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## EISENHOWER SAYS HE APPROVED SUSPENSION OF U.S. AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower made known today at a press conference that he was consulted by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on the Arab-Israel situation and participated with approval in the decision to cut off United States economic aid for Israel. Asked if the suspension of aid had been discussed by him with Sec. Dulles, the President answered affirmatively, in a firm and emphatic tone.

Meanwhile, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development announced today that to create "a better understanding of the Bank in the Middle East area," Dorsey Stephens has been sent as the Bank's representative for the region to open offices in Beirut after October 27. The countries in which Mr. Stephens will carry out his duties include Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. An application has been made by Israel for membership in the Bank but no action has been taken as yet.

Egyptian Ambassador Ahmen Hussein today congratulated President Eisenhower in a message which said: "The decision of the Eisenhower Administration to stop aid to Israel as a result of Israel's disregard of United Nations' rulings will do much to strengthen the faith of the Arab world in the United States."

The State Department today received a report from Amman that a mob tried to storm the United States Information Office but was repelled by troops of the Arab Legion. Glass windows were destroyed and a U.S. Embassy automobile wrecked. The mob also cried for "revenge in blood" against Israel.

## Israel Stand on Suspension of U.S. Aid Indicated

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Israel will not react to the United States Government decision to withhold economic assistance from Israel since it is the right of the U.S. Government either to grant or not to grant aid, informed political circles said here today.

These circles stressed that it is obvious that by its action, the U.S. Government is attempting to "buy" the Arabs, something which the British Government unsuccessfully attempted to do once before. The withholding of aid for political reasons points to a desire to force a political surrender, these sources insisted, but added that history has shown that states faced with this sort of a situation reveal "hidden forces" which enable them to withstand hardship.

ISRAEL NOT CONSULTED BY U.S. ON JORDAN RIVER WATER PLAN

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The Israel Office of Information issued a statement today in which it said that the regional water scheme worked out by the U.S. for the Jordan River by the TVA "has never been seen by the government of Israel and cannot therefore have been either accepted or rejected."

The statement goes on to say that for over a year Israel had attempted in vain to bring about discussions with the United States Government "with a view to regional cooperation on water projects."

"Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade," the statement continues, "informed Ambassador Eban of the existence of a desk study several weeks ago, but the document was withheld from Israel's knowledge until Monday evening, October 19th," (that was the day on which the TVA project was announced to the press at the United Nations).

The Israel statement emphasizes that "there is nothing which may properly be called a United Nations-Jordan water scheme since no principal organ of the United Nations has ever considered such a scheme, nor does the United Nations deal with the authorization or disqualification of water development projects within sovereign states."

Having now obtained a copy of the report, the Israel Government will consider it on its merit, the statement says. "Israel's policy, as explained to Secretary Dulles in Ambassador Eban's memorandum of July 9, 1953, is to seek inter-state agreements on irrigation and power by direct consultation with the neighboring Arab states," it points out,

"The U.S. Government has been cordially invited by the Israel Government to promote such contacts with neighboring governments but has apparently not been successful. Therefore, the governments of Israel, Syria and Jordan are preparing their own schemes for the utilization of their respective waters," the statement explains.

"The canal project now being undertaken by Israel at Bnot-Yaacov has not caused the diversion of any water at all," it continues. "General Bennike's recommendation to avoid water diversion at this time is under consideration by the United Nations. Israel has an undoubted right to appeal to the Security Council on a matter involving interpretation of an armistice agreement which it has signed. In the meantime, no water diversion is taking place. Therefore, any suggestion that Israel is 'defying' the U.N. would not be either legally or factually accurate."

"It would be unfortunate if any governments called upon to consider this intricate and important matter did not enter the investigation with a completely open mind. It will be recalled that in a previous dispute in 1951 whether the drainage of the Huleh marshes was consistent with the armistice agreements - Israel's position was first heavily challenged, but was subsequently fully vindicated," the statement concludes.

BEN GURION WILL NOT LEAVE CABINET; SPECULATION "PREMATURE"

JERUSALEM, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- All speculation concerning Premier David Ben Gurion's taking a lengthy leave of absence or retiring are "premature," well informed sources said here today. These sources pointed out that in the present tense political situation Mr. Ben Gurion would not leave the Cabinet.

ZIONIST LEADERS SUMMONED TO ACT ON U.S. STAND AGAINST ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The State Department's suspension of funds for Israel allocated by Congress will be discussed at an extraordinary conference of Zionist leaders from all parts of the country which will be held this Sunday in New York, it was announced here today by the Zionist Organization of America.

Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, addressing the Association of Reform Rabbis here, declared that he agreed with U.S. government officials who said the recent Israel attack on a Jordan village is shocking, but said that there was "a striking disparity between the words of condemnation and threats of punishment hurled against Israel and the virtual silence over the daily murders of Israelis by Arab marauders over the past five years."

The Association, which represents 116 Reform Rabbis in the New York area, adopted a resolution expressing "the gravest concern" over events on the Arab-Israel border. "We deplore all acts of violence whenever committed," the resolution said. "We are dismayed at the words of our Secretary of State which prejudice and condemn Israel, and threaten punitive economic and diplomatic measures against one party to the conflict."

"We learn that, although hundreds of innocent Israelis have been murdered by Arab marauders during the past five years, no condemnation against such acts of violence has been voiced by our government. "We call upon our government to exercise justice and fairness and to move promptly towards translating the armistice into peace in the Near East, a peace consistently sought by the State of Israel," the resolution concluded.

American Council for Judaism Supports U. S. Move

The American Council for Judaism today addressed a letter to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles supporting the action of the State Department on the Israel-Jordan conflict. The letter was signed by Henry S. Moyer, national vice-president of the Council.

"We are aware," Mr. Moyer wrote, "that, in the past, efforts of our government to deal with the Palestine problem have been made difficult and complicated by special pleading, domestic pressure groups, partial to one of the foreign states in the area. We express our fervent hope that, at this time of Middle East crisis, you and your associates may be free of such pressures and we pledge you our own best endeavors to assist in the creation of such an atmosphere of freedom."

U.S. Mizrahi Women's Convention Appeals to Eisenhower

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- An appeal to President Eisenhower to use his good offices "to reaffirm and re-establish traditional relationships of friendship" between the United States and Israel "which have been severely strained in the past few days," was wired today by the Mizrahi Women's convention taking place here.

Emphasizing that the convention speaks in the name of 50,000 members, the appeal to the President pointed out that "withholding economic aid from Israel is a precipitate act creating undue hardship for the Middle East's only democracy."

**BRITISH JEWS SAY BRITAIN FAILED TO DENOUNCE JORDAN'S TERRORISM**

LONDON, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The presidents of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and of the Anglo-Jewish Association today made statements expressing the deep concern of the Anglo-Jewish community over the violence along the Israel-Jordan border but took exception to the British government's condemnation of Israel while at the same time it failed to take into consideration the continuous murder of Israelis by Arabs from Jordan over the last three years.

Addressing a meeting of the Board, Dr. Abraham Cohen pointed out that the British Foreign Office's statement was "concerned with only the incidents of the past week. It made no allusion to the murder of an Israeli settler in his bed Sunday night and the murder of a mother and two children the following night, making a total of 421 deaths at the hands of Jordanians in three years." He added: "We hope the powers concerned will see that the outrages are stopped and peace is maintained in the Middle East and will address their admonitions and exert their influence upon all the governments involved to achieve that end."

Ewen Montagu of the AJA welcomed the decision of the Western Powers to take the problem of Israel-Arab tensions to the United Nations Security Council. He pointed out that the Mixed Armistice Commission found Jordan guilty of 159 violations and Israel of 25 violations in a 12-month period ending last June. He insisted that a solution must be found to provide justice for all parties concerned in the light of the tri-partite declaration of May, 1950, which guarantees existing borders in the Middle East.

**Leading French Paper Charges Dulles with Encouraging Arabs**

PARIS, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Le Monde, France's leading newspaper, which often reflects the views of the French Government, today published a strongly pro-Israel editorial, asserting that the stepped-up campaign of Arab attacks along Israel's borders are a direct result of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' visit to the Middle East.

Le Monde declared that on this tour the Secretary realized that Israel was friendlier to the Western Powers than the Arab states and decided that the United States could afford to alienate Israel in an effort to attract Arab friendship. This policy encouraged the Arabs to stir up new border troubles, the newspaper insisted.

It said both sides were guilty of border violations, but pointed out that a large number of Israelis have been killed in recent Arab attacks. Finally, Le Monde stressed that Israel is attempting to draw the attention of the Western world to the gravity of the situation and to constrain the U.S. and get it to change its policy of wooing the Arabs before a new explosion occurs in the Near East.

**ISRAEL PRESENTS GIFT TO DUKE OF EDINBURGH AT LONDON DINNER**

LONDON, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- A model of Noah's Ark, carved from an olive tree planted in the King George V Forest in Israel, and a book commemorating the planting of a Queen Elizabeth II Forest in Israel by the Jews of the British Commonwealth, were presented last night to the Duke of Edinburgh at a dinner attended by leading British Jews, the Mayor of London and other British leaders.

The Ark was a gift of Israel, presented by Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath, while the commemorative volume was presented by Lord Samuel. The Duke, the Ambassador, Lord Samuel and Lord Nathan, chairman of the affair, all spoke of the closeness of the British and Israel nations, while the Duke paid tribute to Jewry's contributions to all aspects of British life.

J.D.C. TO SEEK PERMANENT SOLUTION FOR HOMELESS JEWS IN GERMANY

PARIS, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Joint Distribution Committee operations in Germany and Austria must be expanded, a meeting of JDC field directors from 21 European and North African countries were told today.

Samuel Haber, director of JDC's program in Germany and Austria, reported that many of the Jewish DP's in Germany and Austria were "hard-core" cases barred from normal emigration channels because of the state of their health. He revealed that the JDC plans to launch new and larger programs in the DP areas next year in an attempt to find a permanent solution for homeless Jews in Germany and Austria, who number 3,000.

C. J. F. W. F. LEADERS CALL FOR REVISION OF IMMIGRATION LAW

ALBANY, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- A strongly-worded resolution calling for revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act was adopted here at the close of a two-day regional conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The parley was attended by 150 Jewish community leaders. The resolution urged support of a substitute immigration measure introduced by Senator Herbert Lehman.

The conference took action calling for development of community leadership; maximum fund-raising efforts this year and more effective central community organization to meet pressing needs in Israel and other overseas areas and to meet local and national needs here at home, and a final resolution calling for the unification of the fund-raising efforts of Israel's institutions of higher learning.

Herbert Abeles of Newark reported that central Jewish community organizations have raised a billion dollars in the past seven years. With that assistance, he said, Israel was helped to absorb 700,000 refugees, the DP camps in Europe were emptied, refugees were resettled in the United States, Canada, South America, and elsewhere; and in America these funds have "built new community skylines"--hospitals, community centers, homes for the aged, synagogues, child care centers and other facilities and programs to meet local community needs.

Nevertheless, he pointed out, in Israel, Europe and North Africa people still need help to make them self-supporting. At home, he said, we still face the challenge of care for the aged, child care, Jewish education, family service, health and welfare programs and the strengthening of democracy. Warning that community fund raising has shown a sharp decline in recent years, he called for greater community effort and statesmanship to reverse this trend and meet Jewish philanthropic obligations wherever they exist.

Philip Bernstein, associate director of the CJFWF, told the Jewish community leaders that Israel has embarked on a sound economic course towards self-sufficiency. The ability to develop that potential will determine how long and how great will be the need for continued philanthropic aid. The nation has adopted various fiscal reforms, stimulated agricultural production, restricted imports of raw materials and machinery within the limits of income from abroad and has also adopted a program of deflation and further austerity in an effort to build a sound economic structure, he reported.

U.N. TO CONTINUE OFFICE OF HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Continuation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for an additional five-year period was voted late yesterday in the UN Social Committee by a vote of 43 to 5, with four abstentions. The Soviet bloc voted against it. The General Assembly is expected to consider the resolution Friday morning.

CANADIAN JEWS LAUNCH DRIVE FOR \$2,788,063 AT MONTREAL DINNER

MONTREAL, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- The annual Combined Jewish Appeal was unofficially launched here at a dinner given by Samuel Bronfman, honorary chairman of the campaign who pointed out that "the 1,600,000 Jews living in Israel are, through unfortunate circumstances, still in great need of financial assistance." Not only Jews, he said, but also their neighbors will benefit from the generosity of people of the American continent.

The dinner climaxed an intensified program for advance gifts. The drive itself, which will be for \$1,568,063 for the Combined Jewish Appeal and \$1,220,000 for the United Israel Appeal, opens October 29th.

Increased contributions from every donor were urged to meet the two goals. Mr. Bronfman said the rapid growth of the Jewish community in the city put a special burden on the agencies serving it. J. J. Block, general chairman of the 1953 campaign, said the security of the Jewish community and sound foundations for its future both demanded expanded services.

GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA DENOUNCES ANTI-SEMITISM

TORONTO, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Vincent Massey, Governor General of Canada, addressing a Canadian Jewish Congress party, condemned anti-Semitism and stated that the world must not forget the recent Jewish tragedy. "In this age, as all here know too well, the Jews have been the victims of the greatest, the most hideous crime that human history records," he stated. "I wonder if we Canadian Gentiles are fully aware of the magnitude of this crime. We know something of the quality of it. Few in our day have not read of the horrors of the concentration camp and of the death chamber. On the other hand, probably few have any true conception of the extent of a destruction which staggers the imagination.

"I have no thought of isolating the crime in one country," Mr. Massey continued. "It is a blot on the whole of our western civilization and the symptom of a disease which has infected all of us more or less."

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES HONORS MRS. STERNBERGER

NEW YORK, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Estelle Sternberger, radio commentator, was honored for her achievements as an outstanding American citizen and for her contributions to Jewish life by the Women's Institute of Jewish Studies of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, at its opening assembly yesterday. Mrs. Sternberger, chosen by President Roosevelt as a co-chairman of his Good Neighbor League, was the first recipient of the Albert Einstein Award for furthering international understanding.

Dr. Judd L. Teller, director of information of the Jewish Agency, delivered the main address on "Jerusalem: Center of a World Controversy." Dr. Teller analyzed the current international importance of Jerusalem, a subject of particular significance in the light of the current celebration of the 3,000th anniversary of Jerusalem.

NEW ISRAEL MINISTER PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT PERON

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Arie Kubovi, second Israel Minister to Argentina, yesterday presented his credentials to President Juan Peron. During the audience, at which Foreign Minister Jeronimo Morino was present, the President expressed sympathy for Israel's current difficulties and said he was confident the Jewish State would overcome them. Ten thousand persons gathered outside the President's residence to greet Dr. Kubovi.