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## ISRAEL TROOPS PENETRATE EGYPT; REPORTED HALFWAY TO SUEZ CANAL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Israeli troops penetrated into Egyptian territory today and raided Egyptian "commando bases" near a road junction leading toward the Suez Canal. By 10:30 P.M. they were 62 miles from the Canal.

"This operation," an Israeli Army communique said, "was necessitated by continuous Egyptian military attacks on citizens and on Israel land and sea communications, the purpose of which was to cause destruction and deprive the people of Israel of the possibility of a peaceful existence."

The communique said the Egyptian commando bases are in the vicinity of Kuntilla and Ras-el-Naqeb area. Kuntilla is about seven miles inside the Egyptian border west of the Negev, and about 110 miles from the Port of Suez. Ras-el-Naqeb is also within Egyptian territory, some ten miles northwest of the Port of Eilat on the Gulf of Aquaba.

The communique said that after attacking these two points, the Israeli troops "have taken up positions west of the Nachal road junction towards the Suez Canal." This road junction is on the highway leading from Kuntilla across the Sinai desert to Port Suez, southern junction of the Suez Canal. A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry said in the evening that Israel has occupied positions at Nekhal, about 100 kilometers from Suez.

(Reuter's quoted an Israel Army spokesman as stating in Tel Aviv that Israel troops had penetrated more than 60 miles into Egypt and were over halfway to the Suez Canal and bypassing points of heavy resistance. The same report said that military experts consider the seizure of Ras el Naqeb would free Elath from the Egyptian blockade of the Gulf of Elath.)

### Egyptian Commandos Captured; Egyptian Warships Leave for Israel

The reprisal raid by Israel came after three Egyptian commando units entered Israel territory last night. The units were captured inside Israel near the Gaza strip border. The third unit escaped, although one of its members was believed wounded in an exchange of fire. The leader of one of the captured gangs confessed that they had been sent into Israel to commit sabotage and attack Israelis.

Israeli authorities said that some five or six Egyptian warships, headed by two destroyers, left their base at Alexandria early this morning and were moving in the direction of Israel. The authorities also announced that a water pumping station was blown up today near the Gaza strip, presumably by a time bomb placed by Egyptian infiltrators.

(In United Nations circles the opinion prevailed that the Israeli reprisal raid was not a "war." At the same time, it was learned at the United Nations that Egypt has lodged a complaint against Israel's raid with the Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission.)

## EISENHOWER MAY CONVENE CONGRESS TO ACT ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower may call a special session of Congress in connection with the Middle Eastern war crisis if he feels the facts justify it. This was learned tonight from State Department sources. The President flew back to Washington, because of the war situation, to meet with Secretary of State Dulles at the White House.

Mr. Dulles met this evening with British and French diplomats. The State Department said the meeting pertained to the applicability of the 1950 Tripartite Declaration of 1950 to the present situation. It announced that Mr. Dulles suggested that prompt action be taken to bring before the United Nations Security Council the reported movement of Israel forces into Egypt.

The State Department said representatives of France and the United Kingdom would immediately consult with their respective governments in the hope of communicating to the United States tomorrow morning their government's views. Official sources indicated that the Israel-Egyptian fighting may be raised as an issue before the United Nations Security Council tomorrow.

Chairman Walter George of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said today that Israel-Egyptian warfare now raging "may necessitate an immediate session of Congress." The Senator, President Eisenhower's personal representative to NATO, said the U.S. should join Britain and France in an appeal to the UN after getting all the facts.

#### EISENHOWER TERMS THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION 'CRITICAL'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower termed the Middle East situation today "critical" and pledged the moral power of the United States to maintain peace. In a last minute interpolation in a prepared address he delivered in Miami, the President expressed grave concern over Middle East developments and said that "in such a critical situation, we cannot expect to erase suddenly the bitter heritage of the ages."

Early in the day, the President delayed briefly his departure on a campaign swing through the Southern states while he met with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to discuss Israel-Arab developments.

News of the Arab-Israel fighting has been relayed by radio-telephone to President Eisenhower. It was not immediately indicated whether he would return to Washington from his campaign trip ahead of schedule.

Secretary Dulles today summoned a delegation of Senators representing the Foreign Relations Committee to the State Department to inform them of current developments involving the area. The delegation includes committee chairman Walter George of Georgia; William Langer of North Dakota and J. W. Fulbright of Arkansas.

Mr Dulles was scheduled to meet later today with the Canadian Ambassador. It is believed the Israel-Arab Crisis will be discussed.

#### Dulles Meets with French and British Diplomats in Washington

The State Department made known that Mr. Dulles has seen the French Ambassador and the British Ambassador in connection with the safeguarding of Near Eastern peace under the concept of the Tripartite Declaration of 1950.

White House and State Department sources continued to view the situation grimly. One State Department source openly predicted--but without allowing use of his name--that the next 24 hours might see an eruption of open warfare unless President Eisenhower's advice is heeded. This source claimed that Israel is mobilizing between 150,000 and 200,000 troops and that the situation is far more serious than at any time since 1948.

It was revealed here that between 7,000 and 8,000 American tourists, businessmen, officials in non-essential capacities, and dependents of U.S. personnel were being urgently advised by U.S. Embassies in Israel, Jordan, Syria and Egypt to pack and leave those countries at once.

Last night, after the White House released President Eisenhower's warning to the Middle East States, the State Department declared that "as a matter of prudence" measures were being taken "to reduce the number of Americans, particularly dependents, in several of the Middle Eastern countries. While it is not contemplated that a full-scale evacuation will take place, persons who are not performing essential functions will be asked to depart until conditions improve. The Department of State urges American citizens planning to visit countries in the Middle East to defer such plans until the situation is clearer," the statement said.

#### U.S. Ambassador in Israel Calls on Ben Gurion

The State Department made known that Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir, and Premier David Ben Gurion were called on in separate sessions by the U.S. Ambassador in Israel. In Cairo U.S. Ambassador Raymond Hare arranged meetings with Premier Nasser and Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi.

In a meeting here last night, Israel Ambassador Abba Eban told Secretary Dulles that the reason for Israel's partial mobilization was that Israel has reason to fear an attack by neighboring Arab states. Mr. Dulles summoned Abba Eban to the State Department.

After talking with Mr. Dulles, the Israeli envoy said that fear of attack has become intensified in Israel in view of certain developments in Arab policy in the last few days. He referred to an arrangement for joint action by Jordan, Syria, and Egypt, a recurrence of fedayeen commando activities, recent reports of troop concentration on the Iraqi-Jordan frontier, and new anti-Israel statements by the heads of Arab governments.

Meanwhile, the State Department admitted today that \$15,000,000 worth of aid to Egypt is being shipped despite the fact that relations with the Nasser regime are such that no other shipments under the development assistance program are planned for the future.

It was revealed in the last few days that the International Cooperation Administration, without fanfare, had resumed shipments to Egypt on such items as locomotives, barges, other transportation equipment, and machinery. A State Department spokesman indicated that this equipment had been previously contracted for and was shipped to avoid penalty clauses.

#### U.S. EMBASSY IN ISRAEL URGES AMERICANS TO LEAVE COUNTRY WITHOUT DELAY

TEL AVIV, Oct. 29. (JTA).-- The American Embassy urged American citizens today to leave the country without delay in view of the increased tension in the Middle East. The Embassy is arranging for the evacuation of all women and children of its officials as soon as transportation is available.

Premier David Ben Gurion today sent a reply to President Eisenhower's pleas to him for restraint. The reply, conveyed through U.S. Ambassador Edward B. Lawson, outlined the reasons for Israel's partial mobilization. Mr. Ben Gurion reportedly assured President Eisenhower that Israel's own interests require peace. The Premier also conferred today with French Ambassador Pierre Gilbert.

The Cabinet met for two hours today and heard reports by various Ministers on the status of food and medical stockpiles. A scheduled appearance by Premier Ben Gurion before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, was cancelled at the last minute this afternoon.

Town and village governments gave civil defense preparations top priority over all other activities today. In the three large cities, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa, special committees were organized to handle situations arising from the partial mobilization which has already upset many normal activities.

The government has been announcing that there is enough food in reserve stocks to last six months. There have been no attempts at hoarding.

Constant streams of volunteers flowed in and out of emergency bloodbanks today in cities throughout the country. In Jerusalem recent immigrants still in Oriental costume mingled in blood donor queues with Yeshiva students' and women of all ages.

#### PLANE WITH 10 HIGH EGYPTIAN MILITARY OFFICERS REPORTED MISSING

LONDON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A military plane carrying ten high ranking Egyptian military officers is reported missing over the Mediterranean today. The plane was last contacted about 50 miles from the Israel-Lebanese border, a cable from Beirut reported.

The plane was one of two aircraft which left Damascus this morning for Cairo. The other, carrying Gen. Abdel Hakim Amer, Egyptian Commander-in-Chief, arrived safely in Cairo. The missing plane carried his staff. Lebanese and British planes are searching for the missing plane.

#### CANADA MAY NOT DELIVER JETS TO ISRAEL UNTIL SITUATION "CLARIFIED"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Canadian Embassy said today none of the 24 Sabre jet fighter planes sold to Israel has yet been delivered "and none will until the present situation is clarified."

It was pointed out that a cancellation proviso was contained in the contract for sale of the planes in which Canada had a right to withhold shipment if Israel engaged in hostilities. The spokesman said it was too early to decide the nature of Israel-Egyptian fighting, presumably as to whether aggression has taken place in which Israel is to blame.

British Minister J. E. Coulson refused to day to comment when asked after a meeting with Secretary of State Dulle's today if the news from Israel looked like a full-scale war. However, he described the situation as "grave."

#### U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS TODAY ISRAEL'S RAID INTO EGYPT

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Israel's attack against Egyptian commando bases in the Sinai peninsula brought sharp repercussions here today. For a time it appeared this afternoon that an emergency meeting of the Security Council might be summoned within a few hours. A lengthy conference on the reports coming from the Middle East, many of them of a conflicting nature, was held by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld and the heads of the Western Big Three delegations--Henry Cabot Lodge of the United States, Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain and Bernard Cornut-Gentille of France.

After the meeting, M. Cornut-Gentille, as this month's president of the Security Council, issued the following statement: "The new developments on the Egyptian-Israeli demarcation lines could clearly be brought up at the Council meeting fixed for tomorrow. The president is consulting members of the Council and the Secretary General on the subject. He is also awaiting further information."

It was understood that efforts had already been made to contact Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the UN Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, and hopes were expressed in high diplomatic circles here that at least a preliminary report on the latest developments might be received from Gen. Burns by the time the Council convenes tomorrow afternoon.

## REFORM TEMPLES URGED TO ACT AGAINST RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Reform temples in the United States and Canada were urged today to intensify their social action programs and to apply the ethical principles of Judaism to the urgent social problems of our communities, the nation and the world. The plea was issued by I. Cyrus Gordon, chairman of the Commission on Social Action of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, parent body of 536 Reform temples.

Mr. Gordon cited as urgent problems the protection of public education from the intrusions of religious teachings, and the struggle for racial integration. "Oddly enough," he stated, "segregated patterns in housing are mushrooming North and South at the same time that all other barriers of segregation are crumbling. This issue requires religious concern and action in the North and South alike."

## LEADERS OF ARGENTINE POLITICAL PARTIES ADDRESS HUGE ZIONIST PARLEY

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Representatives of Argentina's leading political parties joined last night in an appeal to Israel and the Arab states to convert their armistice agreements into a peace settlement in the interests of their countries and of humanity in general. Copies of the appeal, concurred in by speakers at a mass rally organized by the Argentine Zionist Central Council, were sent to all embassies in Buenos Aires and to the United Nations.

Previously the signatories, all leading non-Jews, had addressed some 3,000 persons who gathered to indicate their desire that the armistice pacts be converted into peace settlements, and had told them that Israel had no intention of making war and every desire to make peace.

Dr. Oscar Lopez Serrot, a leader of the Radical Party and a member of the National Consultative Board, Argentina's provisional government, said that the political leaders, as "representatives of the Argentine people, have come here to express our solidarity with Israel's desire for peace." He noted that many Argentine Jewish youths were participating in Israel's national development and that some of them had died in defense of the Jewish State.

Dr. Miguel Angel Zavala Ortiz, Radical Union leader and also a member of the National Consultative Board, said that Israel was an "oasis of freedom" in its part of the world and scored Arab attempts to label Israel "imperialist" and "expansionist." He declared that the Jews were the greatest victims of persecution and "our scapegoat for many generations," and praised the Jewish people's conversion of Israel's desert into a garden.

Another member of the provisional government, Christian Democratic leader Dr. Rudolfo Martinez, warned against attempts by the Western Powers to appease the Arabs at Israel's expense. He expressed the opinion that if Israel did not find peace soon, it would be converted into an "anti-Western fortress."

Socialist leader Dr. Sanchez Viamonte stressed the fundamentally democratic character of the Israel people and insisted that Israel was too busy building a new society to want anything but peace from the Arabs. He urged the United Nations, "in order to deserve the world's respect," to act "firmly to establish peace on the basis of the armistice agreements."

Dr. Enrique Grande, a leading light in the Progressive Democratic Party, protested the endangering of Israel's security by "Arab ambitions which could be better satisfied by raising their own standards." He demanded, in the name of the Argentine people, that the Suez Canal be opened to the shipping of all the world, including Israel.

Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, chairman of the Zionist Central Council and chief figure in the organization of the rally, whose demand for conversion of the armistice into a peace was echoed by the major Argentine newspapers, asserted that Israel cannot return to the borders set out for it in 1947 by the UN partition plan. He quoted Israel Premier David Ben Gurion to the effect that this is as "impossible as reviving our dead."

## ALPHA ZETA OMEGA TO RAISE \$100,000 FOR ISRAEL SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Alpha Zeta Omega, the pharmacists' fraternity, will contribute \$100,000 toward the million dollar campaign which the drug industry in this country will conduct for the building of a School of Pharmacy at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, it was announced here today at a regional conference of the fraternity.

Dr. Joshua Kohlberg, president of the Israel Pharmaceutical Association, who will spearhead the million dollar drive, told Alpha Zeta Omega that "their efforts in behalf of Hebrew University will give a giant boost to the profession of pharmacists in Israel for years to come." He said that a dire shortage of pharmacists in Israel makes it imperative that the widest possible support be given to help build the new School of Pharmacy. Eliezer H. Stein of Pittsburgh has been named to serve as national chairman for the Alpha Zeta Omega campaign.