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SHARETT REITERATES ISRAEL'S OBJECTIONS TO U.S. ARMING OF ARABS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Israel will continue to oppose the United States policy of arming the Arab states, and will not be satisfied with mere verbal guarantees of its security, which is now even in greater danger as a result of the British-Egyptian agreement on Suez, that has brought about a change in the Middle East's balance of power, Premier Moshe Sharett declared at a press conference here.

The Israel Premier, who is also Foreign Minister, said that U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in his recent talks with Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban, "revealed his good will in an effort to calm Israel in the face of her anxieties." But, Mr. Sharett added, "I don't think that good will alone can satisfy Israel."

Sending arms to the Arab states, the Israel Premier stressed, contributes to the deterioration of peace and stability in the Middle East. It is the equivalent of a prize to the Arab states for their refusal to negotiate peace with Israel, he asserted. Not only will delivery of arms to the Arab states make peace in the Middle East more remote, but it will not even help the stabilization of the already shaky regimes in the Arab countries themselves, nor will it aid relations among the various Arab states, Mr. Sharett believes.

"We are convinced," he stated, "that those arms will not be used for the aim envisaged by the senders. We base that conviction on witnessing what the Arabs did in two world wars. We are convinced that the Arabs would use those arms against Israel."

Warns Arabs May Lose Opportunity for Compensation from Israel

Mr. Sharett revealed that Israel is continuing her talks also with the British Government with regard to the Suez developments, inasmuch as they affect Israel. Asked whether Israel would return to the Israeli-Jordanian Mixed Armistice Commission, which she has boycotted for several months, he replied that this depends on "prevailing conditions."

The Premier warned the Arab states that their continued economic harassment of Israel endangers their opportunity to receive compensation from the Jewish State for abandoned Arab lands. "They might lose that opportunity for compensation which Israel has undertaken," he said. "They should not think that it will be possible always to demand payment on such obligations, when they themselves cause us such great losses, day to day, by blockade, economic boycott and undermining our position in the international economy."

Mr. Sharett emphasized that "it should be clear" that the abandoned lands "were not acquired in the free market, but through aggressive war and invasion on the part of the Arabs, who caused us immense losses, materially and physically. All that will have to be taken into account," he said.

ISRAEL MAY GET \$40,000,000 IN U.S. AID; FINAL VERSION VOTED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The final version of the Foreign Aid bill approved by Congress this week-end may include only about \$40,000,000 in economic and technical assistance for Israel. The previous year's Foreign Aid grant to Israel totalled \$52,000,000.

The entire Near Eastern region is to get \$115,000,000. Of this amount, the State Department said the Arabs will get the larger share. Exact allocations for individual states have not been specified because the State Department expressed a desire to keep the program as "flexible" as possible.

EGYPT'S PREMIER INTENSIFIES PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Egypt's Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser, at a public meeting in Cairo, yesterday attacked Israel, and charged that the burning of the United States Information Service libraries in Cairo and Alexandria had been committed by "a Zionist group acting under instructions from Israel."

This is the second time within three days that the Egyptian Premier attacked Israel publicly. The same anti-Israel charges were voiced by him last Thursday, in a press interview in which he stated that many "Zionist terrorists" have been arrested recently in Egypt under charges of burning the American libraries, and of placing bombs in six American-owned moving picture houses.

Addressing about 2,000 leaders of the Liberation Rally, the ruling Army junta's own political organization, Col. Nasser said that Israel has been trying to obstruct the negotiations between Britain and Egypt over the withdrawal of the British troops from the Suez Canal zone, and to create dissension between the United States and Egypt in order to prevent the American Government from sending arms to Egypt. He emphasized that Egypt would not enter into any mutual defense pacts with the United States or Britain.

(The New York Times, in a cable from Cairo, reported that Col. Nasser said "there was no possibility of any change in Egypt's attitude toward Israel until she implements the United Nations resolutions on refugees and partition." The Times correspondent emphasized in his cable that the Egyptian Premier "carefully distinguished between the Zionist organization in Egypt and the non-Zionist Jewish community of about 85,000 persons, when he discussed the terrorist actions.")

ARAB LEADER TELLS AMERICANS THERE IS NO BIAS IN ISRAEL

NAZARETH, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- There is no discrimination against Arabs who are citizens of the State of Israel, an Arab deputy to the Israel Parliament, Aid Addin Zaubi, told visiting American labor leaders here today.

The Americans, seven of whom are leaders of large trade unions affiliated with both the AFL and the CIO, visited this all-Arab city in the course of their tour of the country to study labor conditions and labor-management relations.

The Arab minority in this country, Deputy Zaubi said, receive "all the state services and privileges to which all other citizens are entitled." The Arab citizens here, he told the U.S. labor delegation, hope that the American labor movement, together with their government, will help improve the relations between Israel and her Arab neighbors. "Our government," he said, "has made every effort to attain peace with its neighbors. Unfortunately, all proposals have been rejected."

HADASSAH CONVENTION OPENED: U. S. WARNED AGAINST ARMING ARABS

NEW YORK, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The United States Government was cautioned tonight against offering large-scale American military supplies to the Arab countries. The warning was voiced by Senator A. S. Mike Monroney, of Oklahoma, addressing the opening session of the 40th annual convention of the Hadassah, at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria here.

Speaking before 4,000 delegates and guests, Sen. Monroney said that security against Communism will not be found "in the wholesale arming" of any of the states in the Middle East, "regardless of treaty restrictions or agreements."

"Certainly," the Senator said, "we cannot hope to arm the Arab states, or Israel for that matter, so that any of these states could cope with the Red Army. It would take the combined forces of the United States and our Western Allies to effectively block an invasion in force by Russia in that area. Any such quantity and quality of arms that would be useful in withstanding such an invasion would offer only a false hope of security against invasion - while upsetting the tenuous balance of power that now exists between Israel and the Arab states."

Emphasizing that Israel-Arab relationships were steadily deteriorating, and that the Anglo-Egyptian agreement providing for the withdrawal of British troops from the Suez Canal area had upset the balance of military power in the Middle East, Sen. Monroney said it would be "unfair to lay the blame for this worsening of conditions on the Eisenhower Administration, or to be critical of individuals or of policies." The Senator asserted that the world conflict between the forces of the free world and Russia "has raised the Arabs vastly in international importance," and has contributed to Arab intransigence.

Sen. Monroney Criticizes Arabs for Rejecting Peace with Israel

"The Arabian countries want no formal peace," Sen. Monroney said. "Indeed they refuse to even sit down in conference to discuss peace terms. They seek, according to all evidence, a continuance of the present program of boycott, economic and military harassment, and other tactics which they think will help force Israel out of the Middle East."

On the other hand, the Senator added, "Israel is out to force, if it can, a showdown conference with the Arab states for a final peace settlement. Israel would like to get on with the real job it has cut out for itself. With herculean efforts needed to make the country self-sustaining, and to complete its reclamation program, Israel cannot afford the waste and the expense in money and men for continued military activities on the present scale."

Sen. Monroney pictured the United States as being "caught in the middle of a situation that is incapable of quick solution." He said that strengthening of the United Nations by the United States, and an enlarged American program of technical and economic assistance to both Israel and the Arab states, offered today the best hope of solving the Middle East dilemma.

Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, Zionist Affairs chairman of Hadassah, who presided at the session, charged that the U. S. State Department's "continued silence, in the face of arrogant refusals by the Arab states to enter into negotiations leading towards peaceful settlement" of their differences with Israel, was only "strengthening Arab resistance to peace and security in the Middle East." She asserted that the State Department's policy, no matter how sincerely motivated, offered the Arab states "no inducements for peace or for concessions."

"So long as the Arab states can obtain free arms from the United States, and political concessions not only from the U. S. but from the other Western powers as well," Mrs. Halprin said, "they will continue their cold war against Israel." She

cited Egypt's continued anti-Israel blockade of the Suez Canal as "an example of that country's blatant disregard of international law and of the avowed wishes of the Western powers."

Western Powers Failed to Press for Peace, Mrs. Halprin Says

Mrs. Halprin contended that the negotiations leading to the recent Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Suez, and the Anglo-Iranian oil agreement "had offered the Western powers excellent opportunities to press for peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israel dispute, but they failed to avail themselves of these opportunities."

She stressed that the grant of American arms now to Arab states "would be morally wrong and politically unwise." She warned that the grant of U.S. arms to the Arabs, without demanding an Arab-Israel peace as a requisite, "might have the most dire consequences to the peace of the world."

Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, national president of Hadassah, called upon the organization's 300,000 members in the United States, Puerto Rico and Alaska to "develop closer spiritual ties with Israel." Revitalization of the American Zionist movement, she said, "is dependent on the deep sense of identification developing between us and the people of Israel, the language of Israel, and the spirit of Israel."

She proposed that Hadassah members introduce Hebrew as an active language in their homes, and that they establish as a personal goal the ability to read the Bible in the original Hebrew. She also proposed that the organization take the initiative in organizing a Herzl Pilgrimage of American Jews to Israel. The current year marks the 50th anniversary of the death of Theodor Herzl, father of political Zionism. She called upon the delegates also to consider the possibility of holding Hadassah's annual convention in Jerusalem two or three years hence.

Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, paid tribute at the convention to Dr. Herzl. "The leadership of Herzl remains to this day the soul of Zionism, integrated with the life of the Jewish State," Mr. Lipsky said. "His personality will remain for all time a national memory of unsurpassed heroism and self-sacrifice."

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DISCUSS ISRAEL FEARS WITH SECRETARY DULLES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- A bipartisan congressional group composed of four Republicans and one Democrat met this week-end with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, and expressed concern over Israel's situation arising from the Anglo-Egyptian pact on British evacuation of the Suez Canal area.

Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, Republican chairman of the Senate Armed Service Committee, headed the group, which included Senators Irving M. Ives and Herbert H. Lehman, of New York; Representative Jacob K. Javits, of New York; and Representative William B. Gray, of Indiana. Sen. Lehman was the only Democrat of the group.

Mr. Dulles assured the group, Sen. Saltonstall said, that the State Department is trying constantly to improve Israel-Arab relations. Sen. Saltonstall declared the reason for conferring with the Secretary of State was the group's desire to "express concern over three points of critical importance to the stabilization of relations between Israel and other countries in the Middle East."

These three points, Sen. Saltonstall declared, are: "The preliminary Suez agreement between Egypt and Britain and its bearing on Egypt's blockade of shipping to and from Israel; the effects on the security of Israel of military agreements between the United States and Arab nations; and military assistance by the United States to Israel itself."

SIXTEEN JEWS ELECTED TO SOUTH AFRICAN PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Sixteen Jews are among the candidates elected to South African Provincial Councils in last Wednesday's elections, according to final tabulations completed today.

All 16 are members of the United Party, the group which forms the opposition to Premier Malan's Nationalist Party. Twelve of the Jews were elected to the Council from the Province of Transvaal, making up more than half of the United Party's opposition group totalling 23; four more Jews were elected to the Council in the Cape Province.

One Jew who ran on the pro-Malan Nationalist ticket here, and met defeat, is C.M. Zeff. The constituency for which Mr. Zeff ran has been represented in the Provincial Council for 11 years by another Jew, Laborite Richard Feldman, a leading figure in Jewish community affairs here. A United Party candidate defeated both Feldman and Zeff.

U.N. CALLS CONFERENCE TO IMPROVE STATUS OF STATELESS PERSONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Efforts to formulate ways in which to minimize legal difficulties facing stateless persons, setting minimum standards for their economic, social and legal treatment in countries in which they find themselves, will be made here at a special conference called for next month, it was announced here today.

The conference will be held September 12 to 24. The United States will not be represented at the parley. The reason, as explained by a spokesman for the U. S. delegation here, is that persons of the type to be dealt with at the conference may obtain citizenship in the United States under normal procedures, and therefore their rights here would be assured.

The conference will attempt to extend to the stateless the privileges now granted under the UN Convention on Refugees which went into effect last April, after ratification by Australia, Belgium, Great Britain, Denmark, Western Germany, France, Luxembourg, Monaco and Norway. The U.S.A. is not a signatory to this convention either.

While this conference on the stateless was being announced here, an appeal was received here from Geneva from Dr. J.G. van Heuven Goedhart, UN Commissioner for Refugees, who urged more financial help to his program which, he declared, is in a critical situation. According to Dr. van Heuven Goedhart, the failure of the American Congress to appropriate \$500,000, previously pledged for this work by the United States, left the current year's activities \$557,000 short of their objective.

DOCUMENTS ON HISTORY OF U.S. JEWS SAVED IN HOLLAND FROM NAZIS

CINCINNATI, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- Archives of great historical value, connected with the life of the earliest Jews who came to Nieuw Amsterdam in 1654, were saved from Nazi destruction during the war by the directors of the Amsterdam Municipal Archives in Holland, it became known here today.

The part played by Amsterdam's wartime municipal authorities came to light in a report to the American Jewish Archives of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, here. The report was made by Dr. I.S. Emmanuel, a scholar and former civil servant in Brazil, who is now doing Jewish archival research work in Amsterdam.

Dr. Emmanuel found the originals of two petitions made by the Portuguese Jewish Community in Amsterdam, in 1656 and 1657, in which the Jews of that city asked the local government to intercede on behalf of the handful of Jews in the Dutch colony of

Nieuw Amsterdam, now New York. The Nieuw Amsterdam Jews had been denied civil and economic rights by Governor General Peter Stuyvesant, and their brethren in old Amsterdam asked that such rights be granted to the settlers in the new world.

These documents had been in possession of the Portuguese Jewish Community in Amsterdam for many years. When the Nazis overran The Netherlands, during World War II, it was feared that the Germans would destroy the Jewish memorabilia. The documents were then turned over to the Municipal Archives, where the directors hid them, saving them for posterity.

JEWISH TEEN-AGERS URGE PARENTS TO PRACTICE MORE RELIGION

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The 10th international convention of B'nai B'rith Girls closed here today with a discussion on the responsibilities of the adult Jewish community to Jewish youth. The convention lasted seven days.

The 150 teen-age delegates agreed that adults "should practice more and preach less" if they want their children to be more attached to religious values. They also urged their parents "to be less materialistic," and "to work for unity in the American Jewish community," thereby setting "good examples" themselves. Elaine Kaner, of New York, was elected president of the organization for the coming year.

ARGENTINA SENATE RATIFIES CULTURAL EXCHANGE TREATY WITH ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The Argentine Senate yesterday ratified the Argentine-Israel Cultural Exchange Treaty which had been signed here by representatives of the two countries in July, 1953.

Ratification came after Sen. Antinucci, chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, reported to the full Senate that he believes friendly relations between Argentina and Israel would be enhanced through fruitful exchange between cultural institutions here and in Israel, and through mutual exchange of advances in learning and science. The ratification bill now goes to the Chamber of Deputies.

LEADERS OF BOND DRIVE LEAVE FOR TWO WEEKS' STUDY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 22. (JTA) -- A National Planning Commission consisting of outstanding representatives of American and Canadian Jewish communities, and headed by top officials of the Israel Bond Organization, left today for a two-week study of economic developments in Israel. Chairman of the Commission is Philip Zimman, bond chairman for New Jersey.

The members of the Commission will meet in Jerusalem with Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, and other key cabinet ministers as a basis for formulating plans for the most effective assistance to Israel's economic development. The group will also inspect the country's major industrial plants, agricultural settlements and other projects in order to gauge the rate of expansion and construction in these fields as a result of the infusion of Israel Bond capital.

NEWPORT JEWS OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON LETTER

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 22. (JTA) -- The 164th anniversary of George Washington's famed letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport was celebrated here today at Touro Synagogue, now a national shrine. In that letter, the first President of the United States coined the phrase that has been famous since: "To bigotry no sanction."

More than 1,000 people attended the ceremonies at which the Washington letter was read. Principal speakers included Governor Dennis J. Roberts of Rhode Island, U.S. Senator Theodore F. Green, Mayor John J. Sullivan of Newport, and a number of local Jewish leaders. This is the first time in 150 years that the Washington letter has been in Newport. It is presently owned by Morris Morgenstern of New York.