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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES NEW EISENHOWER LETTER TO BEN GURION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet discussed today a letter from President Eisenhower which was handed to Premier David Ben Gurion last night by United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson. The details of that letter were not made public.

U. N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENS; MIDDLE EAST CRISIS HIGH ON AGENDA

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 12. (JTA) -- With the Middle East crisis high on the agenda as an issue of extreme urgency, the eleventh annual session of the United Nations General Assembly convened here this afternoon in an atmosphere of great tension.

Efforts at further solution of the Israel-Arab conflicts in general, and Israel-Egyptian relations in particular, have now been transferred from the special emergency session of the Assembly to the regular meeting which opened today. In order to do away with the usual General Assembly procedures, the Middle East question will be discussed by the Assembly as a whole, in plenary meeting, instead of being bound by the red tape of committee discussions.

Israel is represented here this year by the largest and strongest delegation it has sent here since the state was established in 1948. Ambassador Abba Eban is again chairman of the delegation, but is expected to relinquish the chairmanship this week to Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, who will arrive before the end of the week.

At the emergency session of the General Assembly, Mr. Eban made it clear that Israel is ready to enter into negotiations with Egypt to settle all outstanding questions between them. He declared that Israel would welcome a call by the General Assembly "for a freely negotiated settlement" between the two countries. However, he added, it was for Egypt and Israel and no others to determine the conditions for their peaceful co-existence.

First U. N. Troops to Land in Egypt Today; Hammarskjold Flies to Cairo

Meanwhile, United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, who is flying tomorrow to Rome and thence to Cairo to discuss with the Egyptian Government details regarding placement of the UN police force, announced today that Egypt had agreed to the stationing of UN troops on its territory. In Rome, Mr. Hammarskjold will confer with Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the new UN command. On Thursday he expects to be in Cairo.

The first troops of the UN command will land in Egypt tomorrow. Mr. Hammarskjold said. He refused, however, to go into any details regarding coordination of troop withdrawals by Israel, on the one hand, and Franco-British forces on the other, declaring: "That is staff work and for that reason is entirely under the authority of Gen. Burns."

The Secretary General also declined to state whether agreement had been reached on where the first contingent of UN forces would be stationed. "That is a technical matter, on which discussions are at a very advanced stage," he said, "but where I should not like to go into details."

It became known here today that Burma, which is among the UN members which offered troops to the UN command, has been told that its troops will not be acceptable. No reason for this refusal was given here. However, it was believed that the fact that a number of high Burmese army officers had received their training in Israel had influenced the decision.

Swedish Commander of U. N. Middle East Force is Former Nazi

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Maj. Sigmund Ahnfelt, head of the Swedish Army contingent to be sent to the Middle East as part of the United Nations police force, was once a Nazi, the newspaper Dagstidningen reported today. The newspaper said that in the late 1930's, Ahnfelt taught at a Nazi youth leaders' school and was editor of the Nazi youth paper "Storm Torch." Ahnfelt says that he left the Nazi Party in 1938.

(At United Nations headquarters in New York a high UN official, when asked for comment on Maj. Sigmund Ahnfelt's alleged Nazi background, said that the United Nations has not yet been told by Sweden exactly what contingent it is contributing to the UN command or who will command the unit. The UN official implied that once a government contribution of troops is accepted, the individual members of that contingent will be assigned by the government concerned without specific control by the UN.)

ISRAEL SAYS U. N. WILL BE TESTED BY ATTITUDE TO DIRECT PEACE TALKS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir emphasized that the United Nations will be tested and judged by its desire to solve the Middle East situation by forcing the Arab states to enter into direct peace negotiations with Israel. She spoke at a mass meeting of the Mapai Party this week-end. The UN, she said, will retain its moral validity only if it carries out the fundamental principle of the UN Charter-- establishing peace between states.

Israel's purpose in starting its action against Egypt, which have been achieved, according to Mrs. Meir, were: "To root out centers for murderers; destroy Nasser's army; oust the enemy from territory which never belonged to him; obtain freedom of passage for Israeli ships in the Suez Canal, and operate the port of Elath."

She praised the valor and spirit of Israel's troops, noting that their military victory had proved that it was not tank against tank which had won the battles, but the spirit of the Israeli troops who were convinced of the justice of their cause and who wished to build in peace. This force had defeated a regular army which had been unwilling to sacrifice its life for Nasser, Mrs. Meir insisted.

Information revealed by Israeli military sources during the week-end said that Egypt lost some 3,000 soldiers killed and 4,000 captured in the Sinai campaign as well as some \$50,000,000 worth of war materiel. Among the vast stores of booty captured by Israel's troops were: some 600,000 gallons of gasoline in three huge dumps; 100 tanks, half of which were Soviet-manufactured; 1,000 vehicles of all sorts; 100 Bren gun carriers; 200 pieces of artillery of Soviet design, and 7,000 tons of ammunition. The Israelis also captured a complete radar installation, Russian-made.

SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE BRIEFED ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee was briefed today on the Middle Eastern situation by top diplomatic and military officials. Acting Secretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr., appeared before the committee.

Among other witnesses were Admiral Arthur Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Allen Dulles, director of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency, and William M. Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

Senate Republican leader William Knowland said yesterday that the UN should invoke economic sanctions against Britain, France, and Israel if they continue to keep troops in Egypt. Sen. Knowland is a U. S. delegate to the United Nations General Assembly session.

A Middle East peace plan to include Egyptian renunciation of "its policy of extermination as regards Israel" and negotiation of an Israel-Egyptian "non-aggression pact" was advanced here today by Senator Mike Mansfield, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Montana Democrat, who has been critical of past U. S. policies in the Suez and Israel disputes, said the U. S. has been "unwilling to face the fact that there has been no peace in the Middle East not merely in past weeks, but over the past decade. There has been at best only a truce and a badly maintained truce," he added. He urged the following principles of settlement:

1. Withdrawal of military forces by Israel, France and England from Egypt "whenever a UN force is prepared to assume responsibility for temporarily maintaining order, or whenever a settlement satisfactory to the belligerents is achieved."

2. Establishment of machinery "to insure Egyptian sovereignty over its territory, and at the same time guarantee unhampered use of the Suez Canal to the ships of all nations; this machinery should be operative before control of the Canal Zone by UN forces is relinquished."

3. Renunciation by Egypt of "its policy of extermination as regards Israel," and negotiation of "a non-aggression pact" by the two nations.

4. Guarding of the Israel-Egypt border "by UN forces until such time as both nations agree to the withdrawal of such forces." And "assistance for reconstruction and development in Egypt and neighboring states" by members of the United Nations.

GEN. CHAIM LASKOV NAMED COMMANDER OF ISRAEL'S SOUTHERN FORCE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Gen. Chaim Laskov was officially named today commander-in-chief of Israel's southern forces, succeeding Col. Assaf Simchoni, commander of the Sinai operation, who was shot down and killed over Jordan territory last week.

Premier David Ben Gurion, as well as President Ben Zvi, Speaker of the Knesset, Joseph Sprinzak, Army Chief of Staff Moshe Dayan and representatives of the Chief Rabbi headed a huge party of mourners who accompanied the coffin of Col. Simchoni, at the funeral yesterday. Burial was in the national military cemetery near Mt. Herzl.

The partly burned bodies of Col. Simchoni, his aide Lt. Col. Dromi and their pilot were turned over to the Israelis by Jordanian soldiers to the United Nations authorities at the Mandelbaum Gate here.

B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT CHARGES KHRUSHCHEV REGIME WITH ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The present Soviet regime "appears no less anti-Semitic" than Stalin's, Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, told the organization's 113th annual convention here yesterday. He charged that the Khrushchev regime was deporting Polish and Lithuanian Jews to Siberia as a "Communist scapegoat to exploit the anti-Semitic passions that still exist in these countries."

Mr. Klutznick reported "unconfirmed reports" that Hungarian Jews, most of them in Budapest, face threats of pogroms from both sides -- "by the Soviet masters of Hungary and by the remnants of Hungary's Jew-hating fascist groups who are ready to cut loose, if they haven't already, in the frenzy of the freedom rebellion."

The B'nai B'rith president appealed to the United Nations to take immediate action on United States resolutions aimed at settling the underlying Arab-Israeli conflict. He declared that Israel had demonstrated "discipline, statesmanship and a fervent desire for genuine peace in its agreement to withdraw troops from Egypt." He called on the Western Powers to match "this kind of political morality."

Delegates from all parts of the U.S., representing B'nai B'rith's 400,000 members, are considering a variety of cultural and service aspects of the organization's program at the three-day meeting which opened Saturday night.

62 PERCENT OF JEWISH YOUTH IN U.S. RECEIVES COLLEGE EDUCATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- Enrollment of Jewish youth in American and Canadian Colleges has dropped from 9 to 7.5 percent of student registrations during the past decade, B'nai B'rith reported today.

A decennial census of Jewish college students, embracing 1,610 schools, found the annual number of Jewish enrollments to be "virtually stationary" at 200,000 for the 1946-55 period, while the total college population climbed from 2,100,000 to 2,700,000 students during the same decade.

But the ratio of Jewish students to their population potential remains "phenomenally high," said Dr. Maurice Jacobs of Philadelphia, chairman of B'nai B'rith's Vocational Service which conducted the census. He estimated that 62 of every 100 "college age" Jewish persons in North America are matriculating at institutions of higher learning, compared with the non-Jewish ratio of 27 out of 100. "College age" was defined in the study as the 18 to 21-year bracket.

In a report to the 113th annual meeting of B'nai B'rith at the Mayflower Hotel now taking place here, Dr. Jacobs interpreted the results as "an indication that the Jewish college population may have reached its near-saturation point a decade or more ago," and predicted "a continued increase in the percentage of college students from the general population and very little increase in the percentage of Jewish youth in college."

He also reported that "the past decade has witnessed the development of a more liberal admissions policy on the part of privately-controlled men's and women's liberal arts colleges in the East." He based this conclusion on "substantial increases" in Jewish enrollment in New England, the Middle Atlantic area and the Pacific Coast.

Northeast Has 85 Percent of All Students; Gains Noted in Ivy League

In particular, the 10-year census disclosed an "upward swing" in Jewish enrollments at "prestige" Ivy League schools, Dr. Jacobs said. A rise from 15 to 22.9 percent was recorded in the eight men's Ivy League schools. Among their co-ed counterparts -- such as Bryn Mawr, Vassar, Radcliffe and Wellesley -- Jewish enrollment jumped from 10.4 to 15.8 percent. The study tallied 13,644 Jewish students attending the eight Ivy League colleges -- Yale, Princeton, Dartmouth, Harvard, Cornell, Columbia, Brown and the University of Pennsylvania -- during the 1955-56 semester.

While colleges in the Northeast, including those located in New York City, account for 85 percent of all Jewish men students and 98 percent of Jewish women students, the study also noted a steady decline in Jewish enrollments for New York City colleges over the past 20 years. The percentage figure dropped from 53 in 1936 to 50 in 1946, to 38 for the past school year.

"This seems to reflect an increasing interest of Jewish youth in going to college away from home, and their greater acceptance by institutions outside of New York City," Dr. Jacobs said. "Another important factor is the greater ability of Jewish parents today, compared with 20 years ago, to subsidize college education away from home."

The study found Jewish students registered in 903 colleges, more than half of the accredited schools in North America. However, the vast majority are concentrated in 102 schools -- those with 250 or more Jewish students.

Another set of statistics showed that publicly-controlled schools enroll 56 percent of all students and 51 percent of Jewish students. On the other hand, private non-sectarian schools account for 22 percent of the general enrollment and 41 percent of the Jewish college group. The spread here is attributed to the greater number of religiously-oriented colleges which have minimal Jewish enrollments.

THREE-DAY PARLEY OF AMERICAN J.N.F. PLEDGES TO STAND BY ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- A resolution pledging to "stand by Israel, regardless of what the future may bring," was adopted here last night at the closing session of the three-day Mobilization Conference of the Jewish National Fund of America held at the Biltmore Hotel. More than 1,000 people, including several hundred delegates, attended the session.

Other resolutions adopted called for the support of a three-point JNF program for the coming year, including 20 new defense settlements on the borders of Israel; the planting of the Jerusalem Forest, numbering 1,000,000 trees, ringing the Holy City, and the large-scale development of the Northern area of Israel around the city of Safed, overlooking Lebanon and Syria borders. Resolutions were also adopted calling for the observance of Jewish National Fund Month throughout November and part of December and the widespread use of the JNF as the beneficiary of bequests and wills to link the names of the testators with the land of Israel.

Dr. Harris J. Levine, JNF president, addressing the audience, said: "We stand by Israel because it is our deepest conviction that Israel's course is the right course, the only one that any nation could pursue under similar circumstances. We stand by Israel because we believe that Israel's cause is the cause of democracy of the free world and of this country of ours, the United States of America. And finally, we stand by Israel because Israel is near and dear to us, flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone."

Joseph Weitz, Israel leader and special emissary of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem, said: "Israel's mission lies not in conquest, but in reclaiming and restoring devastated lands to their ancient fertility. When the clash of arms is stilled, it will be found that Israel has been the greatest civilizing force in the whole of the Middle East, bringing the fruits of the world's progress to many people who have been denied peace and freedom for generations."

J. N. F. Role in Changing the Face of Israel Described

Mr. Weitz, describing the role of the Jewish National Fund in changing the face of the land of Israel, explained that the cultivated land in Israel is about all taken up, and that, in order to make room for the new immigrants, new areas of cultivable land must be literally wrested from the mountains and hills. About 100,000 dunams, that is about 25,000 acres, were already reclaimed, a process of destoning and terracing the mountainsides, but 1,000,000 more dunams, or a quarter of a million of acres must likewise be reclaimed from the mountains and the wilderness which occupy large portions of the State of Israel.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, said that in view of Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai Peninsula, "she is justified in demanding 1) that the integrity of her territory remain safe and undiminished within its historic boundaries; 2) that an end be put to border incursions and violence by its neighbors; 3) the cessation of economic boycott by its neighbors; 4) free access to waterways and unhampered passage through the Suez Canal for Israel and Israel-bound shipping; 5) immediate peace talks between Israel and the Arab states with a view to reaching a total, not fragmentary solution."

Bartley C. Crum, noted attorney and former member of the Anglo-American Commission of Inquiry in Palestine, called upon the United States Government to guarantee Israel's borders as the best possible guarantee for peace and prosperity in the Middle East.

Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of JNF, in reviewing the activities of the Jewish National Fund said he noted a great upsurge in Jewish popular interest through the United States in the work of the JNF. He declared that preparations have been made to utilize the JNF Month for the purpose of heightening popular interest and increasing contributions to the Jewish National Fund. The program for the JNF, he said, "calls for a concentrated effort for a wider use of the JNF traditional methods of collection in all Jewish communities, particularly the distribution of the JNF Blue-White Box and the sale of trees to be planted in Israel."

The resolution of solidarity with Israel adopted by the conference calls on "all the Jews of the United States to rally around Israel in this crucial hour, to mobilize the resources, material and moral, of American Jewry behind the State of Israel, to align themselves on the side of the Jewish State, through the Jewish National Fund, to the end that the cause of peace and freedom of which Israel is the foremost representative in the Middle East, may triumph over its adversaries." It concludes by declaring "before the world and the Jewish people we shall not rest until the security of Israel is fully assured to the highest advantage of humanity, our own country, the United States, and the State of Israel."

WEIZMANN MEMORIAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN ISRAEL; PRESIDENT BEN ZVI PRESENT

REHOVOTH, Israel, Nov. 12. (JTA) -- The fourth Weizmann Memorial Assembly was held here yesterday at Yad Weizmann with hundreds of Israeli statesmen, cultural and political leaders present, including President Ben Zvi and Mrs. Vera Weizmann. The memorial meeting had been postponed from November 4 because of the military emergency. Speakers included Foreign Minister Golda Meir and Louis Lipsky.