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EISENHOWER CONDEMNS MASS ARRESTS OF JEWISH LEADERS IN RUMANIA

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today strongly condemned the Rumanian Government for the mass trial of Jewish leaders in Bucharest and emphasized that the United States is "concerned" with Rumania's violation of basic human rights.

The President made his views known in a message sent to a public meeting held here tonight at the Hotel New Yorker to protest the secret trials and imprisonment of 150 Jewish leaders in Rumania. The meeting was arranged by the American Jewish Congress, in cooperation with the United Rumanian Jews of America and the Far-land-Labor Zionist Order of America.

"The free world," President Eisenhower said in his message, "is profoundly aware of the sufferings of Jewish leaders in Rumania--many arrested several years ago, some recently sentenced to long prison terms. Their ordeal is the proper concern of all free men who strive to create a world of equal justice and equal freedom for all mankind.

"The American people have frequently protested violations by the Rumanian Government of the basic human rights and freedoms of the Rumanian people. We are concerned with these violations not only on moral grounds, but on legal grounds as well, for in February 1947 the Rumanian Government signed with this country a Treaty of Peace wherein it pledged itself among other things to secure to all persons under Rumanian jurisdiction, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, the enjoyment of human rights and of the fundamental freedoms."

Rumanian Jews Persecuted Because of Religion, Eisenhower Says

"In this most recent wave of persecution, Jewish leaders have been imprisoned not because they have violated any law, but simply because of their religion," President Eisenhower emphasized. "The sentence of these leaders of a defenseless minority is a warning to others that in Rumania today no man is free to worship according to his conscience.

"The Government of Rumania already stands accused before the tribunal of world opinion for its violation of human rights. By these new acts it has proved again how justly its despotic rule deserves the condemnation of all who love freedom and justice."

The principal speakers at the protest meeting included Rep. Kenneth B. Keating, Rep. Emanuel Celler, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, and Louis Segal, general secretary of the Labor Zionist Order of America.

Rep. Celler announced that he had introduced a resolution in the House calling upon the U. S. Congress to "express its condemnation of the Communist Government of Rumania for its persecution of the Jews of Rumania and express its abhorrence and revulsion of the criminal treatment of the minority people."

SHARETT REFUSES TO REJECT U.S. PLAN FOR JORDAN WATER DEVELOPMENT

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA) -- Israel is ready to negotiate any regional water development scheme for the Middle East but will not forego her rights or interests or sovereignty over any portion of her territory, Premier Moshe Sharett today declared in Parliament.

He made the statement in reply to demands of leftist and rightist parties that Israel immediately reject the proposed American regional development scheme which will be presented to Israel again within the next week or so by Ambassador Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's personal envoy on this project. The groups which raised the questions were the Communists, Dr. Moshe Sneh's Mapam faction and the Herut. The latter insisted upon immediate resumption of work on Israel's hydroelectric project on the Jordan River.

Mr. Sharett insisted that there was no need for a discussion in Parliament of the forthcoming negotiations with Ambassador Johnston because there was no question but that Israel would forego no rights and yield no sovereignty. Parliament backed the Premier, rejecting all motions leading to a debate on the subject.

U.N. IS NOT "ASLEEP" ON PALESTINE DISPUTE, HAMMARSKJOLD SAYS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 9. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold today denied that the United Nations was "asleep" in the Palestine dispute. However, he added that he knew of no developments of any significance in this issue.

Mr. Hammarskjold told a press conference that the UN Security Council was in an "extremely complicated situation." Although it had not met for some time that did not mean to say that nothing was going on, he stressed. He asserted that there were private discussions among the delegations.

He said that it was not much use to have a public meeting of the Council until some kind of an agreement satisfactory to most parties had been reached. Generally speaking, he averred that there was no change in the Palestine situation which "calls for any comments from me."

Mr. Hammarskjold was asked about the Israel project for development of the Jordan River. He replied that as long as negotiations were going on on the so called American Jordan Valley Plan it would only confuse the issue if other alternatives were brought into discussion. The Secretary General felt that it would be the duty of the UN to take responsibility for whatever plan was adopted for development of the Jordan.

U.N. OBSERVERS REPORTED "FRUSTRATED" ON ARAB-ISRAEL FRONT

DULUTH, Minn., June 9. (JTA) -- The process followed by the Israeli-Arab mixed armistice commissions is "an exhaustive and frustrating business for the United Nations observers involved," David M. Key, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs, today told the Minnesota Medical Association.

Mr. Key said the work of the mixed armistice commissions in the Israel area was, "however, helping to maintain the armistice while allowing time to work out a permanent settlement of the serious and complicated problems."

U.S. EDITOR REPORTS TO EISENHOWER ON VISIT TO ARAB LANDS

WASHINGTON, June 9. (JTA) -- A personal report on political conditions in the Arab League states was made to President Eisenhower at the White House today by Hamilton Fish Armstrong, editor of "Foreign Affairs," who has just returned from a visit to the Near East.

BEN GURION TO ADDRESS 10,000 YOUTHS TODAY; ISSUE RAISED IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, June 9. (JTA) -- The Knesset this morning in seven successive votes turned down a demand by representatives of three parties that a youth rally in Tel Aviv tomorrow at which the sole speaker will be former Premier David Ben Gurion be discussed in Parliament.

The rally, at which some 10,000 youths between the ages of 15 and 17 will be gathered, was scheduled by the Ministry of Education, which is also providing transportation to bring many of the youths from various parts of the country to the meeting. The parties which demanded the debate interpreted this rally as an attempt by the Mapai Party, of which Education Minister Prof. Ben Zion Dinur is a leader, to capture the political loyalty of the youths.

The resolutions demanding a debate were proposed by right-wing Herut and left-wing Mapam deputies and supported by the General Zionists, second most important party in the government coalition. All, including a compromise by the General Zionists to refer the matter to a Parliamentary committee, were defeated by a one vote margin. The Mapai cast 35 votes, the three opposition groups--joined by several religious bloc deputies--mustered 34, and the Progressives and remaining Orthodox deputies abstained.

During the discussion which preceded the vote, the Minister of Education rejected all criticism of his action, asserting that he had full responsibility and authority to hold such rallies and to invite such speakers as he deemed appropriate. In this he was supported by Premier Moshe Sharett who urged the Knesset to drop the matter since it interfered with the constitutional rights of the Ministry of Education. The deputies, however, rejected this advice and proceeded with the vote.

Mr. Ben Gurion is scheduled to address the rally for 90 minutes. His speech is expected to cover what he believes to be the three major tasks facing Israeli youth: settlement in border regions, integration of the newcomers and living up to a moral code.

72 AMERICAN JEWS LEAVING FOR PERMANENT SETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- A total of 72 Americans, including middle-class businessmen, professionals, students, teachers, retired couples and members of Zionist youth movements, will have left between June 1st and the end of July to settle in Israel, it was reported here today by the aliyah department of the Jewish Agency. Thirty American settlers sailed today aboard the S.S. Jerusalem and the number of departures by the end of June will be 55.

A reception held for a group of the settlers at the Jewish Agency office was addressed by Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, who declared that American settlers, though relatively few in numbers, enrich Israel with their know-how, culture and spirit of devotion. Other speakers were Zvi Lurie, member of the Jewish Agency executive in charge of the aliyah department, and David Beit Arie, executive member in charge of the youth and chalutzim department.

24 Jewish Youths Leave Brazil to Settle in Israel

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 9. (JTA) -- A group of 24 Jewish youths are leaving this week for Israel to settle in a kibbutz in the Negev. This is the fifth group of the Brazilian Zionist youth organization "Dror-Gordonia" which is settling in Israel. About 200 Jewish youths have left Brazil for Israel during the last five years, all settling in Mapai Kibbutzim there.

U. J. A. RAISES \$55,000,000 IN CASH FOR FIVE-YEAR ISRAEL AID LOAN

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, announced today that since the year's start \$55,137,500 in cash has come forward from the American Jewish communities on the UJA's added 1954 effort to float a five-year loan for the hastening of refugee absorption and agricultural development in Israel.

Dr. Schwartz announced also his expectation that the total of cash remittances would soar to \$61,000,000 by the end of this month, leaving little more than \$6,000,000 outstanding on the \$67,627,500 pledged toward the loan effort to date. The loan effort is in addition to the UJA's regular nationwide campaign for 1954.

The UJA executive head announced these totals as he departed for a D-day consultation visit in Jerusalem with leaders of the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency, the latter the direct beneficiary of the UJA loan. The Israel Government is benefitting from the loan indirectly as the Jewish Agency, under Israel law, converts its loan dollars into Israeli pounds. Dr. Schwartz was accompanied to Jerusalem by Morris W. Berinstein of Syracuse, N. Y., a national campaign chairman of the UJA.

In announcing the loan's cash status, Dr. Schwartz pointed out that sums remitted to the UJA represent bank borrowings negotiated by local Jewish welfare bodies which were given the UJA's corporate guarantee in advance assuring repayment to their lending institutions. Since the year's start, he noted, 143 communities have come into the loan effort, with 79 of these communities responsible to date for the more than \$55,000,000 cash remittance.

U. S. Jewish Communities Lauded for Making the Loan Possible

Dr. Schwartz termed the loan's progress "exceptionally gratifying" and lauded the communal welfare bodies for their "acceptance of the loan idea and their overwhelming response to it." He noted that flotation of the loan "is unique in American fund-raising history" and "represents an extraordinary innovation in meeting philanthropic needs."

"The funds made available through the loan," he declared, "have already been of major importance in financing the Jewish Agency's program of immigrant absorption, and at the same time they have had a measurable impact in easing the seriousness of Israel's short-term obligations." He urged continued support of the loan project in the months ahead and said that attainment of all outstanding pledges "will help substantially in setting Israel firmly on the road to economic self-sufficiency."

He gave this partial list of cooperating cities and the major sums remitted by them: New York, \$20,000,000; Chicago, \$3,500,000; Philadelphia, \$3,300,000; Cleveland, O., \$2,500,000; Boston, \$2,250,000; Detroit, \$2,000,000; Baltimore, \$1,500,000; Washington, D. C., \$1,500,000; San Francisco, \$1,000,000; Pittsburgh, \$1,000,000.

Also, Cincinnati, \$800,000; Miami, \$750,000; St. Louis, Mo., \$750,000; Rochester, N. Y., \$700,000; Milwaukee, \$650,000; Denver, \$625,000; Buffalo, \$600,000; Dallas, \$500,000; Providence, \$500,000; Hartford, \$500,000; Columbus, O., \$450,000.

Also, Atlanta, Ga., \$400,000; Houston, Tex., \$400,000; Worcester, Mass., \$400,000; New Orleans, \$350,000; Syracuse, N. Y., \$350,000; Omaha, \$325,000; Albany, N. Y., \$300,000; Indianapolis, \$300,000; Louisville, \$300,000; Memphis, \$300,000; Paterson, N. J., \$300,000; Seattle, \$300,000; Tulsa, \$300,000; Allentown, Pa., \$250,000; Passaic, N. J., \$250,000; Trenton, N. J., \$250,000; Wilkes-Barre, Pa., \$250,000.

FEDERAL COURT UPHOLDS BAN ON NATIONAL STUDENT GROUPS TO CHECK BIAS

ALBANY, N. Y., June 9. (JTA) -- A special three-judge Federal court yesterday upheld the State University of New York's ban on national fraternities and sororities on the campuses of the 22 colleges, agricultural schools, medical schools and other institutions of higher education under the State University's jurisdiction.

The State University last year outlawed national social clubs from the schools on the grounds that the national groups force local chapters to discriminate in membership against Jews and Negroes. At that time, the University gave the social groups until 1958 to complete the mechanics of disaffiliation. A total of some 21,000 students are affected by the regulation.

The appeal against the ban, on grounds of violation of the Constitution, was brought by eight fraternities and sororities and one student in one of the 22 schools under the University's jurisdiction. The court unanimously upheld the state's right to impose the ban. An attorney for the plaintiffs said they would take the case to the United States Supreme Court.

Commenting on the court's decision, Dr. William Carlson, president of the State University, said that it "clears the way" for the social groups to make the transition to local groups. He added that many of the fraternities and sororities had "demonstrated that they are ready and anxious to adhere to the letter and spirit of our regulation."

ANTI-SEMITIC STATE SENATOR IN CALIFORNIA DEFEATED IN ELECTIONS

LCS ANGELES, June 9. (JTA) -- State Senator Jack Tenney, who based his bid for renomination for that post on a campaign against "organized Jewry" was defeated yesterday in the primary voting. Sen. Tenney, who ran as Vice Presidential candidate of the Gerald L. K. Smith Christian Nationalist Party in 1952, charged that the "Jewish leadership" and the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League opposed his re-nomination.

Sen. Tenney cross-filed under California law as a candidate in both the Republican and Democratic primaries but he was defeated in both; in the Republican primary he lost to Mrs. Mildred Younger, in the Democratic primary to Richard Richards.

During his tenure in office, Sen. Tenney has written and mailed to Congressmen and United States Senators a pamphlet attacking Zionism. One-time head of California's Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities, Sen. Tenney has attempted to link "Jewish opposition" to him to his attacks on Communists and others.

SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE OPENED WITH FUNDS GIVEN BY JEWISH SCIENTIST

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., June 9. (JTA) -- A new \$3,500,000 Institute of Microbiology was opened at Rutgers University here Monday for research purposes on funds obtained from royalties from the sale of streptomycin, one of the new "wonder drugs."

The center, also known as the Waksman Institute, was set up and will be supported by a foundation established by Prof. Selman Waksman, director of the institute and 1952 Nobel Prize winner for discovery of streptomycin. Eighty-two and one-half percent of the royalty income from an estimated \$100,000,000 in annual sales in the United States alone of streptomycin has been turned over to the foundation by Prof. Waksman. He keeps five percent, five percent goes to another microbiological research foundation and seven and one-half percent of the total has been assigned to assistants and former students who worked on the research projects with the Jewish scientist.

Sixty-six years of age, Dr. Waksman was born in Priluki, the Ukraine, and became a naturalized American citizen in 1916. In 1938 he visited Palestine to help work on medical projects in connection with the development of the Huleh region. In 1952 he went to Israel to help establish an anti-biotics institute there to produce the new drugs.

1,000 U.S. WOMEN SUBSCRIBE TO \$1,000,000 OF ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- One million dollars in Israel bonds was sold in an "unprecedented" ten-week campaign by the women's division of the Israel Bond drive organization under a plan by which 1,000 women each purchased \$1,000 worth of bonds, it was announced here today at the opening of a two-day National Women's Leadership Conference on State of Israel Bonds.

The completion of this special drive was marked at a luncheon today at the Savoy Plaza Hotel. Esther Herlitz, First Secretary of the Embassy of Israel in Washington, accepted at the luncheon in behalf of her country, scrolls on which the names of 1,000 women were listed as national sponsors of the bond drive.

Addressing the opening session of the conference, Leon H. Keyserling, noted economist and former chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, asserted that the State of Israel Bonds purchased by American women are "signposts for all those who want to encourage closer ties among all free peoples in the supreme cause of world peace." He emphasized that "the relationships between the United States and Israel, between the oldest and youngest of the democracies, requires practicality and humanity."

JEW NAMED JUSTICE OF SUPERIOR COURT OF MAINE FOR FIRST TIME

AUGUSTA, Maine, June 9. (JTA) -- For the first time in the history of the State of Maine, a Jew has been named a Justice of the Superior Court.

He is Abraham M. Rudman, a noted Bangor attorney and Navy veteran of World War I. Mr. Rudman, 57, has long been active in the Jewish community and is a past president of B'nai B'rith in Bangor and was the first president of that city's Jewish Community Center.

ISAAC SCHNEERSOHN, FRENCH JEWISH LEADER, HONORED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Leaders in all walks of American Jewish life yesterday honored Isaac Schneersohn, president of the world committee for the erection of a monument in Paris for the 6,000,000 Jews annihilated by the Nazis, who returned to Paris today following a stay of several weeks in New York during which he negotiated with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany for an allocation for his project.

As a result of these negotiations, the Conference decided to allocate \$300,000 for the projected memorial in Paris, to be paid within two years. At the luncheon yesterday at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel, presided over by Isidore Lipshutz, speakers lauded Mr. Schneersohn's energetic efforts to immortalize the memory of the Jewish martyrs and to activate American Jewry to participate in the project. The speakers included Sylvan Gottschal, Adolph Held, Dr. Israel Wechsler, Alexander Kahn, Morris Weinberg, Nathan Chazin, S. Dingol, Dr. L. Fogelman and others.

NEW YORK MAYOR PROCLAIMS "COL. DAVID MARCUS MEMORIAL DAY"

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner has proclaimed tomorrow, June 10, "Colonel David Marcus Memorial Day" in New York in a ceremony at City Hall.

The "day" was set aside in tribute to the late Col. "Mickey" Marcus, West Point graduate who lost his life in action in Jerusalem toward the end of the War of Liberation. Tomorrow night a dinner will be held in honor of Col. Marcus, onetime Assistant United States Attorney and Commissioner of Correction in New York by the Marcus Memorial Foundation, set up to perpetuate his memory as a public official, war hero and private citizen. Tomorrow is the sixth anniversary of his death.

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