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BEN GURION ORDERS INVESTIGATION OF MISLEADING "RESERVE CALL-UP" BROADCAST

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion acted promptly today to fix responsibility for a misleading broadcast last night on the official Government radio, which was interpreted inside and outside Israel as a call-up of all military reserves.

The Prime Minister named a special committee to investigate the "reserve call-up" announcement on the Kol Israel radio which caused widespread excitement throughout Israel, concern in many world capitals, and expressions of alarm in Syria and Jordan.

An Army spokesman explained that Israel's reserve units have special code names by which they can be called up via radio or the press in the event of an emergency. A similar call-up announcement was broadcast eight years ago, but it was preceded by a specific code to indicate it was only a test.

The broadcast last night, however, was preceded by an unexplained statement to listeners to "remain at your wireless sets for a further important announcement." There followed an announcement that three units were called up for today. The announcement was repeated several times with no explanations as to the reason for the call-up, leading to a widespread impression that a general mobilization was imminent.

The anxiety and confusion reached such a pitch that General Chaim Laskov, Chief of Staff, was contacted by special messenger at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, where he was attending a special concert in honor of Queen Elizabeth of Belgium. The streets were emptied and movie theaters played to half-empty halls.

It was not until an hour later that a second news bulletin, on Kol Israel, broadcast a correction with the announcement that "this is a routine call-up for the reserve service." Meanwhile, foreign missions in Israel worked through the night to reassure their governments that the call-up was a "false alarm."

Israel Government Apologizes to Knesset for the Confusion

The Israel Government late last night apologized to the Knesset for the confusion created by the broadcast. Finance Minister Levi Eshkol made three statements to Knesset before midnight, explaining he had finally managed to contact the Prime Minister, who also was attending the concert in Tel Aviv.

The broadcast was taken seriously not only by the people of Israel but also by the Syrians and Jordanians. During the night, Syrian army movements were observed on Israel's northern border, with units deployed on hills overlooking Israel. Jordan declared a state of alert on the border.

Early this morning, an Army spokesman said the Prime Minister met with the Army high command to discuss the call-up announcement. Initial investigation indicated that Gen. Laskov had ordered an announcement made on Kol Israel for a routine call-up of reserve units. By some mistake, it was explained, the text which was broadcast was not identical with the text which was scheduled to have been used.

Whatever the investigation uncovers in explanation of the mix-up, a forthcoming call-up of reserve units has been indicated in a recent statement by Col. A. Zorea, Chief of Operations. Col. Zorea said that, in view of the introduction of various new types of weapons, reserve units would have to be called up for training in the use of the new weapons. He also said, in an interview published by the Army weekly, that the new weapons would be displayed during the Independence Day parade in Tel Aviv next month.

HAMMARSKJOLD TAKES PUZZLING STAND ON SUEZ PASSAGE OF ISRAEL'S CARGO

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 2. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold took newspapermen by surprise here today, in displaying an extremely lenient attitude toward Egypt's confiscation of Israeli cargo on ships passing the Suez Canal, despite the fact that there is a decision of the UN Security Council that the Suez Canal must be open to all ships of all nations.

Giving second place to this decision, the Secretary General said that a unilateral Egyptian declaration, made in 1957 must be "a starting point" in discussions about the passage of Israeli cargo through the Suez Canal. That declaration made it clear that Egypt considers

freedom of shipping through the Suez a matter that should ultimately be decided by the International Court of Justice. Israel has rejected this suggestion on the basis of the fact that the UN Security Council has already adopted a resolution insisting on free passage through the Suez Canal of ships under all flags.

Mr. Hammarskjold evaded answering to a question as to whether Cairo has sent a reply to the UN Secretariat on Israel's complaint regarding the seizure by Egypt of Israeli cargo on ships passing the Suez Canal. It is known here that no such reply has been received as yet.

The UN Secretary General was asked whether he might go to the Middle East himself to handle the issue on the spot. He replied that he is personally "in touch with Cairo" and added: "I don't believe that personal, on-the-spot intervention is necessary. I am in touch through normal diplomatic channels. I hope this corner will be turned."

Mr. Hammarskjold was also asked what he thought of the statement made recently by United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who had disclosed that, some months ago, he had planned "decisive battle" against Israel. The UN Chief said such quotation was inaccurate, since Nasser had made it clear he would fight Israel only "if attacked" by Israel.

Hammarskjold's View Considered Pro-Egyptian and Anti-Israel

With regard to the passage of Israel's cargo through the Suez Canal, Mr. Hammarskjold was reminded of the Security Council resolution of 1951 and other United Nations decisions which favor free passage. In the light of these documents, Mr. Hammarskjold's referral to Egypt's statement of 1957--which was unilateral--was considered as being pro-Egyptian and anti-Israel. The Secretary General has usually been noted for his meticulous observance of non-partisanship.

The 1951 Security Council resolution touches on the very issue raised here last month by Israel in regard to confiscation of cargoes. Those cargoes were shipped from Haifa to Ceylon, the Philippines, Japan and Hong Kong. The 1951 resolution stated categorically that it was concerned about denying freedom of passage through the Suez Canal to "nations at no time connected with the conflict in Palestine" who needed "valuable supplies for their economic reconstruction."

In addition to the 1951 resolution, the Security Council also adopted, in 1956, six principles on operation of the Suez Canal. One declares: "There should be free and open transit through the Canal without discrimination, overt and covert--this covers both political and technical aspects." Another of the principles holds: "The operation of the Canal should be insulated from the politics of any country." Giving second place to those principles, and first place to the Egyptian declaration of 1957, seemed to observers here as anything but non-partisan behavior.

State Dept. Expects Hammarskjold to "Explore" Suez Situation

WASHINGTON, April 2. (JTA) -- State Department sources said today that the United States is looking to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold to explore Israel's complaints of Egyptian interference with Israeli cargo aboard ships of various flags transiting the Suez Canal.

These sources said Israel sought American intercession, because of recent United Arab Republic seizure of cargo of Israel origin bound through the Canal. It was explained, however, that, since Israel has also raised the issue with the United Nations, the State Department feels the international body should handle the matter. The issue was described as one with international implications that came more directly under the scope of the United Nations.

THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN IN TEL AVIV GREET QUEEN MOTHER OF BELGIUM

TEL AVIV, April 2. (JTA) -- Queen Mother Elizabeth of Belgium, the first royal visitor to Israel, ended two busy days of ceremonial activities with a welcome from thousands of Tel Aviv children who lined the streets through which she passed today.

Accompanied by Mayor Chaim Levanon, the Queen was shown around both new and old Tel Aviv, and ancient Jaffa. From Tel Aviv she went to Rehovot, where she laid a wreath on the grave of Israel's first President, Chaim Weizmann, later dining with Mrs. Weizmann at the latter's home in Rehovot.

The Queen yesterday dedicated the Romi Goldmunz Art Museum in Nathanya, opening its gates with a special gold key. Present at the ceremony were former Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, former Nathanya Mayor Oved Benami, and Mr. Goldmunz, the Belgian philanthropist who donated the initial gift for the museum. He was honored by the affixing to the doorpost of a mezuzah. Inside the museum, the Queen unveiled a work of her own, a bust of her grandson, Prince Albert, which she had donated to the museum.

Her Wednesday program included the laying of a wreath at the Herzl tomb in Jerusalem, in a ceremony attended by Mayor Gershon Agron and members of the Jewish Agency executive. Earlier, the Queen and her entourage visited a number of Hadassah institutions in the area. Last night she attended a special gala performance of the Israel Philharmonic orchestra in Tel Aviv, attended also by President Ben Zvi, Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and members of the diplomatic corps.

SOVIET-POLISH REPATRIATION PACT EXTENDED; MORE JEWS EXPECTED IN POLAND

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- The Soviet-Polish repatriation agreement, which previously had been reported as expiring at the end of March, has been extended again until the end of June, according to reports received here today.

Some 14,000 Jews have returned to Poland under the agreement, and the continuing flow is expected to include additional returning Jews. According to the reports, there had been such a rush of applications before the March 31 expiration date, that it was decided that Poles who had applied before the deadline would be considered as covered by the agreement.

It was also decided that Poles who had not applied for repatriation by March 31 still would be able to seek return to Poland under the extension.

ZIONIST LEADER IN FRANCE CENSURED FOR ATTENDING COMMUNIST MEETING

PARIS, April 2. (JTA) -- The action of Andre Blumel, president of the French Zionist Federation, in attending a Shalom Aleichem centenary meeting sponsored by French Jewish Communists, and remaining away from a similar meeting sponsored by the French Zionist movement, was severely censured by the French Labor Zionist movement last night.

The Labor Zionists said the present situation of the French Zionist Federation was "inadmissible." They denied their stand against the president was taken for reasons of "party politics," and urged all other French Zionist groups to take "a clear stand" on the issue.

It was reported that Blumel's opponents planned to ask for his resignation, and were seeking to force a meeting of the Federation next week in a bid for that action. A Federation meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled, and the Federation said it could not hold a meeting next week because of "other commitments."

The Labor Zionists indicated they wanted the other parties in the Federation to compel a Federation meeting before Blumel's departure next week for London, where he was scheduled to attend a meeting of the British Zionist Federation. His opponents also were planning to press for a change in control of the Federation's official publication, La Tribune Zioniste, in which a three-man board of directors, rather than Blumel alone, would be in charge.

DINNER BRINGS \$1,163,000 TO U. J. A. IN ESSEX COUNTY; 40 PERCENT RISE

NEWARK, N. J., April 2. (JTA) -- An unprecedented outpouring of generosity by the nearly 500 persons attending a special gifts dinner last night has brought the total funds raised in the United Jewish Appeal of Essex County campaign to \$1,163,000, 40 percent more than the same contributors gave last year, it was announced today by Leon A. Maurantz, general chairman of the 1959 campaign.

Describing the event as "the most successful since 1948," Mr. Maurantz declared that "this splendid response by all those who have given to date provides a glowing example of generosity to be emulated by all whose contributions have yet to be made."

Called upon by Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice chairman of the national UJA, to "pour money into the breach to save Jewish lives and build a country," the guests responded with increase after increase--some double and triple last year's gifts.

They responded, too, to a plea by Leo Yanoff, president of the Jewish Community Council of Essex County, who reviewed the effects and deprivations caused by the "radical curtailment" of local agency service and programs as the result of a 1958 budget cut of \$135,000. He pleaded for greatly increased giving "so that our community can recoup the losses suffered, move forward and continue to grow."

SEN. HUMPHREY CALLS FOR RESTORATION OF U. S. GRANT-IN-AID TO ISRAEL

CHICAGO, Ill., April 2. (JTA) -- Chairman Hubert H. Humphrey of the Senate Foreign Relations Near-Eastern subcommittee today called for reconsideration by the Administration of the severance of economic grant to Israel. Sen. Humphrey, a Minnesota Democrat, spoke before a Jewish National Fund function.

"Israel has not received a single penny of grant military aid, thus it would be wrong from every standpoint to end our great economic aid to Israel now," he said. He expressed hope that the United States would continue grant aid to Israel and that it actually should be increased. He termed the whole aid program inadequate.

Sen. Humphrey said countries like Israel which he singled out as "crucial" to the free world must get enlarged American economic support because dollars there work for freedom. The Senator charged that the Soviet Union was cleverly exploiting Arab hostility to Israel.

Commenting on a cut-off of economic grant aid to Israel in the fiscal year 1960, Sen. Humphrey said: "I hope the Administration will reconsider any such proposal."

WORLD CONFERENCE FOR YIDDISH CULTURE CONDEMNS SOVIET SUPPRESSIONS

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- The world conference for Yiddish culture concluded here last night with adoption of a number of resolutions urging support for Jewish schools, for the publication and dissemination of Yiddish books, and for stimulating greater interest among Jews in the Jewish theatre. The suppression of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union was condemned in one of the resolutions adopted at the conference, which was attended by delegates from various countries.

In a declaration issued by the conference, it was emphasized that the strengthening of Yiddish culture would help to combat assimilation among Jews. The declaration also emphasized "the important value of the Hebrew language and its literature for the culture of the Jewish people." It greeted the fact that Yiddish literature is progressing in Israel. "We see no competition between Hebrew and Yiddish," the declaration stated. "Both languages constitute the pillars of Jewish creation and unity."

The resolutions recommended the establishment of Yiddish youth clubs and all-day Yiddish schools. They urged the starting of a campaign for the introduction of Yiddish in public schools and in Yeshivas, and appealed to Jewish communities and organizations throughout the world to include in their budget allocations for Yiddish cultural activities.

AMERICANS ELECTED TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, April 2. (JTA) -- Daniel G. Ross, national president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, has been elected a deputy chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, it was announced here today following the conclusion of the Board of Governors' meeting. Dr. Israel S. Wechsler and Joseph M. Mazer remain deputy chairmen of the board.

Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, has been elected a member of the Board of Governors of the University. He played a key role in the opening last fall of Israel's first university-level social work school, the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work of the Hebrew University. JDC provided the founding grant of \$500,000.

Other new governors elected from the United States include: Dr. Abraham Sachar, president of Brandeis University; Victor Carter of Los Angeles, chairman of AFHU Southern California chapter; Dr. John H. Garlock of New York, national president of the American Jewish Physicians' Committee; Leo Guzik, New York, a vice-president of AFHU; Prof. Milton Handler, New York; Samuel H. Landy, chairman of the AFHU Philadelphia chapter; Mrs. Florence Perlman, representing Hadassah; and Nathan Schwartz, chairman of the AFHU Chicago chapter.

The Chair of Bacteriology in the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School has been named in honor of Mrs. Etta L. Rosensohn, a former national president of Hadassah. The decision to name the Bacteriology Chair in Mrs. Rosensohn's honor was taken in recognition of her "vast and important contributions" to the development of the medical school.

BEN TOUSTER, HIAS LEADER, TO INSPECT HIAS AND CARE OFFICES AROUND WORLD

NEW YORK, April 2. (JTA) -- Ben Touster, United Hias Service leader, and treasurer of CARE, will make a 'round the world trip in the course of which he will visit overseas offices of United Hias Service and CARE missions, it was announced here today. Accompanied by his wife, Mr. Touster leaves from Idlewild this Saturday for Tokyo, from where they will go on to Hong Kong, India, Iran, Turkey, Israel, Greece, Italy and France.

The Tousters are scheduled to arrive May 10 in Tel Aviv. They will remain two weeks, inspecting CARE programs in Israel. These include a school feeding project, in which 100,000 elementary pupils receive a glass of milk each day, and the farming and vocational school project in the Evan Ha'ezer district, for which CARE has provided large quantities of equipment. A former president of Hias, Mr. Touster is president of the Hias Immigrant Bank; a director and member of the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee, and the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

ISRAEL CRAFTS EXHIBITION OPENS IN ALBANY; ATTENDED BY N. Y. GOVERNOR

ALBANY, N. Y., April 2. (JTA) -- Praise for the cultural progress of Israel, under the handicaps of its many economic and political problems, was voiced by Governor Nelson Rockefeller at the opening of the "Forms from Israel" exhibit yesterday at the Albany Institute of History and Art. The New York Governor was the guest of honor at the preview showing of the Israel crafts exhibit, which was locally sponsored by the Albany Jewish Community Council and the Museum.

Other speakers were Simcha Pratt, Israel Consul-General in New York; and Joseph Einhorn, president of the Albany Jewish Community Council. Representing the co-sponsors of the "Forms from Israel" tour were: Adolph Held, treasurer of the Crafts from Israel Committee, and Ralph I. Goldman, executive vice-president of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation. The exhibition will continue in Albany until April 16. It will have its New York opening at the Museum of Contemporary Crafts on May 13. The exhibit has previously been seen in Baltimore, Indianapolis, and Hartford.