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DULLES SUMMONS GOLDA MEIR; INSISTS ON ISRAEL'S "VOLUNTARY" WITHDRAWAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today invited Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, to the State Department for continuation of the discussions on the United Nations request for Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza and Akaba areas. Israel Ambassador Abba Eban participated in today's meeting.

Mrs. Meir said later that the talks centered primarily on the actual problem and not really on the projected resolution which the United States intends to present to the UN General Assembly on the Gaza-Akaba issue. She said that Israel was and is still hoping to reach a solution of the problem. Mr. Eban indicated that more work had to be done on the Gaza problem than on the Akaba issue. A statement by State Department spokesman Lincoln White declared:

"The United States has not altered in any respect the position as set forth by the President on February 20. We have begun an exchange of views at the UN with certain states with which we have co-sponsored earlier resolutions with the view to finding the most appropriate language by which to express the President's policies in the event this becomes necessary. We are still hopeful that there will be a voluntary withdrawal by Israel so that no further UN action in this respect will be called for. We are now having further exchanges on this aspect of the matter with the Government of Israel."

It was made known the U.S. is consulting with India, Yugoslavia, Indonesia, Brazil, Colombia and Norway. Meanwhile, State Department sources sought to refute the reports that the U.S. was weakening its position on Israel's withdrawal.

U.S. Faces Difficulties in Securing U.N. Support of its Views

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The possibility was indicated here today that the United States may drop its plan to introduce a resolution on the Gaza-Akaba issue at this time because the U.S. delegation is having difficulty in securing the two-thirds vote needed in the UN General Assembly for passage of any resolution. This indication was given by a member of the U.S. delegation after the Assembly adjourned this afternoon without discussing Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza and Akaba areas and without setting a date for the renewal of the discussion which started last Friday.

However, another spokesman for the American delegation told the press here today that the delegation "is engaging very actively in consultations looking toward development of a draft resolution which will in effect be a middle way between the hortatory approach and sanctions." He emphasized that the resolution will envision "possible necessity of going to some form of pressure" against Israel if withdrawal of the Israeli troops is not completed from the Akaba and Gaza areas.

According to the spokesman, full compliance with previous withdrawal resolutions will be demanded again in the resolution. However, at the same time, the resolution will, he said, "point up the need for coming to grips with other problems, long-term problems which need to be dealt with in the area."

The spokesman stressed that the problems which must be tackled after troop withdrawals must go to the very basis of Israel-Arab relations. He reiterated that the Egypt-Israel armistice agreement of 1949 must be buttressed and practical steps must be found to strengthen that agreement.

Israelis Take Issue with U.N. Secretary General's Views

Israeli circles today took issue with the report presented last night by UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld in which he stated that "Egypt is given the right to control the Gaza Strip by armistice agreement" and that the question of Akaba cannot be solved separately, as intended by Israel's approach.

"Israel cannot compromise on the direct or indirect return of Egypt to Gaza," an Israel statement here said. It added that the views presented by the Secretary General on Gaza "cannot be regarded as a constructive contribution toward the solution of the problem."

"As to Sharm el Sheikh, (in the Akaba area), while the report confirms that UNEF's function is to prevent belligerency, this affirmation is accompanied by qualifications which are obscure and ominous and bound to nullify our objective--the freedom of navigation in the Strait of Tiran and the Gulf of Akaba for all nations," the statement stressed.

ISRAEL HOLDS HAMMARSKJOLD'S STAND HAMPERS GAZA-AKABA SETTLEMENT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Israeli officials today indicated that they consider the stand taken yesterday by United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold insisting on Egypt's right to Gaza under the terms of the armistice pact will in all likelihood block progress in the talks between Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban and Secretary of State Dulles in Washington, as well as progress in the realization of proposals offered yesterday to the General Assembly by Lester Pearson, Canadian Minister for External Affairs.

It was reported here that Israel now appears willing to separate the issues of Gaza Strip and Gulf of Akaba and move toward an agreement on withdrawal from the Akaba area while continuing negotiations on the Gaza Strip withdrawal. Israel circles voiced guarded optimism about the chances of such separation, despite the warning by Mr. Hammarskjold in his report to the General Assembly yesterday of opposition to handling the issues separately.

Observers here pointed out that reports from the United States indicated that the State Department and Mr. Hammarskjold apparently were not in harmony in this matter, but it was considered questionable whether the Eisenhower Administration would make the effort to persuade Mr. Hammarskjold to change his attitude toward Israel.

FRENCH PREMIER SAYS ISRAEL IS ENTITLED TO ITS STAND ON FRONTIERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- French Premier Guy Mollet told the National Press Club today that he refuses to brand Israel as an aggressor. He said:

"The worst possible formula would be to return purely and simply to the situation as it existed prior to the so-called Israelian aggression. This would even constitute a crime against peace. All of us had the weakness, for eight years, to allow disturbances to develop and, on the other hand, to accept an undeclared war, as the United Nations resolutions were repeatedly flaunted. Our peoples would not allow us to repeat the same tragic error."

The French Premier asserted that a solution to the Middle East problems must involve "all the factors." He said a piece-meal solution would be a bad solution. Pointing out that Israel is encircled by hostile Arab neighbors and subjected to repeated Egyptian aggressions, Mr. Mollet declared that Israel "was forced to resort to its elementary right of self-defense." He added: "I refuse to brand this state of an aggressor."

Mr. Mollet said Israel is entitled to have the question of her frontiers settled and her territorial integrity guaranteed. The problem of the Arab refugees must also be settled, he stated. Concerning the Gulf of Akaba, the French Premier said that to guarantee free passage through the Tiran Strait and thereby prevent "the choking of Israel," is a question of implementing international law.

BRITAIN WANTS EGYPT TO RENOUNCE BELLIGERENCY AND MUZZLE FEDAYEEN

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The British Government has no indication that Egypt has informed the United Nations she is ready to renounce her state of war with Israel or to muzzle the fedayeen group, Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd told Commons today.

He also informed the House that Egypt had not given the UN an understanding that she would comply with the demand that Israeli shipping be allowed the use of the Suez Canal. The question of Israeli passage through the canal, once the cut is reopened to traffic, is "very present in our minds."

In reply to a number of questions from Barnett Janner, Labor, the Foreign Secretary declared that the British Government feels there should be a clear statement on the matter of belligerency and fedayeen raids and that everything Britain was doing in this matter was directed toward avoiding a situation conducive to raids and infiltration. In response to another question, Mr. Lloyd indicated the need for a quick settlement and a solution in which neither side could claim belligerent rights.

AFL-CIO PRESIDENT WANTS U.S. TO GUARANTEE ISRAEL MAXIMUM SECURITY

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, tonight urged an American policy in the Middle East that would guarantee Israel the maximum security and opportunity for development. The statement was made at the Histadrut Humanitarian Award dinner sponsored by the National Committee for Labor Israel at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria. (Israel Foreign Minister Mrs. Golda Meir was scheduled to address the dinner, but had not spoken when the Bulletin went to press.)

David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, was chairman at the affair. Twelve hundred guests attended the \$50-per-plate dinner, proceeds of which went to support the medical, vocational training, cultural and rehabilitation services rendered by Histadrut to over a million pioneers and new immigrants in Israel. Other speakers included Moshe Bar-Tal, American representative of Histadrut; Isidore Nagler, vice president of the ILGWU; and Harry Uviller, chairman of New York State Mediation Board.

GERMAN PARLIAMENT PASSES CONTROVERSIAL INDEMNIFICATION REGULATION

BONN, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Federal Council, upper house of the West German parliament, has given unanimous assent to a modified and slightly improved version of the third implementation regulation to the Federal Indemnification Law for Nazi victims.

Since the State Secretary in the Bonn Finance Ministry has indicated that the government will not object to the improvements, it is expected that the regulation will be in force by early March.

Of the 1,000,000 indemnification claims not yet settled by German government agencies, more than one-fourth derive from effects of Nazi persecution that are dealt with in this third implementation regulation. Its provisions cover economic damage falling within the category "injury to professional advancement," meaning careers interrupted and cut short by Nazism.

The methods originally proposed by the Federal Government for computing pensions and lump-sum settlements, especially in cases where the Nazi victim was an employee or a professional have been under heavy attack in recent months from the Federal Council of Jews in Germany, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims, the Axis Victims League, and other bodies. The complex arithmetical formulae and technical standards contained in the regulation, the complaints pointed out, would lead to grossly inequitable results.

The modifications introduced by the Federal Council have, to a limited extent, met certain of these objections. Whereas the regulation is still predicated on the hypothetical assumption that the Nazi victim held a German civil service position in a grade "comparable" to his educational background and social status, the civil service pay scales of 1956 have been substituted for those of 1953, which were listed in the original government draft.

Eligibility for pensions is limited to Nazi victims over 65 years old or 50 percent disabled. The maximum pension is \$143 monthly, the minimum \$24. When the third implementation regulation is formally enacted in a few days, the three most important regulations needed for carrying out the Federal Indemnification Law will be on the books, since regulations governing pensions for widows and orphans, and compensation for those crippled by Nazi maltreatment, entered into effect last November. It is hoped that the new legal measure will serve to expedite the processing of numerous indemnification claims of long standing.

WARSAW RADIO REPORTS ON MASS APPLICATIONS FOR EMIGRATION BY JEWS

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Warsaw radio broadcast today a summary of an article in the Polish newspaper "Zywie Warszawy" devoted to the subject of mass applications for emigration by Jews from Poland.

The article, entitled "They Are Leaving," contains accounts of conversations which the author had on this subject with Jews and Poles and instances of intolerance toward Jews. In this connection the author urges the need for appropriate instruction in schools, a struggle of all progressive people for the principles of mutual respect, and the "combating of hooliganism."

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL TO LAUNCH ITS 1957 DRIVE THIS WEEK-END

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The 19th annual nationwide campaign of the United Jewish Appeal will be launched next Saturday evening at a national conference at Miami Beach where Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, will be one of the principal speakers, it was announced today by William Rosenwald, UJA general chairman. More than 800 Jewish communal leaders from all parts of the country will attend the parley.

Mr. Rosenwald and UJA honorary chairman Edward M. M. Warburg will head the group of top UJA officers at the conference who will present the problems facing the UJA in rescuing the mounting numbers of uprooted Jews and providing homes and jobs for them in Israel and other countries of the free world. Many of the Jewish communal leaders from all sections of the country who will participate in the conference already were gathering in Miami Beach for preliminary committee work. The conference delegates must chart the course for UJA's extraordinary, two-fold campaign this year:

1. The raising of a \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund to save and resettle in Israel and other countries of the free world a minimum of 100,000 Jewish refugees. These uprooted Jews include the more than 11,000 of Egypt's 50,000 Jews already driven out of that country, more than 17,000 who escaped from Hungary, and thousands more streaming out of other lands of danger and degradation;
2. At the same time, the UJA must conduct its regular campaign to meet the normal budgetary requirements of its member agencies.

The Emergency Rescue Fund and the proceeds of the regular 1957 UJA campaign will finance the services provided by three constituent agencies--the United Israel Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee and New York Association for New Americans," Mr. Rosenwald said today. "A fourth agency, the United Hias Service, meeting the needs of refugees immigrating to lands other than Israel, will also benefit from Emergency Fund aid, though it is not a constituent.

SWEDEN, BELGIUM, SO. AFRICA, OTHER LANDS OPPOSE ANTI-ISRAEL SANCTIONS

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Sweden's Parliamentary Committee for Foreign Affairs decided today to vote against any sanctions resolution at the United Nations and looked to the UN for a new compromise solution. The decision was adopted at a session chaired by King Gustav and attended by Foreign Minister Uden and Prince Bertil.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Belgian delegation to the United Nations has been instructed to vote against the imposition of sanctions on Israel, it was learned here today from informed circles.

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The United Nations attempt "to arrogate to itself the right to impose economic sanctions on countries which won't obey its decisions" is "disturbing," South Africa's Foreign Minister, Eric Louw, today told a meeting of the Afrikaans Chamber of Commerce in Capetown. Mr. Louw also expressed concern over the United States attempt to "force a change" in Israel's foreign policy by cancelling the \$75, 000, 000 Export-Import Bank loan which had been agreed to.

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- An urgent worldwide appeal was issued Tuesday by Chief Rabbis Isaac Halevi Herzog and Isaac Nissim for services and prayers for Israel because of "hostile machinations of certain forces." The appeal urged "all free nations and men of faith and moral conscience everywhere to raise their voices and urge their leaders to stand by Israel's struggle for peace and justice."

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Jewish owned stores and factories closed down for two hours in a widely-publicized gesture of solidarity with Israel in its current crisis. Every shop carried a large printed poster announcing the reason for the closing, which was sponsored jointly by the Jewish Community Council and the DAIA, central representative organization of Argentine Jewry. During the demonstration, a delegation of prominent Jewish leaders called at the Foreign Ministry to urge it to use its good offices in behalf of Israel.

AMERICANS FAVOR U. N. POLICE FORCE TO PATROL ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN BORDER

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Americans strongly favor a United Nations police force to patrol the Israeli-Egyptian border on a semi-permanent basis, according to a Gallup poll reported today. Fifty-eight percent, or nearly six out of every ten Americans, said they favored the United Nations asking member countries to supply troops for such a semi-permanent border patrol.

Among those who favor the plan, the American Institute of Public Opinion reported, sentiment is nearly six to one that the United States should send troops as part of such a patrol. The present United Nations Emergency Force was created by contributions from smaller member nations of the United Nations, with United States and other major powers specifically excluded.

The poll was taken prior to the Israeli rejection of President Eisenhower's appeal for an immediate withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Gulf of Akaba positions. The vote on a semi-permanent UN police patrol was 58 percent describing it as a "good idea," 24 percent calling it a "poor idea" and 18 percent having no opinion. The vote on American participation in such a patrol was 60 percent in favor, 11 percent opposed and 29 percent no opinion.

JORDANIANS REPORTED DESECRATING MT. OLIVES CEMETERY IN JERUSALEM

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Travelers from Jordan reported today that Jordanians are desecrating the Mount Olives Jewish Cemetery, one of the most sacred Jewish places in Palestine, by planting trees on the site. They also stated that for some time tombstones were being stolen from the cemetery, for use as building materials.

The Jordanians are claiming the afforestation program in the cemetery, which served as the final resting place for pious Jews from all over the world for centuries, is part of a program to beautify the road from Amman, the capital of Jordan, to old Jerusalem which is under Jordanian control.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY RECEIVES GRANT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHYTOTRON

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University here received today a grant of 35, 000 pounds from the Palestine Jewish Colonization Association for the construction of a phytotron, apparatus which produces all sorts of climatic conditions from Arctic cold to tropical rainfall. The phytotron will be set up next to the University's botany laboratories and will be used to study plant life under different weather conditions.