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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The present attitude of the United States toward Israel was discussed at a meeting of the Israel Cabinet today, at which the views expressed by Abba Eban, Israel's Ambassador to Washington, were taken into consideration.

The Cabinet also discussed the visit paid recently by Israel's Chief of Staff, Gen. Moshe Dayan, to the United States and France. Asked by correspondents to comment on reports that Gen. Dayan had, during his stay in Paris, discussed military cooperation with French authorities, Prime Minister Sharett said: "No comment."

While refusing to confirm or deny the reports, the Premier said that Israel had acquired arms from the French a number of times. He implied that, if Gen. Dayan discussed military aid, it "was probably aimed at continuation of such acquisition." He revealed that Israel has received a good deal of help from the French Army in the training of Israeli Army personnel.

Denies Egypt's Allegations on Bombing U.S. Offices in Cairo

The government-owned radio station Kol Israel today denied the allegations made during the week-end by Egypt's Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser that recent bombings of United States information offices in Cairo and Alexandria were carried out by "Zionist terrorists" under instructions from Israel. The bombings were the work of Egyptians, the broadcast said.

A government spokesman today stated that Jordan is purposely and deliberately flooding the United Nations truce organization with trumped-up charges of fictitious clashes and military incidents on the Israel-Jordan borders. An illustration by the spokesman is Jordan's latest report, claiming that 150 Israelis had crossed the Jordanian border last Friday, at El Rahawa, "and attacked Bedouins" in the area.

The fact is, the spokesman said, that an Israeli army unit, training in that area Friday, was fired on across the border by Jordanians. The Israelis did not even return the fire, the spokesman declared.

JEWS IN MOROCCO ARE IN GREAT DANGER, JEWISH AGENCY MEMBER REPORTS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The immediate bringing over to Israel of Jews from French Morocco was urged here today by Zalman Shazar, member of the Jewish Agency executive, upon his return from North Africa.

Mr. Shazar reported that there is great danger for the Jews in Morocco, where Moslem religious fanaticism is reaching dangerous dimensions. At the same time, he indicated that in Tunisia, which is now receiving its internal autonomy from France, the Jews have nothing to fear.

ISRAEL TESTS ITS DEFENSE SYSTEM; HOLDS HUGE MILITARY MANEUVERS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Israel's regional defense system, testing the speed, efficiency and morale of not only members of the armed services but civilian reserves as well, got under way today with impressive exercises in the ancient Judean hills, starting a series of summer maneuvers.

An army of "Greens," representing a foreign power, attacked in the hills. The attack was directed against an important urban center surrounded by a number of agricultural settlements which include not only old Israeli settlers but also relatively new residents, some of them freshly-arrived immigrants. The objective was to see whether the defending forces, the "Blues," could stem the attack through civilian defense, holding up the attack long enough for the regular troops to arrive.

Showing what the military commanders here called "exemplary morale," the defenders mobilized with great speed. Men and women left their work in the fields. Factory workers and office personnel joined the "Blue" defenders. One settlement was the center of attack. Three times the defenders threw back the "Greens." On the fourth attempt, the "Greens" did take the settlement, but only after bringing up overwhelming fire power.

The summer maneuvers are attracting a great deal of attention. Thousands of soldiers are involved, and vast numbers of civilians and members of the armed reserves. Other tests will be made during the maneuvers. There will be exercises in the North, and others in the Negev Desert in the South, involving Israel's Navy, Air Force and armored units.

HADASSAH ASKS U.S. TO START NEW EFFORT FOR ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- A resolution calling on the U.S. State Department "to undertake a new and dynamic effort" to end the Arab-Israel conflict, was unanimously adopted today at the 40th annual convention of Hadassah, now taking place here. The resolution also urged the State Department "to reconsider and suspend" its contemplated program of military supplies to the Arab States.

"We are convinced," the resolution said, "that the distribution of arms to the Arab States without unqualified guarantees that they will make peace with Israel will weaken rather than strengthen the Middle East against the menace of Communism, because it will heighten tension in the area, obstruct regional defense and thereby play into the hands of aggressive Communism."

The Hadassah resolution praised the Eisenhower Administration and Congress for measures taken "to extend economic aid and technical assistance to the peoples of Israel and the Arab States" and asked that this assistance program be continued "to raise living standards, develop economic stability and thus attempt to enlist the peoples of the Middle East in the defense of democracy and freedom."

Introduced by Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, Zionist Affairs chairman of Hadassah, the resolution noted that the American State Department had used its good offices to speed the conclusion of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Suez and therefore "has the right and the obligation to urge the Egyptian Government" to abandon its illegal blockade of the Suez against Israel shipping.

In introducing the resolution Mrs. Halprin stressed that "the Egyptian blockade of Israel-bound traffic through the Suez Canal interferes with the legitimate shipping rights of many nations, flouts the doctrine of freedom of the seas, and is in flagrant violation of the United Nations Security Council resolution of Sept. 1, 1951."

Discussing the proposal to send American military supplies to the Arab States, Mrs. Halprin said: "The Governments of the Arab States have never abandoned their war against Israel, and in fact have intensified it by their political and economic blockades. Neither the present policy of the Arab States nor past experience

encourages confidence that arms made available to them will be used in resistance to Communist subversion or aggression, or in defense of democracy. On the contrary, the avowed and repeated declarations of Arab leaders give every ground for the fear that American arms will be used in a renewal of their warfare against Israel."

More than \$9,200,000 Raised by Hadassah During Year

Hadassah raised \$9,277,312 last year for its medical, social welfare, youth rehabilitation and land redemption programs in Israel, and for its Jewish education program in the United States, Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, national treasurer, reported to the convention.

Dr. Kalman J. Mann, director of the Hadassah medical organization in Jerusalem, reported at the convention that Israel is conquering its public health problem as well as its juvenile delinquency problem both of which threatened to grow to alarming proportions during the peak of refugee immigration following the establishment of Israel in 1948.

Of 825,000 Jews who entered the country in the three-year period, he estimated at least 200,000 were physically ill. These were treated and cured, he said. Many of the younger immigrants, who had spent their early formative years in fear and terror, had special emotional problems and needed skilled care.

Mrs. Abraham Tulin, chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization, who presided, underscored the need for increased medical teaching and research facilities in Israel. She reported that Israel, with a total population of 1,600,000, today has approximately 3,500 doctors, but that more than 2,000 of the doctors are over 55 years of age. The shortage of doctors is particularly acute in the rural areas, she said.

She expressed the hope that the new \$10,000,000 Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem, on which construction was started this month, would provide the facilities for medical education and research that would enable Israel to keep pace with the country's medical needs.

Mayor Robert F. Wagner, extending greetings to the convention, paid warm tribute to Hadassah for its "tremendous medical program in the State of Israel." The Mayor said he was particularly impressed with the work undertaken by Hadassah "to meet the unparalleled emergency created in Israel by the migration to that new democratic state in the Middle East of so many thousands of new people."

LABOR DOES NOT SUPPORT U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY, LEADER SAYS

HAIFA, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- American labor does not support the State Department's policy on the Middle East, Roy Siemiller, of Chicago, AFL labor leader, declared here today. Mr. Siemiller is one of seven prominent American trade unionists--representing unions in both the AFL and CIO--who have been touring Israel as guests of the Histadrut, the Confederation of Jewish Labor here.

"We assure you that, upon our return home, we will explain the situation here to millions of workers," Mr. Siemiller declared. The labor leaders were guests here today of the Haifa municipality. More than 1,000 guests attended the reception in their honor. Among the speakers who greeted them were Mayor Abba Hushi, and David Pinsky, well-known American-Jewish writer now residing here.

"During our tour of the borders of this land," Mr. Siemiller said at the reception, "we saw that your enemies are ready to attack Israel at any moment. It is tragic that your peace-loving settlements must dedicate part of their energies, so badly needed by the land, to purposes of defense."

Another of the labor leaders, a CIO man, Albert Luncford of Chicago, spoke of the favorable impression upon the visiting trade unionists made by the work of Histadrut. One of the purposes of the visit here was to study Israeli labor practices and labor-management relations. Mr. Luncford said that the Histadrut work "could well serve as an example not only to the Middle East but to American labor as well."

ISRAEL NEEDS 400,000,000-POUND BUDGET FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

TEL AVIV, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Israel needs a budget of 400,000,000 Israeli pounds for economic development, instead of the 200,000,000 pounds approved recently by its Parliament, Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister, insisted today.

Mr. Eshkol had previously asked for the 400,000,000-pound budget. Today, he told the Central Council of the Mapai Party, which met here, that dependence on private investments for the country's development is not sufficient. Israel, he said, "is in great need of private investment," but use of its own national resources is preferable. He told his party that the country will have to make great efforts to increase its exports and thus lessen the present gap in its economic balance, caused by heavy expenditures upon imports.

Prime Minister Moshe Sharett backed the Finance Minister, calling upon the party to help the country exploit all its own resources to the utmost. He told the Council that the country's economic needs are fourfold: 1. More planning; 2. Increased production; 3. Economy and 4. Increased halutzut.

The Council adopted a program which it said aimed at earliest achievement of economic independence for the country. The program calls for more State development of the economy; increasing settlement of the population on the land; changing the structure of the Israeli society by moving more professionals into agricultural and industrial work; balancing exports against imports and balancing debt payments; prevention of unemployment and solving the present unemployment situation through productive methods.

MOROCCO POGROM CITED TO PROVE ISRAEL'S IMMIGRATION POLICY

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The recent pogroms in French Morocco show how essential it is to keep Israel's doors open to immigration at all times, Israel's Minister of Transport Joseph Saphir declared here last night.

Addressing a large mass meeting here on behalf of the United Israel Appeal, Mr. Saphir told the audience that Israel belongs to Jews all over the world, and it was the responsibility of Jews in all countries to help consolidate the new State.

"Despite the present clouds in the Middle East," he said, "the decisive factor in the future of the Jewish State is neither military nor political, but economic." However, Israel must be strong in those other respects also, Mr. Saphir declared, adding that "it is in the interest of the Western Powers that Israel should be strong."

SEN. LEHMAN SAYS U.S. MUST GIVE MILITARY AID ALSO TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Senator Herbert H. Lehman, who was a member of a bipartisan delegation which called on Secretary of State John Foster Dulles last Friday, said today that he hoped the State Department would take steps that would "quiet fears and strengthen security in the Middle East."

"The State Department has more immediate responsibility than ever before, in the light of its role in the Suez settlement, and in view of the likelihood that the United States Government will be supplying arms to Egypt," Sen. Lehman stated.

"A program of military assistance to Israel is an essential element of a program of relieving tensions in this area, and building up a sense of security," Mr. Lehman declared. He added that he viewed a military build-up in the Middle East with "qualms."

"I have always felt that economic aid programs promised higher returns in alleviating the sources of tension. The Suez agreement, and the withdrawal of British troops from the Canal area, obviously make a military strengthening of the area essential from the viewpoint of the free world. But that strengthening must be uniform, and must include Israel," he pointed out.

EISENHOWER SIGNS BILL ON ALIEN PROPERTY FOR CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS

DENVER, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today signed into law a bill which transfers up to \$3,000,000 in confiscated alien property to Jewish charitable institutions. The bill was supported by the American Jewish committee, American Jewish Congress, and the Joint Distribution Committee.

The assets from the property will be used for the resettlement and rehabilitation in the United States of persons abroad. The law authorizes the President to select the organizations which will administer the funds, which represent the property of persons who were exterminated, along with their heirs, by fascist regimes.

A.D.L. TAKES ISSUE WITH HOUSE GROUP PROBING FOUNDATIONS

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith today accused the House Committee to Investigate Tax Exempt Foundations of "rendering a disservice to the public interest" by making "loosely-framed charges" against certain educational foundations and organizations without permitting these groups an opportunity to testify publicly before the Committee.

In an 1,800-word letter sent by Henry Edward Schultz, ADL national chairman, to Representative B. Carroll Reece, committee chairman, the League expressed its shock at the "sweeping accusations" made in the Committee's staff report. It defended the work of voluntary citizens' groups as necessary in a democratic society, declaring:

"When indiscriminate attacks are made on these organizations, such assaults serve to inhibit a basic aspect of our American life. Ultimately they could lead to the destruction of the opportunity for the average citizen to make his voice heard and to help defend and extend democratic beliefs and practices." The League is an educational arm of B'nai B'rith, 111-year-old Jewish service order with a membership of 350,000.

Because it had been named "peripherally" in the Committee's report, the League was critical of Congressman Reece's decision to shut off public hearings after witnesses hostile to the foundations and groups listed in the report had testified in public. The League requested that its letter be made part of the Committee's record.

Describing the League's 40 years of service as a group counteracting religious and racial hatred, promoting improved group relations among all Americans, and campaigning for the extension of full civil rights to every citizen, Mr. Schultz wrote: "How stunned we all were to have our activities in education referred to in a document of a congressional committee as being against the public interest and against American concepts."

Mr. Schultz said that ADL is one of many voluntary citizens' groups which are, and have been a keystone of the whole structure of American democratic belief and practice. "Our American system of voluntary association," he said, "enables our citizens to participate in public affairs and to contribute to the general welfare. In the great complex of American life outside the sphere of government--and government is only part of our democratic structure--we have learned to help make democracy work through the instrument of such voluntary groups of citizens."

ROGER STRAUS CONFIRMED AS MEMBER OF U.S. DELEGATION TO U.N.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The appointment by President Eisenhower of Roger W. Straus as an alternative representative of the United States to the General Assembly of the United Nations, which opens next month, was confirmed this week-end by the Senate, prior to its adjournment.

Mr. Straus is one of the outstanding leaders of the Interfaith movement, co-chairman of the Conference of Christians and Jews. He has been for many years a member of the board of the Friends of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and an active supporter of Jewish philanthropic and cultural enterprises in Israel.

NEED FOR REVISION OF PRESENT IMMIGRATION SYSTEM STRESSED

NEW YORK, Aug. 23. (JTA) -- Hope that "in the not too distant future, the American people will insist on revision of our present immigration system" was expressed today by Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, in a statement commenting on the passage by the House last Friday of the McCarran-Sheepherders Bill. The bill is now awaiting the President's signature.

"Although Senator McCarran succeeded for the third time in slipping through a bill to admit more Basque sheepherders above the normal Spanish quota, the opposition to this attempt to take care only of the Senator's Nevada constituents was encouraging," Mr. Engel said. "It served to focus attention on these facts:

"1. For the first time, an effort by Senator McCarran to obtain preferential treatment for Basque sheepherders attracted strong opposition; 2. One of the immediate effects of our present immigration policy--of which Senator McCarran was principal author--was to strangle the sheep-raising industry of his own state; 3. There are shortages of skilled workers not only in the sheep-raising industry, but in all industries, including the needle trades, agriculture, diamond cutting and watchmaking, and the McCarran-Walter Act is barring workers from abroad who could alleviate these shortages."

"The episode has been of great educational value, and arouses hope that in the not too distant future the American people will insist on revision of our present immigration system," Mr. Engel concluded.

B'NAI B'RITH SEEKS IMPLEMENTATION OF EXPLOSIVES CONTROL ACT

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 23. (JTA)-- The Florida Federation of B'nai B'rith Lodges, composed of 19 lodges in the state, called on the State Insurance Commissioner and Fire Marshal to issue effective regulations to implement the 1953 Explosives Control Act adopted by the Florida Legislature.

The federation pointed out that "B'nai B'rith was and is most interested in the unfortunate wave of bombings and dynamitings which occurred in various parts of our state in 1951, including extensive dynamiting of synagogues in the Greater Miami area. At the time of these incidents our organization cooperated with the law enforcement officers as much as possible in attempting to apprehend the guilty parties, but we were dismayed to learn and realize that, through no fault of their's, the law enforcement officers were hampered in solving these crimes because of the lack of proper control of the sale and use of dynamite and explosives."

The letter added that proper enforcement of control "will prove a valuable deterrent against the commission of any similar crimes in the future and will invaluable aid and assist law enforcement officers in apprehending any culprits who may attempt such acts again."

GEORGIA WOMEN VOTERS CONDEMN RACIAL, RELIGIOUS ELECTION BIAS

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 23. (JTA) -- The League of Women Voters of Georgia has issued an appeal to "political leaders and candidates for public offices to see that their political campaigns are free from appeals to racial or religious bias." The appeal followed injection of the religious issue in the Congressional race here, when one candidate made a bid for support on the grounds that his opponent, a Jew, represented the "Jewish minority."

The Southern Israelite, of Atlanta, in an editorial welcoming the stand taken by the League of Women Voters, commented that "political and racial prejudice have no place in our way of life. They are un-democratic, anti-social and anathema to the principles of decency and fair play. That one candidate has seen fit to call attention to the Jewishness of his opponent in Fulton County, is a matter of grave import and deserves round condemnation," the editorial added.