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ISRAEL ATTACKED BY U.S. SENATORS; DEFENDED BY STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, May 5. (JTA) -- The most intensive Congressional assault on record against Israel, aimed at proposed Mutual Security Assistance for the Jewish State, took place during hearings held by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee when four Senators joined in bombarding State Department and Mutual Security Administration experts with questions slanted against Israel. In one case, the questions were described by a State Department witness as "loaded."

This occurred behind the closed doors of the committee during executive sessions on the Mutual Security Bill and was revealed today when the Committee made available the minutes of the meetings. The leading roles in the interrogatory attack on proposed Israel aid were played by Senators J. W. Fulbright, of Arkansas, and Theodore F. Green, of Rhode Island. Senators Alexander Wiley, of Wisconsin, and H. Alexander Smith, of New Jersey, participated to a lesser extent. The Committee, however, did not cut the requested Israel allocation except in keeping with an across-the-board reduction applied to all countries.

A vigorous defense of Israel and its right to economic aid was made by Arthur Z. Gardiner, economic adviser of the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs of the State Department. Sharp words were addressed to Mr. Gardiner by Senators Fulbright and Green when he sought to present Israel's case. Accusations were made that the State Department favored Israel over the Arab states. These charges were presented in the form of questions which often took a sarcastic turn.

Sen. Fulbright at one point singled out Israel from among other countries and questioned the basis for assistance to Israel, expressing doubt as to whether it would use the money for the purposes for which it is allocated. When Mr. Gardiner tried to tell how the State Department and Israel worked in cooperation on the aid program, Sen. Fulbright wanted to know if the Department could control Israel's purchases.

Complaining that Israel would receive a higher per capita appropriation than the Arabs, Sen. Smith said to Mr. Gardiner: "You are going to give the Jews a higher standard of living than the Arabs, then, that are kicked out?" The Senator also wanted to know "why should the United States attempt to raise the standard of living in Israel so much greater than in the surrounding countries." Sen. Green also asked if the U.S. "acquiesced in the expulsion of the Arabs from Israel into the surrounding countries."

Mr. Gardiner refused to blame Israel for the departure of all of the Arab refugees. He said that some "left because they were badly led by their Arab leaders; others left because people do leave when there are contending armies crossing their farms and fields." When Sen. Green continued talking about Israel's alleged expulsion of the Arabs, Mr. Gardiner told him: "They (the Arabs) are allowed to participate in the local government, to elect representatives to the Israel Parliament."

ISRAEL'S DECISION TO MOVE FOREIGN MINISTRY SURPRISES U.S. DIPLOMATS

TEL AVIV, May 5. (JTA) -- American and British diplomats here today expressed surprise over a decision adopted by the Israeli Cabinet to transfer the Foreign Ministry from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. A communique announcing the decision gave no reason for the action.

The British Legation here today said that it will communicate with the Foreign Office in London and ask for advice, since Britain does not recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. It is understood that the transfer of Israel's Foreign Ministry from here to Jerusalem will take place within four to six months, when premises are completed for the office.

The Israel Government proclaimed Jerusalem the capital of the Jewish State in 1949. This move has not been sanctioned by the United Nations, which still has on its agenda a resolution requesting the placing of Jerusalem under international control. However, diplomats of many countries stationed in Tel Aviv have recently been visiting Israel's official functions in Jerusalem and take it as a matter of fact that Jerusalem, and not Tel Aviv, is now the capital.

ISRAEL PREMIER EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE IN AMERICAN JEWRY

JERUSALEM, May 5. (JTA) -- Confidence that American Jewry will not fail Israel in its efforts to achieve economic stability was expressed last night by Premier David Ben Gurion at a dinner at King David Hotel marking the first anniversary of Israel's \$500,000,000 Independence Bond Issue. More than 80 prominent leaders of the drive, including a number of Americans, attended the dinner, which was also addressed by Eliezer Kaplan, Israel's Finance Minister.

Harold Goldenberg, American Jewish leader who settled in Israel and is now the director of Israel's Investment Center, presided at the gathering. He pointed out that among the guests there is "a cross section of American Jewry represented by able and active persons." He urged the American guests to report to their communities in the United States the achievements they have seen here and to ask them for increased financial aid for the Jewish State.

Premier Ben Gurion thanked the American guests for accepting the invitation to attend the dinner. He said he wanted to reciprocate for the hearty reception which was extended to him during his visit to the United States. Reviewing Israel's achievements during the four years of the existence of the Jewish State, he said that no speeches are eloquent enough to describe these achievements.

"We are now starting to mine copper and other things," he stated. "But we do not rely on mining. We rely on the pioneering, determination, strong will, self-sacrifice and self-respect of our people. We have seen what they have done, and we have absolute trust that they will not fail us as we have trust that American Jewry will not fail us."

Mr. Kaplan told the audience that the Israel Bond Issue had become the main source of foreign currency so badly needed by the Jewish State. He revealed that during the first four months of 1952 Israel spent \$60,000,000. He indicated that a further reduction in the standard of living in Israel is to be expected "in order to overcome economic difficulties and to become self-supporting."

ISRAELI MINISTER SECURES FOODSTUFFS IN UNITED STATES FOR SIX MONTHS

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- The supply of rationed foodstuffs promised to the people of Israel--including two meat rations monthly--has been assured for the next six months, Israel's Minister of Supply Dov Joseph announced at a press conference here today.

Dr. Joseph said supplies of materials and foodstuffs for the next six months have been bought and paid for and that he concluded arrangements in the United States for further supplies beyond that period. As a result of these arrangements, he stated, there will be no food shortages in Israel.

Dr. Joseph reported that he had satisfactory conferences with American Jewish leaders on loans to tide Israel over the present financial crisis. He categorically denied reports that the Israel Government would ban food parcels to Israel. The Government, he emphasized, never had any intention of interfering with parcels sent to relatives and friends in the Jewish State. All such parcels have been released in Israel, he declared.

PART OF ARGENTINE MEAT TRANSPORT DECLARED KOSHER IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 5. (JTA) -- The Israel Chief Rabbinate announced that 867 tons of a shipment of 1,127 tons of beef from Argentina which arrived today is kosher. The Rabbinate's statement said that on the basis of additional information received here it was decided that the 867 tons, which was slaughtered at the city of Rosario, was kosher and that only the 260 tons butchered at Gualicacio was non-kosher.

After a discussion of the Chief Rabbinate's declaration that some of the Argentine beef en route to Israel is non-kosher, the Ministers reaffirmed that it is "the government's policy to order only kosher meat." Reporting the decision, a spokesman added that the Cabinet has undertaken to supply kosher meat to those who demand it. He declared that a special rabbinical delegation will leave for Argentina shortly to supervise the slaughter of beef destined for Israel.

ISRAEL SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH BELGIAN FIRM ON COPPER MINING EQUIPMENT

TEL AVIV, May 5. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has signed an agreement with a Belgian mining company to supply mining equipment and instructors to help Israel exploit its Negev copper mines, it was officially announced today. The mines are on the site of the fabulous copper mines of King Solomon.

The agreement provides that the Belgian firm is to collect its fee out of the first income from the export of Israeli copper. The exporting of copper is expected to start within two years.

NEW 68, 750, 000 POUND BUDGET APPROVED FOR JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, May 5. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee's permanent budget commission today approved a Jewish Agency budget of 68, 750, 000 pounds. This represents a recomputation of an already approved figure of 52, 000, 000 pounds which was based on the old pound-dollar exchange relationship.

The tentative schedule of the Actions Committee plenary session which opens here Wednesday, calls for Acting President of Israel Joseph Sprinzak to make the opening address Wednesday afternoon. After that Agency co-chairmen Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Berl Locker will report to the delegates on "the situation in the Zionist Organization, and its future."

STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES \$3,000,000 AID PROGRAM FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 5. (JTA) -- The Mutual Security Bill, containing \$66,380,000 for the relief of Jewish refugees in Israel plus \$3,000,000 in technical assistance for the state, moved to the Senate floor today, but was referred to the Senate Armed Services Committee for further study. Meanwhile, the House Foreign Affairs Committee met to decide on a House version of the measure.

The proposed three million dollar program of technical assistance for Israel for the fiscal year 1953 places an emphasis on increasing food and industrial production in order to meet the problem of absorbing the immigrant and refugee population into the economy of the country, it was made known today by the State Department.

ACHESON PROMISED U.S. AID IN GERMAN-JEWISH TALKS, GOLDMANN REPORTS

TEL AVIV, May 5. (JTA) -- U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson promised a delegation of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany which visited him last Friday that the American Government will continue to help find a solution to the German-Jewish reparations problem, it was reported here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who headed the delegation.

Dr. Goldmann, who arrived here today to participate in the session of the Zionist Actions Committee which opens in Jerusalem Wednesday, told reporters that Dr. Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of West Germany, never did set a sum which Germany would be ready to pay as reparations to Israel and other Jewish communities, but he did declare that the reparations talks would be based on the claims presented by Israel and the representatives of Jewish groups in other countries.

Dr. Goldmann refused to reply to a question about whether he met with any Germans during the present interval in the negotiations. He said that the recess is temporary and added that "the ball is now in the hands of Germany." Israel and the Conference, he stated, will make their final decision after Germany announces her stand.

GERMAN STUDENT UNION PROTESTS REVIVAL OF ANTI-SEMITISM

FRANKFURT, May 5. (JTA) -- A conference of the Liberal Students Union, representing student groups in all parts of West Germany, held at Heidelberg, unanimously adopted a resolution protesting against the revival of anti-Semitism in Germany.

TRUMAN NAMES BLAUSTEIN MEMBER OF ADVISORY MOBILIZATION BOARD

WASHINGTON, May 5. (JTA) -- President Truman has appointed Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, as a public member of the National Advisory Board on Mobilization Policy. Mr. Blaustein replaces John Lord O'Brian who resigned.

The N. A. B. M. P. is considered the top advisory board in Washington. It meets in the Cabinet Room of the White House with the President in attendance at certain of its sessions. The board is comprised of four representatives each from industry, labor, agriculture and the public.

DANIEL LEVI NAMED FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PARIS, May 5. (JTA) -- Daniel Levi, a Jewish career diplomat, has been named French Ambassador to Czechoslovakia. M. Levi formerly served as Minister to Finland and as Ambassador to India.

CONGRESS GETS BILL TO OUTLAW LIBEL OF RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS GROUPS

WASHINGTON, May 5. (JTA) -- Four New York Congressmen today introduced a bill in the House of Representatives to make it unlawful to libel any racial or religious group through inter-state shipment or mailing of defamatory material.

The sponsors--Representatives Eugene J. Keogh, Adam C. Powell, Jacob K. Javits and Arthur G. Klein--referred to the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court last week in the case upholding the constitutionality of the Illinois group libel law forbidding publications, plays or motion pictures which attribute lack of virtue to a group of citizens in such a way as to engender public contempt, derision or obloquy. Indiana and Massachusetts have similar laws.

The bill provides that no person shall be guilty of violation if the statement made or published was honestly believed by such person upon reasonable grounds to be true. This is regarded by the sponsors as an effective protection for freedom of speech. The sponsors said they are not trying to "reach honest people, regardless of how misguided, but demagogues and dishonest purveyors of defamatory material."

"The recent bombings in Florida and desecrations of churches and synagogues in Pennsylvania and elsewhere," the sponsors stated, "are latter-day evidences of what libels of racial or religious groups are capable of bringing on in an American community. Justice Frankfurter, in rendering a majority opinion last Monday when the Supreme Court upheld the Illinois group libel law, stated the basic reason for our sponsorship of this legislation when he said that 'we cannot deny to a state power to punish the same utterances directed at a defined group when we permit laws to ban similar utterances directed at an individual.'"

Provisions safeguarding free speech are contained in this measure. The Congressmen pointed out that a ban on the dissemination of false, defamatory statements against any groups does not interfere with free speech any more than prohibiting the sale of impure or poisonous foods and drugs interferes with commerce. The bill would make violation of its provisions a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000 and a maximum prison sentence of one year.

Congress Asked to Investigate Anti-Semitic Propaganda

WASHINGTON, May 5. (JTA) -- Rep. Samuel W. Yorty, of California, asked Congress today for a probe of the "evil dispensers of hate" including anti-Semites. He said "their vile purposes" must be exposed, and the sources of their funds published for all to see."

Rep. Yorty told the House that "democracy in the United States must not be weakened by the fostering of ignorant hatred which can result from un-American, undemocratic and Godless propaganda calculated to divide Americans into opposing camps based upon race, creed or color. I hope this Congress will soon move vigorously to expose and curb all hate-mongers."

Rep. Yorty is cooperating with Sen. Guy M. Gillette, of Iowa, chairman of a Senate subcommittee investigating election matters, in seeking a congressional investigation of Robert H. Williams, a former Army Major, who is distributing anti-Semitic propaganda in connection with pre-election activity. Sen. Gillette has indicated that his subcommittee will act on the Williams case.

U.J.A. LAUNCHES EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION FOR \$10,000,000 IN CASH

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- Extraordinary demands on the United Jewish Appeal for sharply increased financial assistance with which to meet spiralling Jewish needs in Israel and other parts of the world have led to the launching by the U. J. A. of an emergency nationwide mobilization of cash designed to raise a minimum of \$10,000,000 during the month of May, it was announced today by Edward M. M. Warburg, U. J. A. general chairman.

Mr. Warburg announced at the same time that the emergency cash drive would culminate at an extraordinary two-day National Conference in Chicago on May 24 and 25 at which leaders of community campaigns in all parts of the country will present checks representing proceeds of their one-month mobilization of funds.

The U. J. A. general chairman, in announcing the opening of the cash mobilization, termed it "a crisis measure." He disclosed that severe food, housing and settlement needs in Israel, a sharp increase in warm-weather Jewish migration from Moslem lands and unrelieved Jewish welfare requirements in Eastern Europe have brought calls on U. J. A. resources that must be met in the shortest possible time.

More than 300 delegates attending the first conference of the National Labor Council of the U. J. A. yesterday voted approval of a series of resolutions calling for nationwide trade union support of the U. J. A. campaign. The delegates pledged to make a special effort to help the U. J. A. one-month drive to raise \$10,000,000 in cash to help Israel cope with its serious shortages of housing, food and other essentials.

J.D.C. LEADERS REPORT ON RE-MIGRATION FROM ISRAEL; DEPICT MALBEN AID

PARIS, May 5. (JTA) -- About 3,200 people have re-migrated from Israel to other countries, it was revealed here today at a press conference held by Alexander Kahn, general manager of the Jewish Daily Forward and a member of the administrative committee of the Joint Distribution Committee, who has just completed a visit to Israel. Mr. Kahn spoke at the offices of the J. D. C. here.

In response to questions by correspondents, Moses Beckelman, J. D. C.'s European director, said that about two-thirds of the 3,200 who left Israel originally went to Israel because they were unable to obtain visas to any other countries. Rumanian Jews, for example, he said, are only given passports enabling them to leave for Israel.

There are about 300 people from Israel now in France, of whom 50 have asked the J. D. C. for assistance. Asked about J. D. C. policy towards such people, Mr. Beckelman said: "It is a matter of principle that persons brought to Israel at their own request through funds contributed by Jews cannot expect aid from these same funds again. We don't follow this principle to the letter in the case of sick and helpless people."

Mr. Kahn told of the work being done by the J. D. C. in Israel for disabled and aged immigrants through the Malben program. Of 3,346 handicapped people served by Malben in 1951, he said, more than 1,100 are now self-supporting. In addition, Mr. Kahn said, facilities for another 2,000 immigrants are being made available.

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