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ISRAEL PARLIAMENT HITS U.S., BRITAIN FOR SUPPLYING ARMS TO ARABS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament, winding up a foreign policy debate which extended over three days, expressed today its "deep concern" over the American and British policies of supplying arms to the Arab states while the latter persisted in their threats to Israel's very existence.

In a resolution offered by the coalition government, and adopted 54 to nine with seven abstentions, the Parliament asserted that Israel would not be reconciled to such a policy. The Parliament stressed its support of government measures designed to prevent the Western Powers from giving the Arabs arms supplies which would upset the existing balance of power in the Middle East, and lead to the undermining of regional security. The resolution also reaffirmed Israel's trust that the Jews throughout the world will stand by Israel in the struggle which is being forced on it, and that the Jewish people will help supply Israel with the means to bolster its defenses.

Concluding the debate, Premier and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett warned that neither security nor peace were possible in the Middle East without Israel, or at Israel's expense. He told the Western Powers that any structure which they set up in the Middle East without Israel's participation, a structure which must by its very nature serve as a base for aggression against Israel, cannot endure.

Mr. Sharett refused to listen to leftist critics of the government, who had urged Israel to abandon its Western orientation. Israel, he said, is interested in friendship with the Soviet Union, but friendship must be mutual. As long as the USSR does not choose to extend this friendship and maintains a restrained policy toward Israel - millions of Soviet Jews are unable to maintain ties with their co-religionists - Israel's policy will remain as restrained, the Premier noted.

Noting that Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser had asked the United States not to condition its aid to Egypt on the latter's attitude toward Israel, and that Egypt would solve that problem itself, Mr. Sharett said that if, by a solution, Col. Nasser meant a "new adventure against us by renewed aggression, then we are prepared to meet it; if this means by a direct settlement with us and peace, then we are prepared to meet her." He warned the Arab states not to let any new arms supplies go to their heads, and to remember their "recent misadventure" before they again turn to aggression.

(Reports in Washington today revealed that formal negotiations on American economic aid to Egypt had opened in Cairo last night. The same dispatches said that the informal talks between U.S. and Egypt on American military assistance to the Arab state were continuing, but had run into Egyptian objections.)

BRITISH PRESS ASKS WESTERN POWERS TO RE-ASSURE ISRAEL

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The British Government's ending of its embargo on arms shipments to Egypt has hit Israel as "one more confirmation of her belief that in the new honeymoon period which seems to be beginning between the Western Powers and the Arab states she has been left out in the cold to her grave disadvantage," the Times of London declared editorially today.

The editorial added that it is important at this time to convince Israel that in strengthening the Arab States, the Western Powers are showing no hostility to her and to impress upon the Arab states that the supply of arms gives them no license for aggressive action.

The same point was stressed yesterday by the Evening Standard, which noted that the Arab alliance is not a defensive combination against the Soviet Union but is solely concerned with Israel. Noting the Israeli desire for peace and the constant Arab reiteration at the United Nations and elsewhere that they will not make peace with Israel, the Standard said that it was inevitable that in these circumstances Israel should see the supplying of arms to Egypt as a threat to Israel's existence.

FLOATING DRYDOCK BUILT IN GERMANY BEGINS SEA JOURNEY TO ISRAEL

HAMBURG, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Israel's first and only floating drydock, a 7,500-ton installation capable of repairing ships of up to 18,000-ton weight in Israel's own port of Haifa, started a two-month journey home today after completing five weeks of deep-sea tests in the vicinity of the Flanders Shipyard at Luebeck, where the drydock was constructed for Israel under the German-Israel Reparations Treaty.

Aboard the drydock, are a crew of eight Dutch seamen and three Israeli technicians who studied operation of the installation at the shipyard for several months, until the drydock was formally turned over to Israel. When it is installed at the port of Haifa, it will enable Israel to save considerable sums of foreign currency by performing ship repairs that, previously, had to be done outside the country. The dock will provide employment for about 300 Israeli workmen.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT OFFERS TO BUY PALESTINE ELECTRIC CORP. STOCK

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has made an offer to purchase stock of the Palestine Electric Corporation which is on register in London, the company revealed here today.

The offer, which sets different prices for three different issues, calls for payment in semi-annual instalments over a period of 15 years, beginning October 1, 1954. Payment would be in sterling with four percent interest on the unpaid balances. The offer, made August 22, has a September acceptance deadline.

MRS. WEIZMANN DUE IN MOSCOW; AMBASSADOR TO VISIT BIROBJIDJAN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Ambassador Shmuel Elyashiv, Israeli envoy to Moscow, is going to visit Birobidjan, in Soviet Siberia, it was announced here today. Mr. Elyashiv will be the first Israeli diplomat to go to that area.

The Ambassador to Moscow will not leave for Birobidjan, however, until after the departure from the Soviet Union of Mrs. Vera Weizmann, wife of the late President Weizmann. Mr. Weizmann will arrive in Moscow Friday on a visit. Mr. Elyashiv has scheduled a special reception for Mrs. Weizmann, and will facilitate her tour.

HAIFA REGION SUFFERS FUEL SHORTAGE AS OIL WORKERS STRIKE

HAIFA, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- A fuel shortage took hold here today, as this port city began to feel the effects of a strike of 200 Shell Oil Company employees which entered its third day.

NAVY CLEARS CHASANOW OF SECURITY CHARGES; RESTORES HIM TO DUTY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Navy Department announced today that it has cleared Abraham Chasanow of security charges made against him and that he would be restored to duty at once. This closes one aspect of a case which attracted national attention after Chasanow maintained that some of his accusers were motivated by anti-Semitism, and Jewish organizations called on the Navy to review the case.

The finding that Chasanow's employment is clearly consistent with the interests of national security was made by James H. Smith, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, on the basis of evidence submitted to a special hearing board convened by order of Smith as a matter of executive grace.

Smith told a press conference today that he felt that false allegations, such as those lodged against Chasanow, were contrary to the national security interests of the United States. He declined to comment on whether other Greenbelt, Md., Jews whose separation from the Navy Department was similar to that of Chasanow, would be reinstated.

Chasanow was one of five Jews residing in Greenbelt and employed by the Hydrographic Office to be suspended on security grounds. Chasanow's petition asking reconsideration of the case last April pointed out that "there are but five members of the Jewish faith who are or were both Greenbelt residents and employees of the Hydrographic Office. There are at least eight members of the Gentile faiths who are both residents of Greenbelt and employees of the Hydrographic Office. All five of the Jews have had security difficulties. . . All Gentiles remain undisturbed. In the absence of a statement of reasons for the adverse decision of the Assistant Secretary (of the Navy), it may well be believed that the proceedings which led to that decision were tainted by anti-Semitism."

Chasanow was dismissed from the Navy Department as a security risk on April 7, 1954, and was afforded reconsideration after a public outcry followed newspaper reports. A re-interrogation of informers against Chasanow was conducted. The Navy said today that "those informants who were re-interrogated and who had initially given derogatory information against Mr. Chasanow either failed to corroborate their original testimony or were unable to produce specifics of earlier allegations."

A defense of Loyalty Board procedures was made by Smith who sought to place the principal blame on informers who supplied the Navy with unfounded allegations against Chasanow. He conceded, however, that the appeal board might have been "a little naive" in failing to investigate the informers. An attempt is now being made by the Navy to prevent such malicious smears from receiving serious consideration in the future, Smith said.

Navy Calls Chasanow "Above Average Loyal American Citizen"

Smith was asked if sworn testimony would be henceforth required from those making allegations and whether the accused would be given the right to confront the accuser. He said that these matters would have to be resolved elsewhere in the government.

The Navy Department, noting "the grave injustice" done to Chasanow by the original statements and the lengthy proceedings, said it wished to emphasize that the findings of the board show Chasanow's life "portrays an above average loyal American citizen." It also cited his "long creditable service for the government, his many varied civic and patriotic activities, his exemplary family life, the high esteem in which he was held by his former colleagues who associated with him for many years, his active religious life, and the high esteem in which he is held in his community."

Chasanow, commenting on his clearance, thanked those who aided him and said he felt as if he had just "woke up from a bad dream."

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TO HEAD BROTHERHOOD WEEK AGAIN

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower will again serve as honorary chairman of Brotherhood Week, to be observed next February 20-27 under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, it was announced here today by Ben Duffy, general chairman of Brotherhood Week. Simultaneously, Mr. Duffy, released a letter from President Eisenhower extolling the spirit behind the annual observance.

"The spirit which lies behind our observance of Brotherhood Week is as old as our civilization," the President's letter declared. "It goes back to the answer given to the first man who asked, 'Am I my brother's keeper?'"

"Through thousands of years there have been many noble answers to this same question, answers which bravely affirm that all men - of all religions, of all colors, of all languages - are in fact brothers, that no man can live alone. But in every age the question is asked, and in every age it must be answered anew.

"We live in a period in which the question has a new sharpness and a new edge, because there are new forces in the world which divide and threaten men, forces which work to lock each man within the prison of his own mind, which make friend distrust friend, nation distrust nation. In the face of these forces it is imperative that we heroically by word and deed give voice to our faith; that every man is indeed his brother's keeper, that no human being in the world can escape his spiritual involvement in what happens to any other human being, that no man, in the troubled sea of mankind, can be an island.

"It is the purpose of Brotherhood Week to inspire us to give that answer for our time, with an eloquence never before heard," the letter concluded.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS WILL NOT SEND DELEGATION TO SOVIET UNION

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the European Executive of the World Jewish Congress denied today a report to the effect that the WJC's coordinating committee at its recent Zurich meeting had decided to seek permission to send a delegation to the Soviet Union.

The spokesman said that the report was apparently based on a misunderstanding. The proposal had been made in various quarters, he noted, but had not been discussed at the Zurich meeting and no decision of this kind had been adopted.

GOLDMANN DENIES REPORTED PLANS FOR MEETING WITH GROMYKO

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Reports published here and abroad that Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency, was to meet Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, in London to discuss emigration of Jews from the Soviet Union to Israel, were categorically denied today.

Dr. Goldmann, in a cable from Switzerland to his office here, described the report as "nonsensical" and said that no such meeting was intended.

(In Jerusalem, a Foreign Office spokesman had previously described the report as a "fantastic fabrication." A spokesman of the Israeli Embassy in London noted that it would be difficult for Dr. Goldmann to meet M. Gromyko in London since the latter has not held the ambassadorship in London for at least two years.)

AGUDAS ISRAEL DECIDES NOT TO OPEN BRANCH IN GERMANY

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Agudas Israel movement will not re-establish a branch in West Germany, it was decided at the first meeting of the newly-elected European executive of the World Agudas Israel Organization. The decision was adopted after a report to the executive by Dr. J. Klibansky, of Frankfurt, who declared that the situation in Germany in reference to Jews is deteriorating.

At a later date, the European executive will consider the desirability of appointing an official representative of the Agudas Israel movement in West Germany.

FIRST LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF GENERAL ZIONISTS OPENS

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- An agenda covering the major problems confronting the Zionist movement not only in Latin America but throughout the world was outlined here today as the first Latin American conference of General Zionists got under way. Robert Aron opened the conference which more than 100 delegates from Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Chile and Mexico are attending.

Items coming up for consideration are: A survey of General Zionism in Latin America; clarification of the ideological and technical problems of Zionism in this hemisphere; preparations for the next Shekel campaign; and the election of delegates to the next World Zionist Congress, with a specific effort to secure greater representation at the Congress for Latin American Zionists.

Participating in the conference are Leon Ilutovich, executive vice-director of the Zionist Organization of America, and Haim Ariav, a member of the Israeli Parliament and head of the General Zionist faction in the Parliament.

DISCRIMINATION BY UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SOCIAL GROUPS ENDING

BOULDER, Colo., Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Barriers of social discrimination have been lowered here at the University of Colorado, and Jewish students have been invited to join the "non-Jewish" fraternities and sororities this year. Members of the university's Board of Regents, and Dean of Men Clifford Houston, have been persuading fraternity and sorority heads to wipe out their old racial discrimination policies, and the move to make all fraternities and sororities here truly democratic has made great progress.

The university's regents postponed a vote on an anti-discrimination motion, scheduled for August 27. Instead, the regents asked the university to gather further information about anti-discrimination rulings at other colleges. A motion by Regent Vance Austin of Sterling, Colo., would have required fraternities and sororities to have minority group members on their rolls by June, 1958. Austin said he wanted student groups to express themselves on his motion before it came up for a vote.

A survey revealed only nine CU social fraternities have discrimination clauses in their constitutions. Every Greek-letter group would be required to have a member of a minority group on its membership rolls in order to comply with Austin's motion.

GOLDSTEIN FLIES TO SOUTH AMERICA ON TERCENTENARY MISSION

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress and chairman of the Western Hemisphere Executive of the World Jewish Congress, left New York by plane for South and Central America today on a ten-day mission to some of the oldest Jewish settlements in the New World. Dr. Goldstein is undertaking his flying visit on the eve of the American Jewish Tercenary celebration, which opens on September 12, in order to convey the greetings of the Jewish community of the United States to the Jewish communities of Recife, Brazil, Paramaribo, Surinam, and Curacao, which were among the first to be founded in the entire Western hemisphere.

PROF. MILTON KATZ ELECTED TO CARNEGIE INSTITUTE BOARD

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Milton Katz, director of International Legal Studies at Harvard Law School, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, it was announced here today.

Dr. Katz has been a Professor of Law at Harvard since 1940. He has also served in a number of government posts in Washington and abroad. In 1950, he was special United States representative in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.