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DULLES SAYS GAZA INCIDENT CAUSED SET-BACK IN U. S. PLANS FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, March 15. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles indicated today at a press conference that the Gaza incident caused a setback to American plans to extend security consideration desired by Israel.

The Secretary was asked about the present status of high-level American-Israel talks that have been in progress for several months. As a result of Western arrangements with the Arabs, Israel has sought a guarantee of its territorial integrity and a redress of the balance of power in the region.

Mr. Dulles said a continuous and intensive study of the situation had been made with a view to finding out what, if anything, could be done to stabilize the area and establish peaceful conditions.

The U.S. studies have been made more difficult, he said, by incidents which create new conditions in the area which require the U.S. to change its time schedule or reconsider certain aspects of the matter. He explained that the State Department was dealing with a situation which is not itself static while it is dealing with it.

Therefore, he said, it is not easy to make rapid progress. However, he was hopeful that something would emerge before very long if the situation remains sufficiently quiet so that the U.S. does not have to put its plans on the shelf.

Asked by a reporter if he referred to a defense guarantee for Israel, the Secretary said he did not care to elaborate. He revealed that he and Ambassador Abba Eban had had a continuous and intensive study of the Arab-Israel situation with a view to finding out what could be done to stabilize the area and to establish peaceful conditions.

TRUCE CHIEF TO SEEK WIDER U. N. DISCUSSION OF GAZA CLASH

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 15. (JTA) -- Israel's insistence that the Security Council consider the overall, fundamental situation along its border with Egypt, when the Gaza incident debate is resumed by the Council here Thursday, will be aided very effectively in the report on that clash to be given the Council by Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, UN truce chief. That was the information obtained by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency from Gen. Burns himself when he arrived at New York's International Airport early today.

Gen. Burns revealed, in answer to questions, that his Security Council report will include specific reference to his four-point program of last November designed to help stabilize the border situation along the Gaza strip. Since Israel's counter-grievance pending before the Council now--in answer to Egypt's complaint about

"aggression"---refers to the tension existing along the Gaza frontier over a period of months, Gen. Burns' reference to his four points was seen as paving the way for Council consideration of fundamental issues---rather than restriction to an isolated outbreak like that of the night of February 28.

As far as the Gaza clash itself is concerned, Gen. Burns said, he will present to the Security Council a full report which will include photographs. But he will include also his four-point program which requests Israel and Egypt to arrange for direct contact among local border commanders, patrol of border by military cars carrying representatives of both sides as well as UN observers, erection of a barbed-wire fence along some stretches of the Israel-Egypt demarcation line, and manning of all outposts by regular military personnel from both sides.

Right now, Gen. Burns said, the situation along the Egyptian-Israel border is quiet enough to warrant his absence from the scene. The Gaza incident, he declared, "was a bad one," but there is no likelihood of the situation worsening into fullscale war. "Neither side wants it," he added.

The UN truce chief said his Council report will be factual and will deal only with past occurrences. "I intend making no recommendations for the future," he said, implying that he considers such recommendations to be within the scope of the diplomats on the Security Council. Since the Gaza clash, he said, "both sides have been exercising restraint; both have been trying to keep the peace." Gen. Burns said he had no plans to confer with United States State Department officials in charge of Middle East affairs. He had talked with British Foreign Office officials while passing through London on the way here from Jerusalem. However, Burns said, his stop in London was not for political purposes but "so that I could buy an overcoat."

Diplomats at U. N. Confer on Action by Security Council

Meanwhile, British and American diplomatic leaders here, as well as the missions representing France and Turkey, were known to be conferring about plans for some action by the Security Council after it has heard Gen. Burns' report.

Egypt was pressing for a resolution that would condemn Israel in strongest terms. Col. Saleh Gohar, head of the Arab Affairs Division of the Egyptian Foreign Ministry, arrived here yesterday, and is lobbying frantically in favor of a harsh censure resolution terming Israel an "aggressor" and, possibly, calling upon Israel to pay compensation to the "victims" of the Gaza clash and their families.

However, it is believed that, at the behest of Great Britain, the Western Big Three have agreed to be easier on Israel and to avoid the type of action demanded by Egypt and favored by some of the members of the U.S. delegation. Instead of adopting a harsh censure resolution, the feeling is now that speeches from the floor would condemn "all" aggressive tendencies, might go so far as to slap Israel on the wrist for the Gaza incident, but would wind up by demanding that "both" sides must keep the peace.

66:ARRESTED IN GAZA BY EGYPT; CHARGED WITH CONSPIRING FOR ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 15. (JTA) -- The Beirut Radio today reported the arrest by Egyptian police of 66 persons in Gaza, all of them charged with "conspiring with the Israelis" during the recent Gaza incident. Those arrested were reported transferred to Cairo for further questioning, the broadcast said.

Israel delegates attended today their first meeting of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission in two months. The Israelis have boycotted the MAC sessions because of the Syrian refusal to heed a MAC resolution calling on them to release four Israeli soldiers captured early last December.

It is understood that the UN truce staff has undertaken to make new efforts to secure the release of the four Israel prisoners. The agenda of today's meeting was to include two Israel complaints of Syrian transgression of Israel territory and two complaints filed by the Syrians.

ISRAEL READY TO TALK PEACE WITH ARABS "TOMORROW," OFFICIAL SAYS

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel is prepared "to sit down tomorrow with each and all of the Arab states" to convert into pacts of peace existing armistice agreements, it was asserted here last night by Col. Moshe Pearlman, director of the Office of Information of the Government of Israel.

The reply of the Arab states to Israel's offer for direct negotiations, Col. Pearlman stated, will be the "surest test of their sincerity and their intentions. They have an opportunity of showing to us and to the world whether they really want peace and stability in the Middle East or whether they propose to pursue their aggressive policy of murder and pillage, sowing disruption and strife, with possible explosive results in the Middle East."

The offer to negotiate was made by the Israel official, on behalf of his government, at a State of Israel Bond dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Referring to the recent clash between Egypt and Israel in the Gaza area, Col. Pearlman asserted that Middle East stability is "generally endangered by the insistence of the Arab Government in maintaining a state of war with Israel." He called upon the Security Council of the United Nations to consider the Gaza incident in the context of the "mounting series of aggressive acts conducted by the Egyptians against Israel in the last few months."

"The latest eruption on the border in which a number of Egyptian troops were killed has produced a howl from the Egyptian Government which declares a state of war but which seems unwilling to face the consequences of aggressive acts and statements," he said.

HISTADRUT DISCUSSES SITUATION OF ARAB WORKERS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 15. (JTA) -- A discussion of the situation of Arab workers in this country and a report of their merger with Histadrut was heard by the Histadrut executive here today. The executive heard a report by E. Becker that 10,500 Arab workers had joined the Israel labor federation on an individual basis. At the same time, it was reported that Histadrut had opened five clinics in Arab villages and had developed cooperatives and even monetary institutions for them.

The Hebrew University announced today the enrollment of 35 new Arab and Druze students, including the only Arab woman student studying at the university. The new Arab freshmen bring the total of such students to 53, of whom 31 are enrolled in the new Faculty of Pharmacy and two in the Faculty of Dentistry.

EGYPT SUPPLIES ANTI-ZIONIST PROPAGANDA TO ARAB PRESS IN TUNISIA

TUNIS, March 15. (JTA) -- Anti-Zionist propaganda spread by the Egyptian propaganda service in Tunisia is beginning to make its appearance to a substantial extent in the Arabic press in this country.

One of the most inflammatory articles, signed by Farid Bourguiba, a nephew of Habib Bourguiba, nationalist Neo-Destour leader in Tunisia, has appeared in "Azzohra," a newspaper already notorious for its anti-Zionist stand. The article charges Lord Balfour and President Truman with "grave responsibility before the bar of history" for their parts in the establishment of the State of Israel.

260 NORTH AFRICAN JEWS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; HOMES READY

TEL AVIV, March 15. (JTA) -- Some 260 immigrants from North Africa arrived in Israel today. They were immediately moved to homes prepared for them in new villages on the Judean Plain and in the Meggido region.

GERMAN COURT POSTPONES INDEFINITELY SLAVE LABOR TEST CASE

FRANKFURT, March 15. (JTA) -- The local Superior Court today postponed indefinitely its decision on the appeal of the IG Farben chemical empire against an important precedent-setting verdict, in which a lower court awarded back pay and damages to Jewish leader Norbert Wollheim for work performed and injuries suffered while he was a slave laborer in the synthetic rubber plant maintained by IG Farben at Buna-Monowitz.

Judge Johannes Mueller announced that the court would ask experts named by the West German Chamber of Commerce at Bonn to investigate whether IG Farben could have treated its Monowitz slave laborers better than it did. Under these circumstances the proceedings, already adjourned half a dozen times, are bound to drag on before the Superior Court for many more months.

The losing side is sure to appeal to the German Supreme Court in Karlsruhe, which is not likely to pass on the issue before 1957 or 1958. The Supreme Court, in turn, may then refer the case back to Frankfurt for retrial. The present Wollheim suit is of great significance because its final adjudication has been accepted by the IG Farben trust as binding for some 2,200 similar claims. The lower court awarded the plaintiff \$2,400 largely because IG Farben had established its plant near the Auschwitz extermination camp for the very reason that the SS administration of the latter was glad to supply a bottomless pool of cheap inmate labor.

BROTHERHOOD WEEK OBSERVED IN MANY CITIES THROUGHOUT WEST GERMANY

FRANKFURT, March 15. (JTA) -- A considerable number of meetings, broadcasts, theatrical and musical performances highlight the annual observance of "Brotherhood Week," which is now in progress under the sponsorship of Prof. Theodor Heuss, West German President, as a project of the Societies for Christian-Jewish Cooperation.

In Frankfurt, Bundestag Deputy Speaker Carlo Schmid addressed a gathering in the secularized St. Paul's Church, a shrine of German democracy. A Munich matinee featured Bavarian Minister President Wilhelm Hoegner and Bundestag Speaker Eugen Gerstenmaier. Chief Rabbi Kurt Wilhelm, of Stockholm, spoke both at Karlsruhe and in Duesseldorf, where he shared the speaker's platform with North Rhine Westphalian Premier Karl Arnold. Dr. Alfred Wiener, head of the Wiener Library in London, is to deliver talks in Bielefeld and Dortmund.

It is particularly the smaller German radio stations that have scheduled some remarkable programs. Radio Bremen carried Yiddish folk songs, as well as Max Brod's German translation of the Hebrew hit play "His Reputation Precedes Him" by Efraim Kishon.

BRITISH COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS SEEKS RETURN OF CATHOLICS

LONDON, March 15. (JTA) -- The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, told the 12th annual meeting of the British Council of Christians and Jews here today that efforts were being made to bring the Catholic Church, which several months ago withdrew from the Council, back into the organization.

"From the Roman Catholic side there is no failure to appreciate and to approve the aims and objects" for which the Council exists, Dr. Fisher said. "But the Vatican was not satisfied with some of the ways and means adopted by the Council in pursuit of those aims. Because of that dissatisfaction the resignation took place," he added.

"The Council of Christians and Jews is happy to recognize that on the Roman Catholic side there is no differing about the aims and objects of the Council and that the criticism was confined to some of its methods," the Archbishop of Canterbury emphasized.

JEWISH GROUPS TESTIFY BEFORE SENATE BODY ON SECURITY PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, March 15. (JTA) -- Major American Jewish organizations, testifying before a Senate subcommittee, called today for a commission to investigate the government loyalty-security program in an effort to end abuses and to bring the program into balance as between government security needs and civil rights of individuals. The organizations which testified today were: American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League and Jewish War Veterans.

Abraham J. Harris, former U.S. Assistant Attorney General, testifying for the American Jewish Committee, told the Senate Subcommittee on Reorganization that his organization endorsed legislation calling for a Commission on Government Security, consisting of two Senators, two House members, two representatives from the Executive branch, and six persons from private life. Mr. Harris pointed out that the Committee for many years has felt strongly the necessity for protecting America's internal security while exercising care not to destroy American civil liberties.

Mr. Harris submitted as one of the major areas for the proposed commission's concern, this question: "To what extent has the use of secret information, 'protected' witnesses, and lack of confrontation and cross examination contributed to the appearance of racial bigotry or religious bias and prejudice in charges made by concealed informants?" He also enumerated other problems which call for the attention of a Commission on Government Security.

Possibility of Anti-Semitic Motives of Accusers Cited

In a statement made by Will Maslow, on behalf of the American Jewish Congress, he called for re-assessment of the security-loyalty program and backed the proposal for a joint Congressional inquiry commission. Mr. Maslow reviewed the Chasanow, Ft. Monmouth and Ladejinsky cases and charged that the security program facilitated the operation of anti-Semitism and other prejudices at various levels.

The Chasanow and Ft. Monmouth cases suggested that flimsy charges of disloyalty, later disproved, were filed against Jews while similar evidence against other employees was not considered significant, Mr. Maslow said. Since the accused employees never learned the names of their traducers, "it was not possible to establish conclusively the anti-Semitic nature of their accusers' motivations." Hence, suspicion of anti-Semitism remains.

Mr. Maslow suggested that a bi-partisan commission would study how "opportunities for the operation of racial and religious prejudice could be effectively eliminated." The Congress statement also urged investigation of a number of other points.

Judge David A. Rose, chairman of the ADL Civil Rights Committee, told the subcommittee that a survey made by his organization pointed up the "unnecessary hardship and heartache" resulting from current security procedures. Judge Rose favored the establishment of a bi-partisan commission of Congressmen, Administration leaders and private citizens to review completely the Federal security program.

Judge Rose said there was "justification and need" for a Federal security program. However, he recommended a "workable standard" to replace the current principle that a government workers' continued employment must be, as required by the Eisenhower Executive Order, "clearly consistent with the interests of national security."

Leon Sachs, national judge advocate of the Jewish War Veterans, said recent months provided "enough proof of weaknesses of security program" to demand "that changes be forthcoming." He cited the Chasanow, Ladejinsky and Ft. Monmouth cases as example of his view "that proper safeguards for protecting the individual" are lacking in the security program.

A. D. L. CRITICIZES CONGRESSIONAL STUDY OF IMMIGRATION LAW

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith criticized today a Senate-House staff report supporting the McCarran-Walter Immigration Law as "statistical hokum." Challenging the report, Henry Edward Schultz, the League's national chairman, said it was drawn by apologists for the controversial law. He disputed the report's conclusions as being based on "invalid and unfair" comparisons.

Mr. Schultz said that the report, which was prepared by a "task force" comprising staff members of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees and was made public yesterday, "seeks to justify the present immigration law because the number of immigrants we allowed in last year was higher than that of 1953.

"The report plays up the statistic of 94,098 quota immigrants arrived here last year," the ADL leader said. "But it ignores the more pertinent figure that some 60,000 visas were unused, despite the fact that there is a tremendous unsatisfied demand for visas in many countries throughout the world. The reasons our low annual quota of 154,000 was not filled are found in the discriminatory regulations of the McCarran law. These are calculatingly stacked against immigration."

The most debilitating factor in the McCarran law, Mr. Schultz declared, was its national-origins restriction. He said the Anti-Defamation League is opposed to national-origins provisions "because their effect unquestionably is to discriminate on racial and religious grounds."

CANADIAN MEDICAL JOURNAL APOLOGIZES FOR BIASED ADVERTISEMENT

MONTREAL, March 15. (JTA) -- A protest by the National Joint Public Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the B'nai B'rith against a discriminatory advertisement in the Canadian Medical Association Journal has brought an apology from the publication, the Jewish organization revealed here today.

The NJPRC protested to the medical association against an advertisement which specified that "Protestants only apply." In reply, the editor of the journal explained that such advertisements are usually rejected but that owing to a "dislocation" of office staff the advertisement was inadvertently published.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION REPORTS \$302,732 EARNINGS FOR 1954

NEW YORK, March 15. (JTA) -- The importance of the Palestine Economic Corporation for the development of private enterprise in Israel and the furtherance of private American investment was stressed at a directors' meeting of the corporation held here today.

During 1954 the corporation raised over \$3,000,000 in new private investment capital and its enterprises in Israel are now employing approximately 5,000 people in industry, finance and agriculture, it was reported at the meeting. A dividend of 50 cents per share was declared. The corporation's 9,000 stockholders will receive approximately \$170,000 in dividends which will be paid on March 28.

Robert Szold, chairman of the board of directors, reported that the 1954 earnings of the corporation amounted to \$302,732, after taxes, as compared to \$479,188 in 1953. The income reduction was due mainly to the devaluation of the Israel pound in 1954 from \$1 to 55 cents. This devaluation reduced dollar income from Israel investments by 45 percent, although the general level of the corporation's Israel income in Israel pounds was maintained in 1954.