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U.S. SEES "JUSTIFICATION" IN ARAB FEARS OF ISRAEL'S EXPANSION

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- The United States Government believes that "there is some justification for Arab fears that if the population of Israel were to expand materially through further immigration, that it would be humanly impossible to maintain those people within the confines of the present state."

A statement to this effect was made by Arthur Z. Gardiner, chief political-economic adviser of the State Department's Near Eastern Division, testifying before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He directed the attention of committee members to the speech delivered recently at the conference of the American Council for Judaism by Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade who dealt with the Arab fear of possible "territorial expansion" on the part of Israel.

Mr. Gardiner criticized Israel for withdrawing from the Israel-Jordanian Mixed Armistice Commission and said that Jordan could not be blamed for the mass murder of Israelis at Scorpion Pass, in the Negev. Maj. Gen. George C. Stewart, director of the Office of Military Assistance, said that "if we were attempting to support considerable forces in that area... the manufacturing facilities in Israel would be most valuable."

Israel Charged with Alleged Reshipping of Materials to USSR

Rep. Frances Bolton, of Ohio, chairman of the Near Eastern Subcommittee of the Foreign Affairs Committee, accused Israel of violating the Battle Act, saying that Israel "transgressed" and reshipped strategic materials to the Soviet Union. She asked the State Department to investigate. Departmental representatives agreed, although Norman S. Paul, regional director of the Foreign Operations Administration, told the committee he was not aware of any violation by Israel of the Battle Act.

Mrs. Bolton raised a question as to whether Israel is actually "such a bulwark against Communism." She said "Haifa was at one time the center of Russian propaganda." She thought "there is a great deal that goes out of Tel Aviv." Mr. Gardiner promised to investigate this in connection with the Battle Act.

Mrs. Bolton also accused Israel of letting the land "lie fallow" and said Israelis refused to do farm work. She recommended the Arabs as superior agriculturists. Rep. Karl M. Le Compte, an Iowa Republican, similarly asserted that as far as producing food goes, the Israelis are not farmers. "I have never seen a Jew on a farm in Iowa," he stated. Mr. Byroade interjected, "that has been one of the troubles in Israel."

Regional director Paul of the Foreign Operations Administration, defended the Israelis. "They are learning to become farmers," he told the committee. "I think the facts on their agricultural yields are quite impressive."

DR. GOLDMANN ANNOUNCES PROPOSALS FOR UNIFICATION OF ZIONISTS

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, today revealed that he had made a specific proposal for unification of the Israeli General Zionist and Progressive parties to Dr. Peretz Bernstein and Dr. Pinchas Rosen, leaders of the two parties. Dr. Goldmann made his disclosure here this morning before boarding a plane for Paris.

Dr. Goldmann proposed two specific steps as a prelude to unification: first, the establishment of a joint Parliamentary body to agree on a common attitude toward Parliamentary problems and government policy; second, consideration of a unified election slate for the next Parliament, for the World Zionist Congress and for local elections. The Jewish Agency leader also expressed his hope today for a successful conclusion of negotiations between the two parties.

ISRAELI PHYSICIANS REJECT GOVERNMENT OFFER TO STUDY SITUATION

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA)-- An emergency committee representing the Israeli doctors who last month struck in protest against the refusal of the government and public institutions to increase their salaries today rejected an offer from the government to set up a special committee to investigate the situation of salaried physicians.

The emergency committee insisted that the offer demonstrated no understanding of the plight of the doctors nor of a remedy for the situation. The last strike lasted three days, at the end of which the doctors gave the government 30 days to arrive at a satisfactory offer or face the threat of a longer work stoppage.

ISRAEL FIRM TO PURCHASE 100,000 TONS OF CRUDE OIL FROM RUSSIA

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- Delek, the Israel national fuel corporation, has reached an agreement with the Soviet Union for the purchase of 100,000 tons of Russian crude oil, the first shipments of which will begin to arrive in this country shortly, it was announced today by Dr. L. Meron, director of Delek.

Earlier, Israel signed an agreement for the purchase of 150,000 tons of fuel oil, deliveries on which have been proceeding without a hitch, according to Dr. Meron. The oil company official also noted that shipments of Russian oil cost only one-half as much to transport as Venezuelan oil. The Soviet oil, for which Israel pays in citrus products, fills about one-fourth of Israel's annual needs.

ISRAEL FORBIDS BREEDING OF PIGS WITHOUT GOVERNMENT PERMISSION

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today published an order forbidding the raising of hogs anywhere in the country without a specific permit from the government.

The order, published in the Official Gazette, takes effect on July 10. It specifically exempts people living in the Nazareth area from the necessity of obtaining permits. That area is inhabited by Arabs, the majority of whom are Christians.

The order also requires all butcher shops in the country to post signs in their windows indicating whether they sell kosher or non-kosher meat.

STATE DEPARTMENT EXTENDS AMERICAN ECONOMIC AID TO JORDAN

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- The State Department today announced the extension of economic aid to Jordan. The new agreement with Jordan provides for a tentative allocation of \$8,000,000 and enters into operation immediately. The first project includes the shipment of supplies for water and irrigation projects desired by Jordan.

JEWISH AGENCY SPENT 44,350,000 POUNDS DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency spent more than 44,350,000 pounds in the first six months of the current fiscal year, Dr. Giora Josephthal, Agency treasurer, reported today to a meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee's permanent subcommittee.

Dr. Josephthal said that the greater part of the money was spent in the following categories: agriculture, 26,000,000 pounds; immigration, 1,000,000; absorption activities, 3,000,000; Youth Aliyah, 3,800,000; repayment of debts, 5,500,000. Dr. Josephthal said the Agency expects to spend another 22,000,000 pounds in agriculture during the current fiscal year.

ISRAEL INDUSTRIALISTS DEMAND LIFTING OF ALL CONTROLS ON PRODUCTION

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- The Israel Manufacturers Association closed its annual convention here with a demand that the government continue its program of decontrol until it has lifted all controls of production.

In another resolution the industrialists called for government protection of Israel manufactures which are suffering from competition of cheaper products from abroad. The industrialists also opposed a suggestion by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol that the government float another compulsory "loan" if need be to cover the increasing cost of living.

HISTADRUT'S CONSTRUCTION COOPERATIVE EMPLOYS 53,000 WORKERS

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- The Solel Boneh, the construction cooperative owned by Histadrut, the general federation of labor, has 186 contracting units in operation and employs a total of 53,000 workers, Hillel Dan, Solel Boneh executive, reported today to a meeting of Histadrut organizations.

It was also reported that beside Solel Boneh, the Histadrut has 725 enterprises in operation. A total of 20,000 families depend for their livelihood on these firms, it was revealed.

ISRAEL GOVT. ASKED TO GIVE SPECIAL STATUS TO YIDDISH LANGUAGE

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- A memorandum appealing to the Israel Government to regard the Yiddish language as having a special status in Israel and not to permit it to be identified with foreign languages was today addressed to the government and the Knesset by two leading Yiddish writers in Israel. They are David Pinsky, noted American Jewish dramatist who settled in Israel some years ago, and Abraham Sutzkower, famous poet.

(In New York, the Yiddish Writers Union, Jewish Labor Committee and World Congress for Jewish Culture endorsed the Pinsky-Sutzkower memorandum in cables to the Yiddish Writers Organization in Israel.)

ISRAEL'S AVIATION PROGRAM PROGRESSING WITH UNITED NATIONS AID

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 15. (JTA) -- Israel's aviation program has achieved considerable technical and operational stability with the help of experts provided by the International Civil Aviation Organization, it was revealed here by the United Nations specialized agency.

The ICAO released a report to it submitted by U. Michaely, Israel's director of civil aviation, who underlined the great need Israel had of the services of the UN experts at a time when it was straining to set up a modern civil aviation program. He reported that during the past three years there have been five experts from the ICAO advising and assisting in Israel and that two of them are still in the country at present.

NEW TRIAL OF JEWS IN RUMANIA; 22 JEWISH LEADERS SENTENCED

ISTANBUL, June 15. (JTA) -- A new trial of Zionist leaders has been concluded in Rumania and 22 Jews have been sentenced to various terms ranging from three to 20 years imprisonment, it was reported here today by the Committee of Free Rumanians.

The report said that the following persons were sentenced to 20-year terms: Abir Marek, Zeev Lazarovici, Motzi Moscovici, a Mrs. Szold, a Mr. Sattinger, and a Mr. Antonier and his wife. The others received three to eight year sentences. All the defendants have appealed to the Ministry of Justice to set aside the convictions.

Another report received here from Bucharest speaks of the arrest of Mishu Kofler, a Jew who returned to Rumania from Israel. Mr. Kofler was a relative of Romus Kofler, a Rumanian Jew who was recently executed in Bucharest.

Mishu Kofler was released shortly after his arrest when the Israel Legation at Bucharest intervened in his behalf. However, the Rumanian authorities have refused to grant him an exit visa for Israel, which he requested as soon as he was freed.

KNESSET FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETS ON ARRESTS IN RUMANIA

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- The Parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Security Committee today held a closed meeting on the recent trial and imprisonment of Zionist and Jewish communal leaders in Rumania. Premier Moshe Sharett attended the session. No communique was issued later on the line of discussion or on any decisions reached by the deputies.

(In Stockholm, the Rumanian Legation today returned without explanation a protest submitted to it by the Zionist Federation of Sweden against the arrest, conviction and imprisonment of Zionist leaders in Rumania. The protest was submitted on June 3.)

JEWS REPORTED TO BE SUBSTANTIAL PART OF YAKUTSK POPULATION

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Jews occupy third place in numerical strength in the total population of Yakutsk, Siberia, which has about 50,000 inhabitants, the New York Times reports today in a cable from its correspondent in the USSR who is currently touring Soviet Siberia.

The correspondent reports that "the Jewish element in Yakutia is not small." He quotes the director of the State Pedagogical Institute in Yakutsk as stating that in this teaching institute Yakuts provide more than half of the student body, Russians the next largest group and Jews the third largest.

ANTI-SEMITES MAY PREVENT JEW FROM BECOMING FRENCH PREMIER

PARIS, June 15. (JTA) -- Pierre Mendes-France, the Jewish financial expert and former Free French aviator, who yesterday became French Premier-designate after agreeing to form France's 20th post-liberation Cabinet, has little chance of getting the necessary 314 votes in the National Assembly because of latent anti-Semitism in France and also because American diplomats consider him anti-American, it was believed here today.

M. Mendes-France said he would make his appeal to the Assembly for confirmation as Premier as soon as possible, perhaps on Thursday. The last time he made a bid for the Premiership, a year ago, he received 301 of the necessary 314 votes. In France he is considered a "New Dealer." He escaped from France after the fall of Paris to the Nazis and joined the Free French Air Force in England in which he fought the Nazis.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY APPROVES CONSOLIDATED FUND-RAISING IN U.S.

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- Dr. George Wise, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University and chairman of the University's Board of Governors, today stated that he had obtained from the Hebrew University an agreement in principle to the decisions taken by the American Friends last month with regard to consolidation of the fund-raising efforts in the United States for the University, Weizmann Institute of Science and the Haifa Technion.

Dr. Wise, who is returning today to the United States, communicated to the Israel Government and to the Jewish Agency the following proposals of the American Friends of the Hebrew University:

1. Immediate steps should be taken for joint appearances of representatives of the three educational institutions before American Jewish welfare funds in behalf of grants for maintenance budgets of the three organizations.
2. The distribution of the welfare fund grants should be decided in Israel by the Israel Government and Jewish Agency in consultation with the three institutions and on the basis of the needs of the schools.
3. A joint capital funds campaign should be initiated by the three institutions in the U.S. beginning in 1955-56, after studies have been made and an agreement has been reached on priorities and needs of the three institutions.

Fending the completion of a study by experts and the reaching of decisions by the public institutions and the three schools, the American Friends of the University propose--with the approval of the welfare funds--to engage in a capital fund campaign for the University in 1954 and early 1955, Dr. Wise said. This would be conducted primarily in communities where the other two institutions had already completed their drives, he stressed.

BRITH SHOLOM CONVENTION ASKS U.S. NOT TO ARM ARABS

MONTICELLO, N. Y., June 15. (JTA) -- A resolution asking the United States to refrain from arming the Arab states until they make peace with Israel was adopted here yesterday by some 1,000 delegates attending the 42th annual convention of Brith Sholom, a fraternal order.

Another resolution called for the reform of procedures of Congressional investigating committees and the preservation of the traditional separation of the executive, legislative and judicial powers of government. The delegates also scored attacks on the public school system of this country.

ALFRED E. PERLMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Alfred Edward Perlman, 51, was elected yesterday president and chief executive officer of the New York Central Railroad, one of the largest railway companies in the United States, it was announced here today.

A graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Harvard School of Business Administration, Mr. Perlman was until yesterday executive vice-president of the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad with which he served for 18 years. His research activities attracted the attention of the Federation of Railway Progress several years ago.

Mr. Perlman is the son of a civil engineer. He was born in St. Paul and has been working on railways since he was 16. He was graduated from MIT at the age of 20. He was later engaged by various railroad companies to make studies of ailing railroads. In 1952 he was named executive vice-president of the Rio Grande with a salary and bonus totalling \$52,500 a year. In the New York Central post he succeeds William White who received a salary of \$120,000 a year.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY RECEIVED \$3,417,000 IN GIFTS DURING YEAR

WALTHAM, Mass., June 15. (JTA) -- Brandeis University received a total of \$3,417,000 in gifts during the last academic year, president Abram L. Sachar announced at commencement exercises here.

The six-year old university, the first secular university sponsored by Jews in the United States, gave degrees to 159 students in its third graduating class. The university also conferred honorary degrees on Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt; Sen. Herbert H. Lehman; Dr. Selman Waksman, Nobel Prize winner; Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, president of the City College of New York; Dr. Alvin Johnson, president emeritus of the New School for Social Research; and Morris Shapiro, member of the university's board of trustees.

BOSTON JEW LEAVES \$3,000,000 IN GIFTS TO INSTITUTIONS

BOSTON, June 15. (JTA) -- Grants totalling more than \$3,000,000 to various philanthropic causes were announced here by the trustees of the estate of Jacob Ziskind, Fall River industrialist and philanthropist, who died in 1950.

A grant of \$1,000,000 went to the New England Center Hospital for research purposes at the Jacob Ziskind Research Laboratory, also built with funds contributed by the philanthropist. One-half a million dollars went to Beth Israel Hospital here to finance research fellowships and \$100,000 went to Union Hospital in Fall River for the development of a research laboratory.

Brandeis University received the sum of \$500,000 as an endowment fund to underwrite the University's program of attracting topflight scholars for its faculty, while Smith College received \$500,000 to build a dormitory for 65 students. Weizmann Institute received \$100,000 for cancer research; Beth El Temple in Fall River received \$140,000 to initiate a fund drive; and \$235,000 was contributed for the construction of the Lowell Hebrew Community Center.

ISRAEL SUMMER SEMINAR FOR U.S. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS LAUNCHED

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- The first Israel summer seminar for high school students is being launched as an incentive scholarship award to students excelling in the study of Hebrew in the public high schools, it was announced here today.

In addition to five weeks' touring and studying in Israel, the seminar will include a ten-day tour of Holland, Belgium, and France. Orientation and Hebrew conversation courses will be given aboard the trans-Atlantic and Mediterranean ships on which the group will sail to Israel.

The seminar is co-sponsored by the Jewish Education Committee of New York, the Jewish Agency, the American Association of Teachers of Hebrew in the Public High Schools, and the Hebrew Culture Service Committee for American High Schools and Colleges. Included in the first group leaving June 28th are 28 outstanding students from the high schools of New York City, Chicago, Buffalo, and other communities.

MEMORIAL DEDICATED IN ISRAEL FOR FALLEN WAR HEROES

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- President Ben Zvi today dedicated a memorial at Kiryat Anavim to 416 members of the Palmach who died in the War of Liberation. Also present at the ceremony were relatives of the fallen heroes and Col. Zvi Ayalon, representing Army Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Dayan.