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## U. S. POLICY ON MILITARY AID TO ARABS DENOUNCED BY ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett denounced the United States policy of preferential arming of the Arab States today as deceptive in general and dangerous to Israel specifically.

Replying in Parliament to a demand by the right-wing Herut party for debate on the American arms policy, Mr. Sharett declared that the Foreign Office had expressed its opposition in writing and through oral representations to the State Department against any supply of arms by the United States to the Arab nations so long as they refuse to make peace with Israel.

Under the Mutual Security Act passed by Congress earlier this week, the sum of \$30,000,000 was provided to be applied at the discretion of President Eisenhower in the supply of military aid to the Arab States and Israel. The State Department has made it known that the Arab States would receive eighty percent of this as against twenty percent for Israel.

## ISRAEL SEEKS TO CLARIFY AMENDMENT TO MUTUAL SECURITY ACT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Israel and U. S. Government economists are today seeking to clarify an amendment to the Mutual Security Act recently passed, which was adopted presumably to restrict Israel and other foreign governments from using MSA funds to "make payments on account of the principal or interest on any debt."

This amendment was written into the Act following a question raised by Sen. Margaret Chase Smith, Maine Republican, about Israel's employment of MSA funds. It was learned that at one time during Congressional consideration of the new MSA legislation, restrictions against use of MSA funds were much more sharply written than the final version. The amendment, highly-technical in nature, is found in section 105 of the Act. It specifies:

"None of the funds provided by this Act, nor any of the counterpart funds generated as a result of assistance under this or any other act, shall be used to make payments on account of the principal or interest on any debt of any foreign government, or on any loan made to such government by any other foreign government; nor shall any of these funds be expended for any purpose for which funds have been withdrawn by any recipient country to make payment on such debts:

"Provided, that after September 1, 1953, none of the funds herein appropriated shall be used to make up any deficit to the European Payments union for any nation.

of which a dependent area fails to comply with any treaty to which the United States and such dependent area are parties and said failure to comply has been adjudicated adversely to said nation in any court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall any of the counterpart funds generated as a result of assistance under this act be made available to such nation."

#### ARAB CHARGES IN WASHINGTON AGAINST ISRAEL REFUTED BY EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Embassy of Israel said today that the public record of the Arab States on the Jerusalem issue is the best commentary on the "unabashed cynicism" of the appeal of the Arab ambassadors in Washington yesterday for the internationalization of the city.

The Israel spokesman pointed out that the United Nations proposal in 1947 for the statute of Jerusalem was "effectively killed by the bloody violence of Arab opposition." He told how Arab aggression damaged the city and its Holy Places. Having prevented by force of arms the peaceful internationalization of Jerusalem, the Arabs have since opposed every plan put forward by other states to secure the legitimate objective of the safeguarding of the Holy Places, the spokesman said.

"Jordan, the only Arab state with actual interests and position in Jerusalem," said the spokesman, "has publicly disassociated itself from the other Arab governments in their apparent altruism in this matter." Referring to the Arab League statement citing American responsibility in the Jerusalem issue, the spokesman recalled the following facts:

1. After Arab opposition had prevented the U. S. and Israel from maintaining the original internationalization plan, the U. S. took the lead in May, 1948, in advocating the non-implementation of that plan.
2. At the UN in 1949 and 1950 the U. S. opposed the plan for territorial internationalization of Jerusalem, the U. S. encouraged and supported Israel's initiative in June, 1950, in proposing an international representative for the Holy Places.
3. The U. S. and Israel together supported Dutch and Swedish proposals in 1949-1950 for the international protection of the Holy Places, The Arab States helped obstruct the adoption of this plan.
4. In a further attempt to secure international control of the Holy Places, the U. S. joined the United Kingdom and Uruguay in an amended resolution at the U. N. in Nov., 1950, Israel supported it. The Arab states, other than Jordan, opposed it. This resolution has not yet come to a vote.
5. In December, 1950, Israel was informed of the U. S. view that this plan, if adopted, was consistent with full Israel and Jordan sovereignty. A statement to this effect is on record on behalf of the United States.
6. Israel continues to have a clear understanding that the U. S. stands by these commitments and policies and advocates an arrangement for the Holy Places such as would not disturb the sovereignty of the city and its political institutions.

The spokesman said the Arab ambassadors quoted phrases from the U. S. - British-French declaration of May, 1950, in an attempt to show that Israel has infringed the status quo by moving its Foreign Ministry to Jerusalem. He noted that in May, 1950, Jerusalem was already functioning as the capital of Israel.

WJC ASSEMBLY DISCUSSES ADMISSION OF JEWS FROM "IRON CURTAIN" LANDS

GENEVA, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The question of whether Jewish communities in countries behind the Iron Curtain can participate in the World Jewish Congress was discussed today at a general debate of the plenary assembly of the WJC which is taking place here.

The issue was raised in connection with the projected expansion of the World Jewish Congress headquarters so that the organization should be able to deal more effectively with problems of Jewish concern.

Dr. David Petegorsky, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, expressed himself doubtful about the participation of Jewish communities from Communist countries, even if they were free to join the World Jewish Congress.

"Until there is tangible evidence that the Jews in the East European countries are free to establish a positive Jewish life, to conduct Jewish educational and religious life, and to contribute to the consolidation and strengthening of Israel, their participation in the World Jewish Congress must remain a purely academic problem," Dr. Petegorsky said.

Pointing out that the WJC as an organization has always been neutral as to particular forms of government, Dr. Petegorsky emphasized that it has nevertheless not been neutral as to "the values and purposes of government." The World Jewish Congress, he declared, is "a collective conscience of the Jewish people and must speak out whenever practices and policies of governments violate or deny human values which are the heritage of our Jewish and democratic traditions."

Importance of Enlarged World Jewish Organization Stressed

Dr. Noah Barou, chairman of the WJC's European executive, said that Jewish groups who would remain outside of an enlarged world Jewish organization "would make themselves much poorer and much less effective than those who will join our ranks and fight together with us for moral and human ideals of the Jewish people."

"If Jewish unity can be achieved," Dr. Barou continued, "it can be achieved only through an organization like the World Jewish Congress which embraces Jews all over the world of all classes, all political views and all religious sects, and which helps them to learn how to agree or disagree without hate and without rancor."

In formulating the pattern for such an organization, Dr. Barou said, its architects must take cognizance of the fact that "Zionism and Israel is the nerve center of the Jewish people. Any organization which would ignore this fact, would find no support from the Jewish people," he declared.

American Delegate Says Jews Are Not "Temporary Sojourners" In U.S.

American Jews are not "temporary sojourners" in America and American non-Jews do not regard them as such, Rabbi Morton Berman, of Chicago, told the assembly. He said that speaking for American Jews and Jews in other free, democratic lands, he rejects the view that a "kind of historical necessity" compels Jews to think of their country as a temporary dwelling place.

American Jews are aware that history in the past 2,000 years has revealed the insecurity of Jewish residence, Rabbi Berman continued, but they hold the view that history need not repeat itself. Failure of that belief, he said, would mean "disaster not only for the Jews in the lands outside Israel, but for Israel itself whose future depends on the existence of freedom and peace in the world."

SOVIET EX-AMBASSADOR TO FINLAND NAMED ENVOY TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government appointed Alexander Nikitich Abramov as new Soviet minister to Israel, it was announced today. Abramov, who is 46, was at one time Soviet Ambassador to Finland.

MAPAI LEADER URGES "PROPER APPROACH" TO SOVIET ON EMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Hope that a "proper approach" would persuade the Soviet Union to open its gates for the emigration of Jews to Israel was expressed here today in a speech by Eliezer Livneh, member of the Israel Parliament and a leading foreign affairs authority of the Mapai Party.

He declared that there had never been a better chance to secure Soviet agreement to the emigration of Jews to the Jewish State than existed today but said that Soviet assent would depend firstly on introduction of the Jewish question into the general framework of East-West negotiations, and, secondly, on Israel's position in the international arena.

Mr. Livneh struck a warning note when he said that Germany was once again becoming a menace to Israel. He said this threat lay not "in the Germany of (Chancellor) Konrad Adenauer, but in the other changeless Germany" and was being brought about by the placement of German military missions in the Arab States which were still preparing for a "second round" with Israel.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON HISTORY OF SCIENCE OPENS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The seventh International Congress of History of Science opened here last night. More than 100 scholars and scientists from all parts of the world are participating in the gathering which will last ten days.

The main purpose of the congress is to give scientists interested in the history of their own subjects an opportunity to exchange views on the past and the future of science. Among those attending the parley is Dr. M. Sarton, Professor of History of Science at Harvard, who is the author of a five-volume study on history of science.

DR. LOWDERMILK APPOINTED HEAD OF NEW DEPT. AT HAIFA TECHNION

HAIFA, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The Haifa Technion yesterday announced the appointment of Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, outstanding American authority on soil conservation, as director of the Technion's new Department of Agricultural Engineering.

The new department will teach soil and water conservation, food control, rural electrification, settlement planning and farm machinery. Dr. Lowdermilk, known for his famous "Lowdermilk Plan" suggesting the creation of a Jordan Valley Authority, has been serving as a consultant on soil conservation to the Israel Government for the last two years. He retired in 1947 as Assistant Chief of the United States Soil Conservation Service.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT NAMES REUBEN SHILOAH MINISTER TO WASHINGTON

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Office today announced that Reuben Shiloah was appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to Washington to succeed Minister David Goiten who is returning to Israel.

FIVE ZIONIST REVISIONIST LEADERS SENTENCED TO JAIL IN RUMANIA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Five leaders of the Zionist Revisionist movement in Rumania were sentenced this week in Bucharest to various terms of imprisonment ranging from 12 to 18 years, according to reports reaching here today. They had been under arrest for two years.

The trial of the five was held in camera, but further trials of arrested Zionist leaders are expected to be public, accompanied by "confessions," the information reaching here indicated. Among those under arrest are a number of leaders of the pro-Soviet Hashomer Hatzair Party.

ISRAEL WILL NOT OPPOSE PRIVATE TRADING WITH GERMANY ON CASH BASIS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today indicated that it will not oppose private trading with West Germany, providing the Germans pay for Israel goods in cash, not in goods.

The indication was given following an inquiry addressed to the government by the Association of Israel Citrus Growers asking whether there is any opposition on the part of the government to the export of citrus products to Germany. The reply was that there will be no objection providing the trading is not conducted on a barter basis.

Eight Germans have visited Israel since the state was set up, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett told Parliament. They included three Germans who had actively helped save Jews from the Nazis and five aged mothers of German girls who had married Jews and come to Israel to settle with their husbands. In addition, Mr. Sharett revealed, 30 other Germans have requested visas to enter the country.

GERMAN COURT SENTENCES POGROM LEADER TO JAIL, REMITS SENTENCE

DUSSELDORF, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- At the end of a trial against druggist Hans Schmitt for having played a leading role in the pogrom of November 1938, a German judge at Bocholt, in the Ruhr, found the defendant guilty, imposed a nine-month prison term, then immediately remitted the sentence.

Some time ago the German Supreme Court ruled that it was not permissible to simply quash the case, as had been done earlier. Schmitt, who walked out of the courtroom a free man, had been identified by a Jewish woman as the leader of a gang of storm troopers who had wantonly smashed her parents' apartment.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS PROTEST RE-ADMISSION OF NAZI TO U. S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veterans of the United States has called on the House Judiciary Committee to reject a Senate bill that would restore the American citizenship of Alfred Theodor Ex, the former German-American Bundist who renounced his U. S. citizenship in 1941 to serve Adolf Hitler.

A strongly worded protest by Jesse Moss, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, cited the adverse reaction of the Department of Justice, which said of Ex: "When it seemed to serve his purpose best, he renounced U. S. citizenship and embraced German nationality." The bill to readmit Ex was introduced by Senator William Langer and was passed by the Senate two weeks ago. It is now up for consideration before a House Judiciary sub-committee on immigration and naturalization.

EISENHOWER ASKED TO LEAD IN THE FIGHT FOR A BETTER IMMIGRATION LAW

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today called upon President Eisenhower to take leadership in the fight for the liberalization of the present immigration laws and "redeem his election pledge for the revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act."

At the sametime, the AJC emphasized that the new emergency immigration law under which 214,000 aliens will be admitted to the United States within three years above the immigration quota is "a tribute to the President's leadership." A statement issued by the AJC reads:

"Passage of the emergency refugee bill, though unduly restrictive and falling short of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's original proposal, is nevertheless a tribute to the President's leadership. It demonstrates what he can achieve, even in the face of determined opposition, when he chooses to exercise forceful leadership. It is our earnest hope that the President will be encouraged, by the successful enactment of this temporary measure which he had sponsored, to redeem his election pledge for the revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Law.

"While the emergency refugee measure may help to regain for our country some of the status we lost abroad through the enactment of the McCarran-Walter bill, we shall never fully undo the harm wrought by that legislation until its discriminatory provisions, and particularly the racist national origins system on which it rests, are repealed. President Eisenhower recognized that fact in his promise to undertake such revision.

"The present demonstration that public opinion and the majority in Congress will support forthright presidential leadership should spur Mr. Eisenhower to undertake the fundamental and inescapable task of bringing our immigration law into conformity with American democratic principles and ideals."

63 CONGRESSMEN ASK POST OFFICE TO ISSUE JEWISH TRICENTENARY STAMP

NEW YORK, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Sixty-three members of Congress, including nineteen Senators, have notified the U. S. Post Office Department of their support of the proposal for issuance of a commemorative stamp next year to mark the 300th anniversary of Jewish settlement in the United States.

This was announced yesterday by David Bernstein, executive director of the American Jewish Tercentenary. Mr. Bernstein said that other members of Congress are expected to go on record urging that "this historic anniversary be commemorated by a special postage stamp."

National Jewish organizations, labor unions and individuals from all parts of the country are also urging the Post Office Department to issue a Tercentenary stamp as a means not only of highlighting Jewish participation in American life through three centuries, but also of underscoring the strength and spirit of America's free institutions.

SALLY MAYER, PRESIDENT OF MILAN JEWISH COMMUNITY, DIES

MILAN, Aug. 5. (JTA) -- Sally Mayer, president of the Milan Jewish Community, died here today following an automobile accident. He was 78 years old. A prominent industrialist, he was active in almost every Jewish organization in Milan. He was also a board member of various Italian organizations, which are paying high tribute to him in condolence messages published in the Milan press.