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U.S. POLICY ON ISRAEL OUTLINED BY STATE DEPT. TO SENATE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, May 6. (JTA) -- Arthur Z. Gardiner, economic operations adviser of the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs of the State Department, in a statement submitted to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said, "the promotion of Israel's political and economic stability and its eventual integration into the Near East area on a sound basis are among the primary objectives of United States foreign policy in the Near East."

This was made known today when Mr. Gardiner's statement, on behalf of the State Department, was published by the Senate Committee. Mr. Gardiner said that to carry out American policy "we have consistently sought, both within and outside the framework of the United Nations, to encourage peaceful settlements between Israel and its neighbors, to stimulate economic development and thus to create conditions favorable to the viability and effective defense of the region."

The State Department official described austerity measures taken by Israel and fund-raising efforts in the United States. "In spite of these measures," he said, "Israel's financial position has continued to deteriorate. Despite intensive efforts to raise the funds to carry out the minimum investment program required to resettle its refugees, Israel has been unable to find sufficient financial resources to maintain its population, even at austerity levels, while developing a self-sustaining economy." He recommended aid for Israel through the foreign aid program.

In giving arguments in favor of aid to Israel, Mr. Gardiner said Israel's army was "exceedingly effective." He said, too, that "I think the reason that would convince me we should take a step of this nature, or rather continue in this same path that we followed last year, was that they have got an obligation to those European Jewish people who were persecuted by Hitler, who were persecuted by the Russians, and who have found refuge in Palestine, aided and abetted by many American influences, and with the blessing of the American Government."

Large Proportion of U. S. Aid to Israel to Include Foodstuffs

WASHINGTON, May 6. (JTA) -- A tabulation of emergency aid which the State Department has recommended for Israel for the fiscal year of 1953, to relieve the plight of refugees in the Jewish State, was made known today.

The largest proportion of this aid includes basic foodstuffs, fodders, raw materials for clothing and footwear, and fuel. The proposed emergency aid is intended to provide 99,000 tons of wheat and wheat flour, costing approximately \$10,000,000.

In addition, \$5,000,000 worth of other basic foods, including sugar, meat, milk, egg powder, and beans, are to be supplied.

Other categories of proposed assistance include funds for housing, seeds, fertilizers, farm buildings, farm tools, livestock, medical facilities, transport, power, irrigation, new machinery and industrial raw materials, fishing boats, deep-freezing plants, and refrigeration equipment.

It is proposed to finance a certain amount of medical supplies and equipment, including materials for the construction of additional hospital facilities. The emergency program seeks to facilitate highway and port construction, provide spare parts and maintenance facilities for existing equipment, and permit the acquisition of some new vehicles.

In outlining the bill, a State Department spokesman said: "It is believed that the program will provide, with a minimum of expenditure, an essential share of the foreign aid support necessary to a sound and vigorous foreign policy in the Near East."

Senate Group Makes Recommendations on Aid to Israel

The Administration has been urged by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in a report on Mutual Security legislation, "to end relief operations as soon as possible and concentrate on economic development, with the purpose of helping Israel to become self-supporting in the quickest time possible."

The Committee said it "wishes to emphasize that it regards this (Israel) program as a short-time emergency operation to be terminated as soon as practical."

Commenting on proposed aid for Israel for the fiscal year 1953, the Committee said that it notes "that the amounts to be devoted to refugee relief are decreased while those to be devoted to resettlement are increased. The committee favors this change of emphasis in the program."

ISRAEL EXPECTS FOREIGN NATIONS TO RECOGNIZE JERUSALEM AS CAPITAL

TEL AVIV, May 6. (JTA) -- Foreign Ministry circles here today expressed the hope that the nations of the world would recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and not make political difficulties over the recent Cabinet decision to transfer the Foreign Office from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem within the next six months.

These circles pointed out that the decision was not a new one, citing the fact that Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett had publicly stated last December that only technical difficulties remained in the way of transferring his Ministry to Jerusalem with the rest of the government.

HAIFA MAYOR ARRIVES IN U.S.; PREDICTS ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- Israel will achieve economic independence in the near future, Abba Hushi, Mayor of Haifa, predicted today upon his arrival here for a five-week tour of the United States on behalf of State of Israel Bonds. Upon his landing, Mayor Hushi was met by a welcoming committee headed by Grover Whalen, chairman of Mayor Impellitteri's reception committee.

In a statement to the press, Mayor Hushi said his greatest joy is "that we have reached the point where we can accelerate the economic development of our country through borrowing rather than depending only upon philanthropic aid. We have discovered enormous mineral resources in Israel. If we can borrow enough capital to develop these resources we will be able to establish our economy on firm foundation and will easily be able to pay back the loan and the interest."

KNESSET ADOPTS FIRST READING OF JEWISH AGENCY STATUS LAW

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today adopted the first reading of the government sponsored bill to grant the Jewish Agency an official status in Israel and to outline its role in the movement and absorption of immigrants in the Jewish State. The vote was 73 to four. The measure was introduced by Premier David Ben Gurion last night when the Knesset reconvened for its "summer session" after a month-long Passover recess.

Mr. Ben Gurion said that the law giving the Agency a status was a companion measure of the "law of return," which guarantees every Jew the right to come to and settle in Israel. Defining the State's prerogatives, the Premier said that the State's authority extends only to Israel's population, while the Zionist movement's voluntary authority extends to all the places where there are Jewish communities. He recalled and stressed the Zionist movement's "tremendous" historical rights, and pointed out that Israel, as a State, must keep within its natural limits and its influence can only be felt within its own borders.

The Premier underlined the fact that the Zionist movement cannot mix, nor interfere, in Israel's internal affairs. This peculiar situation must be taken into consideration, he insisted, when granting a status either to the Zionist movement or to non-Zionist groups which have assisted and are assisting in building up the state.

Opposition Deputies Outline Their Objections

The first deputy to take the floor after the Premier was Dr. Joseph Serlin, General Zionist leader and a Deputy Speaker of the House. He charged that the law introduced by Mr. Ben Gurion was "devoid of content" and resulted from an "irregular, loose relationship between the government and the Zionist movement." He asserted that the law was "just declarative" and "without actual meaning." He also demanded that the government attach to the measure its proposed charter to the Agency so that Parliament would know about it and could discuss it and the law for a legal status at the same time.

A second opposition speaker was left-wing Mapam deputy Jacob Chasan, who said that he had hoped that after the establishment of the State of Israel relations between the government and the Zionist movement would become more intimate, but they had in fact become more strained. He accused the Premier of introducing a law which "falsified" the content of the Zionist Organization and would convert Zionism to philanthropy. The law would mean the liquidation of the Zionist Organization, Mr. Chazan said, adding that his party would oppose it.

Right-wing Herut deputy Eliezer Shostak attacked the government for not giving "even the similarity of a status" to the Zionist Organization. Communist deputy Meir Wilner saw in the law "the influence of the American imperialistic clique who want to control Israel." Pinhas Rosen, leader of the Progressive Party, also demanded that the government submit the charter together with its law and criticized the measure for not giving the Zionist movement a free enough hand to work in Israel. Itzhak Raphael of the Poale Mizרחי, Orthodox Labor party, and Zalman Shazar of the government Mapai Party both appealed to the deputies to accept the law.

Immediately after the Premier concluded his address, the national radio system, Kol Israel, asked Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Berl Locker, co-chairmen of the Agency, to comment on the measure. Dr. Goldmann welcomed the move, adding that when the measure is adopted it will add to the prestige of the Zionist Organization, and will strengthen it. Mr. Locker said that the legislation had resulted from the combined efforts of the government and the Agency and will encourage the Zionist Organization.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT BEGINS DEBATE ON HAGUE TALKS; UPHOLDS GOVT.

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today began a debate on the Israeli-German reparations talks at The Hague following the defeat of a motion of non-confidence over the issue of these negotiations. The motion, introduced by a Herut deputy, was defeated by 73 to three, with 33 abstainees.

The debate started on a resolution by the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee recommending that the "government should not resume negotiations with Bonn until Bonn submits a clear and binding proposal to satisfy Israel's demand for reparations, including dates of payment." The resolution expressed confidence that the Foreign Affairs Committee "will be given an opportunity to discuss this proposal before the Israel Government takes a final decision whether to accept or reject Bonn's offer."

Representatives of the Mapam, Herut and General Zionists all demanded that the government end the negotiations with West Germany. The Mapam added another proposal to the effect that Israel ask the four occupying powers in Germany to force Germany to pay reparations to Israel and the Jewish nation.

ISRAEL ATTACKED IN RUMANIA FOR CONDUCTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH GERMANY

VIENNA, May 6. (JTA) -- A sharp attack on the Israel Government for engaging in reparations talks with West Germany has been made by the Communist-controlled Jewish Democratic Committee of Rumania, according to information received here from Bucharest.

At a recent meeting, the Committee adopted a resolution charging that Israel entered the negotiations on orders from "American and British imperialists." The resolution denounced the "boundless cynicism" of the Zionist negotiators and described the talks as a move to re-arm the "Hitlerite criminal arm against the Soviet Union, the liberator of our country." The resolution demanded an immediate end to The Hague talks.

HAMBURG PLANS GENERAL INDEMNIFICATION LAW; JEWS TO GET AID

HAMBURG, May 6. (JTA) -- A general indemnification law will be introduced into the city council here shortly, it was announced today.

Meanwhile, the Senate of the Council approved a proposal by the Jewish community that returning Jewish emigrants be given the same type of financial assistance offered returning German prisoners of war. The Senate also agreed to grant the Jewish community financial aid for its communal work.

It was revealed that the city has appropriated some 211,000 deutschemarks for the rehabilitation and care of the Jewish cemeteries in Hamburg. In addition the city has advanced 100,000 deutschemarks in loans to Jewish citizens since the beginning of the year.

GERMAN RADIO REPORTS DEPORTATION OF JEWS FROM SOVIET-HELD GERMANY

BERLIN, May 6. (JTA) -- The Northwest German Radio today charged the East German Communist authorities with the persecution of Jewish shopkeepers in the Eastern Zone. The Communists were said, by the Northwest German Radio, to have confiscated Jewish-owned shops and evicted the shopkeepers from their homes, sending them to rural districts. Jewish groups in West Berlin said they had no information on the reported situation.

JEWISH GROUPS FIGHTING BIGOTRY SPLIT ON DIVISION OF FUNCTIONS

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- A report on joint program planning and division of labor among organizations active in the field of combatting anti-Semitism in the United States--based on the decisions adopted by the National Community Relations Advisory Council conference at Atlantic City in line with the recommendations made in the MacIver Report--was adopted here on Sunday at a closed meeting of the Evaluative Studies Committee of the N. C. R. A. G., it was learned here today.

The American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith voted against the report, and indicated that they may leave the N. C. R. A. C. if the recommendations contained in the report are adopted at the plenary session of the N. C. R. A. C., which is to take place in Chicago at the end of June. The Jewish Labor Committee abstained from voting on the report which was adopted by a vote of seven to two.

In voting against the report, the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League submitted a joint brief offering to work with the individual agencies functioning in specific fields of work relating to the fight against anti-Semitism. However, the recommendations by the two organizations were not accepted.

SENATE GROUP HEARS REPORT ON ANTI-JEWISH DISCRIMINATION ON JOBS

WASHINGTON, May 6. (JTA) -- Jews are "not wanted" in such American industries and professions as banks, insurance companies, breweries and engineering firms, William Stern, a representative of the Jewish Labor Committee, today told a United States Senate Labor-Management Sub-Committee hearing. He emphasized that the Jewish Labor Committee, which represents more than 500,000 organized Jewish workers, is now conducting a survey on discrimination against Jews in employment.

Mr. Stern said that although the survey is not completed and has only "scratched the surface" it already shows that "the roots beneath are sunk deep in the mire of racial and religious discrimination." Not only are Jews being discriminated against, but many other minorities are affected, he testified. In engineering and mechanical trades there is a code "NIW" which means "No Italians Wanted," he revealed.

The Jewish Labor Committee representative said that his group considered that the prerequisite to any civil rights legislation is a majority cloture rule in the Senate. He called for the enactment of Fair Employment Practices legislation with enforcement powers. He said that failure to enact such legislation would be a negation of the principles on which this country was founded.

EZRA SHAPIRO NAMED CANDIDATE FOR Z. O. A. PRESIDENCY; GROUP FORMED

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- Ezra Shapiro of Cleveland, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, was named today a candidate for the presidency of the Z. O. A. by a group of Zionist leaders who simultaneously announced the formation of a nation-wide "Committee for the Revitalization of the Z. O. A."

The Committee, still in the process of formation, includes Z. O. A. vice-presidents Dewey Stone, Rudolf Sonneborn and Jacob Alkow. A detailed program for the Committee will be formulated at a conference to be held in New York on May 18, it was announced at a press conference today. Speakers at the conference will include Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Louis Lipsky.

THREE JEWS WIN 1952 PULITZER PRIZE AS BEST AMERICAN AUTHORS

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- Three Jews are among the 12 Pulitzer Prize winners in journalism, letters and music for 1952. The awards were announced yesterday by the trustees of Columbia University.

The Jewish winners are: Herman Wouk, 37-year-old novelist whose "The Caine Mutiny" was judged the best novel of the year by an American author; Joseph Kramm, 44-year-old playwright whose "The Shrike" was voted the best original American play, and Dr. Oscar Handlin, Associate Professor of History at Harvard University, whose "The Uprooted" was declared "the distinguished book of the year upon the history of the United States."

All three Jewish winners are American born. Mr. Wouk, who is Orthodox, was born in New York. He received his degree in 1934 from Columbia College, worked for the Treasury Department and enlisted in the Navy shortly after Pearl Harbor. Mr. Kramm was born in Philadelphia and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. In World War II he served in Europe and won five campaign stars. Dr. Handlin was born in Brooklyn and received his degree from Harvard in 1940.

SHOLEM ASCH EXPLAINS IN ISRAEL WHY HE WROTE BOOKS ON CHRISTIANITY

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- The noted Yiddish author Sholem Asch today issued a statement to the press explaining his motivation in writing several books on Christianity. Asking the press to publish his statement "for fairness' sake," Mr. Asch charged that the majority of his critics had never read his books.

"I knew what I would have to pay for writing my books, but I was ready to do it for rapprochement and brotherhood between two brothers, since I see in such a rapprochement a prerequisite of our existence in Israel itself, as well as in the world of nations. I am convinced that all our troubles came from our isolation and we need partners with whom to form one human family," Mr. Asch's statement said.

The author expressed the opinion that Israel would have a "raison d'existence" only as an advance post of western civilization in Asia. He supported selective immigration into Israel "since unlimited Eastern immigration kicks us back 25 years, and we cannot remain one small drop in a dirty Levantine sea." He also favored lessening of government influence in the life of the private citizen and added: "I came to Israel as a free man, not just to shout 'hurrah' to everything."

Mr. Asch revealed that in the future his new books would appear in Hebrew. "I am leaving you soon, but my books will remain and I want them to be read first before I am attacked or criticized," he declared.

ANNIVERSARY OF HASHOMER HATZAIR SETTLEMENTS CELEBRATED IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- The 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hashomer Hatzair settlements in 1927 was celebrated here by the American Hashomer Hatzair and the Organization of Americans for a Progressive Israel. Zvi Lurie, member of the Jewish Agency executive and principal speaker at the celebration, reported that the Hashomer Hatzair collective settlement movement had increased from 40 settlements 25 years ago to 66 settlements today.