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## DULLES EXPECTS ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM GAZA AND AKABA AREAS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles told a press conference today that he has grounds to hope Israel will comply with United Nations demands for immediate withdrawal from the Gulf of Akaba and the Gaza Strip.

Asked if the United States favored sanctions against Israel, Mr. Dulles said this country would not act unilaterally but would act in accordance with UN decisions. As to whether the United States favors sanctions to compel Israel compliance on withdrawal, he would not answer directly. He said the issue depended on the United Nations and the U.S. actions would be taken within that context.

Explaining why he felt Israel would withdraw, Mr. Dulles said Israel was a country, like most free countries, which has a decent respect for the opinion of mankind. He added that Israel depends for its future existence on international goodwill. Therefore, he felt, Israel will heed the UN vote.

Mr. Dulles made clear that he had no information on what Israel planned to do. But he thought a country with the traditions and democratic instincts of Israel and which was itself a creature of the UN, would respect UN wishes.

The Secretary of State said Egypt also could be expected to respect the voice of the General Assembly on Suez Canal passage of Israel shipping. He admitted that no effort was made previously to put moral pressure on Egypt in this connection. Now, he said, there was a greater recognition of the problem. He hoped greater tranquility would come and felt also the moral views of nations would influence Egypt.

Mr. Dulles refused to say whether King Saud of Saudi Arabia has been asked about discrimination against personnel of Jewish faith which bars them from the Dhahran airbase. He said he preferred not to comment while talks were in progress.

Commenting on the status today of the 1950 Tripartite Declaration, Mr. Dulles said the United States "at least" abides by it but he was not sure other parties feel bound by it. He still considers it a valid statement of U.S. policy. No discussion has been held on a U.S., British, French meeting on the tripartite question, he said. But, he added, it was normal in due course that talks will be held later by President Eisenhower bilaterally with Britain and France.

Mr. Dulles said he did not think the story of the recent Middle Eastern crisis could be told to Congress now. He said it was a kind of story which should not be told until it has become a matter for the historians rather than the politicians.

## U.S. Envoy Calls Urgently on Ben Gurion; Discuss Withdrawal

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Edward B. Lawson, United States Ambassador to Israel, visited Prime Minister David Ben Gurion at the latter's home last night to discuss Israel's refusal to complete its withdrawal from the Sinai area, it was learned authoritatively today.

According to the report, the visit to Mr. Ben Gurion's home, where the Prime Minister is recovering from pneumonia, was arranged at the urgent request of the American envoy.

A special meeting of the Cabinet will be held in the next day or two, also at Mr. Ben Gurion's home, to consider the United Nations General Assembly resolutions demanding Israel withdrawal from Egyptian territory and to hear reports from Abba Eban, Israel delegate to the UN, on his discussions with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld in reference to the resolutions.

The Israel Parliament will hold a full-dress debate next week on the resolutions. It is anticipated that the government, represented by Mr. Ben Gurion, will open the debate with an outline of its plans to meet the consequences which Israel may have to face because of its refusal to move from positions in the Akaba and Gaza areas in the absence of specific guarantees. Mr. Ben Gurion's statement is expected to be influenced by Mr. Eban's reports from the United Nations.

## ISRAEL MAY OBTAIN U. N. ASSURANCES ON FREEDOM OF SHIPPING IN AKABA

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Israel may obtain the United Nations assurances it has been seeking insistently on freedom of "innocent shipping" through the Strait of Tiran and the Gulf of Akaba.

That was the most significant of various possibilities that developed here today, as diplomatic negotiations, behind-the-scenes pressures and efforts at compromise were being employed in an attempt to break the deadlock caused by Israel's refusal to budge from the positions it now occupies in the Akaba area and the Gaza Strip.

Heaviest of these pressures, it was understood, were being exerted by West European delegations, some members of the Afro-Asian bloc, and some of the Latin American delegations--all directed against Egypt. Israel is understood to have asked for a declaration of non-belligerence by Egypt to be made at the UN.

Some of these pressures have made themselves felt; it is understood, in the seven nation advisory committee on the United Nations emergency force. This committee met this morning with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and heard from the UN chief a detailed report of his two-hour conference yesterday with Abba Eban, Israel's delegation chief.

A secretarian spokesman stated that Mr. Hammarskjold's report to the advisory committee concerned not only the first of the two resolutions adopted by the Assembly Saturday night. That measures called for Israel's unconditional withdrawal of troops from the Akaba and Gaza areas without delay. But Mr. Hammarskjold, it was clearly stated, discussed with the committee also Saturday night's second resolution--the measure which gives Israel the opportunity to insist that Mr. Hammarskjold can interpret the measure in such a manner as to open the Akaba waterway.

It was ascertained today that thus far Mr. Eban's discussion with Mr. Hammarskjold concerned only the Akaba area and did not even touch on Gaza. Mr. Eban, who was scheduled to leave for Washington this morning was still here by the afternoon and there was some doubt whether he would leave today--indicating he may be waiting for further talks with Mr. Hammarskjold.

Arab delegates were trying to impress the United States delegation today with the need for American economic sanctions against Israel as a means of forcing Israel to withdraw unconditionally its troops from the Gaza and Akaba areas. However, a spokesman for the U. S. delegation told the press here that the United States will not impose any sanctions on Israel "unilaterally," although it will have to consider them should the United Nations propose such sanctions.

## EGYPT ANNOUNCES INTENSIFIED RECRUITMENT OF FEDAAYEEN GANGS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Cairo radio, in a Hebrew language broadcast, boasted today that Egypt was converting the fedayeen organization into an all-Arab army of guerrillas to fight inside Israel and other countries "until all Arabs are liberated from colonialism." The announcer revealed that Egypt would attempt to recruit members of the murder gangs from among the youth of all Arab countries, including Yemen, Aden and North Africa.

Reports that Syria has increased her troops and strengthened her fortifications on the eastern shores of Lake Tiberias have reached Israeli military authorities. Last week Syrian gun emplacements opened fire on Israeli fishermen, a practice that subsided for a year after an Israeli raid in December, 1955, had silenced the Syrian guns and inflicted heavy casualties on the Arabs.

## RISE IN GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED OIL PRICES EFFECTED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A sharp rise in government-controlled fuel oil prices averaging 25 percent, went into effect today in Israel. The increase hit hardest at households which are largely dependent for heating on kerosene, on which the price boost was 20 percent. Heating costs have been unusually high because of this winter's severe cold.

Gasoline prices went up 30 percent and fuel oil was boosted 35 percent. Treasury officials said the increases were necessitated by a steep rise in tanker transportation costs after the Suez Canal closing. In the three months from November through January, the Government had subsidized petroleum products with 3,500,000 pounds in the hope that the transportation cost increase would be only temporary.

Unconfirmed rumors circulated that a 50 percent income tax increase was in prospect as Israel pushed plans for a return to austerity conditions which might be required if the United States clamped down on all aid to Israel in the United Nations deadlock over Israel withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Akaba positions.

### GERMAN FIRM AGREES TO PAY \$6,430,000 TO JEWISH SLAVE LABORERS

FRANKFURT, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- An agreement to set aside \$6,430,000 for payments to Jewish slave laborers in I.G. Farben plants during World War II will be signed here tomorrow by officials of the firm and of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

Implementation of the agreement will depend on ratification by stockholders of I.G. Farben, which is in liquidation, and passage of legislation by the West German Parliament fixing a deadline for registration of claims against the company. Stockholders are expected to approve the agreement at a meeting in April and no difficulty is expected in obtaining enabling legislation from the Bonn Parliament.

The agreement provides that the I.G. Farben liquidators will make the money available to a legal trust which will make the payments to Jewish claimants. The legal trust will probably be set up in Frankfurt.

The agreement was the outcome of negotiations in Frankfurt and New York over the past two years, designed to provide a centralized machinery for speedy payment of compensation to former Jewish slave workers, from the Auschwitz concentration camp, without forcing them to undertake prolonged and expensive litigation.

Norbert Wollheim of New York, whose test case in German courts was the basis of the effort to win compensation from the giant German cartel, said he was gratified that a way had been found to make possible compensation to thousands of Jewish slave laborers from Auschwitz like himself without requiring them to take legal action. He said he would withdraw his pending lawsuit as soon as the agreement goes into effect.

#### 3,000 Jewish Victims Filed Claims; More Expected

Dr. Ernest Katzenstein, director in Germany for the Claims Conference, said information would be provided as quickly as circumstances permitted on procedures to follow in filing of claims. He stressed no payments can be made until registration of all claims is completed under terms of the enabling legislation expected from the German Parliament.

Some 3,000 Jewish victims have filed claims with additional claimants expected. If claimants are no greater in number than the Conference expects, prospects are for payments of \$1,190 to Jewish slave workers of six months duration or longer, and for smaller payments, with a minimum of \$460, for shorter periods. Trustees who will handle the claims will be named by the Claims Conference.

The required legislation must be enacted by April 30 and both the Claims Conference and the I.G. Farben company have the right to revoke the agreement within a three-month period after the new filing deadline has expired. A court of arbitration of three members will be named by the Claims Conference to settle disputes between claimants and trustees. Arbitrators will be chosen from among Jewish victims and one of them must be at least a former inmate of the Auschwitz camp.

### JEWS EXPELLED FROM EGYPT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION

GENEVA, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has ruled that Jews exiled from Egypt are refugees eligible for UN protection. His ruling frees him to provide funds for their assistance.

In a report to the executive committee of the refugee office, on which are represented 20 member states, Commissioner Auguste Lindt said that within the next six months he expects 13,800 Egyptians to arrive in Europe as refugees. Of this number, Dr. Lindt expects 10,440 to require the protection of his office and all but 5,000 to eventually resettle in Israel.

### ABANDONMENT OF SHEKEL REQUESTED; NEW VOTING RIGHTS FOR ZIONISTS URGED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The shekel as a means of deciding proportional representation within the Zionist movement should be abandoned and delegates to Zionist congresses should be appointed for long terms in accordance with the size of the Jewish population of every country and its Zionist activity, the Progressive Party of Israel advocated today.

In testimony before a committee drafting a new constitution for the World Zionist Organization, Dr. Pinchas Rosen, Israeli Justice Minister and leader of the Progressive Party, insisted that the shekel had lost its symbolic and moral meaning. He advocated that voting rights be given directly to every member of a Zionist territorial federation or indirectly to members of local Zionist groups or parties.

The Jewish Agency executive will meet in plenary session beginning either March 6 or 7, it was announced here today. The Agency plenary session will be followed by a session of the Small Actions Committee, both meetings to be held here.

## AMERICAN INDEPENDENT ZIONISTS CRITICIZE U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- More than 500 delegates from 40 Jewish communities are expected to attend the founding national assembly of the Independent Zionists of America which will open in New York on April 26, it was announced today by Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia following a conference held by the new organization here at which plans for the assembly were adopted.

A resolution opposing any measures calling on Israel for unconditional withdrawal of its troops from the Gaza and Akaba areas was introduced at the conference by Dewey D. Stone and was unanimously adopted. The resolutions reads:

"The moral and political leadership of America should be dedicated to the attainment of peace and cooperation between Israel and the Arab states. We submit that American policy does not serve this objective.

"The continued pursuit of the favor of the Arab states by the offer of armaments and economic subventions without guarantees leading to an Arab-Israel settlement will defeat the attainment of peace. The return of Egyptian forces to the Gaza Strip and the Sinai peninsula and their repossession of bases from which to resume their border raids and blockades is a disservice to world peace, to American interests and to Israel's security.

"We call upon the Eisenhower Administration to assert effective leadership in the United Nations for a clear and just policy which will provide enforceable guarantees to prevent a renewal of Arab hostilities against Israel and, pending such guarantees, we oppose any measures calling on Israel to make unconditional withdrawals of its forces to the prejudices of its security."

The founding assembly, Judge Levinthal said, will vote on a program, a constitution and a name for the new organization. It will also elect permanent officers. In the meantime, the conference named Ezra Shapiro of Cleveland chairman of the Assembly Committee and Jacob Alkow chairman of the Administrative Committee. Other members appointed to the Administrative Committee were: Samuel Berson, Louis Falk, Dr. Louis Fishbein, Dr. Arthur Lelyveld, Louis P. Rocker and Judah Richards. Samuel Daroff and Joseph Mezer were named co-treasurers of the new group.

Addressing the conference, Louis Lipsky, veteran Zionist leader, outlined the general purposes of the New York organization and indicated how its program would be effectuated. He spoke of the "lack of free discussion in Zionist affairs" and "hoped that our new organization will be one forum where the problems and issues of Zionist life will be freely discussed." Mordecai Kidron, member of the Israel delegation to the United Nations, was the guest speaker at the conference. He reviewed the present developments at the United Nations in connection with the Arab-Israel issue.

### Z. O. A. Criticizes U. N. Resolutions on Arab-Israel Conflict

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The resolutions on the unconditional withdrawal of Israel troops from the Gaza and Akaba areas adopted by the United Nations General Assembly last Saturday night will only serve to "promote the very conditions which are calculated to perpetuate the Arab-Israel conflict," Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, declared yesterday at a conference of ZOA regional presidents here.

Dr. Neumann charged that the United Nations is being "employed as an instrument for bedeviling a critical international problem." He warned of "the tragedy that this development may portend for all of mankind: for such a negative role by the United Nations is likely to undermine the confidence in the world body itself, and to dash the hopes and prayers which accompanied its establishment."

### Zionist Meeting in London Deplores U. N. Resolutions

LONDON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A mass meeting sponsored by the Zionist Federation of Britain expressed regret last night that the UN General Assembly resolutions had failed to call on Egypt to desist from belligerent acts against Israel and to abandon its blockade of Israel shipping.

The meeting expressed support of Israel's determination not to give up its positions in the Akaba area without first securing effective guarantees against renewed belligerency and blockade. "Peace in the Middle East can only be achieved," a resolution adopted by acclamation said, "by the creation of direct contacts leading to a new relationship between Israel and the Arab states based on the principles of the United Nations Charter and peaceful co-existence."

## CANADIAN MINISTER ADDRESSES JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE CONVENTION

MONTREAL, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Labor Committee of Canada was a pioneer in the educational campaigns which have resulted in legislation in six of ten Canadian provinces outlawing discrimination in employment, Canadian Labor Minister Milton Gregg declared here last night. He was speaking to the 20th annual convention of the JLC.

Mr. Gregg asserted that the Canadian Government seeks a settlement in the Middle East which will ensure the survival of Israel. The convention, in a resolution reaffirmed its support for the people of Israel and urged Jews and non-Jews in Canada to support Israel in this difficult hour.