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## EGYPT HAS NO RIGHT TO BELLIGERENT STATUS, DULLES DECLARES

WASHINGTON, March 26. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today that he believed that under the terms of the Israel-Egyptian armistice agreement, Egypt did not have the right to exercise belligerency. The Secretary of State also told his press conference that he did not think the mission of the United Nations Emergency Force had been completed and that Egypt could not alter its consent to the presence of the force until its mission had been completed.

Mr. Dulles reaffirmed that it is the intention of the United States to send ships to the Israeli port of Eilat through the Strait of Tiran. He declared that he was weighing the possibility of asking the International Court of Justice at The Hague for an advisory decision on the status of the straits.

He said in effect that the UNEF is authorized to remain in being, despite Egypt's objection, until there are assurances hostilities will not be renewed. He declared he does not believe Egypt has a right to withdraw arbitrarily the consent it gave UNEF until the force's mission is completed. Since there is no assurance that hostilities will not be renewed, Mr. Dulles said, the UNEF's mandate is not exhausted. He said in his concept, the UNEF role is not exhausted unless there are more assurances that belligerent rights will not be exercised. There is no assurance of tranquility yet to indicate that the initial mission is accomplished.

### Calls on Israel to Accept U. N. E. F. Troops on its Soil

Mr. Dulles asserted that the chances for peace would be improved if Israel agreed to the stationing of part of the UNEF force on its side of the armistice line. This, he said, would be conducive to tranquility and was authorized by a February 27 United Nations resolution. He said he had discussed this matter with Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir.

Secretary Dulles said that under the armistice agreement, Egypt has no right to exercise belligerent rights. This belief was the basis of a 1951 UN Security Council decision on Israel's right to use the Suez Canal. Mr. Dulles said the United States voted then for this principle and adheres to it now.

He said it was important to obtain a ruling on Israel's Akaba Gulf navigation rights from the International Court of Justice at The Hague. He said an advisory decision was preferable to a ruling emerging as a result of an incident. The United States will ship to Israel via the gulf, Mr. Dulles indicated. It will consider the gulf an international waterway unless and until a contrary ruling is made by the judicial authorities, Mr. Dulles said.

The Secretary of State made known that there was no agreement at Bermuda on what Britain and the United States might do in the event of various Middle East exigencies. But, he said, it was now more likely there would be a common policy.

"But," said Mr. Dulles, "the contingencies that we had to deal with were so varied and so unpredictable that it seemed to be rather unprofitable to try to reach a formal agreement as to what we would do in any one of a score, perhaps, of possible variations of future development."

His view of the Middle East today was one of "cautious optimism." He said he had not received an interim report from UN Secretary General Hammarskjold, but has had some "inkling" of developments there from the U. S. Ambassador in Cairo.

### Egypt Fails to Cooperate in Peace Efforts, Sen. Johnson Says

In the Senate today, Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas reiterated disapproval in Egypt for its failure to cooperate in efforts to seek a peaceful solution in the Middle East. He said that Israel had met one of the preconditions for working out a peaceful solution by withdrawing from the Gaza Strip and the mouth of the Gulf of Akaba. But, referring to Egypt, Sen. Johnson said the preconditions to peace have not been met.

"Most of us," he said, "have now become resigned to the realization that the Middle Eastern situation is far from a solution."

BEN GURION CALLS HAMMARSKJOLD BIASED ON ARMISTICE QUESTIONS

JERUSALEM, March 26. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion has sharply criticized United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, accusing him of a biased approach to questions of observance of the Arab-Israel armistice agreements.

Replying to questioners in the Knesset, Mr. Ben Gurion declared that while Mr. Hammarskjold was insistent on maintaining the juridical status of the Egypt-Israel armistice agreement when it was in Egypt's interest, he refused to maintain the legal status when it involved Article 8 of the Jordan-Israel armistice agreement concerning freedom of approach to holy places under Jordan's control.

The Israeli Premier charged that Mr. Hammarskjold had even refused to report to the United Nations Israel's complaint on this score raised during the course of the Secretary General's last visit to this country.

Senior Government officials said today that there was no point in conducting discussions with Mr. Hammarskjold so long as there was no reply to the question Israel had insisted the UN official put to Egypt - whether Egypt still considered itself in a state of war with Israel.

Mr. Hammarskjold is aware that should he wish to come to Israel, he would be welcome, they commented, but expressed doubt that in view of Col. Nasser's intractability, Mr. Hammarskjold would wish to come here.

(It was disclosed at United Nations headquarters that Mr. Hammarskjold will leave Cairo tomorrow for Beirut and will return to New York Thursday. Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, UN Under Secretary, will remain in Cairo.)

All available information here indicates that Col. Nasser remained adamant on all issues involving the Suez Canal, the Strait of Tiran and the question of belligerent rights. The Hammarskjold-Nasser talks did not even progress to the stage where they could properly be called "negotiations," it was stated. All that happened was that Nasser presented Egypt's views to the Secretary General.

There is every indication, it was said, here, that Egypt does not intend to abandon belligerency. Officials here insist that Nasser "cannot be allowed to use UNEF as a shield behind which to continue belligerency."

Officials noted here with satisfaction, statements by Canadian External Affairs Minister Lester Pearson that Canada would not continue to participate in UNEF if the force was not permitted to carry out the functions assigned it by the General Assembly. A spokesman said in this connection that UNEF's tasks within the Gaza Strip at present are restricted to guarding UNEF and relief agency installations.

STATE DEPT. COLLABORATED IN DRAFTING ISRAEL WITHDRAWAL STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, March 26. (JTA) -- Ernest K. Lindley, noted Washington correspondent, asserted today that the March 1 statement to the General Assembly by Mrs. Golda Meir, listing the "assumptions" of Israel's Sinai withdrawal, "was written in full collaboration with our State Department" and personally approved by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Lindley, writing in the current issue of "Newsweek," disclosed this in support of his contention that "the honor and good faith of our government and of the President himself, are directly involved in the Israeli-Egyptian crisis."

The columnist also reported that Mrs. Meir's original draft was "extensively altered" at the request of the State Department and that Ambassador Abba Eban and various U.S. officials "spent more than eight hours in hammering out the final version" which was "approved by Secretary Dulles. Thus, Mrs. Meir's statement was actually a joint statement" of Israel and the Eisenhower Administration.

ISRAEL POLICEMEN CHARGED WITH DISOBEYING ORDERS IN KILLING OF 47 ARABS

JERUSALEM, March 26. (JTA) -- Two Israeli officers and nine border policemen killed 47 Arab villagers in Kafr Kassem last October 29 in violation of orders from superior echelons, the prosecutor told a military court trying the men today.

The prosecutor charged that the ranking officer in the unit, Maj. S. Malinski, had instructed Lt. G. Dehan and his nine men to shoot villagers returning from the fields after a curfew deadline had been set in their absence. The prosecutor said that Lt. Dehan and his men knew that the orders were illegal, and cited the fact that two other police squads under Maj. Malinski's command had received the same orders but did not act on them in imposing curfews on neighboring villages.

The prosecutor further charged that after his men had killed 44 Arabs returning from the field, Lt. Dehan rode through Kafr Kassem firing at Arabs and personally killed three others.

The president of the three-man court, Judge Benjamin Halevy, dismissed a defense motion today demanding that he disqualify himself because he had conferred with Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Army Chief of Staff, before the trial.

#### WEST GERMAN UNION DELEGATION TO VISIT ISRAEL ON HISTADRUT INVITATION

DUSSELDORF, March 26. (JTA) -- A six-man delegation of the Trade Union Federation of West Germany and West Berlin will fly to Israel Thursday for a two-week visit at the invitation of Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor. Will Richter, national chairman of the federation, which has six million members, will head the delegation. Another member will be Ludwig Rosenberg, a member of the federation's executive committee.

#### BRITISH GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO ASK U.N. INTERVENTION ON EGYPTIAN JEWS

LONDON, March 26. (JTA) -- A British Government spokesman flatly declared in the House of Commons today that the Government would not instruct the British United Nations delegation to propose to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold that he intervene with President Nasser of Egypt to halt mass expulsion of Jews from that country.

Commander Allan Noble said that Mr. Hammarskjold's present visit to the Middle East was mainly concerned with other subjects, "but I am sure he has in mind those principles of the United Nations and the Declaration of Human Rights that have been so sadly neglected by Egypt."

#### POLAND, U.S.S.R. SIGN NEW PACT TO REPATRIATE POLISH NATIONALS

LONDON, March 26. (JTA) -- A further agreement was signed in Moscow yesterday between the Soviet Union and Poland governing repatriation of former Polish nationals now resident in Russia, the Moscow radio reported today.

The agreement extends the right of repatriation to residents of the Soviet Union who were Polish nationals until September 17, 1939, the date on which the Red Army moved into Poland and occupied territory which the Soviet Union annexed.

Those wishing to avail themselves of the right of repatriation to Poland must return before the end of this year. Those eligible for repatriation under the previous agreement have been returning to Poland for several months and the Polish Government has had to set up special machinery to aid them until they get settled and find jobs.

#### FORMER NAZI WAR CRIMINALS ESCAPE PUNISHMENT FOR 'LACK OF EVIDENCE'

MUNICH, March 26. (JTA) -- A former Gestapo official, on trial in the Court of Assizes here on charges of torturing Jewish prisoners, escaped punishment when the prosecution conceded that witnesses could not be located and brought here to testify against him. In the two cases where the victims appeared and were available as witnesses, the crimes charged involved penalties of less than three years and, therefore came under a 1954 amnesty.

In Frankfurt, two Nazi Party leaders who had organized attacks on Jewish shops and residences in Fechenheim during the 1938 November pogrom were acquitted "for lack of sufficient incontestable evidence" although witnesses had identified them in connection with two cases of arson.

In West Berlin, the newspaper Telegraf quoted the head of the Municipal Education Department in the Borough of Steiglitz as saying that no action would be taken to remove or investigate a teacher who was still a rabid Nazi and boasted of the role he had played during the 1938 November pogrom. The official said the teacher would be pensioned off soon. The local parents-teachers group, however, is pressing the case.

#### ACTION SOUGHT ON INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO END FUTURE STATELESSNESS

LONDON, March 25. (JTA) -- The question of how to obtain international action on a convention to eliminate statelessness in the future will be raised at the forthcoming meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva by the Agudas Israel, the organization revealed today. The commission's sessions start next Monday.

Nearly two and a half years ago, the General Assembly invited all member nations of the UN to consider such a convention and proposed that an international conference of at least 20 states be held to hammer out such a document. However, in the intervening months only 19 states have expressed a willingness to participate in such a parley. The Agudah hopes to accelerate the convention of the conference by raising the question at the Human Rights Commission meeting.

#### JEWISH TROUPE FROM POLAND GETS MIXED RECEPTION FROM BRITISH CRITICS

LONDON, March 26. (JTA) -- London's drama critics accorded a mixed reception this morning to the Jewish State Theatre of Poland which opened a three-week London engagement at the Winter Garden last night. Most of the criticism was directed at the selection of the play chosen for the opening - a Yiddish drama of Jewish emancipation in the 19th century.

The Times of London commented that "whatever its propagandist virtues, the piece is not well-suited to display the acting capacities of the visiting company." The Daily Telegraph's critic said "the play hardly gave the present company a chance to show its quality." The London News Chronicle critic found the combination of Yiddish and the gloom of the play too much for him.

### JEWISH LEADERS WARNED AGAINST 'DEBUNKING' RELIGIOUS REVIVAL

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- A warning to Jewish leaders against "debunking" the present religious revival was issued yesterday by Dr. Abraham J. Hartford, Conn., president of the Synagogue Council of America, at the close of the SCA two-day annual general assembly.

Dr. Feldman spoke with dismay about "the tendency" to regard spiritual renaissance with "incredulity" and warned his colleagues against "going too far" in their search for causes of the revived interest in Jewish religious identification in the U. S.

He questioned the "propriety" of "probing" the sincerity of persons who in increasing numbers are joining synagogues and asked the General Assembly "how can we sit in judgment when they come to worship and seek education?"

In a summary, Dr. Max D. Davidson of Perth Amboy, N. J., SCA vice-president, reported "substantial increases" in synagogue membership but warned against dangers of "secularization."

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, executive director of the SCA, said American Jews have achieved a "status and security" that was "unprecedented" in Jewish history. He said this was due to the transformation of the United States from a Protestant into a "three-religion nation," permitting Judaism to achieve an integration in the United States it has never had before.

### ZIONIST LEADERS URGE U. S. AND U. N. TO KEEP PLEDGES TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 26. (JTA) -- Unless the United States and the United Nations keep the commitments they gave Israel to get her to withdraw from the Gaza and Akaba areas "the damage to the free world will be incalculable," Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, told a rally here tonight sponsored by the American Zionist Council.

Mrs. Halprin and other top-ranking American Zionist leaders reported on the recent meetings in Jerusalem of the full Jewish Agency executive.

Calling on President Eisenhower to back up his pledge that if Egyptian President Nasser pursues belligerent tactics he would be dealt with firmly, Mrs. Halprin pointed out that "to this very day, Nasser continues to pursue the tactics of a belligerent and, in fact, maintains that Egypt is still in a state of war with Israel."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, expressed concern over the failure of the just-concluded Bermuda conference between President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Macmillan to produce anything "tangible" regarding the problems of Gaza, Akaba and the Suez Canal. He warned that the U. S. and the UN are "courting another explosion" that may occur the moment President Nasser decides to re-assert belligerency toward Israel.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, told the rally that "if the situation in the Middle East is not rectified now, there is again danger of war." Louis Segal, secretary of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order, declared that the atmosphere in Israel today is "calm and more confident than the atmosphere that prevails in the U. S."

Dr. Irving Miller was re-elected chairman of the Council at a meeting of the organization before the public rally.

### FIRST 'ISRAEL TRADE FAIR' OPENED IN TORONTO BY ONTARIO PREMIER

TORONTO, March 26. (JTA) -- Canada's first Israel Trade Fair was opened here Monday night by Ontario Premier Frost in the presence of 600 leaders of the Toronto business community.

Ambassador Michael Comay and May<sup>or</sup> Philips of Toronto also viewed the booths of 90 exhibitors. A fashion show highlighted the opening ceremonies.

Mr. Comay emphasized Israel's efforts to increase exports to Canada which rose 50 percent last year to \$1,500,000 over 1954 figures.

Premier Frost praised the exhibition and urged Canadians to buy Israeli products. He praised Canadian Jewry for supporting Israel. The Toronto fair will move to New York in April.

### MORDECAI NARKISS, DIRECTOR OF ISRAEL BEZALEL MUSEUM, DEAD

JERUSALEM, March 26. (JTA) -- Mordecai Narkiss, director of the Bezalel National Museum, died here today. He was 58. A leading expert on Jewish art, Mr. Narkiss was responsible for the museum's acquisition after the war of some valuable collections. He was the author of books on Yemenite artcraft, Palestine coins and Chanukah art and translated a number of art books into Hebrew.