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EGYPT AND ISRAEL ISSUE CEASE-FIRE ORDERS; U. S. WELCOMES ACHIEVEMENT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 19. (JTA) -- Egypt and Israel issued a cease-fire order to all their armed forces which went into effect last night, it was announced today at United Nations headquarters here. The order includes cessation of terrorist activities in Israel by Egyptian-trained commandos. It came as a result of the negotiations which have been conducted during the last week by UN Secretary Dag Hammarskjold with the Egyptian and Israel Governments.

Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., chairman of the United States delegation to the UN, who earlier this month proposed and pushed through the Security Council the resolution providing the mandate under which Mr. Hammarskjold has achieved this partial success of his mission, hailed the Egyptian-Israel move as "most welcome." The cease-fire agreement, said Mr. Lodge, shows that Mr. Hammarskjold "is discharging well the mandate given him by the Security Council on April 4." The agreement was also "welcomed" today by the State Department.

An official communique released by the United Nations truce supervision organization said: "At the request of the Secretary General of the United Nations, the Governments of Israel and Egypt have notified him that as of 6 P. M., April 18, and from that time on, orders are in force to the effect that in implementation of assurances to observe Article 2, Paragraph 2 of the Armistice Agreement, no military or paramilitary forces, including non-regular forces, may shoot across the demarcation line or pass over that line for any purpose whatsoever."

The paragraph referred to in the communique is a key clause in the armistice pact forbidding either side to commit any "warlike or hostile act." It reads: "No element of the land, sea or air military or paramilitary forces of either party, including non-regular forces, shall commit any warlike or hostile act against the military or paramilitary forces of the other party, or against civilians in territory under the control of that party; or shall advance beyond or pass over for any purpose whatsoever the armistice demarcation line."

This afternoon, according to a second communique issued here, Mr. Hammarskjold visited Premier Ben Gurion again, taking up two further points covered in the Security Council resolution. The discussions concerned "local arrangements along the Gaza strip" then went into "certain aspects of implementation" of the Israel-Jordan armistice agreement.

Ben Gurion Reports to Cabinet on Talks with U. N. Secretary General

JERUSALEM, April 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet met today to hear a report on the discussions between Premier David Ben Gurion and United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold which led to the cease-fire announced here today. At the same time, the Cabinet approved a new emergency defense tax which will be introduced in Parliament Sunday.

Meanwhile, an Israeli military patrol clashed with Jordanian forces near Nechusha, in the Lachish area, today. One Jordanian was killed and one Israeli car was stolen and driven across the border. The Jordanians opened the engagement with a fusillade of rifle and machine gun bullets.

U. S. POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST CRITICIZED IN SENATE; ARMS FOR ISRAEL URGED

WASHINGTON, April 19. (JTA) -- Criticism of the Administration's Middle East policy was today voiced by Democratic Senators on the Senate floor. Senators Mansfield, Douglas, and Humphrey assailed the Administration for failing to correct the military imbalance between Israel and the Arab states. They urged the Eisenhower Administration to sell Israel arms.

Senator Humphrey termed "nonsense" State Department reasoning that if the U. S. sold Israel arms the Soviet might sell more to the Arabs. Senator Douglas charged that the State Department has given the American people "statements of less than the truth" about U. S. action in the Middle East. Senator Mansfield said the State Department was "not achieving anything" by telling our Allies that the U. S. does not oppose their shipping planes to Israel while this country refuses Israel military aid. This, he declared, was an uncourageous approach to the Middle East question.

BRITISH-SOVIET TALKS OPEN IN LONDON; EBEN WANTS ARMS TO ARABS HALTED

LONDON, April 19. (JTA) -- Deliberations between Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist Party leader Nikita Khrushchev, on one hand, and British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, on the other hand, started here today at No. 10 Downing Street with the Arab-Israel question looming large on the agenda.

Although the talks are conducted in secrecy, diplomatic observers here said today they expected the Soviet leaders to suggest that the USSR join the Western "Big Three" in seeking to establish peace in the Middle East. They were also expected to couple their offer with a proposal for a Middle East conference of the "Big Four" plus the interested parties.

These same circles believed that Sir Anthony would reject the Soviet proposals, although welcoming the Moscow offer to support United Nations peace efforts in the Middle East. It is anticipated that he would press the Russians for proof of sincerity such as halting their arms supplies to the Arab states and by dropping anti-British agitation in the Arab world.

In Commons, meanwhile, Minister of State Anthony Nutting undertook to convey to Sir Anthony a request by Labor MP Alfred Robens that the Soviet leaders be asked to hold up turning over two submarines to Egypt which were promised in the Czech arms deal but have not yet been delivered.

Labor leader Hugh Gaitskell told Mr. Nutting that his party would take a "dim view" of the Anglo-Soviet talks "unless we can be satisfied that in the course of them will be raised the whole question of arms to the Middle East by Russia, as well as this country."

Earlier, in the course of questioning by Laborites, Mr. Nutting said that there was no ban on arms shipments to Israel and that requests for arms purchases by Israel would be dealt with "on their merits." When asked to explain that phrase, Mr. Nutting said requests would be judged "on their merits and on the wisdom of delivering" the arms. His "explanation" brought cries of protest from the Labor benches.

British Leaders Asked to Ascertain Fate of Jews in USSR

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- The Jewish Labor Committee announced today that its national chairman Adolph Held, had sent an urgent cable to Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the British Labor Party urging him to ascertain from visiting Soviet chiefs Nikolai A. Bulganin and Nikita S. Khrushchev the fate of some 400 Soviet-Jewish cultural leaders and the reason for the continued shutdown of Jewish newspapers, periodicals and book publishing houses in the Soviet Union.

"The visit of two Soviet chiefs of state," Mr. Held cabled the British Labor Party leader, "to your country offers a rare opportunity to place before them the decimation of Jewish cultural institutions and the admitted murder of Jewish writers, poets and artists in the Soviet Union. There are still some 400 prominent Jewish cultural leaders unaccounted for. Jewish newspapers, theatres and book publishing firms remain shut down under the present regime."

SOVIET DELEGATION AT U. N. ATTENDS ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 19. (JTA) -- Arkady Sobolev, head of the Soviet delegation at the United Nations, declared last night that the Soviet Government will follow up its statement on the Arab-Israel conflict with other actions. He made this statement at an Israel Independence Day reception tendered by Ambassador Abba Eban at United Nations headquarters. The affair was attended by many foreign diplomats, including the heads of the United States, British and French delegations to the UN, and leaders of Jewish organizations.

Mr. Sobolev told newsmen at the reception that the Soviet Government has never taken an anti-Israel attitude. Various "constructive" ideas regarding Arab-Israel relations have been expressed by Soviet representatives on a number of occasions, he said. The statement issued in Moscow on Tuesday is in line with the Soviet desire for peace, he declared. He indicated that he intends to make a number of proposals at the Security Council when Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold presents his report on his current "peace mission" to the Middle East.

(In Budapest, the President of Hungary and the Foreign Minister cabled congratulations to Israel on the occasion of Israel's Independence Day. In Canada, members of the Cabinet including Lester Pearson, Minister for External Affairs, attended an Independence Day reception given last night by Israel Ambassador Micahel Comay.)

COMMUNIST PAPER PUBLISHES LIST OF 50 JEWS EXECUTED UNDER STALIN

VIENNA, April 19. (JTA) -- A list of 50 Jewish writers, actors and other personalities executed by the Soviet authorities is published in "Die Volksstimme," official organ of the Jewish Communists in Poland, which reached here today from Warsaw. The paper said they were all shot on orders from Stalin. Many of them served in the Red Army during World War II or belonged to the Communist Party, the paper asserted.

JEWISH AGENCY PRESENTS IMPRESSIVE PROGRESS REPORT TO ZIONIST CONGRESS

JERUSALEM, April 19. (JTA) -- A picture of steady progress in the absorption of immigrants and unparalleled settlement of the Israeli land was presented here today in a report prepared by the Jewish Agency executive for presentation to the 24th World Zionist Congress which opens in this city next Tuesday. The report covers the 57-month period between the last Congress in April, 1951 and the end of 1955.

The number of immigrants in maabarot--immigrant transit centers--was reduced from 213,000 at the beginning of the period to 70,000 at the end of last year. One hundred and twenty-five new agricultural settlements were founded in that period and 440 already established settlements were given aid for expansion and consolidation purposes.

Large and vital sections of the country's water system were completed in that period, the report said. Israel's agricultural supplies more than one-half of the local food requirements and in some categories has already produced an exportable surplus. The trade balance has narrowed appreciably, with Israel now exporting 40 percent of its import total, as compared with 12 percent in 1951.

In an analysis of immigration into Israel, the report revealed that after a hiatus between May, 1951 and August, 1954, the Jewish Agency resumed mass immigration from North Africa. Only five percent of the immigrants since then have been social welfare-cases. Last year, thanks to a new "ship-to-village" plan, 70 percent of the immigrants were taken directly to prepared settlements in new and border development areas. This program, the report asserted, helped reduce the number of people in transit camps and facilitated the absorption of all immigrants.

Gives Details on Immigration; 1,482 Jews from U. S. Settled in Israel

The needs of North African Jewry, endangered by nationalist upheavals and general political uncertainty, were met at the expense of a program, approved at the last Zionist Congress, aimed at obtaining middle class immigrants from Western countries. But this effort continues and a plan to attract youth to Israel has "entered the stage of implementation," the report said. It gave the following figures for immigration from various countries during the four and three-quarter year period:

Iraq, 108,000; Iran, 14,000; Turkey, 1,800; Yemen, 1,216; Aden, 389; India, 2,877 and China, 492. Also, Rumania, 33,800; Bulgaria, 2,200; Hungary, 1,271; Poland, 143 and USSR, 118. Mass emigration from Czechoslovakia ended completely in 1950. United States, 908 plus 574 tourists who settled permanently; Canada, 188; Argentina, 1,666; Brazil, 491; all other South American countries together, 792; South Africa, 189, plus 133 tourists who remained as settlers, and Australia, 100.

Youth Aliyah institutions and farm and training centers absorbed about 25,000 youths during this period, about one-third of the total the movement has cared for in its entire history. Some \$40,000,000 was spent on Youth Aliyah activities and there are still 11,000 children in the movement's various centers. Seventy percent of the children absorbed during this period were boys and about half of all the children it cared for have gone into agriculture, with the remainder choosing the army or various other occupations.

ISRAEL RECEIVED ONE BILLION DOLLARS FROM JEWS ABROAD; MOST OF IT FROM U.S.

TEL AVIV, April 19. (JTA) -- Fund-raising abroad has brought Israel one billion dollars in the eight years of its existence, Eliahu Dobkin, member of the Jewish Agency executive, reported today to a world conference of the Keren Hayesod, fund-raising arm of the Jewish Agency, which was held in Beersheba. Several hundred delegates, representing Jewish communities in 38 countries, were at the parley.

Half of the billion dollars came from the United Jewish Appeal, \$57,000,000 came from Malben, the Joint Distribution Committee's welfare program in Israel, and \$270,000,000 was raised through the sale of Israel bonds, Mr. Dobkin reported. The sum of \$230,000,000 came from appeals outside the United States including the Jewish National Fund.

The conference adopted a resolution expressing satisfaction with the meshing of UJA and bond campaigns in the United States and urging American Jews to increase their contributions. The resolution asked American Jews to consider their contributions to Israel causes as a "national tax."

Mr. Dobkin, who asked that every contributor to the UJA or any other Israeli campaign at least double his regular contribution, called for the immigration to Israel within the next four years of 250,000 of the 500,000 Jews remaining in Arab lands. A sum of the neighborhood of \$250,000,000 was needed to settle 15,000 families in the Negev and Galilee, including bringing them the water for irrigation, he said.

The Jewish Agency leader called for all fund-raising campaigns in countries abroad, except for the United States and Canada, to hold united, purely Israel campaigns, pointing out that Israel's emergency needs must have priority over all other causes. He asked for an end to separate campaigns and hoped that UJA-bond drive coordination would continue.

ARGENTINE JEWS PLEDGE TO DOUBLE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNITED DRIVE

BUENOS AIRES, April 19. (JTA) -- A pledge to double their contributions for 1955 in the current year, in addition to contributing a day's pay or profits for the aid of Israel, was taken here today at the convention of the United Israel Campaign. The one-day contributions will go for a special fund for Israel.

ISRAEL GETS HUNDREDS OF MONKEYS FROM INDIA FOR POLIO VACCINE RESEARCH

TEL AVIV, April 19. (JTA) -- A transport of several hundred rhesus monkeys arrived today in Israel from India in connection with the Israel Government's polio vaccine research program. Obtaining the monkeys was a difficult task since they are regarded in India as "holy." The Israel Ministry of Health gave assurances that they would be used "solely for medical purposes in the service of mankind."

Special arrangements for transport via El Al Israel National Airlines had to be made, to prove to the satisfaction of the shippers that air transport for the monkeys could be carried out successfully. In addition, special facilities had to be set up in India and at all transit points en route. Only one of the monkeys was lost, when it died due to its inability to withstand the temperature change.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 1955 STEPHEN WISE AWARDS

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- President Yitzhak Ben Zvi of Israel, the New York Times and Maurice Samuel, American Jewish author, have been named recipients of the Stephen Wise Awards for 1955, it was announced today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, which grants the annual awards:--

The New York Times received the award for "the uniform excellence of its editorial policy on the subjects of civil rights and civil liberties;" President Ben Zvi for his role in the growth and development of Israel; and Mr Samuel for his contributions in the field of Jewish culture and scholarship. The awards, each bearing a cash value of \$1,000, are presented annually for outstanding service in the major areas to which the late Dr. Stephen Wise, founder of the American Jewish Congress, dedicated his life.

PAUL KOLBER, PHILADELPHIA JEW, BEQUEATHS \$500,000 FOR CHARITIES

PHILADELPHIA, April 19. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Charities, Community Chest, and Jewish Family Service here will receive bequests totaling more than \$500,000 under the will of the late Paul Kolber, automobile dealer, it was disclosed today with the publication of an inventory of his estate.

Mr. Kolber, who died last September at 77, was almost entirely unconnected with Jewish community affairs until Albert H. Lieberman, honorary president of the Jewish Family Service and a member of the Federation Board, enlisted his interest about nine years ago. He came to this country as a penniless immigrant. He joined a synagogue for the first time in his life only a few years before his death.

BOSTON JEWISH LEADER HONORED BY CITY; STREET TO CARRY HIS NAME

BOSTON, April 19. (JTA) -- Joseph Greenbaum, of Newton, Mass., has joined the ranks of a handful of living Americans here who have streets named for them by the City of Boston. Mr. Greenbaum's printing plant--Court Square Press--stands on the street named for him. Long active in Jewish and communal affairs, Mr. Greenbaum is a trustee of both the Associated Jewish Philanthropies and the Combined Jewish Appeal of Greater Boston.

He is also a trustee of the Newton-Wellesley Hospital, a past president of Temple Emanuel in Newton, a sponsor of the Borroughs Newsboys Scholarship Fund and Beth Israel Hospital. Other activities in which Mr. Greenbaum has been identified include the Hillel House, the Jewish Memorial Hospital and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

NEW \$600,000 JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OPENED IN BOSTON

BOSTON, April 19. (JTA) -- A new \$600,000 Jewish community center was opened here yesterday for the Jewish population of the Boston suburbs of Brookline, Brighton and Newton. The center will serve an estimated Jewish population of 50,000. It was built and will be maintained by the Associated Jewish Philanthropies.

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF TOURISTS TO ISRAEL REPORTED BY GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, April 19. (JTA) -- During the first three months of this year, a total of 8,800 tourists visited Israel, it was announced here today by Joseph Ilan, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office. "This represents a six percent increase over the first three months of last year," Mr. Ilan stated.