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DULLES CONFERS WITH CONGRESS LEADERS, EXPLAINS STAND ON ARMS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 10. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today conferred with 14 leading members of both houses of Congress on the Arab-Israel situation. The Congressional leaders represented both the Republican and Democratic parties. Secretary Dulles devoted most of the 90-minute talk to explaining why the State Department is not acting on Israel's request for arms.

Mr. Dulles is reported to have told the Congressional leaders that Israel's security is adequately protected by the United Nations and by Tripartite assurances. He reiterated his view that the sale of arms to Israel would jeopardize and embarrass the Western position vis-a-vis the Arabs at a time when the Communists are trying to win the Arab states. Mainly, he briefed the group on developments and stressed the role of UN Secretary General Hammarskjold.

Secretary Dulles was asked if he was preparing any request for action by Congress now on the Arab-Israel situation. He answered in the negative. House Republican leader Joseph W. Martin said after the conference with Mr. Dulles that definitely no request for authority to send U.S. troops to the Middle East is contemplated at this time. Other participants also stated that there was no reason to expect that President Eisenhower would ask approval by Congress for the use of American troops at this time to prevent aggression between the Arab states and Israel.

Participants in the meeting included State Department Counselor Douglas MacArthur II, foreign aid chief John B. Hollister, and George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Rep. Martin told newsmen after the meeting that there was "no particular, pressing emergency that we know about." He said if the danger developed to a point where it was necessary to consider use of forces, "of course there might be a request, but no such danger exists now."

Chairman Walter F. George (D., Ga.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the meeting was "just a briefing." He described the situation as "very acute" and "very confusing." Senate Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson said Mr. Dulles gave a "thorough briefing" but that the meeting was "not a very heartening" one. Republican leaders Sen. Knowland and Sen. Leverett Saltonstall said the possibility of Congressional action was discussed but no request was made for any such action.

Dulles Keeps Eisenhower Informed on Arab-Israel Developments

The State Department said this afternoon that Secretary Dulles discussed developments in the Arab-Israel situation by telephone today with President Eisenhower who is now vacationing in Augusta, Ga. The State Department also revealed that tripartite contacts on the Arab-Israel situation are being held through informal contacts, rather than formal meetings.

No formal meeting of the tripartite group is now scheduled, because of the development of communication on a less formal basis, State Department spokesman Lincoln White said. These meetings were sometimes joint and sometimes individual, he stated. The United States has been in frequent touch with both the British and French, and while the number of meetings have been small, it continues to be in touch with the two powers, Mr. White declared, adding that the United States never envisaged a series of formal meetings.

Mr. White also said he did not think that Secretary Dulles' meeting with Congressional leaders today was "any emergency measure as such." He indicated that the timing of the return to Washington for consultations of Edward Lawson, U.S. Ambassador to Israel, would depend on developments. Mr. Lawson is expected back in the very near future, however. Asked if Henry Byroade, U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, was also returning, Mr. White said he did not want to rule that out. But, he said, he did not know for sure.

Top administration authorities are saying privately today that the dispatch of U.S. armed forces to repel an Arab aggression against Israel is unthinkable because it would mean falling into a Communist trap. The Soviet strategists, according to these Washington officials, hope to see the United States linked militarily with Israel against the Arabs. Russia wants such a development, they said, so that the Arab bloc would be maneuvered closer to Moscow while the Moslem world turned against America. Therefore, the United States is looking to the United Nations for a solution.

ARAB COMMANDOS BLOW UP RAILWAY LINE, WATER INSTALLATIONS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 10. (JTA) -- Egyptian suicide squads continued their terroristic activities today within Israel territory, blowing up water installations in a number of settlements near the Gaza strip. They also blew up the recently inaugurated Tel Aviv--Beersheba railway line at two points north of Beersheba.

A number of fedayeen were captured this morning in the Lachish area, bringing the total of captured or killed Arab commandos to 16. Three Israeli soldiers were wounded today when their car hit a mine near Kibutz Magen, in the Gaza strip area. One Israel was killed and two wounded by fedayeen in the Gaza vicinity and south of Beersheba during the night.

The fedayeen dynamited the water installations in the settlements of Gvulot, Tkuma, Tzur Maon, Magen and Nir-Oz, all near the Gaza strip, during the night. They also blew up electricity installations for a well at Gvar Am. The settlement of Nirim, in the Gaza area, was fired upon today from the Egyptian side, but no casualties were reported. Albert Grand, United Nations truce commission spokesman, said today that no reply has been received from Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser to the request for an immediate halt of commando raids, addressed to him last week-end by UN truce chief Maj. Gen. Burns. Western diplomats here are watching with interest the move which the Egyptian Premier will make with regard to this request, in view of the fact that there is great irritation in Israel over the continued terrorism by the Egyptian commandos many miles beyond the border.

An Israeli courts martial yesterday imposed the death sentence on an Egyptian member of the "fedayeen" bands, who was captured at the beginning of the year. The severe penalty on the marauder, Moussalem Abdul Karim, was decided upon in view of the fact that he was taken captive with Sten gun ammunition in his possession and because he confessed that he had been sent to Israel to perform terrorist activities.

HAMMARSKJOLD CONFERS IN TEL AVIV WITH ISRAELIS; LEAVES FOR CAIRO

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold arrived here today and, after a meeting in Tel Aviv with top officials of the Israel Foreign Ministry, flew to Cairo, accompanied by Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, UN truce chief.

It is understood that the Israeli officials pointed out to Mr. Hammarskjold that unless Egypt complies with Gen. Burns' request for a cease-fire and extends the order to apply to the Arab suicide squads, there is grave danger that the situation will be even further worsened.

A Cairo radio broadcast today said that "war against Israel will not necessarily be continued with shooting on the borders, but with continued acts inside Israel territory." It boasted of the "penetration" of the Arab marauders many miles into Israel territory.

Commenting on this broadcast, a spokesman of the Israel Foreign Ministry said that it clearly proves Egypt's responsibility for the terrorist activities of the "fedayeen," the Arab commandos. He described the broadcast as an open declaration of Egypt's aggressive designs.

ISRAEL SUBMITS THIRD COMPLAINT TO SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST EGYPT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 10. (JTA) -- For the third time in five days, Israel today sent to the Security Council a complaint against repetition and continuance of Egyptian aggressions. Today's letter listed ten separate acts of aggression within the 24 hour period ending last night.

The situation arising from Egyptian attacks inside Israel's territory, the letter stated, was discussed at a conference between Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of staff of the United Nations truce supervision organization, and Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. "Maj. Gen. Burns stated," the letter continued, "that if investigation confirmed that these attacks had been carried out on orders from the Egyptian authorities, Egypt would be placing herself in the position of aggressor.

"Maj. Gen. Burns expressed the hope that Israel nevertheless, would not resort to counteraction against Egypt. The Prime Minister replied that Israel must reserve her freedom of action, unless an unequivocal assurance, without reservations, was obtained from the Egyptian Government to the effect that it would refrain from all hostile acts in accordance with the General Armistice Agreement."

Most of this latest series of aggressions, according to the Israel letter, occurred well within Israel's borders. The letter reported that at least nine members of the Egyptian marauding bands have been tracked down and killed, while several others were injured or captured. There were a number of Israeli casualties, including at least two dead and six injured, among them some children. Considerable damage was caused by the Egyptian bands.

Last night Israel accused Egypt, in a letter to the Security Council, of inaugurating a "murderous wave of aggression" which has "mounted steadily during the past few days." It blamed the Egyptian high command for numerous deaths of Egyptian civilians in Gaza by setting up aggressive "military emplacements in thickly populated areas, in reckless folly and wanton disregard of human lives."

EISENHOWER TO DISCUSS ARAB-ISRAEL SITUATION AT WASHINGTON DINNER

WASHINGTON, April 10. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower is expected to express his views on the Arab-Israel situation in a major foreign policy address to be delivered in Washington April 21 before the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

The White House would not specifically confirm that the President would examine the current Near Eastern crisis, but sources close to the President indicated he planned to go into that subject at some length.

Sen. Mike Mansfield, Montana Democrat, said today the Eisenhower statement on the Israel-Egyptian situation yesterday was "a restatement of the obvious." He questioned its value. Senate sources said the reference in the statement to action "within constitutional means" could be interpreted as indicating the President would not use U.S. forces. Commitment of such forces would require Congressional approval under the Constitution. State Department sources said the definition of "aggression" and fixing of responsibility would be a task for the United Nations.

Strong Congressional opposition to President Eisenhower's present stand on Israel's arms request was predicted today by Rep. Emanuel Celler. The New York Democrat said he was "positive that a goodly portion of Congress will not stand idly by, supine and voiceless, while the Administration remains bankrupt of a Middle East policy."

Rep. Celler charged that the Administration's position of denying arms to Israel, while approving them from Great Britain and France has a "tinge of hypocrisy." He said that "it is unbefitting for the United States to hide behind the skirts of her allies, and herself refuse to take a strong arms stand."

BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE WELCOMES EISENHOWER'S STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, April 10. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower's statement last night that the United States "will observe its commitments, within constitutional means, to oppose any aggression" in the Middle East was warmly welcomed here this afternoon by a Foreign Office spokesman, who said that the statement set out more clearly than before the attitude of the United States. The spokesman also told newsmen that talks among the representatives of the Western Big Three powers in Washington were continuing.

Foreign Office sources indicated their belief today that the Eisenhower statement had gone just about as far as a President of the United States can constitutionally go without Congressional approval. Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden has been pressing for some such statement, which would bolster the British position when he confers on the Middle East with Soviet leaders Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev, who will arrive here next week.

Earlier, a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs disclosed that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd had accepted the invitation of French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau to discuss Middle Eastern problems. Their meeting has been scheduled for the beginning of May, when the Ministers will be here for a meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Council.

France Endorses Eisenhower's Pledge; Pineau to Visit Israel, Syria

PARIS, April 10. (JTA) -- The French today endorsed President Eisenhower's pledge to oppose aggression in the Middle East. A Foreign Office spokesman called the President's statement "extremely favorable" and said it was in line with the French position in the Middle East. He reiterated that French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau plans on-the-spot consultations with government heads in Israel, Syria, and Lebanon in an effort to ease the tension. Pineau's trip, however, has been postponed during the current peace mission by UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld.

Meanwhile, authorized sources here indicated this afternoon that Foreign Minister Pineau was following the Middle Eastern situation closely. He was said to have ordered the French envoys in both Cairo and Tel Aviv to call to the attention of the two governments concerned the serious preoccupation which the situation on their borders was causing the French Government. The governments of Israel and Egypt are being asked by France to assist the efforts of the United Nations.

Italy Summons Its Middle East Representatives to Rome

ROME, April 10. (JTA) -- Italian Foreign Minister Gaetano Martino told the Senate's Foreign Policy Committee here today that it would be impossible to expect any spectacular gestures from Italy with regard to the current Middle Eastern situation.

He revealed that a conference of all Italian diplomatic representatives in the Middle East would be held here next week. He also declared that Italy was not interested in joining the 1950 Tripartite Declaration, because such adherence by Italy could prejudice any eventual Italian mediation offer.

Professor Virgilio Ferrari, Mayor of Milan, who recently returned from a visit to Israel, today expressed his admiration for the achievements of the Jewish State in the fields of social and economic welfare, in an address to Milan's Rotary Club.

ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW GHETTO REVOLT OBSERVED IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA) -- More than 5,000 Israelis from all parts of the country gathered at Har Haziqaron, near Mt. Herzl, to pay tribute to the memory of the 6,000,000 European Jews murdered by the Nazis. They gathered in Remembrance Square, established by the National Memorial Assembly, to hear services and addresses by Israel leaders. Among those present were President Ben Zvi and members of the Cabinet and Knesset.

The chairman of the assembly, Education Minister Prof. Ben Zion Dinur, reminded his listeners that it was their duty never to forget the 6,000,000 martyrs. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Jewish Agency chairman, declared that it was not only their duty to salute the dead, but to sit in judgment on the generation of Jews who survived. Speaking for the Government, Minister of Religions Moshe Shapiro hailed those who died fighting the Nazis.

TEL AVIV, April 10. (JTA) -- Thousands of persons gathered at Yad Mordecai, overlooking the Gaza strip, to hear the local inhabitants memorialize the 6,000,000 Jewish martyrs of Nazism by swearing that they would defend their homes to their last drop of blood.

Their oath was taken at the foot of the Mordecai Anilevitz Memorial, in an area where the constant threat of the Egyptian fedayeen marauders had curtailed the usual ceremonies. Among the speakers at the ceremonies were former leaders of the Ghetto fighters group. A similar ceremony was also held at the kibbutz of the Ghetto fighters.

BUENOS AIRES, April 10. (JTA) -- The thirteenth anniversary of the revolt of the Warsaw Ghetto against the German oppressors was marked in a moving ceremony here attended by large numbers of the local Jewish community. A special liturgical service was followed by addresses by Dr. Moises Goldmann, president of the DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry; Mark Turkow, World Jewish Congress representative; and Israel Ambassador Dr. Ariele Kubovy.

The Israeli envoy told the meeting that the Jewish people must learn the lesson of this desperate revolt -- to support Israel. This, he asserted, was the moral legacy of the Warsaw heroes. The meeting was concluded with the recitation of Kaddish and the singing of the Partisans' Hymn.

JOHANNESBURG, April 10. (JTA) -- South African Jewry mourned the loss of Europe's six million Jews under the Nazi persecution, with meetings in centers of Jewish population in all parts of the Union. A crowded City Hall meeting here heard an address by Rabbi J.H. Kahanemann, the rabbi of Ponevezh, who is now on a visit here from Israel, and who himself narrowly escaped death in the holocaust. He described the catastrophe which destroyed "the very flower of the Jewish people."

N. Philips, chairman of the South African Board of Jewish Deputies, presided. Memorial addresses were also delivered by Edel Horowitz, vice president of the Board, and Abe Grabman, chairman of the South African Zionist Youth Council. Readings from the literature of the period and the singing of Partisan songs closed the meeting.

U.S. ZIONIST WOMEN PROTEST WASHINGTON STAND ON ARMS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- A resolution protesting against the "indecision" of the United States to give arms to Israel was adopted here last night at the closing session of the three-day conference of the Pioneer Women, the women's labor Zionist organization of America. The resolution reads: --

"As American citizens, we, members of the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America, protest the indecision of our government and the equivocation of its responsible leaders. These, we feel, have been as damaging to the American position of leadership in the free world as they are disappointing to those who are concerned for Israel's survival.

"Today Israel stands alone on the firing line, a small but resolute nation, determined to stand fast against the spread of totalitarianism which would, if unopposed, engulf not only her but the entire free world. Our government has only recently again declared that the preservation of Israel is its firm policy. It must therefore give effective expression to that policy by immediately making available to Israel those arms it has requested for its legitimate self-defense.

"Encircled by hostile, threatening armies equipped with awesome quantities of communist-supplied arms; boycotted by all her neighbors and shut off by illegal blockades from the vital sea lanes, Israel today rightfully looks to the democracies for moral and material support. Israel's continued existence and development is a matter of great concern to the United States. It is a pilot plant of democracy in a feudal, backward part of the world."

ISRAEL SEEKS TEACHERS; ANNOUNCES LOANS TO STUDENTS OF EDUCATION

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Education announced a scheme of special facilities to students wishing to take teaching courses. In a move aimed at overcoming the teaching shortage, the ministry announced that special loans, reduced fees and other inducements would be offered prospective teachers.