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BEN GURION REPORTS TO ISRAEL CABINET ON CLASHES IN GAZA AREA

JERUSALEM, May 23. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, Israel's Defense Minister, reported to the Cabinet today on the recent incidents in the Gaza area which have heightened tension between Egypt and Israel. The Cabinet also heard a report on the regional water development project negotiated by Ambassador Eric Johnston, who is expected to visit Israel and the Arab countries involved next month.

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO PROTEST AGAINST ISRAEL'S "REPRISAL POLICY"

WASHINGTON, May 23. (JTA) -- The State Department has instructed Ambassador Edward Lawson to protest to Israel Prime Minister Moshe Sharett against Israel's announced reprisal action in the Gaza vicinity, it was learned here today.

State Department sources, meanwhile, indicated that the U.S. Government feels the most recent Gaza incident and Israel's alleged "reprisal policy" is preventing a reappraisal of American Near Eastern policy along the lines sought by Israel.

Suggestions by Zionist leaders that the United States conclude a security pact with Israel are now being discussed within the State Department with departmental circles beginning to advance a view that Israel, to enhance its chances for such consideration, must abandon what the department feels is a "negative policy of reprisals."

It is suggested by State Department officials that Israel cannot realistically expect a pact or special security considerations when it allegedly does not see fit to follow American suggestions on regional peace including the fundamental State Department position on reprisals.

Five-Point Program on U.S. Middle East Policy Presented

WASHINGTON, May 23. (JTA) -- A five-point program for an American Middle East policy to promote democratic development and defense in the area was presented here to Illinois members of Congress by a group of Jewish leaders from Chicago representing various Jewish organizations. The program was later brought to the attention of the House together with a communication from the American Christian Palestine Committee in Chicago expressing "strong basic agreement" with the proposals.

The five-point program covered arms, economic aid, Arab-Israel peace negotiations, regional development projects and an American-Israel defense pact. Representative Barrat O'Hara, raising the issue on the floor of the House, said that the American Christian Palestine Committee regards the American policy of arming Arab nations as "a serious mistake" because it represents "a threat to Israel, a disservice to the Arab peoples themselves, and an invitation to Communism to breed on the increased area tensions that the arms will inevitably generate."

The Jewish delegation, consisting of 11 members led by Rabbi Morton M. Berman, chairman of the American Zionist Council of Illinois, said: "We regard as indefensible the shipment of arms by the United States to Iraq in the light of Iraq's continuous avowals of hostility to Israel. The argument that arms shipped to Iraq do not go to a state directly bordering Israel provides no reassurance that Iraq will not share those arms with its Arab allies in their threatened assault upon Israel."

On economic aid, the delegation said: "We regard the publicly announced further possible reduction of aid to Israel and other Middle Eastern countries as unwarranted and ill-considered in the face of the marked need to raise living standards and to bolster morale and resistance to Communist subversion and penetration."

The greatest contribution to peace and stability in the Middle East could be effected by a mutual defense agreement between the United States and Israel, the delegation stated. The Illinois members of Congress whom the delegation addressed, included: Sen. Paul H. Douglas and Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, and Representatives James B. Bowler, Charles A. Boyle, Robert B. Chipperfield, Marguerite Stitt Church, William L. Dawson, Thomas S. Gordon, Kenneth J. Gray, Richard I. Hoffman, John C. Kluczynski, Peter F. Mack, Jr., James C. Murray, Thomas J. O'Brien, Barratt O'Hara, Melvin Price, Chauncey W. Reed, Timothy P. Sheehan, Harold H. Melde and Charles W. Vursell.

ISRAEL ENVOY ASKS U.S. JEWS TO HELP COUNTERACT ARAB BOYCOTT

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- "Any isolation of Israel - political, military or economic - would be a disastrous loss to the democratic camp," declared Reuven Shiloah, Israel Minister Plenipotentiary in the United States, addressing the first meeting of the board of governors of the reorganized Israel Bond Organization which was held here yesterday. He emphasized that the sale of Israel bonds in the United States is an important factor in strengthening Israel's economy.

Pointing out that economic isolation for Israel is as dangerous as political or military isolation, Mr. Shiloah said: "The Arab states understand this fully. That is why they are seeking to intensify the boycott of Israel, which they have been carrying on ever since the end of open hostilities. The best way to counteract Israel's economic isolation is a program of intensified economic upbuilding. In this effort, Israel Development Bonds play a decisive role."

"Under the impact of Israel bond investments," Mr. Shiloah continued, "Israel is making historic strides toward economic independence, toward the level of industrial and agricultural achievement which will make the Arab boycott a less and less serious matter. For example, exports have risen in value from \$44,200,000 in 1952 to \$88,100,000 in 1954. These are most significant figures, because they reflect the way in which Israel bonds are helping Israel improve her balance of payments and develop a higher level of economic independence.

"Through the stimulation of Israel bond investments, industrial production has risen since 1950 from \$540,000,000 to \$871,000,000. Agricultural production has increased from \$183,300,000 to \$303,900,000 during the same period. National income has grown from 340,000,000 Israel pounds to 1,426,000,000 Israel pounds. Additional roads and railways are being built, mineral resources are being exploited, electric power production is being greatly increased.

"Israel bonds have become the largest single source of capital investment for the development of Israel's economy. The continued availability of Israel bond dollars will mean far more than economic growth as such. It will mean a better life for the people of the country - an opportunity for them to find security and to make an outstanding contribution to the emergence of a more creative society," Mr. Shiloah concluded.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY CALLS FOR A BILATERAL BRITISH-ISRAEL PACT

LONDON, May 23. (JTA) -- A request that the British Government should enter into a bilateral security pact with Israel similar to the agreements between Britain and some of the Arab governments is voiced by the British Labor Party in the current issue of its official organ, "Fact." The request comes on the eve of the Parliamentary elections this Thursday.

"A bilateral agreement between the United Kingdom and Israel comparable to those into which the United Kingdom has entered with some of the Arab states would bring greater stability to the Middle East and provide an inducement for a settlement between Israel and the Arab states," the Labor Party organ states. "The government points to the existence of the Tripartite Declaration of 1950 with its guarantees against the use of force or threat of force in the area and its opposition to the development of an arms race. Undoubtedly that Declaration is valuable, but it applies equally to the Arab states and Israel. In addition, there are bilateral agreements between Britain and Egypt, Jordan and Iraq. It may be questioned whether under these arrangements the balance of military strength is not being tilted against Israel."

"So long as the Arab states are reluctant to accept the existence of the State of Israel as a fact, anxiety will persist in Israel and will be exploited by Israel activists," the article points out. "So long as there is no settlement, there is danger of recurrent border incidents. An Anglo-Israel agreement would not only be conducive to an Israel-Arab settlement, but would provide a real addition of strength in the Middle East. It would enable Britain to exercise her full influence both with the Arab states and Israel to bring about agreement on the vexed problems of refugees, frontiers and water supplies or, bases on which there could develop fruitful and lasting cooperation, from which all the countries in the area would benefit."

ISRAEL NAVAL VESSEL REACHES ITALY, CADETS AND CREW HONORED

ROME, May 23 (JTA) -- The Israel naval vessel Misgav arrived at the Italian port of Leghorn with 30 cadets of the Israel Navy. The cadets, completing a three-year training course with this cruise, visited ports in South Africa, Gold Coast and Liberia, before steaming into Leghorn. In Liberia, the President paid a visit to the vessel, accompanied by members of the diplomatic corps.

The cadets and crew of the Misgav attended services in the Leghorn synagogue Saturday and then received a visit from the Italian Admiral in charge of the port, who later gave the cadets and Israel Minister Eliahu Sasson a luncheon. The cadets visited Florence and Pisa and were guests of honor last night at a dance by the Italian Naval Academy. Today, officials of the city were guests of the commander of the Misgav at a shipboard cocktail party. The vessel departs for Haifa tomorrow.

U. S. JEWISH LEADERS DISCUSS RESTITUTION WITH BERLIN MAYOR

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- A delegation of the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, the organization responsible for the recovery of heirless Jewish assets in Germany, met here with Lord Mayor of Berlin. Dr. Otto Suhr, before his departure for Berlin, to urge speedy conclusion of a settlement of the claims of the Jewish successor organizations in Berlin. Negotiations with the Berlin government to bring about such a settlement have been pending for more than two years.

Mayor Suhr promised to give immediate attention to this matter upon his return to Berlin tomorrow. The delegation was encouraged by the attitude shown by Mayor Suhr in this matter.

The delegation was headed by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the JRSO, and included Moses Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Maurice M. Bookstein, general counsel of the Jewish Agency. Kurt Grossman and Saul Kagan, secretary of the JRSO, accompanied the delegation. Dr. Paul Hertz, Minister of Economics for Berlin, participated with Mayor Suhr.

CONVENTION OF COMMUNAL WORKERS DISCUSSES JEWISH EDUCATION

ATLANTIC CITY, May 23. (JTA) -- "Education remains the matrix of Jewish survival in America" under the conditions set for it by the American scene and the American idea, Dr. Horace Kallen told the 57th annual convention of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service which is being held at the Ambassador Hotel here. The Conference represents professional workers in social agencies, community centers, educational institutions and community organizations in more than 100 cities in the U. S. and Canada. Twelve hundred delegates are in attendance at the sessions.

In his call for increased Jewish education of the American Jew, Dr. Kallen cited its universal values as the only effective cure for isolation, fanaticism, intolerance, and aggression against difference merely because it is different. The education required, he said, "is the education which leads from reciprocal understanding to mutual respect, from mutual respect to equal participation in the diverse responsibilities of communion and community."

Opening the Conference, whose theme is "On the threshold of the fourth century of Jewish life in America - retrospect and prospect," Dr. Judah Pilch, leading Jewish educator and chairman of the Conference, said: "At the dawn of the fourth century in the history of the American Jewish community, we, the thousands who lay claim to the proud title of 'community servant' must discharge the responsibility inherent in the very nature of our profession - to conceive of our competencies and skills not solely in terms of meeting immediate and specific needs, but also as means to be used for the furtherance and implementation of the social goals and values basic in Jewish tradition and American democracy."

Tying the voluntary contributions which support all the agencies and institutions represented in the National Conference to the degree of education, Dr. Kallen said: "Hopes of favors and fears of displeasure aside, a contribution is an act of faith, an expression of personal commitment to an end and a cause, and of confidence in the men and methods engaged in realizing it. The vital fact in every freewill offering is the giver's commitment to what he gives to; it is the strength of his faith and the scope of his knowledge. And these follow, first and last, from the range and the depth of his education."

"Only modern, democratized, continuous Jewish education can freely induce and nurture the commitment," he continued. "Whatever future the Jewish communities of our United States are likely to come into will follow from the content, the methods, the meanings of the education received not only by the generations as they grow up but also as they grow old. Whatever be the community or the culture, its vital center is education as both the end and the means of its existence and growth."

CONVENTION OF JEWISH EDUCATORS DECIDES ON SCHOOL STANDARDS

ATLANTIC CITY, May 23. (JTA) -- Educators attending the annual convention here of the National Council for Jewish Education were urged today to accept leadership posts in their various communities in order to help mold Jewish community life. In a resolution adopted at the closing session of the conference, the educators were asked to help guide Jewry as it begins its fourth century of life in America.

The conference decided to formulate a set of standards for accrediting Hebrew schools and appointed a commission to draft standards. Another resolution called for a national conference in the Fall, in cooperation with the American Association for Jewish Education, the lay body associated with the National Council, to consider the problem of Jewish teacher shortage. All forces in the community will be drawn into this conference.

Dr. David Rudavsky, executive director of the Bureau of Jewish Education of Essex County, N. J., was re-elected president of the National Council today. Vice-presidents include Dr. Joseph Diamond, educator of Toronto, Yudel Mark, educator of New York, Hillel Henkin, educator of New Haven, Conn., and Dr. Israel Naamani, educator of Louisville, Ky.

SEN. LEHMAN CRITICIZES FAILURE OF U.S. TO RATIFY GENOCIDE PACT

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman criticized the Eisenhower Administration here last night for failing to urge the Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention Against Genocide, despite promises to do so. The Senator called this inaction "shameful" and called upon the Senate to show its moral "determination" by moving toward passage of the convention.

Sen. Lehman spoke at Town Hall at an observance of the 37th anniversary of the proclamation of the Republic of Armenia. He drew a parallel between the history of the Armenian and Jewish peoples, noting that both had retained their traditions and cultures despite constant dispersion.

FORMER PRESIDENT OF FRANCE CONFERS WITH JEWISH LEADERS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- Vincent Auriol, former President of France, left for Washington today after conferring with prominent American Jewish leaders over the week-end at a luncheon tendered in his honor by the World Jewish Congress at the Hotel Plaza here. M. Auriol noted that he had entered public life more than 50 years ago when he joined Emile Zola and others during the Dreyfus Affair. Since that time, the French leader asserted, "I have always worked against racialism and fought to preserve human dignity, because no peace is possible if racialism is rampant."

The former French President paid tribute to Israel, noting that the people of that country had demonstrated to the world what obstacles could be surmounted in building a state through sufficient faith and courage. Dr. Israel Goldstein, who presided, expressed the appreciation of the American Jewish community to the French Government and people for their "friendship and understanding for Israel."

DR. GOLDMANN PAYS TRIBUTE IN LONDON TO LATE PROF. BRODETSKY

LONDON, May 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann was the principal speaker here last night at a dinner for the Brodetsky Memorial Fund which aims to establish a forest in Israel bearing the name of Prof. Selig Brodetsky, the late world Zionist leader and president of the Hebrew University. Part of the Fund will also be used for the endowment of a Brodetsky ward in an Israel hospital and for the creation of a scholarship in memory of Prof. Brodetsky.

Paying tribute to Prof. Brodetsky, Dr. Goldmann said that the late Zionist leader represented in himself the same synthesis of tradition and organization as does the modern Zionist movement. "Modern Zionism," Dr. Goldmann stated, "was a synthesis of the old Jewish idea of return and the attempt to give it modern European organizational form; a synthesis, too, of East European Jewry, with all its heritage of Jewish tradition, culture, and the blessings of modern European civilization. Selig Brodetsky was a great representative of this synthesis. He also believed it would be possible to implement, in the new society of Israel, the great central ideas of Jewish religion and culture."

RECONSTRUCTIONIST FELLOWSHIP OF CONGREGATIONS LAUNCHED IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- Four synagogues from three different states joined here yesterday in launching the Reconstructionist Fellowship of Congregations, the first time in the 30 years that the Reconstructionist philosophy has been expounded that a move was made to form an organization based on this viewpoint.

The four congregations, and any others which join the fellowship in the future, will retain their national synagogue body affiliations. The four are: Society for the Advancement of Judaism of New York, site of the conference at which the fellowship was launched; Niles Township Jewish Congregation, Skokie, Illinois; Temple Sinai, Buffalo, N. Y., and Temple Beth El Zedek, Indianapolis. Louis Borins of Buffalo was named president of the fellowship.

JEWS CELEBRATE TERCENTENARY ON NEW YORK'S LOWER EAST SIDE

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- The contributions of the Jews of the Lower East Side of New York to the American scene were memorialized here yesterday at a mass meeting at Straus Square, in the heart of the area. The rally, which drew 8,000 to 10,000 persons, was part of the observance of the American Jewish Tercentenary.

Among the principal speakers at the meeting, which was presided over by Judge Jacob J. Goldstein, were: Rep. Arthur G. Klein; Alexander Kahn, manager of the Jewish Daily Forward; S. Dingol, editor of the Day-Jewish Morning Journal; Judge Jacob Panken; Justice Jacob Markowitz; Nathan Chanin, general secretary of the Workmen's Circle, and Joseph Scholossberg, secretary-treasurer emeritus of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

U. J. A. RECEIVES \$120,000 IN CONTRIBUTIONS IN N. Y. RESORT AREA

GROSSINGER, N. Y., May 23. (JTA) -- Forty communities in the Catskill Mountain area and vicinity advanced more than \$120,000 in cash yesterday to the nationwide United Jewish Appeal at a day-long Catskill zone conference held here, it was announced by Paul Grossinger, U. J. A. area chairman and Dave Levenson, Ellenville area co-chairman.