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ISRAEL DECLARES PARTIAL MOBILIZATION; THREE-PRONGED ARAB ATTACK FEARED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- After a four-hour meeting of the Cabinet, the Israel Government announced today a partial mobilization of Israeli military reserves and shifted a number of battalions to the Arab-Israeli borders to block a possible enemy attack. The Cabinet will continue its meeting tomorrow in an emergency session.

An official announcement said that the government was compelled to mobilize a number of reserve battalions in order to safeguard the country against threats of war from the South, East and North. Everything points to an imminent enemy move, the communique noted, and Israel can only depend on its own forces.

The move, it was explained, was necessitated by the following facts: 1. The new Arab commando attacks during the past fortnight made from Egyptian, Lebanese and Jordan territory upon Israel; 2. The establishment of a military alliance, directed against Israel, by Egypt, Syria and Jordan; 3. The declaration of the rulers of Jordan and Iraq that their principal concern was the destruction of Israel; 4. The simultaneous declarations against Israel by the rulers of Egypt and Syria; and 5. The mobilization of Iraqi armed forces on the borders of Jordan primarily aimed against Israel.

Situation in Israel Tense; Leaders Cite Imminence of Arab War

The situation in Israel was never as tense since the 1949 Arab-Israeli armistice as it was today. Border settlements were standing by to implement emergency plans. Leaders throughout the country addressed mass meetings citing the imminence of war from Egypt and Jordan, while the entire press appeared with banner headlines urging military preparedness to meet possible hostile moves from the neighboring Arab countries.

The country's alert stance toward the encirclement movement by the Syrian-Egyptian-Jordanian united command and the Iraqi divisions behind the Jordan's eastern frontier was reflected in the reopening of blood banks. Housewives, businessmen, civil servants, civilians of all sorts lined up at Mogen David stations to give blood. At the same time, a maximum number of civil defense programs were set in motion. Despite these unprecedented precautions, there is evidence of determined confidence among the people. The stock exchange is stable and there has been no run on food and clothing stores.

Foreign sources in Israel, particularly the British, estimate the joint Arab forces on land, sea and in the air at 260,000 front line troops with no reserves. Israel's regular forces number 50,000 and its reserves add another 200,000.

Arabs Concentrate Commandos at Israel Frontiers; Post Heavy Tanks

The Davar, leading pro-Government newspaper, today reported that Jordanian fedayeen (suicide squads) have been concentrated on the Israeli border for the last few days while heavy tanks of the "Stalin type" were posted in forward areas in a joint Jordan-Syrian-Egypt provocative move. Citing diplomatic sources, Davar said that the new Arab triumvirate was planning to infiltrate Israel with fedayeen gangs to terrorize the people and, if Israel replied with reprisal raids, to immediately start a three-front war on her.

The same source told Davar that Gen. Amr, Egypt's Minister of War, had informed Syria and Jordan that Egypt is scheduled to receive next month a considerable number of Soviet MIG-17 fighters as well as armored vehicles and heavy artillery. Altogether, Gen. Amr was quoted as saying, the new weapons would increase Egyptian firepower to double that of Israel.

Addressing a group of Israeli labor leaders, Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, said that as a result of last week's elections in Jordan, and of the Arab tripartite military agreement, the Egyptian ruler Col. Nasser has become Israel's neighbor in the North and in the East. The situation, she added, was even more dangerous since Egypt, now equipped with Russian submarines, might also besiege Israel in the West.

Everything must be done to attain peace, she said, but Israel must remain on the alert, at the same time, to see to it that should war come, it would have the same result as the war of 1948.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT WARNS NATION AGAINST PANIC AND FALSE RUMORS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The people of Israel were asked by the government today "not to pay any attention to flying rumors and false news deliberately spread by hostile forces to sow panic in Israel."

"More than at any other time," said a government communique, Israelis "must be aware of two things--complacency and panic. Let us stand firm as in bygone years, vigilant and confident in the justice of our cause and in the strength of knowing that Israel's guardian does not slumber nor sleep."

Explaining the Cabinet's decision to order partial mobilization of the reserves, the communique enumerated the developments that compelled the government to take such a precautionary measure, and said:

"Our people should know that Arab armies are always mobilized because their forces consist entirely of regular soldiers, while Israel's defense arms are small and are designed mainly for the reception and training of recruits. Our defense forces consist of reserves, and in order that we should not be inadequately prepared to face a sudden attack from the South, North or East, it was essential to mobilize a number of reserve battalions and station them on these borders, so as to block any possible enemy attack and afford us sufficient breathing space to mobilize our defense forces on which alone Israel's defense depends."

Menahem Beigin, head of the right-wing Herut Party, pledged today that if the Israel Government decides on "action" against the Arab states, "we will call on the nation to forsake all internal differences and as one united nation fight for victory." Speaking at an unveiling ceremony for a memorial to 14 Irgun Zvai Leumi members who died in underground operations and during the War of Liberation, he insisted that every day the government waited to answer the Arab mobilization and attacks the price would be higher:

Israel's two Chief Rabbis, Isaac Halevi Herzog and Itzhak Nissim, urged all synagogues in the country to offer special prayers for peace until the current emergency is over.

EISENHOWER EXPRESSES "GRAVE CONCERN" IN MESSAGES TO BEN GURION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today dispatched a personal message to Israel Premier David Ben Gurion expressing grave concern over reports of Israel mobilization and recommending against "forcible initiative" that might endanger peace. The following is the text of a statement issued at the White House:

"During the last several days I have received disturbing reports from the Middle East. These included information that Israel was making a heavy mobilization of its armed forces. These reports became so well authenticated that yesterday morning, after a meeting with the Secretary of State, I sent a personal message to the Prime Minister of Israel expressing my grave concern and renewing a previous recommendation that no forcible initiative be taken that would endanger the peace."

"I have just received additional reports which indicate that the Israel mobilization continued and has become almost complete with consequent cessation of many civil activities. The gravity of the situation is such that I am dispatching a further urgent message to Prime Minister Ben Gurion."

"I have given instructions that these developments be discussed with the United Kingdom and France which joined with the United States in the Tripartite Declaration of May 25, 1950, with respect to the maintenance of peace in the Middle East."

"While we have not heard of such large-scale mobilization in countries neighboring Israel which would warrant such Israeli mobilization, I have also directed that my concern over the present situation be communicated to other Middle East states urgently requesting that they refrain from any action which could lead to hostilities."

"The Security Council of the United Nations now has before it various aspects of the maintenance of peace in the Middle East. I earnestly hope that none of the nations involved will take any action that will hinder the Council in its efforts to achieve a peaceful solution."

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today met in what was apparently an emergency meeting with Robert D. Murphy, Deputy Undersecretary of State, in connection with the Israel-Arab war crisis. The meeting began at 5:30 P. M. at the State Department. The meeting was requested by the State Department.

U. S. QUIETLY RESUMES \$20,000,000 AID TO EGYPT; SENDS LOCOMOTIVES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The United States Government has quietly resumed aid to Egypt after withholding shipments because of the Suez crisis and Egyptian President Nasser's hostility toward the West. Locomotives, heavy machinery, transportation equipment, and newsprint have moved to Egypt in the last few weeks. This aid is part of a \$20,000,000 backlog on which delivery was held up since mid-August. State Department and ICA spokesman sought to deny that aid for Nasser was ever officially halted.

U. J. A. MISSION LEAVES ISRAEL; PLEDGES MAXIMUM AID OF AMERICAN JEWRY

TEL AVIV, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The 80-member United Jewish Appeal mission to Israel left for home this week-end after spending ten days studying conditions in Israel and touring new immigrant villages as well as collective settlements and industrial establishments. Speaking in the name of the group just before it emplaned, William Rosenwald, general chairman of the UJA, said that the communal leaders on the delegation would make the greatest efforts to raise all the funds needed in Israel for immigration and development.

At a dinner he gave for the group on the eve of its departure, Premier David Ben Gurion told them "If the Jews of the United States do their best, the best will be done here for the survival, the glory and the pride of all Jews." Present at the dinner in Jerusalem were Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog, members of the Cabinet and of the Jewish Agency executive.

During the affair, the Premier personally presented each member of the study mission with a memento of his visit to Israel. The gifts, from the Israel Government, were olive wood plaques on which had been mounted the insignia of the Israel armed forces in silver and the name of each recipient.

Mr. Rosenwald, in a brief address, hailed the partnership between American Jews and the people of Israel in helping distressed and persecuted Jews find a new home in Israel. "We are going home," he said, "to spread the story of heroism, devotion, self-sacrifice and a vision of a freedom-loving people and the dignity of man." Zalman Shazar, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, lauded the mission as one of the best to come to Israel.

BOND ORGANIZATION LAUNCHES SIX-WEEK N. Y. DRIVE FOR \$8,000,000

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- A special six-week campaign in the New York area to raise \$8,000,000 in Israel bond investment funds for the economic development of Israel was launched at a luncheon meeting at the Capitol Hotel attended by 400 Jewish communal leaders.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress was named chairman of the special campaign which will culminate at the sixth annual Chanukah Festival for Israel, at Madison Square Garden, on December 6. Dr. Goldstein announced that the Festival will be dedicated to Prime Minister David Ben Gurion of Israel "as a seventieth birthday tribute to this great Jewish statesman and leader."

J. W. B. TO EXPAND ACTIVITIES; \$2,275,000 BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 1957

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Plans for expanding program services for teenagers and young adults in Jewish centers, as well as religious and welfare activities for Jewish military personnel at 68 overseas areas, were adopted here today at the conclusion of a four-day session of the National Jewish Welfare Board. More than 250 community leaders in all phases of JWB work participated in the sessions.

A 1957 budget totalling \$2,275,000 was adopted at the parley. The JWB is serving 352 Jewish Community Centers which have a membership of 565,000, and meeting the religious and welfare needs of 150,000 Jews in the U.S. armed forces and Veterans Administration hospitals.

The JWB decided at its session last night to solve the critical shortage of trained professional workers in the Jewish Community Center field by launching an intensified recruitment program. The decision was taken after hearing that there are 200 vacancies in 350 Centers affiliated with the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Critical Shortage of Jewish Center Personnel Discussed

The critical shortage of trained professional Center workers required by Centers and the recruiting program to deal with this problem were described by Joseph Goldstein of Rochester, N. Y. In the absence of qualified personnel some Centers are beginning to engage untrained people, thus threatening the integrity of both old and new Center programs, Mr. Goldstein disclosed. He also said that for the first time there has developed a serious shortage of experienced professional workers for supervisory positions as well as a need for trained specialists in the arts, pre-school programs and health and physical education.

The growing gap between the constantly rising requirements of the Jewish Community Center fields for JWB service and JWB's capacity to meet these needs was underscored by Mrs. Florence Heller of Chicago, chairman of the JWB's Jewish Community Center Division. While the annual expenditures of all local Centers rose 45 percent from 1949 to 1955 and the number of professional workers employed by Centers climbed 48 percent during the same period, the budget of the Jewish Community Center Division decreased 30 percent and its staff was curtailed from 38 to 22, she pointed out.

As evidence of what has been happening in the Center field, which depends on JWB for day-to-day assistance in all fields of programming, staffing, administration and organization, Mrs. Heller said: total Center budgets have reached \$16,314,000; Center

professional staffs number 1,350 full-time workers; 285 Centers own their own buildings; 107 Centers have either completed or are now engaged in new construction programs; Centers operate 117 summer resident camps, 203 summer day camps and 115 nursery schools; more than 10,000 people serve on Center boards and committees.

Rabbi Joseph Lookstein reported that the Department of Defense is "calling more and more upon the JWB chaplaincy service to care for the special morale needs of men not in combat and therefore with more leisure and more problems." There are now 101 Jewish chaplains on full-time duty and by the end of 1957 there will be 115, in addition to the 272 who serve as part-time chaplains, Rabbi Lookstein reported.

KLUTZNICK SPEAKS IN EISENHOWER'S CHURCH ON ARAB-ISRAEL PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- National president Philip M. Klutznick of B'nai B'rith told a Protestant forum audience in President Eisenhower's church that Israel and the Arab states could work out a "genuine peace" if major world powers would stop imposing "their own ground rules for peace in the Middle East."

Mr. Klutznick said it was the responsibility of the major powers "to forego intervention and backstairs diplomacy and to set up the conference table." He was introduced by the Rev. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor of the National Presbyterian Church, who is widely known as the President's pastor. Rev. Elson is also noted for his leadership in the anti-Zionist group "Americans Friends of the Middle East."

The B'nai B'rith leader said the Arab refugee problem "cries out for prompt and just solution," but that it "will not be solved by cynical, politically-motivated demands for total repatriation--no more so than any of the countless refugee problems of history have been solved that way."

Mr. Klutznick said he was "confounded by those critics who denounced Israel's right to exist by interpreting her independence as a kind of treacherous achievement of power politics at the expense of other Middle Eastern groups." He pointed out that it was only recently that Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, and Egypt had achieved their independence.

Referring to the refugee problem in the Middle East, Mr. Klutznick said "we tend to forget that of the 750,000 refugees who found a homeland in Israel during the first three years of her statehood, half of these were refugees from Arab lands, uprooted by the same Arab war on Israel that uprooted so many Palestinian Arabs."

WASHINGTON URGED TO ACT ON ARAB DISCRIMINATION AGAINST U.S. JEWS

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the President of the United States to sever diplomatic relations with Arab countries discriminating against American Jewish citizens, if efforts to halt such discrimination fail, was adopted here today at the convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

The delegates, representing 3,000 Orthodox synagogues throughout the country, pointed out that the United States has historically refused to permit any foreign power to impair the religious liberties of American citizens. The convention also urged the U.S. Government to strengthen the security of Israel in order to prevent the outbreak of hostilities. It asked that the U.S. itself bear the responsibility for supplying Israel with defensive arms, rather than merely encouraging other states to do so.

In another resolution, the delegates expressed their anxiety over the threat of radioactive dust from H-Bomb tests. They declared that since the H-Bomb test issue has become a matter of national debate among the candidates for the Presidency of the U.S., the Union feels it proper to do no more than express its "deepest concern and anxiety over this potential threat to human life."

NEW YORK MAYOR PROCLAIMS JEWISH NATIONAL FUND MONTH IN CITY

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner signed tonight a proclamation designating the period from November 9 to December 9 as Jewish National Fund Month and urging all inhabitants of the City of New York to help the Fund. The ceremony of handing the proclamation to Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, took place at the Commodore Hotel.

The New York Mayor praised the work of the Jewish National Fund as a great Point Four program which for more than half a century preceded the Point Four program adopted by the United States for aid to underdeveloped countries. He said, the JNF is doing tremendous work of humanitarianism and civilization in the Middle East. "I am sure," the mayor declared, "that the citizens of New York City, known throughout the world for their generosity, will want to help the State of Israel through the Jewish National Fund, and JNF Month provides them with an excellent opportunity to do so."