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SECRETARY-GENERAL CABLES ARAB LEADERS.

Arab League Secretary General El Sayed Abdel Khalek Hassouna has sent cables of support to United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser, King Hussein of Jordan and Dr. Nouredin El Attasy, President of the Syrian Arab Republic voicing his appreciation of their heroic struggle against the forces of imperialism and Zionism.

In his cable to President Nasser, the Secretary General asked him to respond to the desire of the Arab masses who pin great hopes on his leadership and are confident of achieving final victory under his command.

He expressed sincere appreciation of the heroism of the Jordanian and Syrian valiant armies and their bold undertakings in defence of the Arab homeland in his cables to King Hussein and Dr. Attasy.

Meanwhile, the Arab League has contributed 10,000 sterlings for the relief of victims, wounded and refugees in Jordan following the last Israeli aggression. The contribution was announced in a cable from El Sayed Hassouna to the Jordanian Foreign Minister.

Contacts are also underway between the League's General Secretariat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation and competent authorities in the United Arab Republic and Jordan to provide immediate assistance to Palestinians who lost their means of living as a consequences of the aggression.

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FRENCH PRESS AND THE ISRAELI AGGRESSION.

The Arab League General Secretariat has received a cable from its office in Paris to the effect that the French press has started to publish several articles explaining the Arab viewpoint and the development of events in the Middle East.

"Le Monde" published lengthy articles by its correspondents in the capitals concerned on the recent events.

It also carried features by its correspondent in Beirut on Israel's use of napalm bombs against the Egyptians.

"Le Figaro" published an article by Yves Cuaa following his return from Israel relating the developments of the crisis and confessing that the Israelis were the initiators of aggression and that they have used napalm bombs in Sinai.

"Paris-Match" carried photos of the Israeli aircraft which attacked the Egyptians with napalm bombs.

"L'humanité" carried a statement by the Communist party's political Bureau denouncing the Israeli expansionist ambitions in Egypt, Syria and Jordan which pose a menace to the independence of people in the Middle East.

The French TV Newsreel contained a film on the Israeli aggression against Jordan picturing the victims burnt by the banned napalm bombs.

An Arab journalist explained the Middle East situation in the TV programme known as "Zoom" denouncing the Israeli crimes.

ARAB AMBASSADORS MEETING.

Means of providing assistance to refugees in Jordan and the Palestinian students who lost their means of living in the territory west of the Jordan River following the Israeli aggression, were discussed at a meeting of Arab Ambassadors at the Arab League Headquarters in Cairo on June 13th.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Sayed Nofal, the League's Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs.

Agreement was reached on the participation of Arab countries in providing relief to the refugees as a manifestation of Arab solidarity.

LEAGUE'S OFFICES.

El Sayed Mohair El Kabbani, Director of the Arab League Office in Bonn has called on the German Government to withhold support for Israel and stop the supply of strategic materials to it.

Protesting to the German Foreign Ministry against the supply of Israel with gas masks, El Sayed Kabbani pointed out that the Arabs regard such supplies as a hostile act.

He also stated in a TV interview that the war in the Middle East was kindled by the Israeli aggression on Arab countries.

One hundred Arab physicians in West Germany left for Syria and Jordan furnished with drugs and medical equipment to help the victims of the Zionist aggression.

The League's Office in Paris denounced the Israeli aggressions and affirmed the aggressive intentions of the Zionist state in statements to the French TV and the Broadcasting Station.

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It also dispatched to Jordan the plasma it had collected last week in response to an urgent request by the Jordanian Embassy in Paris.

In the meantime, the Office is raising a fund for the relief of Palestinian refugees and victims of the Israeli aggression.

In Ottawa, an Arab Relief Fund with a one-million-dollar target was set up to provide aid to the victims of the Israeli aggression.

Canadian Arab Action Committees have also been established in Toronto London and Montreal with headquarters in Ottawa.

In New Delhi Former Indian Defence Minister Krishna Menon called on the Arab League Office placing all his services at the disposal of the Arab cause.

S U P P O R T.

The Omani Office in Cairo issued a statement on June 7th, announcing the Omani people's resolve to devote their lives, their oil and all their material and moral potentialities to the destruction of Israel and those who stand by it.

The statement referred to the people's decision to destroy all ports, airports, military and oil establishments on their territory when the decisive moment comes.

The Lebanese Feminist Council which comprises 76 associations in the Lebanese Republic paid tribute to the Arab unanimity in a cable to to the Secretary General.

The Arab League General Secretariat also received a note from the Afghani Embassy in Cairo stating that the Chamber of Deputies in Afghanistan voiced support for Arab parliaments in their struggle to defend Arab rights.

Earlier the Representatives of Arab community in BuenosAires

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cabled the League's Secretary General paying tribute to the decisive stand adopted by Arab countries against the Zionist aggression and affirming that this stand is the best guarantee for peace in the Middle East.

The League similarly received a telegram from the Islamic Parliamentary Organisation in Kenya blessing the steps taken by United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser in support of Syria and his firm stand against the Israeli imperialist challenges to the Arab nation.

Since the inception of the Middle East crisis, statements and cables of support have been coming to the Arab League from various quarters.

Arab progressive youth at California University issued a statement supporting the UAR's resolve to confront the Israeli threats of aggression and backing the restoration of Arab domination over the Gulf of Aqaba.

Cables of support also came from Arab students in Edinburg, the African Students Association in New Delhi as well as from the Sudanese citizens in Alexandria.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Arab League Secretary General El Sayed Abdel Khalek Hassouna left for Kuwait on June 17th to attend the Arab Foreign Ministers' meeting .

The meeting will prepare the agenda of the Arab emergency Summit.

Palestinian physicians at Alexandria University have cabled the Secretary General asking for facilities to go to Jordan or Syria in order to serve the Arab nation's cause.

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Arrangements are underway in Arab countries to apply boycott regulations to the companies and establishments belonging to the United States and Britain, the Director of the Regional Boycott Office in Alexandria disclosed.
