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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES TENSE SITUATION ON EGYPTIAN FRONTIER

JERUSALEM, June 5. (JTA) -- The tense situation on the Israel-Egyptian frontier in the Gaza area was discussed today at a meeting of the Israel Cabinet, while Egyptians opened heavy automatic and mortar fire on an Israel patrol moving along the border in the Nahal Oz area opposite the Gaza strip. The Israel patrol returned the fire and no casualties were reported.

A spokesman for the United Nations observers said here today that Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the UN truce supervision organization, expects to meet tomorrow with top Israeli officials possibly with Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, to convey the contents of his talk a few days ago in Cairo with Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser regarding the situation in the Gaza area.

The UN spokesman declined to confirm or deny reports that Col. Nasser suggested to Gen. Burns the establishment of a "neutral demilitarized zone" along the Israel-Egyptian border in the Gaza strip, and the evacuation of regular forces from there. He said that after the expected meeting between Gen. Burns and Prime Minister Sharett, the possibility exists that a meeting will be fixed between the Israel and Egyptian commanders of the respective forces in the Gaza area.

U. J. A. RAISES \$31,296,000 IN FIVE MONTHS; RABBI FRIEDMAN INSTALLED

WASHINGTON, June 5. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal has raised \$31,296,000 in cash during the first five months of this year's campaign, it was announced here today at the concluding session of the two-day UJA national conference which was attended by 1,200 community leaders from all parts of the United States. The sum includes \$5,500,000 raised at the conference.

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, of Milwaukee, was inaugurated at today's session as the new executive vice-chairman of the UJA, succeeding Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, who last month became the executive head of the Israel Bond campaign. Rabbi Friedman was installed by William Rosenwald, general chairman of the UJA. A cabled message from Israel's Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, hailing Rabbi Friedman on the assumption of his office and lauding Mr. Rosenwald, was read at the session.

In his address, Rabbi Friedman called strongly on American Jews "to reappraise their thinking and giving at a time when hundreds of thousands of Jews in overseas lands are still in need, many of them still in jeopardy." He stated that the program of the UJA must be on such a scale "as to assure dynamic support to wipe out Jewish suffering in critical areas overseas and to establish Israel as a wholly self-sustaining land in the Middle East."

Dr. Schwartz spoke of "the flowering of Israel" as the most inspiring achievement of the United Jewish Appeal. "In every phase of the country's progress," the former UJA executive vice-chairman declared, "in the vast immigration programs, in the reclamation of the soil, in the building of new settlements, the funds of the UJA are the leading pillars of support and growth."

Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency and a former national president of Hadassah, told the delegates that Israel's program in behalf of refugees might serve as "an example for other countries and international agencies confronted with similar situations."

Friendship to Israel Proved "Valuable" to U.S. Gen. McNarney Says

Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, who in 1945 succeeded President Eisenhower as commander of the American occupation forces in Germany, addressing the UJA conference last night, said that American action after World War II sustaining Jewish displaced persons in Europe and favoring their resettlement in Israel has brought a valuable return "to the welfare" of the United States.

The former U.S. occupation commander expressed hope that the Arab states would not "long disregard" Israel's devotion to freedom and peaceful pursuits. He urged the UJA to continue its "great work," stating that this would help peace come to the Middle East. "As the people of Israel learn to deal with their barren, difficult land," the General said, "and knowledge of their agricultural, industrial and political advances spreads, then neighbors should discover that they can learn much from each other by

working together and assisting each other." Just as some of the difficult goals of post-war reconstruction ten years ago have become today's realities in Europe and other areas, General McNarney said, "this goal of peace, harmony and further development" in the Middle East may come to pass in the next ten years.

U S. Is Chief Among Israel's Friends, Says Eban

Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban responded to General McNarney's address with an expression of Israel's debt of gratitude to the American people and the United States Government. "The people of Israel and the Jewish world together could not have achieved, still less consolidated, Israel's newly-won freedom alone," the Ambassador said. "The reinforcement--political, moral, and material--which we have thus received in the framework of our international friendships is beyond the usual measure enjoyed by new states in the early revolutionary period of their emergence."

"Chief amongst our friends," Mr. Eban said, "is the United States." He told the assembly that "few more moving encounters in human history have ever occurred than that which brought these two people together in the past decade in so many acts of mutual helpfulness." He recalled that the United States was "the first country to recognize our statehood" and paid tribute to both the Democratic and Republican parties for their repeated support of a Jewish State in Palestine.

The Israeli Ambassador revealed that in his recent high level consultations in Jerusalem, American friendship was stressed as the central factor in Israel's foreign relations. He said no substitute was possible. He indicated that he felt that if difficulties exist they must be handled with trust instead of denunciation. He reported that in the last five years Israel received \$400 million from the United States in economic and technical assistance.

Eisenhower Hailed as Liberator of Jews from Nazis; Gets U.S. Gift

The opening of the two-day conference was preceded by a ceremony at the White House at which a group of UJA leaders, headed by Mr. Rosenwald, conferred on the President a citation for "distinguished humanitarian service to victims of Nazi tyranny" and presented him with a 2,000-year-old "freedom lamp" unearthed in Israel. They hailed the President for his role as liberator of the enslaved Jews in Nazi Germany.

President Eisenhower, in a brief talk to the Jewish leaders in the Rose Garden outside his office, said: "I am delighted, on behalf of the Allied forces who, advancing from the West, did so much to crush Nazi tyranny, to accept this beautiful and ancient relic of Jewish civilization. I am certain that those forces--the American forces and their Allies--were representing only what we would call the heart of freedom, the belief that all people are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness--that where these are denied one man, they are threatened for all."

"And so I am sure those forces felt that in uncovering these camps, relieving the disasters and correcting the terrible conditions under which those people were living, they were not doing fundamentally and merely because they were Jews, or anybody else. They were unfortunate human beings, and I think the heart of America and the heart of Britain and of France and the other Western Allies responded to that kind of inspiration and were delighted to do it."

"It was a tremendous privilege and a great change from the killing of war to turn your armies to saving human lives and human dignity. I sincerely trust that all those people are now living in health and happiness, or at least under conditions that are those of respect and decency."

Mr. Rosenwald in presenting the citation and the lamp, told the President that as supreme allied commander in Europe in World War II he had blasted "the gates of the concentration camps and helped to save from extermination the remnant of the once-great Jewish populations of Europe. By your sympathetic understanding of the problems involved and by your effective action," he added, "you set a pattern of humane and helpful treatment. Your example prevailed in the American zones of occupation and served to revive and restore the newly liberated Jews in central Europe and those who sought haven here."

The ancient Palestinian lamp, with the following inscription: "To Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America, who has kept the Lamp of Freedom burning, presented in deepest gratitude by the United Jewish Appeal for his distinguished humanitarian service to victims of Nazi tyranny. This antique lamp from the land of the Bible, dating from approximately 50 C. E., symbolizes 20 centuries of Jewish history in which each generation renewed its devotion to freedom's ideals."

In addition to Mr. Rosenwald, who acted as spokesman for the UJA leaders, the delegation visiting President Eisenhower included: Dewey D. Stone, Brockton, Mass.; Sol Luckman, Cincinnati; Joseph Holtzman, Detroit; Samuel H. Daroff, Philadelphia; Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, New York; Robert W. Schiff, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Hal Horne, New York; Rabbi Isaac Breslau, Washington, D. C.; A. S. Kay, Washington, D. C.; Joseph Cherner, Washington D. C.; and Louis L. Bennett, New York.

Awards for humanitarian service were presented by the UJA also to Gen. McNarney; Gen. John H. Hunding, Gen. Mark W. Clark; Gen. Lucius D. Clay; Gen. Clarence R. Huebner, and Sen. Herbert H. Lehman.

U.S. TO LEASE URANIUM TO ISRAEL FOR ATOM ENERGY RESEARCH WORK

WASHINGTON, June 5. (JTA) -- The United States and Israel entered into a pact promoting the peaceful use of atomic energy under which six kilograms of uranium are to be leased to Israel for research purposes. This atomic fuel will be used in Israel for the reactor or reactors to be erected there.

An arrangement for the transfer to Israel of uranium, in the specified amount, enriched up to a maximum of 20 percent in the isotope U-235 was initiated this week-end at the State Department. Signatories included Admiral Arthur W. Strauss, chairman of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission; George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; and Israel Ambassador Abba Eban.

The agreement--full text of which will be published shortly--points out that the "Government of Israel desires to pursue a research and development program looking towards the realization of the peaceful and humanitarian uses of atomic energy and desires to obtain assistance from the Government of the United States of America and United States industry with respect to this program," and that the "United States Government, represented by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, desires to assist the Government of Israel in such a program."

In addition to the lease of the enriched uranium, the agreement also covers the supply by the United States of unclassified information in the design, construction, and operation of research reactors and their use as research, development, and engineering tools and in medical therapy; health and safety problems related to the operation and use of research reactors; and the use of radioactive isotopes in physical and biological research, therapy, agriculture, and industry.

Eisenhower Pleased with "Atom for Peace" Pact with Israel

Admiral Strauss, at the signing ceremony, expressed President Eisenhower's interest and pleasure over the pact. Secretary Allen said he was happy to see the agreement formalized and was confident any experimental reactor built in Israel would benefit not only Israel but the whole world. Ambassador Eban paid tribute to President Eisenhower's "statesmanlike initiative" at the United Nations in the proposals for the peaceful use of atomic power. He said the agreement has evoked deep interest among the Israel Government, people, and scientists.

This agreement will enable Israelis to acquire in their own country, valuable training and experience in nuclear science and engineering for the development of peaceful uses of atomic energy including civilian nuclear power. Under the provisions of the U. S. Atomic Energy Act of 1954, certain procedural steps must be taken by the executive and legislative branches of the United States before the initialed agreement may be signed and entered into force.

Research reactors such as those to be erected in Israel and powered by the enriched uranium leased from the United States are useful in the production of radio-isotopes for medical, agricultural, industrial, and other purposes. Israel scientists have for some years been engaged in fundamental research in nuclear physics and in certain aspects of the practical application of atomic energy for peaceful purposes. An Israel Atomic Energy Commission was established in 1952 by David Ben Gurion, then Prime Minister of Israel. This Commission is headed by Professor Ernst D. Bergmann.

ISRAEL COMPLAINS TO I. C. A. O. ON ARAB OBSTRUCTIONS IN CIVIL AVIATION

MONTREAL, June 5. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador to Canada Michael Comay told the representatives of 50 nations gathered in plenary session of the International Civil Aviation Organization here, that Israel is deeply disturbed at the difficulties created for the ICAO in the Middle East and the inability of the ICAO to surmount them thus far, in spite of its sincere effort to do so.

"The activities of the ICAO on a regional basis are vital to international aviation, as such regional activities are equally vital to other international bodies. History and geography have made Israel an essential and permanent feature of the Mid-East landscape," he said.

"It is anomalous that the regional office of an international organization should be located in a country which denies access or communication to a neighboring nation," he pointed out. "It is the wish of Israel that common sense shall prevail and that political issues shall not affect the safety of planes or passengers."

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA STARTS CONCERT SEASON IN MILAN

MILAN, June 5. (JTA) -- The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra inaugurated the symphonic concert season at Milan's famed La Scala this week-end under the direction of Leonard Bernstein, with Isaac Stern as violin soloist, to a standing room only crowd.

Earlier, the Orchestra had given the same concert at Naples' San Carlo Theatre, and in Florence, as part of the May music festival in both of those cities. The concert here brought the Philharmonic's Italian tour to a close. The tour was greeted with enthusiasm by the Italian public and critics alike, with encores being requested at every concert by standing audiences.

N C C J REPORTS ON DIFFICULTIES IN COMBAT ON RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE

NEW YORK, June 5 (JTA) -- Religious prejudice is more difficult to overcome than racial prejudice and interreligious cooperation is more difficult to achieve than inter-racial harmony according to the sixteenth annual report of the Commission on Religious Organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews released today.

Surveying the obstacles in the path of interreligious cooperation, the report points to "perennial factors" as well as "special aspects of the current scene" which create group prejudice and obstruct good will. Among the perennial factors, it blames "old and deep-rooted emotional attitudes" stemming from the history of religious conflict which are passed down "from generation to generation." It also lists among the enduring difficulties the fact that "the clergyman more frequently than the layman finds it difficult to accept the realities of our pluralistic culture."

Barriers to harmony among American groups may also emerge as by-products of current international disputes, the report says. As an instance, the statement offers the Arab-Israel conflict noting: "Because the anti-Zionist campaign is not infrequently filled with anti-Semitic propaganda, we have sometimes witnessed the unhappy wedding of a rightly concerned Christian conscience with unfair attacks upon another religious group." The picture is not entirely negative, however, and of a positive nature the reports lists a number of factors promoting interreligious understanding and good will.

WARBURG HONORED AS "MOST DISTINGUISHED HUMANITARIAN" BY H. U. C.

CINCINNATI, June 5 (JTA) -- Edward M. M. Warburg, president of the United Jewish Appeal, was awarded an honorary degree here today at the 71st commencement of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Mr Warburg was cited as "One of the country's most distinguished humanitarians" who helped make it possible for the UJA to save and aid more than 2,300,000 persons since 1939 and under whose chairmanship the UJA raised close to \$600 million. He was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Other recipients of the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters were Dr. J. Victor Greenbaum, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati Medical College and Leon Lederer, Cincinnati civic and communal leader. Six rabbis, alumni of the College-Institute, received the degree of Doctor of Divinity. They are Rabbis Philip D. Bookstaber, Abraham Feinstein, Ariel Goldberg, Norman Goldberg, Victor E. Reichert and Morris M. Rose.

U S ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF PAYS TRIBUTE TO JWB VOLUNTEER WORKERS

NEW YORK, June 5 (JTA) -- General Matthew B. Ridgway, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, joined the National Jewish Welfare Board today in paying tribute to 200 of the volunteer workers who participate in the JWB's religious and recreational program for G.I.'s and hospitalized veterans at 42 military installations and VA hospitals in the New York area.

The volunteers were honored at the second annual JWB Armed Services rally before 1,300 parents of servicemen here. The rally also heard a review of the JWB's Armed Services program by Benjamin Lazrus, a JWB leader, who revealed that some 150,000 G.I.'s and hospitalized veterans are served by the program.

DUBINSKY ADDRESSES 2,000 LABOR LEADERS IN ISRAEL; PLEDGES AID

HAIFA, June 5 (JTA) -- David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union who is now visiting Israel as head of a delegation of the American Federation of Labor, today addressed more than 2,000 delegates representing workers' committees in the Haifa district.

Mr. Dubinsky, who also visited many border settlements, pledged to secure political and moral help for Israel in the U. S. and said that the American labor movement would aid in this effort. He was officially welcomed by Haifa's Mayor Abba Khoussi and Joseph Aimmog, H-stadran secretary for the Haifa district. Earlier, Mr. Dubinsky and other delegation members were tendered a luncheon by Prime Minister Moshe Sharett in Jerusalem.

NEW YORK MAYOR TO VISIT ISRAEL; WILL SPEND FOUR DAYS THERE

NEW YORK, June 5 (JTA) -- Mayor and Mrs. Robert F. Wagner will visit Israel for four days this month. The Israel visit will be their only Middle Eastern stop on a European tour. The itinerary of their trip, released here today, calls for them to arrive in Tel Aviv from Paris on Saturday night, June 18. They will leave Tel Aviv for Athens on Wednesday, June 22.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT ELEVATES STATUS OF CONSULATE IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, June 5 (JTA) -- The Consulate of Israel in Chicago today announced that the Government of Israel has decided to elevate the consulate to the status of Consulate General. At the same time, Simcha Prati, Consul of Israel in Chicago, was promoted to the rank of Consul General.