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PRESIDENT EISENHOWER KEPT INFORMED OF ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower has been kept informed of the latest Israel-Egyptian developments in a special summary prepared for him by the State Department, it was revealed here today by government sources who said the President had read the summary in his hospital room at Denver.

In a special statement on the Israel-Egyptian situation issued yesterday after Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East George V. Allen had met separately with the Israel and Egyptian Ambassadors to Washington, the State Department expressed its "deep concern" over the "increasing tempo of hostilities between Israel and Egypt," and charged both states with violations of the general armistice agreement. Ambassadors Abba Eban and Dr. Ahmed Hussein were summoned by Mr. Allen to the State Department to hear parallel statements of the United States view of the current situation. They were each asked for their government's intentions regarding these developments.

The Department's statement said: "According to our information there have been violations of the general armistice agreement by both Israel and Egypt which have led to bloodshed and loss of life. The United States deplores resort to force for the settlement of disputes." It was pointed out that "the Secretary General of the United Nations and General E. L. M. Burns have put forward proposals to Israel and Egypt which are designed to ease the present situation along their common border.

"The United States strongly supports the United Nations' efforts to achieve settlement by peaceful means, especially the current proposals of General Burn, who is Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization," the statement continued. Dag Hammarskjöld made proposals to Israel and Egypt last week, which although not published, are believed to include evacuation of the Nitzana -- El Auja -- demilitarized area by both states and non-interference with UN observers, as well as clearer marking of the borders.

(In London this week-end Anthony Nutting, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, expressed Britain's "anxiety" over the situation along the Nitzana -- El Auja -- border in separate interviews with Ambassador Eliahu Elath of Israel and Ambassador Sami Abdul Ftooh. He urged that both Israel and Egypt adopt a policy of "restraint and cooperate with UN truce chief Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns.)

The State Department said reports had been received that UN observers "have been prevented from carrying out their assigned functions. The United States continues to believe that these United Nations observers should have full liberty to perform their peaceful functions."

Ambassador Eban indicated to reporters after meeting with Mr. Allen that he had informed Mr. Allen of Israel's "great concern" over "the spectacle of Egyptian troops advancing beyond the demarcation line and entrenching themselves in Israel territory," which he said, were "more like an invasion" than previous encroachments by Egypt. He gave Allen assurances that if Egyptian forces remained on their side of the frontier they could have "complete tranquillity." But he added "if they go beyond it they don't deserve it." Mr. Eban said Israel would study in a "constructive spirit" the proposals by Gen. Burns and Mr. Hammarskjöld. Mr. Eban said he did not submit to Mr. Allen a list of defensive arms that Israel wishes to purchase.

DULLES AND TITO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AT MEETING

VIENNA, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles met with Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia today at the residence of Marshal Tito on the island of Brioni in the Adriatic Sea, after which it was announced that the two statesmen had discussed the Middle East situation.

A Moscow radio broadcast heard here today accused Israel of preparing war upon the Arab states. It quoted a Tass dispatch from Damascus that said the Syrian public was being told the Israelis were preparing "a new armed clash along the frontiers between Israel and the Arab states."

BURNS INSPECTS EL AUJA AREA; SHARETT PREPARING TO COME TO U.S.

JERUSALEM, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation, who arrived here today, left immediately for the Nitzana -- El Auja -- demilitarized zone, scene of last week's heaviest fighting. Meanwhile, it was revealed that Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett is preparing to leave for the United States soon.

The arrival of the truce chief and the imminent departure of the Foreign Minister served to highlight developments in the tense border situation which continues to prevail. The latest incident occurred when an Israeli patrol of four jeeps was fired on by Egyptian positions inside the Gaza strip yesterday morning. The incident occurred at Ein Hashlosha.

The only other major incident reported over the weekend, a Syrian claim to have shot down an Israel war plane, was categorically denied by a military spokesman in Tel Aviv. Earlier, an Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman branded Arab broadcasts reporting battles and the infliction of heavy casualties on Israeli forces as figments of the imagination.

The spokesman announced Israel's readiness to cooperate fully with Gen. Burns in negotiations of the proposals of UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold for lessening tension. He also cited Israel's ready compliance with acting UN truce chief Col. Robert Hommel, when he requested a cease fire after the Nitzana clash.

In Tel Aviv, a military spokesman today announced that two houses in the settlement of Sdeh Hemmed, in Central Israel, were slightly damaged Saturday evening after Jordanian infiltrators placed explosives under them. The spokesman announced that the footprints of three men were found leading to the Jordanian border.

Earlier, Gen. Yaacov Dori, former Israel Army Chief of Staff and president of the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, who now heads the special fund for the purchase of arms from Israel, announced this weekend that the fund's goal is to collect 25 million pounds by the end of this year.

DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN APPEALS TO U.S. FOR SECURITY PACT FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- An urgent appeal to the United States Government to "abandon intricate diplomatic maneuvers" and conclude immediately a mutual security treaty with Israel was made here last night by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, addressing the three-day national conference of the Jewish National Fund.

The world head of the Zionist movement told the JNF delegates that an American security pact with Israel "would have an immediate sobering effect on the Arab states" and would "force upon them the realization that their morbid dream of a second round of war with Israel is futile."

Dr. Goldmann asserted that the "interests of the United States and the interests of Israel at this critical moment are more than parallel -- they are identical and indivisible. We urge the immediate offer of a United States security treaty to Israel as the most realistic step to stabilize the Middle East situation," Dr. Goldmann said.

Dr. Goldmann spoke at a testimonial dinner given by the Jewish National Fund in honor of Dr. Abraham Granott, world chairman of the J. N. F. who is here on a visit from Jerusalem. Dr. Goldmann declared that "a grave political crisis for Israel now exists as a result of Czechoslovakia's agreement to ship substantial arms supplies to Egypt and by the Soviet offer to similarly equip the other Arab states. This event has momentous historical implications. It signifies Russia's large-scale intrusion in the Near East and her realization of an ambition which the Russians have nurtured for centuries."

Earlier, addressing the opening session of the three-day national advisory board of JNF, Dr. Granott suggested the possibility of Israel lending her experience in the work of "afforestation, swamp drainage and land reclamation to those Middle Eastern nations who are suffering because of centuries-long neglect of their lands." The internationally-known land authority said that such a program of agricultural betterment "would do more to strengthen the economies and peace of the Middle East area than any other program of any other kind."

KLUTZNICK HITS ARAB ATTEMPTS TO SPREAD ANTI-SEMITISM IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Egyptian and other attempts to stir up anti-Semitism in the United States to justify the Soviet bloc arms deal with Egypt were denounced today by Philip M. Klutznick, world president of B'nai Brith.

Mr. Klutznick told the opening session of the annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith board that "it is the dastardly act of desperation on the part of some, including Mr. Nasser himself which would justify an arms race induced by Soviet Russia through Egypt by stimulating a smokescreen of anti-Jewish feeling in a country such as ours, where this type of thing has been declared beyond the pale by all decent people of both political parties and in all walks of society."

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen, appearing on a television program, said today that the Czech-Egyptian arms deal involved weapons worth between \$75 million and \$100 million. Asked which side the United States favored in the current Israel-Egyptian situation, he said the U.S. would be anti-preventive war and for any state that kept the peace.

SULTAN OF MOROCCO PLEDGES FULL EQUALITY, LIBERTY FOR JEWS

PARIS, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- A pledge of complete liberty and equality for the Jews of Morocco was made by the newly reinstated Sultan Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef to a World Jewish Congress delegation at a meeting last night at the Sultan's residence near here. The Sultan's statement was made to A. L. Easternman, WJC's political director and Dr. G. M. Riegner, director of the Congress' Geneva office.

The Sultan referred to the Nazi occupation of France during World War II, and recalled that he had resisted all pressures by the Germans and the Vichy French to apply discriminatory measures against the Jews of Morocco. Consequently, he asserted, no harm befell the Jews of Morocco throughout the war, and unlike the Jews of other countries who suffered so tragically, Moroccan Jews lived in complete tranquility and freedom throughout that period.

He also told the WJC leaders that "I have always regarded my Jewish subjects as loyal Moroccans and free citizens, in full equality with my Moslem subjects. This is a policy I'll follow in the future. All my subjects will have full rights, as well as duties, without any distinction as to religious faith. You can be assured that my intentions will be fully demonstrated and realized by my acts when I return to Morocco."

Evidently referring to recent disturbances in Morocco, in which Jews had been singled out by some demonstrators as particular targets, the Sultan declared, "If there have been any divergencies in the past between the Moslems and Jews of Morocco, these have been caused only by external influences, exploiting such differences for their own purposes. For centuries, Moslems and Jews in Morocco have lived together in harmony. It will be my task, as before, to promote and defend that harmony through common loyalty and the equality of rights and obligations in the interests of all my people."

Casablanca Jewish Leader Honored by French Authorities

CASABLANCA, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Jack Sabah, prominent member of the Jewish Community here, has been awarded the medal of an "Officier d'Academie" by the French Government for distinguished cultural services. M. Sabah, who is president of the Morocco OSE and vice-president of the OSE World Union, was previously awarded the "Merite Social" by the French Government as a tribute to his efforts in the field of social work.

Tunisian Jew Injured When Moslem Youths Stone Synagogue

TUNIS, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- A group of Tunisian youths injured an elderly Jew, Eleazar Haccoun, when they stoned a Bizerte synagogue, it was reported here.

Meanwhile, a meeting of the professors of the Zitouna Moslem University here has decided in favor of the admission of Jewish students to all faculties of the University, with the exception of the religious divisions. Their action followed a similar decision taken earlier in the week by the Students Association.

ARSON ATTEMPT ON SYNAGOGUE IN AUSTRIAN CITY FAILS; POLICE INVESTIGATE

VIENNA, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- An attempt to destroy by fire the headquarters of the Jewish Kehilla of the city of Graz was reported here today. Burning strips of paper were inserted through the slot of the letterbox in the building's front door and through a broken window. The fire was quickly brought under control and there was no damage.

Persistent rumors to the effect that Egyptian nationalist students at the University in Graz were responsible for the blaze were discounted by police who expressed the opinion that the arson attempt was probably merely a "boyish prank." An official investigation of the incident is now under way, police reported.

GENEVA PARLEY EXPERTS MAY STUDY PROBLEM OF RUSSIAN JEWS

GENEVA, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The question whether Russian Jews may be permitted to leave the Soviet Union to visit relatives in Israel and the United States may come under consideration by the committee of experts which is examining problems of East-West contacts for a report to the conference of foreign ministers, the Soviet spokesman indicated today.

Leonid Ilichev, the Soviet spokesman, was asked whether the Soviet Union would consider, under the heading of East-West contacts, the granting of permission to Russian Jews to leave to visit relatives abroad. He replied: "I will consider giving an answer to this question when the experts have concluded their work."

CITY OF BERLIN ADVANCES \$50,000 TO JEWISH HOSPITAL FOR EQUIPMENT

BERLIN, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- A \$50,000 advance to the Jewish Hospital here for the purchase of equipment and furnishings has been approved by the steering committee of the West Berlin City Parliament. The \$50,000 advance will later be deducted from the city's obligations under a proposed "bulk settlement" with Jewish successor organizations. The "bulk settlement" agreement, which involves \$3 million, has not yet been ratified, despite years of protracted negotiations and promises.

MAJOR JEWISH GROUPS OPPOSE TEACHING OF RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Opposition to public school teaching of so-called "moral and spiritual values," or of a "common core" of religious beliefs, or the "factual" or "objective" teaching of religion was expressed in a joint statement of policy issued today by the national rabbinic and congregational bodies of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism and a number of national Jewish civic bodies and Jewish community councils.

The statement was approved by the Synagogue Council of America and the National Community Relations Advisory Council, and released by the latter. A total of 43 Jewish organizations are represented by these two coordinating bodies. Joining in the statement were: American Jewish Congress, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, Rabbinical Assembly of America, Rabbinical Council of America, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, United Synagogue of America, and Jewish councils in all parts of the country.

In an "Affirmation of Principle," the forty-three Jewish organizations asserted: "We are deeply concerned with religious education and are making every effort to bring religious training to our children, in consonance with the principle that the maintenance and furtherance of religion are the responsibility of home, synagogue and church, and not of the public school." The basic law of the United States, the "affirmation" continued, "puts religion outside the jurisdiction of the state. Any impairment of that principle threatens religious liberty and brings others basic freedoms into jeopardy."

The public schools must recognize the realities of religious differences in the community and among their pupils, the statement said, and "should continue as they have done throughout their history to teach pupils that acceptance of and respect of such differences are basic to American democracy and contribute toward harmonious living in a free society. This implies no need, however, on the part of the public schools to teach religious doctrines or to teach about religious doctrines."

Regarding "objective" or "factual" teaching about religion, the Jewish groups declare that "the public schools must and should teach with full objectivity the role that religion has played in the life of mankind and in the development of society when such teaching is intrinsic to the regular subject matter being studied." Factual, objective and impartial teaching about religious doctrines, the Jewish statement calls an "unattainable objective." The statement opposes "common core" teaching as "a watering down, a vitiation of all that is spiritually meaningful in every religious faith."

A. D. L. Asks N. Y. Board of Education To Go Slow On Religious Teaching

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith urged this weekend that New York City's Board of Education take no action on a controversial report dealing with the teaching of religion and "religious values" in the public schools, until a survey within the school system establishes "the need for a reconsideration of present practices."

The report, prepared and approved by the Board of Superintendents of the Board of Education and entitled "Moral and Spiritual Values and the Schools," is intended as a teaching guide by which supervisory and classroom instructors can give greater emphasis to the religious values "implicit" in secular subjects of the school curriculum. "We do believe it to be a function of the public schools -- and one which they have discharged -- to instill moral and spiritual values in our children, those values which are basic to all religions," the ADL statement said.

Thus, in asking the Board of Education to make no policy changes without further study, the League added: "The Board of Superintendents' report raises an important question: does it further religious indoctrination of the children in contravention of the principle of separation of church and state? The problem arises when it is urged that the schools undertake to teach the religious bases for these values. We believe that the public schools should teach these values without reliance on religious authority."

JEWISH CONGRESS OPPOSES HIRING OF PROBATION OFFICERS BY RELIGION

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress charged here that the present method of selection of probation officers for the Children's Court Division on the basis of religion not only is a violation of New York State's anti-discrimination law, but is also "utterly unsound and indefensible probation practice." Testifying at closed hearings of the State Probation Commission, Shad Potter, head of the AJC national executive, read letters backing the AJC stand from the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Episcopal Diocese of New York and Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, president of the New York Board of Rabbis.

RABBI SCHULMAN DIES AT 91; WAS LEADING FIGURE IN REFORM MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Funeral services conducted by four rabbis, headed by the Rev. Dr. Julius Mark, senior rabbi at Temple Emanu-El were held here today for the Rev. Dr. Samuel Schulman, rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-El. Dr. Schulman, who was 91, died here last week. He had been a rabbi for 66 years. Dr. Schulman, who was brought to this country at the age of four from Russia, was a graduate of City College of New York. He studied for the rabbinate in Berlin.