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WORLD CAPITALS REACT TO NASSER'S NEW DEFIANCE OF UNITED NATIONS

WASHINGTON, March 12. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower was in contact with Secretary of State Dulles today on the new situation in the Middle East caused by Egypt's surprise move to reassert its authority over the Gaza Strip and conferred on the crisis with Congressional leaders as intense diplomatic activity was reported from all the world's capitals.

In Jerusalem, American Ambassador Edward B. Lawson called on Foreign Minister Golda Meir tonight. It is believed that he was asked to convey to Washington the serious view Israel takes of both the disturbances in Gaza and Egypt's announced determination to take over authority in the Gaza Strip. Mrs. Meir also received the French Ambassador, Pierre Gilbert, prior to his departure for Paris.

At the United Nations, Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold discussed the status of the United Nations Emergency Force for the second successive day with his seven-nation advisory committee. After an hour with the committee, delegates from the five nations contributing military contingents to UNEF were called in. Mr. Hammarskjold was also expected to meet the heads of other leading delegations today, among them that of the United States.

British Cabinet Meets to Study New Gaza Situation

In London, Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd reported to a meeting of the British Cabinet and Government circles reflected the gravest concern over the latest developments. The Government was reported in consultation with Paris and Washington about the possibility of seeking further definition of the tasks of the United Nations Emergency Force in Gaza which Col. Nasser seeks to reduce to a border patrol. The British Foreign Office did not seem to share the belief of the States Department that Nasser's appointment of a Governor for Gaza was a propaganda move designed for home consumption.

In Paris, Prime Minister Guy Mollet, in a radio and television talk to the French nation, said last night that the news from Gaza is "not good." He said that "I have the impression that our American friends who already better understood our position last week, will come to the conclusion that we were right in denouncing Nasser's attitude."

French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau had a 45-minute meeting today with Israel Ambassador Jacob Tsur to discuss the new situation. The Israel envoy stressed Israel's concern over the developments and warned of the grave dangers created by Egypt's action. M. Pineau declared that strong diplomatic action by the Great Powers was required. He told Mr. Tsur that he would communicate with the United States and other countries to concert measures to meet the situation.

Israel Ambassador to See Soviet Foreign Minister

In Moscow, Col. Joseph Avidar, the Israel Ambassador, was scheduled to meet tomorrow with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in the first official Soviet-Israeli talk in Moscow since last November.

In Ottawa, Canadian Government sent 32 reconnaissance soldiers by air to Naples today to reinforce a squadron waiting there for permission to land on Egyptian soil, but Government sources said Egypt might not permit further landings of Canadian troops.

The four Congressional leaders who conferred with the President at the White House yesterday were Speaker Sam Rayburn, Senate Republican leader William F. Knowland, House Republican leader Joseph W. Martin Jr., and Senate Democratic leader Lyndon Johnson. Sen. Knowland described the meeting as "constructive and helpful."

Sen. Johnson told the Senate today that Egypt's challenge to the United Nations was a matter of "deepest concern." He said "it is understood that there are internal political problems in Egypt which are difficult for the authorities to handle, but there are also internal political problems in Israel which Premier David Ben Gurion faced courageously and decisively."

The State Department withheld comment on the situation today or the grounds that no word had been received from Cairo from the United Nations on the Egyptian demand. It was known, however, that the United States viewed with alarm the Egyptian move to take over administration of the Gaza Strip.

U.S. 'Closely Following' Developments, Spokesman Says

At his press briefing today, Lincoln White, State Department spokesman, refused to state whether Raymond Hare, American Ambassador to Cairo, had been instructed to take up the new Egyptian move with Col. Nasser. He also refused to comment on whether the United States believes that Egypt has the right to administer the Gaza Strip.

Mr. White said that the United States is "closely following" developments in the Gaza Strip. He said this country has "consistently and strongly" supported the role of the United Nations and the United Nations Emergency Force to restore conditions of tranquility and that the United States hopes that all parties concerned will continue to cooperate with the United Nations in its peace-making efforts.

EGYPTIAN AGENTS UNDERMINE UNITED NATIONS AUTHORITY IN GAZA STRIP

TEL AVIV, March 12. (JTA) -- Further deterioration of security conditions in the Gaza Strip was reported here today as pro-Egyptian elements renewed activities aimed at destroying the authority of the United Nations forces stationed in the Strip following the Israel withdrawal.

Deputy Mayor Munir el-Rais of Gaza, an ardent Egyptian agent, announced that he had taken over responsibility for "internal security" in the area. He has so completely terrorized municipal workers and public service employes that they fear to appear for work, thus paralyzing the public services.

The United Nations forces, it was reported today, are short-staffed and unable to deal with this situation. UNEF units are unable even to maintain coordination since the pro-Egyptian elements are jamming the local telephone services.

The United Nations forces have recognized Munir as "head" of the council which has presented a statement to the UNEF command declaring that the population rejects cooperation with the United Nations and demands the return of the Egyptian administration.

GOAL OF FREE NAVIGATION NOT YET ACHIEVED, BEN GURION TELLS ELATH

TEL AVIV, March 12. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion told the people of Elath, Israel's port on the Gulf of Akaba, today that some day Elath will become "our homeland's major port" despite attempts by Col. Nasser of Egypt, the Soviet Union and India to contest Israel's right of free navigation.

In a message on the eighth anniversary of Israel's liberation of the town, the Prime Minister declared that Elath's development was one of the main objectives of the Sinai campaign. Despite recognition of Israel's right of freedom of navigation by the maritime nations, he said, "we cannot say that we have already achieved our aim... from a practical viewpoint."

The Premier declared that "we must build a deep-water port at Elath and link Elath by a wide road and rail line with Beersheba and the ports in the North." A string of villages must be erected along this road and a pipeline larger than the one now being laid should be placed. "Above all," said Mr. Ben Gurion, "Elath's population must be increased."

STATE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS RENEWED SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENTS TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, March 12. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union is continuing shipment of arms to Egypt and Syria, State Department officials made known today.

The Department did not know whether the shipments represent a new Soviet-Egyptian-Syrian arms deal, but said that reports reveal that the shipments were resumed following the outbreak of hostilities last Fall. The Department said it had no precise details on the nature of the shipments, but is continuing to gather information. The State Department considers the Soviet arms shipments in violation of the United Nations resolution of November 2 calling on member nations to refrain from shipping arms to the Middle East.

POLICE LAY KASTNER ATTEMPT TO SECRET TERRORIST GROUP

TEL AVIV, March 12. (JTA) -- A senior Israel police officer declared today that a "political terrorist underground organization" was responsible for the attempt last week to assassinate Dr. Israel Kastner, a former leader of Hungarian Jewry and central figure in a libel action which rocked the government last year.

Three men arrested in the search for Dr. Kastner's assailant were arraigned in magistrate's court here today and remanded for 15 days to enable police to complete their investigations. The three will be charged with attempted murder. Fingerprints on the weapon with which Dr. Kastner was shot and on the stolen jeep used in the ambush linked the three men to the crime, police said.

Among several others being held by the police is Jacob Herouti, an attorney who represented two of the defendants until his own arrest. Herouti and others now held on suspicion were involved in the 1952 Sarafand trial of a terrorist group accused of the bombing of the Soviet Embassy and the Czechoslovak Legation. Members of the group received prison sentences but were subsequently pardoned.

GOVERNMENT-AGENCY COMMITTEE APPROVES 100,000 ENTRY QUOTA

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Government Jewish Agency coordinating committee has approved a "rescue immigration" quota of 100,000 for the current year.

The committee meeting, at which Premier David Ben Gurion presided, also decided that because of the developing immigration from Egypt and Hungary, a minimum additional budget of 75 million pounds was needed to build 25,000 housing units in addition to the 11,000 units nearing completion.

The government share of the increased budget will be 50 percent to be provided from the 1957-58 budget while the Agency portion will need an increase in Jewish contributions from appeals throughout the world.

S. Z. Shragai, head of the Jewish Agency immigration movement, told the meeting that of the 45,000 Jews in Egypt, 13,000 have already been expelled. Of these, half have arrived in Israel. He said the rest are expected to arrive in Israel soon.

SINAI ALERTED WORLD TO DANGERS IN MID-EAST, NAHUM GOLDMANN DECLARES

TEL AVIV, March 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Jewish Agency, expressed doubts today that the Sinai campaign had brought Arab-Israel peace nearer but said it had made "responsible world leadership" aware that unsettled Arab-Israel relations may contain the dangers of sparking a third World War.

Addressing 300 delegates attending the sixth annual convention of the Association of Former Americans and Canadians at ZOA House, Dr. Goldmann said the real test of Israeli diplomacy and statesmanship will be the achievement of peace with the Arabs. "There are no shortcuts to peace because it cannot be imposed and the Arabs are not ready for it," he said.

Dr. Goldmann said he did not expect any substantial increase in middle class immigration from the western hemisphere, adding that he felt Israel had too many things to do now in the fields of security and mass immigration of destitute newcomers to give extended thought to western middle class immigration. He said that "this is not the ideal period for thinking and planning for such middle class immigration."

Sees Chances for Immigration from Eastern European Countries

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- Discussing prospects for immigration from Eastern European countries, Dr. Goldmann told a press conference here today that "if the present process continues--and there is information indicating that more European countries will be opened for emigration to Israel--it will be a phenomenon of not lesser importance than the very establishment of the State of Israel."

He said that such a development would change the entire character of Israel and would present the state and world Jewry with financial problems exceeding those of the past.

Dr. Goldmann, who is also president of the World Jewish Congress, said there were good chances for reestablishment of contacts between that body and Jewish organizations in Eastern Europe. "The return of these organizations to the Congress, he said, was not entirely excluded.

He reported that a meeting of seven world Jewish organizations would be held at the end of April in preparation for establishment of a unified representative body of world Jewish organizations. This body, he said, would be set up for a two-year trial period.

Dr. Goldmann disclosed that the recent session of the Jewish Agency executive had empowered him to appoint a committee to study changes in the present system by which funds from campaigns are allocated to political parties in Israel for their development projects.

ISRAEL BODY TO REGISTER PROPERTY CLAIMS OF JEWS FROM EGYPT

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol announced today that the Israel Government had set up a committee to register property claims of Jewish refugees arriving here from Egypt. Some 13,000 Jews have already been compelled by the policies of the Nasser regime to emigrate from Egypt leaving their property behind. The committee will take declarations from those refugees arriving here in order to make complete records to support possible future compensation claims.

WIZO PARLEY REELECTS MRS. SIEFF, ADOPTS £. 5 MILLION POUND BUDGET

TEL AVIV, March 12. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rebecca Sieff was reelected president of the Women's International Zionist Organization Monday night at the closing session of the 13th convention.

The delegates approved resolutions to open women's clubs in all frontier settlements in Mrs. Sieff's honor and to extend WIZO's educational and vocational programs for new immigrants. They voted an organization budget of 6.5 million pounds.

NAZ. GENERAL'S NATO APPOINTMENT ATTACKED IN COMMONS

LONDON, March 12. (JTA) -- A former British War Minister voiced sharp protest in the British House of Commons today against the designation of Lieut. General Hans Speidel, Hitler's wartime chief of staff in France, as commander of the ground forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. He objected to having British troops placed under command of an ex-Nazi.

Emanuel Shinwell, War Minister in the Labor Government, told the House that there was no doubt at all that until 1944, when he was assertedly involved in a plot against Hitler, Gen. Speidel had been an ardent supporter of the Nazi creed.

In 1941, when he was associated with the German occupation forces in Paris, Mr. Shinwell charged, Gen. Speidel had some part in an order given for the execution of a thousand alleged Communists and Jewish refugees.

Mr. Shinwell expressed surprise that Her Majesty's Government had supported the appointment of Gen. Speidel to the NATO post. He said he objected to any German general of any sort or character or quality being in command of British troops. If some members of the House were inclined to forget what the Germans had done, Mr. Shinwell declared, he was not.

Under Secretary of State for War Julian Amery defended the appointment, noting that it was made at French suggestion and that Gen. Speidel would serve directly under a French commander.

SEEKS AUTHORITY FOR FEDERAL BODY TO PROBE RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, March 12. (JTA) -- An effort to restore the authority for a proposed commission on civil rights to investigate religious discrimination was made today by Rep. Lester Holtzman of New York before the House Judiciary Committee which is considering the Administration's civil rights program as reported out of the civil rights subcommittee.

The original administration bill called for the establishment of a civil rights commission to investigate charges of civil rights denials to citizens because of race, color, religion or national origins. But the subcommittee struck "religion" out of the bill in a reported attempt to make the bill less controversial.

Rep. Holtzman introduced an amendment to restore the authority for the proposed bi-partisan civil rights commission to investigate religious discrimination.

N. Y. U. MOVES GRADUATION DATE TO AVOID SHAVUOT CONFLICT

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Officials of New York University, discovering that 1957 graduation exercises had inadvertently been scheduled for the first day of Shavuot, have moved the date by 24 hours as the only action that could be taken at this time, a University spokesman said today.

Dr. Carroll V. Newsom, University president, said that the school calendar for the 1956-57 academic year was set in the fall of 1955 with graduation exercises scheduled for the usual second Wednesday following the close of the examination period, June 5.

"Fourteen months later, in January, 1957, our attention was called to the fact that June 5 is a Jewish religious holiday," Dr. Newsom said. The University then called the New York Board of Rabbis for advice.

Dr. Newsom said that after these consultations, the date was shifted from June 5 to June 6, adding that although June 6 also is a religious holiday, "the change did accommodate some persons. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to resolve the entire problem."

This statement was a reference to the fact that Reform Jews do not observe the second day of Shavuot, although Orthodox and Conservative Jews do. No information was available as to how many of the estimated 2,000 Jewish candidates for degrees among the 6,000 graduating seniors would take part in the exercises on June 6.

Explaining that it was "impossible to make any other change," because of the commitments for equipment, services, faculty members and guests of outstanding distinction whose presence is an essential part of commencement ceremonies, Dr. Newsom said that provisions have been made to excuse and to "recognize in absentia candidates for degrees who indicate inability to attend the exercises because of religious obligations."

He said that in addition "such candidates will be invited to participate" in the 1958 commencement exercises.

ISRAEL SIGNS CONVENTION ON STATUS OF MARRIED WOMEN

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 12. (JTA) -- Israel signed the United Nations convention on the status of married women. The signatures for Israel were made by Mordecai Kidron and Tamar Shohan Sharon. Israel is the eleventh nation to sign the convention.