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ISRAEL CABINET REAFFIRMS ITS STAND ON GAZA-AKABA WITHDRAWAL ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet, in an extraordinary meeting last night, reaffirmed Israel's stand of opposition to withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Gulf of Akaba positions without effective guarantees. The Cabinet acted after hearing a report on the talks between Abba Eban, Israeli Ambassador to the United States, and Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General of the United Nations.

The effective guarantees sought were described as assurances of freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Akaba and the Tiran Straits and administrative links with Gaza. The official communique said only that instructions were sent to Israel representatives at the UN without disclosing the instructions. Informed sources said the Cabinet considers United Nations handling of the problem as completely deadlocked.

The Cabinet meeting took place against a background of continuing United States pressure including a message from Washington to Prime Minister David Ben Gurion urging speedy withdrawal. The letter, whose signer was not revealed, was handed to the Prime Minister at a secret meeting a few days ago.

Mass Demonstrations Against U.S. Pressure to Be Held Throughout Israel

The Cabinet was understood to have been exceedingly disturbed by a message from Mr. Hammarskjold that he wanted an Israeli reply by last midnight on whether troops would be withdrawn from Egyptian territory. While the members of the government did not interpret Mr. Hammarskjold's request as an ultimatum, they questioned the propriety of his setting a time limit for the reply.

Israel will not accept any assurances from Col. Nasser of Egypt on its demands for security guarantees, insisting that the UN General Assembly must be a partner to any such guarantees, it was indicated here today.

All Israeli parties, except the Communist, have scheduled for Saturday protest rallies and demonstrations in cities, towns and villages against United Nations attempts to force Israel to yield on Gaza and Akaba without adequate guarantees against renewed Egyptian belligerence.

The meetings are intended to demonstrate the nationwide support behind the government's refusal to yield to U.S. pressure and threats of sanctions. Members of the Cabinet will address rallies of the various parties in this city and elsewhere. The average Israeli has become increasingly bitter against the mounting United States pressure on Israel, which is interpreted not as an attempt to back up the UN but a move in the game of power politics.

Sheikh Suleiman el Hussiel, chief of the Bedouin tribesmen living in Israel, has written President Eisenhower assuring the President that the Arabs living in the Gaza Strip are happier now than under Egyptian military rule. After a visit to the Strip, Sheikh Suleiman appealed to Mr. Eisenhower to back Israel in its insistence on remaining in Gaza. "The Arabs in the Gaza Strip are happier than under the Egyptians," he wrote, "and their prospects for the future are brighter."

AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS CONFER ON THREAT OF SANCTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Presidents of 17 major American Jewish organizations met here today for emergency deliberations on the threat of United Nations sanctions against Israel in the UN deadlock over Israeli final withdrawal from Sinai.

The conference issued a call to all synagogues in the United States to arrange for prayers during the coming Sabbath, invoking divine aid for U.S. Government leaders against error in their consideration of sanctions against Israel.

The call was issued in response to a plea for such action made to the conference by congregational organizations of American Jewry, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the United Synagogue of America and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

The American Jewish Congress today appealed to President Eisenhower to oppose sanctions on Israel. It would be "morally unjustified," the AJC maintained, if this nation "acquiesced in any United Nations proposal to penalize Israel by sanctions or otherwise for its insistence upon specific guarantees of security."

U. N. CHIEF INSISTS ON ISRAEL'S ANSWER ON WITHDRAWAL; MUM ON EGYPT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 7. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld awaited a reply from Israel today on whether it will withdraw its armed forces unconditionally from the Gaza and Akaba areas, whether it will recall its administration from Gaza, and whether it will permit United Nations troops to be stationed on Israel's side of the demarcation line.

Mr. Hammarskjöld told Israel Ambassador Abba Eban last night that clarification of these points is a prerequisite to further consideration of a memorandum presented to him Monday by Ambassador Eban. In this memorandum the Israel Government requested the Secretary General "to ask the Government of Egypt whether Egypt agrees to the mutual and full abstention from belligerent acts, by land, air and sea, on withdrawal of Israel troops."

Leading delegations here declared today that they were certain that the General Assembly would meet Monday on the Israel-Egypt situation. The Afro-Asian bloc met this afternoon, presumably to discuss a draft resolution which the Arab bloc wants introduced to obtain economic sanctions against Israel.

The stalemate between Israel's delegation and Mr. Hammarskjöld continued unchanged during the day. Israel has not answered some of the questions posed by Mr. Hammarskjöld. On the other hand, Israel's key question, as to whether Egypt would declare its willingness to conduct a policy of non-belligerence, has as yet elicited no answer from Mr. Hammarskjöld. It was ascertained today that the Secretary General has not even put the question about non-belligerence to Egypt's representatives here.

SOVIET RESUMES SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO EGYPT; VIOLATES U. N. RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- U. S. officials reported today that the Soviet Union has resumed heavy shipments of arms to Egypt. Arrival of a number of Russian arms in Alexandria was disclosed here. Despite unusual security measures adopted by the Nasser government it was learned that the ships brought tanks, artillery, personnel carriers, and probably military jet planes.

The State Department said that if reports of resumption of Soviet arms shipments to Egypt are true, then the Soviet Union is in violation of the General Assembly resolution calling members to refrain from arms shipments to the Middle East.

When asked if Egypt would also be considered a violator, State Department press spokesman Lincoln White said, "no." Other American officials, however, indicated that Egypt could conceivably be considered a violator.

The State Department said that it could not confirm or deny reports of Soviet arms shipments to the Middle East at this time. Mr. White said that the Department has noted reports and implied that the U. S. is investigating the matter.

ISRAEL'S STAND ON WITHDRAWAL FINDS SUPPORT IN BRITAIN, TURKEY, ITALY

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Times of London loosed an editorial blast today at the efforts of Secretary of State Dulles and President Eisenhower to press Israel withdrawal from the Gaza and Akaba areas on the grounds that Israel is a state which has a decent respect for the opinions of the world.

"Is the United Nations to press those 'decent' countries which are more likely to give way in the end, while allowing free rein to stubborn governments such as Egypt--or the Soviet Government which is still in defiance of United Nations resolutions on Hungary?" the Times asked. "That seems to be the lesson to be drawn from the recent record of the United Nations, and Mr. Dulles seemed to support and strengthen it in his next words."

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ISTANBUL, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Turkish press is largely in agreement with Israel refusal to withdraw further from Egyptian territory unless it obtains its required security and navigation guarantees.

The pro-government "Havadis" assails as an "injustice" attempts to force Israel to make concessions and sacrifices without requiring a more reasonable attitude from Egypt. The influential daily "Cumhuriyet" called Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's report placing the onus for refusing to withdraw on Israel an "injustice and a blunder." The Opposition newspaper "Dunya" asserted that Israel "asks only the right to breathe freely" and that the UN "must grant her this right."

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ROME, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Pietro Nenni, Italian Socialist Party leader, told the opening session of the party's 32nd Congress in Venice yesterday that the obstruction of the Suez Canal proved Europe's weakness. Emphasizing the success of the United Nations in obtaining a cease-fire, he warned that the threat of war would continue to exist until necessary guarantees were obtained for freedom of navigation in the Suez Canal and the problem of Israel's borders solved with similar guarantees of security.

MOSCOW BANS WARSAW JEWISH PAPER; JEWS SEEK REPATRIATION TO POLAND

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Soviet authorities in Moscow have banned the Jewish newspaper *Folkshtimme*, published in Warsaw, which has hitherto been sent to various institutions and libraries in the Soviet Union, it was reported here today from Warsaw. The newspaper is pro-Soviet but has recently criticized the Moscow Government for not permitting a resumption of Jewish cultural life in the Soviet Union.

Many Polish Jews in Russia are now seeking repatriation to Poland, according to a report in the latest issue of *Folkshtimme* which arrived here today. The report says that the Jewish religious communities of Poland have formed a committee jointly with the Association of Jewish Cultural Organizations there to provide aid for the repatriated Jews. A decision has been taken by the presidium of this committee to appeal to the Polish Prime Minister to allocate a special fund to help Jewish repatriates.

GANG LEADERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACKS ON JEWS ARRESTED IN POLAND

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Warsaw Radio today praised the work of a "citizens' militia" for apprehending gang leaders responsible for attacks against the Jewish population of Bielawa. Broadcasting in Yiddish to Europe, the radio said:

"A gang of robbers has been active for some time in the Lower Silesian industrial town of Bielawa, carrying out assaults on the local Polish and Jewish inhabitants. The Jewish population in particular has suffered from these attacks. As a result of the alarm of the population, the authorities have instituted vigorous investigations, which showed that the gang had begun to blackmail Jews in an attempt to extort money through threats.

"Recently two gangsters, Jozef Olesniewicz and Henryk Piotrkowski, were apprehended by the citizens' militia. Both have long criminal records. They were responsible for organizing an attack against the residence of a Jewish tailor. The effective work of the citizens' militia has been welcomed by the Jewish and Polish inhabitants of Bielawa and entire Lower Silesia."

The latest issues of the Warsaw Yiddish newspaper *Folkshtimme* reaching here today carries further appeals by local and central authorities in Poland to the non-Jewish population of Poland to combat anti-Jewish elements and not to fall under the influence of anti-Semitic propaganda.

FIRST GERMAN CORRESPONDENT ASSIGNED TO ISRAEL; WILL OPEN OFFICE

HAMBURG, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A German news agency which provides news to all daily newspapers in West Germany will open an office in Israel within the next few days, it was announced here today. The news agency--known as DPA--has appointed Rudolf Kuestermeier as its representative in Israel. He will be the first German journalist assigned to cover news in Israel.

German newspaper circles and Jewish leaders here alike welcomed the appointment of Mr. Kuestermeier, who is rated the best possible man for the job and certain to improve the deficient German press coverage of Israeli news.

The correspondent, a founder with Erich Lueth of the "Peace with Israel" movement, spent most of the Hitler period in jails and concentration camps because of his defiance of the Nazi regime. After his liberation, he met a Bergen-Belsen Jewish survivor from Kovno, Fanny Walowic. They were married and now have a daughter, 10.

TURKISH COURT ORDERS RETURN OF THREE SEIZED ISRAELI VESSELS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Turkey's Court of Appeals has returned to Israel three fishing craft seized off the Turkish coast last year on charges of having violated Turkish territorial waters, it was learned here today. The vessels were originally awarded to the Turkish Government in a decision of a lower court.

The kibbutzim which own the vessels have decided to resume fishing in the Mediterranean Sea off Turkey from which they were scared away by the seizures nine months ago. They have also decided to resume marketing their catch from these waters in Cyprus.

GOLF CLUB IN ENGLAND LOSES MUNICIPAL LICENSE FOR BARRING JEWS

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Belfairs of Golf Club of Southend, a southern coast resort town, bowed today to municipal pressure and dropped its blackball vote which has been consistently used to bar Jewish applicants for membership. The club had lost its license permitting members to play on the municipal golf course.

A change in membership admission rules requires a majority vote for rejection of an applicant. Previously only two votes were required. The club has applied for restoration of its municipal course license.

1,100 EGYPTIAN JEWS EXPECTED IN GREECE; MAJORITY TO GO TO ISRAEL

PARIS, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Some 1,100 Egyptian Jews are expected to arrive in Athens' port of Piraeus today aboard the Egyptian vessel *Misir* and the Greek liner *Aeolean*. Most of the refugees will go on to Israel, it was reported here.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES PROJECT TO MEET SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University participation in a million dollar project, financed partly with Ford Foundation funds, to improve teacher education and meet the critical shortage of teachers was announced today.

Dr. Samuel Belkin, Yeshiva University president, said the unprecedented program will be carried out in cooperation with the New York City Board of Education and seven other school systems to provide opportunities for teacher trainees to "earn while they learn."

The program, subsidized in part by a \$500,000 grant from the Ford Foundation Fund for the Advancement of Education, will introduce the internship method of training. Prospective teachers will serve as salaried trainees in public and private schools.

The five-year experimental project will start July 15 as the Teaching Fellowship program of Yeshiva University's Graduate School of Education. Dr. Belkin said a "rigidly selected" group of 50 liberal arts graduates would be admitted to the pilot class for study leading to the master's degree. After an initial training period, the "teaching fellows" will be employed in the participating school systems at a salary of \$2,000 each, about one-half that of a beginning teacher in most of the school systems.

TRUMAN TO HELP LAUNCH 1957 ISRAEL BOND DRIVE; WILL ADDRESS CONFERENCE

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Former President Truman will be the principal speaker at the 1957 inaugural conference for Israel bonds, to be held at the Fontainebleau Hotel here, it was announced today. Mr. Truman will speak at the principal session of the conference Saturday evening, February 16, which will take the form of a national celebration of the 65th birthday of Eddie Cantor, who will be honored for more than 20 years of leadership and service in behalf of the State of Israel.

Admission to the Cantor Birthday Dinner will be based on purchases of \$1,000 or more in Israel bonds. Key communities from coast to coast will hold simultaneous Eddie Cantor birthday celebrations on February 16, and will be linked with the national observance in Miami Beach via closed-circuit television hook-up. Included among the cities observing Mr. Cantor's birthday and hearing Mr. Truman simultaneously are New York, Chicago, Boston, Cleveland, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Memphis, Newark, San Francisco, and others. Speakers at the conference will include Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization; Abraham Feinberg, president and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president.

SURVEY FINDS U.S. PRESS IMPARTIAL IN REPORTING ON ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUES

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The impartiality of the American press in reporting news on the Arab-Israel conflict was established through a survey conducted among 132 American daily newspapers with a circulation of 100,000 or more, it is reported in the current issue of Editor and Publisher, a newspaper trade weekly.

The survey was conducted by Dr. Laurence R. Campbell, dean of the Florida State School of Journalism. The majority of the newspapers replied that news on the Arab-Israel situation appears regularly in their columns and is being examined in the same way as local police news, or state news, or Washington news, regardless of the position taken on the editorial page. Dr. Campbell, who visited the Middle East last year, comes to the conclusion that the Arab claim that the American press is partial towards Israel is nothing but a "fabrication of their own false prophets."

SOUTH AFRICAN REFORM JEWS SEEK SUCCESSOR IN U.S. FOR CHIEF RABBI

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A selection committee to find a successor to Rabbi Moses C. Weiler as spiritual leader of the United Progressive Jewish Congregation of South Africa, is negotiating with "world leaders of our movement in London, New York and Cincinnati," Phil Berman, Congregation president, announced today.

Rabbi Weiler, founder of the South African Progressive Judaism movement, resigned despite repeated appeals from the Congregation, Mr. Berman said. He added that Rabbi Weiler decided "to abide by his decision because he feels he has fulfilled the mission and mandate for which he was sent to South Africa by the World Union for Progressive Judaism."

The resignation of Rabbi Weiler, who is a member of the selection committee, becomes effective in December. The rabbi has not announced plans for the future.

FOUR ISRAELI SCIENTISTS RECEIVE ROTHSCHILD RESEARCH PRIZES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Four Israel scientists and social scientists received the annual Rothschild Research prizes today in a ceremony attended by top educators and government officials. The awards for 2,500 pounds each, made by the Palestine Jewish Colonization Association, went to: Prof. M. Evanari, for a study of specific problems in connection with seeds and flowers; Dr. M. Ish-Shalom, for studies of Jewish settlement in Palestine from the fourth century C.E. to the present day; Prof. A. Brawer, for research on sociological problems which developed in Palestine during the Crusades, and Dr. J. Lenesch, for work on an electric altimeter.