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EISENHOWER EVASIVE ON ARMS TO ISRAEL; JUSTIFIES ARMS TO IRAQ

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower indicated to a press conference today that he envisions military assistance to Iraq for use against Communism and not for any local war.

The President was asked if in view of the decision to grant arms aid to Iraq the Administration considered similar assistance for Israel. He replied that he had forgotten for the moment the state of American negotiations with Israel but that he knew we have rendered economic assistance to Israel.

Mr. Eisenhower added that we are not giving anyone assistance to start a war or to indulge in conflict with others of our friends. He said military assistance was for the common purpose of opposing Communism and pointed out that if and when we give such assistance to any region or any nation in that region it is not for the purpose of assisting them in any local war of any kind.

ZIONIST DELEGATION ADVISES STATE DEPARTMENT AGAINST ARMING IRAQ

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- A delegation representing the American Zionist Council for Public Affairs today discussed the Iraqi situation for over ~~one and~~ one-half hours with Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade and urged that the United States reconsider its decision to grant arms to the Arab state.

The delegation stressed the belief that the best interests of the U. S. are served by concentration on economic assistance to raise living standards in the Middle East and by bringing about reconciliation and cooperation. It said that "to throw arms into the region at this moment is to gamble with peace and security."

Expressing the delegation's grave concern, a spokesman told Sec. Byroade: "The record of Iraq's political instability, its failure to adhere to the democratic cause during World War II, and a demonstrated incapacity of its armed forces all cast doubt on the value of this military arrangement to the free world."

It was emphasized that the plan may undermine rather than strengthen Middle Eastern defenses and that the region cannot be made secure against Communism until there is a reconciliation of internal conflicts. The delegation was headed by Louis Lipsky, chairman of the council, and included: I. L. Kenen, its executive director; Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, of the Mizrahi Organization of America; Mrs. Rose Halprin, of Hadassah; and Rabbi James G. Heller, of the Labor Zionist Organization of America.

Israel Informs U. S. Envoy of Opposition to Arming Iraq

JERUSALEM, April 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Walter Eytan, director general of the Foreign Ministry, last night met with United States Charge d'Affaires Francis Russel and reiterated the Israel Government's opposition to American military aid for Iraq, the Foreign Ministry revealed today.

U. S. JEWRY STANDS BEHIND ISRAEL, MINISTER REPORTS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 29. (JTA) -- American Jewry will stand behind Israel regardless of what Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade says, Dov Joseph, Development Minister, today told a press conference here. He was commenting on Sec. Byroade's recent advice to Israel not to regard itself as a center of world Jewry, but as a Middle East state.

The Minister, who recently visited the United States, declared that American Jewry is devoted to Israel and noted that many American Jewish leaders give all their spare time and even a portion of their business day to volunteer work for Israel in a spirit, he asserted, which is "not even found in Israel."

Dr. Joseph outlined the activities in America to attract investment capital to Israel in such industries as electric power, oil and fertilizer production. He said the government would be willing to sell its interests in these large corporations whenever private capital is interested in investing in them.

While he was optimistic about the possibilities of finding commercially exploitable oil deposits, he warned the public against raising its hopes on oil. He revealed that the government was planning to place orders soon with Germany for equipment to be used in extracting copper from Negev ores and bromides from Dead Sea minerals. He estimated that within a few years, the Dead Sea potash works would be earning \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 annually for Israel.

U. N. ARMISTICE COMMISSION CONDEMNS EGYPT; CENSURES ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 29. (JTA) -- The Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission today condemned Egypt for firing on an Israeli patrol which attempted to rescue the occupants of an Israeli military vehicle disabled by Egyptian fire from across the border.

The MAC at the same time censured Israel for shelling Egyptian border units, which in recent weeks have provoked a score of incidents. Five other Israeli complaints were removed from the unit's agenda when the UN chairman ruled that the Israelis had failed to prove Egyptian responsibility for the incidents.

LEBANESE BISHOP COMES TO ISRAEL TO CONFER ON MARONITES

HAIFA, April 29. (JTA) -- Despite the fact that peace has not been concluded between Israel and Lebanon, Lebanese Maronite Bishop Joseph Khouri has come to Israel to confer with the authorities on his request that Maronite refugees be permitted to return to Biram village, in Israel near the Lebanese border. The Maronite Church is a wing of the Catholic Church.

Israel President Ben Zvi today paid a visit to the shrine of Bahai, an international religious movement, on Mt. Carmel here. He spoke with Shoghi Effendi Rabbani, world head of the Bahai movement, who expressed satisfaction over the good relations which have always existed between the Jewish State and the Bahai movement.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM ASSAILED FOR SOLICITING ARAB GREETINGS

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism was severely criticized today in a statement issued by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, for soliciting and making public messages of greetings from Arab diplomats in this country in connection with the annual conference of the Council now taking place in Philadelphia. (See page 3 for a report on the proceedings of the conference.)

"For a long time," the statement said, "the vast majority of American Jews have recognized that the American Council for Judaism, a fractional political group masquerading as a religious movement, has by one means or another sought to hamper the establishment and later the development of the Democracy of Israel. This is the first time, however, that a body of Americans, professing to be Jews, has publicly aligned itself with enemies of Israel and the Jewish people. This disgraceful and humiliating spectacle will meet with the contempt it deserves from American Jewry."

GOLDMANN LAUDS J. D. C. PLAN FOR RESETTLEMENT OF LAST JEWISH DP'S

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, today welcomed the announcement by the Joint Distribution Committee of a combined resettlement and integration program, at a cost of more than \$1,360,000, on behalf of Jews in the last remaining Jewish DP camp in Germany, Camp Foehrenwald.

The plan, under which JDC will spend \$650,000 granted to it by the CJMCAG and the West German Government will give an additional \$714,000, provides: 1. Cash grants, including sizeable sums for basic subsistence for one year, to families emigrating to South America and other areas; and 2. Funds to provide furniture and other household items for those remaining in Germany. The German Government has also agreed to find employment opportunities and apartments for those who do not emigrate and to aid them in integration in the local economy.

Additional funds will also be provided for institutional care for the so-called "hard core" cases among the Foehrenwald group--aged, chronically ill or physically handicapped individuals--by the JDC, Dr. Goldmann noted.

"The program outlined by the Joint Distribution Committee," Dr. Goldmann declared, "brings closer to reality the day when the last Jewish DP camp in Germany can be closed. Many in Camp Foehrenwald, who have spent nearly ten years in DP camps, will now be enabled to live in security and dignity once more, and to support themselves by their own efforts.

"Even though the \$650,000 allocated by JDC, plus the funds to be provided by the West German Government, represents a sizeable expenditure, it has become clear that only a program of this magnitude can assure a permanent solution for those who can turn to no other source for aid."

LESSING ROSENWALD RETIRES AS PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM

PHILADELPHIA, April 29. (JTA) -- Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judaism for 11 years, tonight announced that he has decided to retire from the presidency at the conclusion of the next organizational year. He made his announcement in an address to the opening of the Council's 10th annual conference at the Hotel Warwick.

Mr. Rosenwald warned, however, that his retirement is not to be considered as a lessening of his interest or faith in the Council's future. "I expect to continue--if I am asked to do so--a leading interest in the formulation of Council policy and as an adviser on all Council activities," he declared.

The leader of the American Council for Judaism said that the policy of the Eisenhower Administration with regard to the Middle East "puts the Council's principles into practice." He stressed that the Council is neither pro-Arab nor pro-Israel. "Unlike Zionists and non-Zionists who claim that they are both pro-Israel and pro-America, we are simply Americans; neither pro-Israel nor pro-Arab," he declared.

Mr. Rosenwald demanded revision of Israeli immigration laws, declaring that the present laws "which assume Jews all over the world to have a prior right to go to Israel" is Zionism. He also demanded a "reconstruction of the Jewish Agency and its functions."

Mr. Rosenwald made his suggestions regarding Israel's immigration laws, and the Jewish Agency, "tentatively and as a basis of discussion." First, he proposed, there should be "an inventory of the numbers and needs of those Jews of Israel who still require services and assistance commonly understood to fall into the category of relief and rehabilitation."

EISENHOWER FAILS TO SUPPORT BILL TO REVISE IMMIGRATION LAW

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today failed to support the bill to revise the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, sponsored by Republicans. The President told a press conference that while he urged a complete review and study of the injustices in the Act he had not read the bill introduced by Sen. Irving M. Ives, Rep. Jacob K. Javits and seven other Republican Congressmen who submitted it as the Administration's revision of the McCarran-Walter Act after carrying out the sort of study to which the President referred.

Asked by a JTA reporter about his attitude toward legislation of the nature of the "Administration" measure to revise the controversial immigration act, the President replied that he had not read the corrective bill submitted by the Republicans avowedly on behalf of the Administration. The President did not repudiate or oppose the attempt at revision, but simply failed to support it.

However, the President added that he has in the past urged that there be a complete review of the original act in order that we may take out of it what appear to be palpable injustices and inequities and certainly to study all of them to see whether there is not something we may do,

He said that in asking for the Emergency Refugee Act of 1953 the purpose was to provide an avenue by which refugees and others could come into the United States. It was known, he said, the administration of the 1953 Refugee Act has been slow and difficult. He added that what he has been putting his attention on lately is trying to get the administration of that 1953 act straightened out so that it can work effectively.

A major reason why the 1953 Refugee Act has failed to work effectively, according to Republican advocates of the McCarran-Walter revision bill, is the fact that the 1953 act is based on the inequities of the McCarran-Walter Act which was passed in 1952. They feel that a first step in solving the immigration problem involving the 1953 act involves the revision of the earlier McCarran-Walter Act. Some elements in the Administration sought to portray the 1953 act as the Republicans' "revision" of the McCarran-Walter Act.

Gen. Swing Named New Commissioner of Immigration

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., announced that the nomination of Gen. Joseph M. Swing as Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization has been sent to the Senate by the President and that present Commissioner Argyle R. Mackey has consented to remain as Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Mackey is a career employee of the Immigration Service.

DR. HALE NAMED DIRECTOR OF U.S. OPERATIONS MISSION IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Lincoln B. Hale, 54, president of Evansville (Indiana) College, was officially named yesterday director of the U.S. operations missions in Israel, which is receiving \$52,500,000 in special economic aid for the current fiscal year.

Besides the special economic aid program, Dr. Hale will direct the extensive work under the technical cooperation program, which affects virtually all elements of the economy. U.S. technicians are contributing toward the development of Israel's transportation, educational, agricultural, industrial, public health and sanitation systems. During the current fiscal year \$1,487,000 has been allotted for this purpose.

Dr. Hale was born in Ansonia, Conn., in August, 1899. He was awarded degrees at Yale and Vincennes Universities. From 1927 to 1930, Dr. Hale was assistant director of the Thessaloniki Agricultural and Industrial Institute in Greece. He is an ordained minister of the Congregational Church and served as field representative of the Yale Divinity School.

NAVY OPPOSES RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION, SECRETARY ANDERSON SAYS

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- Secretary of the Navy Robert B. Anderson today reassured Herman Edelsberg, Washington director of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, that the Navy firmly opposes racial and religious discrimination.

At the same time, Secretary Anderson evaded a reply to a request from Mr. Edelsberg for a review of the "security risk" firing of Abraham Chasanow, of Greenbelt, Md., "with a view to determining whether or not the decision against Mr. Chasanow was free from bias and whether it is in accord with the facts and the best interests of our country."

The ADL director wrote Secretary Anderson: "We in this office share a widespread sense of concern over the reports of the dismissal of Abraham Chasanow, because of what has been made to appear a most arbitrary reversal of a security board's decision. We think you ought to know that this office has received a number of calls from people who are associated with Mr. Chasanow in B'nai B'rith who expressed concern that the dismissal might be motivated by ignorance or prejudice."

COMMISSIONERS OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ACT AGAINST BIAS

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- Commissioners of the District of Columbia today took action to strengthen the non-discrimination clause in contracts with firms which do business with the government. The contractors must agree not to discriminate against any worker or employment applicant because of race, religion, or national origin.

PHILADELPHIA JEWS SEEK ACTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC PRIEST

PHILADELPHIA, April 29. (JTA) -- The Philadelphia Jewish Community Relations Council has called on the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations for action against Father Leonard Feeney, an ex-communicated priest who edits "The Point," an anti-Semitic and anti-Protestant publication which has been widely distributed here in recent months.

Feeney is director of St. Benedict's, a seminary in Cambridge, Mass., which has been placed under interdict "for grave offenses against the Catholic Church."

ONTARIO FEDERATION OF LABOR SEEKS LEGISLATION AGAINST BIAS

TORONTO, April 29. (JTA) -- The Ontario Federation of Labor, in its annual statement of legislative proposals to the Provincial Government, has called for adoption of legislation designed to "prohibit and penalize the refusal of service in any public establishment to any person because of his race, religion or nationality."

The labor organization also criticized the administration of the provincial Fair Employment Practices Act characterizing investigations under the Act as "half-hearted and slow." It also called for a campaign to acquaint the people of Ontario with the purposes of the legislation.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PAYS TRIBUTE TO SAMUEL DICKSTEIN

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- The House of Representatives yesterday granted time for members to express tribute to the late Samuel Dickstein who served in that body for 22 years.

Rep. John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts, told of the value of Judge Dickstein's leadership against Nazism and Communism. Judge Dickstein was also lauded by Rep. Noah M. Mason, of Illinois, and New York Representatives Eugene J. Keogh, Arthur G. Klein, Abraham Multer, and Jacob K. Javits.

18 INDIANA COMMUNITIES TO FINANCE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

INDIANAPOLIS, April 29. (JTA) -- The 18 Indiana communities represented in the Indiana Jewish Community Relations Council will assume complete responsibility for the Council's budget when allocations from the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith run out in 1955, Martin D. Schwartz, of Muncie, the Council president, reported to its executive committee here.

The two national organizations, which carried some 80 percent of the Council's budget from 1947 to 1949, have been reducing their participation and in 1955, the last year of their financial aid to the Council, will contribute \$3,200 or about 16 percent of the Council budget. The council is a member of the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

Mr. Schwartz told the committee that the national organizations had rejected a proposal he made that they taper off their support of the Council over the next three years to "avert abrupt change which the termination of national supplementation of financial aid will now entail."

AMERICAN BUSINESS WITH ISRAEL IS PROFITABLE, AMPAL REPORTS

NEW YORK, April 29. (JTA) -- "Doing business with Israel has been profitable for American Investors," stated Abraham Dickenstein, president of AMPAL-American Israel Corporation, today, on the occasion of the release of his company's annual report to stockholders, which showed a profit for the twelfth successive year. AMPAL is an American corporation engaged in the financing of industrial and trading enterprises in Israel.

Mr. Dickenstein reported that since its foundation in 1942, AMPAL had made loans and investments in business, industrial and other enterprises in Israel amounting to \$102,195,612.32. The gross assets of the corporation and its affiliates have arisen from less than \$200,000,000 in 1943 to over \$30 millions in 1953.

During the same period, AMPAL profits before taxes amounted to over \$2 million. Since its organization the company has paid a dividend each year. It has successfully sold in the United States three debenture issues amounting to \$17,000,000. In the twelve years of its existence, the corporation has purchased capital goods amounting to \$65 million in the United States.

GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA URGES U.S. TO SUPPORT ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 29. (JTA) -- Gov. John S. Fine of Pennsylvania, who returned recently from a visit to Israel, told a United Jewish Appeal dinner here that "we cannot afford to see Israel go down any more than any Christian can afford to see Communism violate and dominate the ancient and venerated seats of Christianity."

"We need more democracies like Israel," said Gov. Fine, "America needs more friends among the nations." He characterized Israel as a "present day frontier of our democracy" and said that "in Israel there is a strong bridgehead of a pattern compatible with the American venture."

CORNERSTONE FOR NEW MEDICAL CENTER LAID IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 29. (JTA) -- A cornerstone for a new medical center was laid at Ramath Gan today at a ceremony attended by Minister of Health Joseph Serlin and Mayor Abraham Krinitzi. The center, named for the famed German Jewish medical researcher Paul Ehrlich, is a privately financed 300-bed hospital with attached research laboratories.