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## STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES ITS STAND ON ARAB-ISRAEL CRISIS

WASHINGTON, April 13. (JTA) -- The State Department today announced its stand on the current developments in the Arab-Israel situation in a statement in which it was emphasized that the United States Government will seek to strengthen the armistice control machinery of the United Nations.

The full text of the statement reads as follows:

"All of our efforts are directed to the ultimate goal of a peaceful adjustment of relations between the Arab states and Israel. Before the goal is reached both Israel and the Arab states will have to modify their present attitudes.

"The first step forward should be the renunciation of force as a means to attain political objectives and the substitution of cooperation by the parties among themselves and with the United Nations truce supervision organization in the context of their armistice obligations.

"Our objective during the current Security Council discussion is limited to bringing about such cooperation and to discovering means to strengthen the armistice control machinery of the United Nations. We believe the interests of all concerned will be served best by such a forward step."

The statement was issued to the press by Henry Suydam, press officer of the State Department. Mr. Suydam declined to answer questions based on the statement, saying that he was not in a position to interpret it.

## SPECIAL U. N. BODY PLANNED FOR DEALING WITH ISRAEL-JORDAN ISSUES

LONDON, April 13. (JTA) -- A proposal that a special Security Council subcommission be formed--with Israel and Jordan as members and under the possible chairmanship of United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold--to consider relations between the two states, was discussed by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles at their meeting here yesterday morning, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

The two statesmen had a number of proposals before them on handling Israel-Jordan relations, which they saw as the key to pacification of the Middle East. However, the Security Council subcommission idea found greatest favor in the eyes of the Western diplomats because the establishment of such a unit would be a procedural matter and therefore not subject to veto in the Security Council by the Soviet Union.

The British were pictured as optimistic about their chances of getting Jordan to participate in such a conference, despite its refusal to come to a meeting called by

the UN Secretary General under the terms of Article XII of the Israel-Jordan armistice agreement.

In addition, it was learned, the governments of the United States and Britain are to impress upon Israel and the Arab states that border incidents must cease. It is believed likely that Sec. Dulles and Eden discussed penalties to be imposed on those states which refuse to cooperate in ending the border warfare. However, an official spokesman refused to comment on this aspect of the talks.

Other specific proposals for stabilizing the Israel border situation were also discussed and will be pursued further in diplomatic talks. It was stressed yesterday when the talks between the two Secretaries were announced that British Middle East experts had been called into the meeting.

#### JEWISH CONGRESS URGES U. S. TO RE-EXAMINE ITS MIDDLE EAST POLICY

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Charging that "the failures of American policy in the Middle East have been frighteningly underscored by the events of the past few months," the executive committee of the American Jewish Congress at a meeting last night called on the United States Government to undertake a "fundamental re-appraisal of American policy in the Middle East, however agonizing that reappraisal may be in some quarters."

Re-examination of American policy, the American Jewish Congress urged, should be directed toward at least three ends: 1. The initiation of direct peace talks between Israel and the Arabs in the conflict "which has reached a point of acute danger." 2. The ending of Arab economic boycotts and blockades against Israel "which not only impair Israel growth and development but which thwart any advance in the living standards and economic progress of the whole region," and 3. The launching of projects for the fullest utilization of the water, power and other resources of the area for the common benefit of all groups.

At the same time, the American Jewish Congress body declared that it welcomed the action of the American delegation to the United Nations in calling for a comprehensive review of the Israel-Arab conflict rather than confining Security Council action to a study of the charges and counter-charges relating to specific incidents.

The AJC urged that all shipments of American arms to the Arab states be suspended "while our policy is being reappraised. The Arab states have thus far shown neither inclination nor capacity to contribute to democracy's defense," the Congress statement asserted. "To furnish them with arms in the present context is not to buttress freedom's strength but to intensify Arab intransigence and to pose further threats to Israel's existence."

#### END OF ARAB BOYCOTT SEEN AS IMPERATIVE FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE

NEW YORK, April 13. (JTA) -- Peace in the Middle East will have little meaning, according to Israel's Minister of Development, Dr. Dov Joseph, unless the Arab nations "call off their systematic and intensive economic war against Israel."

Dr. Joseph addressed a conference here on behalf of bonds for Israel. He warned that Middle East peace "does not mean merely the cessation of repeated and almost daily attacks and border infiltrations against Israel." The Arabs, he declared, must end their economic boycott against Israel, and Egypt must end its blockade of Israeli-bound shipping that must go through the Suez Canal.

According to the Israeli Minister, Israel is approaching the sixth anniversary of its independence "within reach of a sound economic structure," despite tensions, travails and boycotts.

STATE DEPARTMENT CHARGES RUSSIA SIDING WITH ARABS

WASHINGTON, April 13. (JTA) -- Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, today told the House Foreign Affairs Committee that "Russia now clearly has taken sides in the Arab-Israel problem" and indicated that the Russians have taken the side of the Arabs.

Mr. Byroade told the Congressmen that the Soviet Union has twice vetoed United Nations resolutions pertaining to Arab-Israel differences and said "my Arab friends feel that Soviet Russia was showing friendship to them."

An assurance was given the committee by Mr. Byroade that the State Department will require guarantees from Arab nations receiving military assistance from the United States that such arms will not be used against Israel. He expressed the hope that within a few years both Arabs and Israelis would be "convinced of American impartiality." At present, he said, each side accuses the United States of favoring the other.

F. O. A. REPORTS ON AID TO NEAR EAST; NO FIGURES ON ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 13. (JTA) -- The Foreign Operations Administration today made known in testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee that development assistance funds requests have been programmed to include approximately \$130,000,000 for the Near East which must be divided among Iran, Israel, and the Arab states.

Norman S. Paul, FCA regional director for the Office of Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations, made this information public but did not break down the total figure to show how much Israel or any other country in the Near East would receive individually.

Meanwhile, however, FOA sources said that while aid to Israel was to be continued, the program in that country would decline because of the success of previous operations and that not as much money would be spent there as previously. On the other hand, it was noted that aid for the Arabs will be slightly increased as the degree of need indicates.

Israel and the Arab states were characterized as countries in which the problems are rapidly changing and for that reason government officials feel it would be wiser not to specify at this time any specific amount for Israel or individual Arab states.

Whether additional funds besides the \$130,000,000 cited for the Near East would be afforded Israel is at yet unclear, although it is known that other allocations are being simultaneously asked for mutual defense assistance, mutual defense support, and technical cooperation. Whether the latter categories will be available to Israel is not known although it is assumed that Israel should benefit from technical cooperation funds.

COMMUNISTS GET 44 PERCENT OF ALL VOTES IN NAZARETH ELECTIONS

NAZARETH, Israel, April 13. (JTA) -- The Communist Party yesterday received 44 percent of all votes cast in the first municipal election in this all-Arab city in Israel and thus assured themselves of six of the 15 seats on the municipal council, it was revealed today when the tally was concluded.

A Catholic party was second, capturing three seats in the council, and a coalition of three Moslem slates gained four seats. The remaining two seats were divided between a Greek Orthodox party and one other Christian group. A surprisingly high 84 percent of the total 9,000 eligible voters turned out for the elections.

The elections were quiet and a large number of Israeli police were assigned to polling places to assure order. Throughout the campaign, the dominant note in each party's propaganda material was anti-Israel Government.

DR. GOLDMANN TO MEET TODAY WITH ADENAUER ON INDEMNIFICATION

COLOGNE, April 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, arrived here today to confer with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer on various problems connected with the payment of reparations and indemnification to Jews. He will meet with the Chancellor tomorrow in Bonn.

GERMANY SABOTAGES INDEMNIFICATION PAYMENTS TO INDIVIDUAL JEWS

BONN, April 13. (JTA) -- Bureaucratic obstructionism and legalistic hair-splitting, which reflect ill will and deep-seated hostility toward Nazi victims, are thwarting indemnification for individual claimants throughout West Germany and West Berlin, it is charged with increasing bitterness by the organizations and experts most concerned with the complex problem.

The Federal Indemnification Law, adopted by Parliament nine months ago, still remains a dead letter because not one of the necessary implementation regulations has been issued. Actual payments have dropped substantially below the level of last year.

Even existing state indemnification legislation is being foiled and hamstrung at every turn. In Bavaria, for instance, the law provides that compensation for illegal incarceration must be paid to those concentration camp inmates who, on a given date in 1947, were legal residents of Bavarian cities or of Bavarian DP camps. After five years, it suddenly occurred to the Bavarian Ministry of Finance to issue a directive that DP's, who were legal residents of German cities in 1947, are barred from the benefits of the law.

The law provides certain compensation for a "particularly heavy transfer loss" suffered by German Jews due to forced emigration. The Stuttgart Superior Court, in turning down a Jew seeking this compensation, came to the conclusion that, as long as the applicant had retained 10 percent of his property, no "particularly heavy loss" had occurred.

The Hesse Government recently filed an appeal against an award, by a lower court, of "illegal-detention" damages of one dollar a day to a Jewish woman who had been dragged from her home in Germany at ten minutes' notice and shut up in a Polish ghetto. The woman is not entitled to compensation because imprisonment in the ghetto did not constitute "incarceration," declares the Government's legal brief.

In Wiesbaden, a former Jewish agent for steel mills, who continued selling steel until the November pogroms of 1938 put him out of business, was deprived of compensation by a local Indemnification Chamber on the pretext that there was no Nazi law specifically barring Jews from acting as agents for steel mills.

AUSTRIAN COMPENSATION OFFERS TO JEWS DESCRIBED AS "DERISIVE"

LONDON, April 13. (JTA) -- The situation in reference to the world Jewish demands for restitution from the Austrian Government is "still extremely serious," Barnett Janner, chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told a meeting here of the Board.

Mr. Janner, who represents the Board on the Committee on Claims Against Austria, said that the Austrian Government was attempting to "side-step" the entire matter and was making offers of payment which he described as "derisive." He predicted that unless the Austrians changed their attitude and realized they could not continue to "fiddle about" with the world Jewish communities the situation might reach the "breaking point."

**PERON RECEIVES JEWISH DELEGATION; LAUDED FOR AIDING ISRAEL**

BUENOS AIRES, April 13. (JTA) -- President Peron received today a delegation of leaders of the representative Jewish bodies of Argentina on the occasion of the planting in Israel of a "President Peron" grove. The delegation was accompanied by Dr. Pablo Manguel, Argentine envoy in Israel.

Dr. Israel Novick, president of DAIA, and spokesman for the delegation, lauded President Peron for his friendship to the Jewish people and the assistance he has given to the State of Israel.

**LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF B'NAI B'RITH OPENS IN ARGENTINA**

BUENOS AIRES, April 13. (JTA) -- Delegates from six countries, representing 20 lodges, are attending the third Latin American conference of the B'nai B'rith now in session here.

The conference sent messages of greetings to Gen. Juan D. Peron, the Argentine President, hailing his policy of non-discrimination in religion, and to Itzhak Ben Zvi, President of Israel, expressing solidarity in the efforts to rebuild the country.

The United States Ambassador, Albert Nufer, was a guest at a reception tendered here by the Argentine lodges in honor of Frank Goldman, of Lowell, Mass., past president of B'nai B'rith.

**ISRAEL JEFROYKIN, NOTED JEWISH LEADER, DIES IN PARIS**

PARIS, April 13. (JTA) -- Israel Jefroykin, author and leader in world Jewish affairs, died here yesterday at the age of 70.

Born in Russia, M. Jefroykin fled that country after the Bolshevik revolution and eventually settled in France where he became active in communal and immigration activities. He held many top positions in the French Jewish community, including the honorary presidency of the Federation of Jewish Societies of France.

He wrote a number of books and edited various publications. In his earlier years he was a leader of the Jewish territorial movement and later was one of the top figures of the Jewish Peoples Party. During the Nazi occupation of France he succeeded in escaping to Uruguay. He returned to Paris after the liberation of the city.

**IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL HELD FOR M. M. ROSENBAUM IN ISRAEL**

TEL AVIV, April 13. (JTA) -- Impressive funeral services were held here today at the Naan collective settlement for Menahem Mendel Rosenbaum, veteran Labor Zionist, who played an important part in the revolutionary movement in Czarist Russia and was, as one of the leaders of the Social Revolutionary Party, arrested in 1898 and held in the notorious Petro-Pavel Fortress in St. Petersburg.

Born in 1870 in the township of Pletchenitz, Neam Minsk, Rosenbaum studied for the rabbinate. He came to the United States in 1905 and became active in the Jewish Socialist movement here, later becoming one of the active Labor Zionist leaders in this country. He settled in Israel after the establishment of the Jewish State, becoming a member of the Naan collective settlement.

**STATUE UNVEILED FOR SEN. BILBO; KNOWN FOR ADVOCACY OF PREJUDICE**

JACKSON, Miss., April 13. (JTA) -- A life-sized bronze statue of the late Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo, noted for his religious and racial prejudices, was dedicated today. The statue was unveiled at the Mississippi State Capitol by Secretary of State Heber Lander, who said that the Senator was "maligned" by certain groups because he "was convinced that the welfare of the nation could best be served by preserving racial integrity."

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