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U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL ORDERS EGYPT AND ISRAEL TO CEASE HOSTILITIES

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 8. (JTA)-- Egypt and Israel were ordered today by the United Nations Security Council to take "forthwith" all steps necessary to bring about order and tranquility in the Gaza area, and in particular "to desist from further acts of violence and to continue the cease-fire in full force and effect."

The order was contained in a resolution proposed jointly by the United States, Britain and France and adopted unanimously this morning at a special session of the Security Council called at the request of the three powers. It also demanded that Egypt and Israel cooperate with Gen. E.L. M. Burns, UN truce chief, in his proposals to erect a barbed wire barrier along the demarcation line, to establish a demilitarized zone, and to resume the general Gaza pacification talks broken off on August 24.

The resolution also called for strict observance of the principle of freedom of movement for United Nations observers which, according to Gen. Burns, Israel violated by detaining some UN personnel on the night it attacked Khan Yunis, in Egyptian controlled territory. Several of the delegates, led off by Britain's Sir Pierson Dixon, made a point of criticizing Israel for that action.

Ambassador Abba S. Eban, chief of the Israel delegation at the UN, avoided making any apologies for Israel's retaliatory acts against Egypt. He pointed out to the Security Council the part of Gen. Burns' latest report which refers to the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission resolutions adopted this week showing clearly that it was Egypt and not Israel that started firing on August 22, leading to the latest series of violent outbreaks. "Israel's patience has its natural and prudent limitations," said Mr. Eban.

The Israel delegate pointed out further that the tri-power resolution "does not attempt to indicate Egypt's responsibility. My government and people have no doubt of the justification and incscapable necessity of the measures of effective defense which our armed forces were compelled to take by land and air," he said. In general, he agreed with the objectives of the resolution and the resumption of the talks on Gaza pacification which Egypt broke off.

Dr. Omar Loutfi, Egyptian delegate, told the Security Council that it was Israel's plan to force Egypt to discontinue the Gaza talks because it wanted to make "political" capital of the situation. He expressed Egypt's readiness to accept every part of the resolution. Israel circles later indicated that Israel is not too anxious to accept the proposal for a demilitarized zone because it would create an area for further infiltration and because some of the settlements on the Israel side are right on border itself.

Soviet Delegate Announces Agreement with Tri-Power Stand

Soviet delegate Arkady A. Sobolev, who spoke after the Israel and Egyptian representatives presented their views, called on both parties to take concrete steps to prevent border clashes. He announced that the Soviet Union will vote in favor of the tri-power resolution. He expressed "sincere sympathy for the casualties suffered by Egypt and Israel," and referred to the "most serious" Israel attack on Khan Yunis as well as to the invasion of Israel territory by Egypt. The Security Council must take "concrete measures to prevent recurrence" of violence, he declared.

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., the American delegate, was very firm in urging Egypt and Israel to cooperate with Gen. Burns. He said that the Security Council "expects" that the cease-fire will be maintained. He insisted that both parties must undertake "all necessary steps to bring about peace and tranquility in the area. " Mr. Lodge expressed particularly firm support of the idea of a demilitarized zone.

Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain appealed strongly to both parties not only to maintain the cease-fire in good faith but to accept Gen Burns' barbed wire and demilitarized zone proposals and then resume the interrupted Gaza negotiations. Sir Pierson, however, also emphasized the Council's concern with the principle that United Nations observers in the Gaza area must not be interfered with. His mention of freedom of movement for UN observers was understood to be a reference to Gen. Burns' report of yesterday in which he said Israel had detained a number of UN observers just before the cease-fire was agreed upon.

U N. TRUCE CHIEF CORFECTS GAZA REPORT FOLLOWING ISRAEL'S PROTEST

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns. Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supercision Organization in Palestine, issued a correction today to his report on the Gaza situation which was released simultaneously here and at the United Nations yesterday.

Responding to protests by Israel officials here and in New York, that his report blamed Israel for the incident of August 22 which touched off the recent border violence in which some 100 persons died on both sides of the Gaza strip frontier. Gen. Burns said that he wanted to "correct the impression that my report attributed responsibility for beginning the period of violence to one party or another."

He explained that a sentence of his report noting that the Mixed Armistice Commission might not be able to establish who fired the first shot was omitted during the telegraphing of his report. He further noted that the MAC decision was reached too late for inclusion in his report. That decision blamed Egypt for starting the firing and Israel for rescuing its pinned-down patrol by driving forward and taking an Egyptian post which was firing on the patrol.

In a reaction to the Burns report yesterday recommending the erection of a barbed wire barrier along the length of the Gaza demarcation line and the erection of a demilitarized zone along the border, an Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman said Israel fully supports the idea of a barrier which he noted would keep the two armed forces apart and cut down on infiltration. He felt that the demilitarized zone proposal should wait until the success of the barrier could be judged.

Today, the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commisstion met at Kilometre 95 and adopted two resolutions, one condemning Egypt and one condemning Israel for two incidents which occurred on August 22. Both incidents, in which a total of four persons were wounded, occurred after the far more important incident on the same day in which an Israel patrol was fired on and Israel forces captured an Egyptian command post, leading to the recent battles.

BEN GURION'S EFFORTS TO FORM NEW ISRAEL CABINET HITS NEW SNAG

JERUSALEM, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Premier-designate David Ben Gution's efforts to form a coalition government were temporarily deadlocked this week-end when Agudah-Poale Agudah refused to enter the government under Ben Gurion's proposed "status quo" arrangement.

Referring to that "status quo"--under which all religious party demands would be postponed until later--spokesmen for Agudah-Poale Agudah, as well as for Mizrachi-Happel Hamızrachi, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it would be better, in their opinion, to remain outside the Cabinet in opposition, than to enter a government which had not fulfilled even one of their demands.

It was understood that the General Zionists have also refused to enter the Cabinet and that both Mapam and Leachdut Avodah have informed the Premer-designate that they are opposed to any concessions to the religious parties. Mr. Ben Gurim informed all parties concerned that he will resume talks within a few days.

GERSHON AGRON ELECTED MAYOR OF JERUSALEM; LEVANON WINS IN TEL AVIV

JERUSALEM, Sept 8. (JTA) -- Gershon Agron, founder and editor of the Jerusalem Post, only English-language daily in Israel, was elected Mayor of Jerusalem last night. The vote for the 62-year-old Mapai leader was 11 for, five against and five abstentions. The five against were divided between Dr. Arieh Altman, Herut, and Abraham Kaariv, Müzrachi,

In Haifa. Mayor Aba Khushi has been re-elected by a majority of 13-5. He has the support of a bloc consisting of Mapai, Achdut Avoda, Mapam, Progressives and the religious parties.

In Tel Aviv, today, the incumbent Mayor, General Zionist Chaim Levanon, was reelected despite the fact that for the first time in many vears the Mapai received more votes than the General Zionists in that city. In the face of an appeal by the Mapai not to split a "traditional" labor alliance between the Mapai and the Poale Mizrachi, the latter and the Mizrachi decided to throw their support to Mr. Levanon's 14, but because two religious councillors had abstained neither could obtain the necessary majority of 16.

In Ramat Gan Abraham Krinitz, the incumbent General Zionist has been re-elected; in Hadera Mapai leader Yitzhak Widerker has been named Mayor; in Holon another Mapai councillor, P. Aylon, has been elected, and still another Mapai choice, Y. Gadish, is the new mayor of Acre. Fourteen other municipalities still have to elect mayors.

NO. AFRICAN JEWS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; TWO GROUPS SETTLED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Several parties of North African immigrants have arrived within the past few days. One group today moved into the Geffen settlement, a Poale Mizrachi unit and the 15th to be founded in the Lachish district southwest of Jerusalem this year. Another group of 35 youths, was taken to a Youth Aliyah home at Ramat Hadassah.

CONGRESSIONAL BODY URGES U.S. TO AID JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM NO AFRICA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- The State Department declined to comment today on a proposal by Rep. Francis E. Walter, chairman of the House Immigration Subcommittee, that the United States assist in the movement of Jews from North Africa to Israel. The proposal was made by Rep. Walter to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in a letter dated September 2.

A high State Department source said that the Department's views would be set forth in a reply to Rep. Walter, who plans to visit Israel early next month. It was not indicated when this reply could be expected. The full text of Congressman Walter's letter to Secretary Dules reads:

"I am fully aware, of course, of your terribly crowded schedule but in view of the fast deteriorating situation in French North Africa, I believe it my duty to draw your personal attention to one part of a report which I have submitted to the House of Representatives just before adjournment. I have in mind the complex and pressing problem of the mass exodus of Jews from French North Africa to Israel.

"In connection with the forthcoming visit in Washington of Mr. Tittman, the director of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, and that committee's semi-annual session scheduled to open in Geneva on October 17, I wish to request that the United States delegation be instructed to carry out the recommendations of the House report and to lay before the member governments the necessity of ICEM's immediate participation in assisting in the removal of Jews desirous to leave French North Africa because of fear of persecution or of physical danger.

"A perusal of ICEM's constitution shows that Clause 3 of Article 1 authorizes the committee to concern itself with the migration of refugees from areas other than Europe, and such function of the committee would in my opinion be in accord with the basic aims of those of us who have conceived and founded ICEM in Bussels in 1951.

"More than that--ICEM would again assert and fortify its position among the various organizations dedicated to international cooperation if it would accord higher priority in its migration activities to a humanitarian action, rather than to continue to stress migratory movements of manpower prompted solely by economic factors. I might add that my report and the recommendations therein contained met with the unanimous approval of the Committee on the Judiciary, and that no dissension to it has been voiced by any member of Corpress."

No. African Jews Held Entitled to International Aid Like Refugees

The subcommittee report to which Rep. Walter referred stated: "According to observations made by this subcommittee, the political unrest in French North Africa, particularly in Algeria and in Morocco, has caused a rather widespread feeling of fear among the Jewish population of that area. It is not difficult to observe there a very definite trend toward migration from the disturbed areas, and the direction of that trend is Israel.

"In the past. Israel has assimilated, in addition to the migrants who arrived from the West, over 200, 000 Jews from the Near East, to wit: approximately 33, 000 from Libya, 50, 000 from Yemen, and 125, 000 from Iraq. Some 80, 000 Jews from North Africa entered Israel between May 1948 and May 1955. Leading experts from the Jewish Agency, which is the organization handling migration to Israel, estimated, in informal conversations with members of the subcommittee, that facilities would have to be found for the moving of upward of 20,000 migrants annually, or more, from French North Africa to Israel,

"The same sources estimated that a total of 200, 000 Jews from that area might desire to move to Israel within the next five to six years, depending, of course, on political developments which are taking place in that area. The amount of violence that seems increasingly to enter into these developments will have considerable bearing on the attitude of the Jewish population of French North Africa.

"At the present time the Republic of Israel is bearing the brunt of all the expenses involved in the moving and resettlement of migrants from French North Africa. Voluntary contributions, a considerable part of which originates in the United States, and efforts of the Jewish Agency, only partially alleviate the economic burden placed upon the young State of Israel.

"If international cooperation in the field of migration is not to remain an empty slogan, it does not appear to this subcommittee that Israel should be called upon to continue to receive Jewish immmigrants—in fact, refugees—from French North Africa at its own expense, with only voluntary contributions making its difficulty easier. In the opinion of this subcommittee, Jewish migrants from French North Africa could justifiably claim the status of refugees, fleeing their centuries—old abodes in fear of persecution on account of race or religious beliefs. These migrants are not much different from refugees fleeing to escape Communist persecution and they therefore appear to be deserving of international support and assistance.

"It is recommended that the U.S. delegation to the forthcoming session of the Council of the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration recommend that ways and means of assisting Israel, a member in good standing of ICEM, be found--under special provisions, in accordance with Article 1 (3) of ICEM's Constitution--so as to render assistance in the movement of Jewish migrants from territories administered by France."

SANDS POINT BARS ESTABLISHMENT OF SYNAGOGUE; GOVERNOR HITS DECISION

NEW YORK, Sept. 8. (1TA) -- Gov. Averell Harriman blasted a decision yesterday of the zoning board of nearby Sands Point, Long Island, refusing the Sands Point Community Synagogue the right to use a building and estate which it purchased for a synagogue and religious school. The Governor is a property owner in the exclusive suburban community.

The zoning board's action yesterday was the latest move in a two-year fight to keep the congregation from using for religious purposes a \$215,000 estate consisting of a 42-room mansion, swimming pool, tennis courts, stable and five other buildings set on 24 acres. The 200-member congregation has taken the case to court and, seven months ago, forced the village board to change an ordinance which had specifically barred the use of the estate for religious purposes.

The zoning board based its decision yesterday on the following assertions: the synagogue has not proved that the building meets the state building code specifications; the synagogue wants to use the property for other than religious purposes; the 24 acres is too much for religious purposes, and the location is not proper for such a building.

The attorneys for the congregation contended that the building does meet code specifications and that the congregation offered part of the 24 acres, including the swimming pool, to the village for a public recreation development. The town, which has been seeking land for recreational purposes, has not even bothered to reply to the congregation's offer. The decision of the zoning board will be appealed to the state Supreme Court.

Gov. Harriman, in a letter to Village Trustee William I. Stoddard, declared "the arbitrary refusal of the board to grant a use permit for the use of the Holmes property ithe estate) for this purpose is a shocking thing." He expressed the hope that the village authorities would change their decision. He also advised them to accept the "generous offer" of part of the estate for recreational purposes.

ISRAEL WILL NOT BAR REFORM SYNAGOGUES, SO. AFRICAN LEADER PREDICTS

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Dr. M. C. Weiler, rabbi of the United Jewish Reform Synagogue and vice president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, said on his return here from a mission in Europe and Israel that it was "inconceivable" that the new Israel Government would accede to a demand by extreme Orthodox elements in the Religious Bloc for legislation that would bar establishment of a Reform synagogue in Israel.

For a government in Israel to yield to this demand, he said, would not only be a violation of Israel's Declaration of Independence, but would "compromise Israel in the eyes of the world." He declared that "Israel will not stand for religious blackmail."

JEWISH COLLEGE STUDIES APPROVED FOR VETERANS UNDER GI BILL OF RIGHTS

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Courses offered by the University of Judaism (Conserwative) have been approved for veterans under the GI Bill of Rights. it was announced here today.

Classes are being scheduled here for prospective converts to Judaism by the Los Angeles College of Jewish Studies (Reform). A similar course is now being offered in New York City by the federation of Reform temples.

LABEL A. KATZ ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH COMMISSION

STARLIGHT, Pa.; Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Label A. Katz, New Orleans attorney, was elected chairman of the B nai B'rith National Youth Commission at a meeting of the Commission held here. Mr. Katz succeeds Jacob J. Lieberman, who served since 1946. The Youth Commission guides the activities of 30,000 members of three organizations - Aleph Zadik Aleph, Briat B'rith Girls, and B'nai B'rith Guong Adults.

AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTH CONFERENCE CONCLUDES SEVEN-DAY DELIBERATIONS

PORT JERVIS, N.Y. Sept. 8. (JTA) -- The seven-day eighth annual National Jewish Youth Conference. sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, closed here last night with the election of Miss Sue Schechtman of Scranton, Pa., as president. The parley at Camp Cejwin discussed various phases of American Jewish life, particularly as they pertain to youth and young adults.

CARDINAL DE JONG, DEFENDER OF JEWS UNDER NAZIS, DIES IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 8. (JTA) -- Johannes Cardinal de Jong, Cetholic prelate of the Netherlands who protected Jews during the Nazi occupation of this country, died at Amersfoort early today. He was 70. An open critic of the Nazis, Cardinal de Jong circulated pastoral letters during the occupation attacking various aspects of the Nazi regime including its persecution of the Jews.