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U. S. CONSIDERS TRANSFER OF ISRAEL'S FOREIGN MINISTRY "INOPPORTUNE"

WASHINGTON, July 28. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles told a press conference today that the United States "regrets" that the Israel Government has seen fit to move its Foreign Ministry from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The United States, said Mr. Dulles, feels this particular action by Israel at the present time to be "inopportune" and believes it would add to rather than relax the tensions in the Near Eastern area. As a consequence of the Israel Foreign Ministry move, he said, other nations share America's concern over goodwill and peace "in that part of the world."

Mr. Dulles told reporters that the United States made known its opinion on this particular question on two prior occasions--July, 1952, and March, 1953. He said the American Ambassador to Israel on these occasions, "hearing rumors" about plans to transfer the Foreign Ministry, had called on the Israel Government and requested that it refrain from such a move.

The United States regrets Israel's action because it would "embarrass" the United Nations which has the primary responsibility for determining the future status of Jerusalem, Secretary Dulles said. He recalled what he described as a standing U. N. resolution that provides to a large extent for the treatment of Jerusalem as an international city.

Dulles' Remarks Puzzle Israel Circles in Washington

Israel circles here were puzzled by Secretary Dulles' statement that the U. S. Ambassador to Tel Aviv acted as a result of "rumors." They pointed out that Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett announced in the Knesset on January 30, 1951, that the transfer of the Foreign Ministry to Jerusalem was not an issue of principle but only a technical matter since the Foreign Ministry would be moved in due course together with other ministries.

Israel circles here drew attention to the fact that on May 4, 1952, the Israel Government made known officially that accommodations were under construction in Jerusalem for the Foreign Ministry and that the movement would take place as soon as the installations were completed. The Government started moving all its ministries to Jerusalem on December 22, 1949. Even earlier than this date the Supreme Court took up quarters in Jerusalem. Since that time the President, the Prime Minister, the Knesset and all ministries, save the Foreign Ministry, had moved.

The Israel Government always made clear its agreement to international supervision of the Holy Places of Jerusalem. This willingness was re-affirmed by Foreign Minister Sharett in a statement on June 17, 1953, Israelis here pointed out in commenting on Mr. Dulles' statement.

BS TESTIMONY ON ATTACK ON SOVIET LEGATION

July 28. (JTA) -- The three-man military tribunal trying 15 of membership in an illegal terrorist organization today accused Givon, one of the defendants, that he helped bomb the Czechoslovak Legation in Tel Aviv, attempted to bomb the car in Tel Aviv and was scheduled to assist in the bombing of the

that Givon did not actually participate in the Soviet Legation attack, but that he set fire to the car and placed a bomb under the Czech automobile. He implicated the underground group as having either participated in the attack or acted him to participate in the Russian Legation incident.

MAPAM MAY JOIN ISRAEL CABINET, LEADER HINTS

(JTA) -- An indication that the leftwing Socialist Mapam might join the government coalition was given here by Moshe Erem, a Mapam leader and president of the Israel-Soviet Friendship League.

The establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries that if the Israel Government follows the policy outlined by Ben-Gurion in a letter to Soviet Foreign Minister V. Molotov, Mapam will not participate in any alliance hostile to the USSR then the decision to the Mapam's entering the government would be

officials here have indicated that it is too early to discuss in detail the prospect of entering into the government, although many members of

MIZRACHI AGREE ON MERGING BOTH GROUPS

(JTA) -- A complete merger of the Mizrachi and Hapoel movements was decided to here at a two-day joint meeting of the central committees. The meeting decided to carry out the decision as soon as possible, in one year from now.

The leader of the Mizrachi movement, expressed the hope that the merger would be completed immediately, since the movement faces important tasks in the coming year and work can be done only with the joint efforts" of both groups.

UNEMPLOYED IN ISRAEL: EXPORTS SHOW INCREASE

(JTA) -- The number of unemployed persons in Israel in June was 1,150 as compared with May, it was announced today by the labor bureau.

It was reported that the export of Israel industrial products increased by 19 percent over the previous six-month period. The value of industrial goods increased from a total valued at \$10,000,000 in the latter half of 1952 to 9,111,400 pounds in the first half of 1953. Exports included citrus juices, Kaiser automobiles,

SIX ARAB INFILTRATORS KILLED, 10 WOUNDED IN BORDER CLASHES

TEL AVIV, July 28. (JTA) -- Six Arab infiltrators were killed, ten 12 apprehended in clashes with Israeli border units last week, a military announced today. The spokesman denied a charge by Jordan that an Israel attacked the Jordan village of Ikssa.

Tension developed today along the Israel-Jordan armistice line in Je a result of threats by Arab Legionnaires intended to keep municipal wor unloading garbage in an area adjoining the armistice line near Talpiot. pal workers disregarded the threats and continued their job.

JORDAN CABINET HOLDS FIRST MEETING IN OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

LONDON, July 28. (JTA) -- The Jordan Government announced its o open offices of all its Ministries in the Old City of Jerusalem and to mak the administrative center of Western Jordan, following the Cabinet's fir in the Old City yesterday, it was reported here today from Jordan.

In a statement opening the Cabinet meeting in the former Palestine C House, some 700 yards from the armistice lines, Jordan Premier Dr. Mulki declared: "We are determined to defend the city at all costs and to strengthen it economically. Jerusalem is dear to us and to all the w was reported that the Cabinet's move was taken on the suggestion of 18-King Hussein.

ARAB LEAGUE URGES TURKEY TO CUT ITS TRADE WITH ISRAEL

ISTANBUL, July 28. (JTA) -- The Arab League has urged Turkey to its rapidly expending trade with Israel, it was reported here today.

The reports, published by the local press, stated that the Lebanese istry had approached the Turkish envoy in Beirut and, in the name of the League, declared that the recently increased volume of trade between T the Jewish State is displeasing to the Arab states. The Turkish envoy w the port of Alexandretta, in southeastern Turkey, has become a center: export of large quantities of foodstuffs to Israel.

Top officials in the Turkish Trade Ministry have expressed the opin Arab diplomatic move would have no effect on Israel-Turkish trade rela key is now exporting to Israel large quantities of wheat, cereals, cotton and is receiving from the Jewish State automobiles, chemical products, cement and electric appliances.

ISRAEL SHIPPING COMPANY STARTS CARGO SERVICE TO AFRICA

TEL AVIV, July 28. (JTA) -- The Zim Navigation Company, Israel shipping company, has opened a regular cargo service from Israel to S East Africa to import wood for Israel's plywood factories.

A company announcement said that this service is saving Israel con sums of foreign currency which would have to be spent in Europe and o for wood for the factories. The same wood can be used to manufacture citrus fruit products.

REGULATES RIGHTS OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

(JTA) -- A law prohibiting provocation or incitement of and outlining the rights of religious communities in Yugoslav National Assembly--was made public here today by a Center. The law provides:

ly found religious communities and all religions enjoy equal legal status. Their activities must be in accordance with and laws.

ities are free to practice religious matters and rituals and press, subject to the general regulations in force for the

on may be provided freely in synagogues or any other premises for religious purposes. Religious communities may establish separate religious schools and may direct such schools.

religious matters, education or press for political purposes or incitement of religious intolerance, hate or strife, meetings, education or rituals is prohibited. No one may participate in religious rituals, nor may a member of a religious community be prevented from exercising his legal and Constitutional rights.

ities and their organs are legal persons under civil law. Religious communities have the right to found clergymen's associations. Religious communities in marital conflicts and in methods of discipline effect outside the religious community.

may give material aid to religious communities. No one may be prevented from contributing to religious purposes and freely in synagogues and other premises meant for religious

which are practiced in gatherings may be practiced in synagogues and other places selected by religious communities for the practice of religious rites. The act of circumcision of minors may only be carried out at the request of the father or guardian and if the minor is more than 10 years of age

religious ceremony may be performed only after a civil ceremony. Religious communities in old age homes, hospitals and similar institutions and, if they request, can be visited by clergymen.

which is intended to protect the interests of all religious representatives of the government and leaders of various religious communities except representatives of the Roman Catholic Church, the Evangelical Church and the Old Catholic Church.

SOVIET GERMANY DEDICATES SYNAGOGUE

(JTA) -- The Jewish community of Halle, in the Soviet zone, has dedicated a synagogue in the presence of Otto Nuschte, minister in charge of church affairs in East Germany. The ceremony was attended by many persons.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS SENDS 40 DELEGATES TO W. J. C. ASS

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- American Jewry will be represented by a delegation of more than 40 persons at the Third Plenary Assembly of the World Jewish Congress opening in Geneva on August 4, it was announced here today by Dr. Petegorsky, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, prior to his departure for the Geneva parley. The delegation will be headed by Dr. Israel Stein, AJC president.

"The forthcoming plenary session of the World Jewish Congress," Dr. Petegorsky said, "will provide an inspiring demonstration of world Jewish unity. The participation of representatives of organized Jewish communities from 65 nations assembled to deliberate problems affecting Jews everywhere is heartening proof that the Jewish people are making great strides toward the goal of unity.

"It is to be hoped," Dr. Petegorsky continued, "that some American Jews who have in the past been reluctant to identify themselves with a permanent representative body of the Jewish communities throughout the world will attend the proceedings of the Geneva session carefully and objectively. If they do, they will be deeply impressed by the dignity and constructive manner in which Jews the world over deal with their common problems in open forums. They will set aside their traditional prejudice against continuing and democratic cooperation with their fellow-Jews in all lands."

AMERICAN MIZRACHI CELEBRATES CORNERSTONE-LAYING FOR B

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- Greetings on behalf of the Israel Government were offered here tonight at a meeting of American friends of the Bar-Ilan University at Hotel Astor in celebration of the cornerstone-laying in Israel for the university which is being sponsored by the Mizrahi Organization of America. The greetings were delivered by David Gotein, Israeli Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, and Avraham Harman, Israel's Consul General in New York.

Declaring that he brought "the greetings of the Government of Israel to the gathering, Mr. Gotein said that it was a love of Jewish tradition and the bonds of tradition which have kept the Jewish people alive throughout the centuries and have made it possible for us to live to this day to set up a state in our own land with vigor, that determination of a people that has never forgotten its land."

Paying tribute to the late Rabbi Meier Bar-Ilan, founder of the world Jewish movement, for whom the University was named, Mr. Gotein offered the prayer that the University "named after a great-hearted Jew, who lived in Jerusalem before the State, was already a citizen of Israel, would teach ever more truth, give us ever more understanding and a deeper love of our fellow-Jews."

JEWISH EDUCATION MONTH PROCLAIMED BY NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK, July 28. (JTA) -- The American Association for Jewish Education, with the support of some 30 national Jewish organizations, today proclaimed the period from September 8 to October 8, 1953 as Jewish Education Month. This period is observed annually as a time when communities throughout the country place emphasis on all their Jewish schools and on the task of enrolling all the children of the community to attend these schools.

A call to Jewish parents, over the signatures of Harry Starr, president of the American Association for Jewish Education, and the presidents of all the Jewish educational agencies, is now being prepared for issuance, an announcement said.