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ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER CONFERS WITH HIGH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir exchanged views on the Middle East situation with Under Secretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr., and Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs William Rountree. She was accompanied by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and Minister Reuven Shiloah.

Mrs. Meir refused to elaborate on the talks. When asked whether the status of the Gaza Strip was discussed she said no. Asked whether reports of Egyptian deportation of Jews came up, she also said no. But she added that she was sure there are no differences of opinion on that subject.

A warning of the danger presented by Egyptian President Nasser to the free world was voiced by Mrs. Meir at an AFL-CIO luncheon tendered here in her honor. George Meany, national president of the organized American labor movement, speaking at the gathering, paid tribute to Israel's courage, and renewed assurances that Israel "would not stand alone." He insisted that United Nations forces should be stationed in Egypt until an Israel-Egyptian peace settlement is negotiated and the Suez Canal issue settled to insure passage of ships of all nations, including Israel.

ISRAEL READY FOR PEACE WITH ARABS IN 24 HOURS - GOLDA MEIR SAYS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Israel is ready to conclude peace with the neighboring Arab countries within 24 hours, or less, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, declared today in a coast-to-coast television interview. She emphasized that she had "no doubt whatever that, given a peace treaty, normal relations can exist between Egypt and Israel."

Asked how peace negotiations can start "when Israel's neighbors won't even admit that Israel exists," Mrs. Meir replied: "That is something to which the United Nations should not acquiesce. We are a member of the UN and so are the Arab states." It seems to me that the United Nations should demand that the Arab States should negotiate peace with us.

Asked about Israel's stand regarding the Arab refugees, she declared: "In the first place, we are prepared to plan the resettlement of the Arab refugees. In the second place, we have always said that, with a peace settlement, we naturally would be prepared to pay for the property that was left behind them by the Arabs who fled from the country and are now among the refugees."

The Israel Foreign Minister stated it was her position that the United Nations Emergency Force should not only be stationed in the Sinai peninsula, but should remain there until a peace settlement has been achieved between Egypt and Israel. In any event, she declared, the United Nations must not allow the old status quo to develop again in such a way that Egyptian forces come back again before there is a peace settlement. The Sinai Peninsula, she maintained, is a natural buffer area between Israel and Egypt.

Asked about Israel's plans to withdraw or not to withdraw its troops from the Gaza Strip, or from the two islands Israel occupies now guarding the Strait of Tiran, the waterway leading to Israel's port of Elath, the Foreign Minister said: "These are items within the entire pattern of withdrawal that we are discussing at present with the Secretary-General. Here, too, the main issue is: What will happen if and when Israeli troops withdraw?"

"Let me take for example the Aqaba Strait," she pointed out. "Israeli troops are there now. But these islands were never populated. All they had on them was Egyptian gun positions." There were also Egyptian gun positions at the southern-most tip of the Sinai Peninsula overlooking this strait. The guns were there for one purpose, an illegal purpose -- the illegal purpose of blockading the passage of Israeli shipping. Is it conceivable that the United Nations should restore gun positions in order to restore a blockade that has now been eliminated?"

Israel agreed to withdraw its troops from the Sinai peninsula, Mrs. Meir said, to show that it complies with UN resolutions -- even those with which Israel does not agree. Additionally, she stated, "we went in there merely to clear the Sinai desert from the imminent danger to Israel -- and as long as we drove the Egyptian army out, and took the tanks and guns that were there, we saw no reason why we should not withdraw and have the United Nations force come in."

RETURN OF EGYPTIAN ARMY TO SINAI CANNOT BE PREVENTED, UN CHIEF SAYS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld and Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander-in-chief of the UN Emergency Force in Egypt, have both told Israeli authorities that there is no way of preventing the entry of Egyptian forces into the Sinai Peninsula in the wake of the UNEF units which are taking over from the evacuating Israeli troops. "This was learned in authoritative circles here yesterday.

Commenting on reports from UN headquarters in New York that Mr. Hammarskjöld had promised that no Egyptian troops would be allowed into the Sinai Peninsula, sources close to the Foreign Ministry insisted that no such assurances had been received from the Secretary General. However, Gen. Burns has reported to the Israelis that as of now there are no Egyptian troops in the peninsula.

It is understood that Mr. Hammarskjöld has been pressing Israel to evacuate further areas of the Sinai soon. A second meeting between Gen. Burns and Israel Army Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan is likely to take place this week to discuss additional details of the UN take-over operation.

ISRAEL LABOR CONVENTION VOTES SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The Histadrut Council, at its 30th national meeting here, adopted today a resolution placing Israel's labor movement squarely behind the government's recent foreign policy and Sinai operation.

The resolution, which was presented to the convention by Meir Argov, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, said that the Sinai campaign had foiled Egyptian plans to attack Israel and had been undertaken to break through the Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal. It called the action "self-defense" and necessary to "preserve the state and its citizens."

The delegates to the labor sessions regretted the failure of both the East and West to halt the flow of arms into the Middle East and scored the Soviet Union for giving arms to Egypt's totalitarian regime and for its hostility to Israel. It warned the United Nations and the Great Powers that they had failed to understand the consequences of these actions and continued appeasement policies which endanger Israel.

The conference called on labor movements throughout the world to rally to Israel's support with moral and political aid and urged the Jewish nation and the Zionist movement to help Israel with moral and economic assistance. It urged the Asian nations to regard Israel as a nation entitled to equal rights.

A minor riot was set off when Communist deputy Meir Wilner attempted to introduce a resolution urging the immediate withdrawal of all Israel forces from all occupied territory. It was an hour before the chair could restore order and quiet the shouting and singing of Hatikvah, which was designed to prevent Wilner's continuing his remarks.

REFUGEES FROM HUNGARY AND EGYPT WILL INCREASE ISRAEL IMMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The anticipated arrival of Jewish refugees from Hungary and Egypt will increase the original estimates of immigration into Israel in 1957 by some 50 percent, it was reported here today in Jewish Agency circles.

A large number of Hungarian Jews are expected in the next few months. According to reports from Vienna, most of the 5,000 or so Hungarian Jews now in Austria have indicated a desire to come to Israel. A few have already come in ones and twos, but the first major group of Hungarian Jews is expected to arrive next week.

A two-day session of the Small Zionist Actions Committee, world Zionist policy-making body, opens here tomorrow to consider various problems arising from the general immigration situation as well as these special problems.

Tomorrow, prior to the Actions Committee meeting, the Jewish Agency-Israel Government coordination board on immigration and absorption matters will meet. It will discuss, among other matters, the government's demand that the Agency increase its financial participation in the immigration and absorption programs. The meeting will be presided over by Premier David Ben Gurion. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Agency president, who arrives here early tomorrow, will participate in the meeting.

Dr. Goldmann, who will remain in Israel for 10 days, will later meet with the Jewish Agency executive to which he will report on world Jewry's reaction and response to Israel's Sinai operation. S. Z. Shragai, head of the Agency's immigration department, will report on immigration and absorption matters.

TWO SHIPS BRING EGYPTIAN JEWS TO ITALIAN PORTS

ROME, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Two Italian ships arrived at Venice and Genoa from Egypt this week-end carrying French, Italian and stateless Jews. The refugees expressed apprehension for the fate of 15,000 stateless Jews in Egypt. They reported that many are in concentration camps.

U.S. INFORMS EGYPT OF ITS CONCERN OVER THE DEPORTATION OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The State Department officially announced yesterday that it had informed Egypt of U.S. concern about reports that large numbers of Egyptian Jews face deportation from Egypt.

Confusion about whether the U.S. had or had not taken action over reports of Egyptian mistreatment of Jews resulted this week when State Department press spokesmen denied that any U.S. move had been made toward Egypt, while sources within the Department indicated that they had.

Egypt has denied any official mistreatment of Jews as a religious group. According to U.S. officials, Egypt told U.S. diplomats that if there were any excesses, they were committed by overzealous minor officials. The State Department is inclined to believe that if there were any Egyptian mistreatment of Jews it was not ordered by top Egyptian officials. The Department believes further that the situation has improved within the last few days.

Meanwhile, Rep. Isidore Dollinger, who had protested the reported Egyptian deportation of Jews, received a letter from Assistant Secretary of State Robert C. Hill. Mr. Hill told Rep. Dollinger that President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles shared Rep. Dollinger's concern over reports of "the expulsion of large numbers of persons from Egypt." Rep. Dollinger had asked that a program be set up to admit Egyptian deportees into this country. Mr. Hill did not reply to this suggestion in his letter.

American Veterans Seek Eisenhower's Action for Egyptian Jews

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- The American Veterans Committee today asked President Eisenhower to take the leadership for United Nations action to investigate the persecution of Jews, British and French nationals in Egypt. The AVC said it has received information that Jewish citizens of Egypt and British and French nationals in that country were being subjected to a campaign of terror.

The veterans organization suggested that UN observers be sent to Egypt to investigate Egypt's reported mistreatment of British, French and Jews. It said its information was that the heads of hundreds of Jewish families were being subjected to Egyptian police pressure to leave the country. The veterans organization charged that this action was being taken without any official Egyptian Governmental proclamation.

Heads of families were being placed in concentration camps, AVC charged, and they are being released only upon their promise to leave Egypt forever without contacting their families or salvaging their financial resources. AVC said its reports indicated that Egyptian authorities were taking over Jewish businesses and that Jewish citizens of Egypt were being forced out of their jobs in commercial enterprises. In some areas, AVC reports indicated, grocery stores and other small businesses were refusing to provide Jewish citizens with food and other necessities.

AVC also said that reports indicated that deported Jewish families are being forced to leave one member behind in Egypt as a hostage to keep deportees from revealing the true situation in Egypt. AVC reported that its information came from individuals who had only just returned from the Middle East and from contacts in organizations which have branches in that area.

American Pro-Arab Leader Reports on Arrests of Jews in Egypt

LONDON, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- A total of 131 Jews have been arrested by the Egyptian authorities and 400 to 500 have been told to leave the country, Alfred Lilienthal, executive chairman of the American committee for Security and Justice in the Middle East, which is pro-Arab, told a press conference in Cairo this week-end, it was reported here by Reuters. Mr. Lilienthal further declared that 125 firms owned by Jews in Egypt had been sequestered, affecting 524 Jews, while many Jews have been discharged from their jobs.

Mr. Lilienthal, a former leader of the American Council for Judaism, said that he had sent the information he has obtained in Egypt to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and has asked the Secretary to see if he could get a Congressional commission to investigate the true situation of the Jews in Egypt.

Israelis Claim U.N. Fails to Halt Egypt's Actions Against Jews

JERUSALEM, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Israeli circles complain that neither the United Nations nor the Great Powers have shown sufficient energy or effectiveness in halting Egyptian brutality and persecution of the Jews. Meanwhile, each new party of Egyptian Jews who arrive outside Egypt provides new evidence that both the Egyptian Government and highly placed Egyptian officers are robbing evacuating Egyptian Jews.

One way in which the Egyptians rob the Jews is by inducing them to buy Thomas Cook travelers' checks at exorbitant prices. When the refugees arrive outside, however, they find that the checks are worthless because the Nasser regime has taken over Cook offices in Egypt.

Other expellees report that Egyptian officers obtain lists of Jews to be expelled and then force them to sell all or most of their property for next to nothing, or face beatings and jail.

JUDGE SOBELOFF WARNS ON "STAGGERING" SHORTAGE OF JEWISH TEACHERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- American Jewry "will lose another generation" unless drastic steps are taken to meet the shortage of educational personnel, Federal Judge Simon E. Sobeloff warned here last night, addressing the 17th anniversary dinner of the American Association for Jewish Education. He termed the shortage of Jewish teachers "staggering."

The former U.S. Solicitor General told the 500 Jewish educators and leaders who attended the dinner that American Jewry is "witnessing a great boom" in Jewish school enrollment. He ascribed this development to a religious revival and to the desire for identification and belonging.

"Sufficient attention," he said, "should be given to the recruitment of educational personnel, to providing the proper training for this personnel in suitable terms and developing the social and economic position of the profession to the point where the turnover can be reduced and people of caliber attracted to enter and remain in the field." The American Association for Jewish Education, which has dealt with this problem and is sponsoring and financing a national study of Jewish education, is best equipped to launch this recruitment drive, he stated.

The dinner that was presided over by Michael A. Stavitsky, honorary president of the Association, was highlighted by the presentation of the Mark Eisner Award to Philip W. Lowy, president of the Association, in recognition of his 40 years of distinguished service to Jewish education and to the American Jewish community. Certificates of honor were also presented to 17 veteran Jewish religious teachers who have given 40 years or more of service to the Jewish teaching profession.

Mr. Stavitsky, addressing the audience, said: "We, in the American Association for Jewish Education, firmly believe in the future of America and in the growth and development of the religious Jewish community. We maintain that instead of repudiating our tradition and our culture, we have every reason to love it and to strive for its enhancement. We are committed to the principle that if our children shall carry their Jewishness with dignity and find happiness in it, a sound Jewish education is indispensable."

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY GETS \$178,000 CHECK; PART OF \$500,000 BEQUEST

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- A check for \$178,000 the first instalment of an estimated \$500,000 legacy left by the late Morris Miller to Yeshiva University, was presented here tonight at the University's 28th annual scholarship dinner. The check was handed Yeshiva President Dr. Samuel Belkin by Mrs. Bessie Miller.

The money, Dr. Belkin said, would be used for scholarship and academic purposes. Max J. Etra, chairman of Yeshiva University's Board of Trustees, reported that a record total of \$744,000 would be spent this year to provide scholarship assistance to 83 percent of the student body. A total of 2,660 students from 25 states and 18 foreign countries will benefit from the scholarship fund this year.

Major speakers at the dinner were Minnesota's Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey and Charles H. Silver, president of the New York City Board of Education.

GROUND-BROKEN FOR \$5,000,000 CAMPUS OF HEBREW THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

CHICAGO, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new \$5,000,000 campus of the Hebrew Theological College took place today in Skokie, Illinois, in connection with "Max Cohen Day" which was celebrated here today. The new college campus will have a four-year liberal arts college in addition to theological buildings, students' residence hall, administration and classrooms, as well as a proposed gymnasium, athletic field, and high-school building.

Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, paid tribute to Max Cohen for "his exemplary support of Torah and Torah education as evidenced by his strong hand in helping plan the new campus." Mr. Cohen is co-chairman of the College building fund, and a member of its board of directors.

NEW YORK YIDDISH THEATRE OPENS WITH PLAY ON NAZI BRUTALITIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- An audience of Jewish cultural leaders and prominent writers attended the performance last night of "The Lonesome Ship," a dramatic play by Moshe Dlugznovsky, well-known novelist and playwright, depicting the tragedy of Jews attempting to escape from Nazi brutality.

The performance marked the season's opening of the "Folksbiene," a Jewish theatrical institution with 40 years' tradition of presenting a repertory of the best in Yiddish literature. It is directed by David Licht, Jewish theatrical director.

DAVID ROSE RE-ELECTED NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN TECHNION SOCIETY

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. (JTA) -- David Rose has been re-elected to serve a second term as national president of the American Technion Society, a nation-wide organization of scientists, engineers, technologists and industrialists, supporting the advancement of the technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, it was announced here today.