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STATE DEPT. CONCERNED OVER EGYPTIAN-ISRAEL FRICTION IN GAZA AREA

WASHINGTON, June 2. (JTA) -- State Department circles today indicated concern over reports of continuing friction in the Gaza area on the Israel-Egyptian demarcation line. Close attention is being paid by departmental officials to developments.

Word was received by cable from Cairo today that Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, met with Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser yesterday for 45 minutes. They discussed means of easing tension along the frontier in the Gaza vicinity.

U. N. Seeks to Arrange Direct Talks Between Egypt and Israel

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 2. (JTA) -- The United Nations has been making "intense" efforts to bring about an end to the conflicts between Israel and the Arab states, and specifically to try to arrange direct talks between Israel and Egypt, Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold said here today. These efforts are continuing, Mr. Hammarskjold said, and he hopes to visit the Middle East himself some time early in 1956 to intervene personally.

"The situation in the Middle East," he declared at a press conference, "puts a heavy responsibility on our shoulders here and on the shoulders of our people on the scene. We are trying to develop that responsibility by continuing to maintain very close contact with the representatives in the field and the governments concerned, and we are trying to exert every effort to stabilize the situation. So far the results of our intense efforts are such that I would not say that they make me very happy. And I would not say that they have been very encouraging."

Queried about the visit of Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, UN truce chief in Palestine, to Col. Abdel Gamal Nasser, Egyptian Premier, in Cairo, the UN Secretary General said: "I have to take some responsibility for that visit. We have to be realists. We are meeting with very great psychological difficulties about the possibility of direct negotiations. I favor direct talks between Israel and Egypt. But in such a situation the United Nations is the third party and it is wiser to concentrate at the moment on the efforts of the representatives of the UN to talk separately with each of the other parties."

"It has been my hope all the way through that the earlier we could get into a situation producing direct talks the better. Direct talks would be most fruitful but in this situation as it exists the wisest thing to do is to maintain the contacts between the UN representatives and each of the governments separately."

Egyptians Open Machine Gun Fire on Israel Patrol

TEL AVIV, June 2. (JTA) -- Egyptian military forces in the Gaza area opened fire on an Israel patrol, it was announced here today. There were no casualties. The Egyptians used machine guns.

Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations Chief of Staff of the Truce Organization, returned to Jerusalem today from Cairo where he conferred yesterday with Egyptian Premier Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser. A communique issued by UN headquarters in Jerusalem said that he and Col. Nasser conferred on "the serious situation in the Gaza strip and possible means of improving it."

(Dispatches from the Egyptian capital reported that Col. Nasser had rejected an urgent "suggestion" from Gen. Burns that he talk with Israel leaders. After his meeting with Col. Nasser, Gen. Burns told newsmen that the Israel-Egyptian border situation is "dangerous," but said, in reply to a question, that he hoped a war situation would not erupt from the present tension.)

U. S. TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL ON "ATOMS FOR PEACE"

WASHINGTON, June 2. (JTA) -- The State Department made known today that the United States will enter into an agreement with Israel in the near future, possibly this week-end, for cooperation in research for the peaceful use of atomic energy. A similar agreement was signed at the State Department today by Lebanon and the United States.

U. S. ARMING OF IRAQ ATTACKED IN SENATE; IRAQ'S STAND ON ISRAEL CITED

WASHINGTON, June 2. (JTA) -- An important member of the Senate Appropriations Committee served notice on the Senate floor today that he will "oppose any further appropriations for military aid to the Arab states, unless and until there is some clarification and improvement in the present situation."

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, Democrat of Washington, expressed hope that the State Department will decide to withhold further arms shipments to Iraq "until it has publicly declared that it is ready to live at peace with Israel." He told the Senate "there has not been the slightest sign of an improvement" in Iraq's attitude toward Israel. "On the contrary," he said, "their leaders appear to be more belligerent than ever and they make no secret of their determination to reverse their defeat of 1948."

The Senator reported there was "already evidence that these arms will not achieve their alleged purpose, for the first consignment brought us a reaction of disappointment." He said Middle Eastern peace was prejudiced because the Administration ships munitions to Iraq without requiring that Iraq abandon its hostility against Israel. He expressed doubt as to whether the Administration policy in that area is in the "best national interest" of the United States.

The United States, he said, could do more with economic assistance and Point Four "than by passing out guns to the palace guard." He asked "how can we be sure that our guns won't be used to repel democratic change and to repress the majority?"

Sen. Magnuson Stresses Bar to Admission of U. S. Jews to Iraq

"While we vote to send arms to Iraq--arms which are to be paid for by all our taxpayers--we should bear in mind that some of our taxpayers are not permitted to enter Iraq," Sen. Magnuson continued. "No Jews - whether they be Israelis, or whether they be British Jews or whether they be American Jews - are permitted to go into this country."

He reminded the Senate that Iraq "was the one state in the Near East which was so much dominated by Nazi influence that it went over to the Nazi side in 1941; and its army, which has never given any respectable account of itself, either in World War II or in the Iraq invasion of Israel, had to be subjugated by small Allied detachments."

The Iraqi, he said, have never seemed to get over the effects of Nazi propaganda "for they have always been virulently anti-Israel and anti-Jewish. They still refuse to sign an armistice agreement with Israel." He stressed the fact that the ancient Jewish population of Baghdad was the victim of mass murders in 1941 and that Jews have been publicly hanged in Baghdad within recent years. "In 1951, the entire Jewish community of 120,000, which lived in the area far longer than the Arabs, fled to Israel, leaving homes and possessions behind," he emphasized.

Sen. Magnuson said that he hoped he would be joined in his opposition to American arms for the Arabs by members of both political parties. He indicated, however, he would vote for the current foreign aid bill.

Sen. Morse Questions Wisdom of Military Aid to Iraq

Sen. Wayne Morse, of Oregon, told the Senate that he questions the wisdom of American military aid to Iraq. He expressed the belief that the Middle Eastern problem might largely be solved through economic assistance. "The solution is not to be found in stirring up animosities which are bound to be stirred up by giving military aid," he declared.

Sen. Morse revealed he had cast a dissenting vote when the foreign aid bill was before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee because of the failure to earmark funds for the Near East. He demanded that foreign aid, particularly arms expenditures in the Near East be clearly earmarked. "I think the American people are entitled to know the purpose of those expenditures," he told the Senate.

Sen. George H. Bender, Ohio Republican, similarly expressed disagreement with the Administration's policy of arming the Arabs before they make peace with Israel. He said he thought the U. S. arms agreement with Iraq was a mistake. He expressed fear that it "endangers" Israel and may lead to an arms race deteriorating chances for peace.

He stressed that the arming of any Arab state before it adopts a peaceful attitude toward Israel will make peace more difficult. He said he was in agreement with the late Republican leader, Sen. Robert A. Taft, in urging the avoidance of a Near Eastern arms race.

Senator Lehman Wants Arms to Be Sent to Israel

Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, participating in the Senate debate, said if arms aid for Iraq is to continue, similar aid should go to Israel. He urged that the United States guarantee Israel's territorial integrity and serve notice that it would defend Israel against external aggression. Hope was voiced by Sen. Lehman that the United States economic aid to Israel would not be used as a medium of applying political pressure against Israel.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, Minnesota Democrat, urged that development assistance funds for the Middle East and particularly Israel be increased. Sen. Humphrey, who is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he believed funds should be increased for Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Libya.

TWO JEWS KILLED IN CASABLANCA, ONE IN RABAT, IN ANTI-JEWISH VIOLENCE

CASABLANCA, June 2. (JTA) -- Two Jews were killed in this city and one was murdered in Rabat in a new outbreak of anti-Jewish violence yesterday. The two Jews killed in this city were both grocers standing in front of their shops when a gunman cut them down. The Jew killed in Rabat was a tobacco shop owner and father of six children.

NEO-DESTOUR LEADER, RETURNING FROM EXILE, ASSURES JEWS ON RIGHTS

TUNIS, June 2. (JTA) -- Returning here in triumph from his enforced exile in France, Tunisian nationalist leader Habib Bourguiba told a welcoming crowd of 50,000 Tunisians that Moslems and Jews in Tunisia would share the same rights under the new home rule set-up won from France.

Mr. Bourguiba, leader of the Neo-Destour Party, condemned racism and xenophobia in no uncertain terms, in his address. Among the notables who turned out to greet him were the Grand Rabbi of Tunis and the president of the Jewish community of Tunis. In the ranks of a boy scout guard of honor for M. Bourguiba, Jewish and Moslem scouts stood side by side.

BURMA AND ISRAEL WILL SET UP INDUSTRIES ON PARTNERSHIP BASIS

TEL AVIV, June 2. (JTA) -- The Burma Government and Solel Boneh, the Israel construction cooperative, will establish two industries in Burma on a partnership basis, Burmese Premier U Nu declared in Haifa today as he continued his tour of the Jewish State. Premier U Nu said that his government would invest \$8,000,000 together with Solel Boneh to set up a glass and a tire industry.

As his tour continued it became evident that the Premier was as taken with the people of Israel as they are with him. This was particularly so in his dealings with children and young people. En route to Haifa his motorcade was cheered by a picnicking group of 50 young girl students. He halted the motorcade and spoke to the children who returned the greeting by dancing a hora for him.

When the dance concluded, the entranced visitor broke into applause and, turning to an aide, instructed him to contribute 500 pounds to the school attended by the girls, the Rambam School of Tel Aviv. He told Levi Eshkol, Israel Finance Minister, and Mayor Abba Khousi of Haifa, who were in his party, that he had been deeply moved by the spontaneous demonstration. He has frequently halted official tours to mingle with children and to sign their autograph books, often delaying the official party.

At Haifa he inspected the facilities of the port and the industrial complexes in the Haifa Bay and Hadera areas and visited with Druze villagers on Mt. Carmel. During his tour of Haifa he was cheered by thousands of Israelis who lined the streets whenever his motorcade was spotted.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT CAUTIOUS ON POSSIBILITY OF OIL STRIKE

JERUSALEM, June 2. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Development officially warned the country today that there is still no certainty whether drilling in the Gan Yavneh area of the coastal plain will produce oil or natural gas in commercial quantities. The Ministry's statement was issued in the wake of a country-wide excitement which developed after an explosion rocked the site of one of the drillings in the Gan Yavneh area.

Work on the well has been suspended until heavier drilling tools could be obtained. The Ministry announcement said that seismic investigations recently carried out in the area point to the possible existence of formations containing gas or oil. Spokesmen for various oil companies operating in the area are optimistic that oil exists, but are uncertain as to its commercial possibilities.

U. J. A. LEADERS TO PRESENT AWARD TODAY TO EISENHOWER IN WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, June 2. (JTA) -- The White House announced today that President Eisenhower will receive an award from the United Jewish Appeal tomorrow for his "distinguished humanitarian service to victims of Nazi tyranny."

The award will be presented by a delegation of UJA leaders. William Rosenwald, UJA general chairman, will act as spokesman. The presentation commemorates the 10th anniversary of the allied victory in Europe.

A two-day national UJA conference will open here on Saturday evening with more than 1,200 community leaders from all parts of the country attending. The conference will mark the half-way point in this year's nationwide campaign for funds, with measures to be taken by the delegates for concentrated activity during the summer months and fall. The delegates will also focus on the Appeal's need for cash and will assess the first results of a special 60-day drive for dollars that got under way on May 1.

The community leaders will take part in a colorful ceremony as the United Jewish Appeal commemorates the 10th anniversary of European Jewry's liberation from Nazi tyranny and presents Awards for Humanitarian Service to Senator Herbert H. Lehman of New York, to five of the nation's top military figures of the last decade and to the six men who served as advisers on Jewish affairs to the American military commanders in occupied Germany and Austria.

BOSTON JEWISH LEADER STRESSES NEED FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING

BOSTON, June 2. (JTA) -- Benjamin Ulin, president of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies here, told the 60th anniversary meeting of the group that unless planning and coordination were made more effective, "we will not be doing our most important job as we should." He stressed the fact that aside from financing constituent agencies, the major responsibility of the A. J. P. is that of serving as the community's planning agency.

The communal leader said that one area requiring immediate community-wide coordination was the "growing problem" of care for the aged and chronically ill. This problem, he added, together with all other health and hospital activities, takes the largest percentage of community money. "This is, by every test," he went on, "the all-important area for planning and coordinating through our central communal agency."

Mr. Ulin told the meeting, which also heard, as its guest speaker, Sidney Hollander, president of the National Social Welfare Assembly, that thinking "in terms of the total Jewish community and its total good" is the "basic implication of a federation like the Associated Jewish Philanthropies and the test of our maturity as a community."

ISRAEL JUDGE LAUDS U.S. COURTS; SITS ON BENCH IN AMERICAN CITIES

NEW YORK, June 2. (JTA) -- An Israel Judge "feels perfectly at home" in American courts. Judge Helmut Lowenberg of the District Court of Tel Aviv declared here at the conclusion of a nine-week visit to the United States as guest of the American Jewish Committee. He praised American courts for carrying out "the liberties and free traditions of the common law in its truest form," adding that although four systems of law are competing for adoption in his country "the courts of Israel are following the courts of the United States in teaching its citizens the true meaning of respect for law and order."

The Israel jurist, who was the youngest judge in the British Empire when appointed to the bench in Palestine in 1946 at the age of 28, said that Israel has made great strides in streamlining its law and its legal procedures. "Israel unhesitatingly abolished bigamy in any form," Judge Lowenberg reported, "and will not tolerate it even for its Moslem citizens. In addition, Israel has established full equality of men and women, the only country in the East to do so."

During his stay in the United States, Judge Lowenberg visited with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, and sat on the bench with General Sessions Judge Abraham Gelier in Manhattan, Federal Judge Phillip Forman of Trenton, and with Judges in Chicago, Cleveland and Boston.

CORNERSTONE FOR MAX BRESSLER TRADE CENTER LAID IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 2. (JTA) -- The cornerstone of the Max Bressler Center of Trade and Industry, henceforth to be known as "Bet Menachem," was laid here at an impressive ceremony which was attended by President Ben Zvi, Minister of Trade and Industry Peretz Bernstein, Minister of Health Joseph Serlin, leading government officials and Mr. Bressler, a vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America.

"Bet Menachem" is located in the heart of Jerusalem. In addition to serving as a vocational school, it will house the offices of the Jerusalem branch of the Association of Artisans and Small Industrialists, a library and a permanent exhibit of Jerusalem handicrafts. President Ben Zvi, in his address, emphasized the economic importance of teaching a trade to the Jerusalem youth, and Dr. Bernstein urged the extension of Israel's foreign trade.

ARGENTINE JEWRY HONORS EDITOR OF GERMAN-JEWISH PUBLICATION

BUENOS AIRES, June 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Hardy Swarensky, editor of "Die Juedische Wochenschau," most important German-language Jewish publication in South America, was honored here last night at a banquet commemorating the 15th anniversary of his semi-weekly publication.

Ambassador Ariele Kubovy of Israel presented Dr. Swarensky with a Jerusalem Bible and with a certificate of his inscription in the Jewish National Fund's Golden Book. Dr. Abraham Mibashan, noted Jewish leader, presided at the banquet at which Chief Rabbi Amram Blum, and representatives of the United Israel Appeal and the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, spoke.

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR APPOINTS JEWISH LEADER AS DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

MINNEAPOLIS, June 2. (JTA) -- Gov. Orville L. Freeman has appointed Municipal Court Judge Irving R. Brand, a prominent member of the Jewish community, as a judge of the Hennepin County District Court.

Judge Brand, who is 36, is believed to be the youngest man ever to serve on the district bench and is the second Jewish jurist to be given that honor. Judge Brand was first named to the bench by former Gov. Luther W. Youngdahl in 1951.