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BEN GURION HOLDS TOP-LEVEL MEETING ON POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF IRAQI REVOLT

JERUSALEM, July 14. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion today participated in a top-level meeting at the home of Foreign Minister Golda Meir held to appraise the Iraqi revolt developments and their effects on Israel.

Reportedly, a chief question was Israel's policy in the event that pro-Nasser Iraqi troops overrun and occupy the Kingdom of Jordan and take up positions in the Western areas bordering Israel.

An afternoon newspaper quoted Mr. Ben Gurion as having said in a brief interview that the Iraqi developments would be decisive for Lebanon, Jordan and Israel. Brigadier Chaim Laskov, chief of staff of the Israel Army, declined any comment on the situation, saying it was "too early."

Fervish consultations proceeded from early morning today at the Foreign Ministry as reports on the still confused picture of the Egyptian-directed, pro-Communist revolt in Iraq came trickling in. Foreign Minister Meir, recently discharged from a hospital after a serious operation and still confined to her home, was unable to participate in these meetings but was being kept fully informed and was to attend the deliberations in her home.

While no official comment was immediately forthcoming on the dangerous new situation created in the Middle East by Col. Nasser's successful attack on the pro-Western government of Iraq, political observers here noted that although the coup came as a bombshell, it could have been anticipated in view of the fact that Western hesitation to take action in the Lebanese crisis gave encouragement, if not the green-light, to the Nasser forces to increase their penetration.

There were grave fears here, openly expressed by the man in the street, who is acutely conscious of the political situation, that the Kingdom of Jordan, bound to Iraq in the United Arab Federation, would fall within a week, as would Lebanon. This would leave Israel surrounded on every foot of its land frontiers by pro-Nasser, pro-Soviet elements. Only Western intervention, it was felt, could save Jordan.

Israel Minister Confers at State Dept. on Iraqi Implications

WASHINGTON, July 14. (JTA) -- Israel Minister Yaacov Herzog today conferred at the State Department on the implications of the Iraqi situation for Israel.

United States officials were in agreement today that the Iraqi revolt could easily have extensive repercussions in other Middle East countries. They avoided speculation on how Israel might be affected, except to state that a change is sure to come in the present Arab-Israeli situation.

The Premier of Iraq's new revolutionary military junta was identified here as adieh anti-Israeli, Gen. Abdul Kerim Kassem, who commanded an Iraqi brigade in Palestine in 1948. Troops under his command were accused of atrocities against Jews. Gen. Kassem a relatively little known military man, was identified also as a leftist and admirer of President Nasser of the United Arab Republic.

Demands emerged in the Senate today for United Nations intervention in Iraq to put down the revolt. Sen. Mike Mansfield, a Democratic member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called for United Nations action on Iraq "as soon as possible." He said he hoped the possibility of dispatching a United Nations emergency police force is "immediately considered."

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, said that the events in Iraq emphasize "the critical importance of Israel's independence as the most reliable free world bastion in the Near East." He stressed that the conflagration in Iraq calls for reaffirmation of the Eisenhower Doctrine and the development of alternative oil routes to those controlled by the United Arab Republic. He called for reaffirmation of American determination to stand by commitments to Near Eastern states.

A measure of blame for the Iraqi revolt was placed on Israel and on the Arab nations today by Republican Senator Ralph Flanders of Vermont. He said: "Israel must cease recruiting Jews from areas where they are not in want or oppressed." He attributed blame

for the present state of affairs in the Middle East to policies under which he said millions of U. S. dollars can be sent to Israel. He referred also to what he described as Arab fear of Israeli expansionism.

Looking to the Arab world, he blamed the Arabs for refusing to recognize the existence of Israel. He stressed in general that "we should have the active cooperation of Israel" in finding a Middle East solution.

Israel Ambassador in London Seeks Clarification from Britain

LONDON, July 14. (JTA) -- Official British circles admitted today that the Iraqi revolt would necessitate "a complete reappraisal of the Middle Eastern situation as the regional political map has been completely altered."

Elihu Elath, the Israel Ambassador in London, was to call at the Foreign Office today to receive what clarifying information the British authorities have been able to assemble from the welter of reports flooding in.

Official sources here were impressed by reports that for the past twelve hours the Bagdad Radio has been broadcasting slogans such as "Long Live the Soviet Union!" and "Unity with the United Arab Republic!"

Concern was also expressed here over the future of Jordan. Although a plot to assassinate King Hussein there was crushed, the attempt was described as well planned and far-reaching and fears were expressed here that it would be quickly followed by another attempt.

Eisenhower Meets with Congressional Leaders, Asks U. N. Meeting

WASHINGTON, July 14. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today interrupted a meeting of the National Security Council to go into an urgent top-level conference on the overthrow of the Iraqi Government.

He left the National Security Council meeting to confer with Secretary of State Dulles, Vice President Nixon, Middle Eastern experts of the State Department, and others. Mr. Dulles brought last minute reports to the White House.

President Eisenhower also met today with Congressional leaders at a White House emergency meeting in connection with the Iraqi crisis. Present at the meeting were, in addition to Democratic and Republican political leaders in Congress, ranking members of both parties on the Senate and House Foreign Relations, Armed Services and Appropriations Committees.

Following the meeting, White House spokesman James Hagerty announced that the President has requested the United States mission to the United Nations to convene an emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council as early as practicable tomorrow morning in order to consider action arising from the situation in the Middle East. Mr. Hagerty declined to elaborate on the President's decision and would not specify or speculate on the exact nature of the action desired.

Among those with whom Mr. Eisenhower consulted this afternoon in addition to Secretary of State Dulles, were: Gen. Nathan Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Central Intelligence Agency director Allan Dulles, and top Congressional leaders of both parties. There have been rumors in top Defense Department circles that U. S. military units have been ordered to stand by on alert awaiting UN action.

Meanwhile, the U. S. Government moved to halt delivery of arms and munitions en route from the United States to Iraq. Iraq has received U. S. weapons and military supplies free for a number of years despite protests by many Americans that the arms may one day be used against the West. Only a few weeks ago the State Department announced the supply of military jet planes and additional arms to Iraq.

Chairman Theodore F. Green of the Senate Foreign Relations committee said that the overthrow of the pro-Western Iraqi Government makes it essential "that we take a fresh look at our policies in the Middle East, including the Bagdad Pact which is by this recent action in effect destroyed, the Eisenhower Doctrine which has been ineffective, and at our apparent inability to comprehend the forces that operate in that part of the world."

MOSCOW OFFERS NASSER UNLIMITED NUMBER OF JET PLANES, CAIRO REPORTS

LONDON, July 14. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union has offered the United Arab Republic an opportunity to purchase unlimited numbers of the latest model jet airliners, it was reported here today from Cairo.

Official sources in Cairo revealed that during his surprise visit there last week, Commander Rodenko of the Soviet Air Force offered TU-114s for purchase by the UAR state-owned airline for commercial flights. The UAR has on order older Soviet commercial airliners, the TU-104s.

EVENTS IN IRAQ MAY LEAD TO FULL RESTORATION OF ISRAEL'S CABINET

JERUSALEM, July 14. (JTA) -- An almost immediate effect of the Iraqi revolt with its threat to the peace of the Middle East was the expected resolution of the Cabinet crisis and the return of the Religious Party to the coalition government by tonight or early tomorrow morning.

Religious circles claimed that the three-week stalemate would be broken by a return to the situation which prevailed before the Interior Ministry introduced regulations permitting self-identification of Israeli citizens as Jews on official documents.

Meanwhile, a group of 22 of Israel's leading intellectuals - professors, writers and scientists, both religious and non-religious in their orientation - today issued a plea against a hasty decision on the Jewish Identity issue which brought about the resignation of the religious members from the Cabinet. The intellectuals noted that they were all in agreement that "the dispute arising from the proposed change in the identity card system is apt to lead to a rift in the Jewish people in Israel and abroad."

Premier David Ben Gurion was preparing today to put to tomorrow's meeting of the Cabinet a compromise proposal intended to bring the Religious Bloc back into the Cabinet. The Premier's proposal, it was learned, called, among other things, for acceptance for registration as Jews children of a non-Jewish mother if both parents requested it and if the child had been circumcized even if it were not converted to Judaism.

In this form, the proposal has already been stamped unacceptable by the religious forces. Noting that the proposal provided that circumcision must not necessarily be ritual, but can be performed also by a physician, the religious leaders pointed out that under this proposal, a Moslem could claim to be a Jew since he would have been circumcized but not converted to Judaism.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY LEAVE FOR A VISIT TO HOLLAND, BELGIUM

TEL AVIV, July 14. (JTA) -- Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi flew from here last night on a visit of state to Belgium and Holland. The President was accompanied by Mrs Ben Zvi and Dr. Walter Eytan, director general of the Foreign Ministry.

The plane took off, under escort of four Israeli jets, after an impressive ceremony at which Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Sprinzak and Premier David Ben Gurion bade the President farewell. Before embarking on an El-Al Britannia, Mr. Ben Zvi inspected a guard of honor of officer cadets. Mr. Sprinzak will be Acting President during Mr. Ben Zvi's absence from the country.

Queen of Netherlands to Tender Kosher Luncheon in Royal Palace

AMSTERDAM, July 14. (JTA) -- President and Mrs. Itzhak Ben Zvi arrived here tonight for a three-day official visit to Holland. Netherlands Premier Willem Drees, Israel Ambassador Hanan Cidor and Chief Rabbi Aron Shuster greeted Mr. Ben Zvi at the airport this evening.

On Tuesday, Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard will be hosts to the Israeli Chief Executive and his wife at a kosher luncheon at the royal palace. Tomorrow evening, the President will be host at a dinner given in honor of the royal couple. During his visit Mr. Ben Zvi will attend services for Dutch Jews murdered by the Nazis will meet Dutch resistance leaders who helped save Jews and will visit a number of points of interest, including the grave of Baruch des Spinoza.

(In Belgium, where he will go Thursday, the Israeli President will also be a luncheon guest of royalty and will return the honor by playing host to King Baudouin and Queen Mother Elizabeth. He will also visit the International Fair at Brussels.)

ISRAEL'S EXPORTS EXCEEDED \$70,000,000 DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS

JERUSALEM, July 14. (JTA) -- Israel's exports during the first six months of this year totaled \$70,950,000, as against \$68,750,000 in the first half of 1958, according to official statistics issued here today.

Imports in the first six months of 1958, the figures showed, reached \$145,750,000 compared with \$136,950,000 during the corresponding period of last year. The January-June trade deficits for the two years amounted to \$74,800,000 this year against \$67,600,000 for 1957.

HAMMARSKJOLD CONFERS WITH BLAUSTEIN ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 14. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold and Jacob Blaustein, had a two hour conference regarding various problems including the Middle East. This was a follow-up of the conference the Secretary General and Mr. Blaustein had prior to Mr. Hammarskjold's recent trip to the Middle East.

