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ISRAEL'S VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST DEFENSE EXPECTED BY STATE DEPT.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A State Department spokesman today indicated that Israel's suggestions relating to the defense of the Middle East would be welcomed. He confirmed that Israel has been officially informed that the United States, Britain, France and Turkey intend to proceed with formation of a Middle Eastern command regardless of Egypt's stand on the matter. Similar information has also been conveyed to the Governments of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Saudi Arabia, he said.

Asked if Israel has made any suggestions on how an effective Middle East command can be achieved, the spokesman said, "informally there have been discussions" but "of formal suggestions, I don't think so." To the question whether Israel has given any indication that she would join, the spokesman replied: "I don't think any official decision of that kind has been taken by any country."

Details on the operation of the Middle East command still have to be worked out, the official said when asked if the headquarters would be located in Egypt in accordance with the original proposals which were rejected by Egypt.

SHARETT DISTRUSTFUL OF EGYPT; DOUBTS VALUE OF PEACE TREATY

TEL AVIV, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett said here that Egypt's unilateral repudiation of its treaty with Britain raised the question of the worth of a definite peace treaty between that country and Israel.

"If Egypt is capable of unilaterally repudiating a treaty previously concluded," he said, "we are not confident that we can sign a definite peace treaty with that country for fear it would receive similar treatment."

The Israeli Foreign Minister spoke at a press conference. In reply to questions on the Anglo-Egyptian conflict, he expressed the view that every nation was entitled to self-determination to ensure its sovereignty but that no nation could unilaterally destroy a treaty it had concluded with another independent country.

In a reference to the Palestine Conciliation Commission's peace talks at Paris, Mr. Sharett said the Israeli delegation was not able to negotiate on all items included in the Commission's agenda since the Arab countries refused to agree to cease all hostile activities against Israel such as the economic blockade and the Suez Canal restrictions. However, he added that the delegation would sincerely co-operate with the Commission on all issues directly affecting Israel's relationships with the United Nations, such as solution of the Arab refugee problem.

ABOLITION OF DEATH PENALTY IN ISRAEL PROPOSED BY CABINET

TEL AVIV, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet last night decided to submit to the Parliament a law proposing abolition of the death penalty.

(The Associated Press reported today that the Cabinet also decided to shelve the controversial bill which provides that girls in Israel who object to military service on religious grounds should serve at non-military work for a corresponding period.)

Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan told the Cabinet that part of the \$68,000,000 grants-in-aid voted Israel by the United States might be used for purchasing consumer goods, including food. The Finance Minister completed discussions with a three-man American mission which has been studying the situation here for the past two weeks with special reference to the country's urgent needs.

ISRAELI AND JORDAN OFFICERS RECEIVE JOINT TRAINING IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Israeli and Jordan army officers are receiving joint training instruction at the British Army's Larkhill School of Artillery, it was learned here today.

Although the Jews and the Arabs sleep in separate barracks, they work and eat together. When off duty, they display a marked coolness towards each other. At one time there were also four Egyptian staff officers at the school.

JORDAN WARNED AGAINST SHOOTING INTO ISRAELI TERRITORY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The Jordanian authorities were given notice today that any further shooting by Jordanian forces into Israeli territory would be met by a return of fire by Israeli troops.

The Israeli warning was voiced at a meeting of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission on Thursday after U.N. chairman Col. Bennet de Ridder had condemned the recent shooting of a Jewish woman by members of the Arab Legion as a violation of the armistice agreement.

The commission meeting agreed on measures to clean up no-man's-land between Jordan and Israeli territory in Jerusalem where sanitary conditions present a threat of epidemic. Municipal engineers, health and district officers were called into the meeting and it was agreed that a joint party should survey the district and work out means for cleaning it up.

THIRTY JEWS ON TRIAL IN IRAQ FOR "ESPIONAGE" FACE DEATH PENALTY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Thirty Jews, accused of being "Zionist spies," went on trial before a criminal court in Bagdad, Iraq, according to an Arab broadcast monitored here. The report said that "some of those convicted will be sentenced to death according to law."

It listed among the defendants a rabbi, three women, a man described as a representative of the Manchester Weaving Company and seven Iraqi subjects. The broadcast said they were accused of a plot to carry out terrorist activities in Iraq.

U.N. PALESTINE COMMISSION UNDECIDED ON SUBMITTING REPORT

PARIS, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The members of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission held a private meeting today but adjourned without making any announcement. It is understood that the Commission has not decided as yet whether to draft a report on its current talks with the Israelis and the Arabs to be submitted in time for the opening here of the U.N. General Assembly on November 6, or whether to wait for a later date in the hope that some progress may be made meanwhile in the negotiations.

The Commission has been urging a mutual release by Israel and the Arab states of blocked accounts, mutual cancellation of war damage claims, repatriation of Arab refugees to Israel, so far as possible, and an Arab-Israel conference on a list of other issues. Israel notified the Commission that it will not negotiate with the Arab states here because their "goodwill" reply to the Commission's request for a declaration of non-aggressive intentions was inadequate and even short of previous Arab commitments.

Maurice Fischer, head of the Israeli delegation at the talks here, emphasized today that in refusing to negotiate with the Arabs until they pledge not to commit any hostile acts against the Jewish state, Israel is not breaking off the talks. "Israel could not enter into direct or indirect negotiations until the Arabs reaffirm what they already signed," he declared, "but the Israeli delegation desires to cooperate with the Conciliation Commission and is ready to examine any question with it as a United Nations organization."

The Commission may be faced with what it has never officially recognized--that there are two conferences going on in Paris, one with the Arabs and another with the Jews. The Israelis have carefully refrained from any controversy with the Commission and have carefully not made public their second letter to the Commission protesting the Arab attitude, nor have they revealed all of their statements to the Commission.

The next move is for the Commission and Israel to consider the impact of the new basis on which the talks will be held. It is not yet clear what questions Israel can discuss with the Commission but it is obvious that the Commission's five-point plan which concerns the revision of the armistice agreements cannot at this time be considered because it involves an agenda for specific negotiations.

AUSTRALIAN JEWISH GROUPS CALL FOR BOYCOTT OF GERMAN GOODS

SYDNEY, Australia, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Resolutions calling for a boycott of German goods have been approved by major Australian Jewish organizations. The Victorian Board of Jewish Deputies urged the Executive Council of Australian Jewry to request that Jews should not employ or trade with German nationals or import goods from Germany until that country repents its crimes against the Jews. The New South Wales Zionist State Council also adopted a resolution condemning Jews who trade with the Germans.

GERMAN PARLIAMENT TO START INQUIRY ON NAZIS IN GOVERNMENT

BONN, Germany, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- The West German Parliament has approved a motion submitted by Social Democratic deputies to set up a Parliamentary committee to inquire into the personnel policy of the Federal Foreign Office. As the West German Government moves steadily toward complete sovereignty the return of former Nazis to Federal Government and official positions has increased to an alarming extent. One of the most notorious examples of this trend is the return of Otto Dietrich, former Nazi Party press chief, to journalism as an editorial worker on an official trade publication in Dusseldorf.

FULL DISCUSSION BY COMMUNITIES OF MACIVER REPORT URGED

MEMPHIS, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Full discussion by Jewish communities of the MacIver Report on the organizations engaged in combatting anti-Semitism was urged here at a two-day joint regional conference of the Southwest and Southeast Regions of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. More than 150 representatives from 20 communities in 14 states attended the parley.

In addition to the MacIver Report, the delegates discussed and took action also on major local, national and overseas problems. The resolution on the MacIver Report emphasized that a full discussion by the communities of the MacIver recommendations--together with the comments on these recommendations by the defense agencies involved and by the Large City Budgeting Conference--would constitute the best means of reflecting community viewpoints in considering the problem at the forthcoming General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

The viewpoint of the national agencies was presented at the conference by Charles Morris of Louisville. He indicated that the MacIver Report had considerable merit but contained several recommendations which could not be implemented because of their "impractical nature."

The position of local community relations committees was presented by Robert Strauss of Dallas. He said that local community relations committees are in substantial agreement with Prof. MacIver's findings. "The local point of view must be taken into account by the national agencies as they establish their policies," he declared.

Parley Reviews Federation Responsibilities in 1952

Addressing the conference on the responsibilities which Jewish Federations will face in 1952, Philip Bernstein, associate director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, reviewed key factors which will influence local planning. He called attention to the decline in immigration to the United States with the entry of displaced persons to end in June, 1952, and with entry limited to regular quota immigrants thereafter; the impending changes for Jewish family welfare agencies whose service in the past several years have concentrated largely on aid to immigrants; the current decline in service to dependent and neglected children.

On the other hand, the growing numbers of aged constitute "a great social challenge to this generation and the next," Mr. Bernstein stated, which require new concepts to be applied through a community-wide network of local services. Jewish education and leisure-time services have been taking a larger share of the local community dollar, and will represent major items on the Jewish communal agenda for 1952, he predicted.

Mr. Bernstein emphasized that the 1952 needs of Israel, now in its greatest economic crisis, will again constitute the great bulk of overseas responsibility for American Jewish philanthropic support. In this connection, he called attention to the efforts of local communities in meeting their 1951 overseas obligations. "The success of Spring welfare fund campaigns and similar responses to Fall drives now in progress coupled with the favorable reports of Israel Bond sales are the results of magnificent insight, planning, co-ordination and efforts of local community organization," he stated.

James L. Permutt of Birmingham, was re-elected 1952 president of the Southeast Region. A.I. Lack of Houston, succeeded Henry S. Jacobus, of Dallas, as Southwest regional president.

JEWSH LABOR COMMITTEE ASSEMBLY DISCUSSES MACIVER REPORT

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A two-day annual assembly of the executive committee of the Jewish Labor Committee concluded here last night after reviewing the activities of the organization for the last ten months and charting a course of action for future work both in the United States and abroad.

Adolph Hekl, president of the Jewish Labor Committee, revealed today that the conference spent considerable time discussing the controversial MacIver Report on the activities of Jewish groups engaged in combatting anti-Semitism. The assembly also discussed the problem to German reparations of Jews for property looted and destroyed by the Nazis.

The activities of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in fighting bigotry were lauded here yesterday by Vice President Alben W. Barkley and Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin at a meeting arranged by the Jewish Labor Committee in Mr. Green's honor. More than 2,000 labor union delegates attended the gathering at which a bronze bust of Mr. Green was unveiled. The bust, a gift of the J.L.C., will be placed in the A.F.L. building in Washington.

SHARP DECLINE OF ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA IN CANADA REPORTED

MONTREAL, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- About 28,000 Jewish refugees entered Canada during the last 10 years with the aid of the Canadian Jewish Congress, it was reported here today at the ninth plenary session of the Congress. The report also stressed the fact that anti-Jewish propaganda has "nearly disappeared" in the country.

The evening session was addressed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency. Rabbi Maurice Perlzweig of the World Jewish Congress, speaking at the session, emphasized the fact that Nazi agents have renewed their activities in South American countries. He also analyzed the dangerous position of the Jews in Moslem countries.

FEDERATION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS OPENS THREE-DAY CONVENTION

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- A three-day convention of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods opened here last night with more than 500 Jewish laymen from all parts of the United States and Canada participating. The Federation comprises 237 Reform Temple men's clubs with more than 42,000 members.

In a message to the convention, President Truman appealed to people of all faiths to join hands in seeking a return to religious principles. "If our civilization is to be saved and if world peace is to be attained, it will be by a revival of religious fervor and a more ardent practice of the teachings of God," the President said.

Roger W. Straus, honorary president of the federation, said in the opening address that "the greatest peril" confronting the Western world was "the world-wide clash of two divergent beliefs: the Judeo-Christian philosophy and the crass materialism of communism." Pleading for a return to the principles of their faith, he told the delegates that "free men can protect themselves against the most fanatical barbarism," provided they "rededicate themselves at the wellspring of religion." Other speakers included Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and S. Herbert Kaufman, president of the national federation.

AGUDISTS TO OPPOSE GRANTING SPECIAL STATUS TO JEWISH AGENCY

LONDON, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Agudist members of the Israeli Parliament will vote against the granting of a special status to the Jewish Agency which would enable it "to intervene in the domestic affairs of Jewish communities outside Israel," H.A. Goodman, political secretary of the World Agudist Organization, told a meeting of its European executive. He said that the Agudist movement and "Orthodoxy the world over" reject the attempt of the Jewish Agency to obtain special status in Israel.

The Agudist official declared that the statement by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, that that body would become the representative and spokesman of the Jewish people in all matters concerning Israel and that all organizations seeking to operate philanthropically in Israel must seek Jewish Agency approval was "diametrically opposed" to Premier David Ben Gurion's assertion that there would be no change in Israel's policy of welcoming the support of all Jewish groups and individuals.

SAMUEL JAFFE APPOINTED CORRESPONDENT OF J.T.A. IN PARIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Appointment of Samuel Jaffe, well-known writer and publicist, as Paris correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was announced here today by Louis P. Rocker, president of the J.T.A. Mr. Jaffe has already sailed to assume his new duties.

"The addition of Mr. Jaffe to the foreign staff of the J.T.A. is another step in the extension and strengthening of the world-wide news-gathering apparatus of this agency," Mr. Rocker declared. "J.T.A. is the primary source of news on developments concerning the Jewish people and we intend to spare no effort to make the service as comprehensive and effective as it can be. Mr. Jaffe's many years of activity in the Jewish field and his deep familiarity with all facets of the Jewish situation are assurance to J.T.A. clients and subscribers that they will be fully and honestly informed of developments from this important news center."

A native of New York City, Mr. Jaffe served in the British Army during World War I. After travelling around the world, he entered newspaper work in 1924. He is the author of numerous short stories, mainly on Jewish themes, and has translated outstanding Yiddish literature into English. In recent years he has been active in public relations work.

GLUECK ELECTED LIFE-TIME PRESIDENT OF HEBREW UNION COLLEGE

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, America's only Seminary of Reform Judaism, was today elected life-time president of the institution. Action was taken at the fall meeting of the board of governors of the College-Institute after members acclaimed the accomplishments of Dr. Glueck's administration.

HANS KLOETZEL, WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR, DIES IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Oct. 29. (JTA) -- Hans Kloetzel, well-known writer and journalist, died here today at the age of 60. He began his journalistic career as a correspondent for the Berliner Tageblatt, one of the leading newspapers in Germany. Later he published books on his visits to Iran, India and other countries. Some of his books, as "The Street of Ten Thousand" and "India in Melting" were among the best sellers in Germany prior to Hitler's coming to power.