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EGYPT ANNOUNCES RESUMPTION OF CONTROL OF GAZA STRIP; WASHINGTON MUM

WASHINGTON, March 11. (JTA) -- Egypt announced officially today that it is resuming control of the Gaza Strip, and made known the appointment of an Egyptian general as new military governor for the area.

State Department spokesman Lincoln White declined comment on Egypt's announcement. He said the question of resumed Egyptian military control of the Gaza Strip was a matter for the United Nations as the appropriate agency to express itself on the issue. The official announcement made by the Egyptian authorities in Cairo said that "the Egyptian administration will assume functions in the Gaza Strip forthwith."

At the same time, Egyptian President Nasser was reported here today as indicating that he has no intention to allow Israeli shipping through either the Suez or Akaba water ways. He was also reported as stating that he is not sure whether he will abide by any World Court ruling on Israel's right to send ships through the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba.

Meanwhile, Egypt protested today to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold against the "United Nations Emergency Force exceeding its duties which were defined by the United Nations, and opening fire on civilians in the Gaza sector."

U.S. Will Not Internationalize Gaza Area, Dr. Bunche Says

TEL AVIV, March 11. (JTA) -- The United Nations Emergency Force has no intention of internationalizing the Gaza Strip, UN Undersecretary Ralph J. Bunche declared today. Dr. Bunche's statement was made at Gaza, which he visited this morning, and relayed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency by a United Nations aide at a checkpost north of Gaza.

"For the time being," said Dr. Bunche, "UNEF has the sole responsibility for the Gaza Strip, but there is no intention to internationalize the Strip. As in Sinai, UNEF is in the Strip after a clear agreement with the Egyptian Government. UNEF's task has been defined by General Assembly resolution, and the Force will not go beyond that definition."

Dr. Bunche's UN aide declared that Gaza was "quiet" today, and said that yesterday's demonstrations had been "engineered by extremists."

All Municipal Councils in Gaza Area Resign; Defy U. N.

JERUSALEM, March 11. (JTA) -- All of the municipal councils in the Gaza Strip have resigned after informing the United Nations Emergency Force that they will not accept instructions from a UN governor, but only from Egyptian authorities.

Meanwhile, it seemed evident that Egypt is already taking over de facto jurisdiction over the Strip. In Gaza town, the Egyptian flag was hoisted today next to the United Nations flag over the building housing the Gaza military governor headquarters. Arab sources have reported that 300 Egyptian policemen have already entered the Gaza Strip. The same sources said that Maj. Gen. E.L.M. Burns, UNEF Commander, has instructed the UN Force to permit the return to Gaza of all Egyptian civilians formerly employed there by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Arab Refugees. This order would include the return of about 100 doctors, teachers and officials.

UNEF officials are being so careful about giving possible offense to the Egyptians that they have even forbidden the entry of Israeli foreign correspondents into Gaza. All correspondents, UNEF has ruled, must be approved first by the Egyptian Government's migration department.

UNEF officials met at Tel Aviv over the week-end, with Israelis formerly engaged in the administration of the Strip, and explored the possibilities of maintaining a limited degree of economic ties between this country's economy and that of the Gaza Strip.

UNEF officials reportedly realize that Gaza cannot survive economically without close trade ties with this country. However, they are handicapped by the general reluctance shown by United Nations headquarters to "tread on Egypt's toes."

'GRAVE CONCERN' IN ISRAEL OVER EGYPT'S NAMING OF GOVERNOR FOR GAZA

JERUSALEM, March 11. (JTA) -- "Grave concern" over the latest developments in the Gaza Strip, and over reports from Cairo that Egypt has appointed a military governor for the Strip, was expressed by government officials here today. The officials added, however, that Israel has no information about Egyptian entry into Gaza and that, according to the information received thus far, Egyptian civilian administration has not been returned to the area.

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry declined to answer a question as to whether the latest developments in the Strip have already negated some of Israel's "assumptions" spelled out recently at the United Nations by Foreign Minister Golda Meir.

Meanwhile, Walter Eytan, director-general of the Foreign Ministry, declared in a broadcast here today that "Israel has made it perfectly clear she will not tolerate provocations" through fedayeen raids. "What is required," said Mr. Eytan, "is effective police action by the United Nations Emergency Force. If Egypt is allowed to spread terror in Gaza, she alone will be accountable for the consequences."

Yesterday, the Israel Government reaffirmed a formal statement first made in 1952 to the effect that Israel will not recognize the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in any dispute with a country which refuses to recognize this State or which Israel does not recognize.

This formal statement rules out the possibility of taking to the International Court the issue of freedom of innocent passage of Israeli shipping through the Suez Canal or the Straits of Tiran, as long as Egypt does not recognize Israel. The reaffirmation of Israel's position on this score fell due at this time because such a position must be republished every five years.

ARAB LEGION COMMANDERS WARN ARABS AGAINST INCURSIONS INTO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 11. (JTA) -- Arab Legion commanders in the Hebron area, Jordan, from which a number of attacks had been launched recently by fedayeen staging incursions into Israel, have warned village headmen that they will be held personally responsible for any future illegal crossings of the Israel frontier.

The village headmen were told, in meetings to which they were summoned by Legion commanders yesterday, that collective fines will be imposed on villages from which anti-Israel raids are launched in the future.

Observers here expressed the opinion that Arab Legion leaders fear Israel is ready and able to take firm action against invaders, now that the Gaza-Sinai campaign has been liquidated.

JEWISH LEADERS URGE IMPLEMENTATION OF EISENHOWER'S PLEDGES TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- Presidents of the 17 major American Zionist and non-Zionist organizations affiliated with the "Presidents Club," suggested today that "political stability in the Middle East" was possible through the effective implementation of President Eisenhower's pledges to Israel. The statement was issued as reports reached this country of efforts by pro-Egyptian elements in Gaza to restore Egyptian rule to that territory. The text of the Jewish leaders' statement reads:

"Peace in the Middle East is a paramount objective of the free world. We believe that the American people wholeheartedly share the view expressed by President Eisenhower that 'there should be a united effort by all of the nations to bring about conditions in the area more stable, more tranquil and more conducive to the general welfare than those which existed before.'

"We are confident that the American people welcomed and support the assurances which President Eisenhower gave on March 2 to Israel and which encouraged Israel to withdraw her forces from the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Akaba area. These assurances, effectively implemented as safeguards to prevent a reversion to past tensions and frictions, can contribute to the advancement of political stability and economic growth in the entire region.

"Our Government as a leader in the United Nations and of the free world has assumed, in this regard, along with other governments, high moral commitments and responsibilities to persist with all possible measures in bringing about an end to belligerency and promoting a durable peace in the Middle East."

U.S. REPRIMANDS SOVIET UNION FOR PROVIDING ARAB STATES WITH ARMS

WASHINGTON, March 11. (JTA) -- The United States today dispatched a note to the Soviet Union on the Middle East, rejecting a Soviet note of February 11.

The American note said the U.S. has "consistently sought to avoid an arms race between the Arab states and Israel." In its arms export policy, the note said, the United States always kept in mind "the need to encourage stability and foster progress toward lasting peace and security." Regret was expressed that "the Soviet Government, on the contrary, saw fit to effect massive shipments of arms into the area at a time when regional disputes there had become sharply exacerbated."

TEST CASE ON COMPENSATION FOR NAZI CAMP VICTIMS WON IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, March 11. (JTA)-- Appearing in a test case at nearby Neustadt, Dr. H G. van Dam, Secretary-General of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, succeeded in securing a Superior Court decision that sets aside the specious reasoning and strained legal argumentation, previously applied by certain Germans to exclude from the benefits of a clause in the amended Federal Indemnification Law for individual Nazi victims the survivors of such concentration camps as Theresienstadt and Oswiecim.

Until last year, Nazi war prisoners and ethnic German expellees or refugees who came to West Germany received financial support far more promptly and easily than German Jews who, for whatever reason, came back to the country of their birth and settled there. So as to put them on a footing comparable to returned German PW's or refugees, the 1956 amendment to the Federal Indemnification Law contained a clause providing an "Immediate-aid" compensation payment for Nazi victims who had been former residents of Germany. If they emigrated from Germany due to Nazi persecution, or if they were deported or expelled, they are entitled, once they have returned to Germany on a permanent basis, to a $1,425 allowance, half of which is later deducted from other indemnification grants.

In some German states, both the indemnification authorities and the lower courts have repeatedly ruled that Jews whom the Nazis shipped to concentration camps outside Germany, and who returned to Germany after the war, had not been "deported" or "expelled" within the meaning of the law, and had no claim to the "immediate-aid" grant.

One particularly malignant verdict to that effect was handed down in December of last year by the Indemnification Chamber of the District Court at Frankenthal in the Rhineland Palatinate. The tribunal rejected a claim filed by Erna Vogler, a Jewish woman who had been deported from Neustadt and held at the Terezin concentration camp, which is in Czechoslovakia. She returned to Germany and to her home town of Neustadt in the summer of 1945, some months after Terezin had been liberated.

Mrs. Vogler's attorney, Dr. Paul Mayer of Bad Duerkheim, and Dr. van Dam, who is himself an attorney, carried this suit to the Neustadt Superior Court. On the basis of their legal and moral pleas, presiding judge Dr. Hoff overruled the Frankenthal verdict and upheld the right of Mrs. Vogler to obtain $1,425 in "immediate-aid" indemnification from the Rhineland-Palatinate Ministry of Finance, which had turned down her original application and fought her suit in the courts.

U. N. TO CALL CONFERENCE ON COMBATTING PREJUDICE, DISCRIMINATION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 11. (JTA) -- The United Nations Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, which is a subsidiary body of the Commission on Human Rights, has adopted a resolution urging the convocation of an international conference in 1958 to coordinate measures for the eradication of prejudice and discrimination.

The gathering would consist of representatives of international non-governmental organizations with consultative status at the United Nations and would implement proposals made at a similar conference held in Geneva in 1955.

The 1955 sessions, held under the presidency of M. Vincent Auriol, former President of France, were attended by delegations from important international bodies in all parts of the world. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who headed the World Jewish Congress delegation, was elected one of the conference vice-presidents. After formulating a program of principles and methods to combat discrimination, the 1955 gathering expressed the hope that another conference would be called to implement the proposals.

The convening of this second conference came under discussion at the sessions of the Subcommission which concluded this week-end. In the face of a proposal that, for technical reasons, no such conference be held until 1959, Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, WJC representative, urged a date not later than the summer of 1958. He pointed out that the WJC had originally proposed a 1957 meeting, and declared that "measures to combat discrimination and persecution are a matter of life and death urgency to multitudes of people throughout the world."

70 PERCENT OF ALL IMMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL THIS YEAR WILL COME FROM EUROPE

TEL AVIV, March 11. (JTA) -- More than 70 percent of the 100,000 immigrants expected to enter Israel this year will come from European countries, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Jewish Agency president, declared last night at a session of the 13th convention of the Women's International Zionist Organization. He noted that the unexpected migration of European Jews presented Israel with additional problems, since they were used to a relatively high standard of living.

Citing a statement by Premier David Ben Gurion that Israel expected its security situation to ease up for the next three years as a result of the Sinai campaign, Dr. Goldmann called on the Zionist movement to use this time to intensify immigration and absorption work. He stressed that more than the regular fund-raising campaigns would be needed.

DESEGREGATION, ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE EXPLOITED FOR ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- Desegregation tensions in the South and the Arab-Israel conflict were "most intensively exploited" by anti-Jewish agitators during the past year, the American Jewish Committee establishes in its annual American Jewish Year Book, published today.

The major portion of the racist literature which flooded tense Southern states was published in California, Colorado, New Jersey and New York. By comparison, the propaganda of Southern white supremacy groups dealing with "states rights" and urging boycotts to enforce segregation, "seemed temperate," the report says.

The report states that, as tensions mounted in the Middle East, agitators intensified the promotion of pro-Arab, anti-Jewish themes, and aided in the dissemination of Arab propaganda. Arab agencies in the United States sought to promote divisiveness among Americans and pit group against group, with such publications as "Tension, Terror and Blood in the Holy Land," a manual for pro-Arab speakers and writers, which was widely distributed in 1956.

The Year Book, published jointly by the AJC and the Jewish Publication Society, includes a broad range of articles on Jewish population data; civic and political status; communal affairs; religion; and Jewish affairs in countries throughout the world.

Jewish Birth Rate in United States Shows Increase

In the report on world Jewish population, the Year Book states that there is an estimated 11,900,000 Jews--a slight increase over last year. About 51 percent--some six million Jews--live in North and South America. More than 3,000,000 live in Europe, while Asia has more than 1,750,000. About 600,000 reside in Africa, and about 58,000 in Australia and New Zealand.

A considerable decrease was registered in the number of Jews in Africa, owing to the continuing migration to Israel and France. According to Year Book estimates, Morocco has 200,000 Jews, Algeria 140,000, and Tunisia 85,000. The Jewish population of South Africa remained at about 110,000.

Regarding the Jewish population in the United States--estimated at about 5,200,000--the Year Book reports that, since World War II, the Jewish birth rate has kept pace with the rise in the general birth rate of the rest of the population. However, the Year Book article says it is too early to predict that the Jewish population in America will show a large net increase.

BRAZILIANS LAUDED FOR DELETING OFFENSIVE DEFINITION OF WORD "JEW"

NEW YORK, March 11. (JTA) -- The action of the Congress of Brazilian Editors and Booksellers in unanimously recommending the deletion from Brazilian dictionaries of any offensive definition of the word "Jew" today won commendation from the World Jewish Congress here.

The Brazilian Editors and Booksellers' resolution resulted from a campaign initiated last May by Dr. Fernando E. Levisky, a Rio de Janeiro lawyer and writer. Dr. Levisky began his campaign with an article in a popular afternoon paper. Entitled "The 'Jew' in the Dictionaries," the article pointed out that some Portuguese language dictionaries, in addition to giving the formal definition of "Jew" as a "person of the Hebrew race, or someone whose religion is Judaism," also attributed opprobrious meanings to the word.

Dr. Levisky's suggestion that it was time to eliminate the offensive synonyms won wide support from the press, the radio and from a number of leading citizens. The matter came to a head at the 3rd Congress of Brazilian Editors and Booksellers held recently in Rio de Janeiro. Dr. Enio Silviera, president of the Brazilian Booksellers Syndicate, introduced a resolution recommending the elimination from the dictionaries of offensive reference to Jews, whatever be its reason or pretext. The resolution was unanimously approved.

NEW $1,250,000 JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OPENED IN WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., March 11. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of suburban Westchester County, of which this city is county seat, took pride today in a new Jewish Community Center, dedicated over the week-end. The structure, built at a cost of $1,250,000, on an 18-acre plot, houses a Reform temple, four social halls, 26 classrooms, a lounge and administrative offices.

RABBI MAX RAISIN, EX-PRESIDENT OF REFORM RABBIS' ORGANIZATION, DEAD

PATERSON, N.J., March 11. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Rabbi Max Raisin, one-time president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and an author in English, Yiddish and Hebrew, who died in Florence, Ala., where he had taken a temporary assignment. He was 75 years old. Born in Poland, Rabbi Raisin came to this country in 1892. He was the author of 20 books, the last, entitled "Out of the Book of My Life," his autobiography, was published last month.