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U.S. URGES ISRAEL AND EGYPT TO ACCEPT CEASE-FIRE PROPOSAL

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- Talks are going on in Washington, Cairo, and Jerusalem in which the United States is urging Egypt and Israel to accept the cease-fire proposal of Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce chief, State Department spokesman Lincoln White said today.

Mr. White said he could not go into details as to what the United States is saying to any party except that this country is supporting as strongly as possible the Burns peace move. He reported that Gen. Burns and UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold were exercising their "utmost influence" with "our full support" to get a cease-fire.

The spokesman stated he could neither confirm nor deny reports that Israel issued an "ultimatum" warning of what it might do if the Egyptian suicide raids were not halted. Indicating that such an "ultimatum" would have been directed to the United Nations, Mr. White explained that he could not speak for the United Nations.

CONGRESS GETS RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- A joint resolution was introduced in the House today by Rep. Edna Kelly, N.Y. Democrat, providing that the President be requested to have the U.S. delegation to the United Nations call for an Arab-Israel peace conference. The resolution was referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee for study. It would go from House to Senate if approved.

Rep. Kelly, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, headed a subcommittee which visited Israel last year. Her proposed resolution would cause the UN to "request the Security Council without delay to convene the Arab states and the State of Israel and other interested nations in a peace conference to discuss and bring about adjustment of the problems between the Arab states and the State of Israel which affect the peace and security of the area, including Arab refugees, boundaries and economic blockades."

The President would be further requested to instruct the U.S. representative to the United Nations "to make such other recommendations to the Security Council or any other appropriate organ or body of the United Nations as will assist in alleviating the deteriorating situation between the Arab states and the State of Israel pending the convening of the peace conference."

Stevenson Criticizes U.S. Middle East Policy; Wants Arms for Israel

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., April 11. (JTA) -- Adlai Stevenson charged today that Administration policy in the Middle East had brought the United States to the brink of war. He urged that this nation assist Israel with arms to prevent aggression.

Mr. Stevenson said in a prepared speech that the Eisenhower Administration's statement of policy "to oppose aggression in the Middle East within Constitutional means" was "very disappointing." The Administration pledge issued earlier this week said the United States would support and assist any nation attacked there.

"The reaction of the Administration to the latest crisis in the Middle East is very disappointing," Mr. Stevenson said in his talk to the Veterans Business Men's Club of Daytona Beach, a civic organization composed of veterans. "It is not enough to pledge support to Israel if subjected to aggression. We should make it emphatically clear that we will not tolerate aggression. And we should assist Israel with arms to prevent aggression."

"The Administration's inaction in the Middle East has brought us to the brink of war. But they have at last awakened to the fact that the desperate problems of the Middle East are not likely to vanish like a nightmare," Mr. Stevenson continued. He said that Administration "is apparently still unwilling to assist Israel with arms in order to prevent aggression."

(Sen. Estes Kefauver, Democratic Presidential hopeful, expressed support yesterday of President Eisenhower's recent moves aimed at halting aggression in the Middle East, but added that the measures were "long overdue" and might be too late. Sen. Kefauver made his statement in Jersey City, N.J., in connection with his campaign in the Democratic primary.)

BRITAIN UPSET BY DULLES' LATEST STATEMENT ON ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE

LONDON, April 11. (JTA) -- The British press seems to have come to the conclusion in the last two days that President Eisenhower's statement Monday that the U. S. would act against aggression in the Middle East within constitutional limitations was no more than an attempt to throw a barrier of words between Israelis and Arabs facing each other across hostile borders and represents no new American policy.

While British political circles took the White House statement at face value Monday, they were upset by reports of the meeting between Secretary of State Dulles and Congressional leaders yesterday and no longer feel that the U. S. is backing Britain and is prepared to act in the face of Middle East aggression.

A fairly typical newspaper reaction today is an editorial in the Manchester Guardian which declared: "The United States, in short, seems to say that it can be counted on for any immediate action. If Monday's White House statement and the reports of the Dulles meeting 'contain all the fruits of fresh American thinking on the Middle East, they seem to have been barren.'"

ISRAEL HANDS OVER TO EGYPT THE BODIES OF TEN KILLED COMMANDOS

TEL AVIV, April 11. (JTA) -- The bodies of ten fedayeen killed during clashes with Israeli policemen in the last two days were handed over to Egyptian officers today at the frontier of the Gaza strip. Meanwhile, frontier policemen combed the area today for additional guerrillas whose tracks were discovered in the border area this morning.

The suggestion that dictator Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser was losing control of the Egyptian Government to the military junta which he heads was made today by Shimon Peress, director general of the Israel Defense Ministry, at a meeting of workers committees called to consider means of organizing volunteer work on border fortifications. Mr. Peress asserted that Col. Nasser's slipping control was responsible for the fact that he had not replied to the demand made by UN truce chief Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns for an end to hostilities in the Gaza region.

JERUSALEM TENANTS TO SHARE IN COST OF BUILDING AIR-RAID SHELTERS

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- All tenants will be obliged to share in the cost of constructing air raid shelters in Jerusalem apartment houses, the municipality has announced. Tenants in houses built before July, 1945 will have to pay half the cost with the landlord paying the remainder.

Tenants in houses constructed after July, 1945 will have to pay a quarter of the cost. In multiple dwellings, the cost will be pro-rated among the tenants on the basis of number of rooms occupied. In many houses built since the liberation war, shelters which were built according to law were subsequently converted into apartments and "sold" or rented.

U. S. ENVOY LAUDS ISRAEL'S RESTRAINT; SPEAKS AT BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY

TEL AVIV, April 11. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson, who will be returning to the United States shortly for consultations with Secretary of State Dulles on the Middle East, expressed appreciation today of Israel's patience and restraint in the face of "continuing terror and night marauder squads."

Ambassador Lawson told ceremonies inaugurating the first nine buildings at Bar-Ilan University, sponsored by the American Mizrahi organization, that the manner in which Israel had stood up to this critical trial was that of a great nation. He added that he hoped that the nations of the world would appreciate Israel's behavior in this crisis.

Present at the dedication ceremonies was Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi, who expressed the hope that students who came to study at the American-sponsored university would also share in Israel's development and defense activities. Prof. Pinchas Churgin, dean of the university, announced that the second stage of construction would be initiated immediately.

The nine buildings opened today included a modern auditorium with 700 seats, a three-story science building with eight laboratories, four lecture halls and several small auditoriums and administrative buildings. The next group of buildings to rise will include two dormitories, one each for men and women, a second science building including physics, biology and psychology laboratories, more lecture halls and a library.

SHARETT RECEIVES ITALIAN AMBASSADOR; MEETING CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett received Marchessa Capomazza, the Italian Ambassador, this afternoon. Political circles considered the meeting significant in view of the repeated reports that Italy might be a mediator between the Arab states and Israel. It is reported that when Dag Hammarskjold, UN Secretary General, was in Italy this week-end, he raised that question with Italian leaders. It has been noted that Italy has remained neutral in the conflict and friendly with both Israel and the Arab states.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 11. (JTA) -- As Israel filed a new complaint against Egyptian aggressions with the Security Council here today, a behind-the-scenes maneuver got under way to reconvene the Security Council at an early date and hold the next meeting in Geneva or Paris instead of here.

Dr. Victor A. Belaunde of Peru, a member of the Council, was reportedly behind the idea that the next Security Council meeting be held in Geneva or Paris. The reasoning was that a meeting there would make it possible to receive an earlier interim report from the Secretary General without taking him too far from the scene of Middle East activity. The United States delegation, it was understood, was ready to agree to a meeting in Europe if a majority of the Council members wanted to hold it there.

Today's letter from Abba Eban, Israel delegate, to the Security Council cited broadcasts from Radio Cairo boasting about the actions of the Egyptian commandos, the fedayeen, and speaking of their ability to inflict "terror and fear" in Israel with their "awe-inspiring" activities. The letter to the Council, like several which preceded it in the last five days, did not ask for a meeting of the Council.

ISRAEL WILL BE ABLE TO FEED 2,500,000 PEOPLE, SAYS U. S. EXPERT

TEL AVIV, April 11. (JTA) -- Israel will be able to feed 2,500,000 people when its current irrigation schemes are completed in 1957, Lincoln Hale, chief of the United States Operations Mission in Israel, declared today.

Dr. Hale, who spoke to the Rotary Club of Nathanya, revealed that an American industrial delegation will be arriving soon in Israel to advise local industries on methods of increasing efficiency in production and to increase production for export.

MIZRACHI AND HAPOEL HAMIZRACHI MERGE; FRACTIONS TO BE DISSOLVED

TEL AVIV, April 11. (JTA) -- The national convention of the Hapoel Hamizrachi, Zionist Orthodox Labor Party, today voted approval of a merger with the Mizrachi Organization. The name of the merged group will be the United Religious Zionist Party. It was also decided that with the merger all fractions within the Hapoel Hamizrachi would be dissolved.

The vote came after a lengthy debate between delegates who favored and those who opposed the merger. The opponents feared chiefly that the "labor" ideology of the Hapoel Hamizrachi movement would be lost within the larger group. It was agreed that the Hapoel Hamizrachi would continue its trade union and settlement activities.

The delegates heard a report from Benjamin Uchachor, who stated that the Hapoel Hamizrachi party now has 55,000 members, in addition to 15,000 members in its youth movement. The party, he said, operates 70 agricultural settlements with 35,000 inhabitants.

COMMUNIST PAPER PUBLISHES LIST OF EXECUTED SOVIET JEWISH INTELLECTUALS

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- A list of prominent Jewish cultural leaders annihilated in the Soviet Union is published today in the Freiheit, pro-Communist daily newspaper. It is reprinted from the Folkstimme, Jewish Communist organ in Warsaw, Poland. The executions are attributed to "the Beria gang," blaming the former head of the Soviet secret service system for them.

The list includes the names of S. Diamanstein, head of the Jewish section of the Communist Party in Moscow; Moshe Litvakov, editor of the defunct Emes, official Jewish Communist organ in the USSR; A. Merezhin, head of the Soviet Government office which supervised Jewish colonization in Crimea, the Ukraine and Biro-Bidjan; Esther Frumkin and Rachmiel Weinstein, prominent labor leaders; Issie Charik and Moshe Kulbak, noted poets; H. Dunietz, famous Jewish critic, and others.

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR ADVOCATES ABOLITION OF ALL ANTI-NAZI LEGISLATION

VIENNA, April 11. (JTA) -- Chancellor Julius Raab, opening the election campaign, declared today that the first task facing the Parliament to be elected is the abolition of all remaining anti-Nazi legislation. It is the duty of that Parliament to restore the "equality of citizens before the law," the Chancellor asserted.

NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES RELEASE FOUR GERMAN WAR CRIMINALS

THE HAGUE, April 8. (JTA) -- Four German war criminals have been released from Breda prison by Dutch authorities after serving two-thirds of their sentences. Two of them -- Fritz Vierbahn and Emil Ruehl -- were attached to Gestapo headquarters at Amsterdam, where they participated in the torture of Dutch Jews. The released criminals were turned over to West German authorities at the border. Thirty-five other German war criminals are still held at the Breda prison.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS OPENS FOUR-DAY BIENNIAL CONVENTION TODAY

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 delegates from all parts of the country will attend the biennial convention of the American Jewish Congress which opens tomorrow at the Hotel Biltmore here. The convention, which extends through Sunday evening, will consider United States policy in the Middle East as well as major problems in American Jewish communal life.

President Eisenhower, in a message to the convention, made public today, said: "I am glad to know that this occasion will mark the centennial of the birth of the great Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis who, in 1918, helped found your organization. To Americans of varying creeds and political persuasions, Justice Brandeis was a champion of equality, liberty and fairness. I applaud your organization's continuing effort to uphold these same values, an effort which I am confident will be fortified by your forthcoming convention."

A two-day session of the Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress opened today with addresses by Reuven Shiloah, Minister Plenipotentiary of Israel in Washington, and Judge Justine Wise Polier. The latter urged the U.S. Government to "assume vigorous leadership" in establishing a permanent peace between Israel and the Arab states. She also asked for immediate action requesting the State Department to permit the sale of defensive weapons to Israel.

"We cannot excuse or justify the actions of those in our own State Department and other foreign offices who--through stupidity, bureaucracy, callousness or prejudice--closed the avenues of salvation to those who might have escaped the gas chambers of Hitler," Judge Polier said. "It is tragic that some of those same bureaucrats who were thus responsible for the death of many of Hitler's victims now are ready to sacrifice the remnants of those who escaped to Israel."

Secretary of State Dulles' statement denying defensive arms to Israel on the ground that it was a small country and could hardly hope to maintain military parity with its larger neighbors, Judge Polier said, "was not only a further invitation to aggression by the Arabs but also reflects an amoral if not immoral double standard of conduct." She also pointed to Arab violations of the rights of American citizens, declaring that "it is all but incredible that our Government should agree to the discriminatory denial of visas, to the boycott against Jewish firms in commercial transactions and to the discriminatory exclusion of Jewish members of our Armed Forces by Arab officials."

ALLIANCE ISRAELITE UNIVERSELLE TO BUILD COLLEGE IN TEL AVIV

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- Agreements just reached by the Alliance Israelite Universelle with the Israel Government and the City of Tel-Aviv provide for re-equipment and extension of the Mikveh Israel Agricultural School of the Alliance and the immediate building by the organization of a great college for 1,000 students in Tel-Aviv, it was disclosed today by Marcel Franco, president of the American Friends of the Alliance, upon his return from Israel, where he led the negotiations that resulted in the agreements.

Mr. Franco added that he was greatly impressed by the deep interest shown by the Israel leaders toward the Alliance projects despite their grave preoccupation with defense problems. "Nothing is more encouraging," he said, "than the determined efforts of the Israel leaders and people to continue rebuilding the country despite the present emergency. It is hoped that the new Alliance projects will also contribute to a further cultural rapprochement between Israel and France."

CALIFORNIA-LEGISLATURE ADOPTS PRO-ISRAEL RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY

SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 11. (JTA) -- A resolution saluting the State of Israel for its past accomplishments and wishing its people success in their further efforts has been approved unanimously by the California Legislature. The resolution was jointly sponsored by 63 Assemblymen, members of California's lower house.

At the same time, a number of Assemblymen also announced that they had joined in sending a letter to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, urging that Israel be permitted to purchase defensive arms in the United States. The letter, which expressed alarm over the situation in the Middle East, also urged the State Department to guarantee Israel's territorial integrity, assist in the resettlement and rehabilitation of Arab refugees and seek an equitable solution to the Israel-Arab dispute.

SEN. LEHMAN, CARL SANDBURG TO RECEIVE FIRST EINSTEIN AWARDS

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman and poet Carl Sandburg have been chosen to receive the first Albert Einstein Commemorative Awards sponsored by the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, it was announced today. The awards--each \$1,000 in cash and a medallion--will be presented April 17 for contributions to citizenship and humanities, respectively.