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STATE DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING APPLICATIONS FROM ISRAEL FOR ARMS, ACHESON REVEALS

WASHINGTON, March 28. (JTA) -- The State Department is considering two applications from Israel for the purchase of American arms, Secretary of State Dean Acheson today revealed. He made this statement to 30 members of Congress who conferred with him for one hour over the shipment of British arms to the Arab states.

The applications that the State Department has under consideration, Mr. Acheson said, are: 1. A request for permission to make direct purchases of radar, range finders and other highly technical war materiel; and, 2. A request for an export license for this materiel.

After the interview, Secretary Acheson was quoted as saying that he would confer with President Truman on the various problems raised by the Congressional delegation. He also promised to make a thorough study of all questions put to him. Majority Leader John McCormack was a member of the Congressional group.

Rep. Anthony Tauriello, of New York, who acted as chairman of the Congressional group, said that the Secretary had emphasized that there is no cause for alarm over the rearmament of Egypt, Syria and other Arab countries. He added that the Secretary had attributed the sale of arms to the Arab states to Britain's desire to preserve the balance of power in the Middle East, and not for purposes of aggression.

One Republican Congressman--Henry J. Lathan of New York--was in the group. The hour-long session was devoted to questions by the Congressmen and answers from Mr. Acheson on American policy toward Israel and the rest of the Middle East. The states represented by the Democratic Congressmen were Ohio, Missouri, New York, Wisconsin, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

ARAB LEAGUE DISCUSSES SANCTIONS AGAINST TRANSJORDAN; ABDULLAH SAYS HE REMAINS IN LEAGUE

LONDON, March 28. (JTA) -- The political committee of the Arab League today continued its discussion on possible sanctions against King Abdullah of Transjordan in connection with his reported decision to boycott the present session of the League's Council, which is taking place in Cairo.

A cable from Cairo said that the Lebanese premier today sponsored a resolution to expel Transjordan from the Arab League. The cable stated that proposals have also been made urging Arab countries neighboring on Transjordan to close their frontiers and institute an economic blockade against Transjordan similar to the one conducted against Israel.

A report from Amman, capital of Transjordan, said that it was officially announced there today that Transjordan will not withdraw from the League. The report emphasized that the Transjordan Minister in Cairo has been instructed to withdraw only from committee meetings of the Arab League Council where the incorporation of the Arab part of Palestine was discussed. However, he would attend other meetings as an official delegate. "There was no question of Transjordan's boycotting the Council session," the Amman announcement said.

TRANSJORDAN WILL NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL DESPITE ARAB LEAGUE THREAT, LONDON PRESS SAYS

LONDON, March 28. (JTA) -- King Abdullah of Transjordan will not change his position on a peace pact with Israel despite the Arab League's attempt to intimidate him, the Times of London predicted today.

Asserting that Transjordan was the "first and most formidable opponent of Israel on the battlefield," the newspaper adds that he recognizes that Israel has become a permanent factor in Middle East politics and "refuses to dream of a second round" of warfare. The Times editorial also calls on Egypt to cease "blowing on the embers of struggle with Israel" and take the lead in a new policy toward Israel. "Relations with Israel must be set upon a normal footing so that the economy of the Arab world can be restored peacefully," it warns.

The Manchester Guardian today criticized the Arab League for admitting to its meeting the delegates of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem and trying to prevent King Abdullah from coming to terms with Israel. The newspaper says that if Abdullah signs a treaty with the Jewish state "he will find international opinion on his side."

ISRAEL CHIEF OF STAFF APPEALS TO INDUSTRIALISTS TO COOPERATE IN DRAFT OF MEN FOR ARMY

TEL AVIV, March 28. (JTA) -- A warning that the drafting of men into the Israel Army might cause a certain amount of disorganization in industry in the Jewish state was sounded here today by Army Chief of Staff Yigal Yadin.

The Chief of Staff appealed to industrialists to cooperate with the conscription program. "Under present circumstances, the industry and the army of the country are complementary," he said.

Premier David Ben Gurion, speaking from Jerusalem, and Israel Postmaster General Zvi Prihar, who was in Beersheba, exchanged greetings today via the first telephone line to be hooked up between the ancient Biblical city in the Negev and the rest of Israel.

ISRAEL CONSIDERS LEGISLATION ON PUNISHMENT OF NAZI WAR CRIMINALS AND COLLABORATORS

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- Legislation providing the maximum penalty for Nazi war criminals and collaborators who committed crimes against humanity as defined by the international war crimes tribunal at Nuremberg was last night sent to committee by the Israel Parliament.

The legislation provides for the same punishment as the crime of murder. At this time the punishment is death, but a movement is under way in Israel to abolish capital punishment.

The Knesset also heard a report, asking its approval of a plan which would permit the reorganization of the Palestine Potash Company on a basis which would give Israelis majority control of the enterprise and the Israel Government a share in the corporation. The Parliament also discussed the government's three-month interim budget request.

KNESSET BODY DROPS ACTION AGAINST COMMUNIST DEPUTY WHO ASSAILED MORGENTHAU

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- A Parliamentary committee decided today to drop all disciplinary action against Communist deputy Meir Wilner for his "unparliamentary conduct in the Knesset debate on Henry Morgenthau Jr."

STREET DANCING, BONFIRES TO MARK SECOND CELEBRATION OF ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

TEL AVIV, March 28. (JTA) -- Plans for the second celebration of Israel's Independence Day--which will be marked this year on Saturday evening, April 22 and on Sunday, April 23--were announced here today by Z. Sharef, head of the celebration arrangements committee.

The "Voice of Israel"--the government broadcasting station--will feature music for street dancing throughout the celebration period. Open-air stages will be set up in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa for the presentation of special performances. Free entertainment will also be provided by 30 Israel motion picture theatres. Fireworks displays will be arranged by the Israel Army in the nation's three major cities.

On Saturday night, Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset, will light a bonfire on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem. Simultaneously, members of the Gadna--the youth battalions--will kindle bonfires on hilltops throughout the country. The bonfires will revive a custom dating back 2,000 years when fires heralded the beginning of the new month to isolated villages.

President Chaim Weizmann will open the festivities Saturday night with a nationwide broadcast. Premier David Ben Gurion will then broadcast a message to the people of Israel. Sunday, April 23, will be proclaimed a national holiday, with only communications facilities, post offices and restaurants permitted to remain open. Dr. Weizmann will receive members of the diplomatic corps stationed in Israel at Hakirya Sunday afternoon. An official reception will also be held by Premier Ben Gurion at the Rose Garden in Jerusalem that same afternoon. Four hundred runners will participate in a relay race on April 23 which will terminate at the Rose Garden.

Special festivities for children have been arranged at the Tel Aviv zoo. A reception will be tendered war invalids at the Garden of the Prophets in Tel Aviv. A huge military parade will take place in Jerusalem Sunday afternoon, while units of the Israel Air Force will converge over Tel Aviv.

GENERAL ZIONISTS SPLIT IN FRANCE; CONFEDERATION POSTPONES SESSION OF ITS WORLD COUNCIL

PARIS, March 28. (JTA) -- The plenary session of the World Council of the Confederation of General Zionists, which was scheduled to open on April 12 in Jerusalem, has been postponed to a later date, it was announced here today by the European headquarters of the Confederation. The European Council will start a two-day meeting tomorrow in Antwerp, the announcement said.

The Central Committee of the Zionist Organization of France at a meeting today rejected an ultimatum received from the Confederation of General Zionists to reconsider a resolution in which it expressed solidarity with Group "B" of the General Zionists. A minority of the Central Committee thereupon walked out of the meeting and announced that it will form a new group loyal to the World Confederation.

REMAINS OF HANNAH SENESH REBURIED ON MT. HERZL IN JERUSALEM WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- The coffin containing the remains of Hannah Senesh--Palestinian heroine who was executed by Hungarian Nazi authorities after she was parachuted into Europe to aid in the underground escape of Jews in the Balkans--was buried on Mt. Herzl Hill here today with full military honors.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett eulogized the memory of the young poetess. Her remains lay in state in the courtyard of the Jewish Agency building here prior to interment.

ARGENTINE FASCIST PUBLICATION BEGINS NEW CAMPAIGN OF FILTH AND SLANDER AGAINST JEWS

BUENOS AIRES, March 28. (JTA) -- "Alianza," publication of the fascist Alianza Libertadora Nacionalista, has launched a new campaign of filth and provocation against the Jews of this country.

The newspaper has accused the Jews of being spies of the Soviet Union and of undermining "Catholic morals and customs." In the latter instance, "Alianza" is competing with the pornography spread by Julius Streicher's "Der Stuermer" during the Nazi regime. The newspaper also said that the Germans demonstrated that the Jews made "excellent raw material" for soap production.

It is expected that the Jewish organizations here will ask the authorities to take action against "Alianza."

WINNIPEG SPORT CLUB ASKED BY CITY TO PROVE THAT IT DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST JEWS

WINNIPEG, March 28. (JTA) -- The City Council here today emphasized its determination to bar discrimination against Jews in the field of sports.

The Council ruled that a local ski club, which applied for the use of a parcel of city property, must prove that the organization does not discriminate against Jews prior to receiving permission to build a projected ski jump. The application met with strong opposition on the part of many city councillors in view of the alleged anti-Jewish bias displayed by the club.

ORT REQUESTS ALLOCATION OF MARSHALL PLAN FUNDS FOR ITS SCHOOLS IN HOLLAND AND BELGIUM

PARIS, March 28. (JTA) -- Allocation of Marshall Plan funds to support ORT schools in Holland and Belgium is being requested by Dr. David Lvovitch, president of the World ORT executive, it was announced here today.

The announcement, issued by ORT headquarters here, said that Dr. Lvovitch has returned from a visit to the Low Countries where he conferred with American officials administering Marshall Plan funds. During his stay in Holland he also conferred with the Dutch Minister of Social Welfare who displayed great interest in the work of the ORT.

ALLIANCE ISRAELITE BUILDS JEWISH TEACHERS SEMINARY FOR ITS SCHOOLS IN NORTH AFRICA

CASABLANCA, March 28. (JTA) -- Ground was broken yesterday for the construction of a large building here to house a Jewish teachers seminary to train personnel for schools maintained by the Alliance Israelite Universelle throughout North Africa.

(Jules Braunschvig, vice-president of the Alliance Israelite, who is now on a visit to the United States, today said that the seminary will be the only institution of its kind in North Africa. "Thanks to the Alliance, the Jewish populations of North Africa have about 70 percent of their children in all-day Jewish schools," Mr. Braunschvig said. He stressed the fact that the remaining children could not be admitted by Alliance schools because of lack of space, and are therefore deprived of a modern education.)

ROLE OF RELIGION IN AMERICAN LIFE DISCUSSED AT DINNER OF LEADERS OF REFORM JUDAISM

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- Religion plays a vital role in keeping America firmly rooted in the tradition of freedom and democracy, U.S. Senator Leverett Saltonstall, of Massachusetts, declared tonight addressing the annual dinner of the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. He called upon people of all faiths "to go forward together toward peace and universal brotherhood."

The dinner, which was held on behalf of the \$1,875,000 Combined Campaign for the the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, was attended by more than 500 guests representing 53 Reform temples in the Greater New York area. The Union is the central body of Liberal Judaism, representing more than 400 Reform synagogues throughout the United States and Canada.

Dr. Jonah B. Wise, speaking at the dinner, called for greater support of the national institutions of Reform Judaism. Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, declared "there is a great need today throughout the world for the expending influence of the kind of religion which preaches the golden rule." He called for a vigorous application of religious principles to life.

Other speakers included Frederick F. Greenman, president of the New York Federation, and Justice Meier Steinbrink. Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, was unable to attend the gathering because of illness. A message from him describing the growth of the Reform movement throughout the country was read at the dinner.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ENGLISH-SPEAKING JEWS SEEN BY DR. WEILER

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- The prediction that "the new state of Israel will create a spiritual revolution in Jewish life," was made here last night by Rabbi Moses C. Weiler, leader of South African Jewry, at a reception tendered in his honor at the Hotel Commodore by the American ORT Foundation and the American Committee for CSE. Dr. Bernard Kahn, vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, presided.

Rabbi Weiler said that there is no contradiction between Jews remaining loyal and integrated citizens of the nations in which they now live and having a spiritual and cultural attachment to Israel. "Time," he continued, "will produce a healthy relationship between Jews in the English-speaking world and Israel. Jews will be religiously attached to Judaism while culturally they will be bound to the Hebrew culture which is emerging in the new state, the Jewish cultural values of the past and the culture indigenous to countries where they live."

Rabbi Weiler also discussed the political and economic situation in South Africa, outlining the position of South African Jewry and the development of new social problems. Discussing the ORT and CSE, he told of his visits to the CSE institutions and ORT workshops where he saw a material and psychological transformation of the DP's who had found a new hope and dignity.

The South African Jewish leader was greeted at the reception by representatives of the American Jewish Committee, World Jewish Congress, Joint Distribution Committee, National Committee for Labor Israel, HIAS and other organizations. He left today for Canada to address Reform congregations in Toronto and Hamilton.

LAURENCE STEINHARDT, U.S. AMBASSADOR, KILLED IN PLANE CRASH; SAVED JEWS FROM NAZIS

WASHINGTON, March 28. (JTA) -- Laurence A. Steinhardt, U.S. Ambassador to Canada and one of the most outstanding American diplomats, died in an airplane crash today en route from Canada to the United States, the State Department announced. He was 58 years old. Between 1937 and 1945, he held the posts of United States Ambassador to Peru, Soviet Russia, Turkey and Czechoslovakia.

During the period of his service in Turkey--between 1942 and 1944--he successfully intervened with the Turkish Government on a number of occasions to permit the landing in Turkey of hundreds of Jewish refugees who had escaped from the then Nazi-controlled Rumania and were making their way to Palestine. He was lauded by the Jewish Agency for Palestine and by the Joint Distribution Committee for these achievements.

A nephew of the late Samuel Untermyer, he practiced law with his uncle's firm until he joined the diplomatic service. He was born in New York City and received three degrees from Columbia University. The Medal of Merit was awarded him by President Truman in 1947 "for the performance of outstanding services to the United Nations" as U.S. Ambassador to Turkey during the war.

EXCAVATIONS IN ISRAEL UNCOVER REMAINS OF SEVERAL ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- Excavations carried out under the direction of the Israel Government Department of Antiquities have uncovered three winecellars and the remains of three others probably built during the Byzantine era, it was announced here today.

Additional discoveries in these diggings at Artur, near Herzlia, include a pedal-operated winepress and a cistern with a mosaic-covered floor, and a primitive irrigation installation dating back to the Middle Ages. The area was known as Appollonia during Hellenistic times.

Excavations at Beit Yerah on the western shore of Lake Tiberias have resulted in the discovery of an old experimental canal near the Tiberias-Dagania Road as well as objects from the Roman and Hellenistic periods and from the "third phase of the early bronze age." Three years ago an old Arab fortress with a staircase leading into Lake Tiberias was discovered in this area.

(The New York Times reported from Jerusalem this week that Prof. Eliezer Sukenik has reported that at least one hitherto unknown Biblical scroll has been brought to light through the use of infra-red rays. This and other 2,000-year-old leather scrolls have been restored by the rays after photographs and visual scrutiny have revealed almost no evidence of writing.)

MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD FORMED HERE FOR UNIVERSITY-HADASSAH MEDICAL SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- The formation of a 16-man medical advisory board to give counsel and guidance to the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem on problems of curriculum, personnel, supplies and research, was announced simultaneously here and in Jerusalem yesterday by Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, president of Hadassah, and Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the University.

Chairman of the advisory board, which includes some of the leading American medical scientists, teachers, clinical specialists and administrators, is Dr. Harry Grundfest, Associate Professor of Neurology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. The institution, Israel's only medical school, began activity last May with 50 students and now has a student body of 200.