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NASSER STATEMENT ON EVE OF HAMMARSKJOLD TALKS PERILS SUEZ SOLUTION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 30. (JTA) -- A newly-uttered defiance by Egypt cast gloom today over the United Nations on the eve of Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's arrival in Cairo for a new effort to tackle the most recent Israeli-Egyptian dispute. Apparently aiming another blow directly at Mr. Hammarskjold's mission, United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser declared today that he was determined to keep the Suez Canal closed to Israeli cargoes, "regardless of consequences."

The statement appeared in the Cairo newspaper, Al Ahram, a journal frequently considered a government mouthpiece. It was the second Egyptian defiance of Mr. Hammarskjold in less than a week. Last Thursday, an Egyptian "war prize" court confirmed the "legality" of the confiscation of an Israel cargo taken by Egyptian authorities off a Liberian ship, the Kapitan Manolis, last February.

Now, a Danish vessel, the Inge Toft, is tied to a dock at Port Said, entrance to the Suez Canal. The captain of the Inge Toft has persistently refused to unload his Israel-originated cargo, which the Egyptians said they would confiscate.

(In London, Israeli Charge d'Affaires Arthur Liveran called at the Foreign Office today, reportedly for a discussion of the Suez Canal situation.)

(In Washington, the Israeli Charge d'Affaires, Yaacov Herzog, had a meeting yesterday with Deputy Under-Secretary of State Robert Murphy, and it was presumed this was another in a series of meetings dealing with the Suez question.)

Mr. Nasser asserted in the Al Ahram interview that the ban on Israeli cargoes "is on a sound basis, because a state of war still exists between the UAR and Israel." He said that the Constantinople Convention of 1888, dealing with freedom of passage through the Suez Canal, "gives us a right to take measures to safeguard the Canal." The same Convention, observers here pointed out, enjoins the operator of the Canal to permit freedom of shipping to all nations, "in peace and war."

According to Nasser's latest statement, "the real issue at stake is the rights of the Palestinian Arabs." Speaking of the Arab refugees as "the Palestinian people," Nasser said further: "Undoubtedly, the ban on Israeli shipping through the Canal is one of the remaining cards in the hands of the Palestinian people." He charged that "Israel is trying to ship goods on various foreign ships in order to inflame those nations against the UAR."

With Nasser thus apparently slamming the door in Mr. Hammarskjold's face, even before the UN Chief's arrival in Cairo, there was concern here lest the Secretary General lose face through his latest mission to the Middle East. It was also feared by some here that, in order to save face, Mr. Hammarskjold might propose to Nasser some formula which would be found unsatisfactory to Israel.

BEN GURION, FATE STILL IN BALANCE, RCUTS KNESSET DISSIDENTS

JERUSALEM, June 30. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion forced a show-down today on the issue of Israel's sale of arms to West Germany. He repelled a Communist non-confidence motion, and routed dissident members of his Government coalition in the Cabinet as well as in the Knesset's Security and Foreign Affairs Committee.

Tonight, as Mr. Ben Gurion's personal fate depended on a Knesset vote on his own motion that the Knesset reject proposals to cancel the arms deal, his Mapai Party, apparently confident of the outcome of this debate, began negotiations with the General Zionist and National Religious Parties for support of a "caretaker" administration to function until the general elections in November.

The Knesset rejected the Communist motion by a vote of 57 to five, with 37 abstentions. During the debate, spokesmen for the Communist, Herut and National Religious Parties bitterly assailed the deal, as did spokesmen for the Mapam and Achdut Avodah Parties, members of the coalition.

In a series of moves today, the Cabinet, with Mr. Ben Gurion abstaining from attendance, invoked the doctrine of collective responsibility and adopted a resolution requiring the Achdut Avodah and Mapam ministers to support the Government decision in Parliament "unless they resign before the vote."

The two parties thereupon took their fight to the Knesset's Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, where they had the support of the Herut and National Religious Parties, but were voted down nine to six by the Mapai, Progressives and General Zionists. The committee resolved that Israel's security requirements warranted the arms deal.

The struggle shifted tonight to the Knesset floor, where debate was resumed on the Communist non-confidence motion. Earlier, Mr. Ben Gurion introduced a motion calling on the Knesset to defeat the Communist resolution to cancel the arms deal. The purpose and effect of this motion, in the light of the Cabinet's collective responsibility decision, was to require the dissident ministers to vote with Mr. Ben Gurion or, by doing otherwise, automatically resign.

Dissenters Assail Arms Deal in Debate

The spokesmen for the dissenting parties in the debate tonight made it clear that the coalition partners had come to a final parting of the ways. Gen. Yigal Alon, speaking for Achdut Avodah, assailed the arms deal and Yaakov Hasan, of Mapam, denounced Mr. Ben Gurion for his "self-assumed prerogative to whitewash Germany."

As the last acts of the stormy drama were being played out in the Knesset tonight, representatives of Mr. Ben Gurion's Mapai Party were negotiating with the General Zionist and National Religious Parties, seeking to establish a basis of existence for a "caretaker" regime from now until the November general elections, since the remaining coalition members--Mapai and the Progressives--would have less than 50 of the 120 votes in the Knesset.

The General Zionists reportedly agreed to passive support of the government, on condition that a neutral, non-party personality replace Israel Bar Yehuda, of Achdut Avodah, in the Ministry of the Interior. The Religious Party conditioned its agreement on a Government pledge to freeze the "Who is a Jew" issue, and to drop the present Minister of Religions, Rabbi Jacob Toledano.

When it resumed sitting today, the Cabinet approved a resolution that the Mapam and Achdut Avodah ministers were obliged to support in the Knesset the Government decision of last December, which authorized the sale of grenade throwers to West Germany. The resolution said that collective responsibility applied to the two parties "unless they resign before the vote."

The meeting opened with Mr. Ben Gurion absent. The Premier thus reaffirmed his insistence, which he made clear by walking out of the Cabinet session yesterday, that he would not permit a division over an issue, once it was approved within the Government. After two hours, the Prime Minister was informed about the majority Cabinet vote.

Communists, Herut, Join in Attack on Arms Deal

The Knesset debate on the Communist non-confidence motion began last night, when Shmuel Mikunis, the Communist leader, called the arms agreement a disgrace, and accused Mr. Ben Gurion of aligning Israel with "warmongers." Menachem Beigin, Herut leader, followed the Communist deputy's line of argument that West Germany was not different from Nazi Germany. Mr. Beigin challenged Mr. Ben Gurion's assertion that France endorsed or favored the Israel arms deal. He said Israel's attitude toward Germany could not be the same as that of other countries, and Israel's attitude toward other countries could not be the same as toward Germany.

Mr. Beigin said the Jewish nation, bereft of arms for 70 generations, had finally obtained and sanctified arms for its War of Liberation but, by arming Germany, Israel "would now desecrate that which it sanctified."

Peretz Bernstein, of the General Zionists, said briefly that his party did not want open debate for security reasons, and would explain its position, already indicated as supporting the arms agreement, to the Knesset committee.

The Herut view was echoed tonight by Mr. Alon. The Achdut Avodah spokesman told the Knesset that the arms deal was an "abomination," and he concurred with the Herut that the German Army today was composed of Nazis, and the German people was neo-Nazi. He quoted former Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett as authority for the statement that hatred of the Jewish people was rampant in Germany, and that the entire nation was responsible for the Nazi excesses.

He warned that, with Germany in the center of the East-West conflict, Israel had prejudiced its position by the arms deal which now provided the Soviet Union with a real reason to censure Israel.

The arms deal was assailed by two Religious Party spokesmen, Itzhak Rafael and Rabbi Mordechai Nurck. The latter, one of the chief foes of the German reparations treaty, passionately exclaimed that the arms deal amounted to a "vote of confidence in neo-Nazi Germany."

ISRAELI CHIEF RABBI PROTESTS TO VOROSHILOV ON ANTI-JEWISH ACTIONS

JERUSALEM, June 30. (JTA) -- "Apprehensions" and "great anxiety" over recently reported Soviet repressions against Jews practicing their religion were expressed today by the Sephardic Chief Rabbi, Dr. Itzhak Nissim, in a cable to Marshal Clementi Voroshilov, president of the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union.

Rabbi Nissim said in his message that the Israeli rabbinate "cannot conceive that synagogues and sacramental articles of worship are being desecrated in certain provinces of the Soviet Union." These alleged measures, he informed the Soviet official, "reportedly designed to prevent Jews from practicing their religious observances, are counter to ethics, social justice, and the Soviet Constitution." Rabbi Nissim requested that Marshal Voroshilov advise him of the accuracy of the reports.

Asserts Soviet Printed 50 Books by Jewish Writers in Two Years

PARIS, June 30. (JTA) -- A local Communist newspaper here printed a dispatch from Moscow today stating that Moscow publishing houses had issued more than 50 books by Soviet Jewish writers, in the last two years.

The report, in the Yiddish-language Communist newspaper, Neue Presse, stated categorically that the Jewish works had been published in the Russian language. Yiddish publications were not mentioned. The Jewish writers mentioned in the report were B. Miller, of Birobidjan; Alexander Grubitzki, reportedly "a new name in Jewish literature"; Jacob Sternberg, Moshe Altman, and the late Asher Schwartzman.

GERMAN STUDENT CHOIR TO TOUR U. S. FOR FUNDS TO REBUILD SYNAGOGUE

FRANKFURT, June 30. (JTA) -- A concert tour of the United States in the fall has been organized by the Munster University Students' Choir to raise funds for reconstruction of the Munster synagogue demolished by the Nazis in 1938, it was disclosed here today.

Frau Herma Kramm-Reuter, conductor of the choir, said the first of 30 performances would be held October 1 in Town Hall, New York. She said that "through the medium of music more hearts will be opened than by speeches."

Dr. Theodor Heuss, President of the West German Republic, sent a note of congratulations to the students for the project.

GERMANS, DUTCH TO SEEK PACT ON REPARATIONS FOR DUTCH NAZI VICTIMS

BONN, June 30. (JTA) -- Another effort will be made next month to negotiate an agreement between The Netherlands and West Germany on German indemnification of Dutch victims of Nazi persecutions. The foreign ministers of the two countries, it was announced here today, will meet near Frankfurt-am-Main, July 7, to try to settle a number of problems, among them the issue of indemnification.

Negotiations on indemnification were started between the Dutch and the Germans two years ago, but have been interrupted several times. The Dutch are pressing claims totalling 220,000,000 deutschemarks, (\$52,320,000) a figure disputed by the Germans.

Other subjects on the agenda for the Foreign Ministers' conference will be restitution of Dutch property seized by the Nazis, and rectification of the Dutch-German borders.

QUEBEC JEWS INVITED TO JOIN FRENCH CANADIAN NATIONALIST CELEBRATION

MONTREAL, June 30. (JTA) -- Jews participated this year for the first time in the French Canadian nationalist festival, St. John the Baptist Day, joining in the traditional parade by special invitation of the Societe St. Jean Baptiste, which sponsors the annual event.

A delegation representing the Cercle Juif de Langue Francaise, a Jewish French-language cultural and social group, was well received by the thousands of onlookers as their car proceeded in the line of floats.

SEN. CASE CALLS ON BOTH PARTIES TO REVISE MCCARRAN-WALTER ACT

WASHINGTON, June 30. (JTA) -- Sen. Clifford P. Case, New Jersey Republican, told a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee today that "decency and compassion" demanded that Republicans and Democrats redeem campaign pledges to revise the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act. He said immigration laws should be changed "for the sake of enriching our culture and developing our economy." He said that a fair immigration policy would give us "integrity in our relations with other nations."

Sen. Case urged the subcommittee to approve a bill he is co-sponsoring to admit yearly 60,000 escapees from tyranny. It would also authorize admission annually of 40,000 special non-quota immigrants for two years starting tomorrow in connection with the opening of World Refugee Year.

Sen. Case called for revision of the national origins quota system, terming it "unabashedly racist." He said the bias in this system did "untold damage to the prestige of the United States" in Asia, Africa, and southern and eastern Europe.

ORTHODOX LEADER DENIES BIAS AGAINST NON-ORTHODOX IN ISRAEL

MONTICELLO, N. Y., June 30. (JTA) -- Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, denied today that there was any official discrimination against non-Orthodox Jews in Israel and condemned American Jews who made such charges. He told the 23rd annual convention of the Orthodox group that the Government of Israel was giving insufficient recognition to "its outstanding religious heritage" to the detriment of American-Israeli Jewish relations.

"There is no lawful discrimination against any Israeli inhabitant because of his viewpoint, opinion or creed," Rabbi Rackman said. He added that Israel's Orthodox rabbinate "does not control or dominate the religious practices of Israel's population. Israel's religious leaders' only desire is that the legal order of the state shall conform with historic Jewish jurisprudence."

He condemned the American Jews who "are resorting to slogan-thinking about the problems of religious freedom in Israel. These distorted versions of the status of the constitutional freedom in Israel are responsible for the humiliation of American Jews and the declination of loyalty to the structure and faith of Judaism," he asserted.

Rabbi Rackman said that the teaching of Hebrew was "not enough" to link American and Israel Jews. "He said any close cultural and religious ties must be based "on the historical teachings, values and concepts found in the Bible and Talmud."

CELLER SAYS STRESS ON MILITARY AID HAS WORSENERD CONDITIONS IN MID-EAST

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., June 30. (JTA) -- Congressman Emanuel Celler, Brooklyn Democrat, said tonight that emphasis by the Eisenhower Administration on military aid had worsened relations between Israel and the Arab states. He told 1,000 delegates and guests of Brith Abraham at the fraternal order's 72nd annual convention here, that policy has been "geared to military aid in a manner that has provoked animosities," and that the result had been the growth of "mischief" in many parts of the world, particularly "in an area of tremendous strategic value, the Middle East."

"Relations between the Arab nations and Israel have been exacerbated by the emphasis on military aid to the Arab nations. The results we have seen for ourselves in the internal dissension between the Arab countries. We have neither made friends nor gained respect of the countries we sought to appease," said Mr. Celler.

LEADERS REPORT TO HADASSAH ON MOVES TO BROADEN ZIONIST MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, June 30. (JTA) -- Affiliation of large national Jewish organizations with the World Zionist Organization, made possible by action of the Zionist General Council, will permit strengthening of the world Zionist movement, but may involve many problems for Hadassah, the organization's national board was told yesterday.

Dr. Miriam K. Freund, national president, and Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national chairman of the Zionist Affairs Committee, told the board that there were many problems involved for Hadassah in the enlarging of the Zionist movement by taking in organizations not specifically formed for carrying out a Zionist program--since the membership of these potential members of the World Zionist Organization might duplicate Hadassah's membership in large part.

"However," Dr. Freund declared, "we believe that this is an important step forward. We feel that the Zionist movement has a duty to channel the pro-Israel sentiment of the vast majority of Jews in all countries through the World Zionist Organization; to seize now on this moment of interest in Israel and use it to strengthen the Zionist movement."

MRS. ROOSEVELT BIDS MID-EAST NATIONS TO TRADE WITH ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 30. (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said tonight that Israel's expanding trade with Asian and African nations was "symptomatic of the great benefits that would ensue if its neighbors would take advantage of the offers of cooperation made by Israel and inaugurate a program of trade and commerce with her." She addressed a dinner sponsored by the fraternal and landsmanshaften division of State of Israel Bonds at the Commodore Hotel, winding up the Spring campaign of the division for the sale of \$750,000 of Israel bonds.

Mrs. Roosevelt declared that "after eleven years of remarkable accomplishments, Israel's permanence is assured, a factor which it would be well for all to recognize." If Israel's neighbors would enter into a program of trade with her, Mrs. Roosevelt said, "the benefits to the entire Middle East would be incalculable." At the same time, this would contribute greatly to peace in that explosive area."

SHRAGAI, JEWISH AGENCY IMMIGRATION CHIEF, HERE FOR CONSULTATIONS

NEW YORK, June 30. (JTA) -- Mr. S. Z. Shragai, head of the Jewish Agency Immigration Department and a leader in the religious Zionist movement, arrived here today for a short visit in connection with matters of immigration and other Zionist problems. Mr. Shragai will meet with a number of leaders of the Zionist movement and with leading personalities in Jewish religious life in the United States.