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ISRAEL UNAFFECTED BY HOUSE CUT IN FOREIGN AID; SENATE HEARINGS TODAY

WASHINGTON, May 7. (JTA) -- Israel was not affected by cuts made in the Administration's foreign aid program by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, it was learned today. Although the overall bill was slashed by more than a billion dollars, sums requested for the Near East were not touched. Thus far, the House version of the bill still contains a proposed allocation of \$76,000,000 in aid for Jewish refugees in Israel plus \$3,000,000 in technical assistance for the Jewish State.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee reduced Israel's portion by about ten million dollars. In keeping with a general "across-the-board" slash of 12.66 percent in the entire foreign aid program, the Senate Armed Services Committee announced that it would start hearings tomorrow with testimony from Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, and Robert A. Lovett, Secretary of Defense, as it undertook a review of the program ordered by the Senate. The Senate bill was referred to the Armed Services Committee after the Foreign Relations Committee had sent the bill to the floor.

The questioning of proposed American aid to Israel by a number of members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was characterized today as "gratuitous" by pro-Zionist sources in Congress. One source said some of the remarks indicated the "penetration of anti-Israel propaganda" and that it showed that "the reservoir of goodwill toward Israel might be running out."

A report made known by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the Mutual Security Program said it is "possible" that "plans to develop a Middle East Command to be closely integrated with SHAPE may come to fruition during the year." At the present time, the report said, "no military assistance funds have been programmed for the Arab states or Israel." The report said that in the event of the formation of a Middle East Command to be closely integrated with SHAPE, military assistance, including training and war materiel, will be provided under the terms of the Act.

The Committee reported that "the political climate in the Near East which has so far delayed negotiations for the resettlement of the refugees has not changed as much during the past year as had been hoped. The Committee said that it "cannot stress enough its urgent conviction that the settlement of the Arab refugees must be accomplished in the near future."

Mapam Asks for Knesset Debate on U. S. Military Aid

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- Mapam deputy Yitzhak Ben Aharon today introduced a motion in Parliament calling for a discussion of "Israel's request to the United States for military assistance." Meir Argov, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee, said that he would have to obtain information about the subject before he could report on it, and the House agreed with him.

ISRAEL WILL NOT RESUME HAGUE TALKS UNLESS GERMANY MAKES FIRM OFFER

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament last night voted to recommend to the government not to resume negotiations with the West German Government on reparations unless the Bonn Government makes a firm offer to pay Israel's demands, including a schedule of payments. The vote was 50 to 34 in favor of the resolution, which was introduced by the Knesset Foreign Affairs Committee.

Just before the vote, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett stated that since Israel is now in the midst of negotiations it is "inconceivable" to break off The Hague talks. "But," he warned, "we will not stand in the London queue (of Germany's pre-war creditors) and Germany understands it well. Germany will have to declare openly whether she wants to pay, independently of the London conference, the sum which will be agreed upon, or she will claim that she is unable to do so and then we will know."

(In Paris, Memhem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party which opposes Israel's reparations talks with Germany, addressed a meeting of 700 people last night calling for complete boycott of German goods by world Jewry. Mr. Beigin will leave for New York at the end of this week to conduct a campaign against the Israeli-German negotiations.)

ISRAELI MANUFACTURERS DEMAND ELIMINATION OF CONTROLS OVER INDUSTRY

TEL AVIV, May 7. (JTA) -- The Israeli Manufacturers Association last night called on the Israel Government to increase its imports of raw materials and gradually eliminate its controls over industry.

At a general meeting, the industrial group decried government surtaxes on machinery and equipment purchased since 1949 and asserted that if this taxation program is enforced it will "shake the foundations" of industry, particularly during periods when raw materials are in short supply. The industrialists agreed that frequent changes in the cost of living are harmful to the stabilization of Israel's economy, but demanded that increased costs be reflected in the price structure.

ANGLO-ISRAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORRIED OVER ISRAEL'S TRADE

LONDON, May 7. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce has been exploring the future prospects of trade between Britain and Israel, particularly during the years when the Jewish State will be unable to pay for its imports from Britain with its own exports, it was announced here last night at the first annual general meeting of the organization.

It was revealed that the Chamber has been holding exploratory talks with various British Government departments with this problem in mind. Trade between the two countries has increased slightly in the three years between 1949 and 1951, it was reported. Israel M. Sieff was re-elected chairman of the body.

ISRAEL AND NORWAY SIGN \$10,000,000 TRADE AGREEMENT IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, May 7. (JTA) -- A trade agreement involving the exchange of about \$10,000,000 worth of goods was signed here today by Norway and Israel. The Norwegians will purchase citrus fruits and citrus extracts, textiles and finished clothing from Israel and will export to the Jewish State frozen and canned fish, newsprint and chemicals.

ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE SESSION OPENS; GOLDMANN ANALYZES TALKS

JERUSALEM, May 7. (JTA) -- "Israel needs us now and will probably need us for many years to come," Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, today told the opening session of the Zionist Actions Committee. In a lengthy analysis he outlined the major functions of the Zionist movement in the immediate future.

He was preceded on the Actions Committee rostrum by Premier David Ben Gurion, who welcomed the Zionist policy-making body in the name of the Israel Government. The Premier, in an expression of his own credo in relation to the Zionist movement, said that the movement's vigor is not yet spent and predicted that it will show new strength in the future. He called on the leaders of the Zionist Organization not to lose their faith in the future of the movement and emphasized that the Zionist Organization's ability to accomplish its goals is not dependent on outside factors, "not even on the State of Israel and its laws" but on the "faith and will for a life of independence of the Jewish nation."

Dr. Goldmann declared that the task facing the Zionist movement at this time is threefold: adjustment of relations between Zionism and the Jewish nation and between the Zionist movement and the Israel Government and the straightening out of relations among the Zionists themselves. He scoffed at those who exaggerate the "downfall of Zionism." He pointed out that the day-to-day tasks of Zionism now are not as dramatic as the achievements of the movement when it was fighting the Palestine Mandatory Government to bring in illegal immigrants. But, Dr. Goldmann added, this is no reason for the Zionist movement to develop an inferiority complex. Nor, conversely, should the winning of the dramatic victories of statehood lead to a superiority complex on the part of the Israel Government and its officialdom, he stressed.

The prosaic, but important tasks, of the Zionist movement include mobilization of the Jews of the world to take a more active part in working for the State of Israel, the Agency leader declared. He called for the creation of two "fronts" in the movement's battle: The first would be a front of all Jews--Zionist and non-Zionist alike--to assist Israel; the second, would be Zionist "conquest" of Jewish communities all over the world "not by guns or by an army, but by persuasion."

Goldman Asks Israel Not to Interfere in U. J. A. - Bond Drive Situation

In an appeal for an end to quarrels and differences between the Israel Government and the Zionist movement, Dr. Goldmann insisted that Israel must consider the Zionist movement its ambassador to Jewry. "If a status is given the Jewish Agency, it must be given wholeheartedly," he added. He demanded that Israel's Ambassador not mix into nor interfere in such quarrels as those between the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel bond drive. Israel must not send Ministers to the United States and send cables to the Jewish Agency over these differences, but must trust the Agency to settle them, he said.

He called upon the Zionists to drop their internal quarrels, which he said were more of a menace to Israel than the threats of the Arab states. He suggested the holding of annual congresses of local Zionist organizations and recommended the establishment of compulsory Zionist federations. Such developments, he said, would increase the authority of the Zionist movement and convert it into a tremendous factor in Jewish life everywhere.

GERMAN COURT DISMISSES COMPLAINT OF CENTRAL JEWISH COUNCIL

DUSSELDORF, May 7. (JTA) -- A slander complaint filed with the Brunswick court by the Central Council of Jews in Germany against Herr Bothmer, a leader of the Socialist Reich Party, who called on audiences to "fight world Jewry which is responsible for all the unrest in the world," was dismissed by the court today.

The court, in its verdict, held that a public appeal to fight world Jewry does not in itself constitute an insult; world Jewry is not an "offendable" community; Bothmer's speech had not been directed against the complainant, the Central Council; Bothmer did not say he intended to fight world Jewry with the means of the Third Reich and, finally, Bothmer had not demanded the use of force and violence in the fight against the Jews.

AMERICAN GROUP SEEKS FAIR TRIAL FOR AUERBACH IN GERMANY

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- The formation of a "Committee on Fair Play for Auerbach" which will seek to enlighten American public opinion on the case of Philip Auerbach, former head of the Restitution Office in Bavaria who is now on trial in Munich before a court composed of judges who are former members of the Nazi Party, was announced here today.

The committee, of which Dr. Bruno Weill, former leader of German Jewry, is chairman, will seek to raise funds in this country to help in the defense of Mr. Auerbach as well as to give financial aid to his family. A statement issued by the committee today emphasizes that during the first days of the trial, the court has proven itself prejudiced against Mr. Auerbach who was the first Jew to hold a prominent administrative position in Germany after the fall of the Nazi regime.

ANTI-SEMITISM INCREASING IN SOUTH AFRICA'S CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS

JOHANNESBURG, May 7. (JTA) -- As the bitterness between the Nationalist Government of South Africa and the opposition increases in the current Constitutional crisis "anti-Semitism bubbles up all over the Nationalist benches" in Parliament, the local press reported today.

It was pointed out that in the four years of Nationalist rule of the Union there has never been such an outburst of anti-Semitism as at present. One correspondent wrote that "phrases like the 'Jewish danger' can be heard floating up to the public galleries" from the deputies' seats.

SENATE GROUP TO EXPOSE USE OF HATE MATERIAL IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, May 7. (JTA) -- A report on scurrility, including anti-Semitism, in the 1952 Presidential election campaign will be made by the Senate Elections Subcommittee, it was learned today.

The committee staff has been directed to prepare and issue a report analyzing and exposing the use of hate material in the campaign. Sen. Mike Monroney, of Oklahoma, said the committee has many samples of smear propaganda circulated in national and state political campaigns in connection with the forthcoming national election and the selection of candidates.

CHURCH-STATE SEPARATION MUST BE MAINTAINED, DR. GLUECK WARNS

NEW YORK, May 7. (JTA) -- Any union between church and state, no matter how remote, makes ultimately for the persecution of non-conforming religious minorities, Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, warned today.

Addressing an institute on church-state relations sponsored by the Church and State Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Dr. Glueck traced the principle of separation historically from the promulgation of the Virginia Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and the adoption of the first constitution of the State of New York in 1777.

Hailing the New York State constitution as "one of the great documents of all history," Dr. Glueck said that it undoubtedly set an example for Virginia and prepared the way for the adoption of the Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom, a law which had a profound influence upon American and European political development.

"The American people have continued their traditional policy of a separation between church and state because they realize that any form of union between the two, no matter how remote, makes ultimately for the persecution of non-conforming religious minorities," Dr. Glueck stated.

"It is our belief that direct or indirect financial support of religious schools by the state can only result in the weakening and possibly the destruction of the American public school system," he continued. "Any impairment of the influence of our public school system would be unfortunate in these days when unity is so necessary. Our school system is one of the strongest bonds to unite and hold together the American people."

Pointing out that it is the duty of religions to strengthen themselves through their own organizations, Dr. Glueck declared: "It is a grievous error for any religious or church denomination to attempt to exploit or capture the public school system in order to strengthen itself. And a sectarian group that attempts to use the public schools as a club to beat down more vigorous or more aggressive religious rivals is sinning against our most sacred American tradition."

Boston Jewish Children Disregard "Released Time" Instruction

BOSTON, May 7. (JTA) -- In connection with the Supreme Court's new decision, upholding the right of the State of New York to "release public school pupils for "release time" religious instruction, the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Boston, through its executive director, Robert E. Segal, pointed out today that in Boston, Jewish pupils in the public schools have not participated in "release time" instruction since 1949.

The withdrawal came after a recommendation by the Bureau of Jewish Education indicated that the "release time" program did not provide adequate religious education. The Bureau pointed out that ample facilities already exist for furnishing religious education to all Jewish children in Boston after school hours on week days and also on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Community Council reiterated its initial statement of 1949 that by taking the steps it had, it believed it "will make a contribution toward the maintenance of our public school system as a great democratic institution free from the disadvantages and dangers of sectarian divisiveness."

