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HAMMARSKJOLD TO CONFER WITH BEN GURION; TO SEEK SUEZ PASSAGE FOR ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 10. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold will soon proceed to the Middle East to confer with Israel Premier David Ben Gurion and with Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser on developments which are to follow the handing over of the Gaza and Akaba areas to the United Nations Emergency Force, it was stated authoritatively here today.

Ralph J. Bunche, UN Undersecretary General, flew to Egypt today for an inspection tour in the Gaza Strip. He will meet with Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of the UN forces in Gaza, and is expected to confer later with Mr. Hammarskjold on problems being faced by the UN forces in administering the Gaza area.

It was indicated today that one of the objects of Mr. Hammarskjold's trip to Egypt will be to secure passage for Israeli ships through the Suez Canal. Egyptian officials reiterated that Israeli ships would not be permitted to pass through the canal despite Israel's complete withdrawal from Egyptian territory. Mr. Hammarskjold is expected to arrange the free passage of Israeli ships through the Gulf of Akaba whose entrance is now commanded by the UN Emergency Force.

The eleventh session of the UN General Assembly--which took over the momentous Israel-Egypt problem from last Autumn's emergency special session--stands in recess today. But the Israel-Egypt conflict is still on the agenda. The Assembly is subject to recall to deal with the same issues with which it has wrestled for more than four months. The latest report from Mr. Hammarskjold, given to the Assembly before it met for its final recess-meeting Friday, has been interpreted here as implying clearly that troubles are still ahead for Israel.

ISRAEL SEEKS U. S. SUPPORT FOR PASSAGE OF SHIPS THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban yesterday sought the support of the State Department for Israel ship passage through the Suez Canal. Mr. Eban discussed the matter with Acting Secretary of State Christian Herter.

Ambassador Eban said Israel views with "anxiety" reports from Cairo that Egypt will continue to ban Israel shipping when the Suez Canal is reopened. He delivered a letter from Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir expressing appreciation for American consideration of Israel's problems in recent weeks and summarizing Israel's current position and apprehensions.

Referring to Suez passage, Mr. Eban cited President Eisenhower's February 20 expression in which the President said the United States assumed Egypt would not prevent Israel transit through the Canal or through the Strait of Tiran. In the Israel view, Mr. Eban said, Egypt had received United Nations help in clearing the Canal and now plans to resume operations without respecting Israel's maritime rights.

The question of a resumption of U. S. economic aid to Israel was also discussed. Such aid has been held up by the United States since Israel's Sinai campaign.

ISRAEL ARMY WILL PROTECT BORDER SETTLEMENTS, BEN GURION PLEDGES

TEL AVIV, March 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Army will protect the border settlements facing the Gaza Strip from "any evil," Premier David Ben Gurion told a rally of settlers at Nirim, facing the Strip.

Mr. Ben Gurion hailed the courageous stand of the settlers over the last eight years and asserted, in defense of his withdrawal order, that "the day would come, and it's near," when everyone would admit that the Israel Government's decision to evacuate the Gaza and Akaba areas was unavoidable and would, ultimately, bring a "useful" result favorable to Israel.

In two letters made public here, the Premier told a meeting of disabled veterans of the War of Liberation and a meeting of engineers, that the importance of the Sinai campaign lay in its bringing to world attention Israel's demands for freedom of navigation. That question would never have been raised the way it was without the Sinai operation, Mr. Ben Gurion asserted.

EBAN PRESENTS "BALANCE SHEET" ON ISRAEL'S POST-SINAI ACHIEVEMENTS

NEW YORK March 10. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, addressing a United Jewish Appeal dinner here, said that the political struggle which Israel faced during the last four months at the United Nations, has ended with "an honorable balance sheet" for Israel.

"The balance sheet," he stated, "does not contain all that we would have liked, but it is, nonetheless, impressive." He cited the following achievements and possibilities:

"1. The Sinai Desert is no longer an aggressive base on Israel's frontier, but is under international surveillance.

"2. A new opportunity is at hand to open the Suez Canal under principles of universality and equality, instead of the illegality and discrimination of previous years. We do not know for certain if this opportunity will be seized. President Eisenhower, who has unexampled access to information, has stated that he does not assume that there will be discrimination against Israel here.

"3. The maritime powers, with America in the lead, have solemnly proclaimed the Gulf of Akaba as an international waterway, and have announced their intention to treat it as such. Israel's rights in this matter, including the right of self-defense, are recognized without challenge. The UNEF is on guard to prevent belligerency, and will not be prematurely withdrawn.

"4. There is some anxiety about Gaza. The United Nations has, however, accepted responsibility and jurisdiction. Let us hope that it will stand firm and that the assumptions of Israel and others prove not to be in vain.

"5. The responsibility of great governments, especially of the United States, has been formally and solemnly engaged as never before in the preservation of Israel's security and the avoidance of a return to the previous instability.

"6. Never has Israel stood higher in the trust and affection of world opinion. The international and diplomatic struggle has focussed world opinion upon us with unexampled brightness. In the United States and other free countries, there is now a universal understanding of Israel's righteous cause.

"The political struggle, like the military campaign on which it was founded, has crowded us with honor," Ambassador Eban emphasized.

Israel's Struggle for Security Is Not Over, Golda Meir Says

TEL AVIV, March 10. (JTA) -- Israel's struggle for world recognition of its rights to economic survival and physical security is not over, Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister, declared here today following her arrival from the United States.

The Foreign Minister asserted that "the nation had achieved great honor through its stand" and added that the "status quo ante cannot return--the blockade against Israeli free navigation will be discontinued and the Egyptians will not return to Gaza. The nations which pressed Israel so hard, especially the United States, will be responsible that the status quo ante does not return," Mrs. Meir said. In the party which met her at the airport were the American and French Ambassadors.

Canadian Premier Says Egypt Cannot Order U.N. Forces Out of Gaza

OTTAWA, March 10. (JTA) -- Egypt cannot unilaterally order the United Nations Emergency Force out of its territory in the Sinai Peninsula or the Gaza Strip when it wishes, Canadian Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent declared this week-end in the House of Commons.

The Canadian Government's attitude is that Egypt's consent to the stationing of UNEF troops has been obtained. If Egypt wishes to assert that UNEF's job is done, he said, it should go to the United Nations and see if it can obtain UN agreement that such is the case.

Arabs Renew Terror; Israeli Shepherd Murdered

TEL AVIV, March 10. (JTA) -- A shepherd from the settlement of Beit Govrin, north of Beersheba, was murdered this week-end by a party of infiltrators from Jordan, a military spokesman revealed here. He stressed that this was the first case of murder by Jordan-based raiders since the Israeli raid on Qalqilya last October.

When the Jewish shepherd's flock returned home Friday without him, a search party was organized. The party saw the gang of raiders escaping toward the Jordan border. The body was not found until Saturday morning.

An Israeli car hit a landmine in the vicinity of Nir Itzhak, opposite the Gaza Strip, this afternoon. The driver was seriously injured and a passenger was hurt to a lesser degree.

A total of 65 Arab families left the Gaza Strip together with the evacuating Israeli troops, it was learned here. They consisted in the main of local teachers, civil servants and other educated Arabs. They will be resettled in Israel.

JEWISH AGENCY CONCLUDES FOUR-DAY PARLEY; UPS IMMIGRATION BUDGET

JERUSALEM, March 10. (JTA) -- In anticipation of the arrival of 100,000 immigrants in Israel this year, instead of the 55,000 originally planned for, the Jewish Agency's budget will be increased by 65,000,000 pounds to a new record total of 250,000,000 pounds, Avraham Harman, member of the Agency executive, told newsmen today following the conclusion of the four-day plenary meeting of the Agency executive.

The four days of study and debate were devoted chiefly to the financial aspects of immigration and absorption problems. It was announced at the end of the sessions that regional fund-raising conferences will be held in the next few weeks. The first, a European parley to be held in Paris at the end of this month, will hear Israel Finance Minister and various Agency executive members. It will be followed by a Latin American parley in Buenos Aires.

Mr. Harman spoke of the "excellent success" of united appeal campaigns outside the United States. He reported that although the goal for these campaigns had been set at \$10,000,000 for the entire fiscal year, it had already passed the \$11,000,000 mark. However, he pointed out, the greater needs of the immigration program will require considerably increased receipts from the United Jewish Appeal and larger loan commitments abroad by the Jewish Agency.

The cost of housing for the additional 45,000 immigrants is estimated at 46,000,000 pounds, Mr. Harman said. He reported that the Agency is negotiating with a foreign contracting company to erect 10,000 housing units in Israel to be built on a long-term 30,000,000 pound loan. The Agency has also established a 2,000,000 pound loan fund available to middle class immigrants for the purchase of apartments in the cities.

While the Jewish Agency is taking on the burden of immigration transportation costs, first reception and assistance, and housing costs, the Israel Government is assuming responsibility for the crucial problem of employment for the newcomers. In line with this, he indicated, the government is preparing a program for submission to Parliament. He listed the following three joint Agency-Government programs to provide employment:

1. A general expansion of agricultural production, sparked by further intensification farming on currently arable lands;
2. Bringing more hilly areas under cultivation; and,
3. The absorption of immigrants into existing collective and smallholders settlements.

In line with the plan for bringing the immigrants into the kibbutzim and moshavim, the Agency and the government will provide new housing for the immigrants, but the settlements will find them employment and provide all social services. If at the end of a year's trial the immigrants are not receptive to settlement life, they will be able to leave and still receive all the rights and assistance given new immigrants.

RUMANIA IGNORES DEMAND TO PERMIT JEWS TO JOIN FAMILIES ABROAD

LONDON, March 10. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government has not responded to a request by the Board of Deputies of British Jews that Rumanian Jews who had families abroad be allowed to emigrate in order to reunite them, it was reported here today to a meeting of the Board. The approach to Bucharest was made through the Rumanian Ambassador in London.

The report noted that there were a considerable number of such families, some of whose members had gone to Israel while the remainder stayed in Rumania. The request for a change in the Rumanian emigration policy was made on humanitarian grounds.

Barnett Janner, president of the Board, reporting on Israel's "act of faith" in evacuating the Gaza and Akaba positions, declared that British Jews look to their government and to non-Jewish Britons sympathetic to Israel's cause "to take the initiative in bringing about a peaceful settlement of Israel-Arab relations."

"WHITE PAPER" CHARGES EGYPT WITH EXPELLING ONE-THIRD OF ALL JEWS

LONDON, March 10. (JTA) -- A "White Paper" charging that more than one-third of the Jews of Egypt, victims of Nasser persecution, have fled or been expelled from Egypt, was issued here today by the World Jewish Congress.

The document listed the arrival of each Egyptian Jew in Europe, including the vessel on which he was brought and the port where he debarked. The total number accounted for by the WJC was 14,102. Most of these people, the Congress paper added, were forced to flee as penniless refugees. In its picture of the situation of Egyptian Jewry, the Congress details the economic measures, discriminatory laws and internment proceedings of which Egyptian Jews have been the victims.

Meanwhile, A.L. Easterman, political secretary of the WJC, called this week-end on W.D. Ormsby-Gore, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, for a discussion of the international aspects of Nasser's persecution of Jews. Among the matters discussed was the question of compensation and restitution for property and possessions confiscated by the Egyptian authorities or abandoned as a result of Egyptian measures against the Jews and other minorities.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM LAUNCHES ATTACK ON AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee came under a severe attack today from the American Council for Judaism for asserting that the propaganda activities of the ACJ "are dangerous to the status, and even the security of American Jews."

The American Jewish Committee, in analyzing the public relations activities of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, declared publicly that ACJ methods "do not serve the best interests of American Jews." It also charged that the ACJ "provides propaganda fodder to anti-Semites."

"Studies conducted by the American Jewish Committee over the past decade, and confirmed more recently by independent analyses, indicate plainly that the Council's public relations activities do not merely fail to cancel out the detrimental impressions created by Zionist positions and appeals; worse than doing no good, they actually do harm. They add to the damage both by what they say and how they say it," the AJC analysis said.

"In general, it is beneficial to emphasize concurrence between Americans who are Jewish and all other Americans. But it is hurtful to single out undesirable actions of a segment of the Jewish population, as is done by the Council publicity, concentrating on their invidious aspects and ignoring the background or surrounding circumstances against which such actions should be appraised," the AJC statement pointed out.

Replying to the charges voiced by the American Jewish Committee, Clarence L. Coleman, Jr., president of the American Council for Judaism, said in a press statement today: "If the AJC attack means anything at all, it means that what has long been a guerrilla war against the Council has now been legitimized."

Mr. Coleman announces "emphatically" that the American Council for Judaism "will not be silenced" in its effort to reach all Americans with its views because "a few in the lunatic fringe of our country's life use our material as they use the material of the American Jewish Committee itself." He reiterates his organization's usual views on "Jewish nationalism," its attack on the Jewish Agency and on leaders of the United Jewish Appeal.

"Despite generalities with which the American Jewish Committee speaks and which sometimes sound like the principles of the Council, it is now clear that the Committee would like to impair the work of the Council; perhaps to destroy it if it were in the power of the Committee to do so," Mr. Coleman concludes.

JEWS PROTEST ELIMINATION OF RELIGIOUS BIAS FROM PURVIEW OF FEDERAL BODY

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today protested the action of a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee in excluding cases of religious discrimination from the purview of the proposed Federal Commission of Civil Rights.

The subcommittee recently voted to eliminate the word "religion" from the section of the civil rights bill authorizing the Commission to investigate complaints of citizens who are "deprived of the right to vote or subjected to unwarranted economic pressures."

In its original form, the civil rights bill provided that the Commissioner's power to investigate extended to complaints based on "color, race, religion or national origin." The version voted by the subcommittee omitted the word "religion."

In telegrams sent to Congressman Emanuel Celler, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and to all members of the House group, Shad Polier, chairman of AJC Commission on Law and Social Action, deplored this excision. He strongly urged the approval of the civil rights bill in the form in which it was passed by the House last year.

EISENHOWER PRESENTED WITH ORIGINAL ISRAELI SCIENTIFIC MANUSCRIPT

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Mordecai Levy, Eisenhower Exchange Fellow from Israel, yesterday presented President Eisenhower with the original manuscript of a revolutionary discovery developed at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. The presentation was made during a meeting at the White House which was attended by newly-arrived Eisenhower Fellows from all parts of the world.

Dr. Levy, academic secretary of the Technion, explained that the manuscript is the work of Prof. Markus Reiner, who heads the Institute's Rheological Laboratory, and is the result of a research project carried out in Israel under the sponsorship of the United States Air Force.

In his paper, Prof. Reiner reported the construction of a centripetal pump, and indicated that this may have a revolutionary effect on planning in various phases of aeronautical engineering, particularly in the design of guided missiles. Prof. Reiner, in his experiments, completed construction of an all-metal centripetal pump which is used as a compressor. As a result of Dr. Reiner's initial success, the U.S. Air Force renewed its research contract with the Technion for another year.