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EISENHOWER PLEDGES AID AGAINST AGGRESSION TO MIDDLE EAST NATIONS

WASHINGTON, April 9. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles held an urgent conference today on the Israel-Egyptian situation just prior to Mr. Eisenhower's departure for a vacation in Georgia. The President delayed the flight in order to discuss the growing border friction between Egypt and Israel.

Later, the White House issued a statement declaring that President Eisenhower regarded the situation in the Middle East "with the utmost seriousness" and that the United States "will observe its commitments within constitutional means to oppose any aggression" in that area. The U.S. Government, the statement said, is "determined to support and assist any nation which might be subjected to such aggression." President Eisenhower expressed confidence "that other nations will act similarly in the cause of peace." He promised the "fullest support" to UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold in his "peace mission."

Simultaneously, Secretary Dulles, acting with the express authority and approval of President Eisenhower, today asked Republican and Democratic Congressional leaders to a meeting tomorrow to discuss the Arab-Israel war threat. The meeting was arranged when Mr. Dulles conferred with the President. It is possible that Secretary Dulles may inform the Congressmen of the steps the United States plans in case of Arab-Israel hostilities.

U. S. Ambassador to Israel Summoned to Washington for Consultations

At the same time, it was announced today by the State Department that U.S. Ambassador Edward B. Lawson has been summoned from Israel to Washington for urgent consultations on the continuing violence in the Gaza area. The date of Ambassador Lawson's departure from Israel was not indicated.

The State Department also announced that American diplomatic representatives in Israel and Egypt have made representations to the governments to which they are accredited, emphasizing that the United States fully supports Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, UN truce chief, in his efforts to prevent further strife in the Gaza vicinity. In these representations, the United States did not try to fix the blame for the recent fighting, but attempted to achieve a cease-fire, State Department spokesman Lincoln White said.

Mr. White revealed that the State Department has not yet made a determination as to which side is responsible for the outbreak of the fighting. Preliminary reports on the shootings have been received in Washington from the UN, he stated. He pointed out that the current Egyptian-Israel clashes underline the urgency of the peace mission undertaken by Mr. Hammarskjold at the Security Council's request.

NINE ARAB GUERRILLAS KILLED; CAPTURED COMMANDOS TRAINED BY EGYPT

JERUSALEM, April 9. (JTA) -- Nine Arab guerrillas were killed and three were wounded and captured in several encounters last night and early this morning between the Egyptian-trained fedayeen and Israeli military patrols. Meanwhile, two more Israelis died and a number were wounded in raids by the Arab commandos and in the action between patrols and the suicide squads.

Questioning of the prisoners, in the presence of United Nations observers, revealed that they had jumped off on their terrorizing mission from the northern portion of the Gaza strip after a final briefing from an Egyptian Army captain named Mustapha Gamish. Their orders were to blow bridges, mine roads, fire on traffic, kill Israelis and then return to the Gaza strip or, if that proved impossible, to make their way across Israel to Jordan. All of the guerrillas who were killed or captured were armed with Swedish submachine guns and carried extra loaded magazines. They were dressed in khaki clothes, canvas shoes and stocking caps.

The Arab gangs attacked Shafir, a settlement near Beertuvia, closer to the Jordan border than Egypt. At Ein Hashofet a motorcyclist was attacked on the road and wounded. At Gal-On, in the Lachish area southwest of Jerusalem, and at Kazioth, a settlement in the Nitzaan-El Auja area, fedayeen attacked. At Kezioth an Israeli was killed. The second Israeli fatality today was a soldier killed in a clash with the fedayeen cornered at Yad Mordechai. Others were caught north of Askelon and in the Lachish area.

ISRAEL COMPLAINS TO U. N. TRUCE BODY; EGYPT PROTESTS TO SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 9. (JTA) -- Israel has made eight complaints to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine listing eight separate Egyptian attacks on the night of April 7 in a sector starting from the village of Migdal, on the Mediterranean coast, to Faluja, 12 miles east, and then south to Shoval.

According to a communique from Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of UNTSO, issued here, Israel has reported four dead and at least 15 wounded in these raids. Five of the attacks have already been investigated by UN observers, Gen. Burns reported, and the remainder are still being probed.

Egypt today addressed a second letter to the United Nations Security Council complaining against alleged Israel "aggressions." At the same time, a spokesman for the Egyptian delegation here issued a statement in which he declared that since the beginning of 1955 Israel committed 377 acts of aggression against Egypt, 277 of them having allegedly been committed since January, 1956.

1,700 STUDENTS OF HAIFA TECHNION LEAVE FOR FORTIFICATION WORK

HAIFA, April 9. (JTA) -- The entire engineering student body of the Israel Institute of Technology, numbering some 1,700, has begun five days of volunteer fortification work at Israel's border settlements. The students were joined by the Institute's teachers and employees whose organizations issued calls for their members to follow suit.

Welcoming the students initiative, General Yaacov Dori, president, declared that the Institute would be closed for the period concerned. All students received medical examinations to insure their fitness for the strenuous work involved.

POPE ASKS FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM AND HOLY PLACES

ROME, April 9. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary Dag Hammarskjold had a private audience with Pope Pius XII today during which the Pope reiterated the Vatican's interest in Jerusalem and the Holy Places and its view that they should be internationalized. The Pope also expressed a deep concern for peace.

Mr. Hammarskjold, who is in Rome on his Security Council mission to seek pacification of the Arab-Israel borders, expressed his hope of achieving an agreement in the Middle East, although he is conscious of the difficulties involved. Mr. Hammarskjold is scheduled to leave Rome tonight for Israel. At the last minute, he changed his plans to proceed to Beirut where he originally intended to set up headquarters.

After the audience, reliable sources close to the Vatican underlined that the Catholic Church has a direct interest only in the Holy Places and the internationalization of Jerusalem which, it believes, will contribute to peace. These sources excluded the possibility of the Vatican serving as a mediator in the Middle East, stressing that the Vatican and Israel do not have diplomatic relations.

LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DEFIES ARAB REQUEST ON BOYCOTT OF JEWS

LONDON, April 8. (JTA) -- An attempt by Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries to extend their anti-Israel and anti-Jewish boycott to Britain has been stifled at the very outset, it was revealed here today. The London Chamber of Commerce has flatly refused to certify that any British companies dealing with Arab states are not Jewish-owned.

The annual conference of the British Cooperative Party, an important constituent section of the Labor movement, adopted a resolution today expressing concern over the Middle East situation and making specific proposals for easing that tension. The resolution proposed:

1. The United Nations strengthen its observer teams along the Israel-Arab borders;
2. The UN again call on both sides to refrain from cross border raids; and 3. The UN make still another effort to bring both sides to the conference table to reach agreement on reducing border tension and leading to peaceful cooperation.

SHARETT SAYS ISRAEL FACING CRITICAL TIME; ASSAILS EGYPTIAN PREMIER

TEL AVIV, April 9. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett attacked Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser tonight for the role he was playing in hectoring Israel, increasing world tension and playing off the powers one against the other. Speaking at the 12th national Hapoel Hamizrachi conference here, Mr. Sharett said that Col. Nasser had attempted to deceive the world that he was a constructive statesman, but that his recent activities had unmasked him and cleared the picture for the world.

Speaking of the current situation facing Israel, the Foreign Minister said it was the most critical time in Israel's history, since the "roar of artillery was silenced" at the end of the War of Liberation. He welcomed the forthcoming visit of United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and wished him success in his pacification mission.

WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS EXPECTED TO LAST 12 DAYS; AGENDA FORMULATED

JERUSALEM, April 9. (JTA) -- An agenda for the forthcoming World Zionist Congress was formulated today by the Jewish Agency executive. It provides for a 12 day session.

The Congress will be opened April 24 with addresses on the Israel political and security situation by Berl Locker, Agency co-chairman, followed by Premier David Ben Gurion and Dr. Nahum Goldmann. A debate on the political and security situation will be held the following day and a resolution will be drafted to express the sentiment of the Congress on these matters.

The Congress will turn to consideration of internal Zionist affairs on April 26 and it is hoped that debate will end by May 1 when committees get to work on specific problems. The Congress is expected to close on May 5 or 6.

ISRAELI BECOMES CHAIRMAN OF BODY IN GERMANY ON NAZI CAMP ARCHIVES

BONN, April 9. (JTA) -- The head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Germany, Dr. F. E. Shinnar, has for the current three months assumed the chairmanship of the international commission supervising the International Tracing Service archives at Arolsen, where ten million documents and twenty million index cards recording the fate of concentration camp prisoners are stored and catalogued.

Dr. Shinnar is away from Germany until the end of the month. During his absence, Israel is being represented by Yeshayahu Anug, chief of the Consular Section and press attache of the Purchasing Mission in Cologne. The sessions of the International Commission are also attended by the permanent Israel liaison officer in Arolsen, Dr. K. Sella.

About a year ago, the tracing service was transferred to the custody of the International Red Cross and of a Swiss director under the terms of a five-year agreement. In the North Hesse town of Arolsen, a staff of more than 200 is engaged in answering some 10,000 queries a month concerned with the certification of concentration camp imprisonment for indemnification purposes, the reunion of families separated by Nazi persecution and questions of personal status. The archives were founded by UNRRA shortly after the war and later carried on by the Allied High Commission.

The International Commission, which is nominally the policy-making and supervisory body, is composed of delegates from the United States, Britain, France, Italy, Benelux countries, Israel and German Federal Republic. Since Israel follows Germany in the alphabetical listing of participating nations, Dr. Shinnar has now taken over the top post from West German representative Dr. Hardo Brueckner, of the Bonn Foreign Office.

AUSTRIAN NEO-NAZI SUES JEWISH NEWSPAPER IN VIENNA FOR LIBEL

VIENNA, April 9. (JTA) -- For the first time since the war, an Austrian neo-Nazi has sued a Jewish newspaper for libel. The case arose when the editor-in-chief of the "Neue Welt," Jerzy Kuenstlinger, wrote an editorial concerning Hans Stueber -- formerly of the League of Independents and now organizer of the new Nazi-tinged Free Democratic National Workers Party.

Stueber, in the course of a parliamentary debate on the establishment of a fund for the compensation of victims of Nazi persecution now living abroad, had attacked world Jewish organizations. Kuenstlinger commented on the speech, calling Stueber "indecent." The editorial ended with the words, "there are decent persons, and Stueber's Vienna's Jews are anxiously awaiting the outcome of the libel trial, which is set for the end of this month, since it is being regarded as a test case."

MILITARY SYNAGOGUE FOR FRENCH ARMED FORCES IN GERMANY DEDICATED

BADEN-BADEN, April 9. (JTA) -- The French Army's only permanent military synagogue in Germany was dedicated here by the Chief Rabbi of Paris and by the Jewish chaplain of the French forces, with the Commanding General of all French troops in Germany, General Noiret, among the guest speakers.

The synagogue is on the ground floor of a new building that also houses a Catholic church and a Protestant chapel. Their spiritual leaders, who are both Army chaplains, attended the dedication ceremony, which included a solemn memorial service for the French Jewish war dead and victims of deportation. General Noiret, in his address, recalled the sufferings of the Jewish people throughout its history and more particularly during the Nazi era, and pledged to give his support to the religious and communal interests of the Jewish soldiers serving in the French occupation forces.

NAZI LEADER ELECTED MAYOR OF GERMAN CITY; WAS MAYOR UNDER NAZIS

MUNICH, April 9. (JTA) -- In the city of Lindau on Lake Constance, a tourist center, 63 percent of the voters in today's municipal election cast their ballots for "in-party" candidate Josef Haas, a former SS leader and Nazi Party member, who served in the same post during the Nazi regime.

DETROIT ALLIED CAMPAIGN RAISES \$4, 100, 000 BEFORE DRIVE OPENS

DETROIT, April 9. (JTA) -- An unprecedented record in Jewish fund-raising was achieved here by the Allied Jewish Campaign when it was announced at the formal opening of the 1956 drive that a sum nearing \$4, 100, 000 had been raised in pre-campaign efforts before the drive was officially opened. This sum amounts to the entire total raised in the AJC drive last year.

Leaders of the 1956 campaign announced at the gathering that they are now aiming at securing an additional \$1, 250, 000 which is Detroit's share in the emergency survival fund being sought by the United Jewish Appeal--in addition to the regular annual goal--to assure funds needed to settle North African Jews in Israel. The announcement was made by Max M. Fisher, co-chairman of the 1956 Allied Jewish Campaign, and Judge Theodore Levin, president of the Jewish Welfare Federation, who shared presidency of the meeting.

Isidore Sobeloff, campaign director and executive vice-president of the Federation, reported that the returns as of last week showed a campaign total of \$3, 812, 712. He stated that the sum he reported at the official opening of the 1956 campaign exceeded the amount that was reported at the formal closing of the 1955 campaign. He announced four campaign report meetings and said that plans are being made for a closing victory rally on April 24 when his brother, Simon E. Sobeloff, Solicitor General of the United States, will be the guest speaker.

JEWISH MEMBER OF BRITISH PARLIAMENT APPEALS TO U.S. JEWRY FOR U. J. A.

CHICAGO, April 9. (JTA) -- An appeal to American Jewry to give maximum aid to Israel through the United Jewish Appeal was voiced here by Barnett Janner, veteran Jewish member of the British Parliament, addressing a regional UJA conference attended by more than 400 delegates.

Mr. Janner, who is also president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, revealed that Israel must spend \$20, 000, 000 for air raid shelters because of the fear of a sudden Arab air attack. "We, in England, know what it means to construct air raid shelters," he stated. He emphasized Israel's need for defensive arms and expressed the hope that the Western Powers will supply the Jewish State with such weapons to meet the huge quantity of war materiel now being supplied to the Arabs by Soviet Russia.

U. S. IMMIGRATION POLICY CRITICIZED; NATIONAL ORIGINS QUOTA HIT

NEW YORK, April 9. (JTA) -- The "national origins" quota basis of the present immigration policy of the United States was criticized here tonight at the inaugural dinner of the National Committee for Immigration and Citizenship by Governor Goodwin J. Knight of California and Governor Edmund Muskie of Maine. Both charged that the present U. S. immigration policy jeopardizes America's relations "with a great many nations."

Governor Knight cited the importance of immigration to our own national economy and culture. "Our entire American way of life," he said, "has always been improved by a liberal addition to our population of people from all parts of the world, regardless of their color, their religions, their national ties, their economic status or their social position."

Governor Muskie summarized his views with two recommendations: 1. People should be admitted to the United States because of who they are, not where they are from. 2. All citizens, whether naturalized or native-born, should have equal rights as well as responsibilities. "Citizenship is a privilege," he asserted, "but no citizen should be more privileged than any other. Naturalized citizens, and even the native-born, do not have the same protection and rights of citizenship they formerly had."

One of the most important principles of the new organization stresses that American immigration and citizenship policies should be free from any implication of superiority between peoples because of race, nationality, or religion. The Committee will conduct a vigorous educational campaign throughout the nation to stimulate public interest in immigration and citizenship, it was announced at the dinner.

TUNISIAN ZIONISTS NAME DELEGATES TO 24TH WORLD CONGRESS

TUNIS, April 9. (JTA) -- Delegates to the World Zionist Congress have been named here without elections. The delegates and their party affiliations are: Moche Kalchem and Moche Madar, Progressive General Zionists, with Raphael Sejalom and Eliaou Sitbon as alternates; Meyer Bellity and Ram Journo, Mapai, with Dr. Bartfeld and Maurica Guez as alternates; and Dr. Henri Brami and M. Dovdivani, Mizrachi, with Youzefa Cohen and Moche Farjon as alternates.

ALFRED POLAK, PROMINENT DUTCH ZIONIST, DIES; WAS 72

THE HAGUE, April 9. (JTA) -- Alfred Polak, outstanding Dutch Zionist leader, died at Tilburg today. He was 72 years old. Mr. Polak served several times as honorary treasurer of the Dutch Zionist Association.