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U. S. ADVOCATES ASSURANCES FOR ISRAEL AT UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY DEBATE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Israel firmly reasserted before the General Assembly today its demands for assurances against renewed Egyptian belligerency simultaneously with withdrawal of troops from the Gaza and Akaba sectors. At the same session of the Assembly the United States for the first time spoke of the need for assurances to Israel and insisted that Egypt must comply with all past resolutions, including those adopted by the Security Council.

At an all-day session of the Assembly discussing Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's latest report on Israel's "failure" to comply with previous troop withdrawal resolutions, a brief but succinct statement by Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., chairman of the U. S. delegation, evoked great interest here.

Starting out by declaring that the U. S. still thinks "that Israel must withdraw its forces without further delay," Mr. Lodge implied that the United Nations Emergency Force should stay in the Gulf of Akaba area as long as it is necessary for full freedom of passage through the waterway.

"We believe," Mr. Lodge told the Assembly, "that it is essential that units of the United Nations Emergency Force be stationed at the Straits of Tiran in order to achieve there the separation of Egyptian and Israeli land and sea forces. This separation is essential until it is clear that the non-exercise of any claimed belligerent rights has established in practice the peaceful conditions which must govern navigation in waters having such an international interest."

The American position, as stated by Mr. Lodge, is that UNEF should cooperate with the UN Truce Supervision Organization, as suggested by Mr. Hammarskjöld, and should be deployed on both sides of the Egypt-Israel armistice lines, especially in the "sensitive positions in the Gaza and el Auja sectors." However, he told the Assembly that not only Israel but Egypt as well must strictly observe the armistice agreement and must give "fullest respect" to the resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly which "are the keys to the restoration of peace and stability."

"Surely this Assembly would not be satisfied with the return to the unsatisfactory conditions which helped to bring about the recent hostilities," the head of the American delegation said. Insisting that Israel must complete the withdrawal of its forces behind the armistice lines, Mr. Lodge declared that following such withdrawal "assurances that are sought in this connection can be given effect--and they must be given effect." He emphasized very strongly his government's position that "the United Nations Emergency Force is carrying out its important mission for the benefit of both Israel and Egypt."

Israel Ready to Sign Non-Aggression Pact with Egypt, Eban Says

Ambassador Eban in his address appealed to the General Assembly to employ the present situation toward bringing about concrete steps leading toward peace between Egypt and Israel. He told the Assembly that Israel is ready right now to sign an agreement of non-belligerence and mutual non-aggression with Egypt.

The head of the Israel delegation took issue with certain sections of the report submitted last Friday to the Assembly by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld in which he insisted on Israel's immediate and unconditional withdrawal from the Gaza and Akaba areas. It is Israel's duty, Mr. Eban pointed out, not to restore but to prevent restoration of a situation which was illegal, such as the blockades and the Egyptian terror which raged from Gaza.

"We seek to have our ships sail freely, equally with others on international waterways," Ambassador Eban said. "We seek to live without our men, women and children being liable to sudden death springing at their throats from Gaza and elsewhere. We want to be free to develop our commerce free from the warlike strangulation of blockades."

Mr. Eban warned the Assembly that, after the United Nations had cleared the Suez Canal it must not allow that canal to be used as a form of illegal discrimination against Israel. "These things are our rights," Mr. Eban declared, "they are not acts of grace. Let us have these rights and we shall respect the rights of others."

ARAB LEADERS IN GAZA STRIP HAIL ISRAEL'S DECISION TO REMAIN IN AREA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The leaders of seven towns and villages in the Gaza Strip today hailed the Israel Government's decision to continue its administration of the Arab area and asked new economic and social welfare services even as Israel revealed plans to further tie in the Gaza economy with that of the Jewish State and raise the standard of living in the 25-mile-long Strip.

At a meeting with the Israeli Military Governor of the Gaza Strip, Lt. Col. Haim Gaon, the Arab political leaders stressed the improvements in the employment situation, in agriculture and in sanitation which had already taken place. They voiced the formal decisions of their town and village councils urging that measures be taken to strengthen and expand these services.

In Gaza itself, a committee of leading residents, headed by the chairman of the town's Supreme Moslem Council, long considered the unofficial representative of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Israel's implacable foe, requested expansion of the economic, educational and social services already in effect. A petition signed by the chairman and members, including a lawyer, a physician, merchants, farmers and the manager of a local bus company, asked that all institutions which still are closed in Gaza be reopened and offered the aid of the signatories in Israeli development projects for the town.

Meanwhile, it was revealed that within the next two months work will be begun on linking Gaza farmlands into Israel's complex irrigation to bring in sufficient water this summer to increase irrigated lands in the Strip by 50 percent. The Israel Government will subsidize water prices and, as a result, water from the Yarkon River will cost Gaza Arab farmers less than Israeli farmers in the Negev.

Israel has reached agreement with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in the Strip to employ Palestine Arab refugees in an afforestation program to plant 5,000 dunams (1,250 acres) of land annually in trees. UNRWA, meanwhile, has agreed to strike out of textbooks used in schools for refugees, passages which incite hatred of Israel.

CAPTURED EGYPTIAN OFFICERS TOUR ISRAEL; VISIT KNESSET BUILDING

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Egyptian officers captured during the Sinai campaign have been taken on extensive tours of Israel and given broad pictures of Israel life in the cities, villages and kibbutzim. Similar tours were organized in 1949 for Egyptian officers captured in the War of Liberation.

Among the visitors were field and staff officers of the Gaza and Sinai commands, physicians attached to the army and members of the military occupation administration of the Gaza Strip. Col. Ali Rifat Adin and other top officers were introduced into Ramath Gan homes while their wives, brought from civilian detention camps, met and conversed with Israeli women in the town.

Egyptian visitors were shown through the Knesset building, and roamed as far afield as Tel Aviv, Haifa and the Lake Tiberias area. They were dressed in civilian clothes and were accompanied by civilian guides. Some of the Egyptian officers seemed to have been impressed by the tours while others openly resented them.

Israel to Protest to Red Cross on Egyptian Torture of War Prisoners

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Israel will protest to the International Committee of the Red Cross and will send notes to all governments with which it maintains diplomatic relations against Egypt's torture of the four prisoners released yesterday in exchange for the 5,800 Egyptian officers and men Israel is returning to their land.

All four prisoners told of frequent beatings, being kept on a near starvation diet and being subjected to cigarette burns during "interrogation" by Egyptian jailors. Air Force Lt. Jonathon Etkes, whose parents were Americans, was examined by Israeli physicians in the presence of United Nations observers and then transferred to a military hospital. His body still showed burn scars.

SYRIANS FIRE ON ISRAELI FISHERMEN AT LAKE TIBERIAS; ONE WOUNDED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Syrian gun positions on the east bank of Lake Tiberias opened fire on Israel fishing boats today, wounding one fisherman.

This is the second time that Syrian gunners have attempted to interfere with Israeli fishing operations since December, 1955, when Israeli forces mounted a single sharp and deadly attack on Syrian artillery units which had been firing on Israeli fishermen and police patrol boats on the lake. In that raid the Israelis destroyed the machine-gun nests and artillery emplacements before withdrawing to their bases.

EAST EUROPEAN REFUGEES BECOME FIRST JEWISH INHABITANTS OF NAZARETH

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- One hundred and ten refugees from Eastern European countries became today the first Jewish inhabitants of the all-Arab city of Nazareth since the Jewish State was established. By the end of the year it is expected that another 400 Jewish families will be living in Nazareth, all in newly constructed homes.

WHITE HOUSE IS AGAINST INVITING BEN GURION AND NASSER TO WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The White House is opposed to inviting Egyptian and Israeli leaders to Washington to discuss their dispute with President Eisenhower "while Israel forces remain on Egyptian territory." This was revealed today in an exchange of letters between Rep. Victor L. Anfuso, New York Democrat, and Bryce N. Harlow, Administrative Assistant to the President.

Rep. Anfuso, who made the letters public, suggested that President Eisenhower call a conference in Washington between President Nasser of Egypt and Prime Minister David Ben Gurion of Israel to discuss their dispute in his presence. In response to Rep. Anfuso's suggestion, Mr. Harlow wrote: "It appears doubtful that a moment when Israel forces remain on Egyptian territory would be an auspicious time to attempt to bring the President of Egypt and the Prime Minister of Israel together at a meeting with the President."

Five Republican Congressmen joined today in a telegram to Secretary of State Dulles urging that until Egypt has begun to negotiate disputed issues in good faith, the United States oppose "any further one-sided UN action calling upon Israel to make further unconditional withdrawals of her forces which may prejudice her national survival."

The Congressmen were part of a Republican faction which last year sought unsuccessfully to persuade Secretary Dulles to sell U. S. jet fighter planes to Israel. Signatories of the telegram sent today, were Representatives Hugh Scott and James G. Fulton, Pennsylvania; Kenneth B. Keating and Edmund P. Radwin, New York, and Albert P. Morano, Connecticut.

Secretary Dulles, replying to a proposal by Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, that the Eisenhower Doctrine be enlarged with a view to seeking agreement of the Arabs and Israelis to accept a United Nations police force and establish a buffer zone along the Arab-Israel borders, reiterated his stand that it would not be advantageous to tie the Arab-Israel problem to the Eisenhower Middle East plan.

CANADA FAVORS FREE PASSAGE OF SHIPS THROUGH SUEZ, PREMIER DECLARES

OTTAWA, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent made it clear in the House of Commons today that Canada favors free passage of ships through the Suez Canal. In the face of opposition questioning, however, he said it was not possible now to determine what kind of United Nations resolution would "bring about the results we would want."

Conservative leader John Dieffenbaker asked whether Israel was to be told to get out of the Gaza Strip without assurance of steps to prevent aggression against her. The Prime Minister said Canada's External Affairs Minister, Lester B. Pearson at the UN, is fully aware of Canada's desire for free Suez passage and Middle East peace.

WORLD ORT PARLEY DISCUSSES PROBLEMS OF JEWS FROM HUNGARY AND EGYPT

GENEVA, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Problems confronting Hungarian Jewish refugees, Egyptian Jewish exiles and posed by new productivity demands in Israel were discussed here last night at the opening of a three-day meeting of the executive committee of the World ORT Union.

Egyptian Jews now scattered in many lands will, for the most part, have to be retrained if they are to take up new occupations and new lives. A problem of similar dimensions seems to have shaped up in reference to the Hungarian Jews in Austria. Many refugees in Austria have already been admitted to ORT courses which were being offered when they arrived in that country and new training units are being considered, it was reported at the parley. Representatives from ORT federations in the United States, Israel and various countries of Europe and North Africa are attending the executive committee session.

ARMY ADMITS DISTRIBUTION OF PRO-NAZI PAPER AMONG HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- An Army spokesman today conceded that a new Hungarian-American weekly newspaper published by a man described as "a veteran propagandist of Nazi anti-Semitism both in Hungary and the U.S." was being distributed with Army approval to refugees at Camp Kilmer, N. J.

Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, said that Zoltan Fay's paper, Szabad Magyarok (Free Hungary), was marked by a "flagrantly pro-Nazi spirit." He said the paper was being distributed secretly at the camp, but the Army said the publication had been screened by Army intelligence and approved for distribution there.

Writers for the paper include Lajos Marschalko, who was deported from the U.S. in 1951 as "an active pro-Nazi," according to immigration authorities. Another writer mentioned by Mr. Engel was Kalman R. Rattkay, "former editor in Budapest of the Nazi daily Uj Magyarok, which was the chief propaganda organ of Hitler's plan to subjugate Hungary."

NEW YORK MAYOR ANNOUNCES CITY WILL IGNORE KING SAUD'S VISIT

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The arrival here tomorrow of King Saud, the ruler of Saudi Arabia, will be ignored by the City of New York, Mayor Robert F. Wagner declared last night at a Jewish National Fund dinner. King Saud is arriving in this country as personal guest of President Eisenhower.

It was learned here today that State Department officials had expected that Mayor Wagner would formally greet the Saudi Arabian monarch with a ticker tape parade as he drives up from the pier to the Waldorf Astoria Hotel to his 67-room suite. However, the Mayor's office politely reminded the State Department officials that New York is the biggest Jewish-populated city in the world and that many Jews might feel offended because of the anti-Jewish sentiments which King Saud has expressed publicly on more than one occasion.

In his address to the JNF dinner last night, Mayor Wagner said: "There appears to be two visits by foreign rulers that may begin here. One of these is the dictator of Yugoslavia. We don't want him in New York because he is a Communist and because he is anti-religious. As far as we are concerned, he will get no consideration here. And the same goes for King Saud, and double, too. I don't care whether it is diplomatic or not." The Mayor's stand was strongly supported by Joseph T. Sharkey, majority leader of the City Council, who spoke at the same dinner.

Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, assailed the report of Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General of the United Nations, submitted to the General Assembly and ordering Israel out of the Gaza Strip and the island of Tiran in the Gulf of Akaba as an "act of injustice, reeking with appeasement and redolent of self-abasement." Referring to the situation created by the Hammarskjold's report to the United Nations, Dr. Levine said:

"The conscience of the world sustained a jolt and the United Nations a severe loss when Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General of the United Nations, in his report to the UN Assembly ordered Israel troops out of Gaza and the Gulf of Akaba, without as much as seriously considering Israel's contention that the yielding of these two strategic points to Egypt would expose the State of Israel once again to Egyptian attacks by land and sea. Israel's moral position in retaining its hold on both the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Akaba as measures for self-defense against unprovoked Egyptian assaults, is unassailable. This has been conceded in many quarters."

AMERICAN STUDENTS RETURN TO U.S. AFTER SIX MONTHS' STUDY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- A group of 19 American students returned here today from Israel where they attended a specialized six months seminar in the Hebrew language and Hebraic culture. The group had been in Israel since last August. During the students' stay they also served as teachers in the immigrant camps.

The group consists of seniors enrolled in six Hebrew teachers colleges in New York, Boston and Chicago. For their work in Israel they are receiving academic credit for a semester's attendance in the American institutions. They are to be graduated next June. The Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency selected these young people for training in Israel because of their outstanding scholarship and interest in becoming professional Hebrew teachers. The Agency awards these annual scholarships to help overcome the shortage of qualified Hebrew teachers in this country.

During the six years that the Agency has been awarding these scholarships, 150 American students have received this training in Israel. Since the men and women who have participated in these seminars through the years have suggested that the present six months term is too limited, it has been decided to extend the study course to twelve months, beginning in the Fall of 1957.

FIRST CONVENTION OF JEWISH YOUTH FROM ABROAD OPENS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The first convention of Shachal, organization of Jewish youth from abroad who come to Israel to spend a year or two working in Israel, opened at Beersheba last night. Most of the young members of Shachal come from Latin American countries and the Union of South Africa.

Eliahu Dobkin, Jewish Agency executive member, who opened the conference, reported that the goal of attracting 500 such youth to Israel in 1956 had been surpassed with the arrival of 571 young men and women. All had been assigned to live and work in 12 Negev settlements. The convention appealed to youth in Western countries to join the Shachal movement.

LESSING ROSENWALD LEAVES ISRAEL; REITERATES HIS OPPOSITION TO ZIONISM

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- Lessing Rosenwald, one-time president of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, left here today after a two-week visit as a guest of the Government of Israel.

Just before his departure, Mr. Rosenwald reiterated that he was very impressed with Israel and his achievements. However, he added that he was opposed to Zionist theory and practice, nonetheless.