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ISRAEL PREMIER SAYS U. S. ARMS TO IRAQ WOULD INCREASE TENSION

JERUSALEM, April 28. (JTA) -- The United States decision to grant arms to Iraq can only have the effect of worsening the Middle East tension and of "placing a premium on opposition to peace," Premier Moshe Sharett told newsmen today. He also noted that an Israeli request for U.S. military aid had not been granted, although it was based on "simple security needs and on considerations of regional responsibility."

The Foreign Ministry issued a statement last night declaring: "The Government of Israel regards the decision to grant arms to Iraq as prejudicial to the prospects of peace in the Middle East. These arms are unlikely to contribute in any material way to the declared purpose for which they are intended, but they are bound to endanger Israel's security."

"The Government of Israel expresses its regret that the United States Government has taken a step which can be interpreted only as placing a premium on enmity and encouraging instability," the statement concluded.

Britain Welcomes U. S. Decision to Give Arms to Iraq

LONDON, April 28. (JTA) -- Foreign Office sources today welcomed the United States decision to supply Iraq with free arms. It was indicated that the United States had kept the British Government fully informed of developments in the situation.

The same sources were unable to confirm a Washington report that most of the arms supplied by the United States would actually be manufactured in Britain and purchased by the U.S. as part of its offshore procurement program. Only a year ago the British Government opposed any American aid to Iraq. The British have been equipping Iraq under a 25-year treaty which expires next year.

The Times of London today carries an interview with Israel Premier Moshe Sharett quoting him as stating that among all the great powers Britain in particular is "seriously involved" in the Israel-Jordan border dispute, because of its treaty commitments to Jordan. Noting that while Britain could not possibly wish to see the border situation degenerate into anarchy, the Israel Premier is reported as stating that this could happen if the Israel-Jordan armistice agreement loses its validity.

Mr. Sharett stressed that he did not believe that Britain has attempted "fervently" to get Jordan to honor the armistice pact. "One would expect the British Government," the Times quoted him as saying, "to use all their influence at Amman and in the Security Council to secure compliance with Article XII and other fundamental provisions of the armistice agreement. The fact that to all appearances the Jordan Government believes that in repudiating its express obligations it can rely on Britain's support is deeply disturbing," the Premier added.

PROJECTED U.S. LAW MAY ENABLE IRAQ TO USE ARMS AGAINST ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 28. (JTA) -- A "non-aggression" clause which might restrain Iraq from using its new arms to attack Israel has been eliminated from the newest draft of Mutual Security legislation pertaining to arms aid for the Near East, it was learned today.

The new draft repeals Section 202A of the Mutual Security law dealing specifically with guarantees that no equipment is to be provided unless the recipient refrains from committing aggression against any other nation. This pertained directly to countries of the Near East. Acting upon advice of the State Department, Congress has "recodified" the Mutual Security law. In this recodification the anti-aggression guarantee was repealed.

The Department of Defense is now considering an arms grant to Saudi Arabia similar to the one announced earlier this week for Iraq. It is known that a military attache of Saudi Arabia has been involved here in the most detailed conversations on this subject and a public announcement is expected in the not too distant future.

ARMISTICE BODY CENSURES ISRAEL FOR ATTACK ON JORDAN VILLAGE

JERUSALEM, April 28. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission today censured Israel for an attack on the Jordan village of Budrus in which a 12-year-old Arab girl was wounded by a bullet. Israel, which is boycotting the MAC over the Scorpion Pass massacre, was not represented at the session.

A statement issued last night in the name of the Chief of Staff of the Israel Army expressed profound regret over the wounding of the child. It explained that she was hit by a bullet which accidentally crossed the frontier during live ammunition practice by an Israeli unit inside Israel opposite Budrus. It added that the firing was halted when a UN observer informed the Israelis that bullets were hitting inside Jordan.

ARAB DIPLOMATS GREET COUNCIL OF JUDAISM PARLEY; BYROADE TO SPEAK

PHILADELPHIA, April 28. (JTA) -- Arab diplomats in the United States today sent greetings to the American Council for Judaism on the occasion of the Council's annual national four-day conference which opens here tomorrow at the Hotel Warwick at which Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade will be one of the principal speakers. Mr. Byroade will outline the American policy in the Middle East.

Lessing Rosenwald, president of the organization, also received a message from President Eisenhower extending greetings to the members of the Council attending the conference. "It is my hope that your conference will further your commendable objectives in the fields of religion and civic responsibilities - objectives that all of us hope will be vigorously advanced by the Council for many decades to come," the message stated.

The Arab diplomats who sent greetings to the conference included Dr. Charles Malik, Ambassador of Lebanon who speaks for all the Arab states at the United Nations Security Council, and Rashad Mourad, Consul General of Egypt in New York. Their messages were made public by the Council.

Dr. Malik said in his message: "There is a fundamental error in the supposition of those who identify religion with one race, one nation, or one people. Therefore, we all admire your effort to save Judaism from such encroachment and to preserve its universal super-racial message. May God bless your activities and help you in the fulfillment of your high aims."

The Egyptian message stated: "The American Council for Judaism, whose basic principle is that Judaism is a religion, is contributing much to help the American people understand from the proper perspective, the situation between the Arab states and Israel. Judaism is definitely a religion and not a nationality. So much trouble would have been avoided if the people of the United States had borne that fact in mind. No person would approve the dislodgment of the Arab people from their homes, or the deprivation of their property, in order to establish a State of Israel against the will of all the countries and the people in that area."

U. S. POLICY EVOKES "FEELING OF ISOLATION" IN ISRAEL, GOLDMANN SAYS

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- Israel's hopes for an early peace with the Arab states have been "shattered" by the "intransigent attitude of the Arab world, the mounting tensions along her border and the overt pro-Arab policy of the Soviet Union and the Soviet satellites," Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, said tonight, addressing the annual dinner sponsored by the American Jewish Congress on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal at the Hotel Pierre.

Although Israelis are careful not to reach any hasty conclusions in interpreting America's policy in the Middle East, "the vague and often vacillating policy of the United States" contributes to "a feeling of isolation" in Israel. Dr. Goldmann delivered the speech just a week after his return from a recent trip to Israel and several hours after conferring in Washington with Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade.

The major portion of Dr. Goldmann's speech was devoted to statements which Mr. Byroade had made in an address in Dayton, Ohio, April 19. Dr. Goldmann praised Mr. Byroade's statements as an honest effort to strike a balance between Israel and the Arab states, although decisions such as arming the Arab states baffle Israel and are the cause of anxiety. He replied sharply to Mr. Byroade's advice to the Israelis that they should "come to truly look upon yourselves as a Middle Eastern state rather than as a headquarters - or nucleus so to speak - of world-wide groupings of peoples of a religious faith."

Charging that Mr. Byroade has accepted on this issue, unwittingly perhaps, the "theories and concepts of the American Council for Judaism which represents a tiny minority of American Jews," Dr. Goldmann said:

"It is not the function nor the business of the State Department, nor any of its spokesmen, to advise Jewish communities on their relations to Israel. The American Jewish community must reject any attempt, from whatever quarter and whatever source, to interfere in such problems. The relationship between the Jewish people and Israel has the profoundest religious, moral and intellectual and spiritual significance. American democracy has always been characterized by great reverence for relationships of this nature between the diverse components of its citizenry and historic groups."

Sobeloff Calls for Vigilance on the American Scene

United States Solicitor-General Simon E. Sobeloff, making his first major address at the dinner since his induction into office, called for "vigilance to preserve our liberties not only from those who go over to the enemy, but from misguided persons at both extremes: those who are asleep upon their watch and those whose zeal as they stand watch leads them into error that may prove no less destructive."

Expressing gratification over the progress that has been made in the extension of civil rights, the Solicitor-General declared that the establishing of equal rights has become a prime concern of government. He praised the work of private agencies such as the American Jewish Congress, working for the advancement of human rights. "They are an indigenous part of American life. They are repositories of rich spiritual resources. They stimulate the people, nourish government policy and are the well-springs of community action."

He called for maximum support of the United Jewish Appeal which he said has been a major instrument in alleviating Jewish suffering throughout the world and assisting in Israel's development. Citing Israel's "thrilling achievements and great needs, its exciting prospects and staggering burdens," the Solicitor-General said that "Israel is, and can increasingly become a center of democratic strength and inspiration for the entire Middle East."

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, pointed out in his address that "arms shipments to the Arab countries serve only to heighten

tension in the Middle East because they threaten Israel's security." He said that the Arab states have repeatedly made it clear that they are seeking the liquidation of Israel.

"The Arab states have not particularly distinguished themselves either for their love and practice of democracy and their commitments to freedom. I therefore earnestly hope that our government will reconsider its decision to provide arms to the Arab states at least until such time as they have actually begun negotiations with Israel for the establishment of a permanent and durable peace," he declared.

Z. O. A. PRESIDENT ASSAILS GRANTING OF AMERICAN ARMS TO IRAQ

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today assailed the granting of free American arms to Iraq as "an act of myopic diplomacy fraught with great danger for the peace and security in the Middle East."

Addressing a meeting of the national executive committee of the organization held at the national ZOA headquarters, Rabbi Miller declared that the grant of military aid to Iraq is not only "a set-back for the cause of peace in the Middle East" but that such a step "constitutes a reward to a feudal government for its open warfare upon the peace loving State of Israel." He also termed it "an inducement to an intransigent government to continue its policy of virulent hostility to Israel with which it refused to enter even into an armistice agreement."

ISRAEL MINISTER PREDICTS RELAXATION OF FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTROLS

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- Relaxation of foreign currency controls and of trade policies in Israel were forecast here tonight by Israel Minister of Transportation Joseph Serlin addressing the first annual dinner of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Some 400 guests at the dinner witnessed the granting of the chamber's first annual awards to George W. Wolf, president of U.S. Steel Export Company, and Jack Mazer, president of Hudson Pulp and Paper Corporation. Mr. Wolf's award was in recognition of his company's supplying Israel with \$11,000,000 worth of steel, and Mr. Mazer's was in recognition of the establishment in Israel of the American Israeli Paper Mills Ltd., a \$4,000,000 investment and the only paper mill in the Middle East.

Mr. Saphir, who thanked the American people and government for aid to Israel, said that continued assistance was needed for the stabilization of Israel's economy and currency. The government's stabilization of prices and wages has made it possible to adopt "a more effective and realistic approach to the possibility of abolishing the control of foreign exchange." He revealed that the Israel Government is prepared not only to encourage private initiative and investment but also to transfer its shares and holdings in existing enterprises to investment capital from abroad.

Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel, who was named honorary chairman of the chamber, told the guests that the recently ratified treaty of commerce, navigation and trade between the U.S. and Israel has greatly facilitated the consolidation of trade and commerce ties between the two countries. He reported that the past year had witnessed a significant reduction of Israel's imports and an increase in exports, particularly in manufactured goods.

Norman Paul, regional director of Foreign Operations Administration programs in the Near East, described the Mutual Security Program total requests for the fiscal year 1955 now before the Congress. He emphasized that the program, now being carried out and planned for the future in the Near East, are in accordance "with the policy of the President to devote increasing attention and understanding to the problems of the people in that area, whose future attitudes and orientation are of vital importance to the whole world." Mr. Paul paid particular tribute to the government and people of Israel and the remarkable progress they had made.

25 JEWISH LEADERS SENTENCED IN RUMANIA; 15 MORE ON TRIAL

LONDON, April 28. (JTA) -- Some 25 Jewish leaders have been sentenced in Rumania to long prison terms, including three to life imprisonment, following their conviction on charges of illegal Zionist activity and maintaining contact with the Israel legation in Bucharest, it was reported here today.

World Jewish Congress sources last night said that in all some 40 Jews, including six women, were indicted in the trials which are still continuing. This trial is the fifth mass trial involving over 150 leaders of the Rumanian Jewish community, many of whom have been in prisons for the past four years, the WJC said.

Among the defendants in the current trial, it was revealed, are: Dr. Cornel Jancu, deputy chairman of the World Federation of General Zionists; Dr. Bernard Rohrich, former chairman of the Zionist Federation of Rumania; Leon Itzcar, former chairman of the Jewish National Fund in Rumania; Dr. Theodor Loewenstein, well-known Jewish historian; and Dan Eshanu, chairman of the now dissolved Poale Zion-Labor Zionist party.

Dr. Goldmann Condemns Rumania for Secret Trials of Jews

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- "The information which has reached the World Jewish Congress on the secret trials of about 100 Jewish leaders in Rumania will be received with horror and indignation not only in Jewish communities throughout the world but wherever men respect human dignity and believe in intellectual freedom," Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the WJC, said in a statement here today.

"There is now, unhappily, no doubt that this brutal assault on the spiritual integrity of the Jewish community is an attempt to obliterate the last vestiges of spiritual autonomy in the Jewish community and to cut off all contact between the Jews of Rumania and their fellow Jews in other lands," the statement continued.

"The claim of the Rumanian Government to have brought emancipation and religious freedom to the Jews of their country now stands exposed in all its hollowness," Dr. Goldmann declared. "This is not a situation which the Jews of the world will be prepared to accept. We are confident that public opinion in every free country will join with us in condemning an act of state which seeks its only justification in the loyalty with which these men and women have served an ancient tradition and sought to maintain an honorable place in a fellowship consecrated by centuries of Jewish suffering and aspiration.

"It is in the power of the Rumanian Government to reverse a policy which must be condemned by the civilized world. We earnestly call upon them to halt the trials now in process and to restore to freedom the men and women who have already languished in prison," the WJC president concluded.

Israel Body to Seek Release of Imprisoned Rumanian Jews

TEL AVIV, April 28. (JTA) -- A public committee has been established in Israel to make every possible effort to release the imprisoned Jewish community leaders in Rumania and obtain permission for them to migrate to Israel, it was announced here today by Ido Cohen, a member of Parliament and a leader of former Rumanian Jews now living in Israel.

Meanwhile, the executive of the Israel section of the World Jewish Congress today issued a statement expressing its "horror" at the latest reports of persecution of Jewish leaders in Rumania. It was revealed that attempts through diplomatic channels to halt the trials had failed.

SCOTTISH EDITOR APOLOGIZES FOR ANTI-SEMITIC ADVERTISEMENT

LONDON, April 28. (JTA) -- The editor of the Banffshire, Scotland, Journal and Northern Farmer today explained that an anti-Semitic advertisement published in his newspaper last week had appeared only because he and the advertising manager both failed to see it beforehand. He expressed his regret over the "offensive advertisement," noted that there was "no special prejudice in Banffshire against the Jewish people" and pledged to be "on guard against any repetition of the incident.

NEWARK GROUP TO CHECK POLITICAL MEETINGS FOR BIGOTRY

NEWARK, April 28. (JTA) -- The Essex County Intergroup Council has set up a fair election campaign committee to monitor political meetings here and guard against introduction of racial or religious angles in the election campaign.

The committee, which will be composed of about 50 volunteers, will have reporters at every political meeting to report back to the body any statements based on group prejudices or any appeal for votes based on group loyalty.

The committee has written to all candidates urging them to avoid the racial and religious appeals that have been "part of the deplorable past in Newark city elections." The committee asked candidates to shun special group appeals and prejudiced and bigoted statements against any groups.

YOUNG HOODLUMS ARRESTED IN PHILADELPHIA FOR ATTACKING JEWS

PHILADELPHIA, April 28. (JTA) -- Almost all members of a young hoodlum gang responsible for the beating up of Jewish youngsters last week in the Olney section of the city, have been rounded up, the police reported today. They will be given a hearing before Judge Hazel Brown, presiding justice of the Municipal Court, who has taken an active interest in the case.

Emil Goldhaber of the Jewish Community Relations Council, charged the attacks were a "planned effort on the extensive scale to 'get Jews' wherever they could be found," but noted the "casual and wanton motivations expressed by a great many of the participants." He pointed out that, "aside from the few 'head-men,' most of the youngsters were unaware of why they were lashing out and at whom.

TWO JEWS ELECTED TO ARGENTINE PARLIAMENT ON PERON TICKET

BUENOS AIRES, April 28. (JTA) -- Two Jews were elected to Parliament in last Sunday's national elections, it was revealed here today with the release of the final tabulations.

Both men are members of President Juan Peron's Party. They are: Dr. Pablo Manguel, currently Argentine Minister to Israel; and David Diskin. Both men were elected from districts in Buenos Aires Province.

BELGIAN KING UNVEILS MONUMENT FOR VICTIMS OF NAZIS

BRUSSELS, April 28. (JTA) -- King Badouin unveiled today a monument to the "Unknown Political Prisoner" at the Breendock Fortress where many Belgian patriots, including Jews, were murdered by the Nazis. The fortress was also the assembly point for Jews being deported to the Auschwitz death camp.

The monument is a figure of a kneeling man with his head turned defiantly toward the fortress. It was sculptured by a Jewish sculptor named Yanchelevici, who was born in Rumania but has lived and worked in Belgium for more than 20 years.

S. KACZERGINSKY, NOTED JEWISH NOVELIST, KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

BUENOS AIRES, April 28. (JTA) -- Shmaryahu Kaczerginsky, famous Jewish novelist and former anti-Nazi partisan in Poland, died in a plane crash in the Argentine interior, it was announced here today. He was 46.

Mr. Kaczerginsky, who wrote "I was a Partisan," came to this country from Paris after the war in a party of Jewish writers from East European countries. During the Nazi occupation of Poland he lived in the Wilna Ghetto. He was most recently manager of the publishing firm "Kium" here.