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## SYRIAN TROOPS RENEW BATTLE WITH ISRAEL; TANKS AND ARTILLERY USED

JERUSALEM, March 31. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Golda Meir today summoned United Nations truce chief Maj. Gen. Carl C. von Horn and told him that the Israel Government views seriously the Syrian border violence which flared anew today in a two and a half hour battle involving tanks, artillery and machine guns.

Israeli circles would not reveal the details of the meeting. This was Gen. von Horn's first meeting with the Foreign Minister, who only yesterday returned from a month-long African tour. An Israeli Army spokesman charged that today's fighting began when Syrian troops opened up with 120 millimetre heavy mortars and tank cannon on Israeli workers in the Huleh reclamation area. Israel returned the fire with tanks and artillery.

It was indicated here today that the Israel Government felt some steps must be taken to prevent further shooting in the border area. Israelis said that there could be no question of the area in which the fighting occurred being in the demilitarized zone. It is land which was under the Huleh lake and only became available after a portion of the swamp-lake was drained.

The new Syrian attack got under way today as Israel Army Chief Gen. Haim Laskov toured the Huleh area with high staff officers. Like yesterday, the fighting developed following a Syrian rifle and machine gun fire on a party of civilian laborers and their police escort. Soon both sides had brought tanks and mortars into the fray. Once again the United Nations observers stationed in the demilitarized zone intervened to mediate a cease-fire. Preliminary reports said the Israelis had suffered no casualties.

Another incident yesterday which was overshadowed by the major clash near Lake Huleh occurred along a road north of Lake Tiberias when entrenched Syrian troops opened fire on a police jeep. The moving vehicle was not hit.

Dr. Francisco Urrutia of Colombia, UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's personal representative, arrived here today for talks with Foreign Ministry officials on the Mt. Scopus situation. The diplomat, who negotiated the latest Israel-Jordan agreement on Mt. Scopus, returned to the Middle East in an attempt to iron out the obstacles which have prevented implementation of that plan.

## State Department Watching Developments on Israel-Syrian Frontier

WASHINGTON, March 31. (JTA) -- The State Department is observing developments on the Israel-Syrian frontier but the opinion here is that nothing will come of the violence now flaring. U.S. Ambassadors in Damascus and Tel Aviv are reporting to Washington on the situation.

A belief exists here that the Arabs are not at this juncture anxious for all-out warfare with Israel because of differences in their own ranks arising from the growing rift separating Arab states.

(From Damascus it was reported today that additional Syrian troops and armor were moving toward the Israel border. The Arab News Agency in Cairo quoted a military spokesman of the United Arab Republic as stating that the UAR (Egypt-Syria) "would not remain idle" in the face of what he called Israeli aggression.)

## United Arab Republic Protests to U.N. Chief Against Israel

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 31. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic complained today to the United Nations that Israel has continued to send armed forces accompanied by agricultural machinery, "penetrating" Arab lands and villages east of Lake Huleh and within the demilitarized zone near the Syrian border.

Several clashes have occurred as a result of Israel's action, according to the UAR letter which was addressed to UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold.

The UAR letter charged that a UN truce observer in the zone had "failed to do his duty," but the chief of the UN Truce Supervision Organization has ordered Israel to halt its development work. The Israelis, it added, refuse to comply with the request.

IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER ASKS NEHRU TO MEDIATE ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT

NEW DELHI, India, March 31. (JTA) -- Iraqi Foreign Minister Fadhil Jamali has made an approach to Indian Prime Minister Nehru to intervene in an attempt to settle the Arab-Israel conflict, the Times of India reported.

In an interview with Dr. Jamali in Baghdad, the Times was told that the Iraqi Government believed that Mr. Nehru could be most helpful in the matter because: "He wants a solution of this problem. He is friendly with Nasser. The Israelis respect him."

Dr. Jamali suggested that the Iraqi were "realistic" and "do not want to throw the Israelis into the sea." He underlined this "realism" by suggesting a solution of the Arab-Israel conflict on the basis of halting all further immigration into Israel and having the Jewish State withdraw to the 1947 United Nations partition boundaries. He added that Iraq would seek a solution of the refugee problem with an overall settlement of the Israeli issue.

BEN GURION SAYS HE IS WILLING TO MEET NASSER IN CAIRO 'ANY TIME'

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion of Israel said he would "definitely go to Cairo" to meet with Egyptian President Nasser "any time Nasser invites me." In an interview published in the current issue of Look magazine, Mr. Ben Gurion declared that he would not hesitate to negotiate with Nasser "as man to man" because "I have never thought of him as a Hitler; I don't think he would or could do what Hitler did."

The Israeli Premier said he also was willing to consider an invitation to Israel to join the United Arab Republic. The offer was extended on a Cairo broadcast in Hebrew recently. "If they mean it seriously," Mr. Ben Gurion said in Look, "we are willing to consider the offer. In fact, we are trying to find out whether they are serious or not. Personally, I think it was merely propaganda. If they are serious, why didn't they also broadcast in Arabic so that their own people would hear it?"

Commenting on the possibility of Israel and West Germany establishing diplomatic relations, the Premier said it could come "whenever Germany is ready." He asserted there would be no difficulty about it in Israel. Admitting some people in Israel oppose such a move, he insisted they were in a minority. "Why should we go on hating the Germans," he asked, "especially the new generation who had nothing to do with the Hitler period?"

Discussing the question of religious freedom in Israel for Reform Judaism, Mr. Ben Gurion said: "Send me 10, 000 Reform Jews, and I can promise you they will have their own synagogues and rabbis. Let them try. They will see that we have freedom of religion here."

Nasser Gives No Hint of Compromise with Israel in Cairo Talk

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- There is no hint on the part of Col. Nasser of a compromise with Israel, C.L. Sulzberger, chief foreign correspondent of the New York Times, reported today following a talk with the Egyptian ruler. "Nasser claims that he once hoped to arrange an accommodation with the Israelis, but when Ben Gurion raided Gaza in 1955 he changed his mind," Mr. Sulzberger said in his cable from Cairo. He quotes Nasser as stating:

"We know that aggression cannot lead to any result. Aggression can only be the beginning of something. But nobody can know where it will end. This is no longer the old world in which one was able to isolate one portion and deal with it apart. Any situation could create global war. So our policy is based upon peace and stability. That is why we accepted the United Nations Emergency Force in Gaza."

This, the correspondent comments, sounds tranquil. But Nasser's newspapers, Nasser's radio and Nasser's own orations all promise to "settle" the question of Palestine some day. Arabs interpret this to mean Israel's eventual destruction, Mr. Sulzberger states. He adds that Nasser is undoubtedly frightened of Israel, which almost smashed him once. He considers Israel a permanent threat. He claims its Herut party elected deputies to Parliament on a platform of expansion to the Nile and the Euphrates.

"Ben Gurion's policy is based on settlement. But to force peace means a war," the Times correspondent quotes Nasser as declaring. "And Israel needs one million dollars help each day just in order to exist. Suppose this aid ceases? The result will be expansion. Daily we wait for news that Israel has again invaded. This is the condition then--fear, no trust, no confidence, as long as Israel exists there is a danger."

Arab Delegation Denies Report of Proposed Ben-Gurion-Nasser Meeting

GENEVA, March 31. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic's delegation at the European headquarters of the United Nations denied today widely published reports that President Nasser and Israel Premier David Ben Gurion would hold secret talks in Africa later this year. "Completely unfounded" was the UAR's description of the report which appeared in the Swiss press.

The report, which said Messrs. Ben Gurion and Nasser would meet in Ghana, was not taken seriously by diplomatic observers here even before the Arabs issued their denial.

### ISRAEL READY TO TALK PEACE WITH ARABS ANYWHERE, MEIR TELLS KNESSET

JERUSALEM, March 31. (JTA) -- Israel is prepared to enter into peace talks with any Arab state at any time and place, regardless of the internal regime of that state, Foreign Minister Golda Meir declared in Parliament today at the conclusion of the debate on the Foreign Ministry budget.

Replying to critics who said that Israel had failed to do enough to improve relations with the Soviet Union, Mrs. Meir insisted that Israel had not left unexplored the slightest hint of a possible improvement in relations with Moscow. She recalled that as early as 1948, when she was Israel's Minister to Moscow, she had asked the Russians for commercial credit, technical experts and for an exchange of musicians and theatre troupes. Not a single one of her requests were fruitful, she added.

Mrs. Meir hit out at the "two great powers which brought the Sinai campaign to the United Nations in order to win Nasser's friendship." She denied, as some deputies charged, that the Sinai campaign had been turned into a victory for Nasser.

Earlier, Menachem Beigin of the Herut scored the Israel Government's "lack" of a foreign policy, its trend toward "neutralism" and unsuccessful campaign to obtain "one-sided guarantees" from the United States. He recommended Israel seek mutually binding agreements and try to win one from France, where the people and government were "ready to welcome Israeli initiative."

### ISRAEL CABINET APPROVES \$567,000,000 FOREIGN CURRENCY BUDGET

JERUSALEM, March 31. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet approved last night a foreign currency budget of \$587,000,000 for the fiscal year which begins tomorrow.

The most surprising aspect of the new budget is the variations in expected income as compared to previous years. The document provides for an anticipated increase of visible and invisible exports to a total of \$216,000,000, an increase of about 20 percent. Similarly, restitution payments by West Germany to individual Israeli citizens is expected to jump 50 percent to a high of \$75,000,000.

However, other major sources are expected to fall off substantially, including: German reparations, down eight percent to \$70,000,000; and income from Jewish sources, lower by 17 percent to \$120,000,000.

In the expenditures column, consumer imports will be cut eight percent to \$184,000,000, capital goods imports will be slashed 14 percent to \$140,000,000 but raw materials for processing and re-export will be increased by 20 percent to \$80,000,000. Repayment of loans will double to a total of \$25,000,000 and a new agricultural stockpiling program will cost \$22,000,000.

### CRTHOODOXY, CONSERVATISM, REFORM JUDAISM WILL CO-EXIST, LEADER PREDICTS

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- "In the foreseeable future--the next 58 years at least--all three branches of Judaism, Conservatism and Reform, will co-exist on the American scene," Dr. Julius Mark, rabbi of New York's Temple Emanu-El, said today at Founders' Day ceremonies of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Leonard Bernstein, composer and conductor, and the noted Yiddish poet H. Leivick were awarded honorary degrees at the ceremonies. Honorary degrees for distinguished service to Judaism were also conferred upon: Rabbis Samuel A. Berman, Jersey City; Theodore H. Gordon, Wynnewood, Pa.; Nathaniel M. Keller, New Brunswick, N.J.; Samuel D. Soskin, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Samuel Teitelbaum, Floral Park, N.Y.

Discussing the prospects of "the development of a more brotherly spirit of unity among Jews" in this country, Dr. Mark said: "Judging by what has been occurring in recent years, I believe these prospects to be highly favorable. The great debate between Zionists and anti-Zionists which split American Jewish communities in twain for nearly half a century came to an end with the establishment of Israel. The few diehards at present remaining, motivated by either fear or self-hatred, will, I am convinced, soon vanish from the American scene."

### DR. GLUECK REPORTS DISCOVERY OF ANCIENT WATER ENGINEERING IN NEGEV

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- Dr. Nelson Glueck, Biblical archaeologist and president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, who has just returned from new archaeological explorations of Israel's Negev region announced today that he had made important discoveries.

Two Judean fortresses found overlooking the Valley of Ruheiba confirm the findings of Lawrence of Arabia identifying Ruheiba with the Biblical site of Rehovoth (Genesis 26:22-23). Dr. Glueck said at a press conference this afternoon. The fortresses form an important part of a body of evidence showing that Judean kingdom caravans followed the famous Way of Shur to, and through Sinai to Egypt.

At Qetsiot, site of a modern Israeli settlement, Dr. Glueck discovered immense evidence of water engineering by the Nabataeans which, he said, if utilized and duplicated by Israel today could be of material assistance in transforming the desert.

### MICHIGAN RESORTS STILL DISCRIMINATE AGAINST JEWS, A. D. L. SURVEY SHOWS

NEW YORK, March 31. (JTA) -- More than one-third of the resorts in Michigan which had previously been found practicing discrimination against Jews have apparently stopped discriminating, the B'nai B'rith Anti Defamation League reported today on the basis of a survey. The other two-thirds still either reject applications from Jewish guests, or do not respond at all to such applications.

Michigan has a law prohibiting discrimination and discriminatory advertising by resorts. Commenting on the results of its survey, the ADL said: "It appears that Michigan has made great strides in eliminating resort discrimination." At the same time, the survey shows the need for more rigid enforcement of the law against resort discrimination, and a clear interpretation from the attorney general's office as to what constitutes discriminatory advertising."

### TEN-YEAR EXPANSION PROGRAM FOR B'NAI B'RITH OUTLINED BY KLUTZNICK

HILLSIDE, N. J., March 31. (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith president Philip M. Klutznick last night outlined an ambitious 10-year program of expansion for the 400,000 member organization which included an increase of 50 percent in funds raised and spent to support its national agencies.

Predicting that the demand for voluntary services in the Jewish community will double in the next decade, Mr. Klutznick warned that the growth is necessary and "must be planned for now" if B'nai B'rith is to maintain "its level of basic services in 1968." He addressed 1,800 persons at a membership rally sponsored by the B'nai B'rith New Jersey Council. Four hundred new members were inducted into the organization as the "Philip Klutznick Membership Class."

The B'nai B'rith president foresaw an increase of 2,500,000 in B'nai B'rith's national budget within the next decade--"to keep pace in particular, with community pressures for additional youth services that are increasing in geometric ratio to the burgeoning youth population." As an example, he cited B'nai B'rith's Hillel Foundations which now provide cultural centers for Jewish college students on 207 campuses but "will have to spread to more than 400 campuses by 1968." The same trend, he added, can be expected in the B'nai B'rith teen-age youth movements and vocational service program.

Mr. Klutznick's proposed these "available" sources for income growth in 10 years: 1. A 25 percent B'nai B'rith membership increase; 2. \$500,000 in "normal growth and inflationary increases," and 3. \$1,000,000 from local federations welfare funds and other community sources. B'nai B'rith's anticipated expenditures for its national service programs this year are \$5,300,000. In addition, about three times this amount is raised and spent annually by B'nai B'rith lodges and chapters for local community services.

The national executive board of B'nai B'rith Women at a meeting in Washington this week voted funds to erect 30 highway shelters in sparsely settled areas of Israel. The action was taken on a recommendation by Mrs. Hy Kornblett of Kansas City, Kansas, president of the organization. It was "an expression of congratulations to Israel on her tenth anniversary."

### BIBLE RESEARCH CONFERENCE OPENS IN ISRAEL; HEARS BEN GURION'S VIEWS

JERUSALEM, March 31. (JTA) -- The greatness of the Bible lies in the fact that it speaks to every Jew regardless of his viewpoint, Premier David Ben Gurion and a scholar of the Bible, said today at the opening of the sixth conference of the Israel Bible Research Society. The parley will last four days.

The Premier sat quietly attentive as Prof. Moshe Zvi Segal, another Biblical scholar, lashed out at Israel as a secular nation whose "rejection of Judaism is liable to bring about moral rot which will result in the crumbling of our strength from within." Prof. Segal also lambasted the sudden "demotion of the Bible to the status of ancient secular literature serving merely as a source for historians and archaeologists."

### ZIONIST FEDERATION OF BRITAIN CALLS FOR DIRECT ARAB-ISRAEL TALKS

LONDON, March 31. (JTA) -- A resolution demanding that the British Government "resolve the uncertainty which presently shrouds British Middle East policy by a clear declaration of support of Israel's integrity within her existing borders," was adopted here today at the close of the two-day annual conference of the Zionist Federation of Britain. Twelve hundred delegates participated.

The resolution also called for direct peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab states without prior conditions. It welcomed the Israel policy of re-uniting Arab families divided when some members fled during the war of 1948, and noted that this had meant the admission of 30,000 Arabs to Israel.