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42 EGYPTIANS KILLED IN GAZA STRIP ARTILLERY DUEL; MANY WOUNDED

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Army made seven attempts today to penetrate Israel border settlements in the Gaza strip and heavily shelled six settlements -- with 120-millimeter cannon. This action marked the second successive day of Egyptian attacks. The Israelis retaliated with heavy artillery fire and at the same time lodged a protest with Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce chief.

(At United Nations headquarters, Egyptian delegate Dr. Omar Loutfi reported that 42 Egyptians were killed and 103 wounded by Israeli fire during attacks on the cities of Gaza, Deir el Balach, Abasan and Khoza, in the Gaza strip. He filed a complaint with Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., president of the UN Security Council, but did not ask for a Council session to deal with his complaint. He said that all but seven of the casualties were civilians.)

Gen. Burns immediately called for a cease-fire which became effective after a six-hour battle. He emphasized that it is "of utmost importance that the situation along the demarcation line surrounding the Gaza strip be brought under control immediately and all forms of firing across the demarcation line stopped." Six Israeli settlements were shelled by the Egyptians with heavy mortars including Nirim, Kissufim, Ein Haslosha and Nachal-Oz. Four Israeli soldiers and two civilians were wounded.

Sharett Meets with U. N. Truce Chief; Protests Egyptian Attacks

In an urgent letter to Gen. Burns, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett stressed the "murderous character" of Egyptian aggression along the Gaza border and demanded that the UN Truce Supervision Organization take firm action to halt the Egyptian attacks.

Mr. Sharett also summoned Gen. Burns to a meeting during which he placed responsibility for the attacks on the Egyptian authorities who have stubbornly refused to issue a cease-fire to their troops along the Gaza strip, as demanded by the UN. Mr. Sharett underlined the grave consequences which could flow from the Egyptian attacks, and declared that Israel reserves its full freedom of action in self-defense. Gen. Burns, thereupon, set a midnight deadline for the cease-fire.

Col. Bayard, American chairman of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission, reported that Israeli guns shelled Gaza in retaliation for earlier attacks on frontier settlements opposite the strip.

U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL LEAVES ON MIDDLE EAST MISSION TODAY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 5. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold is leaving tomorrow on his Middle East mission unfettered as to the scope of the problems he may discuss with Israel and Arab leaders. This, in spite of the limitations upon his mandate from the Security Council which were implicitly imposed by the Arab representatives here with the backing of the Soviet Union.

Mr. Hammarskjold, at a farewell press conference today, pointed out that his Middle East trip will be based not only on the Security Council's mandate, but will also permit him much wider leeway as Secretary General. "This operation takes me to the Middle East," he said, "as the agent of the Security Council and under a Council mandate. However, the Secretary General and his rights and duties co-exist with that mandate. Exploration by the Secretary General of all proper and useful avenues remains possible. The Secretary General can bring up discussions with the governments in his regular capacity. Problems not within the scope of the Council resolution could properly be discussed by the Secretary General in his own capacity."

With his usual optimism, Mr. Hammarskjold declared that he felt "there is a will all around the area where I am going" and "where there is a will there is a way. I would not take this stand unless I felt something useful can be done." Mr. Hammarskjold also made it clear that whatever report he makes to the Council will touch only upon the duties imposed on him by the Council mandate -- but he may return from his mission without necessarily reporting publicly on whatever steps he may have taken in his capacity as Secretary General, outside the mandate.

BRITAIN SEEKS CLEAR STATEMENT FROM U.S. ON ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- A clear-cut statement on the position of the United States Government with regard to the Arab-Israel situation is being demanded by the British Government, it was learned here today. Communications to this effect have been addressed by British Prime Minister Anthony Eden to President Eisenhower and by British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd to U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

The British Government is also believed to have urged the United States to join in a campaign of economic sanctions against Egypt, unless Premier Nasser immediately halts his attempts to undermine the British position in the Middle East. There is a scarcely concealed fear in the British Foreign Office that Nasser will succeed in his campaign to pull Jordan out of the British orbit and then proceed to work on Iraq, an anchor of the Baghdad Pact.

There is a "let down" feeling here over the statements on the Arab-Israel situation made by Secretary Dulles at his press-conference this week. Although the British had hardly been expecting Washington's endorsement of their plan for dealing with aggression in the Middle East, they had hoped for some indication of support of it, or of the general idea of Western action in the event of an Arab-Israel outbreak.

Observers today contrasted the statement by Henry Cabot Lodge, American delegate at the United Nations, in yesterday's Security Council debate that the situation in the Middle East had "deteriorated and the world is alarmed at the prospect of warfare in the Near East," with Mr. Dulles' assertion a day before that there is no immediate emergency in the area. Which statement truly reflects American opinion? is the question being asked here.

Meanwhile, it was reported here today that the Saudi Arabian Government was buying military jet planes from Egypt, which has been obtaining Soviet jet fighters and bombers. One squadron of planes was said to have been received already by the Saudi Arabians and more were reported ordered from the Egyptians.

U.S. ZIONISTS TAKE ISSUE WITH DULLES' STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- American Zionist leaders, at a special emergency meeting on the Middle East, called here today by the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, issued the following statement:

"The statements by Secretary of State Dulles this week on the Middle East situation and on Israel's request for arms for defense are unrealistic and disappointing. Our country falls short of its responsibilities of leadership to the free world if we continue to put off Israel's request and permit our Western allies to shoulder this responsibility alone. Like every other people, the Israelis have a right to defend themselves, and like every other democratic people menaced by Communist weapons, they have a right to appeal to the family of free nations. We sit at the head of that family.

"Mr. Dulles' policy threatens the unity of the forces of freedom and must discourage and dishearten every other democratic people who may be exposed to danger. The refusal of the State Department to sell Israel arms is aggravated by the failure of the Administration to ask Congress to put teeth into the Tripartite Declaration of 1950 and to empower the Administration to take decisive steps to prevent or stop an outbreak of war.

"Mr. Dulles is risking the entire position of the West when he chooses to ignore the brazen anti-Western actions of Colonel Nasser and the growing ramifications between Egypt and the Soviet Union. In view of the mounting belligerency of the Egyptian press and radio, and of Colonel Nasser's open dependence on the Soviet Union to arm and train Egyptian forces for war against Israel, Mr. Dulles' continuing efforts to woo Colonel Nasser endanger the security of America and the free world.

"American foreign policy should be based on principle. In the Middle East, however, our actions seem to be dictated by a complex of conflicting interests. We have refused to sell defensive weapons to the only democracy in the Middle East but have committed ourselves to the defense of an absolute monarchy that still practices slavery. We have preached impartial friendship, but our actions and statements--and lack of action--have demonstrated a pro-Arab bias. We have declaimed against an arms race and continued to give arms to Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

"It is time that our Administration recognizes that the Middle East crisis is not merely an Arab-Israel dispute. It never was. A realistic appraisal of the facts and forces at work in that area calls for immediate emergency action if war is to be averted. And the first step in such emergency action is to provide Israel with enough arms for defense to deter aggression by Egypt and her Communist allies. War in the Middle East cannot be localized. America must speak out and say - and do - all that must be done to stop the Cairo-Kremlin axis in the Near East. All the world awaits word from Washington."

FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER LEAVING MONDAY FOR ISRAEL CONSULTATIONS

PARIS, April 5. (JTA) -- French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau will leave for Israel Monday to confer with Premier David Ben-Gurion, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and other government leaders, it was announced here today. M. Pineau will remain in Israel four days.

MOSCOW PROMISES MILITARY AID TO ARABS AGAINST WESTERN INTERVENTION

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union has promised Arab states military aid sufficient to offset any Western intervention in the Middle East, it was reported here today in a dispatch from Damascus attributed to usually reliable sources.

The reported Soviet promise was made in response to a request by Syria and Egypt about USSR plans in relation to possible Western military intervention in the Middle East outside the United Nations. The Soviet Union is said to have replied that if the Arab governments bordering on Israel decide to resist such intervention it would be ready to supply military as well as political and financial aid.

DEFENDANTS IN "SLANSKY TRIAL" REPORTED RELEASED BY PRAGUE GOVT.

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- A number of defendants in the famous Slansky trial which triggered anti-Jewish arrests and purges in various Communist countries four years ago have been released with little fanfare, it was reported here today from Prague. Among the charges against Rudolf Slansky, one-time head of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, was that he had cooperated with Zionists in an alleged imperialist plot against Czechoslovakia. Mr. Slansky, a Jew, and ten other defendants were hanged in 1952.

The report listed a number of persons who had been released from prison including the following Jews: Arthur London; former Deputy Foreign Minister; Evzen Loebel, former Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade; Dr. Eduard Goldsteucker, one-time Ambassador to Israel, and Laco Novomesky, a Slovak Communist leader. There was no mention of Mordecai Oren, Israeli Mapam leader, who was arrested in Prague, implicated in the so-called plot and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment.

SOVIET ENVOY ASKED TO ESTABLISH FATE OF 450 JEWISH INTELLECTUALS

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarubin was asked today to establish the fate of 450 Jewish writers, poets, artists and painters in the USSR about whom no news has been received since 1948. The inquiry to Mr. Zarubin was addressed by the Congress for Jewish Culture which insisted on information as to whether the Jewish intellectuals are still alive, their whereabouts, and whether they are permitted to go on with their literary and cultural activities in the Yiddish language.

"We must further dwell on the sad fact that while books appear in Russia in many languages of various nationalities, while theatre performances are rendered in these languages, Yiddish, the language of a people who paid the highest price in the struggle against the brutal Nazi regime, is excluded from public usage," the memorandum to the Soviet ambassador states.

"Jewish public opinion has the right and the duty to demand official and concrete information as to the fate of the Jewish writers and their families, and especially as to what measures your government is taking to re-establish the right to exist of the Jewish press, Jewish theatre, the Jewish school, Yiddish literature and public assembly," the memorandum concludes.

J. W. B. CONVENTION OPENS WITH PLEA TO U.S. JEWS "TO LIVE JEWISHLY"

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- The four-day convention of the National Jewish Welfare Board opened here today with a call by its president, Charles Aaron, to American Jews "to live Jewishly," and to be active in Jewish affairs.

"Our American way of life," Mr. Aaron said in his opening address, "rests upon the belief that citizens can loyally and fully identify themselves with America as a whole and at the same time be intelligent, self-respecting members of a particular group. The richness of the life of this group, flowing constantly into the mainstream of America, contributes vitality and strength to the total society. This imposes upon us as Jews the responsibility to live Jewishly in a manner which is worthy of the opportunity democracy affords us. This requires a Jewish positive in attitude, informed, and active in the life of the Jewish group."

"The privilege of citizenship places upon every American the obligation of informed understanding of community affairs and responsible citizenship participation. It requires that each person accept a healthy balance between freedom on the one hand, and the responsibilities which all must assume for the good of the whole, on the other. Moreover, the fullest expression of American ideals is achieved only when there is the finest appreciation for one another by members of each religion, race and nationality, and a sound relationship between all in daily living. The Jewish Community Center and Young Men's Hebrew Association must utilize the natural opportunities inherent in its program to fortify such wholesome citizenship on the part of its members," the JWB president declared.

Chaplain Joshua L. Goldberg, district chaplain, Third Naval District, told delegates that despite shrinkage in financial support, the JWB has embarked on a nationwide pre-induction orientation program for inductees and parents alike. He asserted that "this program, if successful, should become the pattern for all agencies that concern themselves with the morale and religious welfare of men and women in uniform." He added that JWB "is rendering a patriotic duty, in these days of stress and strain, of gigantic nature. It deserves well of the Jewish community, the American people and freedom-loving people the world over."

EISENHOWER GETS REPORT ON PROBLEM OF RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, April 5. (JTA) -- The problem of how religious institutions may cooperate with public schools remains unresolved in a report presented to President Eisenhower today by the President's Committee for the White House Conference on Education. Nor did the report determine the extent to which public schools may take cognizance of religious values.

The report urged continued study of the problems at the community, state, and national level in the light of the "strong differences of opinion" on the issues. It emphasized that the problems arising from the school's aim to foster moral, ethical, and spiritual values in the student involve "widely different convictions about fundamental issues of theology and about the respective responsibilities of family, church, and school in religious education."

Recognition of the principle of separation of church and state is the approach to solving the problem, the committee suggested. It said that judicial decisions on church-state relations have clarified "only small parts of the whole question. It also recommended that the home, the church, the community, and the school must share responsibility in inculcating moral and spiritual values in the child.

The 50,000-word report represented the final act of a 34-member committee named by President Eisenhower to study the needs and problems of the nation's school system. The conference program culminated last November when nearly 2,000 persons from all states and territories met in Washington for the nation's first White House conference on education.

NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS TO CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Seventy-five years of service in ministering to the spiritual needs of the largest concentration of Jewish population in the world will be celebrated by the New York Board of Rabbis from April 27 to May 9 with an extensive program of dedications, lecture symposiums, study sessions, sermons and a public meeting. It was announced at a press conference here today by Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, president of the board. Dr. Israel Goldstein, who was president of the board when it celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1931, is chairman of the Board's 75th anniversary jubilee.

Organized in April, 1881, as the New York Board of Jewish Ministers by six rabbis, the New York Board of Rabbis now has more than 700 members, occupying Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform synagogue pulpits in the New York metropolitan area, New Jersey, up-state New York and suburban Connecticut. In addition, its specially trained corps of 90 chaplains offers solace and spiritual guidance in more than 170 hospitals, old age homes, prisons and other institutions.

Dr. Goldstein said that he considered the spiritual assistance given to the vast immigration of Jews into the United States between 1881 and 1921 as one of the Board's most significant contributions to the community. "The Jewish population of New York's metropolitan area has increased 5,000 percent since 1881," he asserted. "In its career of seven-and-a-half decades, the New York Board of Rabbis has been the effective spiritual catalytic agent which helped to integrate the unprecedented numbers of Jewish immigrants into the mainstream of American life."

GERMAN UNIVERSITIES TO MARK CENTENNARY OF BIRTH OF PROF. FREUD

FRANKFURT, April 5. (JTA) -- Tribute will be paid to Prof. Sigmund Freud, whose works were banned under the Nazi regime and who fled to London when the Nazis came to power, by the Universities of Frankfurt and Heidelberg on the occasion of the centenary of his birth next month, it was announced today.

Special lectures on Dr. Freud will be arranged by the two universities and will be delivered by outstanding American, British and Swiss scholars in the field of psychoanalysis. The program is designed to acquaint interested German intellectuals with recent developments in the theory and practice of psychoanalysis, whose teachings were black-listed under the Nazis and which even today has not regained the place in the realm of German science that it occupies in most other Western countries.

ZIONISTS IN BRAZIL SEND EIGHT DELEGATES TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 5. (JTA) -- The Zionist movement in Brazil will be represented at the World Zionist Congress, which takes place this month in Jerusalem, by eight delegates. They include three Labor Zionists, two General Zionists, two Mapam members and one member of the Mizrahi Labor Organization. The Zionist Revisionists announced that they will lodge a complaint with the Congress court against the decision of the Central Election Board refusing them representation in the Congress delegation.

JUDGE GOLDSTEIN HONORED ON 70TH BIRTHDAY; ACTIVE IN JEWISH AFFAIRS

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Judge Jonah J. Goldstein of General Sessions Court celebrated his 70th birthday at a reception last night tendered him by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York of which he is a trustee. Judge Goldstein has been active in the Joint Distribution Committee, United Jewish Appeal, B'nai B'rith and many other Jewish and civic organizations.