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## BRITISH CONCERNED OVER U. S. ACTION ON ISRAELI COMPLAINT TO U. N.

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The British Foreign Office is deeply concerned over the United States move last week in proposing that the Egyptian counter-complaint against Israel and Israel's complaint against the Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal be made part of the same agenda item at the United Nations Security Council, it was learned here today.

Although the Foreign Office refuses to comment on the American move, which gave the Arabs a diplomatic victory early in the Security Council's consideration of the Israeli complaint, it was learned unofficially that there is a great deal of high level concern on the impossibility of achieving an identity of views among the Western Big Three on what the British consider a matter of great importance.

Britain, it was pointed out, would have liked to see a complete airing of the Suez Canal question - if only because the matter had not been handled during the direct Anglo-Egyptian talks, for fear of further complicating them. There is a feeling here that the Security Council will soon be faced with the alternatives of adopting a lukewarm resolution favoring one or the other party, or becoming snarled in a marathon debate which will end up without concrete action of any sort.

It is expected here that the British, although they fell in line with the American "compromise" at the Security Council, will pursue with renewed vigor their demand for high level and conclusive talks on establishing a mutual policy on the Middle East.

## ISRAEL DEMANDS U. N. SANCTIONS UNLESS EGYPT DROPS BLOCKADE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 7. (JTA) -- United States support of the Arab states' move to place an Egyptian complaint against Israel and the Israel complaint against Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal and Gulf of Eilat against Israel-bound shipping on the same agenda at the United Nations Security Council, has raised the question here this week-end of whether the United States has entered a race with the Soviet Union for the favor of the Arab states.

The American move came Thursday when the Council spent two and one-half hours in a wrangle over its agenda and adjourned until Friday five minutes after the agenda had been accepted, without having heard the Israeli complaint. The extended debate began when the Lebanese delegate moved to force simultaneous discussion of an Egyptian complaint against alleged Israeli violation of the demilitarized zone in the El Auja area, near Gaza, with the Israeli charge that Egypt had violated a Security Council resolution of Sept. 1, 1951, the Israel-Egyptian armistice agreement and the UN Charter by maintaining the blockade against Israel.

The French and British delegates opposed the move, asking that the Egyptian complaint be handled in routine fashion as a separate item to be discussed in its turn.

The Soviet and Nationalist Chinese delegates backed the Arab demand for simultaneous debate and the United States offered a "compromise" - lumping of the two complaints in one item, but discussing them separately. When Lebanon withdrew its own proposal in favor of the American, the latter was adopted without dissent.

On Friday, Israel delegate Abba Eban warned the Security Council that the "continuation of a hostile act, based on the assertion of a state of war, in prolonged and deliberate defiance of a Security Council resolution, clearly creates the kind of situation to which the enforcement measures laid down in Chapter VII of the Charter should apply. My Government believes that the Security Council should take such measures in response to Egypt's violation, unless it receives assurance in this debate that the restrictions will be immediately cancelled." (Chapter VII of the UN Charter deals with sanctions and measures for enforcing Security Council orders.)

#### Eban Urges Security Council to Defend Own Authority

The Israeli delegate pointed out to the Council that it delayed decisive action to end the Egyptian blockade at risk to its own dignity. "We consider that the Security Council cannot pass without the strongest censure over the fact that its verdict already has been defied for so long." He recommended that the Council should not rely merely on "vigorous expression of its desires" but should establish machinery and procedures to follow up the course of its resolutions.

In a carefully documented statement, Mr. Eban outlined the entire history of the Israeli complaint against the blockade of the Suez Canal, refuting the Egyptian assertion that a state of war exists between the two states, justifying maintenance of blockade measures. After describing Egyptian actions in the Suez Canal and at the Gulf of Eilat, the Israeli diplomat denounced the Egyptian Government for having "acted like a highway robber at a narrow crossroads, dictating its will to those who pass to and fro."

Noting that the Security Council resolution of 1951 has been totally ignored and that new restrictions have been added, Mr. Eban emphasized that the Security Council faces the "supreme test of its own authority." He underlined that if the "authority of the Security Council as the final arbiter of armistice disputes were to be shattered by Egyptian intransigence, a central pillar of the armistice system would crumble away at the very moment when that system is in most need of a stronger support."

The Egyptian delegate, Ahmed Abdel Razek, who followed Mr. Eban, took strong exception to his characterization of the Egyptian Government's actions as those of a "highway robber." He insisted that since the Council resolution of 1951 Egypt had not seized any ships in the Canal. However, he said, his country reserved her position regarding infringement of its sovereign rights under the UN Charter, and referred--without explanation--to Charter Article XXVII which sets up Security Council voting procedure, including the veto.

#### ERIC JOHNSTON DELAYS SECOND TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST STATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's personal envoy to the Middle East on the American plan for the regional development of the Jordan River, has postponed his second trip to the Arab states and Israel from this month to March in order to give the states "more time" to consider the plan fully, a spokesman for his office announced this week-end.

The spokesman pictured Mr. Johnston as optimistic over the outcome of his mission. In the face of an Egyptian broadcast last week advising Mr. Johnston to stay at home, the spokesman said that Mr. Johnston "has every reason to believe he will be welcome in all the states he visited before."

15 CONGRESSMEN ASK DULLES NOT TO SEND ARMS TO ARAB STATES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Thirty-five members of Congress--six Senators and 29 Representatives--joined this week-end in expressing "grave concern" over proposals to inaugurate major programs of military assistance to the Arab states in the Middle East. In a joint bi-partisan letter to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, they requested an early meeting with him "to consult and discuss this vital matter."

The signers of the letter emphasized their continued support of programs aimed at economic assistance to all the peoples of the Middle East "as a means of strengthening its defenses against Communist infiltration and aggression." However, pointing to the fact that the Arab states continue in a "technical state of war" and "persist in policies of economic boycott and blockade against Israel," the Congressmen expressed fear that "stability and unity in this critical and strategic Near East area may be jeopardized rather than advanced by inaugurating major programs of military assistance to any of the Near East Arab states."

SHARETT OUTLINES MAJOR TASKS FACING COALITION GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Political defence of Israel, its economic development and the strengthening of its ties with the Diaspora, were described by Prime Minister Sharett last night as the three major tasks facing the new Israel Government. He was cheered loudly by the audience at a Mapai meeting here when he declared that the present coalition government is a vital necessity for the state.

This was the first time Mr. Sharett addressed a public meeting since he became head of the government. The meeting was attended by huge crowds and thousands, being unable to enter, remained in the street and listened to the speech over loud-speakers.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT EXPECTS TO BALANCE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Government expects to balance its budget this fiscal year, Pinchas Saphir, director general of the Finance Ministry announced today. Mr. Saphir said that for the first nine months of the year, income has come up to the level of estimates in all categories.

Mr. Saphir revealed that the government is considering transferring its subsidies for foodstuffs, medical supplies and fuel to the regular budget rather than to separate agencies. Thus, he stated, the "hidden subsidies" will become known and the public will be better informed of how much the government spends to maintain the cost of living at its present level.

ISRAEL CABINET APPROVES RELAXATION OF MILITARY RULE FOR 75,000 ARABS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA)-- The Israel Cabinet today approved relaxation of its military rule in areas in which about half of the Arab population of Israel dwells.

A military spokesman, explaining that the action was due to an improvement in the military situation in the northern part of the country, estimated that 75,000 Arab citizens of Israel would benefit directly from the far-reaching relaxations. Only a very small strip of land along the border has been exempted from the easement.

In the remainder of the areas under military rule the movement of Arab citizens will be eased by quicker granting of permits, which are now good for at least six months.

LIBYA HALTS POSTAL, TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATIONS WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- All postal and telegraphic communications between Libya and Israel have been halted, according to reports here today from Tripoli.

ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION HONORS MAYOR WAGNER AT DINNER

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- An immediate increase in United States economic aid to Israel was demanded by New York's Mayor Robert F. Wagner at a testimonial dinner given in his honor tonight by the Greater New York Committee for the Israel Bond Drive. The dinner was attended by 700 persons who bought \$500,000 worth of Israel Bonds.

The Mayor declared that "we are fortunate indeed that we can now and in the future look to Israel as a beachhead of democracy" in the Middle East. "It is not enough for the United States to indicate its friendship for Israel at rather infrequent moments," he insisted. "What is needed is concrete action." The Mayor, to whom an award was presented at the dinner, called upon the United States Government for "immediate financial help in increased measure" for Israel.

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, speaking at the dinner, stressed the danger of the Arab states' recent activities. "A series of recent steps have shown that the Arab states have the clear intention to undermine the armistice agreements," he said, citing the Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal as one such act. Joining the plea for urgent support of Israel were W. Averell Harriman, Senator Herbert H. Lehman, Henry Morgenthau and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, honorary chairmen of the dinner.

EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION REVERSING POLICY ON ISRAEL, CELLER SAYS

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler today charged the Eisenhower Administration with reversing the traditional United States policy of friendliness and sympathy with Israel. He termed this reversal of the Administration a "new look vis-a-vis Israel," in contradistinction to the favorable light in which the Jewish State had always been regarded by American statesmen up to this time.

Mr. Celler made this charge in his address to the 30th Anniversary Roll-Call Conference of the National Committee for Labor Israel at the Commodore Hotel here. More than 2,000 delegates representing American trade unions, Labor Zionist organizations and Jewish fraternal groups attended the gathering and demonstrated their solidarity with the Israel Histadrut Campaign by donating \$760,000 toward its \$5,000,000 drive this year.

Rep. Celler questioned the wisdom of wooing the Arab states with arms, knowing their avowed goal was the utter destruction of Israel. He said: "The Administration knows, every informed citizen knows, that the Arab nations have declared one country only its target, and that is Israel. Yet, the United States talks blandly about sending arms to Iraq and Saudi Arabia as if none of these facts existed."

UJA COUNCIL OF ORGANIZATIONS PLEDGES SUPPORT OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Council of Organizations of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York today pledged its support to the people of Israel in their determination to make their land a haven for the needy and oppressed.

The meeting, the 15th annual gathering of representatives of some 7,000 benevolent, fraternal and "landschaften" groups with a combined membership of over 1,000,000 persons, pledged its support in a resolution which decried the attempt of the Arab states to overwhelm and destroy the Jewish State. The gathering, which heard Avraham Harman, Consul General of Israel, formulated plans for active participation in the 1954 UJA campaign.

U.S. POST OFFICE COOPERATES WITH ISRAEL IN FIGHT ON BLACKMARKET

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The United States Post Office Department announced yesterday that at the request of the Israel Government it had banned from mails directed to Israel, Israeli banknotes, Israeli government bonds and Israel Independence Bonds. The Israel Government has requested international cooperation in this project which is aimed at suppressing a blackmarket in Israeli banknotes and securities.

CONFERENCE OF JEWS OF BRITISH COMMONWEALTH NATIONS PLANNED

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Plans for convocation of a British Commonwealth conference of representative Jewish bodies to be held in London this year were revealed today with the announcement by the South African Board of Jewish Deputies that it had agreed, in principle, to participate.

Invitations to this conference have been issued by the Board of Deputies of British Jews. The South African group accepted with the proviso that there be sufficient representative delegates from other areas present and that an adequate agenda be drawn up. A Commonwealth conference of Jewish organizations was held in London three years ago.

The South African Board also announced today it had renewed for a further year its membership in the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations which has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. The future of the Coordinating Board will be reviewed this year at a meeting of the representatives of the three participating bodies - the South African Deputies, the British Deputies and the B'nai B'rith.

FRENCH JEWISH GROUPS PROTEST IMPRISONMENT OF RUMANIAN ZIONISTS

PARIS, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Federation of French Jewish Societies has protested to the Rumanian Ambassador in Paris against the arrest of Jewish and Zionist leaders in Rumania and the prosecution of a propaganda campaign against them.

The Federation's resolution, delivered to the Rumanian diplomat, declared: "We resent deeply and painfully that our co-religionists can be punished for sympathy for Israel." The resolution concluded with the requests that imprisoned Rumanian Jewish leaders be released as a "contribution to world peace."

PROMINENT EX-AUSTRIANS ASK DULLES' AID ON AUSTRIAN RESTITUTION TALKS

BERLIN, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Four former prominent Austrians, now American citizens, appealed to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles this week-end to intervene with the Austrian Government to settle the claims of Jewish victims of Nazism in Austria. Mr. Dulles is attending the Big Four meeting here.

The four are: Prof. Otto Loewi, 1936 winner of the Nobel Prize for Medicine; Mrs. Alma Mahler-Werfel, daughter of composer Gustav Mahler and widow of writer Franz Werfel; Prof. Richard Schaeffer, former Austrian Ambassador; and Dr. Bruno Walter, world famous conductor.

Their letter to Mr. Dulles attacked the Austrian Government's refusal to negotiate a settlement with the world Jewish organizations, and noted that the "Nazi movement in Austria was not exclusively of foreign origin."

BONN GOVERNMENT HONORS DR. MAAS, GERMAN FRIEND OF ISRAEL

HEIDELBERG, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Grand Cross of Merit of the West German Government has been awarded to Rev. Dr. German Maas, superintendent of the Protestant Church in this region.

The 76-year old Dean, a Zionist for many years since his attendance at an early Zionist congress at Basle, rescued many Jewish children from the Nazis. Since the end of the Hitler regime he has been trying to create an atmosphere in Germany of understanding of and sympathy for the Jewish people. Dr. Maas, who twice visited Israel since the war, is writing glowing accounts of his experiences on his last trip.

NAZI COLONEL GETS 10-YEAR TERM FOR MURDER OF JEWS IN 1934

BERLIN, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Hans Himpe, a former S.S. Colonel who ordered Blackshirts under his command in 1934 to murder four Jews in Hirschberg, Silesia, has been sentenced to 10 years in prison by a local court which convicted him of complicity in murder.

MAYOR WAGNER OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMS BROTHERHOOD WEEK IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner this week-end officially proclaimed February 21-28 "Brotherhood Week" in a proclamation handed to Julius Gebes Adler, general manager of the New York Times, who is serving as chairman of this week's Brotherhood Week committee in this city. The Week is sponsored nationally by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Racial justice is a primary order of business if Americans are to strengthen democracy and keep the free world really free, three leaders of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergy warned this week-end in a statement issued for the Commission on Religious Organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The three co-chairmen of the Commission, Rev. Joseph R. Sizoo, Father John A. O'Brien and Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, stressed the nation's need to equate "spiritual resources" with "physical and material power" in its day of world leadership for peace and justice. The statement was issued in connection with Race Relations Sabbath and Sunday, which will be observed next week-end, and with Brotherhood Week.

ANTI-SEMITIC LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED AT WOMEN'S PATRIOTIC CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- An anti-Semitic flyer was passed out at the 18th annual Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense yesterday at the conclusion of a meeting which was addressed by Sen. William F. Knowland, Senate Majority Leader.

The flyer noted the "striking similarity" in design between the Soviet flag and the United Nations flag and in color between the UN and the Israeli flag, which was referred to as the "Jew Palestine flag." The leaflet then declared that "our Korean heroes are being asked to die under the Jew colors of a flag copied from the Russian Arms Banner." The leaflets, which were distributed by a representative of the conference, had been issued by the Christian Nationalist Crusade.

LUXEMBURG AWARDS MEDAL TO PRESIDENT OF JEWISH COMMUNITY

LUXEMBURG, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- The Government of Luxemburg this week-end conferred the medal of an Officer of the Order of the Oaken Crown, a high distinction, on Edmund Marx, President of the Luxemburg Jewish Consistory. The local Jewish community has decided to honor Mr. Marx by planting a forest in Israel in his name.

SELD PRESENTS BUST OF JUSTICE BRANDEIS TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- A bust of the late Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis was presented to the Hebrew University here by Robert Smid of New York on behalf of the Palestine Endowment Fund. Speakers at the impressive presentation ceremony paid warm tribute to the personality of Justice Brandeis and his contributions to the Zionist movement.

YOUNG ZIONISTS TO HOLD ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE THIS WEEK

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. (JTA) -- Issues facing the Zionist movement today and the challenge of Zionism to American Jewish youth will be the major items of discussion at the fourth annual Educational Conference of the Young Adult Districts of the Zionist Organization of America to be held over Washington's Birthday week-end in Atlantic City, it was announced here today. Some 400 delegates of Young Zionist districts from all parts of the country will participate in the four-day sessions which will map plans for bringing vast numbers of young people into the Zionist movement.