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SITUATION ON ISRAEL-JORDAN FRONTIER REPORTED DETERIORATING RAPIDLY

TEL AVIV, April 18. (JTA) -- A rapid deterioration of the situation along the Jordan-Israel border was seen here today in the wake of new frontier incidents. Israeli military circles pointed out the pressure on Israel seemed to be swinging from Israel's eastern border to the west, where both Syria and Jordan have contributed to a continuing series of incidents in recent days.

The most serious incursion today occurred when a band of eight or nine armed Jordanians crossed the border in broad daylight and penetrated one-eighth of a mile into Israel to attack an Israeli border patrol. In a short, vicious exchange of fire, the Israelis drove the gang back across the border. Although the gang used automatic weapons and rifles, no Israelis were hurt.

However, during the battle and the subsequent retreat, Jordanian police were seen watching the battle from their police station at Lassifar, south of Mt. Hebron. The fact that the police were either unable or uninterested in preventing the infiltration or in arresting the raiders afterwards was seen here as an important aftermath of political upheaval in Jordan, and a sign of possible future trouble from that source.

Earlier in the day, an Israeli tractor driver was wounded when his vehicle was blasted by a landmine. The incident occurred near Nir David, in the Beisan Valley, in the same area where three infiltrators from Jordan ambushed and murdered two Israeli settlement watchmen Monday night. It is believed that the same gang set the mine trap on the same night.

Exchange of Fire on Israel-Syrian Border

Another exchange of fire occurred on the Syrian border today north of Lake Huleh when Syrian gunposts caught an Israeli patrol, on Israel soil, in a crossfire. Col. J. Leary, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, called on both sides to cease fire.

A military spokesman said that Israeli reinforcements were rushed to the scene of the fighting in order to extricate the patrol which was pinned down by heavy firing from several intersecting machine gun nests. By the time the UN request for a cease-fire came through, the spokesman said, the patrol had been pulled back in safety under an umbrella of concentrated fire which quieted the Syrians, and Israel immediately complied.

Syrian gun posts opposite Kfar Szold in Upper Galilee opened fire yesterday on the settlement and kept it up for an hour and a half. The Israelis replied. No casualties were suffered on the Israeli side. Today, two Israeli Arabs, one a woman shepherd and the other a man, were kidnapped and dragged across the border into Lebanon. The abductions were carried out by two separate armed gangs.

MOSCOW ALLEGES ISRAEL IS BEING ARMED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS

LONDON, April 18. (JTA) -- The Soviet radio has broadcast allegations that Israel is being armed with "nuclear weapons." Radio Moscow in the past several days has been broadcasting threats to destroy Middle Eastern states serving "nuclear war bases" of the United States.

The broadcast said France and Israel had reached an agreement, while "there are also reports circulating on the arming of Israel with nuclear weapons and on great maneuvers being carried out by NATO's Mediterranean forces with the participation of the U.S. Sixth Fleet, which allegedly carries atomic weapons."

(In Damascus, Syria, Premier Sabri Assali said today that only Israel "and her Western allies" are contemplating aggression against Jordan. He added that Syria and Egypt, linked with Jordan by a mutual defense treaty, "are determined to spare no effort in defending Jordan's independence and sovereignty." The Arab states "are fully prepared to retaliate with double blows against Israel," he declared.)

ISRAEL VIEWS WITH APPREHENSION WASHINGTON STAND ON SUEZ CANAL ISSUE

JERUSALEM, April 18. (JTA) -- Latest developments in Washington and Cairo with reference to Israel's right to use the Suez Canal are viewed with apprehension in top government circles here, it was learned today.

These circles feel that reports from Cairo and Washington "reveal an unfavorable trend, as though Israel's rights are forgotten in order to ease the way for solutions for others." Highly placed Israelis note that the United States position on Israel's right to navigate the canal in full equality with other nations, firmly expressed by President Eisenhower in a television speech February 21, is being soft-pedalled.

These same sources emphasized that nothing had occurred to change Israel's determination to avail itself of the right to use the canal. They stated that an oil transportation alone denial of the Suez Canal has cost Israel \$15,000,000 in the last year.

Meanwhile, the Jerusalem Post scored the United States today for the "downright weakness" which it displayed on the question of passage through the Akaba Gulf to Elath. It noted that President Eisenhower yesterday reiterated the American view that the waterway was international, but advised prudence as far as American use of the Gulf was concerned. This type of vacillation, the Jerusalem Post said, gave the Arab states the idea they could blackmail the U.S. and, more easily, Iran from which Israel might obtain oil.

FRENCH MISSION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO STUDY INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES

TEL AVIV, April 18. (JTA) -- Emil Roche, chairman of the French National Economic Council, arrived here today at the head of a delegation of representatives of French banks and investment houses and engineering firms. He was greeted by a government delegation led by Labor Minister Mordecai Namir.

M. Roche said that the mission would study Israeli industry and development plans with a view to advising French investors of the situation in this country. Among the projects which M. Roche and his group will discuss with Israel Cabinet members is the proposed Elath-Mediterranean oil pipeline.

At a luncheon given in his honor by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, M. Roche told the Israelis that the "lesson of courage and dignity" which the Israeli people have given the world "earned them the friendship and esteem of the French people." He noted that in the "struggle for peace and justice, Israel found France at her side from the very beginning."

ESHKOL REPORTS ON OUTLOOK FOR FOREIGN FIRMS TO BUILD PIPELINE

JERUSALEM, April 18. (JTA) -- Israel will know within a month whether foreign companies interested in building a greatly expanded oil pipeline from Elath to Haifa will come in on the deal, Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister, told a press conference here.

Mr. Eshkol, who said that several different plans for the construction of such a line were under consideration, noted that foreign capital would be needed. He revealed that France was willing to aid Israel in building a 16-inch line to replace the newly constructed eight-inch tube which now runs only from Elath to Beersheba. France was also willing to discuss the construction of a 32-inch line, he reported.

The Israel Government, the Finance Minister declared, favored a 32-inch line which would cost \$40,000,000, only \$10,000,000 more than a 16-inch line but capable of carrying four times as much oil. A 32-inch line could annually transport 5,000,000 tons of crude oil to Haifa from Elath. This, he pointed out, was four times Israel's current needs and twice what Israel is expected to be using within five years. Mr. Eshkol estimated that the cost of the big line would be repaid within two years after it went into use.

The pipe would be manufactured in Israel, Mr. Eshkol said, regardless of whether it was the 16-inch or 32-inch size. The Finance Minister disclosed that the government and the Jewish Agency were planning to establish a series of new settlements astride the trans-Negev road, which will parallel any new pipeline from the south. The asphalt-topped road is expected to be completed by June. Any Arab interference, specifically by Saudi Arabia, with Israel expansion plans in the south, Mr. Eshkol indicated, would be met with most vigorous action.

ARABS AND DRUZES IN ISRAEL PERMITTED TO JOIN ALL ARMED SERVICES

JERUSALEM, April 18. (JTA) -- Members of minority groups in Israel will be permitted to enter any branch of the armed services, not just units composed of members of minority groups, it was revealed here today. This was the basis of an agreement reached earlier this week between the office of the Chief of Staff of the Israel Army of Defense and representatives of the Druze community.

Druze soldiers conscripted or Christian Arabs who volunteer for service may choose any arm and be accepted without discrimination. The only requirement is that candidates meet the same tests for entrance to a particular branch given Jewish enlistees or draftees.

EX-NAZI FACES TRIAL IN POLAND FOR DIRECTING MASS-EXECUTIONS OF JEWS

LONDON, April 18. (JTA) -- Jews from Israel and other countries abroad who were victimized by Serge Bobko, head of a concentration camp in Poland during the Nazi occupation, were summoned by Polish authorities to testify at the trial of Bobko which is now taking place in Wroclaw, Poland, it was reported here today from Warsaw. Bobko is charged with conducting the "liquidation of Jews" in the Polish towns of Baranowice and Horodisce.

The report says that the trial, which has been going on for about two weeks, has established that Bobko directed the mass-execution of the Jews in Baranowice. Jewish and Polish witnesses testified that Bobko ordered the liquidation of the ghetto in Baranowice and personally took charge of marching the Jews to a field behind the ghetto where they were machine-gunned and thrown into a mass grave. Among those who testified against Bobko was a Jewish woman who, together with her daughter, crawled out from the mass grave after simulating death.

Bobko is also charged with participating in the execution, in the summer of 1942, of a transport of several thousand Jews from Czechoslovakia who were brought to gas chambers in Poland. Another charge against him is that he killed all the Jews in the town of Nesviezh, Poland, when he arrived there in 1943 as head of a Nazi "security unit." Prior to the massacre, he set the Nesviezh ghetto afire and burned it to the ground, the charge specifies.

ITALIAN JEWS SEEK COMPENSATION FROM GERMANY FOR NAZI ACTIONS

ROME, April 18. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities urged the Italian Government today to intervene with Germany to obtain compensation for Italian victims of Nazism, many of whom were Jews. The Italian Government is expected to take the initiative in requesting German Government aid for its nationals, in a move paralleling that of a number of other West European governments. The Union, meanwhile, has initiated work on an overall history of the persecution of Italian Jews during the recent Fascist-Nazi era.

Four Italian Jewish families, who lost members who were deported or killed by the Nazis, have initiated legal action against the Italian neo-Fascist publication "Asso di Bastoni" under a provision of the Italian penal code which bans as a punishable offense the encouragement of crimes and racial discrimination. The four families charge that the publication's continuous praise of Fascist methods of dealing with the Jews constitutes incitement to violence.

HUNGARIAN REFUGEES DISSEMINATE ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA IN BRITAIN

LONDON, April 18. (JTA) -- Barnett Janner, Labor M. P., urged the British Government today to take action to halt the publication by recent Hungarian refugees to Britain of an anti-Semitic magazine and to prevent the further printing of such Nazi-type literature in Britain.

Mr. Janner, who is also president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said that there were many people in this country who, like himself, felt that the publication and distribution of such a journal was an abuse of the right of asylum.

Miss Patricia Hornsby-Smith, Joint Undersecretary of State for the Home Office, said that the government was aware of the anti-Semitic publication in the Hungarian language and had taken steps to prevent its distribution in hostels where Hungarian refugees were staying. Miss Hornsby Smith expressed sympathy with Mr. Janner's views and said that if the publisher takes any actions which "offend against the law he will be made answerable for them."

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION OBJECT TO ANTI-JEWISH REMARKS

WASHINGTON, April 18. (JTA) -- Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution walked out of a DAR convention when a speaker made anti-Jewish remarks, it was learned here today.

The speaker was identified as Rear Admiral John G. Crommelin. He was quoted as attributing to George Washington a statement that "the Jews work more effectively against us than does the enemy." Those who objected to his remarks were members of the Pensacola, Florida, chapter of the organization.

Commenting on such incidents, DAR President General Mrs. Frederic A. Groves warned DAR members to "be careful" about the things they say. "We never indulge in persecution of minorities," Mrs. Groves said.

NETHERLANDS QUEEN VISITS INSTITUTE OF JEWISH SOCIAL STUDIES

THE HAGUE, April 18. (JTA) -- Queen Juliana visited the Institute of Jewish Social Studies here today and attended a lecture by a visiting professor. The Queen inspected the institute and later heard Prof. Morris Ginsberg of the London School of Economics lecture on the principles of social justice.

GENERAL LASKOV, ISRAEL COMMANDER OF NEGEV FORCES, ARRIVES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- Brigadier General Chaim Laskov, commanding general of Israel's Southern Defense Force, and a leading figure in Israel's security operations in the Sinai Peninsula, arrives in the United States today to tour this country in behalf of the United Jewish Appeals' \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund and regular 1957 UJA campaign.

General Laskov is Israel's first top-echelon military commander to visit this country since the end of his country's defense measures against Egypt last fall. He is here on a purely humanitarian mission to arouse American Jewish support for the Jewish refugees from Egypt, Hungary, Eastern Europe and North Africa still waiting in crowded European refugee centers for transportation and resettlement in Israel, the United States and other free countries or already settled in free countries.

As commander of the Southern Defense Force, General Laskov is charged with the security of an area which includes the Negev, where most of the new influx of Jewish refugees is being resettled. It is because of his intimate knowledge of and concern about the problems of resettlement that he is making a tour of U.S. communities for the UJA. At 38, General Laskov is one of Israel's youngest commanders.

JEWISH LEADERS DISCUSS PLANS TO INTENSIFY ISRAEL BOND DRIVE IN U.S.

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- Plans to intensify the sale of Israel bonds in the United States and other countries were discussed by key leaders here today at a luncheon attended by Robert Briscoe, Jewish Mayor of Dublin.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization, described Israel bonds as "the key to Israel's economic development program.. At a time when Israel continues to face tensions and crisis as a result of Arab hostility," he said, "we must guarantee a flow of development capital through the Israel bond drive. Without these dollars, Israel will face severe difficulties in maintaining her economic structure at full strength. She counts on us for an increased level of Israel bond sales."

EINSTEIN COLLEGE USES U.S. GRANT FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH PROGRAM

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- A far-reaching pilot training and research program, stressing the inter-relation of many branches of the biological and physical sciences as the key to a better understanding of the nervous system and human behavior, has been initiated at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, as a result of a \$1,700,000 grant made by the National Institute of Mental Health, U.S. Public Health Service.

Announcement of the grant, which covers a six-year period, was made today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University. Provision is made for awarding 36 fellowships on both pre-doctoral and post-doctoral levels. The program will mark a new emphasis in both medical education and research by cutting across departmental lines and promoting an interwoven pattern of scientific research and thinking.

ISRAELI PRODUCTS ATTRACT ATTENTION AT WORLD TRADE FAIR IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- A wide-ranging display of Israeli products at the United States World Trade Fair in New York's Coliseum is attracting widespread attention and comment both from the general public and business visitors, officials reported today.

In addition to a National Pavilion, Israel has booths showing building and industrial goods, wearing apparel, foods and beverages and arts and crafts. Public interest has been particularly strong in Israel hand-crafted products, officials said. Among the Israeli products shown for the first time to Americans are chemicals, pharmaceuticals, a fine Israeli champagne, shoes and mosaics. The Fair closes April 27.

GOLDA MEIR TO RECEIVE "STEPHEN WISE AWARD" FOR 1956, A.J.C. ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, April 18. (JTA) -- The recipients of the Stephen Wise Awards for 1956 will be Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister of Israel; former Federal Judge J. Waties Waring; the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning of Philadelphia; and ORT, the Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training, it was announced here today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress.

The awards, each bearing a cash value of \$1,000, are presented annually for outstanding service in the four major areas to which the late Dr. Stephen Wise, a founder of the American Jewish Congress, devoted his life. The four areas are: the growth and development of Israel; the extension of civil rights and civil liberties; the promotion of Jewish culture and scholarship; and the welfare of the Jewish people. The recipients of the 1956 Awards were selected by a committee of leading citizens, Jewish and non-Jewish, headed by Louis M. Rabinowitz, industrialist and philanthropist of New York City.