations of the armistice agreement.

In its request today for an urgent meeting of the Security Council, Egypt charged that Israel armed forces committed "violent and premeditated aggression" inside Egyptian-controlled territory near Gaza. The Egyptian complaint said that 39 Egyptians were killed and 32 wounded in the Gaza clash, and charged Israel with violating the Egyptian-Israel armistice pact.

Dr. Omar Loutfi, head of the Egyptian delegation at the UN, was seeking today from members of the Council advance agreement on a resolution which would not only condemn Israel for its "aggression" against Egypt but also would call for Israel payment of "reparations" for the deaths, injuries and damage to property caused by the alleged Israel attack.

Reports reaching here from Gaza state that for the second successive day Arab refugees have rioted outside UN truce headquarters in that city, apparently incensed over Monday's battle along the border.

## EGYPT PROVOKED GAZA CLASHES, ISRAEL PREMIER TELLS KNESSET

JERUSALEM, March 2. (JTA) -- As long as Egypt insists upon claiming a state of war with Israel, in violation of its obligations under international law, it must "face the consequences," Premier Moshe Sharett of Israel declared today in Parliament.

Speaking at the conclusion of a debate on the proposed budget for the Premier's Office and the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Sharett noted that such consequences include "armed clashes and bloody battles" and charged that Egypt had provoked them. It is up to Egypt, he continued, to decide between the present state of affairs "with all the losses and perils with which it is fraught" and complete abstention from any acts of hostility and scrupulous fulfillment of the terms of the armistice agreement.

Mr. Sharett lashed out at the "pernicious political character" of the recently signed Turco-Iraqi pact, charging that this resulted from Anglo-American policy in the Middle East. He reiterated the view that the Anglo-American policy of supplying arms to the Arab states was altering the political balance within the region and threatening Israel's security.

The Premier made it clear that while the Soviet Union also opposes the Turkish-Iraqi treaty, Israel and the USSR have no common stand in this opposition.

**WASHINGTON CONSIDERS GAZA INCIDENT "ISRAEL'S GRAVEST MISCALCULATION"**

WASHINGTON, March 2. (JTA) -- Reports on the Egyptian-Israel clash in the Gaza area were received today by the State Department from Cairo and Tel Aviv. Officials there indicated that the United States will be guided by the final judgment of the Egyptian-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission.

Meanwhile, it was indicated here that the U.S. Government feels that the Gaza incident might have been one of Israel's "gravest miscalculations" and that Israel might have launched an attack there to call attention to Israel's isolation in the emerging pattern of Near Eastern defensive arrangements.

The view that Israel attacked to dramatize its situation was put forward yesterday by Lebanese Ambassador Charles Malik when he conferred with George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, according to highly placed sources. Mr. Malik's contention, it was learned today, has gained a large measure of acceptance in official Washington.

American officials feel that 48 hours ago the Arab League was all but disintegrated, but that the alleged action by Israel at Gaza may well reunify the League on the eve of the Indonesia conference of Asian nations. It is thought that the Gaza clash will strengthen the position of Egypt among the Arabs.

It is reported here that Arab ambassadors in Washington, before the Gaza incident, conceded that the Turkish-Iraqi pact would dissolve the Arab League and weaken the anti-Israel front. It was also reported that the United States has no intention at this juncture of making any security concessions to Israel. The solution for Israel has been outlined as adoption of a philosophy of patience, confidence, and self-restraint.

Israel has been told to be happy over the Turkish-Iraqi pact because it weakens Egypt and the Arab League, and is being enjoined to have more confidence in the State Department which, according to State Department sources, is planning with a view to Israel's ultimate best interests.

**American Assn. for the U.N. Opposes Sending Arms to Middle East**

WASHINGTON, March 2. (JTA) -- The American Association for the United Nations today adopted a resolution calling further U.S. arms shipments to the Middle East before a peace settlement "ill-advised, dangerous and inimical to the attainment of peace."

The resolution appealed to the United States Government "to use its authority and prestige to renew and reinforce the call of the United Nations to Israel and the Arab states to resolve their differences through direct negotiations and to transform the existing armistice agreements, negotiated under the auspices of the United Nations into permanent peace treaties."

"We favor continued technical and economic assistance to all the peoples of the region in order to raise living standards, to stimulate economic development and to strengthen democratic institutions," the resolution stated.

**Z. O. A. Leader Blames U.S. for Egyptian-Israel Clash**

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- The policy of Arab appeasement by the State Department is chiefly responsible for the current Egyptian-Israel border clashes, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the executive of the Zionist Organization of America, declared today at a meeting of that body.

He warned that "if this policy of appeasement is continued by the State Department it will result in a further deterioration of the situation and even greater bloodshed." He emphasized that "when the Arab leaders are made to understand that their present tactics will win them no further concessions on America's part, the violence will come to an end."

## J. T. A. ESTABLISHES DIRECT NEW YORK-TEL-AVIV RADIO PRINTER SERVICE

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- Establishment of the first direct radio printer circuit between New York and Tel Aviv was announced here by Louis P. Rocker, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The circuit went into operation today for the transmission of JTA news from New York to the Israeli News Agency in Tel Aviv, a JTA affiliate, for distribution to the newspapers of Israel. The new system replaces Morse code and transmits news at the rate of 66 words per minute.

For this circuit, the JTA operates two Press Wireless transmitters on Long Island. The news is received by the Israeli News Agency's own station in Tel Aviv.

Other JTA news transmissions to Israel will be converted to automatic operation as rapidly as conditions permit, Mr. Rocker said. He expressed the hope that JTA would be able to complete its program for mechanization of all its radio circuits throughout the world by the end of 1955. Earlier this year, JTA opened a radio printer circuit to the JTA bureau in Rio de Janeiro.

## ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION REPORTS \$261,500 SALES AT DETROIT DINNER

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- The Israel Bond dinner in Detroit, which aroused a controversy between the local leaders of the bond campaign and national headquarters of the drive, was held last night at the Statler Hotel there with more than 350 guests attending, it was reported here today by national headquarters.

The report said that the dinner resulted in the sale of \$261,500 worth of bonds. Senator Wayne Morse, who was the principal speaker, called for all-out aid for Israel in the United States. Israel bonds, he said, provide the capital investment which the Jewish State needs "to strengthen her ramparts against possible Arab attacks."

Other speakers at the dinner included S. Robert Abrahami, an Israel industrialist; Lieut. Governor Philip A. Hart, of Michigan; Alex Lowenthal, of Pittsburgh, a member of the national executive committee of Israel Bonds; Mrs. Joseph Katchke, chairman of the Detroit Women's Division for Israel Bonds; Elias Goldberg, Israel chairman of the B'nai B'rith Council of Detroit, and David J. Cohen, Detroit Mizrahi leader.

## GERMAN TRUST FIGHTS COMPENSATION TO JEWISH EX-SLAVE LABORERS

FRANKFURT, March 2. (JTA) -- The Hesse Court of Appeals heard yesterday an appeal by IG Farben against a verdict of a lower German court awarding Norbert Wollheim, a Jewish ex-slave laborer of the Nazis, the equivalent of \$2,500 in damages and back wages for the time he worked at the company's synthetic rubber plant at Monowitz, near the notorious Oswiecim death camp. The court adjourned until March 15, when it may either hand down its decision or decide to hear witnesses and review evidence presented at the earlier trial.

In view of the issues involved in the case, the appellate court's decision is certain to be carried to the West German Supreme Court by one party or the other. More than 2,200 ex-slave laborers, who have filed claims for damages and wages, which were paid to the Nazi Elite Guard organization by IG Farben, have agreed to abide by the results of the Wollheim test case. If the final decision goes against the company millions of dollars may have to be paid out.

Mr. Wollheim, who now lives in New York, was forced to work in the Oswiecim camp or at the IG Farben plant from 1943 to 1945 when United States troops liberated the camp. After the war, he was a leader of Jews in the British zone of Germany, later migrating to the United States.

TOYNBEE, BRITISH HISTORIAN, REITERATES HIS ANTI-JEWISH VIEWS

NEW YORK, March 2, (JTA) -- Arnold Toynbee, noted British historian who has provoked considerable criticism among Jews for anti-Jewish and anti-Israel assertions in his "Study of History," reiterates his views in a letter to the "Jewish Frontier," organ of the Labor Zionist movement in the United States. The letter is a reply to criticism of him voiced in the publication by Marie Syrkin, American Jewish authoress.

"Being neither an Arab nor a Jew," Prof. Toynbee writes, "I have no personal reason for being prejudiced either for or against either of these two parties. I do believe that, in the issue between the Palestinian Arabs and the Zionists, the Palestinian Arabs are in the right and the Zionists in the wrong. My opinion on this issue is, like Miss Syrkin's, open to challenge; but, for what it is worth, it is based on nothing but the facts as I see them.

"I see the whole story as a tragedy, and I do not see the tragedy as beginning with the outbreak of fighting in Palestine in April 1948. Much of the responsibility for the actions of both the Zionists in Palestine and the Palestinian Arabs in 1948 falls, as I believe and have said, upon Great Britain, because, as mandatory, she used her power to make possible an immigration of Jews into Palestine on a scale that would never have been accepted voluntarily by the Arab inhabitants of the country, and because, at the same time, Great Britain always refused to face the truths that she was pursuing simultaneously two incompatible policies and that, in refusing to choose between them, she was steering Palestine toward a disaster by creating a situation in which it was becoming more and more difficult for Jews and Arabs to live together in Palestine side by side.

"But the tragedy, as I see it, goes back far further than the date of the Balfour Declaration. I see earlier stages of it in the conversion of both the Zionists and the Arabs to a Western secular ideology, Nationalism. The fanatical spirit in Nationalism comes, as I see it, from Christianity; and Christian and Muslim fanaticism, as well as Christian and Muslim charity, comes, I believe, from Judaism.

Thinks Judaism is "Tragic Mixture of Good and Evil"

"I think Judaism is like every other human institution in being a tragic mixture of good and evil. What is peculiar about Judaism is not this; it is the potency, in Judaism, of both the two conflicting elements and the conversion of half the human race--the Christian-Muslim half--to the Jewish spirit, so that the extremes of good and evil in Judaism have been reproduced in Christianity and Islam. All three religions have two incompatible visions of God. They see God both as Love and as Jealousy.

"When we Christians, Muslims, and Jews think of God as being jealous and of ourselves as being a chosen people, we are tempted to despise other religions and to suppress them when we can, and the first 'bigots' in history that I know of are, as I have said, not my barbarous Teutonic kinsmen and Christian co-religionists the Visigoths (from whose name the word is derived), but the Maccabees, if 'bigot' means, as I believe it does, not just any persecutor, but one who persecutes people of another religion on account of his difference from them in religious practice. The Maccabees forcibly converted Idumaea and Galilee to Judaism and thereby brought it about that Herod and Jesus were Jews, not Gentiles. The effects of fanaticism are often tragically ironical.

"It is, in fact, tragic to be either guilty of fanaticism or to be the victim of it, and the Jews have been alternately guilty of it and victims of it since the second century B.C. The irony of Jewish history surely is that the Jews have been the chief sufferers from a spirit which they themselves originally kindled. The tragedy of recent Jewish history is that, instead of learning through suffering, the Jews should have done to others, the Arabs, what had been done to them by others, the Nazis.

"Though I was careful to bring out the Zionists' innocence of the Nazis' cold-blooded, systematic 'genocide,' and the disparity in numbers between the Jewish

victims of the Nazis and the Arab victims of the Zionists, I am sure I am right in holding that degrees of sin and tragedy are not determined by the numbers of the souls concerned. Sin and tragedy are done and suffered by each of us individually; they are not, and cannot be, collective. Nor is the tragedy of the Palestinian Arabs' sufferings at the hands of the Israelis a peculiarly Jewish tragedy; it is a common human tragedy, like the Jews' own sufferings at the hands of the Nazis. To fail to learn by suffering, and to inflict on others some of the wrongs that have been inflicted on oneself, are sins into which all human beings are prone to fall. This is one of the most odious and most desperate characteristics of our common human nature.

### Says Israel Was "Carved Out" by Force

"Everything has its price as well as its compensation. The compensation for the tragic position of being a member of a persecuted diaspora is that, as such, one has the beau role. The price of the tragic position of being a citizen of a sovereign independent state of Israel, carved out, by force, first of British and then of Israeli arms from a country previously inhabited by other people, is that, as such, one has exchanged roles with one's former persecutors. Today Israel is politically like all the nations (a formidable fate). But the Jews are still spiritually a peculiar people in having had a greater experience of suffering than any of the rest of us and in having learnt from their sufferings those deep spiritual lessons that they have communicated to the Christian-Muslim half of Mankind. And that is why I feel that the tragedy of Zionist Israel's sins is greater than the tragedy of Nazi Germany's.

"The measure of tragedy is not statistical but spiritual, and my German fellow-Gentiles, when they sinned as they sinned against the Jews, had not had either the intense experience of suffering or the intense spiritual enlightenment that the Jews have had. 'Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required.' I am sure that this piece of insight is Jewish, because it is attributed to Jesus; I am sure it is true; and I am sure it is preeminently true when what has been given is suffering and enlightenment and what is required is mercy and charity.

"Israel's spiritual, as well as her political, future is bound up with the future of the Palestinian Arab refugees. The righting of the wrongs that these refugees have suffered is, I believe, Israel's supreme duty and interest. Being human, one is always tempted to minimize the wrong that one has done and the suffering that one has inflicted. But, of all Man's spiritual infirmities, this is the one that brings the surest nemesis. The only way of ending a tragedy is to break the fatal chain of sin and suffering; and the only way of breaking this is to recognize one's sin and to do everything possible to atone for it. This is the only way for Israel, as well as for Britain and for Germany, because it is the only way for any of us," Mr. Toynbee concludes.

### U.S. JEWS ARE MAINLY MEMBERS OF MIDDLE CLASS, SURVEY ESTABLISHES

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- American Jews are mainly members of the middle class in both income and status, it was reported in the 1955 edition of the American Jewish Year Book, published by the American Jewish Committee.

Analyzing a survey in 14 representative American cities, an article in the Year Book by Nathan Glazer noted that Jews, more than non-Jews, are engaged in middle class occupations rather than manual labor. The proportion of Jews in non-manual occupations range from 75 to 96 percent as compared with the 38 percent of Americans as a whole who are engaged in such work, the survey stated. In the non-manual classification are included professions, management and ownership, clerical and sales jobs.

The report found that 15 percent of the Jews are professionals, compared to eight percent in the population at large, while one out of every six Jews has completed college as compared to one in 20 for non-Jews. Jewish incomes tend to be somewhat higher than the general average, the survey established. It revealed that in 1951 twelve percent of the Jewish households in New York City reported annual incomes over \$10,000. In the non-Jewish population, only five percent were in this bracket.

**JEWISH YOUTHS ATTACKED IN PHILADELPHIA; POLICE INVESTIGATING**

PHILADELPHIA, March 2. (JTA) -- Two attacks on Jewish teenagers occurred within a half-hour of each other this week, resulting in one 15-year-old Jewish boy, Roy Rosen, being hospitalized. Both attacks occurred in the Overbrook Park section of this city and the pattern of the incidents was so similar as to point to the possibility that both were the work of one gang.

In the first incident, two cars full of toughs between 16 and 20 drew up to a street corner and the attackers surrounded three Jewish boys whom they proceeded to taunt and beat. Two of the three Jewish boys managed to break away, but the third, Roy Rosen, was beaten and kicked unconscious. His nose may be broken and his sight may be impaired as a result of the beating. His father, Edward Rosen, reported the incident to the Jewish Community Relations Council, which presented the information to the police department.

The second incident occurred in the same vicinity thirty minutes later. Two cars full of thugs again drew up to a group of eight Jewish boys and girls. The Jewish youngsters were insulted and bullied before they were able to break away. Mr. Rosen also reported this incident to the JCRC.

**PENNSYLVANIA LOWER HOUSE ADOPTS F. E. P. C. BILL AFTER HEATED DEBATE**

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 2. (JTA) -- A bill setting up an FEPC in Pennsylvania and fixing penalties of 30 days in jail or \$500 fine for discrimination in employment has been adopted by the House of Representatives of the Pennsylvania legislature. The measure is now before the state Senate.

The debate before passage of the bill, which was achieved 161 to 123, was extremely heated as the House rejected one after the other a number of amendments aimed at watering down the measure. The bill follows closely a similar measure passed by the House in 1953, but allowed to die in the Senate.

**ARIZONA'S LOWER HOUSE ADOPTS BILL AGAINST BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT**

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 2. (JTA) -- The Lower House of the Arizona State Legislature has adopted and sent to the Senate the Equal Opportunities Bill which would prohibit discrimination in employment on racial or religious grounds. The ban would also apply to contractors with public contracts of more than \$1,000.

**HENRY WALDMAN NAMED HEAD OF LOYALTY BOARD FOR U.S. EMPLOYEES**

WASHINGTON, March 2. (JTA) -- Henry S. Waldman of Elizabeth, New Jersey, was named chairman of the International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board yesterday by Philip Young, chairman of the United States Civil Service Commission.

The board has authority to inquire into the loyalty of United States citizens employed by the United Nations and other international organizations of which the U.S. is a member. Mr. Waldman was secretary of the board from last September until his appointment to this post.

**NEW YORK SENATE CONFIRMS DR. LUBIN AS STATE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSIONER**

ALBANY, N. Y., March 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Isador Lubin was confirmed as Industrial Commissioner of New York State last night by the State Senate by a vote of 51-7. Dr. Lubin, whose appointment by Gov. Averill Harriman had become one storm center of the public dispute between the Republican-controlled legislature and the Democratic Governor, had served as special expert for the War Industries Board during World War II and later as an advisor to various Congressional committees.