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REPORT ANGLO - U.S. PACT ON JOINT INTERVENTION IN MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Informed British sources said today that Great Britain and the United States had agreed on measures for "joint, prompt, and active intervention" in the event of an attack by either Israel or the Arab States. This action, it was stated, would be immediate and would range from sanctions against the aggressor to outright support of the party attacked.

The decisions on which these measures were based were reached in principle during the recent top-level Anglo-American talks in Washington, British sources stated. Details were worked out in the tripartite talks in Washington.

The Western Powers, it was said here, based their plans largely on the assumption that Egypt would not venture into aggression and that the chief danger to peace lay in the possibility of a sudden attack by Israel. A British spokesman cited, in support of this, Israel reprisal actions condemned by the United Nations Security Council. He indicated that the British Foreign Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd, would warn both Tel Aviv and Cairo of the implications of the joint decision when he visited there early next month.

(In Washington, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles told a press conference today that the London reports of the agreement were beyond anything agreed upon in the tripartite talks. He declared that the question of action in the event of Arab-Israel hostilities was still in process of discussion and that no war plans were involved in the tripartite deliberations.

(The tripartite powers, Mr. Dulles asserted, had not yet attempted to formalize their position but that increasing understanding of lines of action pointed not only toward military measures but the whole problem loomed as a special matter for the United Nations. Israel, he recalled, was created by the United Nations, the UN participated in the Arab-Israel truce negotiations, and Israel, in a certain sense, was the ward of the United Nations. Mr. Dulles said he planned a full discussion of this issue at his luncheon with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold tomorrow.

Eden in "Complete Agreement" with Dulles on Guarantees

No indication of such a significant agreement on Middle East policy was given during the course of last night's rambling debate in the House of Commons on British foreign policy. The Times of London editorially welcomed optimism over the possibilities of settlement of the Arab-Israel dispute voiced by Foreign Secretary Lloyd but noted, however, that "it is less easy to see that it is grounded on any solid evidence."

In his reply winding up the debate last night, Premier Sir Anthony Eden declared Britain was "in complete agreement" with proposals by Secretary of State Dulles for a guarantee of the boundaries of Israel and the Arab states once they had reached agreement.

Sir Anthony said that Britain was trying to accomplish three things in the Arab-Israel situation, first and most important being a settlement. On this, he said, "we have no illusions of the difficulty" but must continue efforts because "it is the only final answer to the present situation."

The second point cited by the Prime Minister was the Tripartite Declaration of 1950. The third point, he said, was that of neutral zones on the Israel borders and whether possible increases there would reduce the risk of incidents. Sir Anthony said that the Foreign Secretary would discuss, on his forthcoming tour of the Middle East, an increase in the number of truce observers. He said that "I share his view to increase the numbers would reduce the risk of conflict while search is being made for a settlement."

As did Mr. Lloyd earlier in the debate, Sir Anthony rejected suggestions that the Soviet Union be brought into consultations on the Middle East. He told his critics that "you must have some confidence between the Powers before you can sit down to discuss problems of this kind with any real hope of making progress. If you are not going to make progress, then it is much better not to sit down, because the results are likely to be worse at the end rather than better."

(Admiral Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in Washington after appearing before the Senate group that there has been no change in orders to the U.S. Mediterranean Fleet as a result of Arab-Israel tension.)

STATE DEPARTMENT EVADES DEFINITIVE ANSWER ON ISRAEL ARMS REQUEST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A definitive answer to Israel's arms request was evaded today. Ambassador Abba S. Eban indicated after a 65-minute talk with George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

Mr. Eban sought a clarification of American policy toward Israel in the light of recent statements made by Secretary of State Dulles. The Ambassador said that the arms issue was central in today's discussion. Some points were clarified, others were not, he said, but he refused to say whether the Department had given the final word on Israel's request for arms.

Mr. Eban indicated only that Israel would continue to press for complete clarification of the American position. He said he will resume talks with State Department officials soon. The Washington Post and Times-Herald said editorially today, that Mr. Dulles, in his appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Friday, "seemed to display a hostility toward Israel quite out of keeping with an understanding of tension there."

NASSER REPORTEDLY TELLS SYRIANS TO AVOID WAR WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Cpl. Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian dictator, has warned the Syrian Government to tone down threats against Israel and not to commit itself to military action if the Israelis resume work on the Bnot Yaakov project, Sefton Delmer, chief foreign correspondent of the London Daily Express, reported today from Damascus.

The correspondent said that Nasser had warned Premier Ghazzi of Syria that Egypt would not be able to come to its aid if Syria got involved as Egypt must first build up its prosperity. Syrians, he said, regarded the Egyptian warning as a "betrayal." The Egyptian dictator is now "on his best behavior," the correspondent said, in order to obtain more British and American money for the Aswan dam project.

Twin-jet Russian IL-28 bombing planes are being assembled at Almaza, Egypt, at the rate of about one per week, the authoritative magazine "Aviation Week," reported today. The magazine said Egypt has already received about 30 of these bombers from Czechoslovakia. Approximately 12 have been assembled to date and placed on duty with the Egyptian Air Force.

FIRST VESSEL IN NINE MONTHS PASSES THROUGH SUEZ CANAL TO ELATH

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A small Greek freighter, the Kunitza, carrying a cargo of cement and other building material from Haifa, arrived at the Gulf of Akaba port of Elath today, the first ship in nine months to reach the blockaded port. The freighter, which passed through the Suez Canal, was detained for two days at Port Said by the Egyptians.

Arrival of the ship created intense excitement in the town and was the occasion of celebration. Tomorrow, residents of the town will be taken aboard the freighter for a cruise in the Gulf.

ISRAEL AND U. S. S. R. AGREE TO EXCHANGE PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Arrangements are being completed for exchange visits of Parliamentary delegations of Israel and the Soviet Union, Knesset Speaker Josef Sprinzak announced in Parliament tonight.

This action followed adoption of a resolution by the Supreme Soviet proposing the exchange. The resolution, which stressed the mutual benefits accruing from such visits, and expressing the hope that exchanges would be arranged with other countries, was handed to the Israel ambassador in Moscow on Jan. 6 who relayed it to the Israel Foreign Ministry.

ISRAEL NEWS BRIEFS

HAIFA, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Four hundred and fifty immigrants from North Africa and 50 from Eastern Europe arrived here today on the liner Negba.

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Dr. T. H. Tschopp, chief geologist of the Israel Oil Prospectors Company, said the company would drill ten more wells this year in the Heletz region where one well is already bringing in oil.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Canada will defer to the Israel Government's request not to encourage immigration from Israel and will not establish special immigration facilities there. Immigration Minister John W. Pickersgill announced here.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Kfar Silver, Israel agricultural training institute near Ashkelon, joint project of the Zionist Organization of America and the General Zionist Party of Israel, will be formally dedicated on March 29. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, for whom the institute is named, will be principal speaker at the dedication.

ARAB STATES' DISCRIMINATION AGAINST BRITISH JEWS DEBATED IN LORDS

LONDON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The question of Arab states' discrimination against British Jews was raised in the House of Lords today by Lord Rea, leader of the Liberal peers.

Lord Rea asked what the government had done about Arab states' refusal to grant transit visas to British Jews and the refusal of these states to recognize the validity of a power of attorney held in behalf of any British firm in which a Jew had a proprietary interest. He called this "improper discrimination" against British subjects.

Replying for the government, Lord Reading, Minister of State in the Foreign Office, said that these discriminatory measures were an outgrowth of the Arab League boycott against Israel. He added that the British Government considers this a violation of international law and has protested on numerous occasions. When Lord Rea interjected to ask whether the government would consider an appeal on this matter to the United Nations, Lord Reading replied that "these aspects had not been hitherto entirely overlooked."

(A question concerning Arab states' discrimination against American Jews was put to Secretary of State Dulles at his press conference in Washington today. He replied that this was a difficult problem to cope with and comparable to certain problems in the United States. He expressed hope in a gradual development of tolerance.)

RUSSIANS RELEASE 15 GERMAN JEWS AMONG NAZI PRISONERS OF WAR

FRANKFURT, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Fifteen German Jews who survived the Nazi regime and years of imprisonment in the Soviet Union have been freed among the German prisoners of war and war criminals whom the Russians have released in recent months. All were released because they claimed German citizenship rather than because of the hardships they suffered. Some have been in continuous custody for 20 years.

Several of the released Jews report that many Jews from Eastern and Central European countries remain in Soviet custody.

The fifteen were arrested and imprisoned by Soviet authorities for a variety of reasons. One was arrested while travelling through the Soviet Union en route to Iran; another was arrested for "sabotage" shortly after the Red Army released him from a Nazi concentration camp; a third was arrested in East Berlin in 1946 on charges of "espionage". One of the Jews is a former head of the Communist Party in Hesse who was an acquaintance of Noel Field; he was arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment in the Vorkuta labor camp.

DUSSELDORF SYNAGOGUE BROKEN INTO; ROBBED OF MONEY AND VALUABLES

LONDON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The Dusseldorf Synagogue was broken into last Sunday night and money and valuables stolen, the Manchester Guardian reported today from Bonn. Some 700 marks in cash was taken as were some silver objects and gems which were removed from ceremonial objects.

The Prime Minister of Rhine Westphalia, H. Steinhoff, expressed his sympathy to the Jewish community of Dusseldorf. He assured the community that the police were taking all possible measures to track down the criminals and recover the synagogue's property.

The Guardian's correspondent reported that a number of people were involved in the theft and that it was not yet clear whether they were motivated by racial and political motives.

NINE ARRESTED IN TUNISIA IN BOMBING OF JEWISH HOMES, SHOPS

TUNIS, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Nine Tunisian Moslems were arrested today on charges of having bombed homes and shops of Tunisian Jews during the past few weeks. The leader of the nine was identified as Rida ben Ammar, son of a senior magistrate, who is associated with the extremist leader Salah Ben Youssef, who fled the country to escape arrest.

LABOR DISPUTE MAY HALT PASSOVER MATZOH PRODUCTION IN TUNISIA

TUNIS, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Tunisian Jewry may be without matzoh this Passover unless the workers of Azymes Flour Mill receive a wage increase, it was learned today. The workers, who are members of a union attached to the trade union movement of the Neo-Destour (nationalist) movement, have threatened to strike if their wage demands are rejected.

U. N. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL GRANTS J. D. C. CONSULTATIVE STATUS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee was granted consultative status with the Economic and Social Council at a meeting of the Council's committee on non-governmental organizations yesterday. An application by the recently formed World Jewish Migration Council was held over for a year.

FRANK IMPRESSION-OF U.S. COMMUNITY PRESENTED BY BRITISH JEWISH LEADER

LONDON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- R.N. Carvalho, president of the Anglo Jewish Association, presented a frank characterization of the American Jewish community in a report today to the AJA Council on his recent visit to the United States.

"From our point of view, it (the American Jewish community), is unorganized or over-organized, whichever you will," he said. "There is no coordination and intense competition... leaders are well informed, but I thought the rank and file surprisingly ignorant of conditions in other countries. The outstanding characteristic of them all is an intense wish to do good and a real desire to be advised how good should be done. There is a tremendous potentiality in the American community and I believe it is being harnessed."

Dr. Carvalho revealed that the AJA, the American Jewish Committee and the Alliance Israelite Universelle have under discussion plans for religious, cultural and educational work in Europe. "We do not wish to establish anything in defiance or opposition to any other organization and are therefore having consultations on the highest and widest levels before making an announcement or approving any plans," he said.

GERMAN FRIEND OF ISRAEL "TOUCHED" BY AMERICAN JEWS' RECEPTION

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Completing a six-week lecture tour in the United States, Eric Lueth, founder of the "Peace with Israel" movement in West Germany, today described his visit as "a kind of a pilgrimage to Jewish survivors of Nazi terrorism" now living in the U.S. Mr. Lueth, whose visit was sponsored by the State Department and the American Christian Palestine Committee, said he had been "most touched by invitations to speak in the synagogues of America and by the generosity with which I was received at Jewish gatherings."

Mr. Lueth, who leaves for home tomorrow, declared that "Germany has a special responsibility in helping to bring about Arab-Israel peace" because of the Hitler persecutions. The head of the Society for Christian and Jewish Cooperation in Germany cited West Germany's experience in absorbing nine million Germans from Communist Germany as an example for the Arab states in handling the problem of 900,000 Arab refugees.

SEN. MORSE CALLS FOR U. N. SANCTIONS TO KEEP PEACE IN MID-EAST

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon urged the United States today to join forces with Britain and France in pressing for the use of United Nation sanctions "toward the end of insisting that the countries of the Middle East stop their armament race and discontinue their preparations for a possible preventative war." He asked the U.S. Government to make clear that "we are not going to permit our armaments to be used to threaten or coerce the State of Israel into relinquishing its freedom or territorial rights."

Senator Morse told 1,800 persons at a "Purim Salute to Israel" here that United States foreign policy in the Middle East "is not winning us friends among the people of those areas in the world in which we must win the fight for freedom in the decades ahead." "I fear," he added, "that we are playing right into the hands of vicious Communist propaganda when we send arms to Saudi Arabia, to Iraq, to Egypt and to other Middle East countries who knowingly are threatening the security of Israel." Sen. Morse characterized the Dulles foreign policy in the Middle East as "one of expediency and compromise of principle."

Expressing the thanks of the government and of the people of Israel for the aid that has been provided by the United States, Dr. Burg told the meeting that "the political and economic aid of the American government together with the brotherly love of American Jewry and of men of good will of every faith" has made it possible for the young nation to make fast gains in the nearly eight years of its existence.

PLAQUE PRESENTED TO COLUMBIA HONORS AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY RABBI

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A bronze plaque honoring the memory of Rabbi Gershon Seixas, Revolutionary War patriot and one of the incorporators of King's College, colonial forerunner of Columbia University, was presented to the university today by the "Crossroads Committee." The committee, consisting of three clergymen, one representing each of the three major faiths, direct a national television program which this week will feature a play about the life of Rabbi Seixas.

NATHAN GORIN, AUTHOR AND TEACHER, DIES IN ISRAEL; WAS 69

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Nathan Gorin, teacher and author, died here today. He was 69. A native of Lithuania, Mr. Gorin came to Palestine in 1935. He was a well-known novelist in Israel and was active in writers' and teachers' organizations.