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ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN TENSION PROVOKES DISCUSSION IN BRITISH PARLIAMENT

LONDON, June 13. (JTA) -- The British Government is doing everything possible to bring Egypt and Israel together, Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan announced in the course of a debate in the House of Commons today.

He was replying to a question by Herbert Morrison, Foreign Secretary in the last Labor government, who asked whether the government would make every possible effort to bring the parties together to ease the Gaza situation. He also asked the government to consider "whether we shall not, in our relations with Israel, enter into similar understandings and pacts as we have entered into with the Arab states and which would help the situation?"

On the latter point, Mr. Macmillan suggested that it might come up during a foreign policy debate scheduled to take place in the House Wednesday. In response to a query by Emanuel Shinwell, another former Labor minister, whether the deteriorating situation in the Middle East did not call for action by the signatory powers of the Tripartite Declaration--the United States, Britain and France--the Foreign Secretary said: "That has been the effort of the governments of both ourselves and our two allies, and we are hopeful that it may be successful."

To a question by a Conservative MP about the reactions of Israel and Egypt to the program proposed by Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce supervisor for easing tension along the Gaza border, Mr. Macmillan said that Egypt had accepted in principle, all four proposals while Israel had accepted three of them. Both sides, he said, are prepared to attend a meeting with Gen. Burns, "but there is some difference of opinion about the level of representation and the agenda." He praised the efforts of Gen. Burns to pacify the border.

In Cairo British Ambassador Sir Ralph Stevenson said today that the British Government is concerned about the situation in the Gaza area. The Ambassador told a press conference that he advised the Egyptian Government to follow a course of moderation in dealing with the situation along the Egyptian-Israel border in order to avoid a major war.

Egypt Refuses to Attend High Level Talks with Israel on Gaza

JERUSALEM, June 13. (JTA) -- Egypt has refused to attend high level talks with Israel, but insists on a meeting to solve the Gaza border situation on the local military level, it was learned here today. United Nations truce headquarters here refuses to disclose the contents of a letter from Col. Abdel Gamal Nasser, Egyptian Premier, to Gen. E. L. M. Burns, UN truce supervisor, on the holding of talks.

(A) the United Nations it was reported that efforts to reduce tension along the Gaza frontier hit a new snag with Egyptian insistence on "resuming" talks on the military level. The Israelis charge, the report from the United Nations said, that this proposal is an Egyptian maneuver to evade high level talks.)

Eban Discusses Gaza Situation with State Department

WASHINGTON, June 13. (JTA) -- The possibilities of reducing Israel-Egyptian tension in the Gaza area was discussed here today between Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and John D. Jernegan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Mr. Eban was accompanied on his visit to the State Department by Counsellor Yaacov Shimon.

President Eisenhower received today Rev. Edward L. R. Elson, a member of the board of directors of the American Friends of the Middle East--an anti-Zionist propaganda organization. Rev. Elson is pastor of the National Presbyterian Church, which the President attends.

It was learned from government sources that Dr. Elson intended to touch on points involving American policy toward Israel. The exact nature of the discussion with reference to the phase pertaining to the Middle East could not be determined.

George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State, opening a new Voice of America broadcast last night, appealed to the peoples of the Middle East today for closer mutual understanding. The new program is an English language broadcast giving 15 minutes of news and 15 minutes of commentaries and special events. The broadcast originates in Washington and is a rebroadcast by relay stations in the Middle East.

ISRAEL BUDGET SHOWS SURPLUS; FIRST NON-DEFICIT YEAR IN HISTORY

JERUSALEM, June 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Government's fiscal year of 1954-55 was the first non-deficit year in the history of the country, it was revealed here today with the disclosure of final figures. The Treasury showed a surplus of 34 million pounds, having taken in 658 millions and disbursed 624 millions.

THE LAST TEN YEARS WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT FOR JEWS, DULLES STRESSES

LONDON, June 13. (JTA) -- Few decades in the history of the Jews have been as important as the past ten years, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles declared in a message made public here today at the Consultative Conference of Jewish Organizations. The conference, which began last night and will continue through Thursday, was called by the American Jewish Committee, Anglo-Jewish Association and Alliance Israelite Universelle.

Mr. Dulles also commended the organizations represented at the parley for "their interest in working for human rights, for reinforcement of Jewish religious and cultural life and especially for the effort spent on furthering understanding between Jews and non-Jews." He wished the conference success in its efforts to rebuild Jewish life in Western Europe and in defense of civil rights.

At the American Jewish Committee's dinner last night for the 100-odd delegates from some 19 countries, Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the AJC, presided. The chief speakers were the presidents of the three sponsoring organizations.

Irving M. Engel, head of the AJC, pledged his organization's support of plans to help the European Jewish communities to better satisfy their own communal needs. Mr. Blaustein, who spoke in a similar vein, stressed that such cooperation was pledged not only from a sense of kinship, but in the knowledge that thereby "we are strengthening our own Jewish tradition and destiny."

AJA president R. N. Carvalho emphasized that there is no longer any discussion of whether Jewish life will continue and whether it will have a future. The problem today, he continued, "is how all these communities, particularly the larger one, can assist the depleted and poorer communities to provide a full Jewish life and material resources with which to do their work."

George Wormser, Alliance president, reported an important change in the nature of Jewish communities in Europe. There has been, he asserted, "a substitution of modern forms of social action for the old method of paternalism."

Judaism in Europe is in Danger, London Parley Asserts

The Jewish communities of Western Europe are faced with a serious threat to the spiritual existence and continuation of Jewish culture and education, a communique issued at the end of today's sessions declared. The communique listed a number of problems which combine to make up this situation, including:

1. The dearth of Jewish religious leaders since emigration from East Europe has been cut off.
2. The immigration to Israel and elsewhere, including the Western Hemisphere, has taken some of the most influential members of most of the communities of West Europe.
3. Jewish youth are drifting away from Judaism because of a lack of teachers and adequate educational facilities.

The representatives of many of countries, however, reported encouraging trends, pointing out that funds from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany have provided a stimulus for the aspirations of many Jewish communities. There is evidence of a revival of interest in Jewish religion and all things Jewish. Progress has been made in enlarging physical equipment for Jewish communal activities, the communique said.

During a country-by-country review of the Jewish situation, Neville Laski, of Britain, reported that one of the problems of the Anglo-Jewish community is intermarriage. M. Wormser of France said that in the coming years the social, economic and religious integration of thousands of North African Jews will call for efforts "of which the community is fully conscious, but which may exceed its powers." Every effort, he stressed, is being made to train French Jewish youth to leadership responsibility.

Swiss leader Otto Heim said that although the Jewish community of Switzerland is one of the most stable in Europe, intermarriage is a problem for it, too. H. Lachman of Denmark, in a review of the situation of Danish Jews, stressed that Jews in his country enjoy equal rights and privileges with all other Danish citizens.

ISRAEL EMBASSY REPORTED TAR-BOMBED IN BUENOS AIRES BY DEMONSTRATORS

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Embassy in Buenos Aires was tar-bombed by Catholics during their demonstrations yesterday in defiance of President Peron's order against demonstrations, it was reported today by the New York Times in a cable from the Argentine capital. The report said that the news about the tar bombing of the Israeli Embassy appeared in Peronista newspapers.

COORDINATION OF JEWISH HOSPITALS DISCUSSED AT TWO-DAY PARLEY

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- A steady trend towards increased coordination of Jewish general hospitals and other institutions concerned with care for the chronically ill is causing a greater integration of health and other services, it was reported yesterday at a nationwide conference here on Jewish community and hospital planning for the long-term patient.

More than 150 professional and volunteer leaders of hospitals, federations, homes for the aged, U. S. Public Health Service, family service and vocational agencies and other groups concerned with programming and caring for the chronically ill took part in the two-day conference, which was sponsored by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Conclusions reached by the welfare and community representatives in a series of concurrent workshop sessions were:

1. Most of the more than 5,000,000 long-term patients can best be cared for at home in friendly, familiar surroundings and under the care of a medical-social team able to provide a variety of specialized services, supplementing the care provided by the family physician.
2. An essential part of treating the long-term patient is keeping up his confidence and will to overcome his disability as far as possible. Occupational therapy and recreation are two means of accomplishing this.
3. Each community should survey its facilities and formulate a program tailored to its own needs. The community plan for the care of the chronically ill rests on two foundations: the hospital, and some kind of institution capable of providing continuous, supervised nursing care, regardless of the age of the patient.
4. There are pressures to build facilities without regard to an integrated community plan. All interested agencies and organizations--federations, hospitals, homes for the aged, nursing homes, family and vocational agencies--must be involved in the planning to assure a fully integrated program.

The conference was formally opened Saturday night at a dinner meeting. Dr. Milton Terris, Assistant Dean for Post Graduate Studies at the University of Buffalo School of Medicine, warned the medical and social work leaders that the constantly rising demands in caring for long-term patients are threatening "to overwhelm us in their immensity and intensity." Louis Stern, chairman of the Health Planning Committee of the CJFWF, and general chairman of the two-day meeting, termed the problem of the long-term patient the top priority community problem.

GROUP OF 180 TO LEAVE NEW YORK FOR SUMMER STUDY TOUR OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- A group of 180 college-age Americans will leave New York for a seven-week study tour of Israel under the auspices of the Jewish Agency, it was announced here today. The group, known as the Israel Summer Institute, will depart in three plane-loads, the first taking off from New York International Airport June 30th.

The first and second groups will meet in Paris in July and proceed to Marseilles where they will board the Israeli ship "Artsa" for the voyage to Haifa. The third group will fly directly to Israel. All will return to the United States early in September.

The Israel Summer Institute, a non-profit educational project sponsored for the past seven years by the Jewish Agency's Youth Department, offers a program of extensive guided tours of Israel, lectures and courses of study in Jerusalem, and a two-week period at an agricultural settlement. Lectures and orientation sessions are conducted by officials of the Israel Government, the Jewish Agency and other national institutions. Courses in Hebrew and Israel history and geography are given by faculty members of the Hebrew University.

YAD VASHEM OPENS CONTEST FOR MEMOIRS ON JEWS UNDER NAZI REGIME

JERUSALEM, June 13. (JTA) -- A contest for the best memoirs on the calamity which befell the Jews of Europe under the Nazis, has been announced here by Yad Vashem, the Israel national memorial to the 6,000,000 martyred Jews of Europe. There are no restrictions on entrants with respect to age, sex or citizenship.

First prize in the contest will be \$500, with a second prize of \$300, and a third prize of \$200. The rules for the contest stress that the principle criterion of judgment will be sincerity in the description of facts or events in which some personal part was taken, or which was witnessed by, an entrant, and that the quality of the style would be of secondary importance.

DUBINSKY LEAVES ISRAEL; CRITICIZES U. S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY

TEL AVIV, June 13. (JTA) -- American policy in the Middle East is supporting war-thirsty Arab leaders, David Dubinsky said here before his departure for the United States after a tour of Israel. The president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, who headed a delegation of American leaders here, stated that America's policy is contrary to American interests and must be changed. He added that the most important aid to the Middle East is economic aid and asserted that American Federation of Labor leaders support that policy.

MEMORIAL MEETING FOR EINSTEIN TODAY; ISRAEL GROUPS PAY TRIBUTE

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting for the late Prof. Albert Einstein, sponsored jointly by the American Friends of the Hebrew University, American Technion Society and American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, will take place tomorrow at the Kaufmann Auditorium of the YMHA-YWHA here. The main topic of the meeting will be "The Guiding Spirit of Israel's Institutions of Higher Learning."

Dr. George S. Wise, chairman of the board of governors of the Hebrew University, will preside. Speakers on behalf of the three sponsoring organizations will be: Dr. Israel S. Wechsler, honorary president of the Friends of the Hebrew University; Abraham Tulin, vice president of the Technion Society and Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the board of the Committee for the Weizmann Institute. Dr. Henry Semat, Professor of Physics at the City College of New York, and Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, will speak about "Professor Einstein the Scientist" and "Professor Einstein, the Devoted Friend of Israel," respectively. A musical program of selections of Prof. Einstein's favorite compositions will be played by a trio of Israel artists.

June 1955 marks the 30th anniversary of Einstein's theory of relativity. The close relationship of Prof. Einstein to science and higher learning in Israel has led him to give the original manuscripts of this theory and of his theory of gravity to the Jewish National and University Library in Jerusalem.

MENDEL FISHER HONORED FOR TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO J. N. F.

BOSTON, June 13. (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund of New England honored Mendel N. Fisher of New York, national executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America, on the completion of twenty years of service to the Jewish National Fund at the annual land-for-Israel dinner last night at the Hotel Statler. A grove of 1,000 trees in the Mendel N. Fisher Forest in Israel was planted by the New England Jewish National Fund.

The citation, presented by Fred Monosson of Boston, New England, JNF president, paid tribute to Mr. Fisher "on the occasion of his 20th anniversary and in appreciation of his untiring efforts and devotion to the Jewish National Fund and the redemption of the soil of Israel." More than 1,000 guests attended the dinner. The 1955 Man of the Year award was presented by Mr. Monosson to Mayor John B. Hynes of Boston in appreciation of his leadership of the cause of civil rights, and his interest in the Jewish National Fund and the State of Israel.

In addressing the dinner, Mr. Fisher declared that "direct Israel-Arab negotiations and the entering of the United States into a mutual defense agreement with Israel on the same basis of the United States agreement with the government of the Republic of China, would ensure permanent peace in that area of the world."

Mayor Hynes, in his address, declared: "Israel finds itself deserted by the powers of the West while it is confronted by the ever-growing hostility of its Arab neighbors. The time has come to speak out plainly. The United States has rejected Israel's protests and turned down Israel's request for arms - a request which, if fulfilled, would give America's foreign policy in the Middle East at least some semblance of neutrality. Israel has a right to expect a good deal more from the United States."

BALTIMORE MAYOR PROCLAIMS "HOCHSCHILD DAY"; HONORS CENTENARIAN

BALTIMORE, June 13. (JTA) -- Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro of Baltimore proclaimed today "Max Hochschild Day" in Baltimore in honor of the Baltimore department store founder who celebrates his 100th birthday tomorrow.

Mr. Hochschild, founder and head of Hochschild, Kohn and Co. one of the largest department stores in this city, came to this country as a boy of 14. His first job paid 50 cents a week. He was born at Gross Rohrheim, Germany. Although he retired as head of the company in 1927, Mr. Hochschild still maintains an office in the store and occasionally visits it.

MRS. MIRIAM LEWIN-EPSTEIN HERSHMAN, HADASSAH LEADER, DIES IN DETROIT

DETROIT, June 13. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Mrs. Miriam Lewin-Epstein Hershman, noted Hadassah leader, who died on Friday at the age of 68. She was the daughter of the late Elias and Judith Lewin-Epstein, Zionist pioneers who belonged to the BILU movement and were among the organizers of the Rehovoth settlement in Palestine.

Born in Warsaw, Poland, she was brought to Palestine at the age of 3 and remained there until she was 14. She is survived by her husband Dr. Abraham M. Hershman, rabbi emeritus of Congregation Shaarey Zedek here; two brothers, Hyman Lewin-Epstein of New York and Dr. Samuel Lewin-Epstein of Jerusalem; a son and two daughters.