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EBAN HITS U.S. -BRITISH ARMS AID TO ARABS AS DANGER TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The present political struggle in which Israel is involved is the most critical since the establishment of the State, Abba Eban, Ambassador to the United States and permanent delegate of Israel at the United Nations, told the people of Israel tonight on a national radio broadcast. Mr. Eban is home for a short visit to consult with government leaders on the current Israel situation vis-a-vis the Western Powers.

Mr. Eban told his audience that "we are trying to make Washington realize that Israel is not prepared to let itself be made the passive object of various intrigues which are being woven around her, ably assisted by the erroneous policy of the Western Powers." In this struggle, he added, Israel has a valuable asset in the sympathetic attitude of the American public.

The Ambassador, while attacking the "erroneous" American policy of military aid for the Arab states, expressed vehement opposition to those who demanded that Israel refuse to accept further American aid, in protest against current policies. He noted that, in three years, the United States gave Israel \$200,000,000 in aid, which proved one of the most effective elements in further Israel-American friendship and that this "generous assistance" was designed to strengthen and consolidate Israel in every respect.

Regarding the prospects for an Arab-Israel peace, Mr. Eban said that "we must not delude ourselves that peace is around the corner." However, he stressed that all declarations by the Western Powers and the United Nations should tend to emphasize that peace is a final objective of their policy in the Middle East. He called a "tragic mistake" the granting of American assistance to Egypt as long as the latter refuses to heed the UN Security Council's order to end the anti-Israel blockade of the Suez Canal.

The historic ties between Israel and the Jewish people of the world are one of Israel's major assets in the current situation, he said. Calling for unity in the current situation, Mr. Eban noted that such unity had proved successful in the first five years of life of the Israel State.

BRITISH ZIONISTS HIT WESTERN POWERS ARMING OF ARAB STATES

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The Zionist Federation of Great Britain today expressed its "grave apprehensions" over the Anglo-American policy of arming the Arab states. In a statement, the Zionist Federation declared that this policy was "likely to have dangerous consequences for the Middle East," especially in view of the continued campaign of threats and hostility by Egypt and the other Arab states, and their "stubborn refusal" to negotiate a settlement of outstanding differences.

The Zionist statement pointed out that the "inevitable result" of the policy pursued by the U.S. with the support of the British Government will be an arms race

in the Middle East which must endanger economic progress and upset the precarious status quo in the region. The statement charged that Egypt and the other Arab states desire to obtain arms not for defensive purposes "but for strengthening the present totalitarian regimes and settling their account with Israel."

Another influential London newspaper today supported Israel's protests against the British Government's decision to lift the arms embargo on Egypt. Charging that this action by Britain will assist a "minor arms race," the London Tribune said: "One betrayal by Britain helped provoke the first Israeli-Arab war. There must never be a second."

Recent incidents along Israel's borders with the Arab states are the fault of the Western Powers, who permit them to continue, Christopher Hollis, influential Conservative M. P., declared here on a BBC broadcast. Mr. Hollis insisted that Israel was here to stay and any "wild talk" of driving the Jews into the sea was "harmful and wicked folly." He also said it was a pure accident that the Old City of Jerusalem had not been destroyed in the last Israel-Jordan clash and warned that it would almost certainly fall victim in the next outbreak of violence in Jerusalem.

IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL UP LAST MONTH; FURTHER INCREASES PLANNED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- A total of 1,660 immigrants entered Israel last month, the largest single monthly total in over two years, S. Z. Shragai, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department told newsmen today. He revealed that present schedules call for 2,000 immigrants a month to enter the country during the next four months and then a further acceleration of pace from January, 1955, on.

Mr. Shragai said that not only was the increase in the number of immigrants admitted important, but even more significant was that almost every one of these immigrants is settled on the land as soon as he arrives. This is in sharp contrast to the previous situation when immigrants were forced to remain for weeks and months in immigrant camps. He said that the limit of 8,000 immigrants by the end of this year was set by the available funds, otherwise Israel could accept 15,000 in the same four months.

He hit out against attitudes prevalent in Israel which had a detrimental influence on the desire of Americans to emigrate to Israel. He noted that if extreme nationalism in various countries took on an anti-Jewish aspect there would be still fewer sources of immigration than now exist. He indicated that 5,000 immigrants might be expected from South American countries in the next 12 months and a substantial number from France and other European countries.

JORDAN CHARGES ISRAELIS ATTACK ARAB VILLAGES NEAR JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The Amman radio today charged that a party of 800 Israeli troops attacked a number of Jordanian villages in the Jerusalem area last night. Israeli spokesmen have made no comment on the Jordanian report.

Also reported by Arab sources is a Jordan Government threat to "reconsider" the Israel-Jordan truce because of the incident. The reports said that several Arab Legionnaires had been killed and a number wounded in the reported clashes.

ISRAEL PAYS \$2,600,000 ON LOAN FROM EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel today made an installment payment of \$2,625,729 to the United States Export-Import Bank on principal and interest of the \$135,000,000 loan which Israel received from the bank.

GASOLINE STATIONS CLOSE IN ISRAEL AS STRIKE CUTS FUEL SUPPLIES

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Half of the gasoline stations in the country were closed today because their tanks were empty due to a strike of 200 Shell Oil Company employees at Haifa whose walk-out has entered its fourth day.

Government spokesmen were reluctant to comment on the situation, the tendency being to keep out of a trade union dispute. However, it was believed today that the situation is becoming critical and that the government may be forced to intervene in the strike because of its effect on the country's transportation facilities.

ISRAEL-BULGARIAN TRADE PACT SEEN; SOFIA TO SHIP WHEAT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- A trade agreement is soon to be negotiated between Bulgaria and Israel, it became known here today.

Preliminary conversations between the Israeli envoy and Bulgarian authorities have been held in Sofia. Bulgaria is prepared to sell substantial quantities of wheat to Israel, accepting up to 40 percent of the payments in Israeli exports.

AMERICAN BOND DRIVE DELEGATIONS CONFER WITH ISRAEL LEADERS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Two Israel Bond delegations from the United States continued their tours of Israel today, conferring with many of the leading government, financial and military leaders of the country, as well as famous non-government personalities.

Yesterday, one group visited ex-Premier David Ben Gurion at Sdeh Boker. Other members of the delegations were taken on a tour of Israel Army defense installations and were given a reception by Defense Minister Pinhas Lavon and Army Chief of Staff Major General Moshe Dayan. A group of the Americans met with United States Charge d'Affaires Francis Russel and Dr. J. Herzog, head of the American desk at the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

Among other activities by the Americans were inspections of the Jordan River water diversion project; a tour of the Arab city of Nazareth and of the Emek region; visits to the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth and to various industrial establishments; and a dinner attended by various Israeli industrialists, financiers, members of Parliament, and David Horowitz, governor of the State Bank.

ARAB ATTEMPT FAILS TO ISOLATE ISRAEL AT PARLIAMENTARY PARLEY

VIENNA, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Finland was delegated to select the site for next year's sessions of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, after a sharp debate at today's meeting in which Lebanon, supported by the United States, insisted the meeting should be held at Beirut.

Prior to the decision to let Finland select the meeting place, Lebanon's delegate argued that his country should be host to next year's sessions, although he would give no assurance that Israeli delegates would be invited.

Representative Harold D. Cooley, of the United States, supported the Lebanese claims, declaring that the decision as to whom to invite must be left to the Lebanese Government. A number of delegations, led by the Swiss, contradicted Cooley sharply. Finally, the vote was taken on a resolution appointing Finland as the selecting delegation for next year's sessions. That resolution was carried, after a secret ballot, by a vote of 43 against 8, with two abstentions.

AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION URGES PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The American Legion convention, representing millions of U.S. veterans, today adopted a resolution describing the Near East as a "critical and strategic spot on the world picture" and stating that "we earnestly hope for the peaceful settlement of the serious and historical differences and controversies in this troubled area, as has occurred in the dispute over the Suez Canal and Iranian oil."

The preamble to the foreign affairs resolution credited "United Nations patrols" for "insuring peace... between Israel and the Arabs."

A recent congressional move, supported by Secretary of State Dulles, to return confiscated German industrial assets to former Nazis, was opposed. The Legion said: "Believing that the American Veteran has a vested interest in enemy assets seized by the United States and that such assets should continue to be devoted to the purposes provided by the War Claims Act, the American Legion opposes any effort to return these assets to their former owners or their governments."

The Legion also opposed "any and all further attempts now being made or which may be made to weaken, destroy or repeal the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act." The widening of grounds for deportation and denaturalization was advocated.

NAVY ASKED TO STUDY ROLE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN CHASANOW CASE

NEW YORK, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Lauding the Navy Department for clearing and reinstating Abraham Chasanow, who had been dismissed as a "security" risk, the American Jewish Congress today called upon Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas to determine whether anti-Semitism was the basis of the false accusation against Chasanow.

In a letter to Secretary Thomas, Shad Polier, chairman of the AJC executive committee, also pointed out that the Chasanow case "demonstrates the need for reconsideration" of the present loyalty procedure. "Under the present loyalty program," Mr. Polier declared, "there is far too much room for action based on suspicion, arbitrary conjecture and secrecy. The natural result is that persons of ill-will have a clear field to give vent to their prejudices."

Mr. Polier stated further: "It is extremely gratifying to learn that Mr. Chasanow has been cleared of the charges against him, and that the Navy Department has expressed its decision in terms so clear as to end all questions as to Mr. Chasanow's loyalty. The question of anti-Semitism, however, remains. Since Mr. Chasanow was falsely accused, there is still the possibility that the proceeding against him was prompted, in part, by hostility towards Jews. The disquiet caused by the charge of anti-Semitism cannot be allayed solely by the clearance of a particular employe involved. It is essential that the Navy Department determine whether any of the personnel involved in the Chasanow proceeding was guilty of anti-Semitism, and that it make public the results of that investigation."

HAIL ROLE OF REFORM JUDAISM MOVEMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The constructive role of Reform Judaism in the life of the Jewish community of South Africa was lauded here last night at a banquet given in honor of Rabbi M.C. Weller, leading Reform rabbi in this country, who is celebrating the 21st anniversary of his ministry.

Present at the banquet were representatives of major Johannesburg churches and Jewish leaders, including the president of the Board of South African Jewish Deputies, the head of the Zionist Federation and others. It was announced that members of the Reform movement in Johannesburg had contributed funds to various congregational projects in perpetuation of Rabbi Weiler's name.

JEWISH SPECTATOR INTERRUPTS ANTI-SEMITIC PLAY IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- A Jewish spectator at a play in Santa Fe threw the theatre into turmoil by his loud protest against the anti-Semitic theme of the play. The result was interruption of the performance and calling public attention to the bigotry preached by the play which has been protested several times by DAIA, central representative organization of Argentine Jews.

The play, entitled "The Jew," has a usurer as its central character. When the Jewish spectator protested, he was removed from the theatre by police, but later released. The protest served to highlight the fact that the play has not been officially banned, although it has been denounced as anti-Semitic by DAIA.

Support of opponents of the play came at Santa Fe from a prominent Catholic dignitary, Msgr. Alfonso Duran, who issued a statement calling attention to the fact that usury is not a Jewish trait. Msgr. Duran said he himself once had to pay usurious interest rates to a Christian money-lender.

U.S. ZIONIST LEADERS GREET LATIN AMERICAN ZIONIST PARLEY

NEW YORK, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Mortimer May, Zionist Organization of America president, in cables of greetings addressed to the first continental conference of Latin American General Zionist organizations in Santiago, Chile, yesterday stressed the role of General Zionism in furthering the welfare of Israel and the Zionist movement.

In his cable, Dr. Abba Hillel Silver declared that the "increasingly critical situation confronting Israel and our movement on the world scene makes imperative the fullest mobilization of Jewry led by the Zionist movement."

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF JEWISH YOUTH CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Youth Conference, a nationwide youth body sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, will begin its seventh annual assembly tomorrow at Cejwin Camps near here. The Conference represents more than 300 local and regional Jewish youth and young adult councils, and is the largest representative body of Jewish youth in America. The theme of the assembly, "Tomorrow's Leaders Look at 300 Years of Jewish Life in America," is linked to the celebration of the American Jewish Tercentenary.

HILLEL MOVEMENT HOLDS SUMMER INSTITUTE; 200 STUDENTS ATTEND

STARLIGHT, Pa., Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The largest gathering of student leaders in its nine-year history is attending the annual national Hillel Summer Institute which opened here yesterday and will last through Sept. 10. Two hundred selected student leaders from B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations at colleges and universities in the United States, Canada and at the Hebrew University in Israel will participate in the Institute, a part of Hillel's leadership training program.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY GETS INFIRMARY; NAMED FOR DAVID STONEMAN

WALTHAM, Mass., Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The David Stoneman Infirmary at Brandeis University, named for the late Newton communal and civic leader and philanthropist, will shortly be constructed on the University's campus, it was announced today by Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis University. The Infirmary, which has been underwritten by Mrs. David Stoneman and family of Newton, will be completed by late fall, shortly after the opening of the next academic year.

U.S.-BORN HEBREW UNIVERSITY TEACHER GETS SCHOLARSHIP

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Robert Friend, 41-year-old Brooklyn-born member of the English literature faculty at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, today was awarded the Anglo-Jewish Association scholarship of 500 pounds sterling for a year's study at London University. Friend, a graduate of Harvard University, and a poet, has published translations into English from modern Hebrew poetry.