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BRITAIN LIFTS THREE-YEAR-OLD EMBARGO ON ARMS SALES TO EGYPT

LONDON, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The British Government today lifted its three-year-old embargo on the shipment of arms to Egypt. The Israel Government was informed of the British Government's decision, the Foreign Office said. The State Department in Washington was also informed of the decision.

With the lifting of the embargo, applications for war materiel will again be considered in routine fashion and under the terms of the tripartite declaration of 1950 in which the United States, Britain and France pledged themselves to maintain the status quo in relation to Middle East borders. Although the Foreign Office said that Egypt could now purchase "all arms" from Britain, it could not say whether orders placed before the embargo of October, 1951, was imposed would now be fulfilled. It is believed here that Egypt will now place orders with British armament manufacturers for jet planes, tanks and other weapons.

SHARETT WARNS WEST AGAINST ISOLATING ISRAEL; HITS SUEZ PACT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Moshe Sharett of Israel warned the Western powers today that their efforts to consolidate a democratic defense system based on regional blocs confronted Israel with "an unprecedented act of territorial ostracism."

The Premier, in a 40-minute review which opened a debate on foreign policy in the Knesset, bitterly assailed completion of the Suez Canal Zone evacuation agreement "without any vestige of concern for the security of Israel" and denounced the provision of arms to Egypt.

"We have been in grave situations before," Mr. Sharett told the Parliament, "and we will be able to endure new trials, but we shall not exempt from responsibility those who, by their policy, may bring nearer or aggravate these ordeals. In close contact, and against the background of the world's common destiny, we will warn them against their line of action which upsets the balance of strength in the region."

Mr. Sharett, who also holds the post of Foreign Minister, divided his survey of Israel's international position into two sections - the situation resulting from the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Suez Canal zone, and the current trend of United States policy, "the inevitable result of which is the widening of the military gap between Egypt and Israel."

Israel Must Rely Primarily on Jews of World

He told the Knesset that Israel, first and foremost, must rely on the people of Israel and on the support of "millions of our fellow Jews who will stand by us in our struggle and will continue to support us with brotherly hands."

Mr. Sharett declared that Israel does not "begrudge Egypt this memorable achievement" - the agreement for British evacuation - but he raised the question whether Egypt is "really fit for this responsible status and the honorable task of guarding the Suez Canal on behalf of the entire world."

He pointed out that no guarantees had been invoked that Egypt would honor international obligations. Israel, he said, was not aware of any concrete guarantee given, or even asked of Egypt, to ensure her compliance with the United Nations Security Council decisions on free passage of the canal.

Britain and the United States, he noted, though foremost sponsors of the resolution, had not taken any effective steps to assure implementation of the resolution. Further, he pointed out, control of the Canal Zone gives Egypt a great increase in military strength and capacity for aggression against Israel.

It was the duty of both Great Powers concerned, Mr. Sharett charged, to have made evacuation of the Canal Zone contingent on Egypt's acceptance of its obligation to make peace with Israel or to offer special aid to Israel to strengthen her against the military superiority of Egypt.

"The document was framed," Mr. Sharett noted bitterly, "as if Israel does not exist and as if no formal declaration was made by Egypt asserting her determination to maintain a state of war against Israel."

He complained that the political implications were that "Israel is being abandoned to her fate as if she has no place in the Middle Eastern countries or as if her possible fate in this hour of trial is nobody's concern."

Israel Resents American Arming of Egypt

The American policy of arming Egypt and thus increasing the odds against Israel, Mr. Sharett warned, is making Israel resentful. "Israel itself," he declared, "enjoys American economic assistance which was of tremendous value to our development, and I take this opportunity to thank the United States, its people and its government, for it. But we denounced and we will continue to denounce the granting of arms to the Arab States as long as there is no peace in the region."

"We have exposed and will continue to expose the delusion and the absurdity of giving arms to those states for the sake of defending democracy," he continued. "How can democracy be upheld where it does not exist?"

The Israeli Premier added that "the Western Powers have tried to reassure us their intention is not to abandon Israel and, if the balance of strength be seriously upset, special care will be taken for our security."

"We heartily appreciate the goodwill and sympathy of these statements," he commented, "but we cannot accept these assurances as counterbalancing the new facts of power crystallizing before our eyes to our detriment. We look for deeds which will demonstrate the sincerity of those assurances and translate them into the language of facts. We are far from falling into panic, but we shall avoid illusions."

JORDANIANS WOUND ISRAELI SOLDIER IN NEW BORDER INCIDENT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- An Israeli soldier was wounded today in a Jordanian border incident, the third in three days. The soldier was hit when Jordanians opened fire on him from across the border in the vicinity of the village of Khirbet Sika, in the Hebron area.

WASHINGTON HAILS BRITISH LIFTING OF ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The British Government's decision today to lift its three-year-old embargo on arms shipments to Egypt was hailed by State Department sources here. These sources, which were emphatic on the need to arm the Arab League states, indicated that the State Department felt that it was enough to obtain "assurances" from the Arabs that they would not use such arms aggressively.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Egyptian Embassy here predicted today that negotiations in Cairo for the granting of American military aid to Egypt would be completed in about a week. He said that with such new American weapons Egypt might expand its army to 500,000 men within a year.

In an interview published in the current issue of U.S. News and World Report, Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt demanded that the United States supply Egypt with arms, but expressed the hope that "no pressure will be put on us, especially as regards a prior settlement of the Israel question. We will settle that problem ourselves," he insisted.

Opposition to the arming of Arab League states under present circumstances was reiterated here by Israel diplomats. An Israel source said that in any case, as a prerequisite to the sending of arms, the Western nations should first require Egypt to lift its anti-Israel blockade of the Suez Canal. An Israel spokesman said a question now exists as to whether today's decision by Britain to send munitions to Egypt is a violation of the tripartite declaration of 1950.

State Department officials took issue with Israel complaints regarding the Suez Blockade. They defended Egypt to a considerable degree, insisting that Egypt does nothing more than exercise its legal right to visit and search foreign shipping in Egyptian territorial waters.

TUNISIAN PREMIER SEEKS RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN MOSLEMS, JEWS

TUNIS, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Tahar ben Ammar, new Premier of this French protectorate, declared today that it has long been his aim to bring about "rapprochement between Jews and Moslems in the Tunisian nation," and that he would continue in that effort.

Premier ben Ammar declared it had been his intention to include a Jew in his cabinet. However, since that had proved impossible up to now, he added, he has "made certain" that a Jewish Tunisian would enter his administration "at the first opportunity, when a reshuffle or enlargement of the cabinet takes place." There are about 80,000 native Jews "of the Tunisian nation" here, in addition to 20,000 French Jews.

The Prime Minister expressed his appreciation for the many messages of good will he received upon accession to office, and added: "The message that touched me most, however, was the one brought to me in person by Dr. M. L. Perlzweig, the director of the international affairs department of the World Jewish Congress, on behalf of his organization. They greeted me on this 'historic mission' to which I have been called. I know of no better appreciation possible for my efforts to bring about rapprochement between the Jews and the Moslems in our nation."

(In Tel Aviv, meanwhile, several thousand immigrants from North African countries held an open-air mass meeting to demand the early rescue of all Jews from North Africa on a mass scale, and their transfer to Israel. The meeting was held under the auspices of a newly organized group calling itself the "North African New Immigrants Association.")

ISRAEL BOND SALES CAMPAIGN PROGRESS IN EUROPE OUTLINED BY LEADERS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Government has given its approval for the Israel bond campaign in that country to double its original quota for the sale of State of Israel Development Bonds, Henry Montor and Julian Venezky, Israel bond drive leaders, told a press conference here. The new Dutch total is 4,000,000 guilders in bonds.

The Belgian Government has already granted permission for a bond sales campaign to be held in that country and the drive will be inaugurated October 15, it was announced. Mr. Montor said that the Swedish Government was about to grant permission for a similar campaign in that country and that substantial sales had already been made in Switzerland. He reported that the bond drive organization also expected to sell the securities in Tangiers.

Another delegation of U.S. bond drive leaders arrived here today and immediately conferred with Levi Eshkol, Israel Finance Minister, Dov Joseph, Development Minister, and other members of the Cabinet as well as a number of leading industrialists. The delegation will tour the country later and then will return to the United States to report to next month's national leadership conference of the bond drive organization.

ISRAEL BOND DRIVE LEADERSHIP PARLEY TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Plans for the decisive phase of the 1954 Israel Development bond campaign to raise \$75,000,000 for the economic development of the State of Israel will be formulated at a National Leadership Conference of the Israel Bond Organization to be held here September 11 and 12, it was announced today by Samuel Rothberg, national chairman of the bond drive.

Among the principal speakers at the Conference will be Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, who is returning to the United States early in September after consultations with his Government in Jerusalem, Mr. Rothberg reported. Key Jewish communal leaders, including members of the Board of Governors of the bond organization and community bond chairmen, will participate in the parley, Mr. Rothberg indicated.

Reports on Israel's economic progress, and on the role of Israel Bonds in stimulating Israel's agricultural and industrial growth, will be presented to the Conference by two delegations of American Jewish leaders, who are now touring Israel. The Conference will review achievements of the Israel Bond campaign during the first half of 1954, studying results not only in the United States, but in Canada, Latin America and Western Europe, where the sale of Israel Bonds is now getting under way.

Canadian Leaders to Map Bond Drive Strategy

MONTREAL, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- David Horowitz, governor of the new Central Bank of Israel, and formerly director general of the Ministry of Finance of Israel, will be one of the principal speakers at the forthcoming Planning Conference for Israel which will take place in Toronto September 18, it was announced here today.

Among the 500 Canadian leaders who will participate in the parley will be Samuel Bronfman of Montreal and Edward E. Gelber of Toronto, national co-chairmen of the State of Israel Bond Drive in Canada; D. Lou Harris, general chairman of the Conference; Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky, executive president of Mizrahi Organization of Canada; Moisha Dickstein, chairman of the Israel Bond Committee and of the Labor Zionist Movement in Canada; and other leaders of national and provincial organizations. Meanwhile, in a special High Holy Day message addressed to Canadian Jewry, Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog of Israel stressed the importance of obtaining Israel Bond subscriptions in the synagogues during the holidays.

ST. PAUL COMMUNITY LEADER EXPLAINS "SANCTIONS" VOTED BY COUNCIL

ST. PAUL, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Pledges to the United Jewish Fund and Council here, which allocates its receipts from fund-raising drives to 60 local, national and overseas agencies, "have declined in an unbroken line" since 1948, according to a statement issued here by Leonard Heller, president of UJFC. That is the reason, Mr. Heller declared, the UJFC board has voted to impose "sanctions" on members of the Jewish community here who have not supported the agencies adequately.

Mr. Heller issued his statement in explanation of the "sanctions" vote by the board, which has aroused considerable interest and discussion among community leaders here and in other cities around the country during the last two weeks. The "sanctions" originally called for board members and officers of agencies to forfeit their posts unless they were deemed to have contributed generously enough.

The main concern of the UJFC board, said Mr. Heller, must be first of all the raising of this year's quota of \$400,000. "Since 1948," he stated, "our pledge funds have declined in an unbroken line from \$940,000 to the anticipated figure for 1954 of \$350,000. We can only expect that 1955 will be even lower unless something can be done to reverse this trend. We are conscious of the fact that St. Paul results are proportionately lower than Minneapolis as well as other communities elsewhere in the country in the same population category.

"It was almost unbelievable to many of us that in some cases members on the board of the United Jewish Fund and Council or on boards and committees of beneficiary organizations, had made no pledge at all or one so apparently inadequate that, in the absence of some demonstrable reason, the committee could only conclude that such persons were actually unsympathetic to the purposes of the Fund itself or to the organization on which they served," he said.

JEWISH SURGEON HONORED FOR REHABILITATION WORK; GETS LASKER AWARD

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Henry H. Kessler, outstanding American Jewish surgeon, will receive one of the three Albert Lasker Awards at the Sixth World Congress of the International Society for the Welfare of Cripples. Announcement of the three award winners was made here today by the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation which sponsors the grants. Each winner will receive \$1,000 in addition to a silver statuette.

Dr. Kessler, who heads an institute for rehabilitation, bearing his name, at West Orange, N. J., was selected for the award for his "distinguished leadership in the growth throughout the world of concern for the disabled, and of effective programs for their rehabilitation."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN VERMONT SCHOOLS HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL

BOSTON, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The Attorney General of the State of Vermont has ruled as unconstitutional a proposal for the holding of religious classes on school property and during school hours.

The ruling, by Attorney General E. Elliott Barber, Jr., said that the proposal would violate both the United States and Vermont State Constitutions. He subsequently came under attack for the ruling by an anti-Semitic Vermont publication.

JEWISH DRAFTEES TO RECEIVE "CONSIDERATION" FOR HIGH HOLIDAYS

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Welfare Board's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy has received an official communication from Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the Selective Service System, announcing that all local draft boards have been asked to give "favorable consideration, whenever possible" to requests by Jewish registrants for postponement of their physical examination or induction into the Armed Forces until after Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur, if such examination or induction is scheduled for either date.

IMPROVEMENT IN MIDDLE EAST UNLIKELY IMMEDIATELY, JERNEGAN SAYS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- "Spectacular" improvement in the Middle East in the near future, or in the next few years, is unlikely, according to Deputy Assistant Secretary of State John D. Jernegan. He made that statement in analyzing the Middle East situation before a committee of the American Legion national convention here. Mr. Jernegan, principal assistant to Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs, addressed the Legion as a substitute for Mr. Byroade, who is recuperating from an illness.

High officials of the American Legion last night attended special ceremonies dedicating the new National Shrine for Jewish War Dead here. They were guests of the officers and members of the executive committee of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States which built the Shrine and recently moved its national headquarters there.

CONGRESSMAN ROONEY HITS U. S. POLICY OF ARMING ARAB STATES

LONG BEACH, N. Y., Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Rep. John T. Rooney of New York charged yesterday that the United States Government is upsetting the guarantees of the Tripartite Declaration of 1950. Addressing 200 delegates at the annual conference of the Greater New York Council of the Mizrahi Organization of America, the Congressman sharply criticized present American State Department policies in the Middle East, asserting that "the United States has a clear responsibility not to arm either Egypt or Iraq or any other Arab state until there is stable peace in the Middle East."

THIRTY-EIGHT YOUNG AMERICAN JEWS LEAVE FOR YEAR'S STUDY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency tendered a farewell reception today to 38 young men and women on the eve of their departure for Israel tomorrow to spend a year in Israel as students in the annual Leadership Institute of the Agency's Youth Department.

All in this group are members of Jewish youth organizations. Participating organizations include youth groups affiliated with the United Synagogue of America and Young Judaea, Hanoar Hatzioni, Mizrahi Hatzair, Haborim, Provisional Students Zionist Organization, and Bnei Akiva. Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the World Zionist executive, described the Institute as "a vital experiment in the interplay of cultural forces."

HILLEL FOUNDATIONS LEADERS CONFER ON FUTURE OF MOVEMENT

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Assisting Jewish college students to deal more effectively with their spiritual problems is the main task of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations movement, Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, director of the Foundations, declared here today at the three-day conference of more than 60 rabbis and directors of Hillel units in this country, Canada and Israel.

This is the first conference since 1949 of the full professional staff of the Hillel Foundations. The parley is exploring the future of the movement in the light of its three decades of experience. The Hillel movement provides religious, cultural and educational counselling services for an estimate 150,000 students on 206 campuses.

At the convention here of Aleph Zadik Aleph, the boys' section of the B'nai B'rith youth movement, Elliott Rothman, a sophomore at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, was elected president today, at the conclusion of the AZA parley.

LEADER OF SPANISH-PORTUGUESE SYNAGOGUE IN NEW YORK DIES

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Jules Bueno de Mesquita, leader of Shaareth Israel, the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue here, who died at the age of 74. Born in England, Mr. de Mesquita came to this country in 1898 and, in a few years, became one of the world's leaders in the safety razor and blade industry.