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ISRAEL WITHDRAWS FROM GAZA AND AKABA; MILITARY CHIEFS MEET ON DETAILS

JERUSALEM, March 4. (JTA)-- Agreement on the withdrawal of Israel troops from the Gaza and Akaba areas was reached today between Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israel's military chief, and Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of the United Nations Emergency Forces, which are to enter into the territory to be evacuated by the Israeli armed forces.

An announcement to this effect was made by Gen. Burns following the meeting with Gen. Dayan at the Lydda airport. The chief of the United Nations forces, however, refused to answer questions by correspondents about when the withdrawal of the Israeli troops will begin. He said he will report the details of the agreement to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold in New York.

Instructions to meet with Gen. Burns and reach an agreement on details of the withdrawal were issued to Gen. Dayan by Israel Premier David Ben Gurion this morning, following separate conferences with each of the parties represented in the coalition government.

Mr. Ben Gurion was scheduled to appear today before the Israel Parliament to make a statement on the withdrawal issue. However, the session was postponed until tomorrow. In the meantime, the Cabinet met this afternoon to approve the statement which Mr. Ben Gurion will make tomorrow in Parliament. Chances of the Premier obtaining a vote of confidence were seen today as having greatly improved as a result of the latest letter to him by President Eisenhower. The full text was made public here yesterday.

Official circles explained today that in view of the latest clarifications from Washington, Premier Ben Gurion felt that he could issue instructions to Gen. Dayan even before Parliament met. Unconfirmed reports indicated that after Israel starts withdrawal of its troops, it may get additional assurances outside of the United Nations, possibly in the form of a declaration by the French Government for which support is expected from Washington and London.

Israeli Troops to Return to Gaza if Egypt Attempts to Re-Enter Town

An official spokesman said that the Israel Premier had instructed Gen. Dayan to arrange for a prompt and full withdrawal from the Gaza and Akaba areas, including military police and the civilian administration. The spokesman stated that Premier Ben Gurion's decision was based on President Eisenhower's letter and constituted "an act of faith in the international community."

The official added that the talks this week-end between Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in Washington yielded nothing substantial in the form of the clarifications Israel sought, but contacts with several governments during the past few days convinced Israel that they would not permit the return to the pre-Sinai situation with Gaza as a base for fedayeen gangs infiltrating Israel and spreading terror.

If Egypt attempts to re-enter the Gaza Strip after Israel withdraws, the Jewish troops will send its troops back into the territory to prevent the Arabs' entrance, official sources indicated tonight. These same sources said that the Burns-Dayan negotiations will consider means of keeping the Egyptians from reentering Gaza. It was further indicated that Israeli civil servants may remain at their posts after the Israeli troops march out in order to turn over the reins of government to the UN in an orderly fashion.

Students Demonstrate Against Withdrawal; Several Injured; 12 Arrested

Several hundred Israeli students, in an unprecedented political demonstration, attempted today to force their way into the Knesset building to voice protests against the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the Akaba and Gaza areas. Police battled the students, arresting 12 of them. Several were injured in the melee.

Some Herut leaders predicted that today's demonstration was only a foretaste of what would happen tomorrow afternoon when the party has called a mass demonstration to coincide with Premier David Ben Gurion's announcement to Parliament of the withdrawal action. Meanwhile, Herut leaders protested to Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Sprinzak against his "illegal" postponement of today's session until tomorrow.

The heads of seven Protestant churches in Israel appealed today to the "Christian Church throughout the world" to pray for those who seek conditions for a true and lasting

peace. Such peace, the appeal said, must include freedom of fear of aggression for Israel and every other Middle Eastern nation and freedom of economic development. Signatories of the appeal included the heads of the Church of Scotland, Church of the Nazarene, Pentacostal Mission, Anglican Mission, American Gospel Church, Anglican Church and the Assemblies of God.

Israel's Political Parties Divided on Withdrawal Issue

Premier David Ben Gurion, addressing a meeting of his Mapai central committee last night, declared that any party within the government coalition which votes against his policy of withdrawal from the Akaba and Gaza areas will have to quit the Cabinet. His remarks left open the question of whether his leftist partners, the Achdut Avodah and the Mapam could abstain and still remain in the government.

The Mapam continues its opposition to the withdrawal agreement, but the party's national council has decided not to bring down the government by voting against Premier Ben Gurion tomorrow. It will allow each deputy to decide for himself.

The small Progressive Party will back the government to the hilt. A meeting of the party executive yesterday expressed a desire for national unity, urging the opposition parties not to increase internal pressures. It also hailed the support of American Jewry in these "grave days."

The religious party, composed of the Mizrachi and Poale Mizrachi, has agreed to support the decision to quit the Akaba and Gaza areas under the conditions worked out in Washington. It rejected a dramatic plea by Rabbi Mordecai Nurok that he be permitted to abstain as a matter of conscience.

The centrist General Zionist Party, at a meeting of its Parliamentary faction last night, decided to vote against the Government's withdrawal policy when the matter comes to the Knesset tomorrow. The General Zionists are in the opposition.

ISRAEL ANNOUNCES "FULL AGREEMENT" ON WITHDRAWAL AT U. N. ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 4 (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Mrs. Golda Meir told the United Nations General Assembly today that, upon instructions from the Israel Government, she can announce that the Chief of Staff of the Israel forces, Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, had met with Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of the UN Emergency Forces, to discuss the details of the withdrawal from the Gaza and Akaba areas, in accordance with the statement which she made in the Assembly last Friday.

"I am happy to state that they came to full agreement on the arrangements for the withdrawal and the take-over," she declared. Her announcement was received with a feeling of great relief among most of the delegates. It was immediately followed by a statement to the Assembly by Commander Alan Noble, British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, declaring that the British Government considers the Akaba waterway "an international waterway" and that "there should be some form of international administration and control" in the Gaza Strip.

The British representative stated that his government "assumes" that when Israeli forces are withdrawn from the Akaba area, units of the United Nations Emergency Force will be stationed there. As for the Gaza area, the British representative stated: "It seems to us that the assumptions and expectations of the government of Israel in regard to the Gaza Strip are reasonable, and should present no difficulties." He supported Israel's demand that the Gaza area should be placed under the supervision of the United Nations.

Soviet delegate Arkady A. Sobolev criticized Israel and complained that Mrs. Meir's statement mentioned no date for Israel troops to leave the Gaza and Akaba areas. He attacked the United States for supporting Israel's demand for freedom of navigation. However, the delegates of the Netherlands, Ceylon, Italy, Canada and New Zealand praised Mrs. Meir's statement.

Israelis Say Eisenhower's Letter Influenced Their Decision

Israeli circles here declared tonight that Israel feels encouraged by the support its staff has received in the Assembly from many leading Western delegations, but "even now it is performing an act of faith in withdrawing," they said.

"Israel has been influenced above all factors by President Eisenhower's assurance to Mr. Ben Gurion of support of the expectations set out in Mrs. Meir's statement of last Friday. It is understood that this letter came in response to Mr. Eban's statement to Secretary Dulles on Saturday that the American position was still not as clear to the Israeli people as could be wished.

"Although the President's letter is a restatement of American policy rather than a new statement, its simple direct formulation and the eminence of its signatory appear to have had an important effect," the Israelis stressed.

Pointing out that Israel feels that in regard to Akaba it has achieved "very close to the guarantees of free passage" which she sought, the Israelis noted that there are still some anxieties in regard to the Gaza area.

PALESTINE ARAB STATE LINKED TO ISRAEL SUGGESTED BY GAZA MAYOR

TEL AVIV, March 4. (JTA) -- The Arab Mayor of the town of Gaza, Rushdi el Shawa, called today for the creation of a new Palestinian Arab state which would form an economic union with Israel.

In a statement to newsmen in Gaza, Mayor el Shawa suggested that three Palestine Arab areas--the Gaza Strip, the central "triangle" area and part of Jordan territory--should find a means of co-existence with Israel. This, he continued, would constitute a longterm solution for the Gaza Strip whose natural economic hinterland is Israel.

Meanwhile, the Israeli military governor of the Gaza Strip, Lt. Col. Matatiahu Peled, said today that if the projected withdrawal of Israeli troops and administration were carried out hurriedly the operation could be completed within two to three weeks. However, he asserted that a full brigade of United Nations troops would be needed to guard the border with Israel and maintain internal security in the Strip.

Col. Peled reported some excitement among the residents of the Strip because of the conflicting reports about withdrawal. In response to some worried queries, he reported, he assured the inhabitants that Israel would not leave the territory in chaos but would hand over the administration carefully.

Reporting on the security situation in the Strip, he said fedayeen activities had virtually been eliminated and some 300 suspected fedayeen had been rounded up on the basis of a list of 640 captured at fedayeen headquarters during the Sinai operation of last November.

The news of Israel's nearing withdrawal from the Gaza Strip has brought a sudden upsurge in cross-Israel traffic of fedayeen who had sought refuge in Jordan territory and now are attempting to return to their former bases in the Gaza area.

Two such groups were intercepted within the past 24 hours by Israel police units. In clashes between the police and the gangs, six Arabs werekilled. One of the parties which was intercepted and wiped out when the Arabs fired on the police had a donkey loaded down with Czech and Swedish machine guns and nine millimetre ammunition.

TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT ON PALESTINE ISSUE

ISTANBUL, March 4. (JTA) -- The Palestine problem can be settled by discussing it in piecemeal fashion, Foreign Minister Ethem Menderes told the Turkish Parliament today. He expressed confidence that "it is not impossible to settle the problem of the refugees through compensation."

The Foreign Minister held that the chief cause for current unrest in the Middle East was the unresolved Palestine question and suggested that work be begun on settling that issue. He charged the Communists with exploiting the situation and by implication criticized the roles of the Cairo and Damascus regimes in this matter.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE KASTNER PROVOKES REPERCUSSIONS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Kastner, controversial figure in recent libel actions and charged with having collaborated with the Nazis while he was a leader of the Jewish community in occupied Hungary, was shot three times last night. He is in serious condition in a hospital here.

The unknown assailant waited for Dr. Kastner near his home and when he intercepted the victim asked that he identify himself. Dr. Kastner, who was returning from work at the Hungarian-language daily Uj Kelet, admitted his identity and was promptly shot. The incident has had wide repercussions in this country.

Dr. Kastner had been accused, in a pamphlet, of having collaborated with the Nazis. At the time of the charges by pamphleteer Malkiel Gruenwald, Dr. Kastner was an employe of the Israel Government and the Attorney General prosecuted Mr. Gruenwald for libel of a government official. The magistrate held for Mr. Gruenwald on all accounts except one. The government has the case up on appeal.

BRITAIN TO COMPLAIN TO U. N. ON MALTREATMENT OF JEWS BY EGYPT

LONDON, March 4. (JTA) -- The British Government is considering a second approach in the United Nations on the Egyptian treatment of British Jews and other of its nationals, Parliamentary Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Harvey announced in Commons today. The original protest was made last December.

Responding to a question by Laborite Barnett Janner, the Undersecretary said that the British Government deplored the "barbaric behavior" of the Nasser regime in arresting Jews, sequestering their property and exiling them. Such actions, Mr. Harvey continued, are in defiance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Aneurin Bevan, Labor leader, asked that the government prepare a paper on the matter for the House, so that the MP's would have all the information on the persecutions.

JEWISH FRATERNAL GROUPS RAISE \$1,000,000 FOR U. J. A. IN ONE MONTH

NEW YORK, March 4. (JTA) -- A total of about \$1,000,000 has been raised for the United Jewish Appeal during the past month by Jewish benevolent and fraternal groups in New York; it was announced yesterday at a conference of 2,000 representatives of these groups held at the Hotel Sheraton Astor. The conference was addressed by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban; Oved Ben Ami, Mayor of Nathania, pioneer colony in Israel; and by Congressman Emanuel Celler.

Listing six "punishments" the United States Government has visited upon the people of Israel since November 1st--including cessation of technical aid, loans and sales of foodstuffs and arms and a ban on passports for travel--Congressman Celler declared that in light of Israel's offer to withdraw her troops from Gaza and the Gulf of Akaba area, "these proscriptions and sanctions must cease."

NATIONAL ORT LEAGUE EMERGENCY CONFERENCE HEARS FLEA ON ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 4. (JTA) -- "The danger to Israel of economic isolation has made immediately urgent steps that will permit the country to live increasingly by its own labor. The labor of Israel must be improved in quality and productive efficiency if the country is to surmount its economic difficulties."

Israeli Consul Moshe Rivlin presented this view in an address to the emergency conference of the National ORT League held in New York. He stated that the economic integration of the new immigrants would require large-scale increases in vocational training programs. He urged ORT to take the lead in mobilizing its resources for a gigantic effort to provide high-level instruction in trades to young and old so as to contribute its share to the country's physical and spiritual mobilization.

A series of resolutions pledging support to Israel in her struggle for security, urging the U. S. Government and the UN to equal the status of the Jewish refugees from Egypt and pledging vocational aid to Jewish refugees everywhere were adopted at the session.

TRUMAN SPEAKS AT SYNAGOGUE DINNER; IS HONORED BY OMAHA JEWS

OMAHA, March 4. (JTA) -- Former President Truman was honored at a dinner in Beth Israel Synagogue here last night for his services to the United States Israel and humanity.

In an address to the dinner, Mr. Truman criticized the Administration for leaving the major aspects of its Middle East policy to be worked out at the United Nations. "We cannot hide behind the skirts of the United Nations or duck the responsibility of having some policy of our own for the settlement of the conflicts in the Middle East," Mr. Truman declared.

M. BEIGIN, HERUT LEADER, HONORED IN NEW YORK; WANTS ISRAEL ELECTIONS

NEW YORK, March 4. (JTA) -- More than 800 guests attended a dinner tendered last night at Hotel Roosevelt here in honor of Menahem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party in Israel, who is now visiting the United States.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Beigin said that the majority of the Israelis oppose the withdrawal of Israel forces from the Gaza and Akaba areas. He warned that such a withdrawal endangers the very existence of the Jewish State and called for new Parliamentary elections in Israel.

ISRAEL ENVOY TO CANADA HONORED AT FAREWELL DINNER; RETURNS HOME

OTTAWA, March 4. (JTA) -- Michael S. Comay, Israel's first Ambassador to Ottawa, has been recalled and will leave for home next month, it was learned here last night at a dinner given in Mr. Comay's honor.

Present at the function were leaders of all major Canadian Jewish groups and some 500 Ottawa Jewish residents. Ambassador Comay was accredited to the Canadian Government in 1953.

GALICIAN JEWS IN U.S. TO ESTABLISH CHEMISTRY LABORATORY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 4. (JTA) -- A new chemistry laboratory for advanced research at Bar-Ilan University in Israel will be established by the United Galician Jews of America; it was announced today by Solomon Kerstein, chairman of the project.

The laboratory will be named the Herbert B. Sussman Research Chemistry Laboratory in honor of the Galician Farband's honorary president. Mr. Kerstein said more than 250 Landsmanschaften groups will take part in a conference early this spring to implement the project.

U. S. JEWISH WAR VETERANS PRESENT AMBULANCE TO ISRAEL'S RED MOGEN DOVID

NEW YORK, March 4. (JTA) -- The New York Department of the Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. presented today the first in a series of ambulances for the Red Mogen Dovid, Israel's equivalent to the Red Cross, to Rep. Emanuel Celler, chairman of the American Red Mogen Dovid.