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SECURITY COUNCIL'S DECISION ON SYRIA WILL DETERMINE ISRAEL'S STAND

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Rarely has Israel been following with greater interest a United Nations action than the current session of the Security Council on Israel's complaint that Syria is sponsoring a steady succession of guerrilla incursions into Israel.

Observers indicated a belief today that Security Council action, or lack of action, as well as the final wording of the resolution introduced last week by the United States and Britain, will deeply influence Israel's future attitude toward its Arab neighbors as well as the formulation of policy of Israel's policy-makers toward future border incidents. The observers said that both officials and the man in the street believe that the Council's decision will demonstrate whether Israel can count on the U.N. at least for moral and diplomatic support.

(By the time this issue of the JTA Daily News Bulletin went to press, the Security Council, at the United Nations, had not as yet decided on the action, expected today, with regard to the Israeli grievance against Syria and the proposed Anglo-American resolution linking Syria with the recent raids into Israel. The Council will meet tomorrow.)

Meanwhile, an Israeli army car detonated today a freshly laid mine in the latest border incident. The new incident occurred near the Syrian border. The car was damaged but none of its occupants were hurt. The site of the incident was Nebi Fuda, across the border from the fortified Syrian position at Tel Azzaziat, scene of a number of recent guerrilla incursions.

Premier Levi Eshkol and Foreign Minister Abba Eban held special consultations today to evaluate the status of the Council's deliberations and to plan for any contingency. Further top level meetings were scheduled after the Council disposes of Israel's complaint.

A new blow at Israel's confidence in U.N. action was delivered yesterday by the Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission which again declined to hold Jordan responsible for a shooting incident on October 13 near Neshua, despite clear-cut evidence that the perpetrators came from Jordan, the MAC failed even to attest to that fact.

Official sources here expressed disappointment and disapproval over the United Nations Truce Supervision chairman's failure to vote for the relevant paragraphs of Israel's resolution presented to MAC. The lack of results from the MAC meeting strengthened Israel's view that the "legalistic" approach by UNTSC, which aims at "water-tight proven cases" was both ineffective and untenable.

Peres Denounces Israel for Bringing Syrian Case to Security Council

TEL AVIV, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Shimon Peres, former Deputy Defense Minister and now secretary of former Premier David Ben-Gurion's dissident Israel Workers Party (Rafi), assailed today the Israel Government's decision to place its complaint against Syrian based guerrilla incursions before the United Nations Security Council.

Speaking at a press conference, he asserted that the approach to the U.N. had aroused anti-Israel factors and that it gave the Soviet Union another chance to win Arab hearts. He insisted the issue was not a case of the alternatives of only the U.N. or war, arguing that Israel had the right to use its own discretion on issues of self-defense. He said regretfully that there had been a "cooling down" in Israeli-French relations.

ARAB LEFTIST CONGRESS IN SYRIA URGES SPEEDY SHOWDOWN WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The International (Pan-Arab) Congress of Syria's Fuling Baath, Socialist, Party today urged leftist Arab countries to join forces to bring about a "speedy showdown with Israel."

In a lengthy policy statement, the Congress warned that time is running against the Arabs in the conflict with Israel. The statement stressed that the time was now ripe for military action, and urged "progressive Arab regimes to take speediest measures to effect a Pan-Arab liberation war against Israel."

The statement was broadcast on the eve of the departure for Cairo of Syrian Premier Yusef Zayyan for talks with Egyptian leaders on military coordination of the two countries in dealing with Israel.

U.S. CRITICIZES UNITED NATIONS FOR PROVIDING RELIEF TO ARMED ARABS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The United States Government strongly condemned today the provision of United Nations relief to Arab refugees serving in the Palestine Liberation Organization and the failure of the United Nations organization in charge of refugee relief to remove from its ration rolls the large number of refugees who are not entitled to U.N. aid.

These statements were made by U.S. Ambassador Harding F. Bancroft, the American representative in the General Assembly's 101-member Special Political Committee. The Committee has been debating the refugee problem for over a week, the discussion centering on the annual report filed here a month ago by Laurence Michelmore, Commissioner General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

In his annual report, Dr. Michelmore had informed the Assembly, among other things, that in the year under review, he had made no progress of any significance in rectifying UNRWA's relief rolls, as ordered to do by the Assembly a year ago. He blamed this failure on lack of cooperation by the "host" governments, which have jurisdiction over the areas where the refugees are maintained -- Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and the Gaza Strip. Dr. Michelmore had reported also that his organization was channeling rations to young refugees who are currently receiving training in the PLC.

After deploring UNRWA's inability to aid the refugees fully in accordance with their human needs, Mr. Bancroft told the Committee: "It is difficult to believe the suggestion in the report that there would be adverse reactions among the refugees to the agency's efforts to stop the trafficking in ration cards and ration commodities. The only objection, it seems to us, would come from the traffickers themselves. We hope UNRWA will deal promptly and vigorously with this problem. It is outrageous that a few profiteers should be permitted to cheat needy refugees out of benefits provided by the international community."

Considers U.N. Feeding of Men in an Anti-Israel Army 'Inadmissible'

Referring then to the problem of aiding members of the PLO, Mr. Bancroft told the Committee: "Since the Palestine Liberation Army came into existence, many young men on the agency's ration rolls have been recruited into it -- and yet have remained on the ration rolls. The United States delegation made clear last year that we consider it inadmissible for a U.N. agency to supply rations to men serving in an army dedicated to the solution of the repatriation question by armed force and, indeed, to the overthrow of the government of a member of the United Nations."

Mr. Bancroft noted that Dr. Michelmore had stated in his report that he had worked out special financial arrangements through which the "host" governments had contributed \$150,000 to UNRWA so that the rations provided to members of the PLO would not come out of funds contributed by other governments to UNRWA. Seventy percent of general UNRWA funds are contributed by the United States. He recalled that the United States objected last year to the provision of UNRWA aid to members of the PLC and told the Assembly:

"My government's position as stated last year is one of principle. We believe the Assembly should not give the impression that it condones or regards with indifference the involvement of any United Nations agency with an organization which avows such purposes."

Calls for Rectification of U.N. Relief Rolls of Arab Refugees

The American representative called on the Assembly to restate its commitment to "a permanent solution to the problem of the Palestine refugees." He expressed the United States Government's regret that "no progress has been made in the program of reintegration for the refugees either by repatriation or by resettlement."

"We must urge the governments concerned to come forward with more flexible and realistic plans for an ultimate solution," he said. "The Palestine Conciliation Commission should remain the focus for such plans and programs but the responsibility for progress does not and cannot lie only with the Commission. It is chiefly the responsibility of the governments concerned with this problem to make some moves toward compromise and conciliation. The longer they failed to do so, the more unstable the situation is likely to become -- with consequent increasing danger to the true interests of both sides."

Mr. Bancroft concluded his address by introducing a formal resolution which would have the Assembly noting "with concern" that "despite limited progress further measures are required toward the rectification of the relief rolls and accordingly directs the Commissioner General to take such measures, including rectification of the rolls, as to ensure in cooperation with the governments concerned the most equitable distribution of relief based on need."

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE CEASES LISTING ISRAEL AS A BOYCOTTING NATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The U.S. Department of Commerce has announced revision of anti-boycott regulations to cease listing Israel as a boycotter because Israel requests American exporters not to ship Israeli-bound goods via Arab ports.

The Commerce Department had previously issued reports equating the Arab boycott of Israel with alleged Israeli "boycott" practices against Arab states in dealings with American business firms. Israel was listed as committing numerous "boycott" actions merely because American exporters were asked to safeguard Israel-bound cargoes to avoid confiscation in hostile Arab seaports.

The Department's change of policy was revealed in the official current export bulletin. The export regulations require U.S. exporters to report requests for any action or for information which has the effect of furthering or supporting foreign restrictive trade practices or boycotts.

It was explained by the Commerce Department that "some U.S. exporters have reported requests regarding the use, or intended use, of shipping or transportation facilities of a designated country. In many of these instances, the request for action or information was made only to avoid the risk of confiscation of the commodities and to assure safe arrival of the shipment. After some experience with this type of reporting, the Bureau of International Commerce has concluded that such a request is not a restrictive trade practice under the terms of the legislation nor under the export regulations.

"Therefore," said the Commerce Department, "the export regulations have been revised to make it clear that the requirement that U.S. exporters shall report requests for information or action in support of foreign restrictive trade practices or boycotts does not apply to either:

"1. A request or restriction solely precluding the export of commodities to the importing country on shipping or transportation facilities owned, controlled, operated or chartered by a country, or a national of a country, friendly to the United States but not friendly to the importing country; or

"2. A request or restriction solely precluding the export of commodities to the importing country on a carrier which stops, prior to stopping at the port of unloading, at a port in a country friendly to the United States but not friendly to the importing country." The bulletin said U.S. exporters are no longer required to report to the Office of Export Control on the foregoing situations.

RETAIL STORES IN ISRAEL CLOSE IN PROTEST AGAINST RISE IN TAXES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- About ninety percent of Israel's retail stores were closed today by their owners in protest against increased municipal business taxes levied on all sales.

Businessmen and the Retail Shops Association asserted that the Government had pledged itself, in its current retrenchment and austerity program, to freeze all taxes as a counterpart to price stabilization. The retailers asserted that the Government had the means to enforce its plan with local authorities, if it really wanted to do so.

Practically all shops, restaurants and cafes were closed in Tel Aviv and traffic was light. A similar situation prevailed in other cities and villages. The exception was Jerusalem, where a large number of shops, particularly food stores, opened as usual today.

TWO JEWISH YOUTHS ARRESTED IN ISRAEL ON CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Two Israeli Jewish youths were remanded today by an Ashkelon magistrate on charges of espionage. The youths, aged 22 and 19, whose names were given only as Gibly and Frankel, were arrested Friday night near the Gaza Strip border. When asked what they were doing there, they replied they were looking for work, according to the authorities.

Further investigation revealed they had intended to cross into the Egyptian-administered Gaza Strip, the authorities reported. Police said they possessed material of intelligence importance and that one of them might have previously been in Egyptian-held territory.

ISRAELI COMPANY WINS \$140,000,000 CONTRACT TO BUILD DAM IN IRAN

TEL AVIV, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Vered, the Israeli planning and construction company, has won a \$140,000,000 contract to build a 160-foot high dam south of Shiraz in Iran. Vered won the contract in competition with French, Italian and other foreign bidders.

U.N. CRITICIZED BY FORMER COMMANDER OF ITS PEACE-KEEPING FORCES

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 1. (JTA) -- A spokesman for United Nations Secretary General U Thant refused comment today on a denunciation of the U.N. by a former commander of the U.N. peace-keeping forces.

Swedish Major General Carl von Horn, who commanded U.N. troops in Israel, the Congo and Yemen, declared in a book, "Soldiers of Peace," published yesterday that the world organization was riddled with "espionage and corruption." He cited as an example that in Jerusalem, attractive Israeli girls were freed from military duty to entertain guests from the United Nations when a U.N. Truce Supervision Commission came to Jerusalem to supervise the truce arrangements which ended the Arab war against the newly-declared State of Israel in 1949.

Gen. von Horn charged that enlistments for Israel's cause through the alleged entertainment by Israel girls "came second to systematic, organized corruption." The U.N. spokesman said that Mr. Thant had read press reports quoting the General's book but not the book itself, and that Mr. Thant would not comment on the charges now or later.

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY MEMBERS ARRESTED FOR SPREADING HATE LITERATURE

CHICAGO, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Five members of the American Nazi Party were arrested here yesterday as they tried to distribute literature in front of a Chicago high school which has been the scene of racial unrest for a week.

The Nazis were arrested on disorderly conduct charges rather than under a city ordinance barring hate materials distribution and marches by such groups. Amendments to strengthen those ordinances were introduced into the City Council and referred to committee last week.

One amendment would raise the penalty for violation of the ordinance covering distribution of literature for "prurient interests" to a fine of from \$50 to \$500 for each offense. The definition of such material was broadened by the amendment to include material which "appeals to racial, religious or ethnic hatred" without any "redeeming social value."

A second amendment would make it "unlawful to create a clear and present danger of a riot or assault, battery or other unlawful trespass against any person or group of persons because of his or their race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry by any means or methods, including the public display of the swastika or regalia of the Ku Klux Klan for the purpose of inviting or stimulating a riot, assault, battery or other unlawful trespass against any person or group, etc."

The amendment would also make it unlawful to "create a clear and present danger of arson, vandalism, defacement or other unlawful trespass against property because of the race, religion, color, national origin or ancestry of the owner, possessor or authorized user or users of said property, or, in the case of a cemetery, or the decedent buried therein." Violations of the second amendment would be punishable with fines of not less than \$50 or more than \$500 for each offense.

MIZRACHI WOMEN'S CONVENTION VOTES \$1,320,000 FOR WORK IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The Mizrahi Women's Organization of America today adopted a budget of \$1,320,000 to meet child-care, social service and vocational education needs in Israel during the next twelve months, and to continue its educational and cultural activities in the U.C. through 1967.

Delegates representing 50,000 members of the organization in 37 states and the District of Columbia also voted \$125,000 for the continuation of services to the disadvantaged. Other allocations made as the four-day meeting reached its half-way mark were \$200,000 to continue an afforestation, road building and land reclamation project in Galilee through the Jewish National Fund; \$130,000 for cultural, educational and youth activities in the United States; and \$100,000 for administrative expenses in Israel and the United States. Mrs. Aaron Leifer of Brooklyn was elected national president of the organization.

BEN-GURION'S 80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED BY ARGENTINE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Buenos Aires, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion's 80th birthday was celebrated here last night at a mass gathering of local and country-wide Jewish leaders. The event was held under the auspices of the Buenos Aires Jewish Community and the Federation of Argentine Jewish Communities. Among the speakers, who lauded Mr. Ben-Gurion's contributions toward the creation and consolidation of Israel, was Dr. Tobias Kamenszain, president of the Buenos Aires Jewish Community.