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U.S. REPORTED REJECTING ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR GRANT OF ARMS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- "The United States has turned down Israel's request for a grant of arms or for a mutual aid pact at this time," the authoritative Washington Post reported today.

"For some time the State Department has been considering some move to relieve the increasingly bitter feeling in Israel over the Eisenhower Administration's Middle East policy," the report said. "Arms aid is known to have been considered at length. Apparently as far as the Administration is willing to go now is to issue some form of statement reassuring Israel that it has no intention of upsetting what the State Department considers its policy of impartiality between the two hostile groups, Arabs and Jews."

The newspaper added that while there was no comment from either the State Department or the Israel Embassy, "it was learned that the American position was made clear last Friday by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in a talk with Ambassador Abba Eban. This followed by only two days Eban's statement to the United Nations warning the United States against what he termed 'one-sided' military aid to the Arab states which would upset the 'precarious balance' of power in the Middle East."

Israel, said the Washington Post, "has been particularly upset over the United States agreement earlier this year to supply arms to Iraq." It revealed that an American military mission is now in Iraq to determine what arms are to be supplied.

Israel's Minister Plenipotentiary Reuven Shiloah met yesterday for over two hours with Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, for a discussion of various "accumulated practical affairs." The "Bat Galim" incident, Mr. Shiloah said, may have been mentioned but was not the subject of the meeting.

It was learned that no major issues were involved and that the meeting covered a different set of problems than the current discussions between Ambassador Eban and Secretary of State Dulles. The Eban-Dulles talks pertain to Israel's security situation.

U. N. INVESTIGATORS START PROBE INTO EGYPT'S SEIZURE OF ISRAEL SHIP

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- United Nations observers began last night the investigation of the Egyptian complaint and the Israeli cross-complaint on the seizure of the "Bat Galim," the Israeli 500 ton merchant vessel, in the Suez Canal.

The complaint was originally filed with the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission by Egypt, but Israel in an attempt to speed up the handling of the incident called for an emergency MAC session. It is expected that the inquiry will be completed tomorrow in advance of the UN Security Council meeting Thursday on Israel's complaint against the Suez Canal blockade.

ISRAEL'S RETURN TO ARMISTICE COMMISSION ANNOUNCED BY GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Israel is returning to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission October 20, it was announced officially today.

The Israel Government's action followed the appointment of Lt. Col. Charles F. Brewster as chairman of the MAC, succeeding Commander Elmo R. Hutchinson. Israel began its boycott of the MAC seven months ago, after Commander Hutchinson refused to find Jordan responsible for the Negev massacre of 11 Israelis near Scorpion Pass.

ISRAELI SOLDIERS AMBUSHED BY ARAB LEGION UNIT; ONE ARAB KILLED

TEL AVIV, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- A party of Israeli soldiers on their way home for holiday leave was ambushed yesterday by an Arab Legion unit near Bir Mayin, scene of an earlier ambush in which two Israelis were murdered. This time, the ambuscade backfired and one Arab, in the official uniform of the Arab Legion, was killed.

Two Arabs, with a goodly supply of hand grenades, picked a ridge above a bumpy road and when a command car and two trucks full of unarmed holiday-bound Israeli troops approached they hurled their missiles. The bombs missed their objectives and exploded harmlessly.

An Israeli patrol nearby, hearing the blasts, hurried up and surrounded the Arabs. They were kept at bay by the hand grenades until a bullet caught one of the Arabs as he prepared to hurl a grenade. The bomb exploded in his hand, killing him. The second Arab escaped across the border to Jordan which is about half a mile away.

Israel informed UN truce headquarters of the incident, but it is not yet known whether a formal complaint will be laid before the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

ISRAEL ARMY OFFICERS PARADE IN JERUSALEM; FIRST PARADE IN CITY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Four hundred new Israeli Army officers paraded yesterday through Jerusalem's main streets following their completion of an officers training course.

After the parade the officers were entertained by President Ben Zvi at his residence. Premier Moshe Sharett, Defense Minister Pinchas Lavon and Army Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan took the salute. The graduates included 80 students of the Hebrew University and 40 of the Israel Technical Institute at Haifa.

Premier Sharett, addressing the cadets, called on them to hold high the standard of Jewish morale and to combine their military training with "humanitarian science." He told them that their parade marked an important occasion, because it was the first such parade in Jerusalem and because it was the first such exercise to be held publicly.

Former Premier David Ben Gurion called upon the Israeli youth last night to "dedicate itself unconditionally" to the service of the State. Speaking at a General Zionist youth conference in Haifa, Mr. Ben Gurion declared that Israel is facing many dangers and can only rely for its defense on the Jewish people, one-fourth of whom was exterminated in Europe or "imprisoned in the East."

MORE JEWS ARRESTED IN EGYPT; CHARGED WITH "SPYING" FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Cairo dispatches here report that the Egyptian Government has announced the arrest of a second group of seven Jews charged with "espionage and subversion on behalf of Israel." The seven, according to the accusation by the Egyptians, ran an illegal printing plant in the Abdin district.

Last week, the Egyptians claimed they had arrested "leaders of the Israel espionage organization," alleging that these "leaders" had worked throughout the Middle East.

U. N. REPORT BLAMES ARAB GOVTS. FOR PLIGHT OF PALESTINE REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 12. (JTA) -- "It will take many years" before the Arab refugees in the Middle East can get along without relief, and one of the principal causes for their present circumstances is the "reluctance or inability" of the Arab governments to help their own compatriots, the UN General Assembly will be told officially tomorrow.

The entire problem of Arab refugee relief and rehabilitation comes before the General Assembly tomorrow in the report of Henry R. Labouisse, director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. The Agency, known as UNRWA, cared for a total of 887,000 Arab refugees as of the end of last June, according to Mr. Labouisse. Of the total, 486,000 live in Jordan; over 212,000 in Gaza; more than 101,000 in Lebanon; and about 86,000 in Syria.

It is obvious from Mr. Labouisse's report that the figure of 887,000 refugees is based on a considerable number of false, or "improper" registrations. "There are undoubtedly," he reports, "numerous improper registrations." However, he points out, neither the refugees themselves nor the Arab governments where they live have been willing to help the Agency to clear the rolls of "persons not entitled to rations or other assistance."

Past resolutions of the General Assembly had expressed the hope that the Palestine refugee problem might be solved, at the latest, by the summer of 1954. But, according to Mr. Labouisse, "the achievement of such a result in so short a period of time was a practical impossibility." In polite, diplomatic language--but clearly and with force--the UNRWA director points the finger at the Arab governments and at the refugees themselves for UNRWA's inability to solve the problem.

Absence of Solution on "Repatriation and Compensation" Stressed

The Arab governments, Mr. Labouisse declares, have "not been prepared to undertake with the Agency the development of some promising rehabilitation projects." The Arab governments, he states, have mostly given to the refugees "inadequate" physical resources, have assigned to them agricultural lands "marginal at best--and, in some cases, unusable," have refused to allow them to get jobs on the ground that "their economies cannot at present absorb any significant number of people unexpectedly entering the labor market," and have refused "to accept administrative responsibility for the relief program."

One "very important obstacle" to attainment of the General Assembly's goal regarding the Arab refugees, Mr. Labouisse reports, is the absence of a solution regarding repatriation and compensation. Apart from that, "however, he points out, "the slow progress" can be attributed to "the meagerness of the physical resources made available" to the refugees by the Arab governments; in part to "the attitude of the refugees"; and in some cases to the attitude of the Arab governments which "have served to make progress difficult."

The report does not mention Israel at all in its principal sections, only alluding to Israel obliquely in discussing the present state of "repatriation and compensation" of the Arab refugees. In one section, however, discussing UNRWA's dealing with other UN agencies, Mr. Labouisse reports the successful cooperation received from the Palestine Conciliation Commission. It is through negotiations with this commission that Israel a year ago released 1,000,000 pounds of blocked Arab bank accounts, Mr. Labouisse reports. Only two weeks ago, Israel announced that all remaining blocked Arab bank accounts will be released as a result of a further agreement with the Conciliation Commission.

ISRAEL DUES TO U. N. IS \$70,000 THIS YEAR; HALF OF 1954 TOTAL PAID

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Israel's total assessment for the United Nations working capital fund this year amounts to \$70,120, according to figures made public here over the week-end. As of the end of September, Israel had paid half of its 1954 UN assessment.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES SIGN DECLARATION AGAINST ARMING ARABS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Congressman Robert B. Chipfield, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, is among the first 25 Congressional candidates to sign a declaration against the sending of American arms to the Arab states, it was learned here today.

The declaration, which opposes arms grants until the Arab states "declare their readiness to join" in the defense of the free world and to agree to negotiate a peace settlement with Israel, is being circulated by the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs.

Five candidates for the United States Senate have declared themselves on this issue within the past few days, including Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and George Smathers of Florida. Rep. Charles Howell, Senatorial candidate in New Jersey, has opposed the shipment of arms to the Arabs and has urged the U.S. "to exert its influence on the Arab states and Israel to sit down and negotiate a settlement of differences."

Rep. George H. Bender of Ohio, a candidate for the Senate seat held by the late Robert A. Taft, declared: "It should be clear that the only possible purpose to which Arab arms may be put in the foreseeable future, in the absence of peace with Israel, is their utilization either for warfare with Israel or to divert Israel's energies and limited resources to military defense."

Many Express Sympathy with the Jewish State

Edgar A. Brown, Senatorial candidate from South Carolina, and Patrick V. McNamara, Senatorial candidate in Michigan, have expressed opposition to the State Department's handling of the Near Eastern situation, both hitting the proposed arming of Israel's enemies and both expressing sympathy with the Jewish State.

Congressmen who have called on the Administration to withhold weapons from the Arab states in the present situation include: Gordon H. Scherer of Ohio; Paul Brown of Georgia; Floyd Cramer of New York; Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania; William R. Williams of New York; Arthur G. Klein of New York; Edward T. Miller of Maryland; George Huddleston of Alabama; George Grant of Alabama; T. Millet Hand of New Jersey; Hugh Addonizio of New Jersey; James G. Donovan of New York and Albert W. Cretella of Connecticut.

Other candidates who have signed the declaration of the Zionist committee include Amos S. Basel of New York; James Gartland of Conn; Vernon E. Olin of New York; Forminton Taylor of New York; and Warren L. Schnur of New York.

More Congressional candidates are expected to sign the declaration, which also urges that the United States should grant no arms to the Arab countries in advance of any peace negotiations with Israel, and not until they abandon the direct and indirect boycott and blockade of Israel. The declaration also expresses the belief that the Administration "should make a new and vigorous effort to bring the Arab states and Israel to the peace table for direct negotiations."

Rep. Gordon Scherer, in addition to signing the declaration, revealed that he had written a letter to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in which he declared: "It is our deep conviction that arming the Near Eastern countries will not materially increase the security of the United States or even that part of the world, but will instead serve to agitate local unrest and stability. I am convinced that to give arms to Iraq and Egypt is a menace to Israel's security and is contrary to the best interest of our country."

POLITICAL PARTIES URGED TO SAFEGUARD BI-PARTISAN POLICY ON ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Republican and Democratic Parties have been called upon by a conference of several hundred Zionist leaders here to safeguard the traditional American bi-partisan policy of friendship and support for Israel.

At the same time, the Zionist leaders adopted a resolution expressing "increased concern of the harmful effects of the Administration's current attitude" on this policy. The resolution asked the leaders of the Republican and Democratic Parties to urge the Administration "to withhold arms shipments to the Arab states, to concern itself actively with maintaining Israel's security as an integral part of American policy in the Middle East, and to induce the Arab states to enter into non-aggression agreements with Israel."

The resolution was adopted at a special conference of Zionist representatives from the Metropolitan New York area convened by the Zionist Organization of America at the Hotel Vanderbilt. Mortimer May, president of the ZOA, who was the principal speaker, stressed that "American support of Zionist aspirations, since 1948, of the State of Israel has always been bi-partisan." He added that "this country's outstanding statesmen, Republicans and Democrats alike, have through the years worked together to create the traditional American policy of friendship for Israel."

Charging that "recent actions of our State Department, especially the decision to send arms to the Arab states, have endangered this historic American policy towards Israel," Mr. May said: "It is difficult to conceive of a bi-partisan approach based on the current attitude of the State Department. Clearly, therefore, the Administration must act immediately to preserve not only the traditional American policy, but also the bi-partisan approach which produced it."

Verbal Assurances by Dulles Considered Unsatisfactory

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the national ZOA executive committee, who is recovering from an operation at Mount Sinai Hospital, sent a statement to the conference emphasizing that since the end of August the situation in the Middle East has deteriorated still further. "Instead of reconsidering its plans to furnish arms to the Arab states, the Administration has permitted the drift towards disaster in the Middle East to continue unchecked," he asserted.

"It is both fair and timely to subject the acts of the Administration to the acid test of sincerity," Dr. Neumann declared. "If there is any substance left in the vaunted policy of 'impartiality' toward Israel and the Arab states, let Secretary Dulles give that policy concrete expression now. Nor can we be satisfied with verbal assurances wrapped in high-flown verbiage. What we want to see is a definite reversal of the incendiary policy of arming the Arab states and imperiling Israel's security."

Other speakers at the conference included Harry Torczyner and Harold P. Manson. Mr. Torczyner, who is chairman of the ZOA Commission on Israel and the Middle East, declared that "the time has come for impartiality to replace ambivalence." He maintained that "American enlightened self-interest requires the integration of Israel into an Eastern Mediterranean defense system. Israeli interest dictates its alignment with the United States."

SWISS COMMUNITY ACCEPTS GUARDIANSHIP OF CEMETERIES IN GERMANY

STUTTGART, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- The Jewish cemeteries in Loerrach, Efringen-Kirchen and Muellheim, all three South Baden townships near the Swiss border where almost no Jews remain, have been placed under the guardianship of the Jewish Community at Basle, Switzerland, in accordance with a request addressed to it by the centuries-old Supreme Council of Israelites in Baden. Through negotiations with the local German authorities, the cemeteries have already been properly restored.

\$417,000 PRESENTED AT U. J. A. REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Checks totalling \$417,000 were presented here at a regional conference of the United Jewish Appeal in which leaders from 72 communities in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia participated. Principal speakers at the conference were Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, who just returned from Israel, and Avraham Harman, Israel Consul General in New York.

The Tennessee Senator urged Americans to be encouraged by "Israel's dedication to the building of free institutions" and lauded its leaders and people for being "realistic enough to give first priority to the strengthening of their economy as a real answer to the threat that confronts them today."

Mr. Harman told the parley that repeated expressions of "Arab intransigents are not deflecting Israel from its major policies." He said that Israel's main objectives are: 1. The development of Israel's national existence without detriment to its neighbors; 2. To offer these neighbors relations of peace and mutual cooperation; 3. To stand up for Israel's right as an independent nation and to insure its capacity to defend itself against attack, and 4. To continue to provide a haven in Israel to those Jews who need it and seek it."

NEW YORK GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES ENDORSE ANTI-BIGOTRY CREDO

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Both Senator Irving M. Ives and Averill Harriman, the Republican and Democratic gubernatorial candidates in this state, have deplored religious bigotry as having no place in American life, in a credo drafted by the National Conference of Christians and Jews and endorsed by both candidates, the NCCJ announced last night.

In his message endorsing the credo, Sen. Ives said: "For the past 25 years during which it has been my privilege to serve the people of our state, I have done my utmost to fight religious and racial bigotry wherever they appeared in American life. I am therefore proud to subscribe to the creed of the National Conference of Christians and Jews."

Mr. Harriman said: "Please be assured that your credo expresses what is and has been all my life the very basis of my social, political and personal philosophy. There is no faith which I hold more closely or deeply than the faith in the brotherhood of man, under the fatherhood of God, not just in terms of words but in terms of social and political action."

ISRAEL MINISTER, BEERSHEBA MAYOR ARRIVE IN U.S. TO AID ISRAEL CAUSES

NEW YORK, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Burg, Israeli Minister of Posts, Telephone and Telegraph, has arrived here to participate in the Israel Bond drive campaign.

David Tuviahu, Mayor of Beersheba, arrived here as a delegate to the National Committee for Labor Israel's Histadrut Campaign. He will be officially welcomed at City Hall Thursday by Mayor Robert F. Wagner.

ZVI GOLOMBOK, EDITOR OF JEWISH NEWSPAPER IN SCOTLAND, DIES

GLASGOW, Oct. 12. (JTA) -- Zvi Golombok, founder and editor of the Glasgow Jewish Echo and pioneer Zionist leader in Glasgow, died here today at the age of 74.

Mr. Golombok came to Scotland from Lithuania 50 years ago and was associated with the Zionist movement from its earliest days, helping to found the Zionist organization in Glasgow. Before World I he attempted to run a daily newspaper for Jews in Scotland and in 1918 published for a time a Yiddish weekly, "Die Yiddishe Stimme." In January 1928 he launched the weekly Jewish Echo, which proved an immediate success, and which recently expanded its service with the publication of a special edition for Northeastern England.