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Security Council Votes Unanimously to Enforce Suez Cease-Fire; Draft Close to U.S. Policy

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 25. (JTA) — The United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution on the Middle East late today, condemning all cease-fire violations, and demanding that member states cease all prohibited military acts and cooperate promptly and fully with the U.N. cease-fire observation teams in the Suez area.

The resolution emerged after a six-hour recess of the Council that followed a brief session this morning, when no progress had been made toward bridging the wide gap between two draft resolutions introduced at the Council's emergency session last night — one by the Soviet Union, the other by the United States.

The USSR draft called outright for condemnation of Israel as the guilty party for allegedly starting Tuesday's stiff fighting in the Suez area, when Israel destroyed 80 percent of Egypt's oil refinery facilities, located in and around Port Suez. The American draft, however, called merely for cessation of cease-fire violations, blaming neither Israel nor Egypt. The resolution finally adopted today came very close to the type urged by the U.S.A.

Immediately after the resolution was adopted — with the Soviet Union joining the other 14 members of the Council in voting for it — Secretary-General Thant called on the Council to authorize him to double the number of cease-fire observers he has posted in the Suez area now. He asked also that, for the first time, the U.N. observers be given seaborne facilities by using patrol boats at sea, and that they be equipped also with helicopters for observations from the air.

The resolution as adopted declared:

"The Security Council, gravely concerned over recent military activities in the Middle East carried out in spite of Security Council resolutions ordering a cease-fire, and having heard the statements of the parties concerned and taking into consideration the information submitted to the Secretary-General:

"1) Condemns all violations of the cease-fire; 2) regrets the casualties and loss of property resulting from the violations; 3) reaffirms the strict necessity to observe the cease-fire; 4) demands that the member states concerned cease immediately all prohibited military acts in the area and cooperate fully and promptly with UNTSO." The initials stand for the defunct United Nations Truce Supervision Organization which, Israel insists, no longer exists. Israel, however, recognizes fully the cease-fire and the observation teams headed by UNTSO's former commander, Lt. Gen. Odd Bull.

Goldberg Applauds Council's Approach; Thant Details Further Needs

Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg, U.S. permanent representative, declared after the vote that the resolution "fully meets the spirit, language and intent" of the resolution presented by the United States last night.

Pointing out the necessity for expanded and strengthened U.N. observation machinery, Mr. Thant asked that the number of cease-fire observers in the Suez Canal area be increased to 90 from the present 43 in order to substantially broaden their patrolling functions, and that the number of observation posts on both banks of the Suez Canal be increased from the present nine to 18.

He also called for the acquisition and use of as many as four small patrol craft for patrolling the waters of the Canal, the Great Bitter Lake and adjacent waters, and for four small helicopters with operational and maintenance personnel to provide increased mobility for observers for aerial observation, the helicopters to be stationed on both banks of the Canal.

Mr. Thant said that because, on several occasions, U.N. observers have been caught in exchanges of fire between the two sides, he requests at the suggestion of General Bull that personnel be provided body armor to protect the upper torso in addition to the steel helmets now in use.

The Soviet representative, Dr. Nikolai T. Fedorenko, insisted even after the resolution passed that it meant "to condemn Israel." He was answered sharply by Israel's Ambassador Gideon Rafael. The meeting was adjourned subject to recall after more consultations.

Israelis Describe Johnson-Eban Meeting as 'Entirely Satisfactory'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (JTA) — Israeli sources disclosed today that President Johnson had reiterated his adherence to the five points on the Middle East situation which he first enunciated on June 19 and otherwise gave clear indication of friendship toward Israel in last night's meeting with Foreign Minister Abba S. Eban of Israel. The meeting lasted for more than one hour.

The White House declined to comment today on the Johnson-Eban meeting. White House spokesman George Christian said the American position was clearly enunciated by Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg in the U.S. resolution offered in the United Nations.

The discussion was described as entirely satisfactory from the Israeli point of view by these sources. The points reasserted covered the main objectives of present Israeli policy including the demand for face-to-face direct peace talks, translation of the cease-fire lines through negotiation and readjustments into permanent boundaries, and no return to the situation that existed prior to June 5, these sources asserted. They stressed that there was no evidence of deviation by the President on any of the five points.

Israelis here insisted that the sinking of the Elath last Saturday and the subsequent developments in the Suez Canal area figured only in a peripheral way in Mr. Eban's discussions here — especially in the talks with State Department officials.

Participating in the meeting with the President and Mr. Eban were presidential aide Walt W. Rostow, White House spokesman George Christian, Assistant Secretary of State Lucius Battle, Ambassador Avraham Harman of Israel, and Ephraim Evron, Minister of the Israeli Embassy.

Earlier talks which Mr. Eban had, including a long meeting with Secretary of State Dean Rusk, involved a previously agreed agenda and only touched lightly on the Elath affair, Israelis declared. They said the original plan was followed with Mr. Rusk and a general discussion pursued on Arab-Israel relations, peace, the United Nations and such matters as avoiding of arms imbalance in light of the Soviet resupply of the Arabs.

Mr. Eban reportedly described Israel's general views on a peace settlement and the refugees question. Israeli sources said Jerusalem was not mentioned as an issue.

It was disclosed here that Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara had notified Israel about a week ago that jets and other equipment sought by Israel would be released from embargo. Official announcement was made of the release yesterday. Israeli sources denied that Secretary Rusk had urged Mr. Eban to influence Israel to show restraint in the wake of the Elath sinking.

House Minority Leader Says USA Should Lend Israel Replacement for Elath

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (JTA) — House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan said today that the United States Government should immediately lend a modern, well-equipped destroyer to Israel to replace the Elath sunk Saturday on the high seas by Egyptian-manned attack boats carrying Soviet missiles. Mr. Ford said the Administration has not sufficiently appreciated the extent of Soviet involvement with the Arabs and the developing confrontation in the Middle East. He reminded a press conference that the Soviet Fleet was using Egyptian ports as fueling bases and benefitting from Egypt's oil resources.

(Dispatches received in London and Washington said that three Soviet naval ships were to arrive in Port Said tomorrow or Friday on a "good-will" visit. The Cairo newspaper Al Ahram said today the ships were coming on a "friendly visit" intended as a deterrent to a large-scale attack by Israel.)

Rep. Ford said Israel deserved the same consideration as other nations menaced by Russia and should be given a destroyer under an existing loan program on an identical basis. Such a move would display American resolve in answer to the Soviet involvement in the missile sinking of the Elath, he said. He thought the provision of a destroyer would deter mounting Soviet-Arab pressure. A former naval officer, Rep. Ford said that battle-ready destroyers were available from present U.S. reserves.

'Thousands' of Soviet Military Advisors Are in Egypt, Halpern Charges

Attention of Congress was directed today to the presence of "thousands of Soviet military technicians and advisors in Egypt" by Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, who said "the U.S. Administration's refusal to point a finger merely invites an intensification of Soviet-Arab collaboration to Israel's great danger."

Rep. Halpern said that "when the State Department said it could not find fault with Egypt in the sinking of the Elath it indicated a tendency to avoid facing the grim fact of escalation that has occurred in the Middle Eastern conflict. This evasion by our policy-makers will only tempt the Russians to send more men and weapons into the Arab states. It will only contribute to refusal of the Arabs to come to the peace conference table."

Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, told the House today he was "deeply disappointed" by the response of the U.S. Government to the sinking of the Elath and the refusal of the State Department to place the blame on Egypt. He termed the U.S. stand "unfortunate" and asked: "Are we to let the Middle East be a proving ground for Soviet missiles with Israel as their target?"

State Department Says Israel Will Get Some Skyhawks This Year

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (JTA) — Some but definitely not all of the 36 Douglas A-4 Skyhawk jet bombers approved for export to Israel will be delivered in 1967, State Department officials said today. These officials said shipment would begin soon. But they did not anticipate that the entire consignment would be in Israeli hands until early in 1968.

It was revealed meanwhile that no negotiations are under way for new weapons for Israel or the five Arab states also affected by the limited lifting of the June embargo. The United States is not now undertaking new military equipment commitments because of the Administration policy, officials said in reference to the possibility of subsequent shipments to the Middle East. The items cleared for export under the Tuesday announcement by the State Department were described as a "one-shot" transaction.

(The London Daily Telegraph reported from Paris today that the French, concerned over the introduction of new sophisticated weapons into the Middle East by the Soviet Union, were considering lifting the embargo on military shipments to the area imposed by President de Gaulle last June. French military circles, it said, favored the immediate supply of the Mirage V jet fighter — the most advanced model of the plane that is the backbone of the Israeli Air Force — to Israel along with spare parts, air-to-air missiles and tanks.)

New Clashes Reported on Canal and With Infiltrators from Jordan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25. (JTA) — Israel complained today to Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, head of the U.N. cease-fire team that Egyptian forces had opened fire on an Israeli plane this morning in the Port Tewfik area and that Egyptian artillery had shelled Israeli positions on the east bank of the Suez Canal.

Two Israeli soldiers were killed and three were wounded, two of them seriously, in a clash early this morning with heavily armed Arab infiltrators on the west bank of the Jordan east of Nablus. The clash, which occurred 12 kilometers north of the Damiya bridge, was the second in less than 24 hours. Yesterday, two Israeli soldiers were seriously wounded when they were ambushed by a group of Arab marauders near Tirat Zvi in the Beisan Valley.

An Army spokesman said that the latest incident occurred at 1:30 this morning when an Israeli patrol was attacked by marauders who had evidently crossed over from Jordan. One of the Arabs was killed. A bazooka and a Russian-made assault gun were found near by. In the earlier clash near Tirat Zvi, the Israeli soldiers were surprised by eight to ten marauders who threw hand grenades and fled. Their footprints led to the Jordan River.

(Minister of Defense Moshe Dayan who was to have come to this country to address the biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America Nov. 12-16, notified Henry N. Rapaport, its president, that he would not be able to attend. "As long as the security situation makes necessary the presence in this country of those responsible for our defense, we cannot leave our post," he cabled.)

Expert Says Israel Will Use Jets to Keep Missile Boats Away from Ships

LONDON, Oct. 25. (JTA) — The Daily Telegraph's aviation correspondent predicted today that Israel will order her aircraft to destroy any missile-carrying Egyptian patrol boats approaching within 15 miles of Israeli naval units.

"They could easily be destroyed by Israeli aircraft," the writer said, noting the alternative "would be for Israel to keep her naval craft off the high seas altogether." He said "there is no defense against the 'Styx' type Russian supersonic homing missiles. They probably use infra-red guidance systems which cannot be jammed."

Nahal Settlement Is Established on Israeli Soil on Golan Heights

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25. (JTA) — A new agricultural settlement was officially established today on the slopes of Tel Azzazi at the Golan heights, near the site of Syrian gun emplacements that for years harassed this Israeli border region.

The settlement, Eshet, which lies west of the international demarcation line between Israel and Syria and hence on what was always Israeli soil, was set up by Nahal, para-military pioneer youth organization, and Hashomer Hatzair whose members will populate the new kibbutz. Inaugural ceremonies, attended by military commanders and Hashomer Hatzair leaders, came after two weeks of preparatory work by an advance group of settlers.

Herut Party Decides to Remain in Government While Political Emergency Continues

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25. (JTA) — The national council of the right-wing Herut Party, which is now a member of Israel's Unity Cabinet, voted unanimously here last night to remain in the Government, "since the period of political emergency is not yet over." The council also issued a statement saying that the liberated parts of Palestine — the areas taken from the Arabs in last June's Six-Day War — "are part of the Jewish State, and the Jews have a right to their ancestral heritage."

Histadrut Official Leaves on American Good-Will Tour

TEL AVIV, Oct. 25. (JTA) — Aharon Becker, secretary-general of Histadrut, the Israel federation of labor, left here today on a five-nation good-will tour that will take him to four Latin American countries and the United States. He will be the guest of the labor movements and trade unions in each of the countries he visits.

Six Nations Seek Deletion of Term 'Anti-Semitism' from Anti-Bias Draft

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 25. (JTA) — Five Afro-Asian nations and Byelorussia today opposed inclusion of the term "anti-Semitism" in the draft resolution on the elimination of religious discrimination now under study by the Committee on Social Humanitarian and Cultural Affairs of the General Assembly. The five countries are Kuwait, Mali, Pakistan, Somalia and Iraq.

The Kuwait delegate, F. Sayegh, alleged that "Israel intends to exploit this reference to anti-Semitism to silence all criticism of its actions." He was backed up by the Byelorussian delegate, V. Loshchinin, who said that Israel's willingness to substitute "anti-Judaism" for "anti-Semitism" in order to meet objections on the committee was a "trick" to drag in the concept of the superiority of the Jewish religion."

Argentine Jews Bid Moscow Remove Discrimination Against Russian Jews

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 25. (JTA) — Organized Argentine Jewry appealed today to Soviet Premier Aleksei Kosygin to restore to Russian Jewry all the cultural and religious rights to which they are entitled under the USSR's constitution.

The plea was cabled to Moscow by the DAIA, Argentine Jewry's central representative body. It pointed to specific clauses in the Soviet charter which guarantee to all Soviet citizens the right of schooling "in the mother tongue," and which guarantee full religious freedom. The signers of the message, Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, president, and Herzel Gesang, secretary of DAIA, stressed that the Soviet Union's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, to start next month, was being marred by the Moscow government's discrimination against the nation's Jews.

American Jewish Committee Hails Shah of Iran for Friendship to Jews

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) — The American Jewish Committee cabled greetings today to the Shah of Iran and Queen Farah on their coronation. The message, signed by Morris B. Abram, president, associated the committee with "the ancient Jewish community of Iran on this festive occasion." It declared that "we are mindful and deeply appreciative of the friendship that His Imperial Majesty has given to the Jewish people of Iran and other countries throughout his benevolent reign."

Jewish War Veterans Oppose Move to Free Rudolf Hess, Hitler Deputy

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25. (JTA) — Efforts to free Rudolph Hess, once Adolf Hitler's deputy and No. 2 man in the Nazi hierarchy, now serving a life sentence in the Spandau international war crimes prison in Berlin, were vigorously opposed by Samuel Samuels, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States. In a statement today, Mr. Samuels said that Hess, one of the original storm troopers, had "gone beyond the realm wherein a claim for compassion could be made." He is the only war criminal left there.

Moves to free Hess have been supported by former United States Attorney General Francis Biddle who had himself passed judgment on the Nazi at the Nuremberg war crimes trials in 1946. Mr. Biddle said recently that he thought Hess, who defected to Britain in 1941, had served long enough and that Lord Oaksey, presiding member of the Nuremberg court, agreed. Mr. Samuels noted that Hess was given a life term and "would have been executed with other extremely brutal Nazis had a question not been raised about his sanity." To free Hess, he said, "would mock the sacrifices of all those who opposed Nazism."

Three Wings of Judaism to Join in Teaching Contemporary Theology Course

NEW YORK, Oct. 25. (JTA) — An ecumenical movement within Judaism will have its beginnings at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America this fall when scholars representing the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox branches teach a course together on new developments in contemporary Jewish theology.

Announcement of the joint teaching project was made yesterday by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the seminary which prepares rabbis for pulpits in Conservative synagogues. Dr. Finkelstein likened the project to the first stages of ecumenism in Christianity which involved Catholic and Protestant churches. Its purpose, he said, is to reverse the trend toward sectarianism in Judaism.

The course will be taught by Dr. Eugene B. Borowitz, professor of Jewish religious thought at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, representing the Reform branch of Judaism; Dr. Seymour Siegel, professor of Jewish theology at the Seminary, and Dr. Michael Wyschograd, professor of philosophy at the Bernard M. Baruch School of Business and Public Administration, who represents the Orthodox viewpoint.

The three teachers will alternate in giving lectures at the 90 minute sessions that will meet weekly beginning November 2 and will comment on each other's presentation. The course is open to advanced rabbinical students.

State Dept. Silent on Book Charging Sabotage of Wartime Jewish Rescue Effort

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 25. (JTA) — State Department spokesman Robert McCloskey said today that the Department would have no comment on a forthcoming book that alleges that the U.S. Government was derelict in its efforts to save Jews during World War II.

The book, "While Six Million Died," by Arthur D. Morse, a former CBS news executive, accuses the Roosevelt administration and the State Department of having "obstructed, thwarted and delayed" measures to rescue European Jews long after recognition by the highest authorities that the Germans intended to massacre the Jews of Europe.