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## DULLES SAYS ISRAEL'S NEEDS WILL NOT BE IGNORED; NO NEW AID PLANNED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said at a press conference today that the State Department has no policy of cold-shouldering Israel in favor of the Arab states, but that he knows of no plans for additional aid to Israel in the wake of the Soviet diplomatic break with Israel. He added that any additional aid would require Congressional approval.

He evaded a question--put to him by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency--which asked what action the State Department might take on a request for non-reimbursible military aid placed by Israel with the Department over a year ago. Asked if there was not already a definite plan for sending military aid to the Arab states, the Secretary said that he could not categorically answer "yes" or "no." He said there has been talk of a Middle East command and that the discussions might involve military assistance.

Mr. Dulles said that Israel would be welcome in such a command. He said the command would be comparable to NATO, with the Middle East countries being linked with Turkey and Greece. He revealed that there had been discussion on allowing Egypt to purchase small quantities of military equipment of a type not suitable for warfare against Israel. No definite decision has been reached on this as yet, he said.

Questioned on whether the State Department had turned down the Israel request for moral and material assistance voiced by Ambassador Abba Eban after the Soviet Union severed diplomatic ties, the Secretary said it was not correct to say that Israel's request had been rejected.

At another point in the press conference, he stated that he was not fully familiar with the situation but that it was his recollection that Israel's needs were covered in the current Mutual Security Aid program and that further aid could be granted only with Congressional approval. He added that he knew of no plans for additional aid.

Earlier it was learned from government sources that a plan had been worked out to extend \$11,000,000 in munitions grants to Egypt. The proposal reportedly provides for grants which may be reimbursible over a long period of time.

(The Associated Press reported earlier today that "the Eisenhower Administration has decided to sidestep Israel's bid, temporarily at least, in order to avoid antagonizing strategic Arab governments.")

GERMAN SHIPOWNERS INSIST ON CARRYING GOODS TO ISRAEL ON GERMAN SHIPS

BONN, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- German shipowners today protested to the West German Government against its announced decision not to ship reparations goods to Israel in German bottoms because of the possibility of anti-German demonstrations in Israel ports. The shipowners, who favor payment of reparations, nevertheless oppose ratification of the Bonn-Israel agreement unless it is made conditional on the employment of German shipping in the deliveries.

Meanwhile, the German trade delegation was returning home from Cairo where it broke off unsuccessful trade negotiations with Egypt which had reportedly demanded \$1,000,000,000 in long-term credits as the "price" of calling off its threatened boycott of Germany. An Egyptian "trade delegation" which arrived in Germany last year has been ordered to return to Cairo by the Bonn authorities because in its efforts to foil the Israel reparations pact it has been in close contact with German neo-Nazi forces.

Highly placed sources close to the Bonn Government today reiterated their assurances that the reparations agreement would be ratified by the German Parliament by the end of next month, and that the provisions of the treaty would be implemented starting at that time.

TURKISH GOVT. PARTY EXPELS ANTI-SEMITES; TWO DEPUTIES OUT

ISTANBUL, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Some 30 members of the Democratic Party, the government party, have been expelled from the party for adherence to the racist views of the anti-Semitic, ultra-nationalist "Turkish Nationalist Association," it was announced here today. The Association was outlawed several weeks ago.

Two of the 30 are members of the National Assembly, the Turkish Parliament, which is considering lifting the two deputies' parliamentary immunity. The party is also reported to have under consideration a proposal of 21 other National Assembly deputies who espouse racist views.

Meanwhile, at an annual conference of the Democratic Party in Ankara, Premier Adnan Menderes pledged that his government will respect the religious beliefs of all citizens. His Foreign Minister, Fuat Koprulu, told the party that the "racist movement" threatens to destroy the nation's unity and its very life. He pointed to what had happened to Hitler Germany as a warning to the Turkish racists.

PRESIDENT OF PRO-COMMUNIST JEWISH GROUP IN VIENNA RESIGNS

VIENNA, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Martin Rathspracher, president of the pro-Communist "Jewish Unity" organization here, has resigned because of the anti-Jewish drive in Eastern Europe and has been replaced by Franz Austerlitz, it was reported here today.

Meanwhile, a group which apparently split off from "Jewish Unity" has issued an appeal to those who remain in the organization not to vote for the Communist slate in the Austrian national elections, stating that the danger to Jews is greater today than at any time since the Hitler regime. It has also been reported that some prominent Jewish Communists have renounced their ties with Judaism.

NCRAC ADMITS UNION OF ORTHODOX CONGREGATIONS INTO MEMBERSHIP

NEW YORK, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, representing Orthodox synagogues in the United States, has been admitted to full membership in the National Community Relations Advisory Council, which coordinates the activities of Jewish groups engaged in combatting anti-Semitism in this country.

An announcement to this effect was made today by Irving Kane, NCRAC chairman. He said that the admission of the national Orthodox body is aimed at "furthering the move toward creation of an instrumentality representative of the three wings of American Judaism to carry primary responsibility for the interfaith aspects of community relations work." Such a move was voted by the NCRAC plenary session last September.

Max J. Etra, president of the Union, said in a statement that the question of religious principles was discussed in detail with NCRAC officials and assurances were obtained that under the established policy of the NCRAC, the participation of the Union would in no way involve compromises of religious principles.

CLEVELAND GROUP FORMED TO SEEK LIBERALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION LAW

CLEVELAND, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Formation of a committee to fight for liberalization of the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act was effected here today when representatives of Cleveland civic and religious groups met at the YMCA and set up the Cleveland Committee on Immigration.

Affiliation of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland with the new group was announced by Max Freedman, president of the Federation. Mr. Freedman pointed out that the Cleveland committee is composed of "responsible representation from Catholic, Protestant, Negro, labor, ethnic and civic groups."

ARTUR RUBENSTEIN ESTABLISHES FUND TO ENCOURAGE ISRAEL PIANISTS

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- Artur Rubenstein, world-renowned pianist, has established a \$10,000 fund to encourage talented young Israel pianists, he disclosed in an interview here.

Mr. Rubenstein told the American Jewish World that the new Rubenstein Fund will award a prize of \$1,000 every two years to an Israel pianist attaining designated standards of proficiency. The winning musicians will also appear as guest artists with leading American orchestras. A committee of judges to handle the awards is now being established, Mr. Rubenstein said.

ISRAEL PLANES CONTINUE TO BRING RELIEF TO FLOOD VICTIMS IN HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- El-Al - Israel airline planes continue to bring contributions of blankets and clothing for Netherlands victims of the floods donated by the World Zionist Organization and the Women's International Zionist Organization. The local Jewish community has made cash grants to the flood relief campaign. Dr. H. Kortenhorst, president of the Upper House of the Netherlands Parliament, has sent a message of thanks to the Speaker of the Israel Parliament, Joseph Sprinzak, for aid from the Jewish State.

MIKADO OF JAPAN ENTERTAINS ISRAEL MINISTER; HIGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

TOKYO, Feb. 18. (JTA) -- The Israel Minister to Tokyo, J. Linton, was a guest at a dinner given by the Mikado of Japan. Among the other guests were members of the Emperor's family, high Japanese officials and the envoys of several other states.