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U.S. SECURITY REQUIRES LESSENING OF ARAB-ISRAEL TENSION, DULLES SAYS

WASHINGTON, July 9. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today told the Senate Appropriations Committee on the Mutual Security Program that it is "essential for our security that Arab-Israel tensions be lessened and that the economy of the area be strengthened and stabilized."

Mr. Dulles told the Senators that "our basic problem in this vitally important region is to improve the attitude of the Moslem states toward the Western democracies, including the United States, because our prestige in the area has been steadily declining since the war."

In connection with the Arab-Israel area, Mr. Dulles said: "In order to attain our objectives, we must put greater emphasis on a regional approach to the problems of the area. For this reason, we have prepared a 'single package' program, designed to lay emphasis on the need for the countries of the region to cooperate with each other and to marshal their resources collectively, whenever feasible." (See criticism of Mr. Dulles' policy on page 5.)

The State Department, Mr. Dulles revealed, is requesting "a limited military assistance program" for the Arab states and Israel. He said "it will contribute to internal security, will aid in promoting plans for peace between the Arab nations and Israel, and will assist in establishing a regional defense organization." He failed to explain exactly how the shipment of arms would promote "plans for peace between the Arab nations and Israel," but said the military program "should make a significant contribution to the achievement of our basic objectives."

"Because of the nature of the problems in this region, the program must necessarily place greater emphasis on technical assistance and economic aid," Mr. Dulles stated. "The program calls for continuance at present levels of existing programs for technical assistance, maintenance of programs for refugees, and special regional economic assistance. We consider these programs, although relatively small in dollar cost, to be vitally important in terms of their contribution to our security."

JEWSH AGENCY CLOSES SESSION; LEAVES DECISIONS TO ACTIONS COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, July 9. (JTA) -- The question of how to reorganize the Zionist movement, which was the subject of a two-day debate here at the enlarged session of the Jewish Agency executive -- in which the presidents of all Zionist groups in the United States participated -- will be finally decided upon at the forthcoming session of the Zionist Actions Committee, the supreme policy-making body between Zionist Congresses. The Action Committee is expected to meet at the end of this year. The Agency's session closed today with a report by Mrs. Rose Halprin on the possibilities of increasing the sale of Israeli goods in the United States.

ISRAEL MILITARY COURT STARTS TRIAL OF 15 TERRORIST YOUTHS

SARAFAND, Israeli, July 9, (JTA) -- The trial of 15 youths, including three girls, charged with membership in a terrorist underground group, opened before an Israeli military court here today. The trial began in an atmosphere reminiscent of the British trials of Sternists and Irgunists, with 10 of the 15 defendants challenging the jurisdiction of the military court and singing and shouting slogans in an open attempt to impede the proceedings.

The court is composed of Dr. Benjamin Halevi, chief justice of the Jerusalem District Court, who was given the temporary rank of a colonel for this trial, and two army officers. Early in the proceedings the court ruled that under the government emergency regulations it had full jurisdiction of the case and ordered that the trial continue. However, the noisy tactics of the defendants, who ranged in age from 15 to 30, prevented the reading of the indictment and the court adjourned until tomorrow when Attorney General Haim Cohen will present the government's case.

The defendants, including three yeshiva students who kept their hats on throughout the day's proceedings, rose one after the other to denounce the trial as a "show," a "circus" and a "tragi-comedy" staged by the government to divert public attention from the present difficulties of the country.

10 Youths Refuse To Be Defended by Attorneys

The attorneys for ten of the defendants told the court that their clients refused to recognize the authority of the military court and would not permit the attorneys to defend them. The court granted the attorney's request to be excused from their duties and appointed an army lawyer to act for the defendants.

The five defendants who agreed to permit attorneys to represent them included two of the girl defendants. They are 15-year-old Magori Cohen and 16-year-old Malka Paposhdo. The third young woman, 26-year-old Yaffa Dromit of Tel Aviv, refused to recognize the court's jurisdiction. The three girls were escorted into court by women members of the Israel army.

Immediately after the attorneys explained that their clients refused to be defended, D. Herouti, one of the defendants, who is reportedly an important personage in the underground movement, demanded that the proceedings be transferred to a civilian court which "rules within a framework of laws fixed by the Israeli Government."

A second defendant, Shimon Bachar, made a similar demand for a civilian trial, adding: "I owe nothing to the army. I am not under army jurisdiction. The Israel army has much more important tasks than helping this 'show.'" Bachar also charged that the prosecution had extracted confessions from some of the defendants by "force," subjecting them to ceaseless day and night questioning.

"I fought for the independence of this state against the British in this very camp and against the Arabs, but I did not fight for such a state," Bachar continued. "I shall not take part in the proceedings of this court and will not sit here unless held by iron chains."

A third defendant, Zeev Badian, 30, commander of the Sternist troops during the siege of Jerusalem, told the tribunal that the defendants' presence before a military court was proof that "there is no justice in Israel." Miss Dromit declared that the Israel Supreme Court had ruled that civilians could not be tried by a military court. A number of the accused warned the court and the government that history would try and convict them for their role in the proceedings.

ISRAEL MINISTER STRESSES SIMILARITY IN AMERICAN AND ISRAEL IDEALS

TEL AVIV, July 9. (JTA) -- Similarities in the development and ideals of the American and Israeli republics were stressed here last night by Pinchas Lavon, Israeli Minister without portfolio, speaking at a dinner given by the Israeli-American Friendship League to mark the American Independence Day.

Mr. Lavon declared that Israel-American friendship was "no temporary episode" but was a deep rooted development and was a "merging of common feeling for democracy." He also emphasized that the United States had become one nation through the integration of various cultures and languages, a process that Israel was now undergoing.

Francis H. Russell, U.S. Charge d'Affaires in Tel Aviv, who replied to Mr. Lavon, spoke of American efforts to bring about an Israel-Arab peace. He said that the U.S. does not favor Israel over the Arabs nor the Arabs over Israel, but it would give Israel "warm support" in her efforts in cooperation with the Arab states to solve the problem of peace.

ISRAEL LEADER REPORTS ON EFFORTS TO IMPROVE LOT OF ARAB WORKERS

STOCKHOLM, July 9. (JTA) -- The efforts of the Histadrut, Israel's general federation of labor, to improve the lot of Arab workers in Israel were outlined here today by Reuven Barkat, Histadrut delegate, at a session of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, with which the Israel labor group affiliated this year.

Mr. Barkat expressed regret that there was no peace in the Middle East and stressed that Israel wanted such peace in order to be able to continue its work of absorbing Jews. He said he hoped the day was not far off when workers in the nearby Arab countries would benefit from the Histadrut's broad experience in labor matters.

(In Tel Aviv, meanwhile, the Mapai Party announced that it would send a delegation, headed by Mordecai Namir, secretary general of the Histadrut, to the forthcoming Congress of the Socialist International which will open in Stockholm later this month. Mrs. Rachel Shazar, educational secretary of the Working Women's Council of Israel, will attend the Labor Women's Conference which will also be held in Stockholm this month.)

KNESSET DISCUSSES PROPOSAL TO BAN HOG RAISING IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Kneset last night referred to committee a proposal to completely ban the raising of hogs in Israel. The vote came after an announcement by Trade Minister Dr. Peretz Bernstein that the Cabinet had restricted pig growing to a certain area -- reportedly the Nazareth district.

The demand for a total ban on hog raising was made by deputies representing the religious parties after Dr. Bernstein, replying to a long-pending question in Parliament, revealed the limitation. From the number and variety of questions raised during the heated debate that followed the Minister's report, observers here believe that the entire question will again have to be considered by the Cabinet.

FALK FOUNDATION GRANTS \$430,000 FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH IN ISRAEL

PITTSBURGH, July 9. (JTA) -- A five-year grant, totalling \$430,000 for the dual purpose of initiating a basic economic research program in Israel and, at the same time, fostering an intensive in-service training program to develop competent economists for research and careers in government, teaching, and industry, was announced here today by the Maurice and Laura Falk Foundation of Pittsburgh.

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, in a statement lauding the Falk Foundation grant, said that "the need for trained economic analysts in Israel is as urgent as the need for immediate scientific findings on the economics of the state." He pointed out that the "continuity of the economic research program envisioned and planned for by the Falk grant will be of inestimable value to Israel in the development of its long term economic progress."

Designed to aid the development of the Israeli economy, the research phase of the program made possible by the Falk grant will study and issue reports dealing with the absorption of mass immigration; capital formation and use of savings; the effects of government wage policy on prices, productivity and employment; and labor productivity in agriculture and manufacturing industries.

The training phase of the program will be developed around a corps of selected graduate students from Israeli institutions of higher education who will be given in-service training in the Falk Foundation sponsored economic research program. Travel fellowships for study of methods of economic research and its administration in leading institutions abroad will be allotted to a number of graduate students who complete the intensive in-service training. The object will be to prepare a skilled group of trained economists who can take over similar research responsibilities in Israel in the future.

Grant Influenced by Brookings Institution Expert

The Falk Foundation grant was greatly influenced by the recommendations of Dr. A. D. H. Kaplan of the research staff of the Brookings Institution, Washington, D. C., who visited Israel during December, 1952, under a Falk commission to study the value of a program of economic research to guide the development of Israel's economy. Dr. Kaplan's report to the Falk Foundation's Board paid high tribute to the progress made by Israel in its five years of history. "As things now stand," Dr. Kaplan stated, "Israel is the one center in the Middle East where a free society, in consonance with the ethical code of the Western World, has a foothold."

Dr. Simon Kuznets, Professor of Economics at the University of Pennsylvania and a member of the senior research staff of the National Bureau of Economic Research in New York City, will make periodic visits to Israel to supervise the programs as project chairman. Dr. Daniel Creamer, lecturer on economics at New York University and a member of the research staff of the National Bureau of Economic Research, will serve as director in Israel.

A committee of economists under the chairmanship of Dr. Kaplan will serve as the United States Advisory Committee. It will designate the specific problems to be investigated in the research program, review research outlines and manuscripts, report on the progress of the research to the Falk Foundation, and assist in the placement of those receiving travel fellowships.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS CRITICIZE AMERICAN MIDDLE EAST POLICY

WASHINGTON, July 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veterans of the United States today made public here a statement severely criticizing the State Department for its "vacillation" in the Middle East and emphasizing that this policy is "seriously prejudicing American prestige."

The JWV said that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles came back from his trip to the Middle East "with a cautious, fence-straddling statement" which indicated weakness in dealing with basic problems in that part of the world.

"We have watched the Lebanese look Mr. Dulles right in the eye and say, 'We don't want peace, and there isn't going to be any peace,' " the JWV statement said. "We then have seen Mr. Dulles accept that, return to the United States and with a great show of equal treatment which had no basis in fact, state that all of the countries in the Middle East, Israeli and Arab alike, must be careful not to irritate each other and must find a way to live in unity and peace.

"This ignores the fact that the Israeli Government has offered to join in a common Near East defense pact with the Western powers against Russia and has offered to be our ally in every sense, including a military one, while the Arab states have not. Putting them upon an equal basis and refusing to recognize this distinction is a flight from reality, which we believe to be one of the most serious defects in State Department thinking.

"It has been long standing United States policy to create a Near East defense organization for the two-fold purpose of achieving peace in that area and establishing an effective force against Communism. Lack of strength in implementing that policy has resulted in American failure in that area of the world.

"Secretary Dulles' statement that a Middle East defense pact could only come about when all of the countries in that area, meaning the Arab countries, wanted it, is equally weak. It is, in effect, a surrender of the idea because the Secretary well knows that such inspiration from the Arab states will not be forthcoming. The only country in the Near East prepared to join in a defense pact with the Western powers has been and continues to be Israel."

Pointing out that the veterans organization has already presented the State Department with a plan which would afford a solution to the Near East impasse, "the statement said:

"That plan is to recognize as of this moment those countries in the Near East which are willing to join hands with the United States, to take them in as allies and to arm them as allies. To refuse to arm a strong and willing ally such as Israel has been for the purpose of appeasing a hostile and unwilling neighbor in that area, is sheer foolishness and is certain to bring us to the end result of all appeasement policies."

B'NAI B'RITH FORMS COMMITTEE TO COORDINATE ITS WORK FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, July 9. (JTA) -- The formation of a B'nai B'rith Israel Committee "to initiate, direct, supervise and coordinate" all B'nai B'rith activities on behalf of Israel was announced here today by Philip M. Klutznick, president of the organization. Members of the committee will soon meet with Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban, the announcement said.

SENATE COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO DISCUSS BILL TO ADMIT REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, July 9. (JTA) -- The Senate Judiciary Committee took no action today on an Administration bill to admit an extra 240,000 immigrants to the United States within two years, but agreed to continue its discussion of the measure tomorrow. Supporters have expressed confidence they can win committee approval once a vote is taken.

SIXTY-THREE JEWISH REFUGEES LEAVE SWEDEN FOR UNITED STATES

STOCKHOLM, July 9. (JTA) -- A party of 63 former Jewish refugees and DP's who came to Sweden in 1945, left here by air today for New York. The flight was organized by the International Committee for European Migration, in conjunction with the HIAS and Joint Distribution Committee.

Z. O. A. HOUSE TO BE BUILT IN JERUSALEM; SECOND Z. O. A. CENTER IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 9. (JTA) -- A new ZOA House will be opened in Jerusalem as soon as arrangements are made with the Jewish National Fund for a suitable location and when the 250,000 pounds needed for the project can be raised, it was announced here yesterday at a luncheon in honor of Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, member of the Jewish Agency executive. This will be the second ZOA center in Israel, a ZOA House having been opened in Tel Aviv earlier this year.

It was announced that Dr. Neumann, a past president of the ZOA, would be president of the Jerusalem ZOA House project. Local General Zionist leaders have undertaken to raise 100,000 pounds in Israel to help complete the project. Dr. Miller told the luncheon guests that he would press for inclusion of the ZOA House funds in the ZOA budget at the forthcoming convention of the American group.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HEAR REPORT ON ISRAEL FROM NEW YORK RABBIS

WASHINGTON, July 9. (JTA) -- Rabbi Bernard Twersky, of New York, conferred here today with a group of Senators and Congressmen to whom he submitted a report concerning the problems of Israel. The meeting was arranged on the initiative of Rep. Abraham J. Multer, of New York.

Rabbi Twersky, who recently returned from an extended visit to Israel, analyzed the economic and political situation in the Jewish State and the problems with which Israel is faced. He touched upon the relations between the United States and Israel, emphasizing that it was more than routine diplomatic relations between two countries.

JEWISH GROUPS IN CHILE DECIDE TO EXPAND LOCAL ACTIVITIES

SANTIAGO, Chile, July 9. (JTA) -- A national convention of the Jewish organizations of Chile was held here with 190 delegates representing 53 groups attending. The convention adopted resolutions recommending unification, coordination and expansion of local Jewish activities, stressing Chilean Jewry's support of Israel and its support of the World Jewish Congress.

DR. BARGI, ONETIME HUNGARIAN ZIONIST LEADER, DIES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Benjamin Bargi, former chairman of the Zionist Federation of Hungary and onetime director of the Palestine Office in Budapest, died here last night at the age of 74. During 1919, Dr. Bargi organized a 15,000 member Jewish army to defend Hungarian Jews.