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UNEASY TRUCE IN GAZA AREA FOLLOWS BURNS' "LAST-DITCH" APPEAL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- An uneasy truce continued to mark the tense Gaza strip border between Egypt and Israel today, following conditional acceptance by both countries of a "last ditch" appeal by Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the U. N. truce team, for a cease-fire in the area.

The only incident reported in the past twenty-four hours occurred when an Israel patrol inadvertently crossed the demarcation line last night. An Israel spokesman in Tel Aviv said that the patrol was moving in the dunes in the Nir Yitzhak area when it accidentally crossed the border, where it encountered Egyptian troops. Three Israel soldiers were missing, the spokesman said. Reports from the UN's truce supervision organization, evidently based on information from the Egyptian side of the line, said that two Israelis were killed in that incident.

Gen. Burns' big push for a cease-fire came Saturday when he sent an appeal to the heads of both governments renewing his cease-fire proposal of August 30. His appeal was worded in such a way that it included reference to acts of sabotage and the laying of mines behind the lines--but it did not state which of the two countries had been responsible for those acts. He closed by setting a deadline for acceptance or rejection--6 PM Sunday.

Earlier, a spokesman at United Nations headquarters here said that Gen. Burns had cabled a request to U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold that a meeting of the Security Council be called to deal with the situation. He reported that Gen. Burns had said he had done all he could and that the time for Council action had arrived. Gen. Burns' action was unprecedented, since Council meetings are generally called by request of UN member states.

Israel's reply to the Canadian truce chief came first. In it, the Israel Government took note of the fact that the United Nation had, as yet, taken no note of the "salient feature of the situation"--that Israel had been acting only in self-defense after severe provocation. Israel also noted the reference to sabotage and said that its acceptance of the cease-fire in no way accepted the implication "that Israel, like Egypt, has been guilty of the acts enumerated." But, the letter to Burns continued, Israel had already promised that she would not act except if provoked by Egyptian acts, and she intended to abide by that promise. "This means, in effect, that Israel has accepted your request for a cease-fire," the Israel statement said. Egypt's acceptance came just 15 minutes before the Burns deadline. Immediately afterward, he conferred with Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, but no details of that conference were made public.

The political phase of the situation was acted out against the background of a series of incidents that kept nerves on edge. The week-end's toll of such incidents included the blowing up of two wells in Israel, an attack on an Israel water pipeline, an exchange of fire that began with Egyptian shelling of the Beeri and Yad Mordechai settlements--all through Saturday's morning hours--and the discovery by an Israel patrol of five new mines near Beeri.

The Israel Army's view of the situation and how to handle it, were expressed in an address delivered by Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, printed in the Army weekly, "Bamachaneh." The General said that nothing could be done to prevent marauders from blowing up a well or killing a family while it slept--"but we can set a high price for our blood, so high that the Arab governments would be obliged to punish marauders." He emphasized that the Israel actions were punitive and not revenge actions and that they were intended as a warning to the Arab governments that Israel would play havoc across their borders if they could not discipline their own citizens.

Britain Welcomes Cease-Fire; Consulted U. S. and France

LONDON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Foreign Office here lastnight welcomed the acceptance by Israel and Egypt of the cease-fire proposal by Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns. He said that the United Kingdom would give Gen. Burns all support in his efforts to bring peace to the area. Britain has been in close consultation with the United States and France in recent days about the Gaza border situation, and it is believed here that the British view was that no action was necessary under the tripartite agreement of 1950.

ISRAEL ARMY READY TO DEFEND COUNTRY, BEN GURION WARNS ARAB STATES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The Israel Army of Defense will give a good account of itself if it is again faced with the "supreme trial" as it was seven years ago when it was born during the invasion of the newly-established Jewish State by seven Arab armies. Premier-designate David Ben Gurion declared here today, addressing a commencement parade of army officer cadets.

Mr. Ben Gurion who, with the exception of the short period when he was not in the Cabinet, has been the civilian head of the army from its birth, took this opportunity to warn Egypt and the other Arab states that "despite the fact that 'we pray and hope' for peace, 'if we are faced again with the supreme trial we will stand up to it with greater force and better ability than seven years ago.' He praised the nation and the army for remaining continuously on the alert in the face of almost "daily and nightly trial" by Arab marauders, and stressed that "only a few days ago (the army) again proved its fighting superiority on the land and in the air."

He emphasized that year by year the Israel Army has improved its equipment, its training and its organization. But, although these factors are important, he asserted, the most essential element is the spirit and vision which "permeates the heart of the fighter and moulds his strength." He underscored the role of the Army in helping the new immigrant fit into the life of Israel, educating him, improving his health and morale and training him for civilian settlement as well as military duties. He noted that the security of the state did not rest on the army alone, but also on the ingathering of immigrants from abroad, their settlement on the land, the rehabilitation of the land and the development of industry.

U S MILITARY PLANE FORCED TO LAND BY ISRAELIS; VIOLATED AIR SPACE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Two Israel fighters forced an American military transport to land at Lydda airport yesterday when it violated Israel air space over the Haifa area. After the American plane failed to heed a radio order to land, one fighter fired a short machine gun burst ahead of the plane, which then landed.

The plane, its crew and passengers were permitted to leave after interrogation by Israel officials. Col. David Petersen, American air attache in Israel, was present during the interrogation of the crew by Israel officers.

U. S. WORKERS WILL FIGHT FOR ISRAEL, C. I. O. HEAD TELLS HAIFA AUTO WORKERS

HAIFA Sept. 5. (JTA) -- C. I. O. president Walter Reuther told a group of workers at the Kaiser-Fraser plant here this week-end that "there's a sense of solidarity with Israel among American workers. We will fight with you if necessary. We need something like your Histadrut and the spirit of your country's people in the United States." Mr. Reuther and a delegation of C. I. O. leaders were touring Haifa area factories and docks, where they were warmly received by the Israeli workers.

A reception tendered by Haifa's workers in his honor later heard the American labor leader declare that the United States must help Israel, because whenever freedom is threatened, the United States is threatened also. At a reception in Acre attended by both Jewish and Arab notables, the C. I. O. president said, "the way in which Arabs and Jews live together here is a pleasant example of how both nations can cooperate on a larger scale."

JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER BACKS BANDUNG PRO-ARAB RESOLUTIONS ON ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Japan does not support the Middle East plan proposed ten days ago by United States Secretary of State John Foster Dulles but, instead, wants Israel to adhere to old United Nations resolutions "in the spirit of the Bandung Conference," Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Foreign Minister, declared here prior to his departure for Tokyo yesterday.

At a press conference during his visit to UN headquarters, the Japanese Cabinet member, whose rank equals Mr. Dulles', came out flatly as a staunch supporter of the Arab League's contention that Israel must re-admit Arab refugees, relinquish any hold on Jerusalem, and follow other old UN resolutions which are conceded to be out-of-date by all neutral diplomats here. Mr. Shigemitsu made his statement regarding Israel when questioned as to whether it is true, as reported by some American newspapers, that he supported the Dulles solution to Middle East strife. Mr. Shigemitsu did add that Japan's foreign policy aims at solution of all disputes by peaceful means, and expressed his hope that such a policy could be applied to Israel.

ERIC JOHNSTON IN BEIRUT FOR JORDAN WATER TALKS; SAW EGYPTIANS, JORDANIANS

LONDON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy, is now in Beirut for discussions of the American-backed plan for regional development of the Jordan Valley waters with Lebanese officials. Mr. Johnston has already been in consultation with Jordanian and Egyptian authorities in their respective capitals during the past week.

ISRAEL MAKES 13TH PAYMENT ON AMERICAN LOAN OF \$135,000,000

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel made this week-end its 13th installment payment of \$3,180,000 to the Export-Import Bank on account of principal and interest on the Bank's loans of \$135,000,000 made to Israel in 1949 and 1950.

SO. AFRICAN JEWRY PLEDGES SUPPORT TO ISRAEL. AID TO NO. AFRICAN JEWS

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- South African Jewry's deep concern over the tense Gaza border situation, and its solemn pledge to support Israel's efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East, were voiced here this week-end in a joint resolution by the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and the South African Zionist Federation at a session of the 20th biennial congress of the Board at Coronation Hall here. The congress, which is being attended by 400 delegates from all parts of the Union of South Africa, also expressed concern over developments affecting the Jews of North Africa.

Israel A. Maisels, in his presidential address to the delegates, stressed the Board's non-political role and its unwillingness to express political opinions. There were, he added, "no ready-made formulas" for adjusting differences among the varied racial segments of South Africa. Within the "white section," he noted, developments were along the lines of cultural pluralism "and, in that pattern, Jews have their rightful place."

Mr. Maisels went on to say that the common aim of all the delegates was to build a strong community, capable of playing its role at home and in the solution of world Jewish problems. "In this pattern," the Board leader asserted, "we realize that the future of Jewry now rests upon Israel and the Jews of the Western world."

The main problems facing the congress, he continued, were the development of programs to attract those sections of Jewish youth here who are in danger of falling prey to apathy and assimilation, and the reaching of an agreement on the proportionate financing of all necessary programs of the Board of Deputies and its partner organizations, through the United Communal Fund--South African Jewry's domestic financial arm.

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- "Time is running out for the Jews of Morocco, and in the face of the rising tide of Arab nationalism, 200,000 of them will have to seek a new future--most of them in Israel," Moses W. Beckelman, Joint Distribution Committee leader, told a reception in his honor at City Hall here. The reception was attended by delegates to the biennial congress of the Board of Deputies now in session here. Tribute was paid to Mr. Beckelman by E. J. C. Horowitz, Board chairman, and Abel Shaban, chairman of the United Communal Fund.

Gustav Saron, general secretary of the Board of Deputies, speaking at the reception, stressed the need for communal consolidation and the urgency of the new United Communal Fund drive to be launched here for the strengthening of local institutions. Mr. Beckelman endorsed his statement with the comment that, in his experience, those communities which best served local institutions were also the best supporters of overseas causes. He also paid tribute to South African Jewry's personal contributions to world Jewish causes, commenting that the 40 persons who were sent from this country to take part in JDC's postwar relief program "taken as a group were most competent and devoted."

A. J. C. "ENCOURAGED" BY FRENCH NATIONALIST PROMISES ON MOROCCAN JEWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee expressed the hope today that French Morocco's nearly 250,000 Jews--most of whom now have the inferior status of proteges of the Sultan--will have equal rights along with their Moslem neighbors when the French Government carries out its plan to give the North African protectorate a representative government.

"We are encouraged both by the actions of the French Government and the declarations of nationalist leaders in French Morocco," asserted the AJC in a statement released by Irving M. Engel, president. "When the French Government included two representatives of French Moroccan Jewry in the Aix-Les-Bains discussions, this was a major step forward in the recognition of the rights of Moroccan Jews to have a voice in helping determine their future and the future of their country."

"Recent declarations by Moroccan nationalist leaders that the Jews of Morocco will have equal rights are most heartening. Of course, a number of major changes will have to be made in the structure of the present Moroccan theocratic state which discriminates against Jews in several ways."

"The Jews of Morocco have suffered a great deal from the recent disorders. All responsible sources confirm the fact that these unfortunate incidents were the result of a general state of unrest in Morocco and, with a few exceptions, were not directed against Jews as such. The principal goals of Moroccan Jewry are equal economic, social, religious and cultural rights; political representation; and freedom of movement. No obstacle should be put in the way of those who wish to leave and they should be given the right to emigrate to Israel and elsewhere with their belongings."

British Jews to Increase J. P. A. Fund to Help No. African Immigration

LONDON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The administrative committee of the Joint Palestine Appeal here has decided to raise an additional 400,000 pounds in the coming year to assist in the stepped-up immigration campaign for North African Jewry, following receipt of an urgent cabled appeal from Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Berl Locker, co-chairmen of the Jewish Agency. Proposals which the administrative committee are now considering include the mounting of a thorough information campaign, to acquaint Anglo-Jewry with the situation in North Africa and the magnitude of the problem.

"HANDS OFF" POLICY ON CLOSING SCHOOLS FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS ADVISED

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations or leaders should not request that public schools be closed on the Jewish High Holy Days, but Jewish organizations and community leaders should not interpose objections to such closings provided the "record is made clear that the decision was made purely for administrative reasons and that the Jewish community has requested no such action." the Synagogue Council of America--representing the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform movements--and the National Community Relations Advisory Council declared today in a joint statement.

The statement, released by the Joint Advisory Committee on Religion and the Public School of the two organizations, stressed that "it should be the concern of the Jewish community that no Jewish child or teacher shall be penalized for remaining away from school on a Jewish religious holiday." The statement was issued in response to requests for counsel from rabbis and Jewish groups in various parts of the country, according to representatives of the joint advisory group.

JEWISH CONGREGATIONAL AFFILIATION UP 10 PERCENT, PROTESTANTS ESTIMATE

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Jewish congregational affiliation in the United States has risen by 10 percent in the last year, according to the Yearbook of American Churches published by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. here today.

The statistical breakdown of the various faiths in America published by the Council listed 5,500,000 members of Jewish congregations in this country, as against a total of 5,000,000 in last year's count. The Council's figures for American Jewry apparently assumed that virtually every Jew in the United States was affiliated with some congregation.

J. D. C. AIDED 165,000 IN ISRAEL, EUROPE, MOSLEM COUNTRIES IN 1954

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee provided assistance to 165,850 needy Jews in Israel, Europe and the Moslem world in 1954, the organization disclosed this week-end.

The largest group aided--95,930--was in seven Moslem countries of Asia and North Africa, where more than one of every six Jewish men, women and children received JDC help. Malben, JDC's welfare program in Israel, aided 25,750 men, women and children in a network of old-age homes, custodial care centers, hospitals, sanatoria, sheltered workshops and other institutions throughout the Jewish State. In 1955 JDC has allocated a major share of its budget for its Malben program.

EISENHOWER NAMES MELVIN KRULEWITCH A GENERAL IN MARINE CORPS RESERVE

DENVER, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower has approved the promotion of Melvin L. Krulewitch, public utilities attorney and chairman of the Jewish Welfare Board's New York City Council, to the rank of Brigadier General in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Gen. Krulewitch, 59, is now the only resident of New York City to hold a general's rank in the Marine Corps.

Long active in Jewish philanthropic activities in the New York area, Gen. Krulewitch is a veteran of combat service in both World Wars and the Korean conflict. His promotion must be confirmed by the Senate, but action there is considered to be only a formality.

DANIEL ROSS NAMED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- The election of Daniel G. Ross as president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University was announced here this week-end. Mr. Ross, who is a member of the board of governors of the Hebrew University, is also a co-chairman of the national council of the United HIAS Service, vice-president of the Reconstructionist Foundation and chairman of the planning committee of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

DR. NOAH BAROU DIES; WAS HEAD OF EUROPEAN EXECUTIVE OF JEWISH CONGRESS

LONDON, Sept. 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Noah Barou, chairman of the European executive of the World Jewish Congress and a noted financial and economic consultant, died here today. He was one of the founders of the World Jewish Congress.

Born in Poltava, Russia, Dr. Barou was educated at the Universities of Kiev, Heidelberg, Leipzig and London. He lived in Britain since 1923 and was active in the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Trades Advisory Council--which fights anti-Semitism in England--and other aspects of Jewish defense work. He was one of the prime negotiators in the Israel and world Jewish reparations negotiations with West Germany which culminated in the Luxemburg Agreement.

A member of the International Institute for Cooperative Studies, Royal Economic and Statistical Societies, Royal Institute for International Affairs and the Institute for Bankers, Dr. Barou was an author of a number of economic and financial works including several on Soviet banking and economics, on the Soviet Union in general and on the cooperative movement and the trade union movement. He was a leading member of the Fabian Society and a leader of the left Poale Zion, before its merger with the Poale Zion.