UNITED STATES BARGAINS FOR SOFT U.N. RESOLUTION ON EGYPT'S BLOCKADE AGAINST ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 18. (JTA) -- The United States is talking at a strongly-worded resolution on the Suez Canal dispute drafted by the British for submission to the U.N. Security Council and approved by the French, it was learned today. It is understood that the Americans would like to see the British draft watered down in an apparent continuation of Washington's policy of avoiding actions not acceptable to the Arab world.

The British draft resolution which has now been circulated to members of the Security Council for consideration is understood to call flintily for cessation of Egypt's blockade of Israel-bound vessels through the Suez Canal. The draft reviews the background of the case, calls attention to the legal commitments involved and then calls upon Egypt to end its ban.

The United States reportedly considers this draft resolution "too strong," although the French have given it their approval. American delegation sources confirmed today that the draft had been transmitted to the State Department and that "a lot of deep thinking about it" was going on in Washington.

The divergence of opinion between the British and the United States over the terms of the resolution, it was clear today, was the major cause for the delay of the Security Council in meeting to consider the complaint made to the Council by Israel. Informed sources here forecast today that the Americans would succeed in softening the draft before it is finally considered by the Council.

U.N. Palestine Truce Supervisor Wants His Staff Increased

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., July 18. (JTA) -- United Nations sources disclosed today that Gen. William E. Riley, U.N. Palestine truce supervisor, was discussing with officers here the advisability of adding a political officer to his truce staff.

So many political problems have arisen in the efforts to maintain the military armistices between Israel and her neighbors that Gen. Riley was said to feel that a U.N. political expert would be of considerable assistance to him. Gen. Riley, who is expected to return to the Middle East next week, is also said to be discussing further additions to his truce observance staff.

GERMANY PLANS TO SEND TECHNICAL MISSIONS TO ARAB COUNTRIES SURROUNDING ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, July 18. (JTA) -- West Germany is planning the dispatch of technical and trade missions to the Arab states surrounding Israel, it was learned here today. It was recently reported that Germany has resumed business connections with Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia and is seeking to expand German markets and influence in this area.
JERUSALEM, July 18. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament, at an unscheduled session last night, adopted in its final reading the law granting full equality to women in the Jewish state in local affairs.

The new law actually legalizes existing practice among the Jews in Israel, but it revolutionizes the life of the Arab women who hitherto enjoyed very little of the general progress. In an attempt to prevent such a revolution, four Moslem religious judges assembled yesterday in Jerusalem to seek ways and means to influence the Israel Government to withdraw the clause prohibiting polygamy. They decided to pay a special visit to Premier David Ben Gurion, but failed to see him prior to passage of the law in the Parliament.

JEWISH LEADERS TO TESTIFY IN WASHINGTON TODAY ON $150,000,000 GRANT-IN-AID FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, July 18. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders will testify before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Thursday to urge early action on the $150,000,000 Israel grant-in-aid bill. They will explain Israel's relation to the entire foreign aid program.

Testimony will be submitted by Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, executive director of the United Jewish Appeal, and Robert Nathan, an economist who is a specialist on the economic problems of the Near East. It is expected that the testimony will bring out why the $23,500,000 in aid proposed last week in a speech by Assistant Secretary of State George C. McGhee would be inadequate.

ROMANIAN LEGATION IN WASHINGTON ATTACKS ZIONISTS; SAYS ROMANIAN JEWS WELL-TREATED

WASHINGTON, July 18. (JTA) -- The Legation of Romania today issued a press release attacking "the hostile aims of Zionist propaganda" and claiming that the Romanian communist government has done much to advance the "dignity and equality" of Romanian Jewry. The report states that 50,000 Jewish workers have learned skilled trades in heavy industry since 1949.

The Romanians allege Jews are well-treated "despite the fact that the Zionists, representing the interests of the Jewish bourgeoisie and closely connected with internal and foreign enemies of the Romanian people, tried to exploit the fact that the majority of the Jews could not at once enter productive labor, situations whose responsibility they share with their friends, the former rulers of the country."

The release reported that the Jewish Democratic Committee of Romania, a communist-controlled body, showed the Jewish working people "the nefarious role of the accomplices of the bourgeoisie-landlords and the fascist Antonescu's regime played by the Jewish capitalists in Romania." It was said that there has been cultivated in Romania among the Jews "a spirit of fraternal cooperation with the Romanian working people" and that they have been acquainted at the same time with the hostile aims of Zionist propaganda."

HAIFA, July 18. (JTA) -- The four-day strike of 600 workers employed by the oil refineries here ended last night with the reaching of an agreement between management and a union committee. The agreement provides that workers will be hired through union hiring offices. A wage increase, which has been granted, will be retroactive to April 1, 1951.
Jewish leaders raise question of growth of anti-Semitism in Germany

LONDON, July 18. (JTA) -- The executive of the American Israel World Organization today decided to raise the question of growth of anti-Semitism in Germany at the Geneva session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. H.A. Goodman, who presided at the meeting of the executive here, reported that the organization had submitted a memorandum to the British Foreign Office protesting a ban by the Munich municipal authorities against kosher ritual slaughter of cattle.

(In New York, it was reported today that Dr. Theodore Haas, President of the West German Republic, said that his government is "fully prepared for talks and a full discussion of all pending matters with the Jews of Germany as well as the State of Israel." He made this statement to Manfred George, editor of "The Aufbau," a German-Jewish weekly-published in New York. He also said that the old Nazi ideas about the Jews no longer "flourished" in Germany.)

Turkish minister criticizes Jews; says they don't speak Turkish; Jews resent slur

ISTANBUL, July 18. (JTA) -- Jewish circles in Turkey are concerned over a recent criticism of the Jews by Turkish Minister of Education Tewfik Ileri, who asserted that Jews do not speak Turkish, but "their own languages." The Minister's remarks were made at a meeting of the Turkish National Student Federation.

One of the reasons for the concern is that it is well known that the younger generation of Turkish Jews do speak the Turkish language, although their elders for the most part still speak "Indo-European" with a mixture of French and Turkish. This situation stems from the fact that until some 25 years ago, when the Republic came into existence, Jews were only taught French in the schools which they were permitted to attend. However, since then the Jews, like other Turkish citizens, have been taught Turkish.

Jewish circles have expressed resentment that Jews alone were picked out for criticism. They point out that many non-Jewish Turkish families speak foreign languages, but are not singled out for public censure. They also emphasize that such criticism violates the liberty of the individual, which has been guaranteed by the new Democratic regime.

Argentine Jews draw government's attention to anti-Jewish textbook used in schools

BUENOS AIRES, July 18. (JTA) -- The DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, today called the attention of Dr. Julio Cesar Avanza, Minister of Education for the Province of Buenos Aires, to a textbook used in his schools which contains anti-Semitic material, in contravention of the Argentine Constitution which forbids racial discrimination.

In a letter signed by Drs. Ricardo Dubrovsky, president, and Benjamin Rinsky, secretary, of the DAIA, a number of examples from the book, authored by Ricardo Fierro, are cited and the Minister is requested to order its withdrawal of the textbook. One of the instances cited is a definition by the author of Jewry as "the community of Israelites who still hope for the Messiah and therefore fight against Christian nations."

Dr. Abrahami Mibashan, Argentine Zionist leader, left today for Panama where he will conduct the drive for the United Israel Appeal. He will proceed from there to Israel to attend the World Zionist Congress which is scheduled to open in Jerusalem on August 14.
SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO FINDS ZIONIST PROGRAM "UNACCEPTABLE;" BROADCAST TO BE DISCONTINUED

JOHANNESBURG, July 18. (JTA) -- After being on the air for 15 months, the Monorah Program sponsored by the S.A. Zionist Federation, is to be discontinued at the end of this month. This decision was taken by the executive council of the S.A. Zionist Federation, following a letter received from Springbok Radio in which it was stated that the present form of the Monorah Program was not "acceptable" any more.

The Monorah Program aimed to provide broadcasts depicting the cultural heritage of the Jewish people and the music treasures of modern Israel. Owing to the limitations imposed by the broadcasting authorities, however, no direct reference to Zionism was permitted, and the main emphasis had to be on music and song rather than the spoken word.

ISRAEL INVITES MOSCOW BALLET AND ITALIAN OPERA TO "CONQUEST OF DESERT" EXHIBITION

TEL AVIV, July 18. (JTA) -- Israel has issued invitations to the Moscow Ballet Company and the La Scala Opera Company of Milan to send troupees to its "Conquest of the Desert" exhibition which will be held in Jerusalem during the Spring and Summer of 1952, it was disclosed here today. Negotiations are being conducted with British and French theatre groups.

The exhibition, sponsored jointly by the Israel Government, Jewish Agency and Jewish National Fund, will show the achievements of various nations in their struggle with the desert. Among the 30 nations participating in the fair will be France, which will explain how it is dealing with the Sahara, and the U.S.S.R., which will detail its methods with the Caspian region.

SIX JEWS DROWN, TWO CHILDREN DIE OF EXPOSURE AS RESULT OF COLLISION IN ISTANBUL HARBOR

ISTANBUL, July 18. (JTA) -- Eight Jewish immigrants from "Persian Kurdistan," including two children, died here as the result of a collision in the harbor between a Turkish freighter and a ferry which was transporting a party of 38 immigrants. Six of the Jews were drowned, while the two children died afterwards of exposure. Other members of the party are recovering in a hospital here.

This group was one of several which recently made their way to Turkey from "Kurdistan. They are on route to Israel. The immigrants are being sheltered temporarily in an old synagogue in the suburbs of this city.

JE Caldwell. FIRST MARINE CORPS AVIATOR KILLED IN KOREA, REBURIED IN ARLINGTON

WASHINGTON, July 18. (JTA) -- Captain Vivian M. Moses, a Jewish officer who was the first Marine Corps aviator killed in the Korean War, was reburied today with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

Capt. Moses was killed when his plane was shot down by communist fire on August 11, 1950. He had been downed the day before, but was rescued by helicopter and returned to duty flying from an aircraft carrier. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross posthumously for his valorous actions during those two days.

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