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ISRAEL ASKS NEW EMERGENCY SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION ON GAZA

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 11. (JTA) -- Israel pressed the United Nations Security Council today for another "urgent" meeting on its complaint against Egyptian armistice violations along the Gaza strip border.

Taking full advantage of a report by the Egyptian-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission yesterday which condemned Egypt for the Nahal Oz aggression of a week ago, Abba S. Eban, chairman of the Israel delegation and his deputy, Mordecai R. Kidron, came to United Nations headquarters this morning to follow through vigorously on Israel's request that censure against Egypt be voted by the Security Council.

Ambassador Eban and Mr. Kidron conferred for forty minutes with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. While they refused, upon leaving Mr. Hammarskjold's office, to discuss the details of their conversation with the Secretary General, they did admit that the entire Egyptian-Israel border situation "was reviewed" at the conference.

MAC Substantiates Israel Position, Eban Says

Mr. Eban is understood to have pointed out to Mr. Hammarskjold that the MAC decision on Nahal Oz provides full substantiation of Israel's grievance against Egypt as voiced by the Israel representative at last week's Security Council meeting.

The MAC report and a full statement of the situation he found upon his return to the Palestine trouble area have been sent to the Security Council by Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the organization's truce supervision apparatus. In that report, the Egyptian-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission is quoted as having ruled that Israel was guilty only of a "technical violation" by firing at Egyptian troops in the Nahal Oz area--but only in defense against aggression and in an effort to extricate Israel wounded, who had been pinned down by Egyptian fire. Mr. Eban is understood to have pointed out that the use of the phrase "technical violation"--the first time such a phrase has ever been used in a MAC decision--exonerates Israel fully in this instance.

(In a statement issued at UN headquarters in Jerusalem yesterday Gen. Burns admonished both parties that the incidents in the Gaza area had "resulted in a deteriorating situation that can and should be ended." He called upon Israel and Egypt to exercise firm control over their forward troops so as to avoid acts of provocation or retaliation.)

The Israel delegation chief and his deputy went from Mr. Hammarskjold's office to the office of Arkady A. Sobolev, of the Soviet delegation, this month's council

president. They presented a formal letter to Mr. Sobolev asking that he bring the Council together "urgently."

The letter to Mr. Sobolev, signed by Mr. Eban, pointed out that since the last meeting of the Council the Mixed Armistice Commission had "substantively upheld" the Israel complaint and had "expressed concern at these repeated and continuous acts of aggression against Israel by Egypt." Mr. Eban noted that the MAC decision had "vindicated" the report of the situation which he had presented to the last Council session.

Since then, the Eban letter pointed out, the MAC had condemned Egypt for two further violations and had been called into emergency session by Israel for yet another attack on an Israel patrol, in which two Israel soldiers died. He also cited a series of incidents of lesser importance, all involving infiltration or unprovoked firing from Egyptian territory in the Gaza strip. "The tension created by Egyptian assaults is mounting, and the armistice is gravely threatened," Mr. Eban wrote.

One of the requests made by the Israel delegates, in the representations to the Secretary General and the Security Council president, was that the members of the Council be provided with copies of all MAC resolutions resulting from the various sessions held by MAC since March 26.

In addressing the Council last week, Mr. Eban had said: "Of the 16 serious incidents between March 26 and April 3, at least 11 have involved action by Egyptian armed units." Egypt's Council representative, Dr. Omar Louffi, sneered at that assertion, implying that there was no evidence from the armistice commission pointing to the truth of Mr. Eban's charges. Mr. Eban hopes that the Council will have copies of the MAC resolutions, in substantiation of the truth of Israel's charges.

BEN GURION SEES NO SECURITY IN EDEN'S "GUARANTEES"

TEL AVIV, April 11. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, Defense Minister of Israel, declared here last night that he did not feel any more secure, as Defense Minister, after then British Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden's statement in Commons last week on Britain's guarantees to Israel.

Addressing a mass meeting sponsored by a youth group, Mr. Ben Gurion insisted that the only guarantee that could have value for Israel was one consisting of binding declarations by both parties.

(In London, the Conservative weekly, "Spectator," commenting on Sir Anthony's pledge in Commons that Britain would--if desired--underwrite any Israel-Arab settlement, declared that "in the foreseeable future this promise amounts to little" because no settlement was likely. It also disputed Sir Anthony's assertion that Israel had taken the news of the Iraqi-Turkish pact "calmly.")

FORMER FRENCH PREMIER CITES FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN ISRAEL, FRANCE

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- Former French Premier Robert Schumann told newsmen here today that the "skies of Israel-French friendship are clear of any clouds." He made the statement after he crossed into Israel through the Mandelbaum Gate with a party of nearly 300 Catholic pilgrims for a three-day visit to various shrines and historical sites.

M. Schumann told newsmen of his close cooperation with Israel Prime Minister Moshe Sharett in United Nations deliberations before the establishment of the State of Israel. He added that he was still very much interested in Jewish-Christian cooperation and was particularly interested in modern Israel.

Knesset Speaker Yosef Sprinzak tendered a luncheon today in honor of Belgian leader Camille Huysmans. The luncheon, which was attended by members of the Cabinet, Knesset and Foreign Office, heard Mr. Sprinzak pay tribute to M. Huysmans for his devotion to Zionism and his efforts on behalf of Israel. In his reply, the Belgian statesman hailed Zionism's human achievements and pledged his continued assistance.

ASIAN CONFERENCE HITS ISRAEL AS WEST'S 'TOOL' AGAINST ARABS

LONDON, April 11. (JTA) -- An unofficial conference of delegates from twelve Asian countries meeting in New Delhi closed yesterday with an accusation that the West was exerting pressure "especially through Israel and Turkey, to coerce the Arab countries into joining military blocs," it was reported here today.

The New Delhi meeting, which was described in dispatches from New Delhi as "Communist dominated," passed a resolution condemning the "aggressive policy of the ruling circles of Israel" and supporting Arab refugees in "their right to return to Palestine." The resolution against Israel was one of a number of resolutions hitting at the West in general, and the United States in particular.

Israel Excluded from Trade Parley in Japan

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- Israel's exclusion from the Bandung conference of African and Asian nations to be held in the Indonesian city from April 18-25 will be followed by another snub, it was reported here from Tokyo this weekend. Japan has invited a delegation of Middle East states to come to Tokyo for a parley to be devoted to promoting Japanese trade with the Middle East, but has not invited Israel.

Japan invited leaders of eight Middle Eastern nations to visit Japan after the close of the Bandung conference, including Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Libya, and Iran. Syria was sounded out, but declined. The purpose of the gesture, Japanese Foreign Office sources said, was to promote friendly relations as well as trade between Japan and the Middle East region.

40,000 IN JERUSALEM HONOR MARTYRS; PRESIDENT HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- Forty thousand pilgrims from all parts of the country converged on Mt. Zion today in special trains and buses to offer prayers in memory of Jews martyred by the Nazis and to pray for the well-being of Israel.

President Itzhak Ben Zvi's house was open to the public today and thousands of those who made the pilgrimage to Mt. Zion went there afterward to wish him a merry holiday. They were entertained by two bands. The houses of both the Ashkenazi and Sephardic Chief Rabbis were also open to the public and many of the pilgrims visited them as well.

ISRAEL NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- Rumanian authorities are studying the possibility of easing immigration restrictions for persons with close relatives in Israel, according to circles close to the Rumanian Government. Following receipt here of this information, a committee was set up with facilities for handling cases in three categories--husband and wife, parents of children in Israel, and children of parents in Israel. For the time being, no relaxation of restrictions with regard to brothers and sisters is expected.

TEL AVIV, April 11. (JTA) -- The pipeline which provides water for Kibbutz Shamir in Upper Galilee was blocked by Syrian infiltrators last night, and part of a water pump was stolen. Israel has complained to the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission about the incident.

TEL AVIV, April 11. (JTA) -- Four Arab juvenile students in a Nazareth secondary school, who were suspended from school because of their constant agitation among fellow students against military control, have crossed the border into Jordan. Their parents, who reported them missing to the Israel police, asked Israel authorities to instruct the Israel delegation to the Mixed Armistice Commission to demand their return.

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- A delegation of founders and sponsors of the America-Israel Society, headed by Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, will represent the Society at Independence Day ceremonies in Jerusalem on April 27.

CORSI WILL NOT BE REPLACED IN POST AS IMMIGRATION ADVISER

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- The State Department has no plans to replace Edward J. Corsi as special aide to the Secretary of State on immigration matters and as expeditor of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, a Department spokesman indicated today. He said he knew of no intention to increase the staff to facilitate the movement of refugees to this country under the 1953 act.

Mr. Corsi was summarily dropped this weekend on the grounds that his appointment had originally been for a 90-day period which had now expired. The former Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization rejected the offer of a substitute position involving a survey of Latin American immigration policies.

In a letter to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, rejecting this assignment, Mr. Corsi said that America's immigration and refugee program "needs to be entrusted in the hands of men who have faith in humanity, who honestly believe that America has a responsibility toward the victims of war and persecution in the world. I am not convinced that it is now in the hands of such men."

He told Mr. Dulles that "the program will not work until you and the Administration are willing to rescue it from the grip of an intolerant minority both in Congress and within the Department itself which believes that in this world there are superior and inferior races. These people are sabotaging the program and have brought about my elimination from its administration."

He said new and vigorous leadership is needed to rescue the program both in Washington and in field offices. "But more than this, Mr. Secretary," he said, "more than administrative energy and leadership, the program needs heart."

Meanwhile, the Administration stood accused today of having made a deal to abandon revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act to secure passage of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

Cabell Phillips, a Washington correspondent of the New York Times, writing in the current issue of Harper's Magazine, assailed "that phony refugee law" and charged that "seldom has there been a more calculated piece of legislative hypocrisy than the Refugee Relief Act of 1953." The law, he said, stands on the books as "a national disgrace."

Reporting on the sidetracking of the attempt to revise the McCarran-Walter Act, the article said: "... It was clear to Republican leaders, particularly in the Senate, that efforts to get such a revision would provoke a bitter and probably losing fight. They laid this dilemma before the President, it now appears, and urged that if he would forego his insistence on softening the McCarran-Walter Act, they would undertake to get, in exchange, some sort of special legislation for refugees."

What they then emerged with was the refugee entry act, the article noted, adding: "This, at least, they argued, would quiet the minority groups who were doing all the shouting. The President apparently agreed to this substitution in good faith; he probably did not know he was swapping something for nothing. At all events, nothing more was heard about revising the McCarran-Walter Act."

(President Eisenhower was urged today to reinstate Edward F. Corsi to his post as State Department expeditor of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 in a telegram from former Justice Meier Steinbrink, honorary national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. In a parallel development, five Protestant and Jewish leaders protested the dismissal to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, was one of the signatories to the message asking Mr. Dulles for a public explanation of the dismissal.)

U. N. POLL FINDS GREAT OPPOSITION TO CALENDAR REFORM PROJECT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 11. (JTA) -- All but one of the countries from which United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold has had replies to an inquiry he made about their attitude toward proposed world calendar reform are either opposed to the idea or lukewarm, with heavy reservations. The only voice favoring the idea so far came from the principality of Monaco.

Both the United States and Britain oppose world calendar reform. Israel has sent a letter disagreeing very sharply with the idea. Several Latin American states favor discussing the idea, but only if the Vatican has a voice in any suggestions aimed at changing the Gregorian calendar, which is observed by Roman Catholics throughout the world.

MONTREAL, April 11. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has called on the Dominion Government to oppose the move in the United Nations to institute world calendar reform through the "blank day device," which would un-fix the position of the Sabbath in the week. In a letter to Minister of External Affairs Lester B. Pearson, CJC president Samuel Bronfman declared that the interruption of the traditional continuity of the week would bring "confusion into the religious and social life of Jews" and would negate "ancient cultural and historical values."

IMPORTANCE OF YIDDISH LANGUAGE IN JEWISH CULTURE STRESSED

MONTREAL, April 11. (JTA) -- Insistence on the centrality of the Yiddish language in the continuity of Jewish culture was the theme of various speakers here at a cultural session of the week-long third world conference of the Bund. Delegates and guests at the Bund parley include representatives from the United States, Canada, Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico, Australia and France.

Finchos Schwartz, director of the Yiddish Scientific Institute (YIVO), called for a broad united front of all Jewish organizations for the advancement of Yiddish and Hebrew language and literature and for strengthening Jewish culture throughout the world. All who recognize human dignity, he said, must help to advance Jewish culture.

CANADIAN JEWS MEET WITH HOTEL OWNERS TO MAP FIGHT AGAINST BIAS

MONTREAL, April 11. (JTA) -- The National Joint Public Relations Committee of Canada has met with representatives of hotel owners in British Columbia to work out a program of education designed to end discrimination in places of public accommodation, it was revealed here by the NJPRC, which consists of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the B'nai B'rith.

At a recent meeting between representatives of the Jewish committee and the executive committee of the British Columbia Hotel Owners Association it was agreed by the latter that they would appoint a special committee to help work out a policy in eliminating discrimination and a program of education.

FIRST HEBREW BOOK EXHIBIT TO TOUR COUNTRY

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- The first Hebrew book exhibit of major Israel publishers will open its cross-country tour at Congregation Shearith Israel (Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue) here on April 24, it was announced today. The tour, sponsored by the Histadruth Ivrit of America and the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency, will show Israel's latest contributions to modern literature.

U. J. A. CITES MAXWELL RABB, CABINET SECRETARY, FOR SERVICES

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal of Greater Washington has presented a citation to Maxwell M. Rabb, Secretary of the Cabinet, in recognition of Mr. Rabb's position as chairman of the UJA Government Division during the last two years.