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KNESSET DEBATES FOREIGN POLICY; SHARETT OUTLINES ISRAEL'S PROBLEMS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30, (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, opening tonight a debate in Parliament on Israel's foreign policy in connection with the latest developments at the U. N. Security Council, pointed out that the Jewish State now faces the following problems:

1. How to develop the armistice agreements with the Arab countries without being hampered or strangled by them.
2. How to fortify Israel's security without affecting, as far as possible, the sympathy of the world for Israel.
3. How to accept aid from foreign governments without yielding Israel's independence.
4. How to oppose powers incomparably stronger than Israel without undermining the existing friendly relations with them.

"These are stumbling blocks on our road, but we will have to get used to proceeding on the road leading to our goal," Mr. Sharett told the members of the Israel Parliament.

Israel Will Not Yield Political Freedom for U. S. Aid, Says Sharett

Referring to the American TVA plan for the development of the Jordan River, Mr. Sharett said that everybody concerned must realize that water is no luxury for Israel. "Water is our very life and very existence," he declared. "Without irrigation we will not achieve adequate production to balance our economy and achieve economic independence. Nay, without irrigation we will not achieve an agriculture worth its name, and without agriculture we will not be a people rooted in its homeland and sure of its future existence."

Pointing out that the United States can give "precious assistance" in developing the water resources of the region for the benefit of all concerned, the Foreign Minister added: "We need and are interested in American assistance, but as Israel will not yield its political freedom and independence of thought for U. S. aid, so we shall also not seek foreign aid at the price of prospects for our development and stabilization in the most vital fields."

Israel is ready to arrange with its neighbors for a just distribution of the Jordan River's water resources for benefit of all, but if this proves impossible Israel will stand firmly on its right to finish the hydroelectric project, preferably with the UN's

consent, Mr. Sharett stated. "We consented to interrupt the work for a short time to enable the Security Council to inquire into the matter in a quiet atmosphere," he stressed, "but we did not consent to an indefinite interruption."

Mr. Sharett struck a new note when, after analyzing developments at the UN Security Council, he declared that peace cannot be imposed. Though it is a vital need of the region, as well as for the world, he said, there will be no peace without the goodwill of Israel's opponents. He declared that it was a "deception" to think that Israel could not exist without peace--"we exist and we will be able to exist without peace indefinitely."

If the heads of the Arab states prefer the tension and suffering which accompany the present state, it is their concern, he said. He warned that Israel would not "make it easier for them to evade their responsibilities" under the armistice agreements, but would hold them to the pacts,

After pointing out that the Kibya incident had its roots in "five years of an armistice which in practice is no peace and no armistice," the Foreign Minister declared that it is Israel's problem to steer a course under such circumstances which will keep both its security and its development programs at top level. Of the Security Council resolution on Kibya, he reiterated Premier Ben Gurion's charge that it "discriminates between blood and blood" adding that it had lowered the prestige of the UN.

ISRAEL PREMIER URGES STRENGTHENING U. N. POWER AND AUTHORITY

TEL AVIV, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion today urged strengthening the power and prestige of the United Nations, and emphasized that such a development would be in the positive interests of all people.

Mr. Ben Gurion, who addressed newspapermen on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the UN's adoption of the decision to partition Palestine and establish a Jewish State, called for the fostering of world peace. Such peace, he said, would enable the Jews of all the world to come in contact with each other.

In comment on the UN Security Council's resolution censuring Israel for the Kibya incident, the Premier declared: "It is easy to find the negative aspects in such a world organization; however, we should judge it not on the present situation, but according to its historic task of becoming a bastion for peace and bringing justice to the whole world." The UN's mission is a human necessity, he underlined, adding: "We should do everything to foster the United Nations authority and efficiency."

Israel, the Premier stated, wants peace with all nations without looking into their internal regimes. He pointed out that 85 percent of the world's Jews were scattered through many countries outside Israel, and that Israel could not escape the fact that only a part of the Jews are free to live as Jews and to maintain contact with Israel.

"In this respect the UN is again important," he asserted, "as a means of increasing responsibility and of imposing peace and justice in the world. When better international circumstances exist there is hope that the Jews who are now isolated will be able to live as Jews and maintain contact with other communities."

U. S. AMBASSADOR RETURNS TO ISRAEL AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS' ABSENCE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador Monnet B. Davis returned to his post here today after an absence of several months. The new Soviet Minister, Abramov, is expected to arrive here tonight from Rome.

DIRECT ISRAEL-JORDAN TALKS ARE UNTIMELY, EDEN TELLS PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The British Government does not support the idea of an Israel-Jordan meeting at this time and believes that "it would be better to allow a little time to elapse" before an attempt is made to "bring the parties together on more reasonable conditions," Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden declared in Commons today.

Replying to questions by several Laborite MP's, Mr. Eden said that "we have to let the feelings created by the Kibya incident subside to some extent before we attempt successful negotiations."

He was questioned, among others, by Herbert Morrison, Foreign Secretary in the last Labor government, who asked whether the government on its own or through the United Nations was doing something to advance beyond the armistice agreements in Palestine to peace settlements. Another questioner was Barnett Janner, Laborite and president of the British Zionist Federation, who wanted the government to help expedite the Israel-Jordan meeting.

The Foreign Secretary said: "The meeting called for (by Israel) is obligatory on the two parties. We have to understand how much the scar of the Kibya event still exists and allow it to heal over before we can usefully produce any important results."

U. S. LABOR DELEGATION WARNS AMERICA AGAINST "PENALIZING" ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- "There is no excuse for democratic America to penalize the democratic State of Israel, or to serve as an object of blackmail by reactionary Arab leaders who have contempt for the people they govern and hatred for the modern ideas and progressive society of Israel," a C. I. O. delegation which visited Israel reported here today.

The American labor delegation pointed out in its report that the "appeasement of Arab rulers in their hate of progressive Israel should not be permitted, for to do so would be to defeat both our long-range national interests and the democratic ideals which this country honors." The people of Israel are working for "economic and social improvement in an atmosphere of peace and goodwill," the delegation said.

The report recommended that the C. I. O. urge the U. S. Government to extend "full moral and financial support" to Israel; continue and expand Point Four programs for all the Middle East, and take initiative in bringing Arab governments together with Israel in working out a peaceful future. Americans, said the trade unionists, would be "unrealistic" if they lost sight of the fact that "Israel is the one advanced outpost of 20th century democracy in the Middle East, particularly in view of the threat to world peace by the Soviet Union and its satellites."

The labor union delegation, which visited Israel in July, was composed of Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey, President Michael Quill of the Transport Workers Union and Arthur J. Goldberg, general counsel of the C. I. O. and of the United Steelworkers of America. The delegation, the second sent by the C. I. O. to Israel in the past four years, was the guest of Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, and the C. I. O. leaders were afforded an opportunity to visit all sections of the country and talk with citizens in every walk of life.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT GETS NEW BILL ON PUNISHMENT OF CRIMINALS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- A bill setting up a new system of punishment for persons convicted of criminal offenses in Israel, and departing in a number of respects from Anglo-Saxon law which has been in effect in Palestine since the Mandate was established, was introduced yesterday in Parliament by Dr. Peretz Rosen, Minister of Justice.

Among other changes in practice which the legislation will effect is the introduction of the suspended sentence and the temporary deprivation of certain political and personal rights. The measure makes no mention of capital punishment.

All convicted and sentenced prisoners will be required to do work while in prison, unless specifically exempted from it by the sentencing judge. Sentences up to two years will be automatically reduced by one-third for good behaviour. Persons sentenced to more than two years will be eligible for parole after two-thirds of the sentence is served. Parolees may be re-imprisoned if they violate the terms of their parole.

ISRAEL REPORTS CONSIDERABLE EXCESS OF IMPORTS OVER EXPORTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Israel imported goods worth 211,000,000 pounds during the last nine months, Moshe Bartur, director of the Foreign Trade Division of the Foreign Ministry, told a press conference here today. Exports for the same period amounted to \$45,000,000 pounds.

Israel will sell 6,000,000 cases of citrus fruits to nine European nations this year, an increase of 1,500,000 cases over last year, Yehuda Chorin, member of the Citrus Marketing Board, announced here today. Mr. Chorin said that despite a ten percent drop in the price of citrus fruit on the European market--chiefly due to a heavy, 30,000,000 case crop from Spain--this year's crop would bring Israel an income of \$20,000,000 over and above packing and shipping costs.

He also revealed that an agreement has been reached with West Germany for the sale of 500,000 cases of fruits, but that it still awaits formal action by the two governments. Some 20,000 tons of citrus products will be sold to the Soviet Union, he said.

U.N. GROUP YIELDS TO ARABS; BARS ISRAEL FROM MIDDLE EAST PLANS

ROME, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, at a plenary session today, voted to place Israel within the European region for purposes of administration.

The decision was bitterly protested by Israeli delegate Hanan Cidor, who pointed out that from the agricultural point of view Israel had the same problems and needs as the other Middle East states and had very little in common with the European region.

Mr. Cidor charged that the FAO had yielded to Arab threats and refusal to deal with Israel. Representatives of the Arab states, backed by Iran and Pakistan, said that "at present" the Arabs found it impossible to cooperate with Israel in the Middle East region.

Z. O. A. EXECUTIVE WANTS ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE TO MEET IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Resolutions urging that the next regular session of the Zionist Actions Committee be held, if possible, in the United States and that the next World Zionist Congress be held as scheduled in 1954, were adopted here last night by the national executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America.

The ZOA executive reaffirmed its opposition to the "double shekel" system for Israel which entitles Israelis to twice as many votes as Zionists in other countries in the election of delegates to the World Zionist Congress. It favored the holding of elections in the United States for delegates to the Zionist Congress.

Rabbi Irving Miller, ZOA president, addressing the 150 members of the national executive, appealed to President Eisenhower "to use the great moral and political force of America toward bringing about an equitable and just peace through direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab states." He emphasized that American Zionists must express as American citizens their "deep regret" that the U.S. Government both sponsored and supported the resolution on the Kibya incident adopted last week by the U. N. Security Council.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, speaking at the session, reiterated his proposals for the revitalization and strengthening of the Zionist movement including: the initiation of bilateral discussions between the Jewish Agency and the Government of Israel regarding the relationship of the movement and the state of Israel, and the establishment of an American Council for Israel composed of all pro-Israel forces not officially affiliated with the Zionist movement, which will promote concerted action representative of all of American Jewry.

U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL ADDRESSES JEWISH GROUPS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The world is confronted with "a dual imperative" of preserving peace and promoting human rights, Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary-General of the United Nations, told a symposium on human rights sponsored by the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations at the Waldorf Astoria tonight. The CCJO comprises the Alliance Israelite Universelle of France, the American Jewish Committee, and the Anglo-Jewish Association of Great Britain.

Pointing out that human rights cannot be realized in a vacuum, Mr. Hammarskjold said: "The realization of human rights requires a social and international order. In consequence those who have the greatest concern for the promotion and protection of human rights must also be concerned that member nations (of UN), through scrupulous adherence to their Charter obligations, protect the international order from threat of war."

Presiding during the dinner session at which Mr. Hammarskjold spoke was Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee and co-chairman of the CCJO. The UN Secretary General's address was the concluding feature of a day-long symposium on human rights which included a series of discussions by international experts on "The Function of Law and Social Action in International Protection of Human Rights." Dr. John P. Humphrey, director of UN's Division of Human Rights, opened the symposium with a discussion of the basic issues raised by the UN human rights program.

50,000 CHANUKAH GIFTS SENT TO JEWS IN UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- More than 50,000 Chanukah gifts will be distributed this week among Jewish members of the American armed forces in all parts of the world, it was announced today by the National Jewish Welfare Board. Chanukah will be ushered in tomorrow evening.

The gifts have been packaged by the JWB's women's division and shipped to all overseas areas where U. S. troops are stationed. They include pipes, wallets, games, books, records, dreidels and holiday foods, which the Jewish chaplains will load into their jeeps and carry to the remotest posts. There are 26 Jewish chaplains now serving overseas.

Chanukah services will be held from Korea to Greenland and the Chanukah candles will be lighted at ceremonies in the Philippines, Hawaii, Guam, North Africa, Europe, Alaska, Iceland and the Caribbean. There will also be community candle-lighting services for GI's at many military posts in this country where huge lighted Menorahs have been erected.

JEWISH GROUPS SUMMONED TO WASHINGTON FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- A number of major Jewish and non-Jewish organizations concerned with civil rights have been invited by Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell to send representatives to Washington for a preliminary "off-the-record" meeting today to discuss the operation of President Eisenhower's Committee on Federal Contract Compliance. The meeting may pave the way for a formal large-scale gathering on the civil rights issue in the future.

The Committee, which is under the chairmanship of Secretary Mitchell, will hear suggestions from the invitees on the Committee's liaison with civic organizations, like the NCRAC, on cooperation toward the goals of the committee. The prospect of holding an open meeting in the future with major non-governmental organizations participating will be discussed. Plans for the formal meeting would include the submission of statements in which the various organizations would set forth their views.

Jacob Seidenberg serves as executive director of the President's Committee and has been working since its formation to implement the program envisioned in the White House statement announcing the undertaking.

TEN NEW ALL-DAY HEBREW SCHOOLS OPENED FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

NEWYORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Ten new Hebrew day schools were opened in various cities in this country with the beginning of the current school year, it was announced today by Torah Umedrosh, national organization for Hebrew day schools. The announcement revealed that there are now 167 Hebrew day schools in 70 cities in 24 states.

The 10 new schools are in Atlanta; Denver; Louisville, Ky.; New York; Newport News, Va.; Perth Amboy, N. J.; San Antonio; Toledo; West Hempstead, N. Y.; and Vineland, N. J.

J. D. C. AND ORT CITED IN REPORT OF U. N. COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

GENEVA, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Dr. G. J. Van Heuven Goedhart, today made public a report on the operations of his office, in conjunction with voluntary relief agencies, under the terms of the Ford Foundation Grant of \$2,900,000 for refugee assistance. The Jewish organizations which participated in the year-long program were the Joint Distribution Committee and the World ORT Union, the report said.