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ISRAEL ASKS U. S. AID ON ARAB COMMANDOS; SENDS NOTE TO WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The State Department today took "under advisement" an Israeli note asking American help in ending a new series of incursions by Egyptian-commanded fedayeen raiders.

Israel charged in the note delivered here that Egypt has violated the terms of the United Nations cease-fire agreement. Egyptian commando raids, now mainly launched from Jordanian bases, indicate Egypt is returning to belligerency. Israel referred to a United Nations resolution adopted November 2, calling for cessation of all hostilities.

The attention of the State Department was drawn to a Cairo broadcast of December 2, announcing resumption of fedayeen activities against Israel. Israel reported that this broadcast was followed by 19 raids, mostly from Jordanian territory. The raids took place between December 3 and December 24.

A State Department spokesman today declined to comment directly when asked about the U. S. opinion on the timing of Israeli troop withdrawal. The State Department position is that this is a matter on which it would be up to the United Nations to comment.

ISRAEL SEEKS U. N. GUARANTEES AGAINST RENEWAL OF EGYPTIAN AGGRESSION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The second phase of Israel's withdrawal of troops from the Sinai Peninsula, eastward from El Arish, will require further discussions with United Nations officials, high-ranking Israel officials stated here today.

So far, these sources said, the United Nations has not as yet given Israel any guarantees against a renewal of Egyptian aggression against this country, once all troops are withdrawn. The United Nations will bear a heavy responsibility, Israel circles pointed out, if it helps only to restore the "status quo ante" of blockade, violence and bloodshed, perhaps even in greater intensity than prior to the Sinai action.

Israel, a high source stated, is ready to implement faithfully its promise to withdraw its troops. However, Israel expects the United Nations to see to it that Egypt also lives up fully to the General Assembly's resolution of November 2, which called for "cessation of all hostilities" by all governments including Egypt.

Meanwhile, Israel's Chief of Staff, Gen. Moshe Dayan, and Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of the United Nations Emergency Force, held their third meeting today to make arrangements for further Israel troop withdrawals in the Sinai Peninsula.

Gen. Burns said the U. N. troops have already reached a depth of 75 miles into the Sinai Peninsula, and that Indian contingents advancing southwards had reached the Red Sea. He added that United Nations Emergency Force units would keep a "great distance" between Israeli and Egyptian forces.

The old secondary road between Beersheba and Elath is being rebuilt into a first class highway, it was announced here today by Mordecai Bentov, Minister of Development. The new highway, approximately 145 miles in length, will be completed by the middle of next summer, Mr. Bentov said.

Israel Consular Officials Hold Two-Day Parley in New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Twenty Israel consular officials from all over the United States started a series of meetings at the Israel Consul-General's office here today under the chairmanship of Abba Eban, Israel's Ambassador to the United States.

The officials were summoned for the meetings, which will last two days, for the purpose of receiving latest information from highest sources about developments in Israel. Among the Israelis scheduled to address the consular officials during the sessions are Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel Foreign Minister, and Dr. Moshe Shapira, Minister of Religious Affairs in Israel.

(At the United Nations, today, Egypt continued its propaganda campaign against Israel, Britain and France by disseminating a list showing alleged damage and destruction caused by the attack of the three countries upon Egyptian territory.)

RED CROSS FINDS ISRAEL TREATED SINAI MONASTERY WITH UTMOST RESPECT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Egyptian charges that Israel's army had failed to respect the cultural riches of the ancient St. Catherine's Monastery, on the Sinai Peninsula, were proved untrue today through a report brought here by Dr. Louis Gaillard, Swiss representation of the International Red Cross. He made his report not only to the Red Cross but also to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Far from failing to respect the shrine, which contains historical materials valued by Jews and Christians, the Israel army has treated the ancient documents at St. Catherine's with great respect, Dr. Gaillard declared. He visited the monastery after Egypt had made the charges of desecration against Israel's army. Israel government authorities expressed the opinion that Egypt intends to desecrate the shrine after Israel's troops had been withdrawn, in order to blame the destruction upon Israel.

Dr. Gaillard said he inspected the library of the monastery and found that ancient manuscripts there had been untouched. Furthermore, he said, the Israeli troops are supplying the monks at St. Catherine's with flour so that the members of the Christian order there could continue their tradition of throwing bread to the Bedouins outside the monastery walls.

Today, in order to get another report on the false Egyptian charges, the government asked the Metropolitan Isidorus, of Nazareth, Greek Orthodox Church dignitary, to visit the monastery. Metropolitan Isidorus left this morning for the shrine in Southern Sinai.

ISRAEL MINISTER OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS HONORED AT DINNER IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 Orthodox Jewish leaders tonight honored Moshe Shapira, Israel's Minister of Social Welfare and Religious Affairs, at a dinner that raised \$350,000 in Israel bond investment funds.

The dinner, held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, was sponsored by six Jewish religious organizations representing more than 1,000,000 Orthodox Jews throughout the country, including the Rabbinical Council of America, the New York Board of Rabbis, the Mizrahi Organization of America, Hapoel Hamizrachi of America, the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations and the National Council of Young Israel.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization, presented Mr. Shapira with a parchment scroll pledging support of the Israel bond effort by the six Jewish organizations which promised the Cabinet member "the utmost cooperation in speeding Israel's attainment of a full measure of economic independence."

Expressing his thanks for the assistance extended to Israel by the Jewish people of the United States, Mr. Shapira declared that "Israel's economic problems take on special importance at this time, and these problems must be solved. Large expectations between 70,000 and 80,000 new immigrants during the next year, with 12,000 new settlers having entered Israel in October and November of 1956.

"These immigrants must have new homes. New settlements must be established and farms, factories and electric power must be expanded. Israel bonds are of great importance in Israel's economic development program to accomplish this. Israel looks to American Jewry for economic support in this effort, for all those who invest in Israel Bonds become partners in the up-building in the Jewish State."

Dr. Schwartz, who directs the Israel bond campaign, told the dinner that the Jewish people of the free world are determined that the days of Hitler will never again threaten the security of their brethren. "Today, when Jews are being forced to flee Egypt or, as so many others are doing, escape from Hungary, they have a State of Israel which is eager to welcome them and help them find new homes and a future," he said.

JEWISH YOUTH CONVENTION URGES RACIAL INTEGRATION IN SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- A resolution urging racial integration in public schools was adopted today at the national convention of the youth group of the United Synagogue of America.

Only one delegate, a Southern youth, abstained from voting on the measure calling for an end to racial segregation in public education. More than 330 chapters in 30 states and Canada were represented by a total of over 1,200 delegates. Other resolutions called for a liberalized immigration policy and endorsed the United Nations as a concept.

NEW YORK MAYOR PROCLAIMS JANUARY AS "Z. O. A. ENROLLMENT MONTH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- A proclamation by Mayor Robert F. Wagner from City Hall today set aside the month of January 1957 as ZOA Enrollment Month in a call to "our citizens to join the Zionist Organization of America."