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GOLDA MEIR ARRIVES IN U.S.; SAYS ISRAEL MAY BE FORCED TO ACT AGAINST EGYPT

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, arrived here this morning and proceeded immediately by plane to Washington to meet with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on the new situation which has developed in connection with Egypt's attempt to return to Gaza and the announcements by Egypt and Saudi Arabia that Israel will not be allowed free passage through the Suez and Akaba waterways.

Upon landing here today, Mrs. Meir stated that Israel may be forced to take action against Egypt in self-defense. As she made this statement, the Israel Cabinet was meeting in Jerusalem to consider the grave situation created by the Egyptian moves. She indicated that she expects to discuss the Gaza situation thoroughly with Mr. Dulles in the light of the promises by President Eisenhower to induce Israel to withdraw from the Gaza and Akaba areas.

Israeli sources made it clear that Mrs. Meir will attempt to restate to the United States Israel's determination to fight against any blockade of Israeli shipping in the Gulf of Akaba and to defend its rights if conditions in Gaza continue to deteriorate. These sources indicated that Mrs. Meir will put the following questions to Secretary Dulles:

"1. President Eisenhower promised to insure that after (the Israeli) withdrawal (from Gaza and Akaba), there would be greater tranquility than before. The opposite is now the case. How do the President and the Administration propose to redeem their undertaking?"

"2. The President has stated that the United States assures that after the Israeli withdrawal, there will be no blockade restrictions against Israel in the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba; and that if these restrictions occur, there will be firm action by the society of nations. What action does the United States contemplate?"

"3. The Secretary of State, in persuading Israel to withdraw from Gaza, endorsed the March 1 assumptions on Gaza outlined by Mrs. Meir and carefully checked their formulation. The chief assumption was U.N. control, both civilian and military. How does the United States propose to promote this objective?"

The Israeli sources also said: "In the past few days the Israeli Government has received renewed assurances that the United States will not acknowledge any obstacles to free passage by American commercial shipping in the Gulf of Akaba and that the United States, while recognizing Egypt's juridical status under the armistice agreement, favors the United Nations remaining in Gaza until there is a peace settlement or a settlement of the future of Gaza."

U.S. "ADVISES" ISRAEL TO USE RESTRAINT; NOTE DELIVERED TO BEN GURION

JERUSALEM, March 17. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson urgently interrupted a meeting of the Israel Cabinet today to hand Israel Premier David Ben Gurion a communication from Washington reportedly advising Israel to use restraint in reacting to the Gaza situation. A government spokesman later said that Mr. Ben Gurion gave Ambassador Lawson an on-the-spot reply.

At the Foreign Office, a spokesman denied reports that Ambassador Lawson's note had contained a "warning" from Washington. However, the spokesman declined to specify the nature of Washington's communication or its contents.

The Cabinet heard two reports from the Premier today: the first dealt with developments which necessitated Foreign Minister Golda Meir's hurried flight to the United States; the second dealt with the meeting with Ambassador Lawson. There was only brief discussion after the Premier's reports. The Cabinet will meet for a full discussion of the situation after the return of Mrs. Meir, which is expected later this week.

Meanwhile, a new attack in the vicinity of Nachal Oz, one of Israel's settlements along the Gaza border, underlined the gravity of Gaza developments for Israel. A tractor was mined and severely damaged, although its occupants were unhurt.

WASHINGTON SAYS EGYPT UPSETS U. S. HOPES; BACKS EGYPT ON GAZA

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- United States official sources said today that the withdrawal assumptions of Israel had not worked out like the United States hoped because of Egypt's immediate insistence on restoring Egyptian administration in the Gaza Strip. But, these sources added, the United States had never maintained that Egypt did not have a right to administer the Gaza Strip, if it insisted on doing so.

The views of United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold of the sanctity of the 1949 armistice were cited. It is therefore thought, in high official sources here, that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will be unable to offer Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir any assurances different from the general ideas already enunciated by this government. These sources recalled also that President Eisenhower pointed out that in the most recent instance Israel attacked Egypt and had no right to expect to benefit from this attack in arranging terms for withdrawal.

State Department sources suggested today that Israel would do better to consider a plan to station United Nations Emergency Forces on both sides of the Israel-Gaza boundary than to dwell on confused assumptions regarding the administration of the Gaza Strip. Officials hinted that resumption of U.S. economic aid to Israel might be linked to Israel's emerging attitude on the Gaza situation. A "constructive" attitude might create circumstances conducive to the stability required for early resumption of such aid, these sources said.

State Department circles confirmed that word has been received from Saudi Arabia that King Saud's government has decided to take steps to bar Israel shipping from the Strait of Tiran. It was pointed out here that the Strait is in Saudi Arabia's territorial waters. It was revealed that King Saud explained the Saudi position during his talks here with President Eisenhower.

The State Department consults during the week-end with Britain, France, Norway, Italy, and the Netherlands on United Nations negotiations now under way to reopen the Suez Canal and to tranquilize the border of the Gaza Strip.

Sen. Mike Mansfield, assistant majority leader of the Senate, called today for a meeting of the General Assembly if Egypt moves into the Gaza Strip. Supporting Israel's views of the Egyptian moves, he pointed out that Israel had complied with the wishes of the United States and the majority of the United Nations in withdrawing from the Gaza and Akaba areas.

A Senate inquiry into what has been termed "foreign policy mistakes" in the Middle East will get underway tomorrow, Senator J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.) said today. He is chairman of a six-member group authorized by the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees to look into U. S. Middle East policies from January, 1946 leading up to the British-French and Israel invasion of Egypt last Fall.

Dulles and Mrs. Meir to Meet Today on Gaza Developments

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will meet tomorrow with Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir to discuss developments involving the Gaza Strip. Mr. Dulles, upon his arrival here today from Australia, had no comments on the Gaza developments.

Mrs. Meir said, on her arrival here, that it is well known that what happened in the Gaza Strip was not envisaged when she made her United Nations withdrawal statement. She insisted that at that time it was understood that the UN would take over the Gaza Strip and be the only responsible agency in the territory.

The Israel Foreign Minister warned of the gravity and seriousness of the situation, indicating that the situation existing before October 29 was being restored. Mrs. Meir said that Israel intends to exercise its rights in the Strait of Akaba and the Suez Canal.

Israel Ambassador Terms Situation in Gaza "Very Grave"

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 17. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban conferred this week-end with United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold on the deteriorating Gaza situation. He later indicated that Mr. Hammarskjold had not satisfied Israel regarding his plans for Gaza. "We had a comprehensive exchange of views and the Secretary General tried to clarify for me the plans of the UN regarding Gaza," Mr. Eban stated. He added that he regards the Gaza situation as "very grave."

A member of the American delegation to the United Nations indicated that when Mr. Hammarskjold goes to the Middle East this week, he will discuss with the Israel Government the stationing of UN troops on Israel's side of the armistice line. He said he saw no reason why certain matters affecting Egypt only--like either military or civilian administration of the Gaza Strip--need be discussed with Israel. These matters, he held, concern Egypt only.

UNDERGROUND ARSENAL FOUND IN ISRAEL; LINKED TO KASTNER'S ASSASSINS

TEL AVIV, March 17. (JTA) -- A huge underground arsenal, the largest and most important uncovered by the Israeli police, was found yesterday at Kfar Saba, north of Tel Aviv. It was linked to the assassination of Dr. Israel (Rudolph) Kastner, who died Friday of wounds suffered two weeks ago.

Following clues leading from the arrest of three men charged with Dr. Kastner's murder, police rounded up a number of suspects and, yesterday, found the arms cache. The arsenal contained at least two flame throwers and 61 submachine guns all in excellent working order and all carefully packed in grease. Huge quantities of ammunition were also stored at the Kfar Saba cache.

The police charged last week that the participants in the Kastner killing were linked to the Stern Group of Mandatory days. After Dr. Kastner died yesterday the three suspects were formally charged with murder. Dr. Kastner's remains were buried today.

JEW SEEKING EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL REPORTEDLY PERSECUTED IN RUMANIA

JERUSALEM, March 17. (JTA) -- Newly arriving immigrants from Rumania report a new wave of persecution against Jews contacting the Israel Legation in Bucharest.

Any person seen entering the legation for any purpose is arrested upon his leaving and is exhaustively questioned and investigated. Thereafter, he is usually released, the immigrants state. As a result of the arrests, the Jews of Rumania fear to approach the Legation and it is thus effectively isolated from the Jewish population.

NEW REGULATIONS IN POLAND HAMPER EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM COUNTRY

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- Emigration of Jews from Poland to Israel is now in effect halted through new regulations issued last week by the Polish Government, it was reported this week-end in a cable from Warsaw to the New York Times. Declaring that large numbers of Jews have been returning from the Soviet Union to Poland as repatriates, the Warsaw report stated:

"Until last Monday virtually all of these Jews went on to Israel as soon as transport and other arrangements could be made for them. Since Monday, however, this situation has changed. Polish police headquarters has rejected all emigration applications of Jews from the Soviet Union. These Jews have been told that since they returned here as Poles they must assume Polish citizenship and apply for permission to emigrate "in a normal way."

A Foreign Ministry spokesman declined to give any reason for the change in regulation, the report continued. There was speculation that the change had resulted from representations made by the Soviet Union, possibly after Egypt had brought the situation to the notice of the Soviet Government. "The attitude of the Soviet Government seems to be that Jews wanting to go to Israel, whether or not of Polish origin, should apply in the Soviet Union for permission to emigrate and not for repatriation to Poland," the report said.

The Warsaw report states that 2,000 Jews recently arrived from the Soviet Union now are billeted in and around Warsaw. Many of them have already received permission to leave for Israel and the change in regulations does not affect them. The government had placed some hotels and homes at the disposal of Jews from the Soviet Union waiting to go to Israel. Now, according to leaders of the Jewish community here, returning Jews are to be sent to a number of small towns in western Poland where they will be expected to work and wait their turn for permission to emigrate. "But it is in the small towns that anti-Semitism has been strongest in Poland during recent months," the report stresses.

AUSTRIA ABOLISHES POST-WAR ANTI-NAZI LEGISLATION THROUGH AMNESTY

VIENNA, March 17. (JTA) -- The Austrian Parliament adopted this week-end an amnesty law which virtually wipes out every vestige of post-war anti-Nazi legislation and will free all Nazi war criminals sentenced to less than five years in prison. The overwhelming vote in favor of the measure was opposed by only the three Communist deputies.

The law restores to their old jobs former public officials and civil servants who were barred because of Nazi Party membership. Those eligible for pension by virtue of age and service but who were barred because of Nazi membership are now made eligible for state-supported retirement.

The law also ends the requirement of registration of former Nazis and suspends all new proceedings against Nazi war criminals. Legislation aimed at war criminals is completely invalidated. The coalition parties--Catholic People's Party and the Social Democratic Party--declared beforehand that the crimes of the Nazis cannot be undone, but that the rights of all citizens before the law must be restored.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN OPENS CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, March 17. (JTA) -- More than 800 delegates from 240 cities are attending the biennial convention of the National Council of Jewish Women which opened here today. The convention will conclude Thursday evening following the election of national officers for the next two years.

Mrs. Moise S. Cahn, national president of the organization, addressing the opening session, analyzed the work of the NCJW and set the perspective for its future work. The NCJW is the oldest major Jewish women's group in the United States. The convention will deal with programs of activity on civil liberties, public school education, immigration policy, local welfare and health projects, Israel, the United Nations, and welfare services to Jewish communities in other countries.

OBSERVANCE OF JEWISH YOUTH WEEK STARTS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- The 10th annual national observance of Jewish Youth Week began this week-end under the auspices of the National Jewish Youth Conference. The conference is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

The week this year will seek to develop a sense of fellowship and mutual understanding between Jewish youth in America and Jewish youth in communities throughout the world. Hundreds of teen-agers and young adults in JWB-affiliated Jewish Community Centers, YMHAS, youth and young adult councils and other youth groups will conduct cultural festivals, Jewish youth Sabbaths, forums, institutes, rallies, dances, inter-faith projects and other events.

"BROTHERHOOD WEEK" STARTED IN GERMANY BY CHRISTIAN-JEWISH GROUP

BERLIN, March 17. (JTA) -- Brotherhood Week began in West Berlin and more than 20 cities of West Germany today. The campaign is sponsored by the Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation.

The basic program of Brotherhood Week this year is aimed at school children. To them will be brought home the lesson preached in this year's brotherhood slogan-- "he is like you." In Berlin alone, the Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation has 60,000 members.

DUBLIN MAYOR LEAVES FOR BOSTON TO ADDRESS COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- Robert Briscoe, Dublin's first Jewish Mayor, left today for Boston where he will deliver the keynote address at the opening meeting of the Boston Combined Jewish Appeal and take part in the St. Patrick's Day celebration of Boston's Irish Americans.

He will speak in 12 major cities on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal's \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund and its regular 1957 campaign. Special dinners in Mr. Briscoe's honor will be held in six cities which he will visit in behalf of the 1957 campaign for the sale of \$75,000,000 in State of Israel Bonds, according to Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization.

EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE GETS \$225,000 GIFT FOR LOUNGE

NEW YORK, March 17. (JTA) -- A gift of \$225,000 for the building of a student-faculty lounge at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine has been made by Max L. Friedman and the Max L. and Sadie Friedman Foundation of New York City, according to an announcement today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University. The gift is part of the \$25,000,000 development fund program of the college.

Max L. Friedman, a retired businessman, has been a member of the Board of the United Jewish Appeal, Joint Distribution Committee, and Hias, for many years, and actively associated with the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies. He is a founder of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and a member of its Board of Overseers.

ZALMAN SHAZAR, VICE CHAIRMAN OF JEWISH AGENCY, ARRIVES IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, March 17. (JTA) -- Zalman Shazar, vice chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, arrived here today to participate in a national conference on Jewish education in Argentina. The parley is being organized by the Buenos Aires Jewish Community in cooperation with the Federation of Jewish Communities of Argentina.

WOLF KLABIN, NOTED JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, DIES IN RIO DE JANEIRO

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 17. (JTA) -- Wolf Klabin, well-known Jewish philanthropist and industrialist, died here this week-end at the age of 65. The Klabin enterprises include paper plants, nitro-chemical industry and the planned production of nylon fabric in Brazil beginning next Fall.