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BRITAIN WANTS U. N. TO DISCUSS WIDER ASPECTS OF ARAB-ISRAEL TENSION

LONDON, March 8. (JTA) -- British Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden addressing the Parliament today, expressed the hope that the United Nations Security Council will handle the Egyptian complaint against Israel with regard to the Gaza incident "on the broadest basis," by dealing not only with the immediate issue but also with the wider aspects of the Arab-Israel situation.

Mr. Eden who just returned from a visit to the Middle East, reported to the Parliament that he found in the Middle East countries a general acceptance of the need to organize a safe defense to protect the area from aggression from without. "There is also recognition that the security and prosperity of the area cannot fully be realized as long as the present disruptive relations persist between the Arab states and Israel, which have now unhappily been aggravated by further recent incidents," he said.

The British Foreign Secretary revealed that during his visit to Iraq he discussed with the Iraqi Premier questions which would arise if the British Government were to accede to the Turkish-Iraqi treaty, against which Israel has advanced objections.

"Our aim is to form a new association with Iraq which will bring our relations into line with those already existing with Turkey and our other partners in the NATO," Mr. Eden told the Parliament. "New weapons and changed political conditions should be reflected in the fresh approach to our joint arrangements for resisting external aggression in this area. Our common needs can now be best provided for in different and more up-to-date ways than those which were embodied in the Anglo-Iraqi treaty more than 20 years ago."

Eden Fears Gaza Incident May Arouse Passions Again

Herbert Morrison, the deputy leader of the opposition, asked Mr. Eden whether anything had been done or can be done, to end the fundamental difficulty in the Middle East which, he said, is the state of war persisting between the Arabs and Israel "at the behest of the Arab states."

Mr. Eden replied: "I think the House knows that we have been making efforts to try to improve the situation there, and that there has, in fact, been a certain improvement over the last month which was acknowledged by both sides, when this unhappy Gaza incident occurred. I am afraid that this incident will have aroused passions again and will set back the work we want to do. I can see nothing which can be achieved in that sphere now except that it should be handled by the United

Nations Security Council. I would hope that in so doing, the Security Council will handle it on the broadest basis, dealing not only with the immediate issue but also with the wider issue as well."

Mr. Eden was then asked by John Grimond, a Liberal deputy, if, in his talks with the Arab leaders, he formed the opinion that if there were a period of comparative peace on the frontier, there would be any chance for the settlement of Arab refugees. The Foreign Secretary replied that he could not answer that point "helpfully" at the present moment.

Major Legge Bourke, a Conservative, asked Mr. Eden: "Can you say whether in view of the fact that the United Kingdom together with France and the United States guarantee the frontiers of Israel, and in view of the fact that the Mixed Armistice Commission has condemned Israel, you would consult with the guarantors to see whether something may be said by the three guarantors to restrain Israel from a repeat performance?"

Mr. Eden replied that the matter was now before the UN Security Council and that the British guarantees are not unilateral.

Yesterday, Minister of State Anthony Nutting summoned Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath to the Foreign Office and there sharply rebuked Israel for her part in the Gaza clash last week. The Foreign Office revealed no details of what Mr. Nutting said to Ambassador Elath, but other sources indicated that, on the basis of the Mixed Armistice Commission's condemnation, Mr. Nutting added Britain's own condemnation.

State Dept. Refrains from Commenting on Gaza Incident

WASHINGTON, March 8. (JTA) -- The State Department today continued its policy of refusing to comment officially on the findings of the United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission regarding the Gaza incident.

The Department explained that the case was now before the United Nations Security Council. Meanwhile, the Department is observing regional tension and awaiting reports on the reported new pact agreed to by Egypt, Syria, and Saudi Arabia.

Israel's frontier problems were called to the attention of Congress today by Rep. Abraham J. Multer (D. N. Y.,) who inserted in the "Congressional Record" an article entitled "Israel's Border and Security Problems" written by Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan. The article appeared originally in the January, 1955 issue of "Foreign Affairs."

Armistice Commission Condemns Egypt for Two Violations

TEL AVIV, March 8. (JTA) -- Egypt was condemned for two armistice violations, and Israel for a third, by the Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission yesterday. The series of incidents preceded the Gaza clash of February 28, and one of them involved the murder of an Israeli by three Egyptians near Rehovot.

The Egyptians were condemned for opening fire on an Israel patrol on February 22 with three-inch mortars, in addition to being censured for the murder. Israel was condemned for firing on Egyptian positions on February 22. Israel spokesmen pointed out that their firing on that date was in response to the earlier Egyptian shooting at the Israel patrol, which was approaching a large number of infiltrators who were cutting grass on the Israel side of the line.

U. S. JEWISH ARMY MEN ARRIVE IN ISRAEL FOR PURIM CELEBRATION

TEL AVIV, March 8. (JTA) -- Twenty-seven American Jewish officers and soldiers arrived here today aboard a special U. S. Air Force plane to celebrate Purim in Israel. All are regularly stationed in Germany and France.

Two hundred immigrants from North Africa and another 20 from Iron Curtain countries arrived here this week-end aboard the S. S. Artza. The Iron Curtain group included 14 from Hungary, 5 from Bulgaria and 1 from Poland. The Iron Curtain immigrants said that new groups of immigrants were expected to arrive shortly.

EBAN CONFERS WITH U. N. DELEGATES ON EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TENSION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 8. (JTA) -- Lively activity was under way here today behind the scenes as the Security Council, Israel and Egypt awaited the return on Friday of Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns for a personal report about the situation along the Gaza strip border between Israel and Egypt.

Every effort was being made by Israel to broaden the scope of discussion to embrace the overall situation of conflict along Israel's borders. Abba S. Eban, chairman of the Israel delegation here, today conferred with Britain's Sir Pierson Dixon, France's Henri Hoppenot and Turkey's Selim Sarper. The latter is president of the Security Council this month. The British and French delegation chiefs are important for Israel as major partners in the West's Big Three Coalition.

Mr. Eban will talk to other members of the Security Council later this week and will attempt to obtain at least some concessions from all of the Big Three, especially Britain and the United States. The Israeli delegation chief is understood to have pointed out to those Council members with whom he has discussed the situation, that Israel's Security Council counter-resolution--now on the agenda as the second point after Egypt's Gaza complaint--spells out Egypt's responsibility for the gravity of the border conflicts.

AUSTRIA HINTS CHANGES IN COMPENSATION LAWS; MUM ON HEIRLESS PROPERTY

VIENNA, March 8. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government intends to invite a representative of the Jewish Claims Committee for new discussions on intended changes in the restitution and indemnification legislation, it was indicated here today. It was hinted that there is a willingness on the part of the government to make eventually further modifications, if the Jewish proposal will prove to be "logical."

It was also stated here today that several of the laws dealing with compensation for victims of Nazism in Austria will be altered in a way which will be more favorable to the victims. No details as to expected nature of the modification were given. On the other hand, no changes are expected on the part of the government with regard to its stand on Jewish claims for heirless property.

The Council of Ministers today decided to meet, as soon as possible, requests for certain changes in the text of forthcoming laws affecting Nazi persecutees who left Austria. The changes will be introduced in the laws concerning social insurance, the law dealing with the care of political victims, and the law concerning small pensions. Drafts of the changes which will be made in these laws will be brought to the attention of interested organizations before they receive approval by the Cabinet.

PRO-ARAB NAMED HEAD OF INSTITUTE TRAINING STATE DEPT. PERSONNEL

WASHINGTON, March 8. (JTA) -- The Department of State today announced the appointment of a leading supporter of the Arab position on the Palestine issue to be director of the U. S. Foreign Service Institute. He is Harold B. Hoskins, president of the board of the American University of Beirut, whose most recent State Department assignment was as consultant to the Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs.

Mr. Hoskins was a member of the executive committee of the "Holyland Emergency Liaison Program," an anti-Zionist propaganda organization which lost support in Congress when Gov. Christian Herter of Massachusetts described it as a group whose "political objectives" were contrary to the welfare of Israel.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles attended the ceremony which took place today when Mr. Hoskins was administered the oath of office. Mr. Hoskins will be in charge of the training of State Department employees and foreign service personnel. His appointment, the Department said, is in keeping with proposals made by a special committee formed at the request of Secretary Dulles to give career officers the proper orientation.

B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT TESTIFIES BEFORE SENATE GROUP ON U. S. AID

WASHINGTON, March 8, (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith today gave full endorsement to the aims of the technical assistance program of the United States and the manner in which this program is being carried out.

In testimony presented before the Senate subcommittee on technical assistance programs, president Philip M. Klutznick urged that such operations be continued as an aid in strengthening foreign countries against communism.

U. N. GROUP GETS REPORT ON ISRAEL'S WELFARE SERVICE TO ARAB CITIZENS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 8. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel plans on spending 1,935,000 Israeli pounds--approximately \$1,224,000--for rural health centers to serve areas inhabited predominantly by Arabs, Druzes and Bedouins. The rural center project is one of a number of other scheduled Israeli welfare and health service expansions coming before the program committee of the United Nations Children's Fund, which opens a series of sessions here tomorrow.

This year's chairman of the UNICEF program committee is a member of the Israel delegation here, Mrs. Zena Harman. However, the Israel-UNICEF collaboration preceded Mrs. Harman's election to that post--second highest in the UNICEF organization. The Israel projects, including the rural health centers, are among recommendations made to UNICEF by the group's executive director, Maruice Pate.

Mr. Pate's report recommends that UNICEF contribute \$54,000 over the next three years to help Israel in further expansion of its maternal and child welfare training and services. Against that sum, the government of Israel would spend a total of 2,546,000 Israeli pounds, approximately \$1,414,000.

UNICEF has already spent a total of \$136,800 in cash, plus other expenditures for freight and transport, to aid Israel in developing its maternal and child welfare services and training, according to Mr. Pate. The result, the UNICEF chief said, has been a decrease in Israel's infant mortality from 51.9 out of a thousand live births in 1949 to 35.8 in 1953.

Israel's aim, in this field, Mr. Pate's report shows, is the provision of complete preventive health services to the entire country. The nine rural health centers included in Mr. Pate's recommendations would be established in the Sharon Valley, in Galilee and in the Negev. Two of the centers will be in the south, in the Negev, and will serve nomadic Bedouin tribes who, according to the UNICEF chief, "are being encouraged to settle permanently in areas of their own selection."

FOUR FREIGHTERS ORDERED FOR ISRAEL IN GERMANY UNDER REPARATIONS

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- Four of the largest all-purpose freighters in the world have been ordered from a German shipyard by Cargo Ships El-Yam, Ltd., of Israel, it was reported here. The four 14,750 deadweight-ton vessels will be able to haul any type of cargo. The 14-knot, diesel-powered ships will be built in Hamburg as part of German reparations to Israel, but they will cost El-Yam a total of some \$10,000,000.

Raphael Recanati, president of the shipping concern, said completion of the company's program in 1957, would put 80,000 deadweight tons under El-Yam ownership, which would be almost half of Israel's cargo tonnage. The four new ships will be suitable for both bulk tramp trade and regular cargo liner service. Mr. Recanati said the first of the four new vessels would be delivered in November, 1956, and the others at two-month intervals thereafter.

NEW YORK MAYOR PROCLAIMS "ORT DAY"; WILL BE OBSERVED TODAY

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- The City of New York will observe tomorrow the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the ORT with a special ceremony at Times Square during which that famous section of the city will, for several hours, be re-named "ORT Square," by inserting a street sign to this effect.

Mayor Wagner of New York yesterday issued a proclamation designating March 9 as "ORT Day." The proclamation was presented by the Mayor to Mrs. Ludwig Kaphan, president of the Women's ORT, at the City Hall.

\$300,000 RAISED AT REGIONAL U. J. A. CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 8. (JTA) -- More than \$300,000 was contributed here yesterday to the United Jewish Appeal drive at the combined UJA Southland Regional Conference and New Orleans Jewish Welfare Fund kick-off dinner.

Twenty-six Jewish communities in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia and northwest Florida made the contributions. Speakers at the dinner included Robert Ainsworth, Jr., Acting Governor of Louisiana; Victor Shiro, president of the New Orleans City Council; George Jessel, and Capt. Joshua L. Goldberg, highest ranking Jewish chaplain in the Navy.

HARRY SCHNEIDERMAN HONORED BY CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- Harry Schneiderman, for nearly a half-century a writer, editor and Jewish organization executive, was honored today on his 70th birthday by more than 150 civic, educational and religious leaders at a luncheon in the Hotel Delmonico.

Now chairman of the editorial board of "Who's Who in World Jewry," Mr. Schneiderman was formerly editor of the American Jewish Year Book and an executive of the American Jewish Committee for 40 years, retiring as assistant secretary in 1948. He is author of "The Jews in American History," "Jews in Nazi Germany," and "Jewish Americans."

James Marshall, former president of the New York City Board of Education, reviewed Mr. Schneiderman's career, calling him "an outstanding example of devoted and unselfish service in the annals of contemporary Jewish life." Others who paid personal tribute to the guest of honor were Dr. Salo W. Baron, Professor of Jewish History, Columbia University; Morris Fine, editor of the American Jewish Year Book; and David Bernstein, executive secretary of the American Jewish Tercentenary.

DR. WEITZ, CHIEF OF ISRAEL'S SETTLEMENT PROGRAM, ARRIVES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Raanan Weitz, key figure of Israel's agricultural and immigration settlement programs, arrived in New York yesterday on a technical survey mission and to tour communities throughout the United States on behalf of the 1955 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal. He will make a study of newest American methods of land reclamation and technical crop production during his six-week stay in the United States. Dr. Weitz holds the post of director of the Jewish Agency's Department of Agricultural Settlement.

DR. GREENSTONE, JEWISH AUTHOR AND EDUCATOR, DIES IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, March 8. (JTA) -- The Rev. Dr. Julius H. Greenstone, educator and author, died here yesterday. He was 82. Dr. Greenstone, who joined the faculty of Gratz College here in 1905, was principal emeritus of the College since 1948. His most recent book was "Jewish Feasts and Fasts," published in 1944.