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ISRAEL CABINET HOLDS EMERGENCY SESSION ON EGYPTIAN ATTACKS

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet met in emergency session early this morning to consider the situation created by the long series of Egyptian border provocations culminating in last night's extended engagement in which two Israel soldiers were killed and 16 others were wounded.

After the meeting Ambassador Abba Eban, Israel delegate to the United Nations, was instructed to call for an urgent meeting of the Security Council and Mr. Sharett met with American Ambassador Edward B. Lawson for the third consecutive meeting in three days between the two statesmen.

(In Washington, State Department officials were closely observing developments today in the tense situation evolving in the wake of weekend incidents on the Israel-Egyptian frontier. Cables from U.S. observers in Israel and Egypt were carefully studied as soon as received.)

An emergency meeting of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission, scheduled to be held this morning to consider last night's 90-minute pitched battle, was cancelled. The incident commenced last night with the landmine ambushing of an Israel patrol vehicle near Nachal Oz, inside Israel territory adjoining the Gaza strip. After the car was blown up, Egyptian small arms fire and mortars opened up on the Israelis in the wreck, pinning them down. It took reinforcements armed with mortars to finally silence the Egyptian gun nests and permit the evacuation of the Israel casualties.

At its meeting today, the Cabinet considered not only the latest incident, but a series which began with the murderous attack on a wedding party at the Fatish settlement, several weeks ago. In the past two weeks attacks by Egyptian troops or infiltrators on Israel patrols or settlements have averaged in the neighborhood of three a day.

Israel Submits Complaint Against Egypt to Security Council

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 4. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council was requested today by Israel to call an urgent meeting to consider Egyptian acts of aggression which took place on the border during the last few days, resulting in a number of Israelis killed and wounded.

The Israel complaint to the Security Council was presented by Ambassador Abba Eban, head of the Israel delegation at the UN. It listed 15 cases of attacks by Egyptian regular and irregular forces since March 24 when Egyptians attacked a wedding party in the Israel settlement of Patish. Thirteen other incidents last month which took place prior to the Patish attack were also listed in the complaint.

Members of the Egyptian delegation indicated tonight that Egypt would file a counter-complaint.

BRITAIN SAYS TURKISH-IRAQI PACT HOLDS NO THREAT FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, April 4. (JTA) -- The British Parliament was assured today that there is nothing in the Turkish-Iraqi defense pact--to which Britain became a party today--which should cause anxiety to Israel or any other state in the Middle East.

The assurance came from Anthony Nutting, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, who appeared in Parliament to answer questions during the debate on British adherence to the pact. He implied that there is no obstacle to prevent Britain from concluding a separate defense pact with Israel.

"There is nothing in the pact which need threaten, weaken or cause anxiety to any state in the Middle East," Mr. Nutting told the House of Commons. "The pact is directed against no one in the area, against no state or group of states. Indeed, it respects the independence of all countries and offers a specific guarantee to any state who should accede."

Asked whether the exchange of letters between Turkey and Iraq, which is attached to the pact and against which Israel protested, did not prevent Israel's accession, Mr. Nutting replied: "Israel is not, under the existing circumstances, in a position to accede to the pact, because under Article 5, the pact is open for accession to any member of the Arab League or any other state actively concerned with the security and peace of this region; and which is fully recognized by both high contracting parties."

Mr. Nutting went on to state that the British Government believes that the Anglo-Turco-Iraqi pact will "provide for greater security for all states in the Middle East, including the State of Israel." He emphasized that "nothing prohibits us from giving to Israel the same guarantees that are available to Turkey and Iraq."

"Indeed, nothing under these arrangements in any way alters the position or responsibility or obligations of His Majesty's Government under the Tripartite Declaration," Mr. Nutting told the Parliament. "This is what I meant when I said this treaty and these arrangements are in no way incompatible with Israel's interests and threaten no one--Israel or any other state in the area."

Herbert Morrison, a member of the late Labor Cabinet, insisted that Parliament could not "exclude consideration of Israel from this debate today," in view of the growing number of treaties. He also stressed that Israel was being subjected to an economic boycott which was preventing it from getting adequate supplies from abroad. Mr. Morrison quoted Israel Premier Moshe Sharett's comment that the Turco-Iraqi pact threatened the security of Israel, and commented that Mr. Sharett's evaluation was "reasonable and fair."

Asserting that the Laborites were not "altogether happy" about the treaty, Mr. Morrison declared: "We think the government's position vis-a-vis Israel is by no means satisfactory. We would like to urge that we should be careful that we are not overly one-sided in this matter. We should still go ahead with determined efforts to bring the parties together with the view that this utterly unsatisfactory situation be brought to an end, not merely in the interests of Israel but the interests of the Arabs as well."

U.S. Does not Intend to Join Anglo-Turco-Iraqi Pact

WASHINGTON, April 4. (JTA) -- State Department sources said today that the question of the United States adhering to the British-Iraq-Turkish structure was not under active consideration here at the present time.

The reason given by these sources is that the State Department deems adequate for the time being the present American relationships with the states involved. It was pointed out that the United States has existing strong links with Britain and Turkey as well as a military grant aid agreement with Iraq.

VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY TAKES ISSUE WITH CHANCELLOR ON CLAIMS

VIENNA, April 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Emil Maurer, president of the Vienna Jewish Community, took sharp issue today with Chancellor Julius Raab over allegations made by the Chancellor in his recent radio address on the claims advanced by Jewish organizations for restitution of losses to Jews in Austria under the Nazi regime.

Dr. Maurer challenged the accuracy of a statement by Chancellor Raab to the effect that the Austrian Government had already spent 3,000,000,000 schillings for restitution. He took issue especially with the Chancellor's assertion that the government had returned 2,000,000,000 schillings worth of property stolen by the Nazis. This, Dr. Maurer said, was not compensation but merely the value of returned property--if the Chancellor's figures are accurate.

The Jewish community, Dr. Maurer said, demands that only Jews should benefit from Jewish heirless property, since only Jewish families were liquidated in their entirety. He denied the Chancellor's assertion that the Jewish demands were "intimidation," and declared that restitution and indemnification for losses suffered by the Jews did not violate--as the Chancellor charged--but vindicated the principle of equality of all citizens before the law.

Chancellor Raab's statement that the Austrian Government had spent 185,000,000 schillings in making restitution under legislation already in effect is "without foundation," the Jewish leader said. Every cent received by Jewish refugees and 5,000,000 schillings in credit came from American relief organizations and Marshall Plan funds, he asserted. At the most, he averred, the Austrian Government spent 365,000,000 schillings for aiding victims of the Nazis, and of this the Jews received only one-third.

There was no mention by the Chancellor of the sums spent for the rehabilitation of Nazis, which funds came entirely from the Austrian budget, Dr. Maurer underlined. Commenting on the oft-repeated statement by the Chancellor that Austria is not obligated to make good Nazi damages to the Jews because it is not the successor of the Nazi regime, Dr. Maurer said that consistent application of this principle brought into question its payment of pensions to disabilities suffered as a result of the war.

In conclusion, Dr. Maurer declared that there is a chance for the negotiations commencing May 5 ending in success only if the Austrian Government approximately fulfills the minimum demands of the Jewish Claims Committee. If it doesn't, he warned, it will not be able to claim that it has acted in good faith.

GENEVA PARLEY ADOPTS RECOMMENDATIONS ON COMBATting BIGOTRY

GENEVA, April 4. (JTA) -- A resolution calling for the formation of international bodies, either of United Nations specialized agencies or of governments themselves, to hear complaints on prejudice and discrimination in contravention of the UN Charter, the Declaration of Human Rights and international conventions, was adopted here today as the five-day convention of non-governmental organizations on means of eradicating prejudice and discrimination came to an end.

The decisions and recommendations reached at the parley, in which the representatives of 97 organizations participated, will be presented to the annual meeting of the UN Commission on Human Rights, which begins a 26-day session here tomorrow.

Among the other resolutions adopted today were several calling for the elimination of prejudice and discrimination through educational and legislative programs. It was decided that the next such session, which was held under the aegis of the UN Economic and Social Council, should be held within two years.

CANADIAN JEWS SEEK ADMISSION OF "HARD-CORE" IMMIGRANTS FROM EUROPE

MONTREAL, April 4. (JTA) -- A joint delegation representing the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society called on Canadian Minister for Citizenship and Immigration J. W. Pickersgill in an effort to obtain relaxation of immigration regulations pertaining to refugees and the admission of 100 families of "hard-core" immigrants from Europe, the CJC announced here.

At the meeting, the Jewish representatives stressed that the Canadian Jewish community is prepared to accept full responsibility for the "hard-core" cases and suggested that 50 families a year be admitted. The Jewish groups are also prepared to send an immigration specialist to Europe to choose those "hard-core" DP's whose adjustment possibilities in Canada would be greatest.

The Jews also urged that existing regulations on refugees be liberalized so that persons who do not have permanent domicile rights in his present country of residence be allowed to come to Canada without the necessity of being on a preferred employment qualifications list. The delegation also asked that the immigration regulation be changed so that immigrants who become public charges shall not be deported.

Mr. Pickersgill promised the delegation action on the "hard-core" cases and said he would advise the Jewish groups on the other matters raised, the CJC said.

BIBLE READING IN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS MAY BE DECIDED BY VOTERS

LOS ANGELES, April 4. (JTA) -- The question of whether Bible reading should be allowed in this state's public schools may be submitted to the people to decide by ballot at the next general election, it was disclosed today.

Last week, the State Senate Education Committee turned down a proposed Bible reading bill. Assemblyman John Collier then suggested it might be a good idea to put the proposal on the ballot. Jewish and other religious groups as well as a teachers association opposed the bill.

SO. AFRICAN GOVERNMENT GREET'S OPENING OF ISRAEL PAVILION AT FAIR

JOHANNESBURG, April 4. (JTA) -- Official greetings of the South African Government were delivered today at the opening of the Israel Pavilion at the Rand Easter Show--South Africa's biggest trade fair--by J.S. Theron, Secretary of Commerce.

Mr. Theron said that his Government welcomed Israel's entry into South African markets. "We wish Israel an honored place in our import trade," he said. "They are turning out quality goods and we're happy to have them share in the South African market. You have only a modest stand now, but we hope that within a few years your country will be represented by a big pavilion."

The Israel stand was opened by Johannesburg's Mayor George Beckett, who said it was gratifying that Israel participation in last year's Rand Show encouraged her to make a reappearance this year on a more advanced scale. "I hope," said Mayor Beckett, "that Israel's fine exhibit will attract the interest of our citizens and lead to reciprocal trade to the mutual benefit of both countries."

Israel Consul General Ephraim Eylon expressed Israel's appreciation of the close ties and sympathy between the two countries and also expressed the hope that they would be cemented by such reciprocal trade. The Israel pavilion exhibits a wide range of Israel manufactured goods. Three Israel businessmen are present at the showing to promote trade.

U. S. LABOR ZIONISTS TO HOLD NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- A two-day national Labor Zionist Assembly, at which plans will be mapped for future activities of the Labor Zionist movement in the United States and Canada, will open in New York on April 30, it was announced here today.

The Assembly, which will be attended by about 700 delegates from all parts of the country, is organized jointly by the Labor Zionist Organization of America-Poale Zion; the Farband Labor Zionist Order; the Pioneer Women's Organization, and the Labor Zionist Youth - Habonim. The opening session will be devoted to a consideration of Israel's political situation and Labor Zionism's political efforts on behalf of the Jewish State.

Immigration to Israel from the U.S. and Canada will be one of the major topics of the Assembly, which will be addressed by a leader of the Labor Zionist movement in Israel. Baruch Zuckerman, member of the Jewish Agency executive in New York and chairman of the Labor Zionist movement's Aliyah Committee, will present a series of proposals designed to increase immigration to Israel from North America. The proposals will deal with the possibility of having about 1,000 families from the United States settle in Israel in the next few years.

The Assembly will also discuss the Labor Zionist representation at the next Zionist Congress in Jerusalem in May 1956, as well as an evaluation of Labor Zionism's half-century in the U.S. The shekolim campaign will be planned with the purpose of surpassing the 175,000 shekolim sold by the movement for the last Zionist Congress in 1951. The Assembly will be closed at a festive celebration and concert at Carnegie Hall on Sunday evening, May 1, marking the Golden Anniversary of Labor Zionism in America.

LABOR ZIONISTS HOLD CONFERENCE FOR U. J. A. IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, April 4. (JTA) -- "Leaders of the free world, out of a desire to strengthen the Middle East against aggression and subversion, are putting arms into the hands of the avowed enemies of Israel, indeed the avowed enemies of democracy," Reuven Shiloah, Israel's Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, declared here at a conference of 300 Labor Zionists from California, Arizona and Texas which marked the opening of the West Coast 1955 United Jewish Appeal drive.

Emphasizing that "Israel today stands as a democratic island in a non-democratic Arab sea," Mr. Shiloah drew attention to the fact that Israel is the only country in an area covering millions of square miles where the government is elected by the people. "We have raised and trained a defense force which is a source of strength and pride to freedom-loving people all over the world," he reported.

\$250,000 RAISED FOR U. J. A. AT EASTERN SEABOARD CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, April 4. (JTA) -- A total of \$250,000 was raised for the United Jewish Appeal here yesterday at a UJA Eastern Seaboard leadership conference.

Yaacov Shimoni, counsellor of the Israel Embassy here, declared that tension along Israel's borders is "basically an outcrop of the absence of preparedness for peace and could be resolved only by peace." Mr. Shimoni criticized those "who were so eager to condemn and to judge" Israel in the current border situation for their having failed "to suggest a method of dealing effectively with the ever present menace of the war of attrition waged by the Arabs on the frontiers."

NEW ISRAEL MINISTER TO URUGUAY ARRIVES IN MONTEVIDEO

MONTEVIDEO, April 3. (JTA) -- A large crowd of Uruguayan Jews, including representatives of the Jewish organizations and institutions, was waiting at the airport here when Matatiahua Kindes, new Israel Minister to Montevideo, arrived. He was officially greeted by Mario Mendez Rivas, Uruguayan Chief of Protocol.