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STEVENSON, EISENHOWER ISSUE STATEMENTS ON ISRAEL; SILVER LAUDS BOTH

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- With only ten days left to the Presidential election campaign the American Zionist Council today made public the text of statements on Israel issued by Governor Adlai E. Stevenson, Democratic candidate for President, and by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Republican Presidential candidate.

Mr. Stevenson addressed his statement to Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council. Gen. Eisenhower's statement was addressed to Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver who had written to the General on Oct. 14, suggesting that the Republican candidate define his views on the subject of Israel. Both candidates affirmed, in their statements, their friendship for Israel.

Following the publication of both declarations, Dr. Silver released the following statement through the national headquarters of the Zionist Organization of America: "The statements on Israel which have been issued by both candidates for the Presidency of the United States serve to strengthen the conviction that the friendship between American and Israel will become even closer and stronger in the months and years to come. Our country's support for Israel has always been bi-partisan in character, and the declarations made by General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson have provided striking evidence that this bi-partisan policy will be continued in the future. There is clearly no difference of opinion between the Republican and Democratic parties on the question of friendship and assistance for Israel."

Israel Deserves Continued Aid of U. S. Government, Stevenson Says

The text of Gov. Stevenson's statement, received by the American Zionist Council last Thursday, reads as follows:

"Four and one-half years ago there was born in the Middle East a new democracy, the nation of Israel, the fulfillment of a people's dream of many centuries. The friendship of the people of the United States for the new nation of Israel is unquestioned. We may be proud of the fact that President Truman made us the first country to recognize Israel, and that he promised his own unstinting help to the new state.

"But words are often cheap, actions come dearer. We may be even prouder that our pledge of aid to Israel has been honored. One hundred and thirty-eight million dollars in grants for the economic strengthening of Israel was voted by the last Congress. In addition, one hundred and thirty-five million dollars in loans have been granted by the United States Export-Import Bank.

"Not only has Israel received the help of our government, she has also benefited from the generosity of our people who have contributed generously to the

noble cause of the United Jewish Appeal and who have invested in Israeli bonds.

"Israel both needs and deserves the continued help of our government and our people. Even as an infant nation drawing the first breath of independence, she welcomed into her midst with open arms and a warm heart all her people seeking refuge from tribulation. In four and a half years her population has more than doubled, imposing a burden which few nations in history have had to bear. America would do well to model her own immigration policies after the generosity of the nation of Israel, and we must work toward that end.

"The economy of Israel has been severely strained. Great sacrifice and stringent discipline have been demanded of her people. Yet they have carried the load willingly. They are living testimony to the strength of democracy.

"We in America are fortunate to be citizens of a democracy endowed with abundant resources and great wealth. Our debt to the ideal of democracy, which we in our time struggled to establish in this country, can be repaid in part if we as a nation and as individuals give of our bounty to lighten the load of a great people struggling to build a firm democracy in their own land.

"The platform of the Democratic Party affirms this. It pledges both continued assistance to Israel so that she may fulfill her humanitarian mission of providing shelter and sanctuary for her homeless Jewish refugees, while strengthening her economic development."

"Just as the goal of our own foreign policy is to bring lasting peace to the world, our goal in the Middle East is to bring about a settled peace through the friendly solution of all its problems. Our platform is founded on a record of action. We will again translate its word into action in the years ahead."

Eisenhower Favors Direct Arab-Israeli Peace Talks

Gen. Eisenhower, in his communication to Rabbi Silver, dated October 17, emphasized that he is "in complete and hearty accord with the statement on Israel in the Republican platform." This, he said, was not a new departure, politically motivated, but one which represented a consistently friendly and cooperative attitude on the part of the Republican Party over a period of many years.

"You will recall," he pointed out, "how vigorously and effectively Republican Senators and Congressmen, Governors and State Legislators supported the cause which was never viewed by them as a partisan issue, but as one which commended itself to all right-thinking people because of its inherent justice and as the right solution for one of mankind's grave and pressing problems.

"As Commander of the Allied Armies during the last war, I had the fullest opportunity to observe closely the tragic conditions of the war ravaged and Nazi decimated Jewish communities of Europe. It will be one of the enduring satisfactions of my life that I was privileged to lead the forces of the free world, which finally crushed the brutal regime of Hitler, with its responsibility for all those unspeakable atrocities. Our forces saved the remnant of the Jewish people of Europe for a new life and a new hope in the reborn land of Israel.

"Along with all men of goodwill, I salute the young state and wish it well. I know what great things it has accomplished. I admire the hardihood of its pioneers and the vision and quality of the work of resettlement and reclamation which they are so energetically prosecuting. I also know something of their besetting difficulties and of

the problems, both political and economic, which confront them. Foremost among these is that of establishing peace with the Arab world.

"Such a peace would be a boon both to Israel and to the Arab states. Such peace in the Middle East is essential to the free world. Every encouragement should be given to facilitate direct negotiations between the State of Israel and its Arab neighbors whose independence, freedom and prosperity are equally the hope and wish of the American people.

"One of the serious stumbling blocks in the way is the problem of the Arab refugees. In my judgment, both statesmanship and humanity dictate that these unfortunate refugees should, as rapidly as possible, be assisted with adequate means honorably to reintegrate themselves in the neighboring Arab countries wherever their reabsorption in Israel is either not feasible or practical.

"The State of Israel has given every indication of being a progressive democracy which is desirous of cooperating with the free world in defense of human freedom and against totalitarian aggression. It is in the interest of the United States and of all peace loving nations that political and economic aid to establish their own security should be extended to Israel and to all countries in the Middle East which are similarly intentioned, to an extent consistent with a sound over-all mutual aid program," the statement concluded.

SECURITY OF JEWS IN NORTH AFRICA THREATENED, JEWISH CONGRESS HEARS

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- French policy in North Africa is being developed to protect minority groups in that area, including the half-million Jews, who are threatened with grave problems of security, due to the excesses of extreme nationalistic groups, particularly in Tunisia and Morocco, Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, international affairs director of the World Jewish Congress, declared today at a joint meeting of the national executive and administrative committees of the American Jewish Congress.

Dr. Perlzweig stated that the French Government had undertaken to protect Jews and other minority groups in the North African protectorates of Tunisia and Morocco "with exactly the same measures as it was taking to protect French nationals in those areas," and that the French security authorities in Tunis "had made dispositions to meet any violent attacks that might be contemplated."

"We must continue to hope," he stated, "that the leaders of Tunisian nationalism, who have had the friendliest relations with their Jewish fellow-citizens, will continue to restrain the more violent elements in their own ranks, who are not only a source of anxiety to Jews all over the world, but are likely to prove, in the long run, a menace to their own cause."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, lauded President Truman for stimulating intense and nationwide discussion of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act. Those who were responsible for the enactment of this "viciously racist and discriminatory" law, he declared, were fully mindful of the law's intentions, and they "cannot now hope to avoid accountability save by open and public repudiation of their earlier stand."

"We must take the opportunity which now presents itself to reshape our immigration and naturalization laws so that they better reflect American ideals and experience," Dr. Goldstein stated. "It is essential that our immigration and naturalization procedures be purged of every taint of racial, religious and ethnic discrimination. Nothing less is worthy of a freedom-loving people."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE REQUESTS ACTION AGAINST MCCARRAN ACT

CHICAGO, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Both major Presidential candidates and political parties were urged here today in a unanimous resolution by the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee, at its semi-annual meeting, "to translate into appropriate action their announced determination to eliminate the unfair provisions of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act."

The more than 100 leaders attending the meeting also adopted a resolution calling the "urgent attention" of Allied control officials and West German governmental authorities to the "continued activities in Germany of organized extreme rightists and pro-Nazi groups among displaced persons from Iron Curtain countries, particularly Hungary and Rumania." The presence of these elements "requires utmost scrutiny and vigilance," the resolution stated.

In a report last night, Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, said that the fundamental security of Jews in Europe is currently threatened by the rising strength of groups on both the extreme left and the extreme right.

In Eastern Europe, Mr. Blaustein reported, the overwhelming majority of the 400,000 Jews "held captive" in the Soviet satellite states are in a "precarious position," economically and politically, and desperately want to emigrate. Their possibilities for emigration, however, are now worse than at any time since the end of the war, he asserted.

The elements which had cooperated with the French Vichy regime, the neo-Nazis in Germany and the neo-Fascists of Italy have gained strength and influence on the Continent, Mr. Blaustein stated. "A gradual but definite shift to the excessive political and economic right in Western Europe has provided the climate which has made it possible for the more radical and extremist groups to make significant gains in Western Europe."

JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL ADOPTS \$5,000,000 BUDGET FOR 1953

CHICAGO, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- A budget of \$5,000,000 to support the programs of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for 1953 was unanimously adopted here yesterday at the seventh annual meeting of the Joint Defense Appeal, fund-raising agency of both organizations, which are also meeting here simultaneously. Sidney R. Moyer of Youngstown was re-elected chairman of the J. D. A. national council.

At the 39th annual meeting of the Anti-Defamation League Henry E. Schultz of New York was elected to succeed retiring Justice Meier Steinbrink. In his inaugural address, Mr. Schultz declared that the Jewish people are confronted with as great a menace in Communism now as it was from Nazism during the Hitler regime. He asserted that the "fate of Jewry has been inextricably bound up with the fate of the democratic system."

In an address to an A. D. L. luncheon at which he was given the organization's annual America's Democratic Legacy Award, Sen. Herbert H. Lehman of New York today warned against those who use the tactics of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin. He asserted that many of the people accepting and endorsing McCarthyism because of its "alleged aim of fighting Communism," are at the same time "piously" deploring the means and methods of McCarthyism.

ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO BOTH, U.S. OFFICIAL SAYS

DETROIT, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Emphasizing that "enormous benefits" would accrue to both sides from the early establishment of an Arab-Jewish peace, Jonathan B. Bingham, Assistant Director of the Technical Co-operation Administration, today told 5,000 persons attending the opening session of the 38th annual convention of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, that instability in the Middle East was hampering Israel in its quest for economic self-sufficiency.

Mr. Bingham who returned recently to this country following a survey of economic conditions in Israel and the Middle East, reported that the establishment of normal trade relations between Israel and her neighbors would benefit the Arab peoples and would considerably shorten the time necessary for Israel to achieve economic independence.

Speaking in the name of the State Department, Mr. Bingham said: "In all of our dealings with the government and the people of Israel we have been tremendously impressed by the gigantic and courageous efforts which have been made to build this new nation and the hardships which the people have imposed on themselves to that end. During the few days that I spent in Israel last month I was impressed to see what has been accomplished in a few short years."

Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel told the delegates that "an Arab nationalism which broods over an impossible dream of strangling Israel will justly fail to make progress in Africa or Asia." The Ambassador said that an Arab nationalism which maintains hostility toward Israel forfeits its moral title in the issues of Morocco and Tunis. "When I observe these issues raised by the Arab group in the United Nations, I feel a deep longing for the day when nations will apply to their own society and policy the same exalted standards which they suggested for others," he declared.

"There is a sharp rise of public confidence today in comparison with the situation which I saw in Israel six months ago," he reported. "The abundant harvest, the uninterrupted expansion of the cultivated area, the consolidation of industrial enterprises, the commencement of serious mining operations, the beneficial facts of technical assistance programs, and more recently the successful negotiations of the Israel-German reparations agreement are all seen as portents of victory in the struggle for economic stability."

Mrs. Samuel J. Rosensohn, national president of Hadassah, expressed the conviction that if "Israel is to be more than another small nation, and is to fulfill the purpose of Jewish history there must be a free interchange of ideas between Israel and free Jews everywhere--a give and take which will be the basis of an affirmative, continuing, creative Jewish life wherever Jews live." Miss Hannah L. Goldberg, convention chairman, reported that the membership of the organization has been growing steadily.

DP COMMISSIONER URGES MORE LIBERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- In a strong appeal for liberalization of the U.S. immigration laws, New York State Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi, today said that "liberty-loving Americans want a change from fear and prejudice and discrimination to realism and common sense." Mr. Corsi, who is also chairman of the N. Y. State DP Commission, spoke to the 23rd annual convention of the HIAS Council of Organizations, attended by over 2,000 delegates.

J.D.C. CONFERENCE IN PARIS DISCUSSES JEWISH RELIEF PROBLEMS

PARIS, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- A five-day conference of the Joint Distribution Committee to consider major problems affecting needy Jews in Europe and Moslem countries, as well as those of disabled immigrants in Israel, opened here today. J.D.C. field directors from some 20 countries and Jewish welfare leaders from various parts of the world are attending the parley.

Addressing the opening session of the conference, Moses W. Beckelman, overseas director of the J. D. C., revealed that 35 percent of the J. D. C. budget is being spent on aid to European Jews, and the remainder has been allocated to Jews in Moslem countries and to Malben, the J. D. C. program for aid to handicapped immigrants in Israel. In Israel alone, he said, the J. D. C. spent \$11,500,000 this year.

Mr. Beckelman estimated that there are still some 52,000 men, women and children in various parts of Europe who are partially or wholly dependent on J. D. C. aid. He declared that the need of many of these Jews, particularly the "hard-core" cases, is more desperate now than at the end of the war. He reported that since the war's end, his organization spent \$325,000,000 on aid.

The American delegation to the conference is headed by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, and includes Samuel Goldsmith, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Fund of Chicago, and Isidore Sobeloff, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit. Among the international leaders who are scheduled to address the parley are Dr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhart, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and Hugh Gibson, executive director of the Provisional Intergovernmental Committee for the Movement of Migrants from Europe.

LEHMAN ATTACKS "REACTIONARIES" IN CONGRESS FOR IMMIGRATION LAW

DETROIT, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- A bi-partisan coalition of "reactionaries" in Congress has been responsible for the passage of such laws as the McCarran Immigration Act and for the blocking of civil rights legislation, Sen. Herbert H. Lehman of New York last night told a rally here sponsored by the Jewish Labor Committee.

The Senator was presented with a scroll by the J. L. C. for his work in the field of civil rights, immigration and labor. He paid tribute to the activities of the Jewish Labor Committee and to the labor movement in general.

AMERICAN LABOR UNION CONTRIBUTES \$100,000 FOR HOUSING IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The New York Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America this week-end donated \$100,000 for the building of a street of homes in Haifa for Israeli immigrants. The money was raised by workers in the union contributing holiday pay they received for working on July 4, last. The union previously contributed a similar sum for the building of homes in Holon.

ROGER STRAUS NAMED TO HEAD BROTHERHOOD WEEK

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Roger W. Straus, co-chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, was this week-end named general chairman of the annual Brotherhood Week observance by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the N. C. C. J. Brotherhood Week will be observed next Feb. 15-22. Mr. Straus will also head a committee to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the N. C. C. J. during 1953.