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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES EGYPTIAN ATTACKS; ADOPTS EMERGENCY DECISIONS

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) - The Israel Cabinet today discussed the renewed fighting on the Israel-Egyptian frontier and adopted a number of decisions relating to it after hearing reports by Premier David Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

Among the decisions adopted are the following measures: 1. To issue emergency regulations empowering the Defense Minister to requisition equipment for special service; 2. To request an early session of Parliament, which is in recess, to pass legislation authorizing a new 50,000,000 pound tax for the purchase of arms; 3. To authorize the Minister of Interior to order all persons over the age of 15 to carry identity cards.

Acting upon instructions from the State Department, United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson called on Foreign Minister Sharett in connection with the renewed fighting along the Gaza strip. No details of their talk were revealed, and it was merely stated that they had conferred on "current matters."

Premier Ben Gurion, addressing commencement exercises at the Hebrew University this week-end, told the 462 graduates—who included 132 women—that "the voice of science and learning will never be silenced by the thundering of guns." Among the graduates were Raken Tsabari, the first Yemenite woman member of the Israel Parliament.

SITUATION IN GAZA AREA REMAINS TENSE; GEN. BURNS MEETS WITH BEN GURION

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- The situation on the Israel-Egyptian Gaza strip frontier continued today to be tense and United Nations truce chief Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns announced that he had cancelled his scheduled flight to Rome to meet Dag Hammarskjold, UN Secretary General who is on his "peace mission" to the Arab countries and Israel. (A cable from Rome to the JTA said today that Mr. Hammarskjold had decided to leave Rome tomorrow and confer with Gen. Burns in Jerusalem instead of Rome, as originally contemplated.)

Gen. Burns told Premier David Ben Gurion today that "Egypt will be placed in the position of an aggressor" if it is proven that the Egyptians ordered yesterday's attacks by Arab suicide squads, known as fedayeen, on Askelon, Nitzanim, Shoval and other Israeli settlements, firing upon civilians in the streets and killing and wounding a number of Israelis. Nine Israeli points were attacked by the Arab squads, it was established today.

The UN truce chief, in his talk today with Mr. Ben Gurion, expressed hope that pending a UN investigation Israel will not launch reprisals against Egypt for yesterday's attacks. Mr. Ben Gurion, in his capacity as Defense Minister, said that Israel reserves freedom of action for itself, unless unequivocal and unreserved assurances are obtained from the Egyptian Government that it will refrain from all hostile acts in accordance with the existing Israel-Egyptian armistice agreement. The meeting between Gen. Burns and Mr. Ben Gurion, which took place at the former's request, was attended by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

1,000 Teachers Leave Tel Aviv to Fortify Border Settlements

The Egyptian attacks on border settlements prompted more than 1,000 Tel Aviv teachers today to leave their schools and go to border settlements in the Negev to work on fortifications there. The schools in Tel Aviv will remain closed for one week.

Detailed reports on yesterday's attacks by the Arab guerrillas today established that four Israeli civilians were murdered, 16 others were wounded and that the Arab squads operated from bases in the Egyptian-held Gaza strip. The attackers fanned out over an area extending from north of Beersheva, due east of the Gaza strip, in an arc that ended up on the outskirts of Askelon, about six miles north of the Gaza strip.

A number of cars were attacked on the main road from Beersheba to Tel Aviv with ambushes taking place above Beersheba, outside Shoval and South of Falluja. Most of the Israeli casualties were suffered in the road ambushes. At an immigrant camp at Askelon, a 65-year-old grandmother, Shuda Jadai, died just after snatching her baby grandson from a crib into which a hand grenade had been thrown when the Egyptian commandos attacked. The baby was unharmed. A second grandchild, a bride-to-be, was seriously wounded by another grenade. The room was full of people celebrating the girl's engagement. A water pumping station was blasted at Askelon while at Nitzanim explosives were thrown into the tractor station.

U.S. SEEKS TO CHECK EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI FIGHTING; INSTRUCTS AMBASSADORS

WASHINGTON, April 8. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today instructed the U.S. Ambassadors in Israel and in Egypt to urge the two governments to "cool off" along the Gaza strip. State Department sources said that it may be indicated to Israel that its arms application would be negatively affected unless its troops refrain from shooting.

The instructions to the American envoys were issued by Mr. Dulles after he conferred this week-end with President Eisenhower on the fighting along the Israel-Egyptian border. A State Department spokesman said that the United States Government fully backs Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce chief, in his attempt to check further fighting on the Israel-Egyptian frontier.

A report was circulated in Washington today that the State Department has suspended consideration of the Israel arms application until U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld returns from his "peace mission" to the Middle East and makes recommendations on his findings. The State Department declined to comment on this report.

Charles E. Bohlen, U.S. Ambassador to Moscow, arrived here today with new information on the Soviet drive to penetrate the Middle East. The House Foreign Affairs Committee indicated yesterday that it may ask Ambassador Bohlen to appear before the Committee. It may also ask George Wadsworth, U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, to appear. Mr. Wadsworth came to Washington to discuss the new concessions demanded by Saudi Arabia to the agreement under which the Dhahran air base is leased to the United States.

FRENCH MINISTER POSTPONES TRIP TO ISRAEL; WAS TO LEAVE TODAY

PARIS, April 8. (JTA) -- French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau today indefinitely postponed a trip to Israel to give UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld a clear field. He was scheduled to fly to Israel tomorrow. The French Foreign Ministry said that M. Pineau postponed his trip because of the new outbreak of fighting.

Diplomatic sources said the main reason was M. Pineau's desire not to interfere with Mr. Hammarskjöld's mission. The Foreign Ministry said M. Pineau hopes to go to Israel "as soon as circumstances appear more favorable." M. Pineau is said to favor Western action to restore an equitable balance of air power between Egypt and Israel to prevent war.

SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL ASKS MOSCOW TO HALT ARMS TO ARABS

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- A demand that the Soviet Union make an immediate contribution to the easing of the international situation by halting the shipment of arms to the Arab states was voiced here last night by the Bureau of the International Socialist Party. At the conclusion of the session, chaired by Morgan Philips, secretary of the British Labor Party, the delegates of Socialist movements in ten countries including Israel, recommended

That member parties make representations to their respective governments about the grave situation in the Middle East and to urge them to declare support of Israel's territorial integrity; that the parties initiate in their countries discussion of the situation and attempt to arouse public opinion to the threat of war in the Middle East, and that the various Socialist parties send delegations to Israel to demonstrate solidarity with the Mapai, Israel's Socialist Party, and to obtain firsthand information on prevailing conditions.

The French party announced that it would send a delegation to Israel early next month. The Dutch Socialists reported that they had held public meetings to rally support for Israel and said a delegation would go to Israel after Holland's general elections next September. The Swedish delegates proposed, and the Bureau agreed, that one of the major themes of the May Day celebrations this year should be "Solidarity with Israel."

The Bureau was informed that Egypt had undertaken an extensive campaign to offset the "peace for Israel" drive launched at the recent conference of the Socialist International in Zurich. During a discussion of the international situation the status of Soviet Jews was touched upon.

EGYPT PLEDGES TO CONSULT EX-MUFTI OF JERUSALEM ON ARAB ISSUES

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- Egypt will consult with the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el Hussein, and other leaders of the Palestine Arabs in any matters pertaining to the Palestine Arabs' "rights" and on peace negotiation, Egypt's Premier Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser told the heads of Saudi Arabia and Syria at a meeting in Cairo last month.

This was revealed today by the press here which reprinted details of a speech by Col. Nasser at a secret session with the Syrian and Saudi Arabian leaders. Col. Nasser is reported to have pledged too that he would not proceed with any peace negotiations outside the Arab League.

JEWISH MEMBER IN TUNISIAN CABINET TO PRESIDE AT OPENING OF ASSEMBLY

TUNIS, April 8. (JTA) -- Albert Bessis, the only Jewish member of the new all-Tunisian Cabinet, will preside at the inaugural meeting of the Tunisian National Legislature here tomorrow. M. Bessis, Minister of Urban Development and former president of the Keren Hayesod in Tunis, was selected for the honor because he is the oldest member of the Cabinet. He will be assisted by Ahmed Ben Salah, secretary general of the Tunisian trade union movement and the youngest deputy in the Assembly.

JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM TUNISIA AND MOROCCO REPORTED RUNNING HIGH

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- The migration of Jews to Israel from strife-torn Morocco and Tunisia is running at a "significantly higher rate" this year than in 1955, with figures for the first three months of 1956 showing a better than 41 percent increase over those who left these North African countries during the same period last year, it was reported today by Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

Rabbi Friedman noted that 11,128 men, women and children were helped by agencies of the United Jewish Appeal to emigrate from these lands during the first quarter of the year, as against the 6,490 who were helped by the UJA in the first three months of 1955. He pointed out in addition that each of the first three months of the year saw a marked rise in the number of departures, with 3,616 in January, 4,020 in February, and 4,523 in March.

"With continued strong support of this year's United Jewish Appeal campaign, there is every likelihood that this rate of emigration can be sustained," he declared, adding that "if it is, the original plan of providing for the movement of 45,000 men, women and children will be exceeded by 5,000." Rabbi Friedman emphasized that "despite the danger of war that hangs over Israel, the Jews of North Africa show small inclination to remain where they are."

J. W. B. CONVENTION URGES DEVELOPMENT OF JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADERSHIP

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- The four-day biennial convention of the National Jewish Welfare Board closed here today with the re-election of Charles Aaron of Chicago as president.

Addressing the convention banquet last night, Mr. Aaron outlined a practical program for the development of American Jewish communal leadership which would cooperate with the other forces in the American community. "We need to show a greater readiness to experiment, to test, to venture," Mr. Aaron said. "We should demonstrate a broader capacity for looking beyond organizational vested interests and seeing the totality of American Jewish life."

Leaders must be concerned with finding or producing their successors through systematic training programs, he asserted, and warned that "as we relieve older leaders of major responsibilities, we should be wise enough not to lose their experience and know-how." "We need to translate our professions of democracy into our practice of leadership selection, promotion and honors," he continued. He called for "prompt consideration" to the need for giving greater leadership responsibilities to women and to young people.

"We must have leaders who know and are ever active in the general community, who work closely with their non-Jewish neighbors and fellow citizens in accomplishing the finest results for the general community, and who integrate the work of our American Jewish institutions into the general community, for the greater benefit of both." He asked for leaders with a greater familiarity with the Jewish past and with roots deep in Jewish religious and cultural traditions, stressed the work of trained professionals in Jewish communal service work and urged closer cooperation between the national and local Jewish organizations.

The convention concluded with the adoption of a resolution expressing confidence that the U.S. Government, "whose friendship for Israel has facilitated its remarkable economic, welfare and cultural achievements," will "use every means within its power to prevent the imminent threat to the security and existence of Israel and to bring peace into the Middle East." The convention extended its warmest greetings to the State of Israel on its forthcoming eighth anniversary.

The convention urged "the revision of the McCarran-Walter Act to eliminate its discriminatory and inequitable provisions which are contrary to the best interests of America and its finest traditions." In another resolution JWB voted support of the United Nations as "man's best hope for peace," expressed "the earnest wish for the fulfillment of its goals and objective," and pledged the organization to continued support of and cooperation with UNESCO.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was presented with a citation at the banquet for "her outstanding work in promoting world peace through the United Nations. The 1956 Frank L. Weil Awards were presented to Jack Nadel, executive director of the 92nd St. YM-YWHA in New York for his contributions to the Jewish community center movement; to Ernest Bloch, composer, for contributions to the development of American Jewish culture, and to Joseph F. Barr, a past commander of the Jewish War Veterans, for contributions to the welfare of Jewish personnel in the U. S. armed forces.

THERE IS NO PANIC IN ISRAEL, DR. SILVER REPORTS; ASKS FOR AID

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- "There is no panic in Israel, but there is naturally a deep concern about the large flow of Communist and Western arms to the neighboring Arab states," Dr. Abba Hillel Silver declared here this week-end upon his return from a brief visit to Israel. He reported that there is a "remarkable tempo of dynamism" in Israel and a spirit of confidence in the country's future.

"I am convinced that the American people will continue to stand by Israel, which is a democratic island in the Middle East," Dr. Silver stressed. "I am sure that they will continue to aid the courageous people of Israel, morally as well as materially. The Jews of America will not fail to evaluate the urgency of the hour, and will support the new state in all ways, not the least important of which is economic. Through increased purchases of State of Israel bonds they can strengthen the economy of Israel, and thus greatly increase the means of its defense and its security."

CHICAGO JEWISH APPEAL OPENS WITH \$2,563,000 IN CONTRIBUTIONS

CHICAGO, April 8. (JTA) -- Contributions totalling \$2,563,000 for the Combined Jewish Appeal were announced at the inaugural dinner here attended by 300 guests and addressed by U. S. Solicitor General Simon E. Sobeloff. More than \$1,000,000 was contributed at the dinner, David Borowitz, general chairman of the Appeal, announced. Approximately \$1,500,000 of Combined Jewish Appeal funds this year, included in a total goal of \$6,825,000, will be used for emergency immigration costs in 1956.

Mr. Sobeloff told the audience that tens of thousands of Jews in Arab lands of North Africa are clamoring for an opportunity to escape oppression. "The urgency is not to be denied," he said. "The remedy is not one that can be delayed. The aim, which admits of no alternative, is to find a haven of refuge in the only country that will receive them willingly. Their survival depends on Israel keeping its door open, that in turn depends largely on us."

Mr. Sobeloff pointed out that Israel bears willingly and bravely the burden of its own defense. "We cannot in these circumstances cast upon her overburdened shoulders the added responsibility of rescue, transportation and rehabilitation for 45,000 potential Jewish immigrants in Tunisia and Morocco now seeking entry into Israel," he declared.

PIONEER WOMEN REPORT-SENDING \$500,000 TO WORKING WOMEN IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) - The Pioneer Women, American women's Labor Zionist group, transmitted \$500,000 to the Working Women's Council of Israel, its sister organization, since last October, it was reported here today at the three-day semi-annual conference of the Larger National Board. In addition, the organization also sent \$50,000 to the Youth Aliyah movement in Israel.

Mrs. Chaya Surchin, president, in an evaluation of the organization's activities in the past half year, reported it has undertaken to establish and maintain vocational training and educational centers in 88 frontier settlements. Mrs. Jeni Twersky, former member of Israel's Parliament and a representative of the Working Women's Council, called for greater "awareness" on the part of Pioneer Women members of Israel's needs.

HADASSAH SENDS 62 MEMBERS TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS IN JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- Hadassah will send the largest delegation in its history - 62 members - to the 24th World Zionist Congress, which opens in Jerusalem on April 24, it was announced today by Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, national president of the organization. The delegation will include 34 delegates, 22 observers and six Hadassah leaders who are entitled to attend the congress as members either of Zionist Actions Committee or the Jewish Agency executive.

RABBI ZEEV-WOLF GOLD, LEADER OF WORLD MIZRACHI MOVEMENT, DIES

JERUSALEM, April 8. (JTA) -- Rabbi Zeev-Wolf Gold, noted Mizrachi leader who lived in the United States for many years serving as a rabbi in Chicago, New York, San Francisco and Scranton, Pa., died here today after a prolonged illness. He was 67 years old.

Born in Poland, he left the U.S. in 1924 to settle in Palestine. He was a member of the Jewish Agency executive since 1947. A co-founder of the Mizrachi Organization of America, he was president of the World Mizrachi Organization for 13 years. His body was placed in Beth Meir, headquarters of the World Mizrachi Organization, where it will lay in state. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

NAFTALI GROSS, NOTED JEWISH POET, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 59

NEW YORK, April 8. (JTA) -- Naftali Gross, Yiddish author, poet and journalist, died here today at the age of 59. Born in Kolomea, Austria, Mr. Gross came to this country in 1914. A member of the editorial staff of the Jewish Daily Forward since 1943, Mr. Gross published numerous poems, ballads, tales and translations and contributed articles and poems to various magazines.