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U. S. ZIONISTS CHARGE STATE DEPT. WITH USING PRESSURE ON ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- The American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, official spokesman for all Zionist bodies in the United States, today charged that the Department of State has adopted a new and "obviously partisan" policy in the Middle East by "exerting pressure on Israel to offer concessions to the Arab states on the assumption that peace may be purchased," and without any intimation that the Arabs are prepared to consider the slightest step toward negotiations for peace.

Following a meeting of representatives of all national Zionist organizations, the committee issued a statement in which it took sharp exception to two speeches on Arab-Israel relations made by Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade in Dayton, Ohio, on April 9, and in Philadelphia on May 1. The statement reads:

"A new line of policy in the Middle East has been expressed by Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade in two significant speeches in which he has urged Israel to change its immigration policy and to make other drastic concessions--all without any intimation that the Arabs are prepared to consider the slightest step toward negotiations for peace. Thus, the Department of State is now exerting pressure on Israel to offer concessions in advance to the Arab states on the assumption that peace may be purchased.

"The proposal that Israel limit its immigration to set Arab fears at rest strikes at the heart of Israel's existence. Israel was created to provide a homeland and sanctuary for Jews. We deeply regret that an official of our great country with its own proud record of sanctuary should admonish the new-born Israel to abandon its fundamental purpose.

Chide Byroade for Advocating Arab View

"Without discussing the merits of Mr. Byroade's proposals, we are constrained to point out that it is unprecedented for an official of the Department of State to carry on diplomatic relations with a friendly government from the lecture platform.

"But far more serious is the impression that Mr. Byroade has become the advocate of the Arab view that the responsibility for the present conflict in the Middle East rests with Israel and that Israel must take the initiative to bring about peace. Every objective and impartial observer of the Middle East scene knows that the fundamental cause of the continuing unrest is the refusal of the Arab states to accept the very fact of Israel's existence and to enter into any negotiations with her. The Arab attitude, which Mr. Byroade euphemistically described as 'negativism,' is fortified and strengthened when the State Department becomes its apologist.

"The Department of State has been led into this untenable position because it proposes to give arms to the Arab states without any requirements that they make peace with Israel or align themselves with the Western world. It is in the attempt

to justify this premature distribution of arms--a policy which threatens the peace of the region--that the Department is constrained to attribute the lack of peace not to Arab belligerence but to Israel's refusal to pay tribute to those who blockade and besiege her and seek her destruction.

"As Americans, concerned for the integrity of American foreign policy, as well as for the survival of democratic Israel, we call upon the Department of State to reconsider its obviously partisan attitude and to renew its efforts to seek a just and honorable peace in the Middle East to be secured by direct negotiations between the parties without coercion or surrender of sovereignty."

ISRAEL WILL STAND FIRM ON UNLIMITED IMMIGRATION, MINISTER SAYS

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- A declaration that "Israel will stand firm on its policy of unlimited immigration" was made tonight by Moshe Shapiro, Minister of Religions and Social Welfare. He asserted that "recent advice that Israel curtail mass immigration to allay Arab fears, strikes at the very heart of the Jewish State."

"The inalienable right of each Jew to settle in Israel is one of the fundamental principles upon which the Jewish State was established, and the policy of the 'ingathering of the exiles' was among the first proclaimed by Israel," he declared, addressing 900 guests at an Israel Independence Day banquet at Hotel Commodore, arranged by the Hapoel Hamizrachi, the Orthodox Zionist laborite party.

Pointing out that the citizens of the Jewish State have endured extreme hardships only for the purpose of absorbing their co-religionists, the Israeli Minister asked, "Should a country be penalized for such a humane endeavor?" He added that America, more than any other country, should understand this attitude.

"Certainly, Israel's policy is in consonance with that of the founding fathers of the U.S., themselves refugees, who established a liberal program on immigration," he noted. He labeled the fears of Israel's expansion as "groundless." "As a matter of fact," he said, "we have offered to sign long-term peace agreements with the Arab countries, but they have consistently refused to even enter into any discussions on peace."

TWO ISRAELIS KILLED IN BORDER INCIDENTS BY JORDANIANS

TEL AVIV, (JTA) -- Two Israelis were killed in two separate incidents along the Israel-Jordan border yesterday, a military spokesman announced here last night.

One Israeli was a watchman at Castel. Six submachine gun slugs were found near his body and his rifle had been stolen. The tracks of three men were traced eastward toward the Jordan border, the spokesman revealed.

The second man was a member of an Israeli border police patrol which came upon a party of Jordanians illegally harvesting crops 300 yards inside Israel in fields near Meggido. The Jordanians were warned off, but when they did not heed the warning the Israeli unit opened fire on them. One Jordanian was killed.

At this point heavy fire was directed at the Israeli unit from the Jordan village of Zubuviya and the Israeli was seriously wounded. He died today.

Arabs Charged with Murdering Wounded Jewish Policemen

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- Israel charged that a Jordanian force today invaded Israel in the Wadi Fukien area, south of Jerusalem, and murdered two wounded Israeli border policemen.

A small Israeli police detachment came upon the superior Jordanian force of infiltrates and the Jordanians opened fire on the Jews. The Israelis were forced to fall back, leaving two wounded behind. When they returned to the scene with reinforcements, the Israelis found that the Arabs had dragged the two wounded men across the border and had murdered them.

EISENHOWER CABLES GREETINGS TO ISRAEL ON SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

WASHINGTON, May 9. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today cabled personal greetings to President Ben Zvi and the people of Israel on the occasion of the celebration of the sixth anniversary of Israel's independence.

The White House cable, signed by Mr. Eisenhower, said: "The people of the United States join me in sending congratulations and sincere good wishes to Your Excellency and to the people of Israel on this anniversary of Israel's independence."

ISRAEL ENTERS SEVENTH YEAR IN MOOD OF BUOYANT CONFIDENCE

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- The public celebrations of the sixth anniversary of Israel Independence Day wound up today in all cities, towns and settlements throughout the country as Israel entered its seventh year of life in top spirits and with a mood of buoyant confidence, despite the current strained political situation and the ever-present economic difficulties. The joyful celebrations on the crowded streets of this and other cities throughout the land have not been matched since the first anniversary festivities.

The official celebrations were closed with a garden party given by President Ben Zvi for members of the Cabinet, foreign diplomats, members of Parliament and representatives of all Jewish communities.

As part of the celebration, the Israel Journalists Association organized 19 public meetings in various cities at which prominent members of the government and leaders in all walks of life in Israel spoke on current Israel problems and plans for the future. Mrs. Golda Myerson, Minister of Labor, speaking at such a meeting in Tel Aviv, stressed the importance of immigration for Israel and called on the governments of the world to open their doors to Israel-bound emigration of Jews.

During services yesterday in Yeshurun Synagogue, Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, in his sermon, called on the Jews of the world to rally around Israel, adding that the best answer to Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade could be provided by the immigration of American Jews to Israel. Mr. Byroade recently suggested to Israel that it limit immigration as a means of "reassuring" the Arab states and thus hastening peace with them.

Israel Leader Voices Thanks to Americans for Aiding Israel

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- An expression of gratitude on behalf of the Israel people to Americans of all faiths "who have helped us achieve our sovereignty and are hopefully looking forward to our success and maturity," was voiced here today by Zalman Shazar, head of the Jewish Agency's department of education and culture, in a radio address on the occasion of Israel's sixth Independence Day.

Mr. Shazar, who asserted that he could not "predict a year of secure peace and of pause from strain," for Israel, asserted that Israel would lean on the friendship of its well-wishers in all parts of the world and said he was confident that "American Jewry will assist Israel in the same unqualified determination as in the past."

The Israel leader hit out sharply at "political obstructionists of all types, and a small minority of mean-hearted opponents within Jewry" who have "frequently attempted to deny the unity of the Jewish people and Eretz Israel." He called this denial "historically counterfeit, shockingly humiliating and gravely dangerous."

The National Committee for Labor Israel tonight celebrated Israel Independence Day with a rally at the Hotel Capitol. James G. Heller, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America, speaking at the meeting, charged the State Department with "uncertainty and misrepresentations" in reference to Israel, but asserted that despite these developments Israel has steadily grown stronger "in unity, self-defense and in progress towards economic self-support."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE URGES U. S. NOT TO ARM MIDDLE EAST

CINCINNATI, May 9. (JTA) -- The United States Government was urged today by the American Jewish Committee to cease giving arms aid to any nation in the Middle East "until a more peaceful situation develops in that troubled area."

A resolution to this effect was adopted at today's session of the annual meeting of the AJC national executive attended by 200 leaders from all parts of the country. Another resolution urged the strengthening of the United Nations Palestine truce organization so as to make it a more effective instrument to prevent further clashes between the Arab countries and Israel.

The session also urged the U. S. Government to continue economic aid to all Middle East nations and continue provision for the resettlement of Arab refugees so that the standard of living of Arabs and Israelis alike will be raised. "Economic improvement of all peoples in the area will create conditions conducive to the development of stable governments and democratic institutions," a resolution stated.

Other resolutions adopted recommended that the American position in the UN should favor an overall review of the current Arab-Israel situation and should use its good offices toward bringing together Israel and the Arab countries for the purpose of transforming the armistice agreements into peace treaties.

Seeks Reinforcement of Statement Guaranteeing Arab-Israel Borders

The American Jewish Committee leaders also urged the U. S. Government "to reinforce and expand, with the cooperation of Great Britain and France, the guarantees of the tripartite declaration of 1950, especially since the Soviet Union continues to block effective action by the United Nations."

The resolutions were adopted following a report presented last night by Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, in which he warned that Soviet Russia is exploiting the mounting Israel-Arab tensions for the purpose of creating unrest in the Middle East. Mr. Blaustein emphasized that the Soviet vetoes at the UN Security Council are obstructing the Council's freedom of constructive action to adjust Arab-Israel disputes.

The executive committee also adopted a resolution deploring the ineffectiveness of the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 which admitted fewer than 100 immigrants of the 219,000 permitted under the law. It urged changes of the law by administrative action and legislative amendment, but noted that "even if those changes are made we cannot regard the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 as an acceptable substitute for the needed revision of our basic immigration and naturalization statute called the McCarran-Walter Act of 1952."

The executive committee gave formal support to the U. S. Government's action program to achieve by educational methods the eventual adherence by all countries to the principles of effective protection of human rights.

FOEHRENWALD JEWISH DP'S ADVANCE DEMANDS ON GERMAN GOVERNMENT

MUNICH, May 9. (JTA) -- The German Government's financial arrangements for the 1,300 remaining Jewish DP's in Foehrenwald Camp, which is being liquidated, are not satisfactory, the Foehrenwald camp committee charged today at a press conference here.

The committee demanded that the cash immigration grants of the equivalent of \$475 which the Bonn Government has offered to pay to immigrants after they get to their country of settlement be paid to the emigrants before they leave Germany.

It also demanded that those who remain in Germany, either through choice or because they cannot find a country which will admit them, not be barred from receiving this immigration bonus in the event they emigrate at a later date. Under the present arrangement the German Government would pay them a grant to integrate themselves in the German community and then end its obligation to them. Finally, the camp committee said that those who remain in Germany will not accept "segregated housing" in German cities.

JEWIS PREPARE "WHITE PAPER" ON JEWISH TRIALS IN RUMANIA

TEL AVIV, May 9. (JTA) -- A "White Paper" on the trial of Jewish leaders in Rumania will be published by the Israel committee to help imprisoned Rumanian Jewish leaders, Idov Cohen, deputy in Parliament and a leader of Rumanian Jewry in Israel, announced here today.

Mr. Cohen told a public meeting that a World Committee of Rumanian Jews would be organized to take a leading part on the world scene to seek commutation of sentences of convicted Jewish leaders in Rumania and to seek a change in the method of trying Zionist leaders in that country.

In addition, he revealed, large groups of former Rumanian Jews would demonstrate outside the Knesset building when the Israel Parliament discusses the Rumanian trials. He stated that a group of former Rumanian Jewish women now in Israel would call for support of women everywhere for their campaign to have the Rumanians release five Jewish women among the convicted leaders.

TURKISH JEWS PERMITTED TO SEND DELEGATION TO SEPHARDIC CONGRESS

ISTANBUL, May 9. (JTA) -- For the first time, Turkish Jewry was permitted to send a delegation to attend the World Sephardic Congress, which opens in Jerusalem today. The Turkish Government has granted a request of the Grand Rabbinate to send such a delegation.

Under Turkish law no local group may be affiliated with or send delegates to meetings of groups abroad, unless the government grants permission. Jewish communal leaders today expressed satisfaction with the government's action, describing it as a sign of understanding and sympathy toward the Jews.

FRENCH COURT ACQUITS WOMAN INVOLVED IN FINALLY CHILDREN CASE

PARIS, May 9. (JTA) -- Mlle. Antoinette Brun, the Catholic social worker who had the Finally children baptized into the Catholic faith while they were in her care and then refused to turn them over to their lawful guardian, was this week-end acquitted by a French court in Riom of charges of disobeying a court order when, instead of surrendering the two orphan boys to their Israeli aunt, she spirited them out of France to Spain.

After months of negotiations among the Jewish community of France, the Catholic hierarchy and the French police, the children were returned from Spain and handed over to their aunt who travelled here for them. She later removed them to Israel under an agreement which provides for their education under specific conditions, one of which is that they shall be free to choose their own religion when they grow up.

DECLINE OF SARAJEVO JEWISH COMMUNITY REPORTED; 600 JEWS LEFT

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- The once prosperous and active Jewish community of Sarajevo has shrunk from its peak population of 10,000 to some 600 today and some of the members of the community believe that it will shortly disappear, the New York Times reported today in a dispatch from the Yugoslavian city.

The Times reported that in the now neglected synagogue in the most famous Jewish community of the pre-Hitler Balkans there were only the rabbi and 18 worshippers attending the services on the first night of Passover this year. Further, only 30 men, women and children--only two were children--participated in a Seder which followed the services.

Before the services began, the dispatch noted, a larger number of Jews attended a reception, but these because of their Communist beliefs and party discipline would not attend the religious services and the Seder.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS CALL FOR U.S. RATIFICATION OF GENOCIDE PACT

NEW YORK, May 11. (JTA) -- Labelling the recent ratification by the Soviet Union of the United Nations Genocide Convention a "cynical step taken for the purpose of embarrassing the United States and deluding world public opinion," major national Jewish religious bodies and civic organizations, together with a large number of Jewish community councils throughout the country today sent a telegram to President Eisenhower urging him to use his "good offices in behalf of Senate ratification of the Convention."

Continued United States failure to ratify the Genocide Convention, the message said, "exposes us not only to Communist propaganda but to the legitimate doubts of our friends throughout the world who look to us for affirmative moral leadership." The Genocide Convention, already in effect, binds the forty-three signatory nations to a treaty barring the mass destruction of any racial or religious group.

The telegram was sent on behalf of the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, central Jewish religious bodies and the Jewish community councils affiliated with the National Community Relations Advisory Council, joint planning body for all the organizations.

Sen. Lehman Charges U.S. With "Surrender" on Genocide Pact

WASHINGTON, May 9. (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman told the nationalities division of the Democratic National Committee that the "surrender" by the present Administration "on the human rights front and on the Genocide Convention is one of the more shameful of our recent episodes," noting that even the Soviet Union this week ratified the Genocide Convention. The Senator said the Administration "refuses to call on the leadership of the Senate to press for action on the Genocide Convention."

(The New York Times, in an editorial today, states that "the Russian decision to ratify the genocide pact brings to forty-four the number of countries which have now ratified the pact and emphasizes the lamentable position of our Government on this treaty." The editorial urges the Congress to ratify the genocide treaty "and meet the Russian challenge vigorously.")

B'NAI B'RITH DECIDES TO SELL \$7,500,000 WORTH OF ISRAEL BONDS

CHICAGO, May 9. (JTA) -- A detailed program for the sale of \$7,500,000 worth of Israel Development Bonds by the B'nai B'rith was adopted here this week-end at a two-day bond planning conference of more than 100 B'nai B'rith leaders. The parley adopted as the organization's slogan for selling Israel bonds: "Every B'nai B'rith member an Israel Bond owner," and recommended that every district be responsible for the sale of a share of the national goal in proportion to its numerical strength.

Philip Klutznick, president of the organization, told the leaders that "American Jewry will have no peace of mind until the problem of Israel is properly resolved." The most effective method of aiding Israel, he added, is to strengthen it economically through the sale of bonds.

MORTIMER MAY ANNOUNCED AS CANDIDATE FOR Z. O. A. PRESIDENCY

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- The candidacy of Mortimer May of Nashville for the presidency of the Zionist Organization of America was announced today following a meeting of sixty leaders of the organization, who gathered here to exchange views on the forthcoming 57th annual national convention and the future program of the ZCA. Mr. May's candidacy was unanimously endorsed by the meeting, in which ZCA regional and district leaders participated.

Mr. May formerly served as chairman of the national executive committee of the ZCA and as its vice-president. He is also a member of the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization.