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EGYPT CONCENTRATING TROOPS IN GAZA AREA; ATTACK ON ISRAEL FEARED

LONDON. July 30. (JTA) -- Egypt is concentrating troops in the Gaza area and in the Sinai desert close to the Israel border, according to reports received here today from Cairo.

The report coincides with the fear expressed in the London press today that Egyptian President Nasser may attack Israel, and with reports from Cairo by British correspondents that if Nasser is successful in nationalizing the Suez Canal, his next move will be aimed against Israel.

"Pressure for decisive action against Israel, always strong at moments of crisis, is bound to grow i. Nasser's Suez gamble comes off--especially since his latest speech at Alexandria contained one of his most bitter attacks on Israel, "a cable from Cairo to the Manchester Guardian says. ''Resentment at the existence of Israel and the sense of national humiliation at the way it was achieved still smoulder deep in Egypt's consciousness," the Cairo correspondent emphasizes.

The News Chronicle, in an editorial, today said: "We, with France and the United States, should make it clear that any attack on Israel or closing of the Suez Canal to international shipping would result in retaliatory military action on our part. "

BRITISH GOVERNMENT HALTS SHIPMENT OF ALL WAR MATERIEL TO EGYPT

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden today announced to a cheering Commons that all exports of war materiel to Egypt have been stopped. It was made clear that Britain will no longer ship arms previously sold to Egypt under the 1950 Tripartite Declaration. The trip rtite agreement provided for arms sales to Middle East nations to maintain a regional power balance.

The Prime Minister was asked if the arms ban included two large destroyers just transferred to Egypt and still docked at Portsmouth. The destroyers have been renamed "All Quaher" and "Al Feteh" by the Nasser government. Sir Anthony said on these two warships: "I don't know where they are, but I think the Royal Nawy can take care of them wherever they happen to be..."

The Daily Mail reported today that the two Egyptian destrowers were being loaded with ammunition and other stores in preparation for a hurried sailing. The newspaper said that Egyptian officers have been telling local merchants from whom they have obtained some of their stores that the vessel will sail in four days. A Foreign Office official said he did not know of any move to prevent the warships from sailing. The destroyers are similar to two recently taken over by the Israel Navy.

U.S. Not Selling Arms to Egypt, State Department Says

WASHINGTON, July 30. (JTA) -- State Department spokesman Lincoln White said today that the United States was not, to his knowledge, selling arms to Egypt at this time. He added that he would have to check on the current status of economic and technical assistance to Egypt.

The Suez Canal issue was believed discussed today when Israel Ambassador Abba Eban met for over an hour at the State Department with George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Mr. Eban declined to say if the Israel arms application was taken up. The Ambassador described the meeting as a periodic review of general and specific questions.

Because of the Suez crisis, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles cancelled an appointment today with Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee. The meeting was scheduled for this afternoon. The American Jewish Committee leader was to discuss the Arab-Israel situation with Secretary Dulles.

ISRAEL SHIP RESCUES CREWOF BRITISH VESSEL SUNK IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) 3- The Israel ship "Haifa" rescued all but one of the 17-man crew of the British coastal steamer Teeswood which sank off Dungeness in a terrific storm which roared up the English Channel. The Teeswood carrned no passengers.

FORMER BRITISH WAR MINISTER URGES BUILDING OF CANAL THROUGH ISRAEL

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- Lord Hore-Belisha, one-time War Minister of Britain, proposed today in the House of Lords that the British Government consider as an alternate to the Suez Canal a channel to be cut from the Gulf of Akaba through Israel territory to the Mediterranean Sea.

The former Jewish War Minister underlined the importance of a Middle East canal to maritime transportation, particularly to the movement of oil to Western Europe. He noted that the same alternate route had been discussed two years ago.

Lord Reading, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said that only immediate aspects of the Suez Canal situation were being considered now and that when long-term measures were studied Lord Hore-Belisha's proposal would be among them. Lord Hore-Belisha termed the reply "in adequate" and charged that there we not now an alternate route available because of similar attitudes by past governments. Lord Reading refused to be drawn into a discussion.

Several other Lords arranged themselves on either side of the question. One, Lord Birdwood, suggested that if the alternate route were ever discussed seriously the British Government should seek to internationalize the area through which the cut would be built. Otherwise, he said, Arab hostility to Israel would lead to their refusal to permit oil from their lands to travel through the Akaba canal.

Lord Winster opposed the plan on the grounds that the country through which the canal would have to be cut was too mountainous and would present too formidable an engineering problem. In addition, he said, Egyptian and Jordanian hostility would make the plan politically hazardous.

ARMISTICE BODY CONDEMNS JORDAN FOR ATTACK ON ISRAEL CHILDREN'S HOME

JERUSALEM, July 30. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission condemned Jordan today for the hand grenade attack on a children's home at Maaleh Hamisha, in the Jerusalem area, last week. The MAC also called on Jordan to keep it informed of the preventive and disciplinary steps it had taken in reference to the incident.

The chairman of the MAC, Lt. Col. M. Tanguay, urged the Jordanian authorities to take measures to apprehend the infiltrators. He stressed the gravity of the attack on the children's residence and noted Jordan's responsibility and its failure to keep cease-fire pledges to United Nations officials, although he was careful to state that he did not mean that the Jordan authorities were implicated in this incident.

ARAB STATES TO SEEK REMOVAL OF UNITED NATIONS TRUCE CHIEF

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- Jordan and the other Arab states are reported prepared to press for the removal of Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns as United Nations truce chief, according to a dispatch which arrived here today from Amman. The Arabs are said to feel that Gen. Burns favors Israel.

(Commenting in the Canadian House of Commons on the report that the Arab states were demanding that Gen. Burns be removed, Minister for External Affairs Lester B. Pearson declared that the Canadian generals record spoke for itself and constituted the best denial of Jordan's demand. Mr. Pearson asserted that an extension of Gen. Burn's term was a matter for the general and the United Nations, not for the Canadian Government.)

ISRAEL CHIEF RABBINATE ISSUES FORMAL BAN ON REFORM SYNAGOGUES

JERUSALEM, July 30. (JTA) -- The Chief Rabbinate of Israel issued a formal prohibition today against the establishment of the Reform movement in Israel.

This is the latest development in a campaign by Dr. Nelson Glueck, leader of the American Reform movement, to have a Reform synagogue set up in the library of a projected American School for Archaeology. The school would be part of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

"The Chief Rabbinate is aware of the nature of the Reform movement," says the Chief Rabbinate's statement. The Rabbinate is also aware of the destruction it has caused by tearing away large sectors of the nation from its sacred religion and who are finally drawn towards total assimilation. This movement ejects faith in the Divine Torah and invalidates mitzvohs, and it is forbidden to enable it to get established in our country."

The statement denies that the Chief Rabbis negotiated with Dr. Glueck for a compromise, insisting that the rabbinate never entertained such a possibility and only wanted to hear his views. "Our stand is clear now as never before that Reform must not be given an opportunity to strike roots in our land and establish in our sacred city a cross in the Temple of God," the statement concluded.

SOVIET ORGAN ATTACKS ISRAEL; SAYS BEN GURION IS AN "EXTREMIST"

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- A severe attack on Israel was published yesterday in Izvestia, official organ of the Soviet Government, the New York Times reported to-day in a cable from Moscow. The cable said that the Soviet Government announced its support of Egypt's nationalization of the Suez Canal.

Izvestia said that statements in Israeli Government circles cast doubt on Israel's desire to seek peace. "A small group of military rulers of Israel are trying to lead that country on a path fraught with dangerous consequences," the Moscow newspaper wrote. It included Premier David Ben Gurion in its list of "extremists."

Discussing the Israeli-Arab situation, Izvestia took exception to recent statements by Premier David Ben Gurion and Abba Eban, Ambassador to the United States, alluding to "punishment" of the Arab states for reported provocations. Izvestia charged that Israeli leaders had created the impression of fulfilling an "alien will" because—'in the ruling circles of Israel they speak openly about the fact that the war that would begin in Palestine would not remain a local war. "

JEWS IN RUSSIA REPORTED AS STILL FEARFUL OF THEIR FUTURE

TEL AVIV, July 30. (JTA) -- The "new atmosphere" in the Soviet Union has not left the Jews of that country any less fearful of their future, a large audience at ZOA House here was told by Rabbi M. Lieberman, the only Russian-speaking member of a delegation of the New York Board of Rabbis which recently completed a study tour of the USSR, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

"Russian Jews, in spite of the fact that the atmosphere appears to be freer today, remain fearful and uncertain of their future," the rabbi-reported. He cited the fact that Soviet Jews whom he met insisted that their meetings be kept secret or camouflaged.

Rabbi Lieberman stressed that a new Jewish prayerbook, which has been in preparation for the past two years, has not yet been published. "If the Soviet leaders really wish to atone for the sins of Stalin, they should not wait another two years to publish the promised prayerbook," he said. He revealed that hand printed prayer books are now being circulated at \$100 each.

The most paradoxical fact discovered on the tour, in the rabbi's view, was that Soviet passports include reference to the Jewish identity of those holding them. This fact, he stressed, 'is ironically responsible for helping to retain a lingering recognition of Jewish consciousness among Jewish youth in Soviet Russia."

The rabbi concluded that unless some unbroken link is established between Russian Jewry and the Jews of the world, Russian Jewry faces extinction.

HEAD OF COMMUNIST PARTY IN POLAND ASKS BATTLE AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, July 30. (JTA) -- The Polish News Agency here reported today that the question of anti-Semitism in Poland was raised by the head of Poland's Communist Party, Edward Ochab, in his report to the last plenary session of the central committee of the Polish-Workers Party. Mr. Ochab is quoted as having stated:

"The party should show special concern and attention to safeguard legality in relation to national minorities. The party must redouble its efforts to combat all manifestations of nationalism, anti-Semitism and discrimination in relation to citizens of non-Polish nationality to safeguard their true equality in all fields of life, and must see to it that all harm done in this field which can be put right, should be put right."

WEAKNESSES OF AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERSHIP DISCUSSED AT PARLEY

LOS ANGELES, July 30. (JTA) -- The "weaknesses" of today's American Jewish leadership were discussed this week-end at the four-day national institute arranged at Brandeis Camp in Santa Susanna, California, which was attended by more than 100 Jewish leaders from every part of the country.

The discussion centered around an analysis given by Rabbi Morris Adler of Detroit who cited inadequacies he felt were present "but not necessarily prevalent" among to-day's leadership. Included were: lack of an adequate background in Jewish life out of which to make decisions and establish policies that reflect Jewish thought and experience; a paternalist attitude toward constituents; self-assurance that admits of no dissent; and a "stand-pat" attitude not sufficiently responsive to new needs and new ideas.

In addition, he took exception to top positions for "frequent absent leaders who are in evidence only at the great functions and public demonstrations and abdicate much of their responsibility to professional directors." Rabbi Adler urged the assembled Jewish leadership "to make the traditions of the past applicable to the present and to retain a measure of open-mindedness which will enable them to welcome new ideas."

STRESS ON RELIGION ELIMINATED FROM REVISED SCHOOL CREDO IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- The Board of Education here today made public the text of a revised statement of moral and spiritual values in the city schools, taking into consideration the criticism that the original statement violated the Constitutional principle of separation of church and state by bringing religious values into teaching.

The original statement, which was opposed by Jewish and Protestant religious leaders, but commended by the Roman Catholic Church, was also criticized by the United Parents Association on the ground that it would lead to divisive religious controversy in the classroom, and that it failed to respect the rights of those who have no religion.

The new statement contains 20 double-spaced typewritten pages—which is ll-more pages than the first version had. The bulk of the revised statement takes up ways in which the schools can 'acknowledge the influence of religion and religious ideals upon Western civilization, upon America's social and political institutions and ideals, and upon the development of moral and spiritual values. Some of the original passages and the version appearing in the revised report are these:

Original: "The public schools must reinforce the program of the home and church in strengthening belief in God." Revised: "Religious education and training are not functions of state-supported schools. It is, however, the function of the schools to be conscious of the various motivations that influence human behavior and to utilize those means and devices suitable at various age levels to support the efforts of the home and church in building good character in our children."

Original: "The public schools encourage the belief in God." Revised: "The teachers in the public schools know that while most pupils and their parents are affiliated with some church or synagogue, some are not; indeed they also know that there are some children in the public schools whose parents give their allegiance to no religion."

Original: "The public schools identify God as the ultimate source of natural and moral law." Revised: "This statement of policy recognizes that most children come to school with a belief in God, and that the schools must not teach for or against the religious beliefs or disbeliefs of any group."

Original: "It is an incontrovertible fact that as a rule the American teacher is religious in character, in action and in belief." Revised: "Teachers as a group reflect the same religious pluralism as the pupils they teach. The teachers may not use his position in the school to become a missionary for his own religious beliefs. The attitude of the school and teachers toward religion, religious ideals and practices should be one of friendliness."

ORTHODOX RABBIS SEEK LIBERALI ZATION OF NEW YORK DIVORCE LAWS

NEW YORK, July 30. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Alliance of America, an Orthodox group, today called upon New York State authorities to liberalize the divorce laws of the state of New York. The plea was heard in testimony at the Joint Legislative Committee on Matrimonial and Family Laws, which conducted its hearings at the Bar Association of New York.

The Alliance also urged that a marriage guidance and counseling service be established, whose function it would be to explore with the parties seeking divorce, the possibility of reconciliation. "It is our belief that a clergyman's participation in these clinical sessions would prove most beneficial since the guidance of a spiritual leader is sought in moments of crisis in one's family or personal life," the rabbinical organization said.

SETTLEMENTS 4,000 YEARS OLD DISCOVERED IN NEGEV DURING EXCAVATIONS

TEL. AVIV, July 30. (JTA) -- Pre-historic settlements indicating that a thriving agricultural sedentary civilization existed in the Negev as far back as 4,000 years ago have been discovered by Dr. Nelson Glueck, noted archaeologist and president of the Hebrew Union College--Jewish Institute of Religion, who is now conducting excavations in Israel.

Dr. Glueck discovered these settlements in the Negev, near the ancient Nabatean Hill city of Abda. Previously this area--20 miles east of the El Auja-Nitsana demilitarized zone, had been considered mainly a center of Nabatean settlements. The Nabateans rose to power and high civilization between the second century B. C. and the second century A. D. They were conquered by the Romans under Trajan in A. D. 106 and lost their identity by the end of the second century.

BELGIAN ZIONISTS GREET QUEEN MOTHER ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY.

BRUSSELS, July 30. (JTA) -- The Belgian Zionist Federation addressed a message of greeting here to Queen Elizabeth, the Belgian Queen Mother, on the occasion of her 80th birthday. The Federation expressed its gratitude for the assistance she rendered the Jews during the period of the Nazi persecution. The statement added that Jews throughout the world would always remember the sympathy shown by the Queen and all the Royal Family for the Zionist cause.