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U. S. WILL CONTINUE ITS FINANCIAL AID TO ISRAEL, EISENHOWER SAYS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower indicated today in a report to Congress on the Mutual Security program that the U.S. is inclined to continue its program of financial and technical aid to the Near East, while "avoiding any unwanted interference" in area political disputes.

Regarding these disputes, among which he numbered the Arab-Israel differences, the President said: "We have been ready at all times, however, to aid in finding peaceful solutions, and our good offices have always been available to interested parties."

On the Arab-Israel problem, the report noted: "There is the bitter feeling between the Arab nations and Israel. The Arab people feel that Israel will expand to threaten their interest and territories. The Israelis feel that the Arabs may try to clamp a military vise on their country and ultimately squeeze it out of existence. Animosities are further intensified by the Arab refugee problem."

"Despite the heavy frictions within the area," the President said further in his report, "the peoples of the Near East share common aspirations for better living standards, and these aspirations can no longer be ignored. Of course, it is the governments and the peoples themselves who must carry forward the task of bringing about a better way of life. The United States, however, can offer useful assistance, not with expenditures of dollars alone, but by demonstrating practicable applications of modern knowledge to problems of irrigation, disease control, food growing, and other specific fields."

The President said Secretary of State Dulles' visit to the Near East in May "made a deep and favorable impression on its people." Mr. Dulles' "frank and intimate discussions with political leaders of each country proved fruitful and beneficial to all concerned," the report stated. "We learned much of their point of view, and they in turn became better informed on United States intentions and attitudes."

Reports on \$70, 200, 000 Appropriated for Israel This Year

Of \$70, 200, 000 in special aid funds appropriated by Congress for Israel in the 1953 fiscal year, the report said, the largest portion, \$23, 000, 000, went for food-stuffs. About \$11, 500, 000 was expended on irrigation equipment, and for housing construction under resettlement and capital development expenditures totalled \$25, 600, 000, according to the report.

The report, for the six months ended last June 30, in referring to some \$60, 000, 000 made available by Congress for Palestine refugee relief, mentioned steps being taken by the Egyptian and Syrian Governments towards helping the refugees located in their countries. "The Egyptian Government has made a proposal for

aiding the refugees in the Gaza area through the irrigation of a portion of the Sinai Peninsula with Nile River water," the report said. "Preliminary engineering reports are favorable, and the technical surveys are now being carried out with the cooperation and support of the Egyptian Government."

The report noted that "additional tracts of land have been designated by the Syrian Government for possible development for the benefit of refugees. Reclamation of lands already made available by the government is under way, using the labor of the refugees themselves."

NEW DISPUTE DEVELOPS WITHIN ISRAEL CABINET; NO CRISIS EXPECTED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- New trouble flared in the government coalition last night as a result of a bitter exchange between Interior Minister Israel Rokach and Minister without portfolio Pinhas Lavon over the latter's charges that the Interior Minister was mismanaging relations with the municipalities.

The Israeli press gave the dispute wide coverage this morning, but both Mapai and General Zionist spokesmen today discounted the likelihood of a Cabinet breach. Health Minister Joseph Serlin, a General Zionist, called on Foreign Minister Moshe Sharet this morning for a discussion aimed at ironing out the difficulties. It is hoped that at tomorrow's extraordinary session of the Cabinet the matter will be settled.

At a regional meeting of representatives of municipalities which was held in Tel Aviv two weeks ago, Mapai mayors and councillors voiced a number of grievances and urged Mr. Lavon to raise the question with the General Zionist Minister of Interior. This Mr. Lavon did last night. Mr. Rokach, who defended his policies, in turn attacked the Mapai for not carrying out on the municipal level the coalition agreement which is in effect in the national government.

The press reported that Mr. Rokach also threatened to resign if his policy is overruled. It is understood that no single General Zionist Minister may resign without the other representatives of his party also walking out of the government.

ARAB MILITARY LEADERS TO MEET IN EGYPT ON UNIFIED COMMAND

LONDON, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The Chiefs-of-Staff of the Arab League armies will meet in Cairo on August 25th to discuss the unification of the Arab command, the training of Arab armies and the standardization of equipment, it was reported here today.

According to Raif Bellama, Assistant-Secretary-General of the Arab League, the Chiefs-of-Staff will study the Arab League collective security pact and report to Arab Foreign Ministers and Defense Ministers. They will make their report at a meeting of the Arab League Political Committee on September 2.

ARABS FIRE ON ISRAEL PLANE FLYING NEAR LEBANESE BORDER

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- An Israeli police plane, flying near the Lebanese border was fired upon from across the border, it was reported here today. The Israel Government has filed a complaint with the Mixed Armistice Commission.

ISRAEL COOPERATIVE OBTAINS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT IN TURKEY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Solel Boneh, the Israeli construction cooperative organization, has obtained a construction contract in Turkey involving several million pounds sterling, it was reported here today from Istanbul.

PLAN TO REDUCE ISRAEL STAFFS ABROAD SUBMITTED TO CABINET

JERUSALEM, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- A plan for the basic reorganization of Israeli Government departments abroad dealing with economic and financial matters, cutting the diplomatic staff by ten percent and slashing between five and 25 percent of the salaries of Israel's diplomats, has been prepared at the behest of the Cabinet by Zeev Sharef, Secretary of the Government. The report was turned over to the Cabinet a month ago, but has just been released to the public.

According to the report, the diplomatic service cost Israel \$3,340,000 in the last fiscal year, plus \$271,000 for military attaches and \$1,012,000 for the salaries and administrative expenses of the representatives of other Ministries, such as the purchasing mission and treasury representatives.

Mr. Sharef recommends the saving of considerable manpower to be effected by unifying the diplomatic services in such moves as combining the positions of First Secretary and Counsellor at the embassies and legations. Another portion of the report suggests that the functions of "economic representations" abroad should be turned over to the regular diplomatic and consular missions.

Recommends Curbing of Israel Economic Mission in Foreign Lands

Pointing out that there are currently 15 economic missions functioning abroad, the Government Secretary proposes that no Ministry shall be permitted to establish its own missions abroad without the Cabinet's specific approval. He further recommends that pending the effectuation of the reorganization, some of the authority of the various Ministry representatives abroad should be turned over to the consulates, including responsibility for issuing import licenses, allocating foreign currency to Israeli citizens abroad, extending military exemptions, etc.

It is also proposed that the Foreign Ministry draft a special foreign service bill giving legal form to the arrangements and regulations governing the service. Mr. Sharef severely criticized the present state of affairs in various missions where the independent missions and the embassies or legations enter into a "struggle for authority" resulting in inconvenience and confusion.

In a comparison of salaries paid diplomats by Israel and by other nations, the report establishes that the salaries of Israeli ambassadors are only one-seventh that of salaries paid their British counterparts and only half that paid to Swiss Ambassadors. It found that while the civil servant in Israel worked 283 days a year, the Israeli diplomatic staff abroad averaged 218 days annually. Mr. Sharef proposed that every Israeli office abroad work the same number of days. The report also stated that in the 1951-52 year, 1,466 civil servants travelled abroad on government business.

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION IN ISRAEL CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- President Isaac Ben Zvi and Education Minister Ben Zion Dinur yesterday addressed the 50th anniversary meeting of the Hebrew Teachers Association at Zichron Yaacov, where the organization was founded. A message from Premier David Ben Gurion hailed the achievements of Israel's teachers and declaring that the national education bill unifying the "trend" school systems was the most important bill since the state was established.

FRANKFURT "JEWISH BANK" CASE NEARING END; VERDICT EXPECTED SOON

FRANKFURT, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The five defendants who have been on trial here for more than ten months in connection with charges against the former "Jewish Restitution Bank" are making their final statements this week. The verdict is expected in about 10 days.

Joseph Klibansky, one of those in the dock and perhaps Germany's best-known Jewish attorney, wound up two days of legal argument on his own behalf today. He castigated the indictment as legally untenable, motivated in part by anti-Semitism and in part by a desire to eliminate a defense counsel who, in the eyes of the state and the district attorney, had been a troublemaker. He himself condemned the violations of the law of which the Bank's two founders and directors had been guilty, but insisted that as legal adviser he could not be held responsible for the acts of his clients.

Dr. Paul Haag, Klibansky's attorney, described the measures taken against Klibansky as "monstrous, unprecedented and deliberately humiliating." After a sharp retort by the public prosecutor, Dr. Haag added that he would not withdraw a single word. As a member of the presidium of the Frankfurt Bar Association, he was well aware of the significance of his statements, and he was willing to prove their veracity if the public prosecutor sued him for libel and false accusation, he said.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR CONDEMNS RE-APPEARANCE OF EX-NAZI LEADERS

MUNICH, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, addressing an election meeting in Regensburg, Bavaria, last night condemned the re-appearance of former Nazi leaders in German political life.

In a reference to the candidacy of Dr. Werner Naumann, former righthand man to Joseph Goebbels in the Nazi Propaganda Ministry, Dr. Adenauer said: "If I had been Goebbels' Secretary of State I would have been ashamed of myself because of all the suffering that National Socialism brought on the world." He told his audience that no one need fear a repetition of Hitler's 1933 rise to power because "the entire German people will prevent the restoration of Nazism or any similar political direction."

Meanwhile, in Lower Saxony in the British zone where he is running for Parliament, Dr. Naumann is aping the Nazi program and methods in his bid for election. Using the greetings of the Nazi movement at public rallies and concentrating on the idea that Europe would have gone Communist without the rise of the Hitler regime, the ex-Nazi leader also attacks the British High Commissioner, who had him arrested for heading a plot to return the Nazis to power.

When he was recently barred from making public appearances in Hanover and Dortmund, by the municipal authorities, Dr. Naumann and his followers retired to beer halls and continued their meeting. This is an exact imitation of the beer hall tactics of the Nazis before they came to power in Germany.

AMERICAN JUDGE RESIGNS FROM BERLIN RESTITUTION COURT

BERLIN, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Judge William R. Reichert, appointed as American member of the newly-created seven-man Supreme Restitution Court for West Berlin only last month, has resigned. The Court has not yet met, nor has a presiding judge been selected.

BRAZIL ORDERS CONSULATES NOT TO REQUEST ETHNIC ORIGIN INFORMATION

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- The Brazilian Foreign Minister has issued an order to all Brazilian consulates abroad instructing them not to request information regarding the ethnic origins of applicants for visas to enter Brazil.

In the past, a number of Brazilian consuls asked such questions and then refused to issue visas to persons who declared themselves to be Jews or Negroes. The present application form, however, still requires an applicant to state his religion and therefore may be used by consuls who wish to discriminate against Jews.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON RELIGIOUS PROBLEMS OF U.S. JEWRY PLANNED

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Tentative plans have been approved for a national assembly, under the auspices of the Synagogue Council of America, to assess the basic religious needs and problems of American Jewry, it was announced here today by Rabbi Norman Salit, president of the Council.

"It is our hope that from the deliberations of this assembly there will emerge a comprehensive analysis of the spiritual assets of American Jewry, upon which it may be possible to build a long-range program designed to place the synagogue in the forefront of American Jewish endeavor," Rabbi Salit said.

He also announced the formation of a national advisory committee of 100 Jewish leaders from all parts of the United States as one phase of a major expansion of the program of the Synagogue Council. "The function of the new committee will be to assist in the formulation of plans, aimed at strengthening the primacy of the synagogue in all aspects of Jewish life in the United States," the announcement said.

J.N.F. ESTABLISHES EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO REACH JEWISH YOUTH

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Rabbi I. Usher Kirshblum, former president of the Long Island Region of the Zionist Organization of America, was named chairman of the newly-created Education Committee of the Jewish National Fund, Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the JNF, announced today. Co-chairman of the Committee is Miss Gloria Rubin, president of Junior Hadassah. Leading educators, representing a cross-section of Jewish life throughout the country, have joined the committee as members.

At the same time, it was announced that Joseph Greenstein, educator and social worker, has been appointed director of the Education Department of the JNF. "The department, under the guidance of the Education Committee of the JNF, will bring the message of Israel and of the land development and reclamation program of the Jewish National Fund to the children in the Jewish schools and the Jewish youth throughout the country," the announcement said.

15 NEW JEWISH CHA PLAINS ENTER AMERICAN ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, Aug. 17. (JTA) -- Fifteen new Jewish chaplains have recently entered the U. S. Armed Forces, and four will report for duty by Rosh Hashanah, it was announced today by Rabbi Max D. Davidson, chairman of the National Jewish Welfare Board's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy. The chaplains received their ecclesiastical endorsement through the JWB Commission, which represents the three major rabbinical bodies in the U. S.