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ISRAEL AND EGYPT AGREE ON AGENDA FOR GAZA TALKS; PROGRESS REPORTED

JERUSALEM, July 6. (JTA) -- The Israel-Egyptian talks under the chairmanship of Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce chief, finally got off the ground today after months of delay. The most recent postponement of the talks took place last week, after the Egyptians filibustered for two days. The central issue of last week's fruitless debates--the adoption of an agenda--was accomplished today.

The first proposal considered today for easing tension along the Gaza border was that of Gen. Burns for joint daily patrols of Israel, Egyptian and UN officers. After some talk, this point was set aside for later discussion.

The parties then turned their attention to two other proposals by the UN truce supervisor: conclusion of a local commanders agreement for direct contact between Israel and Egyptian military commanders in the Gaza area; and the exclusive use of trained troops or police personnel by both sides in the border area. A UN communique issued after the meeting said that progress was made on both these proposals. The meeting will be continued tomorrow.

Two incidents along Israel's frontiers were reported today by an official military spokesman. One Israel watchman was wounded when he fought off Jordanian infiltrators at a kibbutz opposite the Hebron Hills. In the Meffalsim area south of Gaza an Israel patrol was fired on by Egyptian infiltrators, but no casualties were suffered.

BRITAIN WILL CONTINUE ARMING THE ARABS; HITS SUEZ BLOCKADE

LONDON, July 6. (JTA) -- The British Government does not recognize the legality of the Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal or any other waters leading to Israel ports, Anthony Nutting, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, declared in the House of Commons today during a debate on the Egyptian shelling of the British freighter S. S. Anshun at the entrance to the Gulf of Akaba this week-end.

The government spokesman in Commons, however, insisted that the incident was not a justification for ending the shipment of arms to Egypt or the other Arab states. In the face of questioning by Emanuel Shinwell, member of the last Labor Government, Mr. Nutting said that arms were supplied equally to both sides in the Middle East, within the terms of the Tripartite Declaration of 1950. He drew laughter from the House when he said that arms shipments to the Arab states were "for their defense." He added that arms shipments to the Arab countries do "not in our view assist or encourage them to carry out illegal activities."

Earlier, Mr. Nutting had informed the House that the British Charge d'Affaires at Cairo had been instructed to protest the incident, in which the ship had been damaged by Egyptian shore batteries. He said Britain reserved the right to compensation.

Mr. Shinwell, who had requested the report on the Anshun, then noted that this and similar actions by the Egyptians were "illegal and in violation of the resolution passed by the United Nations." Was it "wise," he asked, for the government to continue to export arms to Egypt under these circumstances? "Should we not take some positive action in order to prevent them from undertaking escapades of this kind?" Mr. Shinwell stressed that the British Government, the House of Commons and the United Nations had, time and again, condemned such illegal acts by Egypt.

Egypt's Shelling of British Ship at Akaba Cited by Israel

JERUSALEM, July 6. (JTA) -- An Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman today pointed to the Egyptian shelling of the British freighter Anshun at the mouth of the Gulf of Akaba last Sunday as "additional proof" of Egypt's disregard for international law and the fundamental bases of the armistice agreement. Israel, the spokesman announced, will bring this "grave incident" to the attention of the maritime powers.

"The bombardment of the Anshun exposes Egypt's illegal insistence on the exercise of belligerent rights contrary to international obligations, which finds expression in such acts as the shelling of defenseless ships and the denial of passage of Israel ships through the Suez Canal," he concluded.

ISRAEL POLICE INVESTIGATING BOMB INCIDENT AT Z. O. A. HOUSE

TEL AVIV, July 6. (JTA) -- Police were today investigating the possibility that an irate neighbor may have been responsible for the bomb incident yesterday at ZOA House here, the American Jewish cultural and recreational center established and maintained by the Zionist Organization of America. The investigation is being headed by Police Minister Behor Shitreet and his deputy, Amos Ben-Gurion.

Police theorized that one of a number of neighbors who have recently complained about noise from garden affairs at ZOA House might have planted the bomb which last night destroyed a section of the fence on the perimeter of the garden and wounded two people slightly. They are also considering the possibility that extremists opposed to the use of the Yiddish language were responsible since at the time of the explosion a play in Yiddish was being presented at the center. The play was "The Witch," starring the American Jewish actress, Dina Halpern.

AMERICAN-ISRAEL FRIENDSHIP STRESSED BY BEN GURION AND U. S. ENVOY

TEL AVIV, July 6. (JTA) -- The common bonds of friendship and historical development along parallel lines of the United States and Israel were stressed by Defense Minister David Ben Gurion last night at a dinner at nearby Herzlia marking American Independence Day. The dinner meeting, which was also addressed by United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson, was sponsored by the Israel-United States Friendship League.

Mr. Ben Gurion told his audience that the friendship of the United States for Israel dated back well before the establishment of the new Jewish State, to the earliest days of the American Republic, and culminated with President Truman's recognition of Israel. Expressing the hope that the U.S. would continue to maintain its strength, wisdom and goodwill, Mr. Ben Gurion asserted that the similarities between the two countries included: the conquest of waste lands by pioneers, the integration of large numbers of immigrants and the growth of democracy and freedom.

Ambassador Lawson declared that the United States Government was aware of Israel's sense of insecurity and "of the need for an Israel-Arab accommodation which would eliminate the present sources of tension." He challenged the opinion, which he admitted was held by wide sections of the Israel public, that Israel is isolated and without friends. He insisted that in the highest American official quarters and among large portions of the American people there is a feeling that "the United States is proud to count Israel and her people as its friends and to pledge its friendship in return."

U. I. A. REPORTS SPENDING \$46, 000, 000 IN ISRAEL DURING SIX MONTHS

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA) -- A total of \$46, 000, 000--the greatest single portion provided by American Jews--was spent by United Israel Appeal agencies for their immigration and resettlement program during the first half of 1955, Dewey D. Stone, UIA national chairman, stated in a semi-annual report to the board of directors made public here today.

"The pressure of immigration and the need to resettle productively newcomers from North Africa," Mr. Stone reported, "have pushed our expenditures about \$2, 000, 000 ahead of budgetary estimates for the six-month period. These compelling needs have made it necessary for the Jewish Agency to incur a \$10, 000, 000 deficit during the first half of this year of which \$7, 000, 000 represents long-term loans while the balance are short-term credits."

In his report, the UIA chairman stated that \$28, 000, 000 had been spent in the general field of agricultural development. "This particular aspect of the UIA program is of special importance since it makes possible the effective operation of the ship-to-settlement program which is geared at avoiding long waiting periods in transition centers by bringing the newcomers directly to their homes on the farms."

Mr. Stone pointed out that of the 12, 000 new arrivals during the first half of 1955, about 65 percent went into agriculture; 20 percent settled in new development areas, while the rest joined relatives in urban and rural areas throughout the country. He underscored the contrast with the comparable period last year by reporting that in the first half of 1954 only eight percent of the immigrants settled in agriculture.

"This advance, which is so important for the productive index of the country, has been made possible by the strong support American Jews have been giving the United Jewish Appeal. The next few months of campaigning in communities throughout this country will be of crucial importance to Israel's immigration and resettlement program and may well spell the difference between serious economic dislocation and important strides towards self-sufficiency," Mr. Stone declared. The United Israel Appeal which helps finance the programs of the Jewish Agency and the Keren Hayesod, is the major beneficiary of the nationwide United Jewish Appeal campaign.

"Apart from the tense border situation," Mr. Stone said, "the general condition of Israel is improving markedly, particularly in terms of advances on the economic front."

RUMANIA RELEASES ZIONIST YOUTH LEADER; WAS SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS

LONDON, July 6. (JTA) -- Mark Abir, left-wing labor Zionist youth leader in Rumania who was sentenced a year ago to 20 years' imprisonment, has been released by Rumanian authorities, according to information received here today by the World Jewish Congress.

Mr. Abir, who had been for a time a clerk in the Israel legation in Bucharest, was arrested with other Rumanian Zionist leaders in 1949. He was brought to trial only last year, along with 20 other former leaders of the Hashomer Hatzair group, on charges of organizing illegal emigration of Jews from Rumania and maintaining contact with the Israel legation.

The Bucharest Military Court sentenced Mr. Abir to 20 years' imprisonment, but he appealed to the Supreme Military Court, which ordered a new trial. As a result of the new trial, the court at Bucharest again found him guilty, and sentenced him to a prison term of four years, but ordered him released immediately since he had already been detained for almost six years.

NAZI CHARGED WITH MASS EXECUTION OF JEWS SEEKS RETURN TO GERMANY

BONN, July 6. (JTA) -- Franz Rademacher, former Nazi diplomat who prepared the notorious "Madagascar Plan" for European Jewry and organized the annihilation of the Jews of Serbia, has indicated to German authorities that he will return from his Syrian refuge, provided he is granted "safe conduct" until the opening of his second trial on murder charges.

Rademacher, who has taken the name of Rosello and, with support from official Arab quarters, is conducting an export-import business in Damascus, was head of the "Jewish Section" of the German Foreign Office from 1940 to 1943. He drafted the stillborn project to evacuate the Jews of Europe to the island of Madagascar. It was he who visited Belgrade to order and supervise the execution of thousands of Jews. Later, he prepared the deportations from Belgium. Similar crimes in Bulgaria, Croatia, France and Holland have been attributed to him.

United States war crimes authorities handed him over to the German courts at Nuremberg in 1948. The trial, which was first delayed for four years, was notable for the behind-the-scenes efforts by the present Bonn Foreign Office to help and protect him. The prosecutor asked that he be given a life term for responsibility in the killing of 4,900 Serbian Jews and for "incitement to murder in thousands of cases," but the court was content to impose a brief prison term, ruling that "no base motives" had prompted his actions. Then it released him "on his honor," pending appeal.

Rademacher promptly fled to the Middle East. More than two years ago the German Supreme Court set aside the Nuremberg verdict as untenably mild, and ruled that murder rather than manslaughter was involved, and referred the case back to a different court for retrial. By that time, Rademacher had already fled Germany.

In the view of observers here, his demand for "safe conduct" has little significance beyond that of an impertinent gesture. Quite apart from the serious legal obstacles, he well knows that the Foreign Office is markedly cool to the prospect of having him testify in court a second time.

GERMANY SEEKS TO PROTECT HER SOLDIERS FROM WAR CRIMES CHARGES

BONN, July 6. (JTA) -- West Germany's soldiers--when and if Chancellor Adenauer's new army comes into being--will be protected against war crimes charges in clauses built into the army law as drafted and as it will be debated later this month in the Bundestag.

The law provides that a soldier must carry out all commands "fully, completely, conscientiously, without delay and with all his strength." An order "need not be carried out if it involves commission of a crime," the law declares, but it provides this loophole: "If a soldier does obey such an order, his guilt is excluded if he did not know that a crime was thereby being committed, or if this is not clearly apparent to him under the circumstances."

FRENCH JEWS VOICE OPPOSITION TO REARMING OF GERMANY

PARIS, July 6. (JTA) -- Noting that the forthcoming meeting of the Big Four in Geneva will once again consider the problem of Germany's future, the executive of the French Zionist Federation has reaffirmed the irreversible opposition of all Zionist groups here to the rearmament of Germany--East or West--which, it says, would represent a danger to the existence of the Jewish people.

The Federation said that, in association with CRIF--the central representative body of French Jewry--a public meeting is being scheduled to demonstrate the opposition of French Jewry to the rearmament of Germany. The meeting, it added, would be devoid of any political character.

EISENHOWER ASKED TO URGE RUSSIA TO PERMIT JEWISH EMIGRATION

CHICAGO, July 6. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith asked President Eisenhower tonight to urge the USSR at the Geneva conference to allow Jews to emigrate to Israel or any other land where they can practice their religion freely. The appeal was issued by Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, before 1,000 delegates at the closing session of the B'nai B'rith District Six convention at the Hotel Sherman.

"America looks with hope and confidence to your participation in the conference at the summit in Geneva," Mr. Klutznick said in his appeal. "Doubtless, there are great problems that will crowd the agenda. We would not seek to overburden these deliberations. However, you have long been aware of the plight of the Jewish people and others who profess religious faith and reside in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and satellite countries where destruction of religion is an avowed governmental aim and policy. We believe that many Jews in these countries would emigrate to Israel and elsewhere if they were permitted to do so.

"We of the B'nai B'rith reiterate our appeal of last November that you use your good offices to urge the USSR and its satellites to permit such people as may wish to emigrate to any land where they can practice their religion to be at liberty to achieve this end. We are profoundly conscious of your own deep-seated religious convictions. We have no doubt of your sympathy for those who would seek to follow your own example. Consequently we are emboldened to urge that this matter be included among the many that will be the object of your considerations."

DR. SCHWARTZ GOES ABROAD TO ORGANIZE BOND CAMPAIGNS IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph H. Schwartz, vice president and executive head of the Israel Bond Organization, will leave for Europe and Israel to study Israel bond sales operations in Western Europe, and to confer with leaders of the Israel Government, it was announced today by Abraham Feinberg, president of the Development Corporation for Israel. This will be Dr. Schwartz' first trip to Europe and Israel since he assumed responsibility for the direction of the bond drive on May 16 of this year.

Dr. Schwartz will meet with leaders of Jewish communities of Western Europe for the purpose of drawing up plans for Israel bond campaigns during the Fall. The countries he will visit include Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and France. An intensive drive for Israel bonds will get under way at a national mobilization conference which will open on September 19 at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington. More than 750 American Jewish community leaders are expected to participate in the conference.

ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED AT POLISH CENTER MEETING

ELIZABETH, N. J., July 6. (JTA) -- A wide variety of anti-Semitic literature was distributed at a meeting attended by about 125 persons at the Polish National Home here. The meeting also heard addresses by two nationally-known anti-Semites, Kenneth Goff and Conde McGinley, according to a report in the Newark Jewish News.

Mr. Goff, who was principal speaker at the meeting, weighted his remarks heavily in the direction of anti-Semitism, but primarily by means of implication and innuendo, rather than by direct charges. In general, his talk tended to "demonstrate" Jewish control of the United States. He also said that the alleged Communist conspiracy to rule the world could be traced back to the Babylonian Talmud.

Mr. McGinley's talk touched on his lack of funds and on the libel case brought against him by Rabbi Joachim Prinz, of Newark, which ended in a \$30,000 verdict against Mr. McGinley. Mr. McGinley denounced Superior Court Judge Howard Ewart on the grounds that the jurist gave him no opportunity to prove his charges of Jewish conspiracy. Subscriptions to Mr. McGinley's publication, "Common Sense," were sold, and funds to aid him were raised.

The published material distributed at the meeting, according to the newspaper account, was more outspokenly anti-Semitic than were the speeches. One of the circulars, printed by "Common Sense," said that President Eisenhower is "completely subservient to Jewish plotters."

PHILADELPHIA ALLIED APPEAL INCREASES ALLOCATIONS FOR EDUCATION

PHILADELPHIA, July 6. (JTA) -- A total allocation of \$295,179 to seven Jewish educational agencies which are its beneficiaries was granted here by the board of directors of the Allied Jewish Appeal, UJA constituent in this city. The sum represents an increase of four percent over last year.

In a statement to the board of directors, Prof. A. Leo Levin, chairman of the education budget-committee, pointed out that the committee was guided by "a number of principles which led to the strengthening of local Jewish education even though economies had been suggested in certain areas." He added that the committee urged representatives of the educational agencies to exert "maximum efforts to secure additional income from sources other than AJA to help them meet their total requirements."