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MACMILLAN SAYS BERMUDA PARLEY AGREED ON MEASURES FOR MID-EAST PEACE

TUCKER'S TOWN, March 24. (JTA) -- Measures to assure a period of Arab-Israel pacification which may lead to a permanent settlement will be taken as a result of decisions reached at the four-day conference that closed here today, British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan told a press conference after the conclusion of the historic top-level parley.

An official communique, however, stated only that agreement had been reached between President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan "on the need for speedy implementation of the recent United Nations General Assembly resolutions dealing with the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Akaba."

British and American spokesmen refused to elaborate on this brief statement, insisting that the UN resolutions on the matter are sufficiently clear. The resolutions called for the stationing of UN Emergency Forces in both areas, but said nothing about length of stay nor function of UNEF, other than to voice vaguely a UN responsibility for the Gaza Strip.

The Prime Minister, replying to a query about assuring Israel's security, told the newsmen that permanent security for Israel and permanent good relations between the Jewish State and its Arab neighbors can be achieved only through a permanent peace.

Washington and London Hope for Egypt: Compliance with U.N. Decision

Mr. Macmillan said that the U.S. and Britain had agreed on both short-term and long-term proposals concerning the Middle East, indicating that the entire gamut of Middle East problems had been dealt with. He emphasized that Washington and London hope that Egypt will carry out UN decisions on the Middle East in both spirit and letter.

The joint communique issued several hours before said that the President and the Prime Minister had agreed on the importance of Egyptian compliance with both the letter and spirit of the UN's October 13 resolution on the Suez Canal. That resolution stressed the desirability of insulating the canal from the politics of any country, and called for absolute freedom of navigation through the waterway.

The communique spoke of supporting efforts by UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld to bring about a settlement of the Suez issue in accordance with the principles of the October 13 resolution. Finally, the communique reported that an exchange of views would continue between the two top leaders of the Western alliance.

At his press conference, the Prime Minister refused to state what measures had been envisaged in the event either Egypt or Israel violated its international obligations. "It is no use jumping fences before we come to them," he insisted. He also avoided a reply on how the increased American support of the Bagdad Pact would affect the Middle East.

U.S. SEES NASSER NOT DARING TO INTERFERE WITH ISRAEL'S AKABA SHIPPING

JERUSALEM, March 24. (JTA) -- The United States Government believes that President Nasser of Egypt will not dare interfere with Israel traffic through the Gulf of Akaba. Foreign Minister Golda Meir reportedly told the Israel Cabinet today when she reported on her hurried trip last week to the United States and the United Nations.

It is understood that Secretary of State Dulles urged that Israel not be hasty in reference to Egyptian moves in the Gaza Strip, and that if Israel gives the U.S. an opportunity to bend its efforts in that direction there will be no need for Israel to act.

If Nasser acts against Israeli shipping, Mrs. Meir is reported to have said, the U.S. will take the gravest view of it and it possibly could influence the U.S. attitude toward any Israeli counter-action to the blockade.

Upon her return to Israel this week-end, Mrs. Meir revealed that Israel had made certain "realistic" proposals on the Gaza Strip to the State Department and that Israel is awaiting an American reply. She also announced that Secretary General Dag

Hammaraskjold, with whom she conferred in New York, had promised to transmit to President Nasser Israel's query whether Egypt still considers herself at war with the Jewish State.

Hammaraskjold Visit to Israel Held Uncertain

Meanwhile, official Israeli spokesmen continue to deny any knowledge of a reported visit by Mr. Hammaraskjold to Israel after he completes his talks in Cairo. A Foreign Office spokesman as late as last night said that the ministry had received no information of a visit.

Meanwhile, a senior official of the Israel Foreign Ministry charged today that what is happening in the Gaza Strip, in the light of what United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammaraskjold had said would take place there following Israel's withdrawal, approaches an "international hoax" and is creating in Israel a serious loss of confidence in the United Nations.

This official told the press that contrary to the assumption based on Mr. Hammaraskjold's report to the General Assembly that military and civilian administration would be transferred exclusively to the United Nations, "there was not one single hour of exclusive United Nations responsibility for the administration of Gaza."

The Foreign Ministry official listed day-by-day developments in the Gaza Strip to support an implication that the United Nations broke faith with Israel - it did nothing effective to set up United Nations administration of the area and it prevented completion of discussions on continuing ties between Israel and Gaza.

New York headquarters of the United Nations, the official asserted, is responsible for misleading reports on actual conditions in the Gaza Strip today in an effort to create the impression that the UN force is still in control there. Actually, according to this official, "UNEF is stationed only along the demarcation lines while administration is already in Egyptian hands."

The opening of a nationwide campaign to force the Israel Government to go to the people in an election on the issue of its withdrawal policy, was announced in Tel Aviv today by Menahem Beigin, head of the Herut Party. At the same time, Mr. Beigin declared that no Israeli soldiers would ever fire on UN troops stationed in the Gaza Strip, giving rise to the interpretation here that his demands for "reliberation" of the Gaza Strip are not meant for immediate action.

U.S. - ISRAEL TALKS FOR AID RESUMPTION OPEN IN TWO CAPITALS

WASHINGTON, March 24. (JTA) -- The United States has started talks with Israel on the resumption of some \$20 million in economic aid, it was announced this week-end by the State Department. The talks, which opened here and in Tel Aviv last Monday, were described as preliminary.

It is assumed that the return of U.S. technicians will await the outcome of the talks. The question of resumption of U.S. tourism to Israel is outside of the framework of the aid talks. Passports for Israel are still denied except in special cases.

(Despite the State Department announcement that United States-Israel talks for resumption of U.S. aid have been opened, it is understood in Jerusalem that no progress has been made. Israeli circles suspect the State Department of stalling, but are not clear on the reasons for it.)

LARGEST "AID TO ISRAEL" PARLEY IN EUROPE PLANS FUND-RAISING

PARIS, March 24. (JTA) -- Three hundred delegates from 17 countries in Europe and North Africa started hammering out an international fund-raising program at the largest "aid to Israel" conference ever held in Europe. French Premier Guy Mollet took the occasion to reiterate support of Israel's position on the Middle East situation.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Jewish Agency, told the parley that barring unforeseen developments, Israel will remain the foremost problem on the international agenda for some time. But that fact, he warned, "has its dangerous side as well as its good aspect. It is good because it creates the hope that the great powers will search for a policy which will end in a settlement of Arab-Israel issues. It is dangerous because a solution might be sought which would demand concessions from Israel and thus menace its future and its development."

By the time Israel celebrates its tenth anniversary in 1958, he said, it will, in accordance with present indications, receive its millionth immigrant. Already, said Dr. Goldmann, 875,000 immigrants have arrived in Israel. Jewry's "historic task," he declared, is not only to complete bringing into Israel the million immigrants who are on the way, but to prepare Israel to receive still another million Jews. In Central and Eastern Europe and in the Middle East alone, he asserted, there are still about 900,000 Jews, of whom an estimated 400,000 "are eager to come to Israel."

Levi Eshkol, Israel Finance Minister, declared that while the Israelis "bear the full brunt of struggling for their security," paying high taxes and manning their armed services while at the same time developing their internal economy, they must have help from

world Jewry to meet the "increasingly heavy burden imposed by immigration." "Israel is not building a refugee camp," said Mr. Eshkol, "but a nation which is the result of a partnership between the people of Israel and the Jewish people the world over."

Eliahu Dobkin, a member of the Agency executive, praised the Polish Government for permitting Jews to leave that country for Israel and expressed the hope that the doors might be opened for similar emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union and Rumania.

The statement read for Premier Mollet reiterated the French Government's stand that Israel is entitled to freedom of shipping through the Suez Canal and the Akaba waterway as well as to security on the border of the Gaza Strip. Israel, declared Mr. Mollet, "has the greatest right to complain of lack of consideration at the United Nations where, while it is the smallest nation, it is the State which has been most threatened."

BRITISH MIZRACHI AND LABOR MIZRACHI HOLD MERGER CONVENTION

LONDON, March 24. (JTA) -- "Israel cannot be held responsible for the consequences of such action as she may feel obliged to undertake in order to safeguard her people," British Zionists religious Jewry warned here today. The warning was in the form of a resolution adopted at the merger conference of British Mizrachi and Hapoel Hamizrachi.

Speakers at the conference included Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie; Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, former president of the Mizrachi Organization of America; and Eliahu Elath, Israel Ambassador to Great Britain.

GERMANY WANTS 'NORMAL' RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, BONN MINISTER SAYS

SYDNEY, Australia, March 24. (JTA) -- West Germany wants to bring about normal relations with Israel, Heinrich von Brentano, Foreign Minister of the Bonn Government, stated here today. Israel's "vital rights," must be protected, said Mr. von Brentano, and his government will make every effort to influence Arab nations toward reduction of Middle East tensions.

TWO HUNGARIAN REFUGEES CONVICTED IN SWEDEN OF THREATENING JEW

STOCKHOLM, March 24. (JTA) -- One recent Hungarian refugee to Sweden drew a 30-day sentence this week-end and a second a fine for calling their Swedish teacher a "Jewish swine" and threatening to kill him. A third defendant was acquitted.

In court, the defendants openly admitted that they were Fascists and anti-Semites. The court's findings, however, were officially based on threats against a public servant.

The 200-odd Hungarian Jewish refugees in this country report frequent instances of anti-Semitism among the Hungarians.

BONN ASKED TO EXTEND CLAIMS DEADLINE FOR HUNGARIAN JEWS

VIENNA, March 24. (JTA) -- The Agudas Israel Organization here has notified the Bonn Government that among the Jewish refugees from Hungary who are currently in Austria there are 1,600 men and women entitled to German restitution payments as a result of persecution by the Nazis. The Agudah urged the Adenauer regime to extend the deadline for filing claims for Hungarian Jews who were unable to forward their applications on time.

ADMISSION OF EGYPTIAN JEWS AS IMMIGRANTS TO UNITED STATES URGED

NEW YORK, March 24. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress urged Attorney General Herbert Brownell today to use his statutory discretion to admit Jewish refugees from Egypt into the United States.

At an AJC executive committee meeting, Judge Justine Wise Polier, chairman of the executive, hit Mr. Brownell for clinging to a "double standard of morality" and refusing to admit as immigrants on a parole basis the Egyptian Jews as well as Hungarian refugees. Judge Polier further charged that President Eisenhower is "apparently unwilling" to recognize any tyranny except that of Communist governments.

In Washington yesterday, three Republican Senators--Irving M. Ives and Jacob J. Javits of New York and Clifford P. Case of New Jersey--called on Mr. Brownell to take emergency action to admit a "reasonable number" of Egyptian refugees. In a letter, the Senators noted that the number of Egyptian Jews who had families in the U.S. and might seek entrance to this country is relatively small, "not over 5,000" at the outside.

The AJC also asked the U.S. to "deal firmly" with Egyptian reoccupation of the Gaza Strip and continuance of belligerency and blockade against Israel. In a resolution, the organization urged action to uphold freedom of navigation for Israel through the Suez and Akaba waterways.

In another action taken at the meeting, the Congress renewed its appeal to the State Department to lift the travel ban to Israel. "The United States," the appeal stated, "is the only country in the world that has imposed such a ban and continues to enforce it despite the existence of peaceful conditions within Israel."

JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS U.S. TO DROP EMPLOYEES SECURITY PROGRAM

NEW YORK, March 24. (JTA) -- The United States Government was called upon by the American Jewish Congress yesterday to drop its Federal Employees Security Program and "study anew the possibility of relying entirely upon existing civil and criminal laws to protect the nation's security."

The suggestion by the AJC came in a long memorandum written at the invitation of the Commission on Government Security and made public by Shad Polier, chairman of the AJC's Commission on Law and Social Action.

If, after thorough study, it is found that the security program cannot be eliminated, then, according to the Congress memorandum, modifications should be introduced "to give the greatest possible protection to individual liberties and cause the least possible interference with government efficiency." It proposed 16 specific recommendations for altering the program.

SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP IN U.S. OUTSTRIPS KNOWLEDGE OF JUDAISM

NEW YORK, March 24. (JTA) -- While American Jews are increasing in synagogue membership, there is no corresponding growth in their understanding of the true values of Judaism, religious and educational leaders declared here today. The speakers were participants in the program of a two-day General Assembly convoked by the Synagogue Council of America, central national agency representing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform groups in this country.

Like other Americans, particularly in the suburbs, Jews are identifying themselves as American through religion, but "we are confronted today with more religiousness and less religion," said Will Herberg, professor of Judaic studies and social philosophy at Drew University, Madison, N. J. "We are confronted," he declared, "with the possibility that, with the rapid spread of religiousness among American Jews in the form of religious identification and synagogue membership, the very meaning of religion in its authentic sense may be lost for increasing members."

The same "danger," he stated, faced other faiths in this country as well as the Jews. A similar view was expressed by Dr. Max Arzt, vice-chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Dr. Bernard J. Bamberger, rabbi of West End Synagogue in New York, cautioned against "the trend of transforming synagogues into country clubs." To win the young Jews who join the synagogues, he said, "we must offer a brand of Judaism rooted in knowledge of Jewish sources, relevant to the social needs of our day, and presented in very simple terms."

Religious Values Stressed at Young Israel Parley

NEW YORK, March 24. (JTA) -- Increased affiliation with a synagogue "is not an indication of a significant growth of religious interest, vitality and dedication," District Attorney Edward S. Silver of Brooklyn warned today. Mr. Silver, past president of the National Council of Young Israel, addressed 1,500 dinner guests celebrating Young Israel's 45th anniversary here.

"A new segment of American youth in Young Israel is endeavoring to forge a harmonious link and blending of the basic principles of Orthodoxy and the demands of a secular culture," the guests were told by another of the speakers, Moses H. Hoenig, president of the National Council of Young Israel.

SECOND LATIN AMERICAN GENERAL ZIONIST CONFERENCE OPENS IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, March 24. (JTA) -- Eight countries were represented as the second Continental Conference of Latin American General Zionists convened here today. Delegations were present from this country, Uruguay, Chile, Brazil, Paraguay, Colombia, Peru and Mexico.

Addresses of welcome were given at the opening session today by Mateo Goldstein, president of the Latin American Confederation; Max Starkman, president of the General Zionist Federation of Argentina; and Arie Kubovi, Israel Ambassador to Argentina.

ISTANBUL JEWISH COMMUNITY FETES AMERICAN JEWISH NAVY MEN

ISTANBUL, March 24. (JTA) -- Forty Jewish servicemen aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Forrestal were entertained this week-end by the Jewish community when the giant American naval craft docked here after a cruise from Athens. Lt. William Jacob Jasper, chaplain aboard the Forrestal, shared with local Jewish dignitaries in conducting special services for the American Jewish personnel at the Great Synagogue here.

PROF. ADLER OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY NAMED FELLOW OF ROYAL SOCIETY

LONDON, March 24. (JTA) -- Dr. S. Adler, professor of parasitology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society this week-end, the highest distinction which can be offered by Britain's scientists to a colleague. Dr. Adler is one of six foreign scientists so honored this week-end.