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FIFTY EGYPTIANS, FIVE ISRAELIS KILLED IN EGYPTIAN-ISRAEL BATTLE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The most violent fighting since the end of the War of Liberation erupted along the Nitzana (El Auja) demilitarized zone south of Gaza last night, as Israel forces moved to expel from Israel soil Egyptian troops entrenched in the zone. A Foreign Ministry spokesman announced today that, as of noon, Israel soil had been cleared of Egyptian invaders and that all was quiet.

The fighting, launched with an Israel surprise attack in bright moonlight at a point called El Sabha, ended this morning after the invaders had been driven back with a loss of 50 dead and 40 captured, as well as the loss of a number of heavy guns and light weapons. Israel said that five Israeli soldiers had been killed and 19 wounded in the action. (An Egyptian military spokesman in Cairo asserted that 200 Israelis had been killed in the battle and that Egyptian forces had counterattacked,) Israel spokesmen denied all reports of a counterattack or any other battles except the one last night.

The Israel Cabinet was called into extraordinary session this afternoon to hear a report on the Nitzana action. Present at the meeting were members of the outgoing and incoming governments. Earlier in the day, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Dayan reported to Premier and Defense Minister David Ben Gurion that Israel soil had been cleared of all enemies.

Israel Explains Action; Says Egyptians Rejected U. N. Orders

A Foreign Ministry spokesman revealed that, in order to carry out its mission, the Israel attacking force went across the Egyptian border to silence artillery units supporting the troops in the Nitzana zone, but that when these positions were silenced and the troops on Israel soil had been driven off, there were no Egyptians in Israel and no Israelis on Egyptian-controlled soil. A military spokesman said that the Egyptian force at Nitzana was stationed in platoon positions supported by two artillery units with six-pounders, 20 mm guns and gun carriers and that they were part of a regimental position.

The spokesman reviewed the events leading to last night's incident, noting that on October 26 and 27 Egyptians moved onto Israel soil in the Nitzana zone and consolidated, extended and entrenched their positions, rejecting--according to the UN truce organization--four UN appeals to withdraw. Subsequently, he said, Gen. E. L. M. Burns' request from New York to the Egyptians was also rejected, and an Israel warning ignored. "There is no place in Israel for Egyptians--they belong in Egypt and should go there. If they won't go of their own free will, they must be pushed back," he said in summation of Israel's position.

The spokesman said Egypt had been guilty of two violations of the armistice agreement: Egyptian forces had occupied Israel soil; and they had built up their forces behind the demilitarized zone, far in excess of the strength authorized by the pact.

Meanwhile, the UN chairman of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission protested against the Israel refusal to allow UN observers to leave UN truce headquarters at El Auja last night. An Israel spokesman said that this measure was meant to protect the observers during the night's attack. He noted that, except for this consideration, the Israelis had never interfered with UN personnel's freedom of movement, contrary to recent Egyptian restrictions and even firings at observers.

Ben Gurion's Cabinet Receives 73-32 Vote of Confidence

JERUSALEM, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The new Ben Gurion Government received a 73-32 vote of confidence today at the conclusion of a lengthy debate. The government is a coalition of the Mapai, Mapam, Achdut Avodah, Poale Mizrahi and Progressive Parties.

At the conclusion of the debate Mr. Ben Gurion declared that Israel would meet aggressors with force regardless of whether they were armed with Soviet or American weapons. He expressed the condolences of his Cabinet to the families of the five soldiers who had been killed in last night's fighting in the Nitzana area. He also expressed regrets over the death of 50 Egyptian soldiers in the battle and said they were the victims of Egyptian dictators who had sent them on a mission of aggression.

STATE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN CLASH

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- A State Department spokesman today described American concern over the latest outbreak of Israel-Egyptian military action and said it was the opinion of the State Department that "the situation is getting worse."

Speaking for the Department, Lincoln White said the United States was "concerned about these border incidents and are exploring ways and means by which the United Nations can be helpful in this situation." He said "fortunately, there is on the spot a U.N. truce observation organization. One of the basic objectives of the United Nations is to cope with just such situations as this."

Discussions were held in Washington and at the United Nations today, he made known, on emergency steps to be taken as a result of the eruption of serious fighting along the Israel-Egyptian frontier. Mr. White said that "conceivably" the matter will also be explored in Geneva.

American diplomats in Cairo and Israel are doing "everything" they can "to calm the tempers," he said. He assumed approaches were made within the last 24 hours. American diplomats are continuing to urge "sobriety," he said.

Mr. White revealed that the possibility of action by the United Nations Security Council was being "explored." He made it plain that the Department's Near Eastern experts feel the situation is deteriorating as a result of the latest incident. He said exploration of the problem here includes study of proposals on what can be done.

Asked if the State Department sees developments of the last 24 hours as still in the "incident" category, Mr. White replied that the most recent events was "still" regarded as "a border incident." He stressed that the United Nations is the body to cope with the situation.

U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL MEETS WITH "BIG THREE" ON EL AUJA CLASH

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 3. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld today met with ranking delegates of the United States, Britain and France on the fighting which broke out between Israel and Egypt at El Auja (Nitzana).

While the meeting took place, Dr. Omar Loufi, Egyptian delegate here, sent a letter to the Security Council blaming Israel for the El Auja development, but admitting that Egyptian action in the demilitarized zone "might have led to inevitable advancement of a few metres inside the demilitarized zone." He did not request a meeting of the Security Council.

EBAN JUSTIFIES ISRAEL'S ACTION AT EL AUJA; WILL SEEK ARMS IN U. S.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba Eban, Israel's delegation chief, firmly asserted today that Israel intends to go after armaments in the U. S. and that Israel was correct in every respect when it attacked the Egyptian invaders in the El Auja demilitarized zone. He declared at a press conference held immediately after his return from conferences in Paris and Geneva that he will present a list of arms needed by Israel to the United States Government very soon, perhaps in a matter of days.

The situation is extremely urgent, he stated, because with its new arms from Eastern Europe "Egypt will be in a position within a matter of months to carry out its aggressive intentions against Israel." Mr. Eban confirmed previous reports that, as a result of the Geneva talks, the United States had promised "sympathetic consideration of Israel's arms needs."

The Israel Government does not plan at present to bring the current Middle East situation up for discussion "before any organ of the United Nations," Mr. Eban said. Thus far, Egypt has also refrained from calling for a meeting of the Security Council. However, a Council meeting could be called on the initiative of any of its eleven members or at the behest of the Secretary General, and the holding of such a meeting, perhaps on a few hours' notice, was not ruled out.

British Minister of State Criticizes Israel; Summons Israel Envoy

LONDON, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- British Minister of State Anthony Nutting today criticized Israel for the El Auja border fighting. He summoned Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath and in a tense 30-minute session expressed British dismay at Israel's action. The Israel embassy in London issued a statement saying Israel was entitled to defend its own sovereign territory.

Religious Groups Urge United States to Guarantee Israel's Borders

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The Central Conference of American Rabbis, representing the Reform rabbinate, and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, today urged the United States to grant to Israel a pact guaranteeing the present borders between the Jewish State and the neighboring Arab countries. The UOJC also urged President Eisenhower to personally intercede in the Middle East crisis.

NEW ARRESTS OF JEWS REPORTED FROM MOSCOW; TERMED PRO-ISRAEL

BERLIN, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Reports reaching here today from Moscow reveal that the Soviet authorities have started a new campaign against Zionism and arrested at least 11 Jews in the Soviet capital on suspicion of sympathies with Israel.

The report said that arrests were made by police searching Jewish homes for Zionist and Israel literature. It is not known, the report added, whether such searches were carried out also in other parts of the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, the official government newspaper "Izvestia" appeared today with an article telling the Western Powers to mind their own business about the arming of Egypt by Communist countries. The paper accused the Allies of provoking armed conflicts between Israel and the neighboring Arab countries. The article was one of the sharpest directed against the Western Powers since the birth of the "Geneva Spirit."

At the same time, the Moscow radio announced that the Israel Embassy in Moscow had signed a contract for the purchase of 350,000 to 400,000 tons of Soviet crude oil and fuel oil, while the Soviet Government had contracted to buy 15,000 tons of Israel citrus fruits.

EAST GERMAN OFFICIAL EVADES QUESTIONS ON JEWISH CLAIMS

GENEVA, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Georg Handke, Undersecretary in the East German Foreign Office, ducked questions today about why East Germany refused to pay reparations to Israel as the Bonn Government had agreed to do and was doing.

Herr Handke, who is here as an observer of the Big Four foreign ministers parley, told newsmen that East Germany had paid no reparations because Israel did not recognize his country and there were no diplomatic relations between them. He completely sidestepped the issue when newsmen retorted that West Germany paid reparations despite the fact that Israel had not recognized the Bonn regime.

JEWS IN AUSTRIA ASSURED OF SHARE IN REPARATIONS FROM GOVERNMENT

VIENNA, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Jewish community here were assured today that the share of Jews in Austria of funds to be paid by the Austrian Government as compensation for Jewish losses under the Nazi regime will not be smaller than the share received by Austrian Jews living abroad.

This assurance was given at a plenary session of the Vienna Jewish Community by Dr. Nehemiah Robinson, representative of the Jewish Claims Committee on Austria, which conducted the reparations negotiations with the Austrian Government. His statement was made to offset rumors among Jews in Austria that the Claims Committee would favor the Austrian Jews living abroad at the expense of the surviving Jews in Austria.

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES AWARDED NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR 1954

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 3. (JTA) -- United Nations officials were heartened today with the news from Sweden that the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 1954. Dr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhart is the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, but the prize money accompanying the award, amounting to \$35,067, will go to the organization.

Once before in recent years, the Nobel Peace Prize went to an organization instead of to an individual. In that instance, recognition was given to the work done by American Quakers. One of the first to congratulate Dr. van Heuven Goedhart and the United Nations for being voted the award was Jacob Blaustein, a member of the United States delegation here, who delivered an address on the UN's refugee work in the General Assembly's Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee.

MANUFACTURERS CANCEL PLAN TO HOLD PARLEY AT HOTEL PRACTICING BIAS

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The National Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers has cancelled plans to hold its spring board meeting at the Camelback Inn here because of the resort's anti-Jewish discrimination policy, it was reported by the Phoenix Jewish News. The decision was prompted by protests by members of the Association's directorate. The paper reported that only a tiny minority of the board is Jewish, but it was felt that the group should not hold its parley in a resort with such a policy.

The Camelback Inn figured similarly in the news last year when the National Association of Attorneys General cancelled its convention there. Shortly afterward, Senator Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts cancelled a booking at the Inn when he came here to address Arizona Republicans. Both cancellations followed notification by Phoenix Jewish community leaders of the Inn's policy.

Asked whether the Camelback Inn had lost many conventions because of its anti-Jewish policy, Bert Shoemaker, assistant manager, said, "Bookings have been so heavy that when we lose one, we get two. That seems to be the trend." The Inn has accepted off-season convention reservations where Jews were included in the group, while it declines to accept individual "Jewish reservations" during the busy season.

NEW LINER "ISRAEL" STARTS ON FIRST VOYAGE FROM NEW YORK TODAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- New York newspapermen inspected the new Zim liner "Israel" at its berth in Brooklyn today as the ship was being made ready for its first New York to Haifa voyage. The 10,500-ton 501-foot liner sails Friday with a full complement of passengers. It has accommodations for 80 first-class and 233 tourist-class passengers and can carry 5,000 tons of cargo. With a sister ship, now being constructed, the Israel will maintain a regular three week sailing schedule between New York and Haifa commencing next year.

Gottlieb Hammer, president of the American-Israeli Shipping Company, representatives of Zim, told the newspapermen that the two ships were designed for Israel's special requirements to carry immigrants, tourists and freight. He pointed out that Zim, in 10 years, had grown to the point where it now operates 240 ships with a gross tonnage of 120,000 and has some 1,500 officers and ratings. The ship was built in Germany under the reparations agreement and cost approximately \$4.5 million.

CHICAGO JEWISH HOSPITAL WINS AWARD FOR MENTAL HEALTH ACHIEVEMENTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The Michael Reese Hospital of Chicago and the Montgomery, Ala., unit of the National Council of Jewish Women have been named winners of the third annual William J. Shroder Memorial Award, it was announced today by William Rosenwald, chairman of the Awards Committee.

Both awards were made in recognition of outstanding achievements in mental health. The Michael Reese Hospital, an affiliate of the Jewish Federation of Chicago, will receive the large city award for its Psychosomatic and Psychiatric Institute for Research and Training. The Montgomery, Ala., Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will receive the small city award for its pioneer work in developing a comprehensive, community wide mental health program.

The awards were established in 1952 by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, as a continuing tribute to the memory of Mr. Shroder, one of the Council's founders and its first president. Mr. Shroder died in 1952. The awards will be formally presented at the 24th General Assembly of the Council in Chicago, November 12. The CJFWF is the national association of 250 Jewish federations and welfare funds representing approximately 800 communities throughout the United States and Canada.

ANNUAL NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCE OF JEWISH BOOK MONTH STARTS TODAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The 12th annual nationwide observance of Jewish Book Month begins tomorrow. Some 2,000 Jewish organizations including synagogues, Jewish Community Centers and Jewish schools as well as Jewish and public libraries are expected to take part in the celebration under the auspices of the Jewish Book Council of America which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Programs planned for the observance include exhibits, book fairs, book reviews, symposia, lectures, plays, radio and television events and special Book Month sermons. The latter will be given on the occasion of Jewish Book Sabbath, November 19. Noted Jewish authors and scholars will be heard at scores of lectures across the country.

LIPSKY RECEIVES THE 1954 STEPHEN WISE AWARD FOR SERVICE TO JEWRY

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- The 1954 Stephen S. Wise Award was presented to Louis Lipsky, veteran American Zionist leader, last night for his "outstanding devotion to the cause of Jewish peoplehood and his leadership in rebuilding Zion." Two hundred communal and Zionist leaders were present at the presentation ceremony.

Principal speakers at the presentation were Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency and president of the World Jewish Congress. Dr. Goldstein, in his address, said that a Big Four guarantee to Israel and the Arab states would be the "most reassuring step for peace in the Middle East."

DR. PERLZWEIG HONORED BY WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS ON 60TH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Maurice J. Perlzweig, director of the international affairs department of the World Jewish Congress, was honored here today at a reception given on the occasion of his 60th birthday at the Stephen Wise Congress House.

The reception was attended by United Nations leaders, representatives of the Israel Government, Jewish communal leaders and members of the diplomatic corps. Messages from communal leaders in various parts of the world were received. Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the WJC Western Hemisphere executive, paid tribute to Dr. Perlzweig, and Abraham Hyman, its administrative director, presented him with a gift. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president, who was ill and could not attend the reception, sent a message in which he lauded Dr. Perlzweig's achievements.