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U.S. PLANS NO CHANGE IN ITS ISRAEL POLICY, SENATOR WILEY ANNOUNCES

BOSTON, March 29. (JTA) -- Reports of "some new change of policy" on the part of the Republican Administration and the Republican Congress in relation to Israel and the Arab states are unjustified, Senator Alexander Wiley, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, today told Jewish leaders from communities throughout New England attending a New England Emergency Conference for Israel, sponsored by the Israel bond drive.

In a major address on American policy in the Middle East, Senator Wiley urged that officers of Israel's army be invited to the United States for training to help strengthen Israel's military machine. He called upon the Arab states to end their economic blockade of Israel and to join in establishing peaceful cooperation to make possible the dynamic development of the entire Mediterranean area.

"The traditional friendship of the United States for Israel remains strong and firm, as it does to all men and all nations of good will," Senator Wiley, a leading spokesman on foreign affairs for the Eisenhower Administration, told the Conference at the Bradford Hotel here.

"The Eisenhower Administration is deeply aware," he said, "that Israel is a bastion of freedom--of industrial, agricultural, and military strength for the Middle East. It is the policy of this Administration not only to strengthen Israel but to add to the over-all strength of the area, to improve relations with all the peoples of the Near East."

Predicts Increased Exchange of Military Experts with Israel

Expressing the hope "that there will be an increasing exchange of military specialists with Israel," Senator Wiley pointed out that "United States foreign policy has set as one of its principal objectives the establishment of a Middle East Defense Command. That is why," he said, "there must be coordinated military defensive planning, backed up by strong defensive forces. I emphasize 'defensive' because we certainly don't want to see arms supplied for defense ever to be used for purposes of aggression among any of the states there."

Stressing his conviction that "Arab and Jew should and must live in peace side by side," Senator Wiley urged that "the statesmanship of the West and the statesmanship of the East must find a solution to the present economic blockade by the Arab States against Israel. We do not intend to interfere as outsiders," he added, "but we are merely stating a fact when we point out that the blockade stifles economic growth, and causes stagnation throughout an area where there should be dynamic advance to catch up after centuries of relative inertia."

Sen. Wiley stressed the vital role of Israel Bond funds in speeding Israel's economic development. "The Israel Bond Issue is of critical importance," the

Wisconsin Senator said. "It must be successful if Israel is to survive. It is a credit to our nation that, as of today, a half million American Christians and Jews have purchased more than \$160,000,000 in Israel Bonds. This campaign has a tremendous objective--to assure financial independence for Israel."

Other speakers at the conference included Arthur Lourie, Consul-General of Israel in the United States; Leon Keyserling, former chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, and Henry Montor, vice-president of the Israel Bond organization. The meeting was one of a series of regional conferences being held throughout the United States in order to develop the fullest support for Israel's economy through the Israel Bond drive.

The Jewish leaders present at the Conference worked out a program for the complete possible mobilization of volunteer manpower and resources for the Israel Bond drive, to provide the investment capital required to expand Israel's industrial and agricultural production and to make possible the exploitation of natural resources as part of the country's program to achieve economic independence.

ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTER OUTLINES BASIC PEACE CONDITIONS

TEL AVIV, March 29. (JTA) -- The State of Israel is not ready to entertain any peace proposals that do not assure two basic conditions, the full sovereignty of the state and no territorial changes, Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett declared this week-end in the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Knesset.

The Foreign Minister denied reports published in a London paper that peace proposals allegedly worked out by Dr. Ralph Bunche, Nobel Prize winner, and Gen. Mohammed Naguib, Egyptian Premier, had been submitted to the Israel Government. According to the published report, these proposals called on Israel to pay 120,000,000 pounds in reparations for confiscated Arab property and to cede a narrow strip in the southern desert for a corridor linking Egyptian and Jordanian territory.

Mr. Sharett will leave for the United States within a few days, it was learned here today. It is believed that he will meet with President Eisenhower, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and other high government officials. Among the matters to be discussed by Mr. Sharett with U.S. officials will be American assistance to the Jewish State.

16 ARAB INFILTRERS KILLED IN CLASHES WITH ISRAEL PATROLS

TEL AVIV, March 29. (JTA) -- Sixteen Arab infiltrers were killed last week in clashes with Israeli border patrols, it was officially announced here today. Two other Arab raiders were wounded and eight were arrested, while a total of 33 cattle were stolen during the week.

Israeli border troops repulsed Jordanian forces in a sharp clash near Beit Jibrin, an Israeli military spokesman revealed this week-end. The spokesman said that the Jordanian forces crossed over into Israel territory and were driven back with an undetermined number of casualties.

ARAB LEAGUE STARTS DISCUSSION OF GERMAN-ISRAEL REPARATION PACT

LONDON, March 29. (JTA) -- The Arab League has formally accepted Libya as the eighth member of the organization, it was reported here today in a dispatch from Cairo. The report added that the next item on the Arab League Council's agenda is consideration of action on West German ratification of the reparations pact with Israel.

GERMAN-ISRAEL REPARATIONS PACT WELCOMED IN UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 29. (JTA) -- The hope that the German-Israel reparations pact would be "the beginning of good relations between Israel and the Federal Republic of Germany, in the interest of peace and harmony between nations," was expressed by U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie in connection with the exchange here last Friday of the instruments of ratification of the agreement between the two countries.

The exchange took place at a formal ceremony in the office of the U. N. Legal Department. Israel was represented at the ceremony by Arthur Lourie, Consul General of Israel in New York and Deputy Representative of Israel to the United Nations. The Federal Republic of Germany was represented by Dr. Hans Riesser, German Consul General in New York and Deputy Permanent Observer to the United Nations. Mr. Lourie made the following statement:

"This is an occasion of great solemnity. History cannot be changed and nothing can expiate the anguish endured. But in the building of the world's future it is of the highest importance that the principles of moral responsibility enshrined in this Agreement have received acknowledgment and are now entering the stage of implementation. Israel and the Jewish people will welcome the fact that the Federal Republic of Germany has now definitely undertaken this measure of recompense for the material losses inflicted by the Nazis.

"We are meeting in the home of the United Nations, the free forum of a world yearning for peace and human dignity. It is in every way appropriate that we should be exchanging this Agreement in this place. The United Nations Organization emerged from a great war fought for freedom and the protection of the rights of individuals and peoples. It is the hope of us all that this vision will prevail."

Dr. Riesser declared: "The German Government has made this agreement in order to fulfill an inescapable moral obligation of the German people to Israel and the Jewish people." He recalled the statement of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer on submitting the agreement to the Bundestag (lower house of the German Parliament) in which Mr. Adenauer had said: "We may hope that ratification of the agreement will lead to a new relationship between the German and the Jewish peoples as well as to a more normal relationship between the Federal Republic of Germany and the State of Israel. After all that has happened, we will have to be very patient, and we must have confidence in the effect of our willingness to make good and - last but not least - in the healing power of time."

GERMANY TO FINANCE ISRAEL'S OIL NEEDS UNDER REPARATIONS PACT

TEL AVIV, March 29. (JTA) -- Arrangements under which sterling credits of the West German Government were made available to the State of Israel to finance its oil purchases in London under the German-Israel reparations agreement, have been extended to cover Israel's oil requirements for the coming year, Dr. F. Shinnar, head of the Israel trade mission in Germany, reported here today to the public advisory council on reparations problems.

Dr. Shinnar, who is to return to Germany shortly, also reported that prices had decreased on the German market. Orders for most of the raw materials which are to be supplied within the coming year have already been prepared, Hillel Dan, director of the reparations purchasing company, reported. Dr. Herbert Ferder, chairman of the council, publicly voiced thanks to all who had participated in the reparations negotiations and especially to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

U.S. JEWISH LEADERS MAKE PASSOVER PLEDGE TO HELP OPPRESSED JEWS

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- On the eve of Passover, the Jewish holiday of liberation which will be ushered in tomorrow at sundown, Jewish community leaders meeting in 30 principal cities today pledged themselves to give maximum aid to the United Jewish Appeal to make possible aid to Jews escaping from the bondage of Communist countries and seeking to immigrate to Israel and other countries.

The pledge was given in a pre-Passover National Freedom Mobilization sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal. Participants in mass rallies in 29 cities heard addresses by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and Edward M.M. Warburg, general chairman of the UJA, over a special radio-telephone hookup originating from the key rally in the Astor Hotel, New York, under the chairmanship of William Rosenwald.

The Jewish community leaders pledged themselves to "save every life that can be saved and to provide for the strengthening of Israel," as their answer to the current anti-Jewish campaign of the Soviet Government and its satellites. Adopting a resolution which "noted with deepest concern the campaign of incitement by the Communist regimes" against their Jewish populations, the State of Israel and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the community leaders urged all Americans to give fullest support to the 1953 United Jewish Appeal.

Eban Asks Those in Bondage Be Remembered

The note of release from bondage, as exemplified in the 4,000-year old story of Exodus, was sounded by Ambassador Abba Eban, who quoted the prayer from the Passover service "This year we are slaves, next year we hope to be free." He called on all "whose freedom has already been won" not to forget their "special responsibility to those to whom it is still an unrealized vision."

"The existence of a free State of Israel," Ambassador Eban declared, "has given us the possibility of providing a clear assurance that never again shall Jews be doomed to roam the world in search of haven and refuge. The consolidation of Israel's capacity to absorb the immigrants who have already made it their home, and the consequent guarantee that its doors shall ever remain open to those who escape from the conditions now oppressing them, are appropriate resolves at this season."

Warburg Says Soviets Attack Jews Everywhere

Asserting that the Soviet anti-Jewish attack is an attack not only on Jews in Eastern Europe but also on Jews throughout the world, Mr. Warburg declared that the United Jewish Appeal and its agencies represent time-tested instruments for aiding distressed Jews and saving lives. He referred to the Hitler period and reminded his tens of thousands of listeners that "we who are meeting in this National Freedom Mobilization have had some experience before with oppression."

"The dictators of Eastern Europe have acted against Jews in the USSR, have attacked American Jews and American Jewish organizations and vilified the name of the young democracy of Israel and, on a pretext, have broken off relations with it," he said, adding that "if Israel is to aid the weak, then Israel must be strong."

Other speakers included Congressman J. Javits of New York, Dr. Israel Goldstein, Judge Jonah J. Goldstein and Rabbi Irving Miller. They joined in urging support of Jewish escapees from behind the Iron Curtain and to Israel as a haven for refugees from persecution.

SEN. LEHMAN LAUDED ON 75TH BIRTHDAY FOR HIS HUMANITARIAN WORK

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- Senator Herbert H. Lehman, who yesterday celebrated his 75th birthday, was the recipient of many messages hailing his work both as a distinguished public servant and a leader in philanthropic causes.

The New York Times, in an editorial reviewing his public record as Lieutenant Governor and Governor of New York State, director of UNRRA and United States Senator, declared: "To all that he has brought a keen intelligence, a humane spirit and an urgent sense of responsibility."

The officers of the United Jewish Appeal and the members of the UJA national campaign cabinet paid their tribute to Sen. Lehman in a resolution noting his "selfless devotion, vision and generosity." The UJA resolution, which also stressed his career in public life and in UNRRA, singled out his leadership in and concern with the Joint Distribution Committee and the UJA.

JEWISH GROUPS MOURN DEATH OF ABRAHAM MAZER, NOTED PHILANTHROPIST

NEW YORK, March 29. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Abraham Mazer, noted Jewish communal leader and outstanding philanthropist, who died Friday at the age of 77.

Messages of condolence were issued by the United Israel Appeal, the Israel Bond Organization, United Jewish Appeal, Yeshiva University, and the American Friends of the Hebrew University. Deeply interested in the State of Israel, Mr. Mazer was involved in the American-Israeli Paper Mill now under construction at Hadera. He also gave his active support to the American Friends of the Hebrew University, Jewish National Fund, United Jewish Appeal, Yeshiva University and founded the A. Mazer Free Loan Bank of Israel.

Mr. Mazer came to this country from the Ukraine. He was a penniless youth of 17 when he arrived. During his business career he established the Hudson Pulp and Paper Corporation, leading paper products manufacturers, whose plants in Florida, Vermont and Philadelphia now employ 3,000 persons.

ZALMAN CUTLER, NOTED JOURNALIST, DIES IN JERUSALEM; WAS 77

JERUSALEM, March 29. (JTA) -- Zalman Cutler, one of the oldest journalists in Israel, died here this week-end at the age of 77. For years a resident of the United States, Mr. Cutler, who immigrated to the U.S. in 1908, wrote for the defunct Yiddish language Tageblatt of New York and other papers. He left for Palestine in 1921 where he worked for many years for the Jewish National Fund and contributed to a number of Hebrew newspapers, including Davar.

LESTER JAFFE, LEADER OF REFORM JEWRY, DIES IN CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, March 29. (JTA) -- Lester A. Jaffe, retired chairman of the board of governors of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, died here yesterday at the age of 57. Mr. Jaffe, a former trustee of the University of Cincinnati and a Professor of Medical Jurisprudence at the University, also served on the executives of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

YUGOSLAVIA UNVEILS MEMORIAL TO 7,500 MARTYRED JEWS

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 29. (JTA) -- A memorial plaque was unveiled this week-end on a factory building at Skoplje to commemorate the imprisonment in the building of 7,500 Macedonian Jews by the Nazis. The Jews were later annihilated.