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ISRAELIS HOLD PROTEST DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF SOVIET EMBASSY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Several thousand Israelis, members of various national trade unions, demonstrated outside the Soviet Embassy at Ramath Gan this afternoon in support of the Hungarian workers' 48-hour strike.

Police kept the demonstrators at a distance of 50 yards from the Embassy. The marchers carried signs denouncing the "Murderers of the Hungarian Nation" and the "Arms Supplier of the Egyptian Dictator." The demonstrators dispersed quietly after a time.

U. S. JEWRY STANDS UNITED FOR ISRAEL, DR. GOLDMANN REPORTS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- A detailed report on American Jewry and the Zionist movement in the United States, particularly its reactions and activities during the Israel operation in the Sinai Peninsula, was presented here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Jewish Agency, to a meeting of the Agency executive.

Dr. Goldmann also reported on the activities of the presidents of 17 major American Jewish groups who have banded together to act on matters pertaining to Israel. Dr. Goldmann declared that American Jewry was united in its concern for Israel.

Dr. Goldmann's report also included information on his talks with non-Zionist organizations about participating in the activities of the Jewish Agency. The stepped-up campaigns of the Israel Bond Organization and the United Jewish Appeal and the success of these intensified drives were described to the executive.

Gottlieb Hamper, Executive Secretary of the Jewish Agency in New York and president of the American Israeli Shipping Company, arrived with Dr. Goldmann. He will discuss Jewish Agency matters as well as shipping problems with Zim, the parent line of the American Israeli company.

ISRAEL'S AIM IN PRESENT CONFLICT WITH EGYPT STRESSED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Mrs. Golda Meir outlined here today the three major aims of the Israel Government in the present conflict with Egypt. They are, she said:

1. There must be "reassurances" for Israel against aggression; 2. Israel must be given free passage through the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba; 3. There must be no possibility whatever of Egypt threatening or conducting hostilities against Israel from the previous positions occupied by its armies.

The United Nations, she declared, was in a position to assure "these legitimate aims" if it approaches the problem "in a constructive spirit." She also called for a permanent Arab-Israel settlement emphasizing that it would be the most effective contribution on the part of the United Nations if it called on the Arab states and Israel to conduct direct peace negotiations. She spoke at the National Press Club.

"If the United Nations will merely clear the way for Nasser to return to Sinai and Gaza with new fury, new resources and vastly greater outside aid, if it will attempt to restore the resumption of the blockade in the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba to Israel ships and the shipping of other nations trading with Israel, then the setting will merely have been created for a conflagration far graver than the last," Mrs. Meir warned.

She served notice that Israel "will never be a passive victim." She told the members of the National Press Club: "I would remind you here that in the long history of the Jewish people, from the days of antiquity until Hitler, we have found ourselves too often the object of physical holocaust, and thereafter the subject of moral eulogies. Now, having been entrusted by our people with responsibility for the integrity of the state and the security of its people, we were determined that our state should live, and decided to act for our survival today, not wait and provide a subject for a post-mortem tomorrow."

Israel, she pointed out, solved the Jewish refugee problem and the Arab refugees continue to suffer because of the Arab governments. "It is because we wanted to solve the Jewish refugee problem and the Arab leaders do not want to solve the Arab refugee problem," she declared.

TOP U. N. LEADER SEES ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE TALKS POSSIBLE IN TWO YEARS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 11. (JTA) -- A United States resolution calling for the establishment by the United Nations of a study committee to consult "all the parties and recommendations" on the Middle East crisis with a view to eventually reaching an Arab-Israel peace will be voted by the UN General Assembly after the New Year's recess, it was indicated here today by one of the very highest officers of the General Assembly.

The top UN officer was certain that the resolution--introduced by the American delegation on November 3--would be adopted. The General Assembly is scheduled to recess for the holidays December 22 and resume work on January 2.

Asked whether the U. S. resolution satisfied him, since it calls only for further study of the Middle East crisis, this highly authoritative source said: "Well, in the course of consulting the Israelis and the Arabs, this committee could feel out both sides about their desire for peace talks. The committee could even urge that direct negotiations should be undertaken--ultimately. Now is not the time for such negotiations. Tempers are too hot. Perhaps in two years' time--yes, in two years, this step might be undertaken."

Two members of the American delegation at the UN are of a similar opinion. They took note of the statement made here last week by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, that Israel could be ready to make peace with the Arabs within 24 hours, but claimed that there are too many hurdles that cannot be surmounted in less time than two years.

Some Arab delegations here are voicing the line that peace talks with Israel cannot be held now, but "perhaps this will be possible about two years from now." It seems that important delegations at the United Nations are falling for this "line," which plays into the hands of the Arabs.

Latin American delegations, which are usually friendly to Israel, are now falling under the influence of propaganda by Vatican spokesmen here that the internationalization of Jerusalem must not be forgotten. Since Israel as well as Jordan oppose such internationalization, the Vatican move at this time is considered another stumbling block to peace negotiations.

U. S. May Seek India's Aid to Solve the Middle East Crisis

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 11. (JTA) -- New developments were seen here today indicating that the United States may be turning to India to form a new partnership for a possible solution of the Middle East crisis.

Members of the American delegation are spreading information that when India's Prime Minister Nehru visits President Eisenhower, the latter may be ready to work with him toward a Middle East settlement. Such an arrangement may replace the old tripartite coalition of the United States, Britain and France.

In this light, careful attention was paid here today to the statement made before the General Assembly earlier this month by India's V. K. Krishna Menon. For the first time the Indian representative here came out clearly with a statement declaring that his country recognizes the State of Israel.

While Ambassador Menon's work here in the last three weeks has been enthusiastically pro-Egyptian and while New Delhi's roving foreign policy chief was the Assembly's floor manager for the tough anti-Israel resolution that was passed by the Assembly, Menon--to the surprise of many observers--did make the following categorical statement:

"The Government of India recognizes the State of Israel and the Government of Israel. We have no quarrels with them. We desire to remain in friendly relations with them as with everybody else. Our position (on Israel-Arab questions in the General Assembly) are not the same as that of the Arab countries, and we do not hesitate to say so irrespective of whatever emotions are aroused."

OIL STRUCK AT ANOTHER WELL IN ISRAEL; WORK ON OIL PIPELINE STARTED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Oil was struck at 5,000 feet at the Heletz field, Israel's first paying field.

Oil production in the Heletz-Negba area now exceeds 1,000 barrels per day, it was learned today in the latest report from Israel Oil Prospectors Corporation. This figure is double the production of two months ago. The report predicted that production of crude oil would be at the rate of 1,600 barrels per day by year-end, and would rise to 5,000 barrels per day by the end of 1957. At the rate of 1,000 barrels per day, Israel is producing slightly less than five percent of crude requirements.

Although the Israel Government has not yet reached an official decision on the laying of an oil pipeline between Elath, Israel port on the Gulf of Akaba, and Beersheba, center of Negev industry, work has already begun in several places. Workmen have begun digging trenches from Beersheba to the south and from Elath northward. The Mekorot water company, which is doing the job, has undertaken to complete the laying of pipe within 90 days.

AMERICAN RED CROSS RECEIVES REPORT ON JEWS HELD IN EGYPTIAN CAMPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Stateless Jews held in Egyptian internment camps have been interviewed by representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross, the American Red Cross made known today.

An American Red Cross spokesman said today the organization received reports from the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva that many interned stateless Jews and interned British civilians in separate camps have held their first conversations with delegates of the Red Cross. More visits will follow to continue talks and distribute relief supplies, the spokesman said.

It is believed that some of the British interned civilians are of the Jewish faith, but no figures indicating a breakdown by religion were available. The Red Cross statistics put the number of stateless Jews in internment at 280 and the total of British at 474.

ACTION AGAINST EGYPT'S MALTREATMENT OF JEWS SOUGHT IN UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 11. (JTA) -- A number of delegations at the United Nations today queried UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld as to whether he had received detailed information on the situation of the Jews in Egypt, and what he intends to do about anti-Jewish developments there.

The Egyptian Minister of the Interior, Zakaria Mohieddin, in a statement issued here, denied as "groundless accusations" the reports of mass arrests, deportations and terrorization of Egyptian Jews, but admitted at the same time that there have been arrests and deportations. He charged that the accusations are being made to cover up "brutal atrocities and mass murder" perpetrated by Israelis in the Gaza Strip and other occupied areas, although UN observers have found nothing to support this.

Despite the fact that he said no "discrimination whatsoever is practiced against Egyptian Jews," he declared at the same time that it had been "found necessary" to "detain a number of Egyptian Jews--not more than 120." He defined the purpose of the arrests as "protective custody," and declared that deportations were being conducted "within the scope" of Egyptian sovereignty and within the law. Mohieddin denied that any of Egyptian Jewish nationals had been deported, but only those of "undefined nationality." He did not mention confiscation of Jewish property nor sequestration of Jewish funds.

STATE DEPT. INFORMS B'NAI B'RITH OF INTEREST IN FATE OF EGYPTIAN JEWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith today reported it has been advised by William M. Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, that the U. S. Government is following the situation of the Jews in Egypt "closely" to determine in what "further and appropriate manner the United States Government may take action designed to be helpful."

In a letter to Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, Mr. Rountree said that "the American Embassy in Cairo has been instructed to inform the Government of Egypt of the deep concern of the United States Government over the reports which have been received." Mr. Klutznick said that B'nai B'rith "welcomes the assurances of diplomatic action given by our State Department." He also expressed his organization's "grateful approval for Secretary Dulles' prompt attention to these serious circumstances."

Rep. Isidore Dollinger, New York Democrat, said today that U. S. concern about reports of Egyptian persecution and expulsion of Jews is "not enough." He called upon President Eisenhower to express U. S. "indignation" to Egypt and to instruct the U. S. delegation to the United Nations to take appropriate action in the matter.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- A stiffer United States policy in the Middle East has been "long overdue" and a "firmer tone with Egypt" months and years ago might have prevented the current Israel-Egyptian situation, Gov. George M. Leader of Pennsylvania, declared here at an All-Pennsylvania Emergency Conference on Israel sponsored by the Jewish National Fund.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- The Belgium Government indicated its agreement in principle to the granting of temporary residence visas for the Belgian Congo to Egyptian Jews who have parents in the Congo and who wish to join them there. As a general rule the Belgium Government is opposed to permanent settlement in the Belgian Congo, even for Belgium citizens.

LIMA, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Peru's Prime Minister today expressed sympathy for the Jewish victims of Egypt's president Nasser's deportation orders and promised to intervene on their behalf. The promise to intervene was given to a delegation from Peru's Jewish community who, protesting against Egypt's persecution of Jews, sought the help of the Peruvian head of state.

JEW RE-ELECTED MAYOR OF TORONTO; BRANTFORD ALSO ELECTS JEWISH MAYOR

TORONTO, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Mayor Nathan Phillips was re-elected mayor of Toronto, Canada's second largest city, for a second term. However, Aaron Horowitz, who served as mayor of the city of Cornwall for 18 years, was defeated by his Canadian-French opponent.

In Brantford, a thriving industrial city of 50,000 in Central Ontario, where there are only about 70 Jewish families, Max Sherman, a Jewish merchant, was elected mayor. He is the chairman of the local United Jewish Appeal and is the first Jewish citizen to hold the office of mayor.

In North York the largest and fastest-growing suburb in Metropolitan Toronto, 37 year old Vernon Singer was elected Reeve by a landslide victory of 24,000 votes to his opponent's 5,000. Mr. Singer has been a Councillor in North York for the past three years and practices law in Toronto. He is vice-chairman of the North York Synagogue Council.

JEWISH CONGRESS HONORS GEN. TROPER; SPEAKERS CITE PLIGHT OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- Brigadier General Morris C. Troper, former chairman of the European executive of the Joint Distribution Committee, was tonight presented with a plaque "for his manifold achievements on behalf of his people and his dedicated service to his country" at a dinner in his honor tended by the American Jewish Congress at the Hotel Biltmore. More than 450 persons representing business and industry, the professions and communal affairs, attended the dinner.

Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice chairman of the JDC, who was one of the principal speakers, told the guests that history seems to be repeating itself. "Since 1914," he said, "the Joint Distribution Committee has seen the endless procession of refugees on the march. Today, we see them again. Of the more than 100,000 Hungarians who have fled to freedom, over 7,000 are Jews. Other refugees have been coming from various parts of North Africa to France and Israel for some time.

"The year's end brings the shadow of a new catastrophe over the 50,000 Jews of Egypt. The all too familiar pattern of confiscation, internment and expulsion of a helpless, hapless minority is repeating itself. Will the world sit by and permit this crime to take place as it did in the past when Hitler set his S.S. men against the Jews of Europe?" Mr. Leavitt asked.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, drew the ominous parallel between events in Egypt today and those which occurred during the Hitler period. "The violation of fundamental human rights which begins by victimizing Jews in Egypt may have as its next step," he emphasized, "the victimization of Christians in Egypt. In the history of tyrannical dictatorships, it has happened again and again that Jews have been in the vanguard of the victims. America, which has expressed its revulsion at the outrages perpetrated by the Kremlin on the fighters for freedom in Hungary, should also raise its voice to condemn the trampling on human rights by Nasser in Egypt."

General Troper went to Europe after World War I to organize rescue work for the Joint Distribution Committee in such countries as Poland, Rumania, Austria and Hungary. As chairman of the JDC's European executive, he personally supervised the agency's relief and rescue efforts in Germany, France and Portugal from 1938-1941. He is the recipient of the French Government's Legion of Honor medal for humanitarian work, and is a member of the Board of the JDC and of the ORT organization.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN OPENS THREE-DAY MEETING IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 11. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the National Council of Jewish Women began today a three-day quarterly meeting to discuss United States immigration policy, U.S. policy in the United Nations and the Egyptian and Hungarian situations.

The 64-year-old education and service organization has 107,000 members in 240 local councils. It sponsors some 900 service projects, including services to the foreign born, to older people and to children and the handicapped.

It was announced at the opening session today that a "teaching by telephone" device for the education of bedridden children is being sent to the Hebrew University this week by the National Council. The teaching instrument is a two-way apparatus with a classroom microphone and amplifier at one end connected by an ordinary telephone line to a speaker-receiver at the bedside of the child. Pushing a button, the child can take part in class discussions, answer questions and even whisper answers to his classmates.

The device is being sent by the Council to the University for use at Beth Hayeld, a demonstration elementary school sponsored by the University, where it can be tested for its effectiveness in the country's school system generally. The Council subsidizes the school of secondary and higher education at the Hebrew University.