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HAMMARSKJOLD SAYS U.N. FORCES WILL REMAIN IN GAZA STRIP TILL SEPTEMBER

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 4. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold asserted here today that he has "formally transmitted" to Egypt the prime question asked by Israel calling for a "yes" or "no" answer as to whether the Cairo Government considers itself in a state of belligerence. So far, the UN chief said, he has not received a reply to this all-important question.

Mr. Hammarskjold also implied that the United Nations Emergency Force is responsible for internal security in the Gaza Strip; that present plans call for UNEF to remain in action on Egyptian territory and in Gaza until at least next September; and that it is "a wise assumption" that Egypt will not bar Israeli shipping through the Suez Canal.

Mr. Hammarskjold made these points, among the others, at an unusually long press conference, the first he has held here since November. Some of his statements, however, like the one dealing with Israel shipping through the Suez, were seen by observers to be subject to varying interpretation.

His characterization of Egypt's lifting the Suez blockade as "a wise assumption" came in a request for a comment made yesterday in Washington by President Eisenhower to the effect that the President believes Egypt will not bar the ships of any country when the canal is opened.

But Mr. Hammarskjold also said in another answer that the October 13 resolution of the Security Council--in which one basic requirement for the Suez Canal's operation is that there must be no discrimination against any nation's shipping, "overt and covert"--is really tied to the Constantinople Convention of 1888. Under that convention, Egypt has been claiming it is in a "state of war" with Israel and therefore entitled to bar the canal to Israel-bound ships.

Reports on Attempt to Induce Egypt and Israel to Talk Peace

Mr. Hammarskjold reported that he has approached both Egypt and Israel regarding implementation of Article One of their 1949 armistice agreement. That article refers to the armistice as a transition to peace. So far, he said, he has no replies on this point from either government.

The United Nations Emergency Force both in the Akaba area and in Gaza, "has, as a predominant function, to safeguard peace between the two countries," Mr. Hammarskjold stated. He said he has no reports from the UNEF command that civilians there are armed, but the UN force "should be able to see to it that there is no development behind it which contradicts the purposes it is serving on the armistice demarcation line."

There have been discussions about erecting a fence along the Israel-Gaza frontier, Mr. Hammarskjold reported, adding that while he believes that "the fence idea has advantages, he also believes that it should "like all such ideas, be applied with common sense."

"We do not solve the problems of that area by building a fence all along the armistice demarcation line, all around Gaza. But there are sensitive spots which, in our experience, present special difficulties for shepherds, marauders and what-not, and where the policing activities by UNEF would be facilitated by the erection of such a fence," he stated.

Declaring that both he and the commander of UNEF, Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, "got full cooperation" from the Egyptian Government during his visit to Cairo, Mr. Hammarskjold added: "you can draw your own conclusions from that." He expressed the opinion that the claiming of "belligerence" by one United Nations member against another--as in the case of Egypt vs. Israel--is not in itself "against the UN Charter. It is simply, he said, a "state of no peace in the technical and legal sense... something with which we regrettably have to live."

Denies Israel "Snubbed" Him; Hopeful on Israel's Passage Through Suez

Mr. Hammarskjold said he had no plans about going--or not going--to the Middle East again in the near future, "but my suitcases are always packed." He denied that he thought Israel had "snubbed" him by not specially inviting him to visit Jerusalem while he was in

Cairo. "They very kindly said I was welcome," he said. But he felt his most urgent need was to return to headquarters here.

After his press conference, Mr. Hammarskjold submitted to an interview for television in which he made these points:

1. He is more convinced now than he was even in Cairo that he has cause for "optimism" about the Gaza situation.
2. He hopes that the question of Israel's passage through the Suez "will develop in such a way that this will not become a new source of major disturbance."
3. UNEF now has enough authority to feel that fedayeen activities "are not undercutting their efforts along the armistice demarcation line."
4. Nasser has agreed with him to "be guided by what was called good faith in interpreting the functions of UNEF." Therefore he felt that if Egypt changed its mind about UNEF, "that would be a matter for discussion."

EISENHOWER CONFERS WITH DULLES ON SUEZ AND FOREIGN AID ISSUES

WASHINGTON, April 4. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today held a White House conference with Secretary of State Dulles and Under Secretary Herter to discuss the Suez Canal problem and foreign aid plans. Mr. Dulles declined comment on the details of the 45-minute conference except to say that the two subjects were discussed.

State Department press spokesman Lincoln White said today the Department was awaiting further word from Egypt on its Suez Canal plan. He refused to discuss a "preliminary" response from Egypt on operation of the canal received two days ago.

EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA PLANS TO VISIT ISRAEL; WANTS ISRAELI TECHNICIANS

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- Emperor Haile Selassie expressed a desire to visit Israel and also to inspect Ethiopian Church institutions there, in the first interview he has ever given an Israeli newspaperman. The interview, with correspondent Dan Bavli, will appear in tomorrow's Jerusalem Post.

Mr. Bavli quotes the Emperor as expressing satisfaction over the prospect of improved economic relations with Israel as a result of the opening of the port of Elath. The Emperor said Ethiopia would welcome Israeli investments in his country and would be happy to accept the services of Israeli technicians in the development of his country.

Haile Selassie, who spent a long time in Jerusalem as a refugee from Mussolini's legions, expressed his conviction that peace will come to the Middle East. He also praised the Eisenhower Doctrine.

FRANCE READY TO HELP ISRAEL TO BUILD OIL PIPELINE, ESHKOL SAYS

TEL AVIV, April 4. (JTA) -- If Israel decides to build a wide diameter oil pipeline across the Negev paralleling the current Elath-Beersheba line, France will assist and probably other countries will, too.

This was revealed here today by Levi Eshkol, Israel Finance Minister, who returned from a visit to France where he conferred with both French Government leaders and private businessmen and financiers. However, Mr Eshkol said it was too early to say whether Israel would go ahead with a larger pipeline. He said that any credits Israel receives from France would be extended under "acceptable conditions."

JEWISH ORPHANAGES TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM EUROPEAN LANDS TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 4. (JTA) -- Jewish orphanages in certain European countries will be transferred to Israel en masse, Moshe Kol, director of Youth Aliyah told a meeting here today. The first orphans to be moved under this plan, he revealed, have already arrived in Israel.

Without mentioning the names of the countries involved, Mr. Kol expressed gratitude to their governments for enabling the transfer of children orphaned as a result of Nazi action and World War II. He referred to these governments' attitude as "humanitarian."

ISRAEL SHIP BUILT BY GERMANY STARTS FROM HAMBURG FOR U.S. VOYAGE

HAMBURG, April 4. (JTA) -- The 9,500-ton Gilboa, built here under the terms of the Israel-German reparations pact, sailed here today for New York on her maiden voyage. She carries a crew of 41, all Israeli seamen.

BENJAMIN MAZAR REELECTED PRESIDENT OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- Benjamin Mazar was reelected president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem last night at a meeting of the Board of Governors. George Weiss of New York, now residing in Mexico City, was named chairman of the board.

SIXTH TRANSPORT OF 1,000 JEWS TO LEAVE EGYPT THROUGH RED CROSS

LONDON, April 4. (JTA) -- A sixth transport of some 1,000 Egyptian Jews, organized by the International Red Cross, will leave Alexandria early next week, the Agudas Israel world executive announced here today on the basis of information from the Red Cross. The vessel will dock at the Greek port of Piraeus.

The World Jewish Congress, meanwhile, released a report to the effect that over 17,000 of Egypt's estimated 50,000 Jews have fled the country since last November, and that the exit of Jews from Egypt shows no sign of abatement. It is estimated that thousands of Egyptian Jews who delayed their departure out of fear of the severe European winter have completed their preparations and will soon leave. By late Summer, it is expected, no more than 10,000 Jews will remain in Egypt.

Basing its estimate on authoritative information, the World Jewish Congress says that the position of the Egyptian Jewish community remains critical despite a number of minor alleviations conceded recently by the authorities. While Jews interned in the early stages of the anti-Jewish campaign have been released and no more internments are currently taking place, nothing has been done to release many Jews committed to prison on trumped up charges.

Most sequestered property has been returned to its original owners and communal buildings are also being turned back, but these measures affect only the small section of Egyptian Jewry which was economically best off in the past, the WJC reported. No measures have been taken to make good even part of the damage done to lives and livelihoods of thousands of defenseless and unoffending people, or to restore the property which emigrants were forced to sign away before leaving, the report said.

Even the wealthy, said the WJC, see no future in Egypt and remain only in the hope of salvaging part of their possessions to be used to start life anew elsewhere. The communal organizations are faced with the problem of disposing of buildings and institutions for whose maintenance they no longer have the resources or personnel.

U.S. JEWISH GROUP ASKS POLAND NOT TO SEND JEWS BACK TO RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, April 4. (JTA) -- A Jewish Labor Committee delegation appealed today to Polish Ambassador Romuald Spasowski to intervene with his government to quiet the reported expelling to Russia of repatriated Polish Jews.

The delegation left a memorandum with the Polish Ambassador expressing "great despair" over reports that Polish Jews permitted through a Polish-Soviet agreement to return to Poland from Russia are to be deported back to the Soviet Union.

"We are astounded," the memorandum read, "that the Polish Government decided to expel the above-mentioned Jews from Poland and send them back to Soviet Russia from whence they legally came. We appeal to you, and ask that this act of expelling those Jews be stopped."

(Authoritative Jewish sources in New York today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "there are no reports about expelling Jews from Poland to the Soviet Union." They said that the situation concerning the repatriation of Jews to Poland is as follows: "On March 25 an agreement was signed in Moscow between Poland and Soviet Russia in connection with the repatriation of all Poles who are now in Russia and were Polish citizens on September 17, 1939. There is a special paragraph in that agreement stating that Jews who were Polish citizens on that date will be permitted to go back to Poland exactly like other Polish citizens.")

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS TO OPEN FOUR DAY CONFERENCE IN LONDON

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- More than 60 Jewish leaders from all parts of the world will participate in a four-day conference of the World Jewish Congress executive which will open in London on April 29, it was announced here today. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president, will preside over the sessions which will review Jewish affairs on an international level.

One of the major matters up for discussion is a proposal by Dr. Goldmann to further Jewish unity on the international scene by initiating a system of permanent consultation among major national Jewish organizations all over the world. The American continent will be represented at the conference by 16 delegates from the United States, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Uruguay.

CZECH DIPLOMAT ACCUSED BY ISRAEL OF ESPIONAGE RETURNS TO PRAGUE

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- Jaromir Vasicek, attaché of the Czech Legation here, who was accused of espionage and declared persona non grata by the Israel Government, left the country by air today, together with his family.

The denunciation of Mr. Vasicek followed by several days the Czechoslovak Government's expulsion of Moshe Shatz, Israel legation secretary in Prague, on similar charges.

JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL LAUNCHES \$5, 600, 000 FUND RAISING DRIVE FOR 1957

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- The 1957 campaign of the Joint Defense Appeal, fund-raising agency for the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, for \$5, 600, 000 was opened last night with a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Arnold M. Grant, chairman of the campaign, reported that the 1957 goal is \$1, 300, - 000 more than was raised in 1957. He said the larger budget was needed to meet increased community relations problems arising out of desegregation in the South and the Middle East crisis.

\$675, 000 RAISED FOR U. J. A. AT NEW YORK ZIONIST DINNER FOR DR. NEUMANN

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- A total of \$675, 000 was raised for the UJA at a dinner tonight in honor of Dr. Emanuel Neumann, ZOA president, tendered him by the Manhattan ZOA District at the Essex House here. The dinner was presided over by Moses Torczyner, acting chairman of the District.

NEW JERSEY REFUSES TO CHANGE ELECTION DATE COINCIDING WITH PASSOVER

NEWARK, April 4. (JTA) -- An appeal from the New Jersey region of the American Jewish Congress for a change in the statewide primary election date, which coincides with the first day of Passover, was rejected today by legislative officials as presenting too many "practical difficulties."

D. Beryl Manischewitz, president of the region, said the officials had been asked to consider an amendment of the state absentee voting law, which allows for such voting by persons who are ill or in military service, to cover voters barred by religious conviction from voting on a particular occasion.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY FRATERNITIES ORDERED TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., April 4. (JTA) -- Rutgers University officials today ordered three fraternities to eliminate discriminatory clauses in their constitutions limiting membership to "white Caucasians."

Cornelius B. Boocook, dean of men, declined to name the three fraternities, adding that Rutgers' 22 other Greek societies are free from such restrictions. He said the three fraternities have been given until September 1, 1959 to comply.

AMERICAN FUND CONTRIBUTES \$70, 000 FOR PRESS CLUB BUILDING IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- The Nahum Sokolow Journalists Center was formally opened here last night at a ceremony attended by newspapermen, Premier David Ben Gurion, Israeli cultural leaders and representatives of the American Fund for Israeli Institutions.

The Fund contributed \$70, 000 toward the 250, 000 pound cost of the building. The center honors one of the foremost pioneer Hebrew editors and one-time president of the World Zionist Organization.

POLISH EMBASSY IN LONDON HONORS VISITING JEWISH THEATRE

LONDON, April 4. (JTA) -- For the first time since the end of World War II, an East European embassy honored a Jewish group when the Polish Ambassador gave a reception tonight to the visiting Polish State Jewish theatre.

Local Jewish leaders and representatives of the Anglo-Jewish press were among those invited. The visit of the theatre group has been so successful that the visit has been extended two weeks until April 20.

THREE JEWISH LEADERS TO RECEIVE J. W. B. 1957 FRANK WEIL AWARD

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- The 1957 Frank L. Weil Awards of the National Jewish Welfare Board have been voted to Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein, New York; Dr. Solomon Grayzel, Philadelphia, and Louis Stern, Newark, N. J., it was announced today. The winners will receive the awards -- bronze medallions and scrolls -- at a luncheon session of the 40th annual meeting of JWB's board of directors, to be held Sunday, April 7, at the Biltmore Hotel, here.

Rabbi Lookstein will receive the award "for distinguished contribution to the welfare of Jewish personnel in the U. S. Armed Forces." Mr. Stern, chairman of JWB's Jewish Community Center Division, will be honored "for distinguished contribution to the advancement of the Jewish Community Center movement." Dr. Grayzel, editor of the Jewish Publication Society of America, is to be cited "for distinguished contribution to the development of American Jewish culture."