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### MOLOTOV, DULLES MEET; U. S. S. R. PLEDGES AID TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE

GENEVA, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union announced its intention today of contributing to the "peace" of the Middle East. This declaration was made to newsmen by Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov following a lengthy meeting with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. It is understood that Mr. Dulles protested to Mr. Molotov that the Communist decision to supply arms to the Middle East violated the "Geneva spirit."

"Russia will contribute to the peace of the Middle East, as it will all over the world," Mr. Molotov said. Pressed for further details of this contribution, the Soviet Foreign Minister said: "I cannot say more." Earlier, the Moscow radio had blamed the Middle East crisis on the West, which it charged with "gross interference" in the affairs of the region by setting up military blocs.

Beside his hour and 40-minute meeting with Mr. Molotov, Secretary Dulles had another 100-minute meeting with Israel Premier Moshe Sharett, who was accompanied to the meeting by Ambassador Abba Eban. After the meeting, Mr. Sharett told newsmen that he had "had a very full talk, covering the ground very adequately. Mr. Dulles, I hope, was left in no misconception about the position of Israel in the present embroglio. I did not gather that the United States Government had yet reached a final conclusion on how to deal with the situation. It will now be in a position to make up its mind in full cognition of what Israel thinks of the dangers threatening and the line of action she believes should be followed."

Mr. Sharett further told newsmen that "Israel considers that her very existence is menaced by this massive increase in strength falling to her strongest and most pronounced enemy. If it is impossible to prevent this massive increase, then Israel's military positions should be strengthened as far as possible. Also, there should be added a security guarantee which might act as a deterrent to any evil design of aggression against her territorial integrity and very survival."

#### Sharett to See Molotov Today; Many Meetings This Week-End

Today's developments came after a week-end of meetings among the Western Foreign Ministers and between Mr. Sharett and each of the Western representatives. Mr. Dulles' meeting with Mr. Molotov was preceded by one between British Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan and Mr. Molotov. Mr. Sharett, who was to confer with Mr. Macmillan late this evening, has an appointment with Mr. Molotov for tomorrow. The Israel Premier is now expected to leave for Jerusalem on Tuesday. All contacts between the Western representatives and Mr. Molotov took place on the "fringe" of the Big Four parley. The Middle East question has not become part of the agenda of the East-West parley, although its explosive nature overshadows the German question at the moment.

Reports from many quarters here agreed that the Western Foreign Ministers had decided to turn a deaf ear to Mr. Sharett's pleas for more arms for Israel to balance Czech shipments to Egypt. The request for specific security guarantees to Israel were also reportedly turned down. Instead, the representatives of the West, signatories of the Tripartite Declaration of 1950, were understood to be prepared to voice once again the principles of that declaration, which they consider as still in force. This is highly unsatisfactory to Israel.

In an interview recorded for the British Broadcasting Corporation, Mr. Sharett charged that neither the United States nor Britain had adhered to the tripartite statement. The U. S., he underlined, had concluded an arms deal with Iraq, while Britain had supplied arms to Egypt while denying them to Israel. A guarantee of Israel's security should come "as a supplement" to arms. The Israel Premier said that there had been nothing "that could be described as a Soviet arms offer" to Israel.

The Western foreign ministers are understood to be contemplating a call to end the violence in the Middle East and, at the same time, to go ahead with plans for expanding and strengthening the Bagdad Pact, which they see as no threat to Israel but rather as a defense for the region against Soviet pressure. In some diplomatic circles the belief was expressed that Britain is not as cold as the U. S. is toward the idea of a four-power guarantee for Israel, which they believe Mr. Molotov will offer Premier Sharett tomorrow. However, the British and Americans have worked out a common approach on the Middle East situation, and there has been no talk between the two partners of any four power guarantees which would include the U. S. S. R.

## EGYPTIANS HOLD POSITIONS ON ISRAEL TERRITORY DESPITE U. N. PLEAS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Egyptian troops continued today to hold "a line in depth" in Israel territory within the Nitzana--El Auja--demilitarized zone in the southern Negev, an Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman revealed here tonight. He said that the Israel Government, which has been in constant communication with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, had been informed that there had been no results from repeated UN requests to Egypt to evacuate the positions and move its troops back across the international border.

Even as the spokesman made his announcement, the Israel Cabinet was meeting to hear a report from the Army chief, Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, on the situation along the border where Egyptian raids last week had brought a swift and deadly retaliatory action by Israel troops at Kuntilla, an Egyptian army staging point five miles south of the border, and where Egyptian troops twice this week-end made unsuccessful infantry and mortar forays against Nirim, a settlement opposite the Gaza strip which held out against the might of the Egyptian army in the war of 1948. The Cabinet named Generals Yaacov Dori and Yigal Yadin, former Chiefs of Staff of the Israel Army, to head the special fund set up to receive contributions for the purchase of arms for the Israel forces.

In other developments this week-end, the General Zionist Party decided that, in view of the crisis facing the country, it would reconsider the possibility of joining in a broad national coalition government; and Mapai Party chairman Meir Argov, who also heads the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, speaking at a political rally in Tel Aviv, called for a "defense immigration" of 100,000 Jewish youths from communities abroad to help defend the Jewish State.

In the blow at Kuntilla, characterized by Israel sources as "the sternest warning to Egypt that Israel means business," the Israelis captured the camp after a fierce 25-minute battle in which a number of Egyptian machinegun nests were quieted by grenade and rifle fire, culminating in room-by-room encounters. The Egyptians lost 10 men killed and 29, including seven wounded, prisoners. The Israelis suffered one dead in the attack, and two more who died in a hospital from wounds. The operation was carried out in company strength, with the Israel troops marching a total of 25 miles to and from the scene of the attack.

Announcing the raid, an Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman said that the purpose of the action was to "emphasize what should have been clear to Egypt--that their attacks on Israel territory will be met by counter-attacks. If they leave us alone, we will leave them alone. If they want us to leave them alone, let them leave us alone." The raid followed an Egyptian attack at an Israel police checkpoint at Beerotayim last week, in which one Israeli was killed, several wounded and a number dragged off as prisoners. After this, the Egyptians took up positions in the demilitarized zone and fired on Israelis and UN observers indiscriminately, refusing to leave Israel soil.

### Nitzana Controls Invasion Route into Israel

Israel sources charged that the Egyptians have concentrated some 2,000 men, in five companies, in the Nitzana demilitarized zone. Nitzana is of top military importance because it lies astride the only route that can be used by motorized forces to push toward Beersheba and Tel Aviv, and Egyptian forces could be supplied directly from Suez Canal towns in the event of a fullscale attack on Israel.

Meanwhile, a letter from Col. Robert Hommel, acting head of the UN truce organization, reminding Israel of a promise to Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns to make every effort to maintain the peace in the demilitarized zones, was answered sharply by Dr. Walter Eytan, director of the Israel Foreign Ministry. In an implied rebuke to the UN, Dr. Eytan said he found it "difficult to understand that in both the United Nations press release and your letter, you find it advisable to gloss over the cardinal fact that this undertaking was unilaterally broken by Egypt in her unprovoked attack on an Israel police checkpoint early in the morning of October 26th." He noted that the Egyptians were still continuing to provoke new incidents in the area.

### Burns, Hammarskjold in New Peace Call to Israel, Egypt

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 30. (JTA) -- A new United Nations call to Israel and Egypt to "cease all aggressive activities and retaliations" and warning of the "grave moral responsibility" of the party who takes offensive action in the current situation, was issued here this week-end.

The call upon the Egyptians and Israelis to "restrict their operations to defense" only was issued by Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns with the specific sanction of Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. Gen. Burns, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, made his requests in identical letters to Mordecai R. Kidron, deputy chairman of the Israel delegation here, and Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Foreign Minister of Egypt.

Before issuing the letters to Mr. Kidron and Dr. Fawzi, Gen. Burns and Mr. Hammarskjold conferred with representatives of the United States and Great Britain, informing these two governments, as signatories with France of the 1950 Tripartite Declaration of Principles for the Middle East, about latest developments in the

## U. J. A. STUDY MISSION CALLS EMERGENCY MEETING ON ISRAEL SITUATION

JERUSALEM, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- The 60-man study mission of the United Jewish Appeal concluded its visit to Israel this week-end with a call to the leadership of the American Jewish communities to attend an extraordinary session on November 18 to plan action that "will meet the needs of the times."

The statement issued by the mission declared that "while the Israelis are responsible for their own defense, American Jewry must assume full responsibility for the settlement and colonization of newcomers."

Leaders of the mission said that the call to a special conference came as a last-minute decision of the entire mission. William Rosenwald, general chairman of the UJA, said that "it was felt that we must seek to bring together immediately persons in a position to formulate a special program which would result in aid over and above the anticipated results in 1956. Originally, the UJA mission was to have made recommendations for the annual goal-setting UJA conference scheduled for December 16-18, but they were moved to call the meeting for November on account of the crisis in the country."

(In New York, Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, returning from Israel today, called for the widest participation of American Jewish leadership in the extraordinary meeting to be held in New York November 18. The UJA session, Rabbi Friedman said, will focus on the mobilization of American Jewry for an extra effort to fill the gap in welfare and settlement financing caused by the forced diversion into defense channels of Israel's own resources. While the one-day session will act on the immediate problem, broader and longer-range programs will be dealt with at the three-day National Conference starting on December 16.)

### Israel Bond Drive to Hold Emergency Telephone "Meeting"

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Two thousand Jewish leaders all over the United States will hold an extraordinary telephone "meeting" Wednesday in an emergency conference called by the State of Israel Bond Organization.

Announcing the telephone conference, Abraham Feinberg, president, said the purpose of the wire "meeting" is to alert the Jewish communities of the United States to the "critical problems confronting Israel as a result of the shipment of arms from Czechoslovakia to Egypt." This threat, Mr. Feinberg declared, must be met by the mobilization of large resources "for economic defense" of Israel. "In this moment of peril," he pointed out, "any breakdown of Israel's economy, any weakening of her industry or agriculture, would represent a severe blow to her defensive power."

## JEWISH GROUPS ASK DULLES TO STEP INTO MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations this week-end urged the United States to help maintain the balance of armaments in the Middle East and to regard the new crisis in the area as a United States problem rather than as one threatening Israel only.

Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, cabled Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in Geneva, pointing out that the Czech sales of arms to Egypt and the current border fighting between Israel and Egypt "make it imperative" that Soviet efforts to exploit unrest in the Middle East be defeated.

At Atlantic City, Rabbi Maurice W. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, told the UAHC executive that Americans would be making "a grave error if they regard the Arab-Israel conflict as a remote duel between two antagonists who can be sized up with cold objectivity."

(In Montreal, the United Zionist Council of Canada made a strong demand on the four foreign ministers meeting in Geneva "to bear in mind the concern of the entire civilized world for the safety of the Jewish people of Israel." The Council told the foreign ministers that "guarantees are necessary to prevent any one state engaging in a policy that threatens the life and happiness of other peoples in the Middle East.")

### Arms, Security Guarantee for Israel Urged on Dulles

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- "Prompt" offers of American munitions for the defense of Israel, and a security pact to batten down the status quo in the Middle East, were called for in a statement sent to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles this week-end by Rep. Hugh Scott, Rep., of Penna. In his message to Mr. Dulles, Mr. Scott urged upon the Western Powers and particularly the United States the "pressing duty" of immediately making available to Israel "the military means for its legitimate defense against the increasing evidence of aggressive intent on the part of Egypt."

An editorial in the Washington Post and Times-Herald urged that Washington should give arms and a security guarantee to Israel if the Soviet bloc's arms deal with Egypt is implemented. The editorial expressed scorn for "the kind of pussyfooting" exhibited by Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen during his recent trip to Cairo.

DEWEY ENDORSES DULLES MIDDLE EAST POLICY; IS HONORED BY Z. O. A.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30, (JTA) -- Former Governor Thomas E. Dewey tonight endorsed Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' policy on the Middle East, and stressed that the United States and its Western Allies are still committed to the Tripartite Declaration of 1950, which guarantees the borders of Israel and the Arab states against aggression. Mr. Dewey spoke at a \$100-a-plate dinner given in his honor by the Zionist Organization of America. The funds raised at the dinner will be used to finance ZOA programs in this country and Israel.

Mr. Dewey, who charged that the Soviet Union was supplying arms to Egypt as a means of diverting the attention of the West from its moves toward 700 million peoples in the Middle and Far East, said that the Tripartite Declaration must be enforced by the West to counter Soviet intentions, if diplomatic moves at Geneva fail to reverse the latest developments. Referring to Mr. Dulles' speech of last August, offering to underwrite an Israel-Egypt peace if the parties first reach agreement, Mr. Dewey said he believed that it "set forth a charter for a sound solution" and expressed the hope that the nations involved would find it "appropriate to accept the formula."

In a message to the dinner, Mr. Dulles said: "The complex problems which exist in the Near East today require the closest consideration and deepest understanding of all Americans. In our efforts to build peace and security throughout the world, the decisions which all of us face in the Near East take on conspicuous significance."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, both speakers at the dinner, hit out at State Department policy in the Middle East and urged a reversal of the current trend of wooing the Arabs while by-passing Israel. Mortimer May, ZOA president, also spoke.

HADASSAH ANNUAL CONVENTION GETS PROGRAM TO AID ISRAEL

CHICAGO, Oct. 30, (JTA) -- A program of action for American Jews to follow to assist Israel in the present crisis was outlined here today by Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, president of Hadassah, to the opening session of the four-day 41st annual convention of the women's Zionist organization of America. The program asked American Jews to:

1. Urge the United States Government to lessen tension in the Middle East and minimize the possibility of an Arab-Israel arms race by entering into a mutual defense treaty with Israel; 2. Redouble economic assistance to Israel to assure the uninterrupted development of the country's agriculture and industry; 3. Make available professional and skilled labor to accelerate the upbuilding of the country and to fill key civilian posts; and 4. Strengthen Israel's economy through tourism. Mrs. Shulman asserted that "we cannot send heavy tanks, jets and submarines to offset the danger to world peace created by the Communist-Egyptian pact, but the avenues of economic aid are wide open."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, told the convention that "the situation in the Middle East could be transformed overnight from a grave liability into an asset for peace if only our Administration would announce that it is prepared to come before the Senate of the United States and request authorization for a security treaty with Israel and with any other state in the Middle East desirous of entering into such a treaty."

Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas, a member of the United States delegation to the United Nations, tonight told the 3,000 delegates that the recently concluded Soviet arms agreement with Egypt "may well lead our Arab friends to many irrational steps." For Israel, Mr. Hays suggested: Continued alertness to the danger of Communism in the Near East; increased individual effort and ability to make Israel economically strong; and a continued, serious search for the ways and means by which Israel may contribute towards the bringing about of peace in the area.

In a message to the convention, President Eisenhower hailed Hadassah's "proud record in advancing the welfare and serving the needs of literally hundreds of thousands of people."

REFORM LEADERS ADOPT PROGRAM TO EXPAND SCOPE OF SYNAGOGUE

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 30, (JTA) -- A program designed to expand the scope of the synagogue was adopted here this week-end at the annual meeting of the executive board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The 125-member board represents about 1,000,000 adherents of Reform Judaism.

Measures agreed upon by the board include: 1. An expanded study program for adults; 2. Experimentation, "drastic if necessary," in the field of worship services so that "reverence will grip the occupants of the pew"; 3. Development of specific techniques for the transfer of religious ideals into the general community.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY DEDICATES CHAPELS FOR THREE FAITHS

WALTHAM, Mass., Oct. 30, (JTA) -- Three separate chapels--one each for use of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish worshippers--were dedicated here today at Brandeis University, emphasizing the nonsectarian character of the university by breaking the long tradition under which all faiths were forced to accept the use of a common chapel on college campuses.