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\$10,000,000 REDUCTION IN U.S. AID TO ISRAEL EXPECTED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- Aid for Israel under the Mutual Security program will be reduced about \$10,000,000 in conformity with the general slash of one billion dollars made by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in an "across the board" cut of the \$7,900,000,000 requested by President Truman for foreign military and economic aid, it was learned today.

The President had asked \$76,000,000 for refugee resettlement in Israel and Israel would also have received additional funds from the balance of the \$196,000,000 the President had requested for the Middle East.

ISRAEL CELEBRATES FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

TEL AVIV, April 29. (JTA) -- The celebration of the fourth anniversary of Israel's independence began throughout the Jewish State today as schoolchildren, men and women in the armed forces and private citizens took time out to observe the happy event.

A special broadcast by the Minister of Education, Prof. B. Z. Dinaburg, was heard in all schools and in Tel Aviv the Navy played host to large parties of schoolchildren who were carried out to the fleet in motor launches. After the "inspection" by Israel's younger generation, the Navy put on a series of maneuvers witnessed by thousands who lined the city's shore.

In all Army centers parades were held to honor the memory of the men and women who died to make and keep Israel free. Special services were held in the schools and at exactly 12:45 P.M. sirens aboard ships in the harbor, at fire stations and at civil defense establishments signalled a three-minute period of silence in memory of the war dead.

Preparations are being made for a monster parade in Tel Aviv tomorrow in which civilians as well as soldiers, sailors and airmen will participate. Representatives of Jewish communities from all over the world have assembled here to join in the celebrations.

In a special Independence Day message, President Weizmann, whose health does not permit him to join in the celebrations this year, told the Israeli people that "these are great days of test for us, but our spirit must not fail. I am convinced from the bottom of my heart," he continued, "that just as we were granted to witness the renewal of our independence so we may live to see our full national redemption.

"On this solemn day I would say this to all my brethren: the future of Israel rests on three foundations--brotherly love, constructive effort and peace near and far," the President said in his message.

PREMIER BEN GURION REVIEWS ISRAEL'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND DIFFICULTIES

JERUSALEM, April 29. (JTA) -- Israel's achievement during the four years of its existence, as well as the difficulties still faced by the young Jewish state, were outlined here today by Premier David Ben Gurion in an Independence Day broadcast to the nation. He lauded American Jewry for its enthusiastic eagerness to give all possible aid to Israel.

"Throughout the four years since the establishment of Israel," Mr. Ben Gurion said, "our country has been fighting on four fronts--security, international, political and immigration and settlement. At the end of this period, Israel still finds itself in the midst of great and serious problems, both external and internal, and the road ahead is still hard. However, it is doubtful whether any other state today, or indeed in any period, succeeded in registering such impressive achievements and carried out such significant projects in the face of such difficulties in so short a time.

"On the security front," the Premier continued, "our neighbors still refuse to make peace with us. But the constant strengthening of the Army of Israel both in size and in power has planted in the hearts of our neighbors a healthy respect toward Israel and we are now regarded as one of the leading military powers in the whole Middle East. But we must not weaken ourselves by the illusion that the dangers have passed. As always, we must continue to pay special attention to our military preparedness just as we pursue the goal of peace in the world and in our area.

"On the international front, we emerged from tough political struggles during the past four years with the achievement of a respectable place in the family of friendly nations. The voice of Israel is listened to with respect in the United Nations Assembly," Mr. Ben Gurion emphasized.

Explains the "Austerity Regime" and the New Economic Policy

Turning to the internal situation, the Israel Premier said that the difficulties and dangers which beset the country "were no less than expected," but the conquests and achievements also did not fall below expectations. He pointed out that the rapid increase of population in the Jewish State in so short a time has no parallel in history. He stressed the fact that the vast majority of the immigrants arrived without means while the young state, still at war, lacked capital, food, houses, services and raw material to feed and shelter them.

"On this fourth front--the front of settlement--Israel is rightly proud of its achievements," Mr. Ben Gurion declared. Reviewing the expansion in agriculture, industry, building, transportation, and in the establishment of hundreds of new settlements in all parts of the country, he said: "Actually more settlements were established during the last four years than during the previous 70 years."

The Premier also touched on the "austerity regime" in Israel and on the new economic policy introduced recently by the government. These measures, he said, were necessary in order to bring in more immigrants and to guarantee the security of the state. He also spoke of the financial difficulties, the adverse trade balance, the shortage in housing and in urgent necessities, and warned that the population of Israel must continue to make the maximum demands upon itself. "All our achievements will be nullified if we do not find the means to guarantee continued absorption of immigration and construction and defense," he stated.

ISRAEL'S ANNIVERSARY MARKED IN NEW YORK BY LARGE CELEBRATIONS

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The fourth anniversary of the State of Israel was celebrated here tonight at Carnegie Hall by the American Zionist Council, which represents all Zionist groups in the United States. More than 2,700 persons attended the affair, at which representatives of the United States Government and the United Nations were present.

Principal speakers at the gathering included Israeli Ambassador Abba S. Eban, Senator Herbert H. Lehman, Senator Irving M. Ives and Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council. Mr. Lipsky praised President Truman "for his sympathy and understanding and for his many acts of friendship" to Israel. He also hailed the members of Congress "who have maintained American policy with regard to Israel in the finest spirit of our democracy."

On the occasion of Israel's Independence Day, Ambassador Eban issued a statement declaring that "the relations between the United States and Israel were never closer or more fruitful than now." He emphasized that "the Mutual Security Program has been of great benefit to Israel's economy" and that Israel has found "increasing attention" being devoted to her role as "an indispensable and positive element" in the political and defensive tasks of the Near East.

U. J. A. Gets \$500,000 at Anniversary Dinner; Dr. Goldmann Honored

The campaign of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York for this year went well over the \$11,000,000 mark tonight as 300 leading contributors gathered at a dinner at the Hotel Pierre to celebrate the fourth anniversary of Israel's independence and launch a month of especially intensive activity in the drive. Half a million dollars in gifts were announced at the dinner.

The dinner was sponsored by the American Jewish Congress in honor of Isaac Wolfson, British philanthropist, and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency. Dr. Goldmann was presented with the American Jewish Congress' 1951 Stephen S. Wise Award for "outstanding contributions to the welfare of Jews in all lands."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, who presided over the dinner, recalled the vital role that the aid of Americans--as individuals and as a nation--has played in helping the people of Israel create a democracy in the Middle East and surmount the difficulties besetting it. "For all that Israel has achieved thus far," he said, "it owes a great debt of obligation to the American people and government, who have given sympathetic understanding as well as political and financial help."

32,000 New Yorkers Expected Today at Ebbets Field

A recorded message from Prime Minister David Ben Gurion was flown in from Israel today and will be heard by a capacity audience of nearly 32,000 New Yorkers who will gather at Ebbets Field tomorrow evening to celebrate Israel's fourth anniversary. Admission to Ebbets Field will be by purchase of a State of Israel bond and 31,000 tickets have already been distributed.

The spectators at the celebration will see the first exhibition of one of the four crowns from the tomb of King David in Jerusalem. The crown was flown from Israel to be shown throughout the United States as "a symbol of appreciation for vital American assistance." The program will include a concert by the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra conducted by Izler Solomon and featuring as soloist Mischa Elman, world-renowned violinist. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who visited Israel on her recent world tour, will be guest of honor.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT UNDECIDED ON RESUMPTION OF TALKS WITH GERMANY

TEL AVIV, April 29. (JTA) -- Gershon Avner, Counsellor to the Israeli delegation which is conducting the reparations talks with the German delegation at The Hague, left for London today to report to the other members of the Israeli delegation on the stand taken by the Israel Government following his report on the German-Israeli discussions.

Meanwhile, the press here today reported that the Israel Government has not yet decided on the resumption of negotiations with the Germans. (The New York Times reported from Tel Aviv that the Israel Government has informed the Bonn Government through Dr. Nahum Goldmann that it will continue negotiations on reparations only if the West German Government gives assurances of the seriousness of its intentions and of a real desire to reach an honorable settlement.)

SECOND ROUND OF GERMAN-JEWISH NEGOTIATIONS EXPECTED, LEAVITT SAYS

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- Moses A. Leavitt, head of the delegation representing the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany in the recent negotiations with the West German Government at Wassenaar, the Netherlands, reported today that "the Germans apparently want to do something on the matter of restitution, but it may not be enough."

Mr. Leavitt, who is executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, returned to the United States aboard the Queen Mary. He said that he expected a second round of the negotiations to begin in the latter part of May. "To our claim of \$500,000,000 on behalf of organizations caring for victims of Nazi persecution," he said, "the West German delegation raised the question of Germany's capacity to pay. It is our position, however, that capacity to pay depends largely on willingness to pay."

"Germany is today one of the few nations in Europe with a favorable balance of trade. Germany's expanding economy will mean that its capacity to pay will be greatly increased during the next few years," Mr. Leavitt continued. He added that "whether the Germans are really ready to undertake reparation, will be shown not by their words but by their deeds."

Mr. Leavitt indicated that some progress was made in regard to the C.J.M.C.A.G.'s second demand--legislation to help individuals to obtain restitution. The German representatives seemed favorable toward the legislation proposed by the C.J.M.C.A.G. but the Bonn Parliament must now enact these agreements into law, he stated.

ARGENTINE JEWRY AROUSED OVER CONDEMNATION OF BEEF BY ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, April 29. (JTA) -- The decision of the Israel Chief Rabbinate to declare non-kosher a shipment of 3,000 tons of Argentine beef has caused consternation and indignation in Jewish circles here and has received wide publicity, even in the non-Jewish press.

It is considered possible here that the Chief Rabbinate's action may result in cutting off meat shipments to Israel from this country. In a front page editorial, Di Yiddische Zeitung says today that the decision of the Chief Rabbinate has caused "general disgust and bitterness" in the Jewish community of Argentina, is a blow to Israel's prestige and is "putting us in a delicate situation." The editorial charges that what is at stake in the affair is "not kashruth" but "the ambitions and caprices of the rabbinate."

JEWISH GROUPS RECEIVE "RELEASED TIME" DECISION WITH MIXED FEELINGS

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The decision of the U. S. Supreme Court yesterday upholding New York's system of "released time" religious education for public school children was received by Jewish groups here today with mixed feelings.

"We are disappointed that a majority of the Supreme Court did not rule the New York City released-time program unconstitutional, but we are gratified that the decision, in reaffirming the principle of separation of church and state, makes it clear that religious teaching and practices may not be brought into public school buildings," Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, said in a statement.

The statement expressed gratification with the part of the decision which makes it clear that school authorities may not in any way involve themselves in religious affairs. Gratification was also expressed with the fact that the Supreme Court has again stated that separation of church and state is an indispensable requirement of the American Constitution.

The Supreme Court decision, adopted by 6 to 3, backs the New York program under which children are released from classes one hour each week--at their parents' request--for instruction at religious centers located away from public school property. If a parent does not wish his child to go to the religious classes, the child remains in public school for regular studies.

The three members of the Supreme Court who dissented were Justices Robert H. Jackson, Hugo L. Black and Felix Frankfurter. They criticized the majority decision as warping and twisting the fundamental "wall" between church and state. Justice Jackson said that the New York program involved coercion and thus was unconstitutional. Justice Black accused New York of "manipulating its compulsory education laws to help religious sects get pupils."

Justice Frankfurter's dissent expressed agreement with what Justice Jackson had said, and added: "The deeply divisive controversy aroused by the attempts to secure public school pupils for sectarian instruction would promptly end if the advocates of such instruction were content to have the school close its doors or suspend operations--that is, dismiss classes in their entirety, without discrimination--instead of seeking to use the public schools as the instrument for securing attendance at denominational classes."

Justice William O. Douglas, who delivered the 6-3 decision, said: "No one is forced to go to the religious classroom, and no religious exercise of instruction is brought to the classrooms of the public schools. A student need not take religious instructions. He is left to his own desires as to the manner of time of his religious devotions, if any." Justice Douglas went on to say that the Constitution "does not say that in every and all respects there shall be a separation of Church and State."

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS RIGHT TO PASS "GROUP LIBEL" LAW

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- The U. S. Supreme Court, in a 5 to 4 decision, upheld yesterday an Illinois law outlawing race hatred literature. The high tribunal ruled that Illinois has the right to pass a "group libel" law prohibiting the publication, dissemination or display of any "lithograph, moving picture, play, drama, or sketch" that would expose citizens of any race, creed or color "to contempt, derision or obloquy."

Justice Felix Frankfurter delivered the decision for himself and Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson and Justices Harold H. Burton, Tom C. Clark and Sherman Minton, while Justices Hugo L. Black, Stanley F. Reed, Robert H. Jackson and William O. Douglas wrote dissenting opinions.

