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DR. GOLDMANN APPEALS TO EGYPTIAN PREMIER FOR ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldman, chairman of the Jewish Agency and head of the World Zionist movement, made a direct appeal today to Egypt's Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser to take the initiative in the Arab world to establish "creative cooperation" between Israel and the Arab states for the reconstruction of the Middle East;

Dr. Goldman, who leaves tomorrow for a Latin American Zionist conference in Montevideo and who returned this week from talks in Israel with Premier David Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, told a press conference that the appeal to Col. Nasser is made in his own behalf, as leader of world Jewry. He said he was fearful that "extremist elements" in Egypt might goad the Nasser Government into "a hit and run onslaught on Israel," because of Egypt's "absolute air superiority."

To prevent such development, Dr. Goldman urged that "deterrents" be created by providing Israel with ample arms for her legitimate defense. He also warned of increasing disillusionment in Israel with the Western Powers' failure to act on her arms requests. Should this disillusionment continue, he warned, "it would result in a major crisis in Israel's psychological attitude towards the United States and the entire free world."

Dr. Goldman reported that Premier Ben Gurion is opposed to a "preventive war" and that during his last visit to Israel he found nerves "less taut" than during his previous visit in December. Public opinion in Israel, he stated, has made its "inevitable accommodation to the rigorous political and security dilemmas" confronting the country.

"I found Israel society on all levels facing with remarkable stoicism the impending dangers," he said. "However, I have also found greater bitterness than when I last visited Israel in December over the failure of the Western Powers--especially the United States--to act affirmatively on Israel's request for at least a minimum amount of arms for her legitimate self-defense. All the information available to the Israel Government, I have been assured, indicates that the Communist bloc has met its commitments under the Czech-Egyptian agreement on a formidable scale and at an amazing pace. There is no longer any doubt that Israel's planes are inadequate to afford it protection against the striking power of the Russian bombers in Cairo's possession. The Israelis are bitter and profoundly disappointed."

Reports on Attitude of Israel Leaders toward U.S. and Britain

Dr. Goldman summarized the present attitude in Israel toward the Western Powers as follows: "Israel's leaders have not yet abandoned hope that the United States will meet their request for arms. They also draw comfort from the conviction that the French Government understands the need for restoring the balance of strength between Israel and the Arab states. On this score I can bear direct witness. On my way home from Israel, I stopped in France and there talked with the new French Foreign Minister. I found him to be very understanding of the Middle East crisis and the patent dangers presented by the Czech-Egyptian arms deal. I also found that he is fully convinced that a balance of strength is a deterrent to war."

"As for Britain--the relationship between the British Government, which issued the Balfour Declaration, and Palestine Jewry, executor of the Declaration, reached its nadir at the St. James Conference in February, 1939, when Lord Halifax, the then British Foreign Minister, told the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann that 'expediency takes precedence over principle.' Israel fears that this dangerous precept has been restored to British policy, and is worried lest this principle become the basis of American policy."

"If this were to happen, it would result in a major crisis in Israel's psychological attitude towards the United States and the entire Western world. I have no predisposition to sound like a Cassandra. However, I deem it my duty as an American and as one profoundly concerned with the fate of Israel, to warn that should the Israelis conclude that they cannot expect affirmative action in the near future on this request for defensive weapons from the U.S., the impact, psychologically and politically, might be disastrous and lead to far-reaching and unanticipated consequences."

"At the same time, and I say this without qualification, the desire for a peaceful settlement of its outstanding issues with the Arab states, and primarily with Egypt, has never been stronger in Israel than it is today. This is consistent with the aims, intentions and program of Zionism from the day the movement came into being under the leadership of

Dr. Theodor Herzl. Zionism has always regarded itself as a great homecoming movement, striving for the reintegration into the Near East of a culture that had its origins, in that area, and without loss of the universalism which Hebrew culture possessed from its very beginning.

Sees Opportunity to Constructively Alter Arab-Israel Relations

Pointing out that great accomplishments could be achieved in the Middle East for the entire area, if the schisms among the Arab states themselves, and between the Arab states and Israel were ended, Dr. Goldmann said:

"Notwithstanding present exigencies, I am convinced that there has never been a greater opportunity to alter, constructively, the entire character of Israel-Arab relations than now, when the Near East is undergoing a great and profound historical crisis. I refuse to surrender the hope that a statesman like Colonel Nasser who has so definitely raised the stature of Egypt, will come around to the realization that a policy of war and revenge, hell-bent on a second round, would be no less destructive for Egypt than for Israel and the entire Middle East.

"Surely he must come to realize that it is far more consistent with the dignity and self-respect of the peoples of the Near East, carriers of great and multi-lingual cultures, and creators of the three major faiths, to settle their differences in direct negotiations instead of permitting the situation to deteriorate so perilously that the Western Powers might be forced to attempt to impose a peace settlement.

"Israel and her friends throughout the world are watching with keenest interest and understandable skepticism the talks now under way among the three Western Powers to devise the best method for preventing a war in the Near East. No method proposed to prevent war can be flippantly dismissed. However, there is serious doubt that a method for prompt and effective tri-partite intervention can be devised. It would be unrealistic, in fact, to regard any such decision or method as a substitute for defensive arms to Israel. A sovereign nation's power to defend its existence is more practical and dignified than the promise of big brother protection.

"What is most necessary in the Near East at this time is to remove the conditions that create psychological tension and to dispel Israel's justified fears of a hit and run attack from the air before any of the Big Powers could intervene. Deterrents must be provided if counsels of moderation are to prevail in Cairo and if Egyptian extremists are to be discouraged from regarding their armed superiority as an incentive to war against Israel. Much too much time has been lost already since Israel last autumn submitted its request for defensive arms. Nothing is more urgent at this moment than a positive and favorable decision on this request," Dr. Goldmann concluded.

ISRAEL WANTS NO WAR; WILL WIN IF ATTACKED: BEN GURION SAYS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is attempting to obtain defensive arms to discourage the possibility of war, Premier David Ben-Gurion declared today, but if it cannot obtain such weapons and a war breaks out, Israel will win that war. The Premier made this prediction at a public rally here to raise voluntary contributions for an arms fund.

He revealed that the Israel Government was negotiating for jet planes and tanks, weapons which have given Egypt qualitative and quantitative superiority. He reported that millions of dollars worth of arms were arriving in Israel each month, but said this was not enough, that Israel needed tens of millions of dollars worth of arms. "We need fortifications on the border and border settlements must be provided with anti-tank weapons. We need air raid shelters, oil reserves and electric power reserves."

He took issue with Selwyn Lloyd, British Foreign Secretary, who stated earlier this week that there was an arms balance in the Middle East, and chided the Secretary for not reading reports in the Times of London on arms pouring into Egypt. He said that Israel needed weapons not only to defend its peace but also that of the world. The start of a war is known, he pointed out, but there is no way of knowing where it will end.

Neither the Tripartite Declaration of 1950 nor Security Council resolutions are sufficient guarantees against aggression, the Premier said. Israel must rely on its army and its people, the whole nation must be prepared for war.

200 SOVIET JET PLANES, 150 HEAVY TANKS REPORTED DELIVERED TO EGYPT

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union has delivered 200 MIG jet planes to Egypt, together with 150 T-34 heavy tanks -- post-war model -- and several dozen World War II Stalin tanks, the newspaper Davar reported today.

The dispatch added that the USSR had promised to deliver a number of submarines to the Egyptian Navy within three months. The same source informed Davar that the Soviet Union plans to establish a major arms depot in Egypt from which to supply Arab and African states.

U.S. GOVT. APPROVES SALE OF MODERN ARMY TANKS TO SAUDI ARABIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The United States Government has approved the sale of 18 modern army tanks to Saudi Arabia. This was learned today and confirmed by the State Department. The tanks are aboard the S.S. James Monroe which sails tomorrow from Brooklyn, N. Y., for Saudi Arabia. They were sold to Saudi Arabia under a reimbursable agreement signed by the United States and Saudi Arabia in 1951. Other heavy arms have been ordered by Saudi Arabia. Approval is pending.

State Department spokesman Lincoln White said Saudi Arabia applied for the tanks last spring and that the United States approved the order a few months ago. He said the tanks are intended for training purposes and will be used in connection with the United States training mission now in Saudi Arabia.

Officials of the Defense Department said they were satisfied with Saudi Arabian assurances that the tanks would be used only for training, defensive, and "internal security" purposes. Neither State Department nor Defense Department authorities would comment on the recent Saudi Arabian adherence to an anti-Israel military pact linking that country with Egypt and Syria.

Eban Asks State Dept. for Clarification of Saudi Arabian Deal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, in a meeting today with George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, emphasized the coincidence of the sale of U.S. army tanks to Saudi Arabia and the State Department's continued inaction on Israel's arms application.

Mr. Eban cited Saudi Arabia's hostility toward Israel and pointed out the lack of response given to the Israel arms request. He termed the sale of tanks to Saudi Arabia as a move that would not contribute to the relief of Arab-Israel tension.

The Ambassador asked Mr. Allen for clarification of reports on the munitions transaction with Saudi Arabia. Mr. Eban said "a certain disparity" existed in that Saudi Arabia, threatened by no country, received U.S. tanks while on the other hand Israel, though faced by acknowledged threats, has not received such consideration.

The original purpose for the Allen-Eban meeting today was a discussion of the economic aid program for the fiscal year 1956. This matter was discussed but the question of tank sales to Saudi Arabia was brought up in addition.

A spokesman for the Embassy of Israel issued a strongly worded statement today differing sharply with the State Department decision to ship tanks to Saudi Arabia. The spokesman said: "How the dispatch of tanks to Saudi Arabia can help to reduce tensions in the Middle East is utterly beyond our comprehension. This is a country whose avowed policy embraces the destruction of Israel even if it takes 10,000,000 Arab casualties to insure this result."

The spokesman pointed out that an Arab nation "which is in no danger of attack from anyone receives American arms" while "Israel which is in serious danger of attack has so far received nothing."

10,000 NEW YORKERS PETITION STATE DEPARTMENT ON ARMS FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- A delegation of New York Congressmen and civic leaders representing the Citizens' Committee for the Security of Israel today presented a petition to Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen urging U.S. arms and a security pact for Israel.

The petition, bearing the signatures of 10,000 Jews and non-Jews from Brooklyn, New York, was presented by Reps. Abraham Multer and John J. Rooney, both Democrats from New York; Benjamin Browdy, former president of the Zionist Organization of America; and Alexander Hesterberg, chairman of the Citizens' Committee.

BLAUSTEIN URGES ALL AMERICANS TO COMBAT ARAB PROPAGANDA IN U.S.

MIAMI, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Americans were urged here today by Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, to help counteract Arab attempts "to disunite the American people over the Middle East crisis." Addressing an AJC dinner here, he scored Arab efforts to define the Middle East crisis as "a Jewish problem." This, he said, is "an American problem." "It is important to counteract falsehood with truth, to expose any campaign--whether by Arabs, Communists or hate-mongers--designed to stimulate intergroup hostility in the United States," he stated.

Declaring that "Israel's very existence is now in jeopardy," Mr. Blaustein said the American Jewish Committee is urging "prompt" shipment of defensive arms to Israel and initiation by the United States of security treaties with each Middle East nation willing to accept and comply with the terms of such agreements. He pointed out the Arabs have "stepped up their anti-Israel propaganda in the United States, and have injected into it an overt anti-Semitic approach."

At the same time, he noted, anti-Jewish discrimination behind the Iron Curtain continues unabated. "Except for a few carefully controlled synagogues, there are still no Jewish organizations functioning," he stated, describing conditions of Jews in the Soviet Union, where "people discovered with Jewish books are still being arrested and deported."

DEAD SEA SCROLL THROWS NEW LIGHT ON APOCRYPHAL LITERATURE

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The publication of the deciphered parts of the Dead Sea Scroll known as the "Apocryphal Book of Genesis," together with photographs of the document, will throw "revolutionary" new light on apocryphal literature philologically and topographically, Prof. Yigal Yadin, Israeli archaeologist, scholar and former Chief of Staff of the Israel Army of Defense, told a press conference here today.

Prof. Yadin told newsmen that a clue to the actual age of the scroll, which will be published in three months, would be found in its topographical references. The Aramaic in which the scroll is written, he continued, is not that of the Babylonian Talmud but is similar to that of the Bible, but with quite a number of Hebrew words interwoven. It might be the equivalent of the Aramaic of the Jews of the time of the destruction of the Second Temple, some 1,900 years ago.

The archaeologist also reported on the diggings at Hatzor, where archaeologists working under his direction have unearthed a series of cities built one on top of the other. The last one appears to have been destroyed about 2,700 years ago. At one time, Prof. Yadin continued, the city probably had a population of 40,000 to 50,000 making it the largest in Palestine--some 15 times larger than Jerusalem was when David was King.

AMERICANS ASKED TO REPORT DOCUMENTS ON JEWISH HISTORY IN U.S.

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- A plea for persons to report Jewish historical documents and papers in their possession was voiced here at the conference of the National Planning Committee of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, in connection with a project to gather and preserve the records of cultural and religious groups. The records would be used in documenting the impact of the Jewish community on American history.

The conference also heard that a study on "The Moral Dilemma in the Use of Mass Leisure Time" had been earmarked as a major project of the third year of the Seminary's Spiritual Statesmanship Program. In announcing the study, Daniel G. Ross, national chairman, also made known that the program had been divided into three parts--a continuing conference of academicians, a national board of consultants and a pilot seminar for lay leaders. The first conference of academicians will be held in Boston, March 14-15.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH CHAPEL IN TRIBUTE TO DR. GOLDSTEIN

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- A religious center on the new campus of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is to be established shortly in tribute to Dr. Israel Goldstein, it was announced today by Daniel G. Ross, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. The project is being inaugurated in conjunction with the approaching observance of Dr. Goldstein's 60th birthday.

Dr. Frederick R. Lachman has been appointed executive vice-president of the American Friends of Hebrew University. He will direct the nationwide campaign for the Israel university which is now conducting a worldwide drive to raise \$30,000,000, the sum required to rebuild and re-equip the University on a new site at Givat Ram, Jerusalem.

DRIVE TO RAISE \$500,000 FOR BOYS TOWN IN ISRAEL ANNOUNCED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- A drive to raise \$500,000 to expand and maintain Boys Town Jerusalem was announced today by Max Abrams, general chairman of the school's 1956 campaign. At a meeting of the board of directors of the American Committee for Boys Town Jerusalem at the Hotel McAlpin, 35 community leaders reviewed campaign plans. Advance contributions totaling \$48,000 were pledged by those present.

Boys Town Jerusalem, founded in 1949 by a group of American educators, provides technical training in productive trades combined with academic education and traditional Jewish studies for several hundred underprivileged teen-age boys selected for their intelligence and abilities mostly from families who are new immigrants to Israel.

U.S. DANCE TROUPE ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; ELEVEN PERFORMANCES SOLD OUT

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The Martha Graham dance troupe arrived at Lydda airport today after a 16-week tour of the Far East. All eleven performances scheduled for Israel have long since been sold out. The troupe's performances here have been underwritten by the Rothschild Foundation for Arts and Sciences, the Habimah Theatre, and the American Fund for Israel Institutions.

MRS. LEAVITT, WIFE OF J. D. C. LEADER, DEAD; WAS ACTIVE IN JEWISH AFFAIRS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Mrs. Fannie Leavitt, wife of Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, died here last night at Doctors' Hospital, after a short illness. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at Riverside Chapel.

Mrs. Leavitt was chairman of the Overseas Scholarship Committee of the National Council of Jewish Women and was a former president of the New England Region of the Junior Hadassah.