

LIPSKY TAKES ISSUE WITH ISRAEL GOLDSTEIN ON INTERVENTION IN ISRAEL POLITICAL AFFAIRS

NEW YORK, July 31. (JTA) -- Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council which represents all groups in the American Zionist movement, today took issue with a statement made by Dr. Israel Goldstein in Israel that because the Israelis feel economically and politically insecure without assistance from abroad, intervention of Zionists throughout the world in Israel affairs is an expression of legitimate and invited concern in such matters.

"That is an obvious platitude, but it does not touch on the issue," Mr. Lipsky said in a statement to the press. "Of course, all Zionists and most Jews are concerned about Israel. They express their concern publicly and freely through the United Palestine Appeal, the Jewish National Fund, the Israel Bonds, private investments and going to Israel to see things for themselves," Mr. Lipsky said.

"It is quite a different matter, however, to suggest that all Zionist organizations or groups or parties in the Diaspora should express their concern for Israel affairs by directly and continuously co-operating with the Israel political parties (each with its own), seeking to influence them not only through the expression of their views, but helping their vis-a-vis party in Israel by providing it with funds for its political campaigns (municipal or national), by helping it build up its political machines and maintain its party newspapers," Mr. Lipsky declared.

ANTI-SEMITIC LEAFLETS SCATTERED OVER DETROIT FROM PLANE LINKED TO GERALD L.K. SMITH

DETROIT, July 31. (JTA) -- The anti-Semitic handbills scattered this week by a mystery plane over a three-mile residential area near this city were identified today by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith as a variation of an old anti-Semitic leaflet disseminated by Gerald L.K. Smith.

(In New York, the office of the Friends of Democracy said that descriptions of the handbills dropped in Detroit indicated they were based on an anti-Semitic throwaway which dates back as far as 1911, and has been distributed by various groups, including Smith's Patriotic Tract Society, of St. Louis.)

"OLIVER TWIST" FILM HAS PREMIERE IN NEW YORK; CONTROVERSIAL ANTI-JEWISH SCENE CUT

NEW YORK, July 31. (JTA) -- The British film "Oliver Twist," which has been the subject of bitter controversy during the past two years because its depiction of the character of Fagin was strongly anti-Semitic, had its premiere in New York's Park Avenue Theatre last night.

To meet the objections of those who felt that Fagin was portrayed in a strongly anti-Semitic manner, considerable footage was dropped from the original film. The producers of the film took into consideration protests in the United States against the portrayal of Fagin as a stereotyped Jewish villain and omitted in the New York showing the grotesque close-ups of Fagin which provoked resentment in London.

ACUTE SHORTAGE OF JEWISH MINISTERS IN BRITISH EMPIRE REPORTED BY CHIEF RABBI

LONDON, July 31. (JTA) -- There is an acute shortage of Jewish ministers both in Britain and overseas, Dr. Israel Brodie, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, told a meeting of principals of Yeshivoth here today. He said the shortage was especially acute of ministers who could also serve as readers and teachers.

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LAST MINUTE NEWS

U.S. WARNS HUNGARY ON MASS DEPORTATIONS; ASKS PERMISSION FOR VICTIMS TO EMIGRATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Acheson today accused the Hungarian Communist regime of "emulation of the Nazis" in carrying out mass deportation of "undesirable" elements.

Mr. Acheson called on the Hungarians to permit the victims to return to their homes without further molestation "or to depart freely from Hungary and accept such safe haven as may be offered by the governments of other lands."

"The fate of the victims of this wholesale persecution," he said, "is cause for the deepest apprehension on the part of all persons of good will, for there are already indications that many of these people face slow but inevitable death by exhaustion, disease, forced labor, or further deportation to an unknown destination."

Mr. Acheson warned that the U.S. Government is taking note of the identity of individual Hungarian officials responsible for carrying out the mass deportations "in order that their responsibility may be made fully known and their acts publicly stigmatized."

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BEN GURION DEPLORES FAILURE OF HIS PARTY TO ATTAIN STABLE MAJORITY IN ISRAEL ELECTIONS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion, head of the Mapai Party, in a comment on the results of Israel's second general elections, deplored the failure of his party to attain a stable majority but declared that the Mapai would remain at the helm in guiding the country's destinies.

"A stable majority was not attained despite its imperative necessity for our country," Mr. Ben Gurion said today. "Nevertheless, considerable headway has been realized towards consolidation of a stable majority. The pioneering workers' movement that has guided the Israel Government since its inception will again retain the central position and its course shall remain decisive until elections for the third Knesset."

Dr. Peretz Bernstein, leader of the centrist General Zionist Party, which emerged in Monday's elections as the second strongest party in the country, expressed the readiness of the General Zionists to enter into a Government coalition.

"The initiative," he said, "lies entirely with the Mapai since the General Zionists have expressed their readiness to co-operate with all parties except the Mapai and the Communists." The General Zionist spokesman compared the British governmental situation with that of Israel. "The same factors do not prevail here as in Britain, he asserted, because the British Labor Government's majority is based on one party while, in Israel, the Mapai would have to rely on splinter groups of various parties to attain an insecure majority."

The Mapai's capturing of 37.1 percent of the vote in this election constitutes a gain of 3.1 percent over the 34 percent the Labor Party received in the January, 1949, election. The General Zionists, who made the greatest advance, increased their vote from 5 percent to 16.4. These two gains were apparently made at the expense of the left-wing Socialist Mapam, which dropped 2.2 percentage points from 14.5 to 12.3, and the Herut, which went from 11 percent to 6.6 percent. The religious parties, presenting four separate lists in this election, received the same total of 12 percent which they rolled up as a united front in 1949. The Communists increased their vote from 3.4 to 3.9 percent.

U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESUMES DEBATE ON EGYPT'S BLOCKADE OF SUEZ CANAL AGAINST ISRAEL

Ft. MONROE, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council today resumed debate on Israel's complaint against Egypt's three-year-old blockade of Suez Canal traffic bound for Israel. Ambassador Warren R. Austin, head of the American delegation at the United Nations who took over the Council presidency for August, presided at the session which opened with a speech by Mahmoud Fawzi of Egypt.

The Egyptian delegate, who spoke for more than an hour, told the Council that Egypt fails to see in her blockade of the Canal any violation of international law, or of the U.N. Charter, or even of the Egyptian-Israeli armistice agreement. He

argued that "the Israeli complaint has no leg to stand on" and that Egypt was forced to institute the blockade in order to prevent war materials from reaching Israel.

Attacking Israel and "the wild ambition of world political Zionism," the Egyptian delegate emphasized that Egypt and Israel were still legally at war. He noted that the Western powers restricted shipments of strategic materials to the Soviet sphere even though "there is no state of war." He warned those "who choose to support and stand behind the unbound hooliganism of Israel in the Middle East" that they are "fishing for trouble."

British Delegate Refutes Egypt's Arguments; Calls for U.N. Action

Sir Gladwyn Jebb of Britain labelled the Egyptian blockade an "abuse of belligerent rights" and asserted that the Council should "exercise its undoubted authority" if the attitude of the Egyptian Government is not modified. He added, however, that he was encouraged to believe that such a modification would be forthcoming and he expressed the hope that the restrictions at the Canal would be lifted voluntarily.

The British delegate told the Security Council that Britain could not accept Fawzi Bey's legal argument. He quoted Dr. Ralph Bunche, Gen. William E. Riley and previous Security Council's resolutions to the effect that the armistice agreement prohibited such a "hostile act" as the Suez blockade. He said that Egypt had no right to claim self-defense since there were no hostilities and since Egypt was not under even a threat of attack.

Sir Gladwyn recalled that in the Council last November he had emphasized that to Britain the Egyptian action interfered with freedom of international commerce in such highly practical matters as the reduction in the operations of the Haifa oil refinery, and contributed to tension and unrest in the Middle East. He said that the importance of these factors had increased in the meantime and urged the Council to take action if there was no other way to settle the problem.

Israeli Delegate Counters Egyptian Argumentation; Analyzes the Issue

In a speech heavy with irony, sarcasm and vitriol, Abba Eban of Israel castigated Egypt as a "pioneer of post-war aggression" who "comes hero in immaculate virtue to claim international sanction for the right of war." He told the Security Council that "the 50 pages of Egyptian argumentation" are an "escape into totally extraneous issues." However, he said, when Israel's honor was attacked, it was necessary for him to defend that honor.

Point by point, he countered the Egyptian argumentation on the Arab refugee problem, the meaning of the armistice agreement and the question of who has been attacking whom in the long list of grievances that have at various times come before the Mixed Armistice Commissions. He gave the Council to understand, nevertheless, that none of these matters came close to relevance on the subject currently before the Council. The issue, he maintained, was whether, after the U.N. Charter and the unique form of the Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement calling for no further hostile acts, a state could ask the U.N. Security Council to accept and sanction belligerent action.

The Council then adjourned, scheduling its next session for Tuesday of next week.

AMERICAN RESTITUTION COURT IN GERMANY RULES ON WAR DAMAGES OF "ARYANIZED" PROPERTY

MUNICH, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- An American restitution appeals court has decided that persons who bought "aryanized" property during the Nazi regime and must now return it to its former owners are not responsible for war damages to the property during the time it was in their possession.

The court argued that Allied bombing and similar war actions would have damaged the property regardless of who had legal possession of it at the time. Also, the court stated, the possessor of the property could not have taken any more precautions in guarding the property than he did and therefore was not personally responsible for the loss resulting from damage. The decision was handed down in the case of Viktor and A.L. Oppenheim, Jewish owners of some real estate in Kassel which was "aryanized" and then sold to a German.

BREMEN SENATE'S ACTION ON RESTITUTION OF HEIRLESS PROPERTY SATISFIES JEWISH GROUPS

LONDON, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- The German newspaper "Die Neue Zeitung" reports that leading world Jewish organizations have expressed their appreciation of the spirit in which the Bremen Senate concluded a global agreement with Jewish organizations for restitution of heirless Jewish property. The newspaper asserts that in a letter to Wilhelm Kaiser, president of the Senate, the Jewish groups stressed the democratic attitude of Bremen "which will not be soon forgotten by the Jewish world." (The state of Bremen agreed to pay \$416,712 to the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization.)

The Society of Jewish Invalids of Germany has appealed to the World Jewish Congress headquarters here to lend support to its request that the Bavarian authorities make available a special grant to members of the Society, permitting them to leave Germany and settle elsewhere. The Society estimates that some 2,000,000 deutschemarks are involved.

The Society asserts that it was promised by the United States High Commission in Germany that the claims of its members would be supported by the American authorities. However, the Society says, the Office of the American Commission for Bavaria now opposes payment of the emigration payments.

RUMANIAN CHIEF RABBI DENOUNCES LEADERS OF ISRAEL; SAYS THEY WANT WAR AGAINST RUSSIA

VIENNA, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- A sharp denunciation of the leaders of the state of Israel was voiced by Rumanian Chief Rabbi Dr. Mozes Rosen addressing a meeting commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Jewish massacre at Jassy, it was reported in the current issue of the Rumanian Jewish publication Viata Noua which arrived here today.

Speaking before the leaders of the Communist-controlled Jewish Democratic Committee and Rumanian state officials, Dr. Rosen assailed Israeli Government leaders for allying "themselves on the warmongers' front, side by side with the executioners of our brothers." The Chief Rabbi charged that the "rulers of Israel together with the American and British imperialists, want to start a war against the Soviet Union, which saved our lives, and against the Rumanian People's Republic, our beloved fatherland in which for the first time we enjoy a free life and free conditions for development."

CENTRAL JEWISH BODY IN AUSTRALIA CALLS UPON JEWS TO HELP IN RELIEF DRIVE FOR INDIA

SYDNEY, Australia, Aug. 1. (JTA) -- Ben Green, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, today issued a statement calling upon Jews in this country to support an appeal here for famine relief for India.