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EISENHOWER PLEDGES CONTROL OF ARMS SENT TO MIDDLE EAST STATES

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- President Dwight D. Eisenhower pledged tonight before 2,000 members of the American Jewish community attending the Jewish Tercentenary Dinner, that the United States will "continue to contribute to peaceful relations" between Jews and Arabs. Touching upon the situation in the Near East, the President in his half-hour speech said:

"We are all regretfully aware that the major differences between Israel and the Arab states remain unresolved. Our goal there, as elsewhere, is a just peace. By friendship toward both, we shall continue to contribute to peaceful relations among these peoples. And in helping to strengthen the security of the entire Near East, we shall make sure that any arms we provide are devoted to that purpose, not to creating local imbalances which could be used for the intimidation of, or aggression against, any neighboring nations. In every such arrangement we make with any nation, there is ample assurance that this distortion of purpose cannot occur.

The President quoted "the wonderful prophecy" of Isaiah: "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever." Mr. Eisenhower added: "The pursuit of peace is at once our religious obligation and our national policy. Peace and freedom--where all men dwell in security--is the ideal toward which our foreign policy is directed.

"I know," the President continued, "that I am speaking to the people who deeply love peace. I know that, with all other Americans, you share a profound thanksgiving that, for the first time in 20 years there is no active battlefield anywhere in the world."

Arrival of First Jews An 'Inspiring Moment'

After reiterating America's pacific intentions and desire for peace, Mr. Eisenhower turned to the history of the Jews in the United States and told his audience:

"We have come together in memory of an inspiring moment in history - that moment, 300 years ago, when a small band of Jewish people arrived on the ship, St. Charles, in what was then the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam. It was an event meaningful not only to the Jews of America but to all Americans - of all faiths, of all national origins.

"On that day there came to these shores 23 people whose distant ancestors had, through the Old Testament, given new dimensions of meaning to the concepts of freedom and justice, mercy and righteousness, kindness and understanding--ideas and ideals which were to flower on this continent. They were of a people who had done

much to give Western civilization the principle of human dignity; they came to a land which would flourish--beyond all 17th Century dreams--because it fostered that dignity among its citizens.

"Of all religious concepts, this belief in the infinite worth of the individual is beyond doubt among the most important. On this faith our forefathers constructed the framework of our Republic.

Communist Conspiracy Chief Foe Today

"In this faith in human dignity is the major difference between our own concept of life and that of enemies of freedom. The chief of these enemies a decade and more ago were Nazi and Fascist forces which destroyed so many of our fellow men. Today, the Communist conspiracy is the principal influence that derides the truth of human worth and, with atheistic ruthlessness, seeks to destroy the free institutions established on the foundation of that truth.

"Asher Levy and his party came to this land on that long ago day because even then they had to find a country where they could safely put into practice their belief in the dignity of man.

Jews, Christians Share Ideal of Peace

"In this respect--as in so many others--they were no different from scores of other groups that landed on our shores. Only 34 years earlier, another party had landed at Plymouth Rock. That group, too, came here in the hope of escaping persecution--of gaining religious freedom--of settling quietly in the wilderness to build their homes and rear their families.

"And there was another novel concept of our common Judeo-Christian civilization shared by these two groups and by all others who have come to this land: the ideal of peace."

Reviewing the general situation in the world today, the President told the assembled Jewish dignitaries: "We shall keep faith with those of earliest America who, as they came to these shores three centuries and more ago, launching a venture in freedom unparalleled in man's struggle over the ages, sought peace and freedom and justice, for themselves and for those who were to follow. Yes, my friends, we know, with the Prophet Isaiah that the work of righteousness shall be peace. We know that the Lord will give strength unto all of us as we strive tirelessly, confidently for peace," the President concluded.

President Introduced By Justice Nathan

President Eisenhower was introduced by New York State Supreme Court Judge J. Nathan, Jr., a descendent of Abraham de Lucena, one of the 23 Jews who came to New Amsterdam in 1654 and established the first Jewish community in this country. The dinner was presided over by Joseph Willen of New York.

Ralph E. Samuel, chairman of the Tercentenary Committee, who was one of the speakers, emphasized that the 5,000,000 American Jews begin the fourth century of their settlement in this country "with reverence for the past and with deep pride as Americans and as Jews. But above all else, we celebrate the American Jewish Tercentenary in a spirit of gratitude, dedication and devotion to these blessed United States."

An invocation was delivered by Rabbi David de Sola Pool of Congregation Shearith Israel of New York. The benediction was given by Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner of Cleveland, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. A Tercentenary prayer was delivered by Rabbi Israel Goldstein of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun of New York. Irving Berlin, noted composer, sang "God Bless America" accompanied by the Jewish Chapel Choir of the United States Military Academy at West Point, which also sang several other selections.

PREMIERS OF BRITAIN, ISRAEL, NETHERLANDS GREET TERCENTENARY DINNER

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- American Jewry was greeted tonight by the Prime Minister of Britain, Israel and the Netherlands in special messages read at the Tercentenary Dinner. Greetings were also delivered at the dinner by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Mayor Robert F. Wagner. Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill's message said:

"It is fitting that we should mark with due ceremony this 300th anniversary of the first Jewish settlement in the United States. Your country owes its great position in no small degree to the ready welcome which you have always extended to those who were the victims of persecution in their own homes on account of race, religion or politics. In pursuing this wise and rewarding policy the rulers of the United States have followed the course begun by the British administration in Colonial days."

Premier Sharett's message declared: "Israel salutes American Jewry on the historic occasion of its tercentenary celebration. The annals of the American Jewish community extending over three centuries, and its striking growth during the last 100 years, constitutes a cardinal chapter in the history of the Jewish people and adds luster to the great saga of the United States."

"Standing on the threshold of the fourth century of its existence, American Jewry must be keenly conscious and deeply proud of the great heritage of Jewish tradition and idealism which has fallen to its lot. Indeed, were it not for the single-minded dedication of the masses of American Jews to the cause of their people, Israel would hardly have arisen, while hundreds of thousands of Jews who found refuge in the land of their forefathers would have remained doomed to misery, degradation and constant peril."

"Let the chance of so decisive a participation in such an inspiring historic enterprise be a challenge to the Jewry of the United States as it now surveys the long road it has travelled and scans the distant horizons of its future."

The Netherlands Prime Minister, Dr. William Drees, said in his message: "The celebration of the 300th anniversary of the Jewish community in the United States recalls historical associations of which both the Dutch and the American people may be justly proud. The first group of Jews to arrive in New Amsterdam, though they came from Brazil, were of Dutch origin. They sought and found an atmosphere of religious tolerance in the Dutch community of New Amsterdam. Soon joined by others of various nationalities, they helped to form the Jewish community in what was later to become the United States of America."

"Both the American and Dutch people have continued in their history to strive for--and where necessary to fight for--freedom in matters of religious no less than in other fields of human activity."

U. N. REFUGEE COMMISSION EXPECTS U. S. CONGRESS TO AID REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Dr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhart, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, asserted today that he is quite sure that the Washington Administration will ask for a Congressional appropriation for aid to refugees. "I would be surprised and disappointed if Congress does not make a contribution," he said.

The High Commissioner, in response to questions by newsmen, declared that he does not think the resolution creates the sort of precedent against which the Arab bloc here had fought. The six members of the Arab League here abstained from voting on that resolution because they feared that the portion allocating full responsibility to countries of asylum after a five-year period might affect the status of Arab refugees from Palestine.

He did say, however, that in one respect the situation of the Arab refugees from Palestine--over which he has no jurisdiction whatever--is similar to the situation of European refugees from the Baltic countries. "If the Arabs want to go back home," he said, "they may find, like the refugees from the Baltic countries, that their country no longer exists."

ISRAEL CONCERNED OVER INCREASE IN EGYPT'S MILITARY STRENGTH

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The signing of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty for the British evacuation of the Suez Canal zone has created a situation which requires Israel to be watchful and prepared, an Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman declared last night just after the pact was signed in Cairo.

The spokesman stressed that Israel must maintain a "constant effort to consolidate her strength" in the face of this increase in the military strength of hostile Egypt. "It is difficult for Israel to join without reserve in the chorus of congratulations on the occasion of the signature of the Suez agreement," he said. He noted that it was not the treaty itself, but the circumstances surrounding it which imposes the reservations.

"Israel," he continued, "is far from begrudging Egypt the fulfilment of its national aspirations, achieved after a prolonged struggle. But in view of Egypt's constant hostility toward Israel and Egypt's claims that she is still at war with Israel, despite the armistice, Israel cannot help viewing with concern the important accretion of strength Egypt obtained overnight" when the Canal and its extensive military bases were handed over by Britain."

This alters the military and strategic balance to Egypt's advantage, without any demand on Egypt to modify its attitude toward Israel or make any "real attempt to allay Israel's well-founded apprehensions," the Israeli spokesman declared. He underlined that Egypt had once again expressed its "utter disregard for elementary international obligations" by the recent seizure of the Israeli merchant vessel Bat Galim in Suez waters and "inventing fantastic accusations against her crew."

He also stressed that "at this turning point in Middle Eastern history it is more essential than ever that Egypt be urged to respect her international obligations and abjure her policy of hostility and violence toward Israel." In conclusion, the spokesman asserted that the "quality" of the treaty signed yesterday would be judged by whether it has "any contribution to make to the welfare of the area or whether it opens the way to excesses which nobody in the world can possibly wish to see."

ISRAEL PLEADS CAUSE OF DISARMAMENT IN UNITED NATIONS DEBATE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Israel pleaded the cause of disarmament today in the United Nations General Assembly's Political and Security Committee. Michael Comay, member of the Israel delegation, reminded the representatives of the nations of the world that one of his ancestors had made the original disarmament proposal--that the nations beat their swords into ploughshares.

Mr. Comay acknowledged that the task of the UN disarmament commission would be long and involved, but in the name of humanity, he urged, the hope of disarmament must be made a reality. He expressed the opinion that a commission with great freedom of inspection was necessary and that it would not encroach upon national sovereignty.

ISRAEL-JORDAN ARMISTICE BODY STARTS DISCUSSING MAJOR COMPLAINTS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Some of the most outstanding of the hundreds of complaints and cross-complaints which have piled up for action by the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission in the seven months since Israel walked out of that body were discussed by the MAC today as Israel officially attended its first meeting since agreeing to rejoin the unit.

Presiding at the session was Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of staff of the United Nations truce supervision organization. Lt. Col. Charles F. Brewster, new chairman of the MAC, attended the session.

AMERICAN ECONOMIC AID TO ISRAEL LAUDED AT UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 20. (JTA) -- "The generous and constructive American enterprise" in supplying economic aid to Israel and to many other countries was praised highly here today by David Hacohen, member of Israel's delegation, who addressed the General Assembly's Economic and Financial Committee.

Participating in the two-week-old debate on a proposal for the establishment of "SUNFED"--a \$250,000,000 special United Nations fund for economic aid to underdeveloped countries--Mr. Hacohen made a plea to the wealthier countries of the world to help the nations that need aid. Mr. Hacohen's address seemed to make a powerful impact upon the delegates, a number of whom congratulated the Israeli representative after his speech.

"It would be impossible to exaggerate the vital role which government financing by the United States of America has had and is having on the rehabilitation of the economies of the countries of Europe, in the first place, and on those of other countries as well, my own included," Mr. Hacohen, who is Israel's Minister to Burma, said. He pointed out, however, that the surest way of providing the kind of aid that the underdeveloped countries of the world need is through the establishment of SUNFED.

Calling upon his own experiences as chairman of Solel Boneh, the constructive and industrial arm of Histadrut, the Israel general federation of labor, as well as on his experiences as Israel diplomatic representative in Burma, Mr. Hacohen said:

"For the past 30 years I have been associated very closely with the largest single industrial enterprise in my own country. During these 30 years I have had a unique opportunity of witnessing and indeed experiencing the adaptability of human beings, whatever their original economic condition, cultural standard and level of education to the most complicated processes of modern industry.

"I have seen a similar process in Burma where I have been living for the past year as the representative of my country. United Nations and Colombo Plan Technical Assistance have given that country a boost which has been guided by its honest and courageous leadership into constructive channels of development. What I have seen in Israel and in Burma have been enough to convince me that there are no limits to what a human being and a country can do--given the will and with the aid of the two forces of money and skill," he declared.

ACUTE SHORTAGE OF WOMEN IN ISRAEL'S KIBBUTZIM REPORTED

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- There is a shortage of young women in the collective settlements of Israel, it was reported at Kinneret last night at a conference of kibbutzim affiliated with the Mapai Party. The report said that unless some 7,000 unmarried young men in the settlements find marriage partners they may desert kibbutz life.

A plan to absorb 1,000 new immigrant families from North Africa was outlined at the parley by Joseph Israeli, secretary of the kibbutz group. Settlements affiliated with the Mapai movement are already prepared to take the first group of the 1,000 new families.

ARGENTINE TRADE DELEGATION VISITS ISRAEL; PACT TO BE SIGNED SOON

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Israel and Argentina will soon sign a trade pact providing for a balance in the exports and imports between the two nations, Julio Kleinman, chairman of the Israel-Argentine Chamber of Commerce, told a press conference here today. Mr. Kleinman heads a delegation of 40 Argentinian members of the chamber which has just arrived in Israel.

Israel exported goods worth \$1,300,000 to Argentina since the beginning of 1954, Mr. Kleinman reported. He added that export licenses have been signed for another \$1,000,000 worth of goods from Israel.

MORE CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES OPPOSE U.S. ARMING OF ARABS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Foster Furcolo, candidate for U.S. Senator from Massachusetts, today added his name along with 13 other candidates who pledged themselves against the present Administration's policy of arming the Arabs. The American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs reported that the complete listing now includes 115 candidates. More replies are expected.

The 14 listed today include 12 Democrats and two Republicans. The Republicans are Donald W. Nicholson, Massachusetts, and Edward J. Bonin, Pennsylvania.

The Democrats are Timothy L. O'Reilly, Harlan Hagen, Joseph M. Kennick, William E. Roskam, Harry R. Sheppard, Harriet Enderle and Ross T. McIntire, California; George S. Long, Louisiana; Foster Furcolo and Edward F. Doonan, Massachusetts; Daniel J. Flood, Pennsylvania; and Watkins M. Abbott, Virginia.

LEADER OF CANADIAN POLITICAL PARTY REPORTS ON ISRAEL'S ACHIEVEMENTS

MONTREAL, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Highest praise for the "miracles" accomplished by the State and people of Israel has been voiced by Solon Low, leader of the Social Credit Party in the House of Commons, following a recent visit to the Jewish State. Until recently certain leaders of the Social Credit Party were outspoken opponents of Zionism and even followed an anti-Semitic line.

Mr. Low, who describes the impact of his 11-day visit as "the thrill of a lifetime," uses the term "miracle" several times to describe various aspects of Israeli achievement, in an article written for the Canadian Jewish Chronicle. Telling of the enthusiasm he encountered among a group of young Canadians at a kibbutz at Urim in the northern Negev, the Social Credit chief said:

"I say it is a miracle how Israel has created in so short a time out of artisans, merchants, doctors, lawyers, engineers and housewives a people of the soil." He also noted that "it is a little short of a miracle what has been accomplished already in the Negev." Declaring that "it is one of the miracles of this modern age the way in which Israel, in six short years, has transformed a people who had never known what agricultural life and physical toil meant, into a people of the soil," Mr. Low also said: "Given the chance they deserve, I am sure they will develop and build a great little nation that will make a worthwhile contribution to the world."

QUEBEC GOVERNMENT TO CONTRIBUTE \$300,000 TO JEWISH HOSPITAL

MONTREAL, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish General Hospital here, dedicating a 170-bed new wing, was told it will receive a \$300,000 grant from the provincial government, as announced by Provincial Health Minister J. R. A. Paquette, in the presence of Federal, provincial and municipal leaders.

The new wing, second phase of a \$55,000,000 expansion program, adds facilities for teaching, research and treatment as well as the 170 beds. Completion of the new wings was officially marked when a gold key was presented to president Allan Brofman by David Kirsch, chairman of the building committee.

PERLMUTTER, PLAYWRIGHT AND HISTORIAN OF JEWISH THEATRE, DEAD

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Sholom Perlmutter, playwright and one of the founders and a vice-president of the Hebrew Actors Union, died here last night. He was 70.

Mr. Perlmutter, who was an actor for some years, turned to playwrighting and had a number of his works produced on the Yiddish stage in this country. He was also known as an historian of the Jewish theatre. His most recent work, published last year, was "Jewish Dramatists and Jewish Composers."