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U. S. JEWISH LEADERS PICKET EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Leaders of large sections of American Jewry today protested vigorously against Egypt's persecutions and deportations of Jews by staging a picket line in front of the offices of Egypt's permanent delegation to the United Nations. The demonstration was organized by a newly formed "Emergency Action for the Protection of Egyptian Jews."

Swank Park Avenue, where Egypt maintains its New York legation, was crowded for one block with about 200 men and women--a number of the men bearded--as the orderly demonstration implored Egypt to halt the detentions and deportations. The demonstrators condemned the Cairo Government for its "unholy alliance" with "Soviet murderers."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, led the demonstration. On the whole, it was a "leadership" demonstration, including among the picketers Ralph Plofsky, New York State commander of the Jewish War Veterans; Jacob T. Zuckerman, president of the Workmen's Circle and vice-president of the Jewish Labor Committee; Louis Segal of the Jewish National Workers Alliance; Mrs. Deborah Ebin of the Mizrahi Women's Organization; and representatives of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the American-Zionist Council, the American Trade Union Council for Israel which includes unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO, Hadassah chapters, Pioneer Women, and many other groups. A number of members of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis were on the line.

About 30 policemen were on hand to keep order, but there was no specific need for the police patrol. At one point during the demonstration, a timid young man, obviously sent by Egyptian propagandists, distributed a few leaflets picturing victims of the British-French bombing of Port Said during the Suez action. Picketers refused to accept the leaflets.

Picket signs carried by the demonstrators proclaimed: "Nasser-Russia, Stop the Unholy Alliance Before They Plunge Us into War!"; "Why is the U. N. Silent When Russia's Stooze, Nasser, Deports Jews?"; "Hitler Began His War With the Murder of Jews; Stop Russia and Nasser Now."

U. S. Informs Egypt of Its Concern About Mistreatment of Jews

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- American diplomats in Cairo have informed the Egyptian officials of United States concern over reports of Egyptian mistreatment of Jews, it was reported by U. S. diplomatic sources today. The Egyptian Foreign Office reportedly told the U. S. Embassy that if there were any excesses, they were committed by overzealous minor officials.

The State Department's own reports on the situation of the Jews in Egypt remain incomplete. State Department spokesman Lincoln White said today that the Department knows "not a thing" about deportations of Jews from Egypt. He indicated that the Department was still collecting information on reports of developments in Egypt affecting Jews.

U. N. ARMY COMMANDER CONFERS WITH ISRAELIS ON SINAI WITHDRAWAL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander-in-chief of the United Nations Emergency Force, met today with Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, chief of staff of the Israel Army, to discuss various technicalities involved in the UNEF's taking over the sector of the Sinai Peninsula just evacuated by Israel.

After their meeting, Gen. Burns stated that all difficulties were being overcome and that he expected that the assumption of responsibility by the UN force would be smoothly accomplished on all fronts.

The meeting took place at the headquarters of the one-time Egyptian commander of the base at El Arish. Both principals and their aides arrived by plane. Among the details to be discussed was Israel's minefields in the area. Gen. Dayan said the UN would have no trouble with them. Gen. Burns said that the Yugoslav contingent which replaces the Israeli troops was making slow progress because the roads are in poor shape.

BEN GURION SAYS ISRAEL MUST COOPERATE WITH U. N. TO "UTMOST" CAPACITY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Israel must cooperate with the United Nations to the "utmost of our capacity," Premier David Ben Gurion told his people last night. He spoke at the opening session of the 30th meeting of the Histadrut Council which was attended by more than 280 delegates and representatives of labor movements abroad.

The Premier noted that while it was not difficult to find fault with the UN, it was that body which would eventually establish peace and justice in the world. To the meanwhile, he continued, Israel must rely on its own power for self-defense and survival and must intensify its military preparedness.

Mr. Ben Gurion declared that in determining its foreign policy, Israel cannot restrict itself to its own needs alone. It must, he pointed out, take into account the existence of the two major centers of Jewry in the world--the United States and the Soviet Union. American Jews, he added, have given inestimable assistance in the development of the Jewish State.

Despite the fact that Soviet Jewry is in no position at this moment to even deny the "slanders" against Israel in the Soviet press, he declared, "we must not despair of their future." He expressed confidence that Soviet Jewry will yet join with the Jews of Israel in building the state.

After a detailed review of post-World War II developments, Mr. Ben Gurion noted that two major powers had arisen in the world--the United States and the Soviet Union. "Naturally," he said, "we shall neither prostrate ourselves before the golden calf nor be intimidated by the ferocious bear." He expressed Israel's determination to criticize "false ideologies even if a hundred armored divisions stand behind them," but said Israel aims at normal relations on a basis of equality with all states, regardless of their internal regimes.

In a recorded address, George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, called on the United Nations Emergency Force to remain in Sinai after British, French and Israeli troops are evacuated and until Israel and Egypt sign a peace agreement and until free passage of waters (Suez Canal and Strait of Tiran) is assured to all nations. Mr. Meany said that the American labor movement would ask the United States to extend its recently enunciated guarantee for the integrity of the borders of the member states of the Bagdad Pact to Israel and other Middle East countries.

IRAQ ASKS U. N. TO REMOVE "DANGER OF ISRAEL"; SCORES PEACE OFFER

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The only way to settle the problem in the Middle East is to remove "the danger of Israel--once and for all," Fadil Jamali of Iraq told the General Assembly today. His statement in the general debate was a response to the peace offer made in the Assembly yesterday by Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister for Israel.

Attacking Mrs. Meir, her government and her peace offer, Mr. Jamali stated that Israel's policy is one of "commercialized peace" and Mrs. Meir's reasoning lead him only to the conclusion that Israel wants to abolish peace from the world.

Meanwhile, in the General Assembly's budget committee the Arab and Soviet blocs ganged up today for the second successive day against Britain, France and Israel--with Israel the prime target--insisting that those who are guilty of "aggression" against Egypt must be made to pay the \$10,000,000 cost of clearing the Suez Canal. On behalf of Canada, the country which originally proposed the establishment of the UN Emergency Force, S. Pollock advised the committee today that the costs of UNEF be apportioned among all members of the UN on the same formula used for assessing routine costs for UN projects.

ISRAEL TO HAVE ENOUGH OIL FOR COUNTRY'S NEEDS; PACTS CONCLUDED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Israel's Delek Oil Company has concluded agreements to acquire enough oil to meet the country's needs, it was announced here today.

The oil, to be carried in the three vessels of Israel's tanker "fleet," will come partly from Mobiloil and partly from Shell. Both companies now operate in Israel. Shell will refine and sell 33 percent of the total, Mobiloil will handle 20 percent and the remainder will be Delek's share for sale on the Israel market.

The Palestine Electric Company, Israel's largest consumer, is currently shopping around for an independent source for the oil it needs. The Soviet abrogation of the contract to provide Israel with oil will not be felt until later, Israeli circles say.

Meanwhile, Moshe Carmel, Minister for Transport, has told the public there is no need for a panic and that oil supplies are nearly adequate. Restriction in the use of electric power and transportation were introduced to save as much oil as possible, he said.

YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES MISTREAT ISRAELI SEAMEN; ARE OPENLY PRO-EGYPT

HAIFA, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- Yugoslav authorities have become openly pro-Egyptian and anti-Israel, Israeli seamen just back from the Yugoslav port of Rijeka reported today. They said, however, that the Yugoslav people are as friendly as ever.

Arriving at the port November 8, the crewmen of the S.S. Nachson received a reception which they characterized as unfriendly, "unlike anything" they had ever experienced in any port. Police, secret servicemen, customs officials and others herded the crew into a room where they were held for seven hours while their ship was searched. When they returned to the vessel they were not allowed on shore for 14 days. When they landed, however, they found that the attitude of the people had not changed.

The Yugoslav newspapers, the Israeli seamen said, describe Nasser as a "defender of grace." An Egyptian freighter, the Ismail, which was in port at the same time had 69 MIG planes aboard.

JEWS IN GERMANY COMBAT DISTORTED JUDGMENT ON MID-EAST CONFLICT

FRANKFURT, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The way in which German public opinion has drawn "absurd comparisons" and arrived at distorted judgments with respect to the Middle East conflict is deplored in a strongly-worded resolution adopted here by the directors of the Central Jewish Council in Germany. At the same time, the Council -- which is the executive committee of the representative Jewish body in West-Germany and West Berlin -- called upon the Jewish community to bend every effort towards supporting Israel reconstruction.

The resolution about German reaction to the events in Egypt was prompted by a tendency to brand Britain, France and Israel "war criminals" and to state accusingly that the Nazi leaders were hanged "for the same sort of thing." One example of this fairly widespread tendency is a well-publicized appeal for the release from Spandau jail of Hitler's deputy Rudolf Hess, which his defense counsel based on the argument that Hess at most was guilty of acts like those now committed by Prime Ministers Sir Anthony Eden, Guy Mollet and David Ben-Gurion.

A survey of public opinion in several European countries shows that approval of Israel's conduct was expressed by only nine percent of German respondents; the lowest proportion in any country.

GERMAN STATE SEEKS TO ADVANCE COMPLETION OF INDEMNIFICATION

DUESSELDORF, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The Government of North Rhine Westphalia intends to conclude the indemnification program for individual victims of Nazism by 1960, two years before the deadline set by law, it was announced here by State Minister of the Interior Hubert Biernat.

From April to September, the North Rhine Westphalian treasury paid out for indemnification purposes as much as during the entire preceding fiscal year. The number of indemnification settlements recorded during the identical six-month period doubled, Biernat revealed. Within the framework of the amendment to the Federal Indemnification Law, the State Government has enacted a decree coordinating and simplifying certain procedural questions and matters of jurisdiction.

FRANKFURT COURT CONFIRMS FIVE-MONTH SENTENCE FOR ANTI-SEMITIC

FRANKFURT, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The local Superior Court has confirmed a five-month jail sentence against Franz Kroner, an elderly German who, after picking a quarrel with a Jew named Richard Stern in a tavern here, shrieked his regrets that not all Jews had been gassed during the Hitler regime.

The penalty is one of the heaviest ever pronounced in Germany for anti-Semitic insult. Presiding Judge Dr. P. L. Boersch of the Superior Court dropped one of the counts of the indictment on the grounds that Kroner was too drunk to be aware of his actions, but nonetheless sustained the five-month sentence because "the remaining insults are so appalling and reveal so base a disposition that the length of the sentence should stand."

The upholding without change of a sentence considered uncommonly severe is due in good part to the legal arguments and the plea of attorney Joseph Klibansky, a member of the Agudas Israel executive, who appeared on behalf of the co-plaintiff in the case, the Association of Jewish Communities of Heesse.

YUGOSLAV WORKER SENTENCED FOR PUBLIC STATEMENTS AGAINST JEWS

BELGRADE, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- A Yugoslav mechanic has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the city of Subotica for making public anti-Semitic statements, it was reported here today.

The Yugoslav, Kovac Lukac, was convicted of violating a law forbidding incitement of national and racial intolerance when he reviled a Jewish woman, declaring among other things: "It's too bad Hitler didn't hang all the Jews."

20,000 NEW YORKERS CELEBRATE CHANUKAH AT ISRAEL BOND FESTIVAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- A dramatic salute to the men and women who are building modern Israel was the key-note tonight of a colorful city-wide Chanukah Festival that brought to \$11,500,000 the total of Israel Bond investment funds raised in the Greater New York area during 1956.

More than 20,000 persons purchased \$4,500,000 in Israel Bonds to attend the sixth annual Festival at Madison Square Garden. The demand for tickets to the celebration was so great that the Festival will be repeated twice, Monday, December 10 and next Monday, December 17, at Madison Square Garden in order to accommodate thousands of additional Israel Bond buyers who were unable to gain admission last night.

In greetings to the Festival, which commemorated the victory won by Judah Maccabee and the people of Israel over their enemies 2,100 years ago, Prime Minister David Ben Gurion of Israel declared in a cable from Jerusalem that the action of the Israel army in occupying Sinai had written "a glorious new chapter in history, with the few, acting with justice, defeating the many whose purpose is evil. The barbaric expulsion and arrests of Jews in Egypt bares to all the world the Hitlerite-character of Nasser's dictatorship."

Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister of Israel, who was guest of honor at the celebration, told the Festival audience that Israel's action in occupying the Sinai Peninsula was not for territorial expansion. "We went into the Sinai Peninsula for only one reason," she asserted, "to drive the danger of attack and destruction further away from the borders of Israel."

The Government of Israel has now "obligated itself to comply with the direction of the United Nations to withdraw its forces from Egyptian soil," she said: "But we have a right, I think a duty, to ask, and it seems to me that the U. N. has a duty to answer, what is going to happen in the Sinai Peninsula after the Israel forces withdraw. Must it again become a base for the armed forces of Egypt with arms sent to them from the same quarters from which they received weapons during the last year and a half? Must it again become a base for attack in a desire for the destruction of the State of Israel? These are the questions my government has put to the United Nations."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Chanukah Festival Committee, who presided, declared: "This demonstration of sympathy and support for Israel should be a source of great encouragement to the men and women of Israel to know in their time of crisis that the largest Jewish community in the world gives them its moral and material support in such enthusiastic measure." The Chanukah Festival, which was dedicated as a seventieth birthday tribute to Prime Minister Ben Gurion, opened with the traditional and moving kindling of the Chanukah candles.

1,200 ATTEND J. N. F. CHANUKAH DINNER; SEND PLEA TO EISENHOWER

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- An appeal to President Eisenhower to take the initiative in bringing Israel and her Arab neighbors to the peace table to resolve the present tensions was made at the annual Maccabean Chanukah Dinner of the Jewish National Fund of America held last night at the Hotel Commodore. The dinner was attended by 1,200 guests.

The principal addresses were delivered by Pierre Van Paassen, noted author, Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America, and Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, member of the executive committee of the Jewish Agency. The 1,200 guests pledged their support to Israel and expressed their solidarity with her struggle. The aid of the United States was invoked in keeping the waters of the Suez Canal and of Akaba open to the shipping of all nations, including Israel.

REMNANTS OF SETTLEMENTS OF THE STONE AGE DISCOVERED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The remnants of numerous settlements in Israel dating back to the stone age were discovered in a special survey carried out in the last two weeks by the Israel Government Department of Antiquities, it was announced here today by Dr. A. Docton of the department.

He told a press conference that the main portion of the survey was carried out in the vicinity of ancient Kadesh-Barnea, site of a fertile valley with sufficient quantities of water. The survey confirmed, he said, the Biblical account that after the Exodus from Egypt the Israelites stayed at Kadesh Barnea where the Patriarchs had established a type of agricultural settlement.

BORIS PREGEL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

NEW YORK, Dec. 6. (JTA) -- The New York Academy of Sciences today announced the election of Boris Pregel, chairman of the executive committee of the American OSE Committee, as president-elect for the year 1957 and as president of the Academy for the year 1958. Dr. Pregel is a recognized authority in research and application of atomic energy.