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EISENHOWER SAYS HE WILL SEEK TO DEVELOP CLOSER ARAB-ISRAEL CONTACT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower indicated at his press conference today that as soon as the present Egyptian situation is out of the way, he is going to intensify efforts to bring about trade and closer contacts between the Arab states and Israel. He stressed that their economies were mutually dependent.

Amplifying his statement, Mr. Eisenhower said the idea of trade between the Arabs and Israel was a long term question and that he would not be able to do it quickly. He denied that U.S. policy in the Middle East had drifted.

The President said he believed an offer made by Secretary of State Dulles last year to guarantee the Arab-Israel frontiers still stood. But he recalled that prior conditions were attached to such a guarantee, and that if such conditions were met, he could see no reason why we would not offer the guarantee. (The conditions called for Arab agreement with Israel on boundaries.)

The United States has tried and will continue to try to be friends to every nation in the area ready to abide with the United Nations, the President stated. He made clear that America wished to befriend both sides in the Arab-Israel dispute in the interests of peace.

The President said there is no authentic information on any new Russian military equipment moving into the Middle East. He said there was a dispersion of the Egyptian air force to fields in other countries during the attack on Egypt and that some of these planes were of Russian manufacture. But, he indicated, such planes were supplied some time ago.

Asked about the course America would follow if Russian "volunteers" joined the Arabs, Mr. Eisenhower said he was not going to say the United States would make a unilateral decision. It was up to the United Nations to make a decision in that event, he said, adding that we would support the UN. Mr. Eisenhower explained that in the event of Russian "volunteers" appearing he did not know exactly what we would do and that action would depend on the circumstances.

ISRAEL READY TO NEGOTIATE PEACE NOW, FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS IN NEW YORK

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Israel is ready to send representatives any time, anywhere, right now, to start negotiating peace with Egypt and the other Arab states, without any prior conditions whatsoever, Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister of Israel, declared today.

Arriving at the New York International Airport this morning to head Israel's delegation to this year's U.N. General Assembly, Mrs. Meir stated that it is up to the United Nations to use "all its moral pressure toward a peace in the Middle East."

The Israel Foreign Minister declared she has brought with her "nothing sensational" as far as a peace plan is concerned. "It is the same insistence on peace that we have been reiterating since 1948 and 1949," she said. "There is only one central, strategic question, and that is peace."

"The Arab states," she continued, "will not want to talk about peace if they think they can destroy Israel, if they think the world will allow them to destroy Israel. But if they know that the State of Israel is here to stay -- and it is here to stay -- then peace talks might be started. And we are ready. It is that simple, as far as we are concerned."

As far as the problems on the current United Nations agenda are concerned, Mrs. Meir indicated that there are many questions that Israel must have answered. She appeared to be cool about the United Nations police force, declaring "we don't know exactly what the international force is there for; perhaps we shall find out."

Mrs. Meir was hesitant about answering detailed questions as to Israel's promise to withdraw from "Egyptian territory." She indicated that specific withdrawal plans of Israel troops from the Sinai Peninsula, Gaza and the islands guarding the Strait of Akaba are still to be discussed. One of the questions in connection with the police force, Mrs. Meir said, is whether it will protect free passage of "all" ships through the Suez Canal. She emphasized the word "all" heavily.

Other questions she will seek to have answered here are among queries she had sent a week ago to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld. These questions have not as yet been answered, Mrs. Meir stated. They include such matters as whether Egypt still insists she

is in a state of war with Israel; whether she is willing to enter into immediate peace talks; whether she agrees to drop the economic blockade against Israel and stop blockading the Suez Canal; and whether she intends to recall the fedayeen murder gangs that have been inflicting casualties and destruction on Israel.

Questioned about reports that Russia's "volunteers" are pouring into the Arab states, Mrs. Meir replied "that is not a happy question." She seemed deeply concerned about the reports. The large stores of supplies captured by the Israel army when it destroyed the Egyptian bases in the Sinai area indicated, she declared, that there "was much more there, supplies of all kinds, including clothing and not only arms, that the Egyptians themselves could possibly have used." The implication was that these arms and supplies might have been stored at the Sinai bases for troops from some country other than Egypt.

As to Israel's spirit, she said: "That is a very happy matter about which I could say a great deal. The spirit never was higher, never firmer, never more determined." The country's determination to "exist" extends to the economic area also, the Foreign Minister said. Asked whether the country's existence was threatened, or may be threatened, by economic sanctions from the Western Powers, she replied: "If economic pressures are applied we would have to bear them. We have adjusted before; if we have to adjust again, we will. Israel exists and is going to continue to exist."

U. N. TROOPS TO START LANDING TODAY IN EGYPT; AGREEMENT REACHED

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The United Nations Emergency Force, set up to police the Middle East area, is apparently ready at last to establish itself on Egyptian soil, according to an announcement this morning by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. Mr. Hammarskjold avoided talking about the reported demands of the Egyptian Government for the imposition of rules which in effect would hamstring the operations of the police force. However, the Egyptian delegation here later announced that "agreement has been reached this afternoon concerning all points of detail previously demanded by Egypt."

Mr. Hammarskjold left late this afternoon by air for Cairo with stop-overs scheduled at Rome and Naples where he will confer with the commander of the UN emergency force, Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, and inspect the first contingents ready to go to Cairo from the UN's staging area at Capodichino, Naples. The first units, comprising initially about 1,000 troops, are expected to start landing tomorrow at Abu Souer Airfield, near Ismailia, on the banks of the Suez Canal.

FREEDOM OF SUEZ PASSAGE FOR ISRAEL STRESSED BY UNITED STATES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The United States Government believes that freedom of passage through the Suez Canal is "consistent with the wishes of the United Nations" and applicable to Israel, a spokesman for the U. S. delegation declared here today.

A proposal that the United Nations set up a 25,000-man police force for the Middle East was put forward here by Senator Hubert Humphrey yesterday. Sen. Humphrey, who is a member of the American delegation to the United Nations, made the suggestion at a luncheon of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The Senator also urged a UN embargo on all arms shipments to the area during the UN patrol, freedom of shipping for Israel vessels in the Suez Canal, an all-out attack on the Arab refugee problem, a UN economic aid program for the area, acceptance of a regional Jordan River project, and the construction of a new canal route across Israel. He added that it should be made clear that Israel's independence and territorial integrity is a "matter of U. S. policy with high priority."

SWEDEN REMOVES EX-NAZI FROM COMMAND OF TROOPS FOR MIDDLE EAST

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Maj. Sigmund Ahnfelt, commander of the Swedish unit assigned to the United Nations Middle East police force, has resigned his post in the face of criticism directed at him. The criticism dealt with the fact that until 1938, Maj. Ahnfelt had been a leading member of the Swedish-Nazi youth movement.

The announcement of his resignation was made in Parliament today by the Defense Minister who said that the reason for the resignation was that a question had arisen whether it was "wise" to keep Ahnfelt in command of the force and risk a challenge by one of the belligerents.

Dagens Nyheter, a leading Swedish newspaper, credited the Jewish Telegraphic Agency with playing a leading role in bringing about the resignation of Maj. Ahnfelt by inquiring at United Nations headquarters about his record as a Nazi.

SOVIET UNION REFUSING TO DELIVER OIL TO ISRAEL; IGNORES AGREEMENT

TEL AVIV, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union was reported here today as refusing to deliver crude oil to Israel despite a long-standing trade agreement between the two nations. The report said the Israeli tanker Yam Suf had sent a message from Odessa stating that Soviet authorities had refused it a permit to load. The Yam Suf had been hauling 30,000 tons of crude oil from Odessa every two weeks.

ISRAEL PREMIER CONCLUDES TWO-DAY TOUR OF SINAI PENINSULA

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion yesterday concluded a two-day tour of the Sinai Peninsula, according to a broadcast from Jerusalem, monitored by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here. The Israel Premier was accompanied by Israel Chief of Staff Moshe Dayan, Shimon Peress, of the Israel Ministry of Defense, and Col. Chaim Laskov, new Commander of Israel's Southern forces.

Two trains entered Gaza from El Arish in Sinai today, marking repair of wrecked sections of the Haifa-El Arish rail line and its opening to traffic. The trains consisted of three locomotives and a large number of cars found at Gaza and El Arish when Israeli forces entered the two towns, the broadcast said.

KNESSET REJECTS HERUT CRITICISM ON WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A challenge to Premier David Ben Gurion's government, posed by a Herut criticism of the Premier's decision to withdraw Israeli troops from Sinai and to accept an international police force, was beaten back in Parliament today by a vote of 66 to 13. A Communist demand for a debate on the government's foreign policy was sloughed off 77 to three.

In a brief reply to the rightists, the Premier said that he would not "compete" with the Herut by attempting to match his brand of patriotism and heroism with theirs. Instead, he cited ancient definition of courage to the effect that: "It is wise to know when to fear, to know what to fear and what not to fear, and where there is no need to fear."

BEN GURION SAYS EISENHOWER ASSURED HIM FEDAYEEN WOULD NOT RETURN

NEW YORK, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion of Israel said last night that he understood that President Eisenhower's letter to him requesting the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Egypt contained assurances that the United Nations Emergency Force would be placed in the Suez Canal zone and would not allow the return of "assassins" to the frontier areas. Mr. Ben Gurion's remarks were contained in a television interview with Edward R. Murrow which was filmed Sunday and telecast last night.

Asked about the outlook for peace in the Middle East, the Israeli Premier said that that depended on one thing--whether the General Assembly proposed to "save the fascist dictator in Egypt or peace in the Middle East." He appealed to the American people to preserve the unity of the free world which he said was endangered.

(At the United Nations, Ambassador Abba Eban today had a comprehensive discussion with Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., the head of the U.S. delegation, on Middle Eastern matters now before the United Nations. This was their first meeting since the outbreak of hostilities in the Sinai Peninsula.)

ISRAEL'S CHIEF OF STAFF EVALUATES RESULTS OF SINAI CAMPAIGN

TEL AVIV, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Israel would have concluded its Sinai campaign according to schedule even if the Anglo-French forces had not intervened, Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israel's Chief of Staff, declared at a press conference here today. He admitted that Anglo-French intervention had shortened the operation by a day or two and had had a major effect in keeping Israeli casualties to an extremely low figure.

He noted that except for scattered fedayeen operations, the other Arab states had failed to come to Egypt's assistance and revealed that Israel's army was ready to beat off any attack from the combined forces of the neighboring Arab countries.

He said that Egypt, with about 40,000 troops in the Sinai Peninsula, had many more troops in the area of operations than did Israel. These forces were better equipped than the Israelis, he added. Asked about the relatively small number of prisoners taken by the Israelis, Gen. Dayan said that "we let them run away" because otherwise Israel would have had to take care of them for a long time.

He detailed Israel's losses in the air as one Mystere jet, two Ouragons (an older type of French jet) and nine Mustangs (World War II American propeller-driven craft.) Four of the Mustangs can be repaired, he said. The Egyptians lost five MIG's, two Vampires and two Meteors--all jet fighters.

NEW CARGO SHIP FOR ISRAEL LAUNCHED IN GERMANY, NAMED 'HAR CARMEL'

HAMBURG, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The newest Israel freighter, the 9,500 ton "Har Carmel," slid down the ways here to the cheers of a large crowd of guests and shipyard workers. The vessel is one of four ordered by El Yam, Ltd., a private shipping company, within the framework of the reparations agreement between Israel and West Germany.

The ship, which will have a cargo capacity of 14,500 tons, is designed for the international tramp trade. It will carry, among other products, grain and steel from the United States. The "Har Carmel" has seven cargo holds, is specially strengthened for navigation in icy waters and will carry the latest radar and automatic pilot equipment. Its top speed will be 14 knots. The cargo vessel, which will carry a crew of 43 and accommodations for a limited number of passengers, will be finished by the end of the year.

C. J. F. W. F. ASSEMBLY OPENS TODAY; AID TO ISRAEL TO BE DISCUSSED

TORONTO, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The 25th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, representing 800 Jewish communities in the United States and Canada, will open here tomorrow to discuss communal needs in this country as well as aid to Israel and Jewish communities in other countries.

Attended by Jewish community leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada, the Assembly will devote four days to intensive discussions of major problems confronting the Jewish community. A special session will be devoted to the situation now faced by Israel. Avraham Haryan, member of the Jewish Agency executive, who flew from Israel, will report on the latest developments there. Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, will analyze the UJA program for 1957 in the light of current developments in the Middle East.

"Attendance at the gathering has been stimulated by fast-breaking events in the Middle East and by the urgent needs of services and programs here at home," Herbert R. Abeles, CJFWF president, reported today. "An unusually large number of federation and organization presidents and executives, chairmen of major committees and professional executives arrived to participate in the deliberations."

Assembly sessions will deal, among other things, with problems facing the Jewish community in campaigning, budgeting, leadership, personnel, and community relations. The assembled Jewish leaders will also mark the 25th Anniversary of the Council at a special dinner meeting at which prominent speakers will review the Council's activities over the years and set the perspectives of the next generation.

JEWS THROUGHOUT WORLD RALLY TO SUPPORT ISRAEL IN CURRENT CRISIS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Jews throughout the world are rallying to Israel's support in the current crisis with immediate and increased financial contributions, it was revealed here last night at a meeting of the Jewish Agency executive. Zalman Shazar, acting chairman of the executive, just back from a trip abroad, gave the Zionist leaders a picture of political and moral as well as financial support for Israel among Jews in other countries.

Eliahu Dobkin told the executive that 500,000 pounds sterling (\$1,400,000) has already been transferred from South Africa on account of the Israel drive there and that the Joint Palestine Appeal, which opened its annual drive four months earlier and upped its goal, has already raised 320,000 pounds (\$896,000). Canada has transferred \$1,000,000 on account of its regular campaign. Other, smaller communities, have also increased their contributions, he said, citing the case of the Jews of El Salvador who jumped their regular \$15,000 contribution to \$85,000, nearly a six-fold increase.

The executive decided to convene within two weeks a meeting of the Small-Zionist Actions Committee, one of the policy-making bodies of the world Zionist movement.

LONDON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Joint Palestine Appeal held today an extraordinary meeting of leaders of the organization from all parts of the country to lay plans for an emergency 2,500,000 pound (\$7,000,000) campaign for Israel. The campaign, to be launched immediately, will replace the 1957 drive which was scheduled to commence next February.

LONDON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The conscience of the world demands that a real peace treaty be negotiated and signed by Israel and the Arab states and plans be laid for the eventual development of "harmonious relations" between Israel and the Arab states, R.N. Carvalho, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, declared here last night at an AJA meeting. He declared that "all of us have been deeply impressed with the skill and valor of Israel's troops" and appalled at the magnitude of the arms supplied Egypt from behind the Iron Curtain."

VIENNA, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A mass meeting of Austrian Jews, sponsored here by the Zionist Federation of Austria, expressed solidarity with Israel and formed a broad communal committee to raise funds for Israel. Dr. Emil Maurer, president of the Vienna Jewish Community, appealed to Austrian Jews to tax themselves to give the largest possible contributions to Israel.

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 persons crowded into Stockholm's Great Synagogue last night at a rally called by the Jewish Community and the Zionist Federation of Sweden. Gunnar Josephson, chairman of the community, said that all Swedish Jews, regardless of political orientation, agreed that Israel must be protected.

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A resolution expressing Argentine Jewry's "complete identification" with Israel was adopted here today at a two-day meeting of the Argentine Zionist Assembly, composed of delegates of all Zionist groups in the country. The session was called by the Zionist Central Council to set up machinery for an Argentine Zionist Federation.