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U. N. , WESTERN POWERS SEEK TO HALT ISRAEL-EGYPT FIGHTING AS ISRAEL WARNS EGYPTIAN RAIDS MAKE TRUCE 'INOPERATIVE'

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- United Nations agencies and representatives of the Western Powers worked feverishly today to obtain an Israel-Egyptian cease-fire agreement to prevent further deterioration of a situation verging perilously close to war. An aerial dogfight over Israel territory, which saw two Egyptian jet fighter planes downed, and a successful punitive expedition deep into Egyptian territory to destroy the headquarters of the Egyptian terrorist bands operating on Israel soil were the latest developments in the border crisis.

Major General E. L. M. Burns, head of the United Nations truce supervision organization, pleaded today for a cease-fire by both sides until such time as "the appropriate organ" of the United Nations could deal with the "very dangerous threat to peace."

His plea followed a warning issued by the Israel Foreign Office that the continued Egyptian acts of violence and incursions into Israel territory, continuing even after Egypt had announced a cease-fire effective Tuesday, had rendered the Egyptian-Israeli armistice "virtually inoperative." The Israelis charged that "from a claim to rights of belligerency, Egypt has gone over to active warfare."

Israel Again Offers Cease-Fire if Egypt Ends All Raids

The Israel Government, which had previously informed Gen. Burns that it would agree to a cease-fire if Egypt would admit responsibility for the terrorist attacks on Israelis during the past nine days, notified him tonight that Israel will take no military action provided that all attacks by Egyptians, in whatever form, cease.

On Wednesday, Gen. Burns admitted that he could give no assurance of a complete and immediate cessation of attacks by Egyptian terrorist squads operating on Israel soil.

In disclosing tonight's answer to Gen. Burns, the Foreign Ministry spokesman pointed out that so far Israel had not received answers to the questions it had previously posed to him regarding guarantees and assurances on Egypt's part concerning aggressive acts committed by its forces.

The Israelis declared in a statement today that the punitive raid carried out Wednesday night "after days of forbearance maintained in the face of extreme provocation," served to "make it clear that a campaign of bloodshed and destruction cannot long be carried out with impunity and that an armistice agreement was meant for mutual, and not for one-sided observance."

Earlier, the Foreign Ministry released a detailed list of 31 border aggressions committed by the Egyptians between Aug. 22 and Aug. 31, including attacks that took place 25 miles within the border and only a few miles from Tel Aviv.

Sharett Confers with Cabinet, Reports to Parliament

In his statement today, Gen. Burns said that nine days of violence, in which seven Egyptians and 11 Israelis had lost their lives and 24 Egyptians and 19 Israelis had been wounded, had "culminated" in the destruction of the police station and other buildings at Khan Yunis by the Israeli forces. UN observers, he said, were now investigating "this very serious incident."

Israelis, their nerves frayed by nine days of Egyptian attacks, noted with some asperity the concern shown by the UN official over the Khan Yunis destruction and contrasted it with his previous silence on Egyptian actions. One of the major factors militating against acceptance by Israel of the cease-fire Gen. Burns proposed on Tuesday was his failure, in Israel eyes, to distinguish between Egyptian attacks and Israel defensive measures.

Gen. Burns reported today that he was maintaining the closest contact with Dag Hammarskjöld, the UN Secretary General, and keeping him informed of his moves to secure a cease-fire agreement from both sides.

Premier Moshe Sharett conferred at length with his Cabinet today on the security situation. Later, with Defense Minister David Ben Gurion and Chief of Staff Brig. Moshe Dayan, he reported to the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee on the current developments.

Israel Fighters Down Two Egyptian Jets; Destroy Fort

The spectacular air-battle occurred today in southern Israel. The two Egyptian planes, identified as British-built Vampire jet fighters, were flying south towards Gaza when they were intercepted by two Israel fighters. One of the enemy planes was said to have exploded in mid-air. Both crashed on Israel soil near Yad Mordecai.

Egyptian sources did not admit the aerial defeat but announced that two of their planes had collided and crashed in landing. Israel sources claimed today that a third plane which the Egyptians admitted had crashed on its return to an Egyptian base earlier in the week was a jet fighter that had been hit when Israeli interceptor planes repelled a flight of Egyptian jet fighters.

Israel's punitive expedition struck last night against the Egyptian military base at Khan Yunis, in the Gaza strip, from which the terrorist units operating in Israel territory were being directed. The expedition, using tanks and armored cars, smashed through Egyptian military outposts, silenced them and made a frontal attack on the Taggart fortress at Khan Yunis which housed the military headquarters and the Egyptian police station. The garrison was quickly routed and the fortress, built by the British during the Mandate, was levelled to the ground.

The Israelis then withdrew, carrying their casualties - one dead and eight wounded. Israel sources estimated Egyptian casualties at 40 killed and 40 wounded. Egyptian dispatches, which admitted loss of 10 men killed and 12 wounded, revealed that the "Palestine National Defense Force" was involved in the action. This force is a national guard formation recruited by the Egyptians from among the Palestine Arab refugees in the Gaza strip.

Trouble developed along the Israel-Syrian frontier as well today, after a period of comparative quiet. A Syrian outpost opened fire on shepherds from the settlement of Gonen and then, under cover of heavy fire from the post, a unit of armed Syrians crossed the frontier and drove off most of the settlement's flocks.

U. N. Chief Confers with Big Three on Crisis

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold met today with representatives of Britain, France and the United States to discuss the Egyptian-Israel crisis. He conferred with Sir Pierson Dixon, of Britain; Herve Alphand, of France; and James Wadsworth of the United States. These meetings followed separate sessions he had yesterday with Mordecai R. Kidron, acting head of the Israel delegation, and Dr. Omar Loutfi, head of the Egyptian delegation.

Mr. Kidron filed his third report in as many days with the Security Council last night appraising it of developments in the situation and informing it of the latest acts of aggression by Egypt.

U.S. Supports U. N. Efforts; Dulles Hopes for Cease-Fire

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The United States Government is doing "everything possible to impress the gravity of the situation" on Israel and Egypt, the State Department said today. The United States is fully supporting U.N. efforts to secure a cease-fire agreement, it was declared.

Before leaving Washington today on vacation, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said he had "strong hopes" that the Israel-Egypt fighting will subside and a cease-fire prevail. He said he knew of no "new overtures" by the State Department to bring Arab-Israel peace.

Under-Secretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr., said this afternoon that "our latest information leads us to be hopeful that some basis can be found whereby they (Israelis and Egyptians) will engage in cease-fire talks." The Acting Secretary in the absence of Mr. Dulles added that his peace hopes were based on the activities of truce supervisor Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns.

Britain Intervenes with Israel, Egypt for Second Time

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The British Government intervened in the Egypt-Israel situation today for the second time in three days to warn both governments of the "dangerous consequences" of a policy of reprisals, the Foreign Office said tonight. It disclosed that the British envoys in Tel Aviv and Cairo had conveyed this warning to both governments.

Foreign Office sources, stressing Britain's support of UN cease-fire moves, confirmed that Britain was in close consultation with France and the United States over the Gaza situation with an eye to the terms of the 1950 Tripartite agreement guaranteeing Arab-Israeli borders.

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JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Parliament of Israel, convened in special session today to consider action on bringing North African Jews to Israel, approved a government-Jewish Agency plan for admitting 50,000 immigrants--45,000 from North Africa--in the next 12 months.

ACTIONS COMMITTEE ENDS SESSION WITH PLEDGE ON NORTH AFRICA

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee closed its sessions here today with the adoption of a resolution calling for the rescue of threatened North African Jewry. The resolution was introduced by Eliahu Dobkin, head of the Organizations Department of the Jewish Agency, who outlined the proposals of a special subcommittee on means to effect the North African immigration. Mr. Dobkin said that Zionists must set an example in the giving of additional contributions and declared that each country must work out its own way of approaching this problem.

The introduction of the resolution was followed by pledges of increased assistance from Zionist leaders of several countries. Among them were Edward E. Gelber who pledged an additional \$1,000,000 from Canada and Mrs. Rose Halprin, a member of the Jewish Agency executive, who said that American Jewry would undertake adequate action to be worked out in consultation with Zionist organizations, welfare funds and the United Jewish Appeal.

The Actions Committee expressed full support of Israel's efforts to achieve peace with its Arab neighbors based on Israel's "unquestionable sovereignty and territorial integrity." It insisted that there could be no discussion of cutting back Israel's borders and stressed that such proposals only encourage Arab extremists.

In another resolution, the committee welcomed Israel's all-out efforts to rehabilitate and settle the Negev and asserted that the only way the Arab refugee problem could be settled was through resettlement of the refugees in the Arab countries. The Zionists delegates scored the supply of arms to the Arabs as long as a peace had not been achieved.

The delegates hailed the improvement of the world political atmosphere, but expressed regret that a similar improvement had not been achieved in the Middle East. They pledged the world Zionist movement's assistance to Israel in its efforts to defend itself.

Earlier, the Actions Committee voted to hold the next Zionist Congress on July 10, 1956. It voted to increase the number of Keren Kayemeth directors from eight to twelve. The Actions Committee also asked Zionists to intensify their efforts to enlarge the number of children receiving a national Jewish education and to ensure the centrality of Hebrew as a national language within the curriculum. Urging increased assistance to schools, the Actions Committee also called on Jewish youth to enter the teaching profession in increasing numbers.

U. N. CONGRESS HEARS OF FATE OF JEWISH CHILD SURVIVORS OF NAZIS

GENEVA, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The toll of Nazi cruelty on some of the 150,000 Jewish children found in Europe at the end of World War II was described here today by Bernard B. Gillis, vice-chairman of the British section of the World Jewish Congress, speaking at the first United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Delinquents.

Mr. Gillis noted that the children found in concentration camps and elsewhere in the liberated countries were all suffering from malnutrition and many from the effect of starvation, had witnessed Nazi cruelties and had been forced to do revolting work. In the 12-16 year-old group, he said, many youths were restless and their attitude toward life included in various cases fury, destruction, cruelty and a desire to inflict on others some of the torment and humiliation that had been their lot.

Of the fate of the 150,000, he said, very few were re-united with remnants of their families, many thousands were given a new start in Israel and others in other countries.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE AGAIN QUERIES USSR ON JEWISH WRITERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union was urged today by the Jewish Labor Committee to reveal the fate of some 68 prominent Jewish writers who have disappeared since the end of World War II. In a letter to Soviet Ambassador Georgi N. Zarubin, Adolph Held, chairman of the JLC, wrote in part:

"You will surely understand the anxiety which has existed for a number of years in the Jewish as well as general community of our country concerning the fate of a large number of Jewish writers in the Soviet Union. These men and women played an important part in Jewish literature and the press of Soviet Russia. For a number of years nothing has been heard about them." The letter also noted that on several occasions the JLC sent communications to the appropriate Soviet authorities on the matter and is still awaiting a reply.

SENATE UNIT TO CONSIDER LADEJINSKY CASE IN THREE WEEKS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- A Senate subcommittee investigating the Federal security program will take up the case of Wolf Ladejinsky, Jewish land reform specialist, in about three weeks. This was made known today by Sen. Olin D. Johnston, chairman of the unit. Mr. Ladejinsky's dismissal by the Department of Agriculture was accompanied by anti-Semitic by-play. He was subsequently cleared and is now employed by the Foreign Operations Administration, an agency of the State Department.

OLYMPIC BODY HIT FOR REJECTING ISRAEL APPEAL ON SPAIN'S GAMES BAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The International Olympic Committee was remiss in its duty when it refused to consider, on technical grounds, Israel's appeal against Spain's barring Israel from the Mediterranean Regional Olympic Games held at Barcelona last month, Col. Harry D. Henshel, a member of the United States Olympic Committee, chairman of the New York Olympic Committee and head of the American Committee for Sports in Israel, charged here last night at a press conference.

Col. Henshel made public at the press conference a lengthy letter he had addressed to Mr. Brundage, asking 35 specific questions designed to point up the fact that the international committee had failed to live up to its obligations as expressed in the IOC statement of "Fundamental Principles," in statements by Mr. Brundage and by Baron de Coubertin, who revived the Olympic Games in modern times. Mr. Brundage has thus far failed to reply to the Henshel letter, which was addressed to him a week ago.

Col. Henshel's questions included several which asked Mr. Brundage to explain his apparent change of heart in the matter. Mr. Henshel noted that before the IOC met and rejected the Israel appeal, Mr. Brundage had told mutual friends that he intended to support Israel's position. He also charged that Mr. Brundage had "quibbled" when he wired Col. Henshel that the "IOC did not reject (the) Israel appeal," when its denial of the claim, on grounds of lack of jurisdiction, left Israel with no appeals body to turn to.

TWO JEWISH DOCTORS GET \$42,000 FEDERAL CANCER RESEARCH GRANT

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- A \$42,000 three-year grant for cancer research has been awarded Mount Zion Hospital here by the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The award, made through the National Cancer Institute, goes to Drs. Donald E. Bernstein, and Gerson R. Biskind, whose experimental work in the transplantation of the adrenal gland was widely publicized when their paper was read at the national parley of the American Cancer Society here last Spring. The operations were performed by Dr. A. L. Brown, chief of surgery at Mount Zion.

The research will involve continued work on the experimental operation, in which the adrenal gland was transplanted in 17 patients with cancer of the breast. In each case, the condition was so advanced that there was no hope of recovery through any other treatment. Eleven of the patients survive, and ten of them are still considered doing well anywhere from ten months to two years after the operation. While the Mt. Zion physicians do not consider any of the patients to be "cured," their research is considered to be of great importance in studying the influence of hormones on breast cancer.

QUEBEC INSURANCE FORMS ELIMINATE QUESTION ON "RACIAL EXTRACTION"

MONTREAL, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Automobile insurance policy forms now being prepared for use in the Province of Quebec will no longer ask the "racial extraction" of the applicant, the Department of Insurance has informed the Canadian Jewish Congress. Instead, the application form will ask the "country of birth."

EDITOR OF ANTI-SEMITIC JOURNAL COMPLAINS HATRED DOES NOT PAY

MONTREAL, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The lot of an anti-Semitic editor is not always an easy one these days. Take, for example, Gerard Langlois, editor of the French-language anti-Semitic journal, *Le Cactus*. Mr. Langlois has just managed to put out his March and April issues. In them, he reported "difficulties" in keeping the paper going and complained that he had had "to accept jobs on other local papers so as to be able to make a living."

JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADER NAMED TO MICHIGAN ANTI-BIAS BOARD

LANSING, Mich., Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Sidney Shevitz, a former president of the Detroit Jewish Community Council, has been named a member of Michigan's first Fair Employment Practices Commission by Gov. G. Mennen Williams. The new state unit will have six members in all.

ZONING BOARD PROMISES DECISION IN USE OF ESTATE BUILDING FOR TEMPLE

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Members of a congregation in the nearby suburban community of Sands Point, Long Island, will know next week whether they may use the main building of a 24-acre estate as a house of worship. A decision on their petition was promised yesterday by Chester E. Bates, chairman of the Sands Point Village Board of Zoning Appeal, after leaders of the Reform congregation withdrew their application for a variant which would have allowed them use of recreational facilities on the property, in addition to the main building.

25 AMERICAN STUDENT TEACHERS LEAVE FOR TRAINING SEMINAR IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Twenty-five undergraduate students of five leading American Hebrew teacher colleges left for Israel yesterday for a six-month training seminar sponsored by the Jewish Agency. The group sailed aboard the liner *Jerusalem* of the Zim Israel Navigation Company. The students--13 men and 12 women--have completed their junior year and were selected by their respective colleges, on the basis of academic records, to participate in the seminar.