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U.S. JEWISH LEADERS TO CONFER WITH DULLES TODAY ON MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- A delegation of leaders of central Jewish organizations is scheduled to meet here tomorrow with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to discuss American policy on the Middle East and to present the objections of American Jews to the U.S. Government's sending arms to the Arab states as long as they refuse to negotiate peace with Israel.

Secretary Dulles will receive the delegation immediately after his return from Paris where he succeeded in bringing about the signing of protocols by 15 nations restoring sovereignty to Western Germany and providing for her rearmament and admission into Western alliances. Arrangements for the meeting between Secretary Dulles and the Jewish delegation were made last week, prior to Mr. Dulles' departure for Paris.

Meanwhile it was indicated by the State Department during the week-end that the United States is considering the question of also granting arms to Israel. This indication was given in a letter by Acting Assistant Secretary of State Ben H. Brown, Jr., to Congressman Isidore Dollinger of New York.

"An Israel request for grant of military assistance remains under consideration," Mr. Brown wrote Rep. Dollinger. "Factors involved in the consideration of this application include Israel's present military posture, which is one of strength, and her position in the over-all strategic concept of the area. As conditions improve in the area generally, the role which Israel could play in the defense of the Near East should take on added significance."

Simultaneously, it was indicated that the U.S. Government will begin sending economic and military aid to Egypt this week in accordance with a pledge given by President Eisenhower that such aid would be forthcoming if Egypt reached agreement with Britain on the Suez Canal issue. Officials of the State Department and Foreign Operations Administration said that the amount of economic aid to Egypt will be less than the \$100,000,000 asked by the Egyptian authorities, but it will be "about as much as Egypt can usefully absorb at this early stage of her economic development plans."

DULLES AND EBAN TO RESUME TALKS ON ISRAEL'S SECURITY PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The Israel Embassy declined to comment today on the recent statements by President Eisenhower or on the views of Sec. John Foster Dulles as quoted by Vice President Richard M. Nixon pending further study and consultation with the Israel Government.

In circles close to the Administration it is understood that there has been continuous communication between Secretary Dulles and Ambassador Eban, and the

discussions between them on the subject of Israel's security problems will be resumed shortly.

Israel circles see significance in the passages of President Eisenhower's speech and of Mr. Dulles' cable quoted by the Vice President which recognize that it would be unwise to create an imbalance between Israel and the Arab states. It is understood that among the issues emphasized by Israel in recent talks have been the need to avoid a change in the present balance, and the necessity for the Western Powers to avoid establishing military relationships with the Arab states from which Israel is excluded. The signature of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement without any parallel satisfaction of Israel's claims has made this concern increasingly urgent.

General Mood of Israeli Circles in Washington Depicted

The general mood of Israeli circles may thus be summarized as follows: on the one hand there are signs that Israel's concern is becoming increasingly recognized by leaders of the Administration, and that Secretary Dulles since his talks with Mr. Eban last August has shown a special interest in this problem. On the other hand, the problem, though more fully recognized and understood than before, is not yet solved.

The position remains one in which the Arab states, especially Egypt, have been politically and militarily reinforced while Israel so far received general assurances of good will in Washington and London. These, though welcome and gratifying in themselves, do not constitute facts of strength such as would counter-balance the tangible strengthening granted or offered to the Arabs. Thus Israel's apprehensions will continue to be the subject of further discussions between the Governments of the United States and of Israel.

Zionists Refute Nixon's Charge of Partisanship in Arms Issue

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The charge made by Vice President Richard M. Nixon in a statement last week that "political opponents" were responsible for the opposition to the Eisenhower Administration's policy of granting arms to the Arab states was denied here by the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs.

"This is not a Democratic matter," a spokesman for the committee stated. He pointed out that among those who are opposing the granting of American arms to the Arabs are both Democrats and Republicans. The committee made known today that a total of 150 candidates for election to Congress, including both Democrats and Republicans, have signed personal pledges to oppose American arms aid to Arab states in the present circumstances. More such pledges are expected this week.

The American Council for Judaism, an anti-Zionist organization, issued a statement lauding President Eisenhower for his statement on the Near East last Wednesday evening at the American Jewish Tercentenary dinner in New York and charged Zionist groups with making the U.S. Middle East policy "a campaign issue."

Jews in New York to Protest Today Against Arming of Arabs

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Two huge protest meetings against the U.S. policy of arming the Arab states while they refuse to negotiate peace with Israel will be held here tomorrow. One has been arranged by the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, in which all Zionist groups are represented, and will be held at the Commodore Hotel. The other is sponsored jointly by the Jewish Labor Committee and the Trade Union Council for Israel, and will take place at the Hotel Biltmore. Speakers at the latter will include George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Walter Reuther, C. I. O. president.

Four labor conferences, at which the American labor movement will make known its concern over increased Middle East tension and at which United States policy in arming Arab states will be surveyed, have also been called for this week in Chicago, Los Angeles, Detroit and Pittsburgh through the joint efforts of the Jewish Labor Committee and the Trade Union Council for Israel.

U. J. A. NATIONAL CONVENTION ADOPTS PLANS FOR RAISING MORE CASH

CINCINNATI, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The two-day National Report Conference of the United Jewish Appeal, attended by 750 leaders from all parts of the country, concluded here today with the presentation by delegates of \$5,000,000 towards the current special effort of the UJA to raise \$50,000,000 in cash by the end of the year. More than \$40,000,000 has been raised to date.

Morris W. Berinstein, chairman of the UJA's National Cash Campaign, moved adoption of plans for raising the \$10,000,000 still required on the \$50,000,000 goal, urging "communities to continue to press vigorous local cash collection efforts to help the UJA meet the mounting needs that confront us at every turn." He stressed that in a parallel effort this year, the UJA raised over \$63,000,000 in behalf of the Jewish Agency. This was made possible by the action of communities in securing five-year loans from their local banks. However, he warned that the effect of the loan would be weakened "unless sufficient campaign cash is forthcoming on the regular UJA campaign."

Edward M. M. Warburg, UJA general chairman, announced the Appeal has formed a special study mission of 33 business, industrial and philanthropic leaders who will leave this week for Europe, Israel and other areas to assess Jewish needs preparatory to UJA's 1955 campaign. The mission's findings and recommendations will be submitted to the UJA annual national conference in December and will guide the delegates in setting UJA's 1955 goal.

Eban, Goldmann Stress Israel's Security Problem

Addressing the delegates, Israel Ambassador Abba Eban said that he was glad to see leading world statesmen remind the Arab states of their duty to establish a permanent peace with Israel, but that the concern of the Jewish State for its safety keeps mounting in the face of political and military reinforcement which the Arabs are receiving from the Western Powers.

"It should not be beyond the resources of diplomacy" to solve the Arab-Israel dispute, he said. He emphasized that if the troubled Arab-Israel relations are "frankly and seriously confronted" a solution can be found in the same way that so many other intractable international problems have been settled in recent months. The world now awaits a response from the Arabs on "a series of constructive and conciliatory proposals" advanced by the Israel Government, the Ambassador stated.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann told the delegates that the Arab arms expenditure of \$500,000,000 annually exceeds the entire Israel budget. Decrying the "recent Western policy" of building Arab strength, Dr. Goldmann declared that this "has dimmed all hope" of the Arabs coming to terms with Israel.

Describing as the "worst feature" of Western policy its exclusion of Israel from all "plans to integrate the Middle East into global defense planning," he declared this "represents a very grave political threat to the future of the new state and places the prospect of Mid-East regional defense planning under a serious handicap." The Jewish Agency chairman emphasized that the United States and other Western Powers favor the Arab states, thus encouraging them "in their intransigence and belligerence." He pointed out that the combination of the British decision to evacuate the Suez Canal zone and the U.S. decision to arm the Arab states is being carried out "despite the fact that neither Egypt nor any of the other Arab governments have recanted their declared aggressive intent against Israel."

The conference also heard two Congressional leaders, Senator Estes Kefauver and Representative Jacob K. Javits express concern over United States policy as it is being carried out in the Middle East. Congressman Javits praised President Eisenhower's recent statement that this country would not permit arms shipments "to be used for intimidation or aggression against any other country," and urged that this definition of American policy be implemented with regard to Israel. He urged

that the Administration take "full cognizance" of the "continued widespread concern about the furnishing of arms" to the Arabs "within the framework of the bi-partisan support which these protests have received, and suggested the following four-point bi-partisan program:

1. No arms be furnished to any Arab state maintaining a state of war with Israel and unwilling to negotiate peace or end its interference with freedom of international trade; 2. A Middle East regional defense organization be formed within the framework of the U. N. to include Israel and all Arab states receiving arms. Unless Israel is invited into such a defense organization she should be invited to join NATO either directly, or through an alliance with Greece and Turkey; 3. The United States, Britain and France should reaffirm their May, 1950 declaration on the inviolability of frontiers and armistice lines in the Near East; 4. The United States should transform its present economic and technical aid programs in the Middle East from a country-by-country project into an over-all regional system of aid.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ADOPTS MIDDLE EAST DECLARATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- American arms should not be sent to the Middle East unless it is certain that they will be used to strengthen the security of the area and not to promote aggression or to create local military imbalances, the American Jewish Committee declared today at the close of its two-day meeting of its national executive committee at the Hotel Roosevelt.

While commending the constructive actions by the United States Government in the Middle East, the AJC cautioned that military aid is not the most pressing need in the area at this time. "The primary needs of the Middle East," the AJC declaration stated, "are economic aid, technical assistance, improvement of education and general raising of living standards.

"Military aid should be given in support of a unified defense system, in accordance with our established policies in other regions of the world, as in Europe and Southeast Asia. To the extent that this is not immediately feasible in the Middle East, the United States should make separate agreements with all nations in that area willing to participate, looking forward to subsequent integration into such a unified system."

The American Jewish Committee statement said that if arms are given to the Middle East it should be done on the following basis: 1. The present relative military strength should be respected, to avoid disturbing the present balance; 2. Firmer assurances of peace on the part of the three Western Powers which signed the 1950 tripartite declaration, guaranteeing the existing Arab-Israel borders, should be given; 3. Each of the countries of the Near East should be dealt with without discrimination and in accordance with its willingness to contribute to the common defense of the area.

Continued anti-Semitism in Soviet Russia and rising Arab nationalism in North Africa have placed the lives of nearly 3,000,000 Jews in jeopardy, Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, reported to the executive committee. He also warned of a stepped-up Arab propaganda campaign in the United States, which frequently contains anti-Semitic overtones.

Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the Committee, told the meeting that peace in the Middle East can be strengthened only if Israel is included in an American-sponsored security system in that area. He urged economic aid for all the nations of the area without exception, and if arms are given to any nation, the balance of military aid be maintained between the Arab countries and Israel.

A. D. L. REVEALS TIES BETWEEN U. S. ANTI-SEMITES, NEO-NAZI LEADERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Existence of an organized propaganda tie-up between neo-Nazi leaders in Germany and professional anti-Semites in the United States was revealed here today at the executive committee meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Henry Edward Schultz, the League's national chairman, addressing the session at the Hotel Roosevelt, said that the evidence gathered in an ADL study indicated efforts by Nazi-minded elements in Germany, now held in check by the Adenauer government, to acquire support--in particular, American dollars--from nationalist movements and sympathetic ethnic groups in the United States.

The League study noted that the low caliber of the propagandists drawn into the movement on this side of the ocean--they are mostly well-known professional anti-Semites, discredited by public opinion and acceptable only to the "lunatic fringe"--has negated any substantial results the German groups hoped to achieve by their propaganda.

The anti-Semitic pamphlets and literature, the study revealed, are transmitted on an international scale, with principal centers in the United States, Germany and Argentina. The League identified Frederick Charles Weiss, a German alien living in New York, as the local clearing house for the traffic in neo-Nazi propaganda. ADL officials said today they would ask the U. S. Immigration Service to investigate the alien status of Weiss and several of his associates in the light of their propaganda activities.

At an afternoon session, the League's executive committee voted to ask State Department intervention to obtain a change in the discriminatory visa policies of the Arab nations. The League had previously protested the unwillingness of Arab governments to grant visas to Americans of Jewish faith.

In a resolution adopted by the executive committee, the League recognized the State Department was limited to "persuasion" in taking action on the matter. "But we believe that so long as any foreign country maintains a bigoted policy of denying visas to American citizens solely because of their religious faith, it will continue to be incumbent on our government to speak out in protest and to seek in every peaceful and feasible way to bring about elimination of such practices."

Proskauer Pleads for Increased Support for J. D. A. Agencies

At an earlier session, the League and the American Jewish Committee, meeting jointly under the auspices of the National Council of the Joint Defense Appeal, fund-raising arm of both organizations, heard a plea for increased financial support for the activities of both agencies from former N. Y. State Justice Joseph M. Proskauer.

Pointing to the steadily declining funds raised by welfare funds outside of New York and Chicago, Judge Proskauer warned that supporters of the JDA agencies must assume primary responsibility in their communities for providing adequate funds to enable both organizations to continue and safeguard democratic rights.

"The security of the Jewish community is wholly dependent on our ability to strengthen and bulwark our American constitutional safeguards and liberties," Judge Proskauer said. "To this end we must drive home to our neighbors and business associates the primacy of the efforts of ADL and AJC to preserve the American heritage."

Paul H. Sempliner, of New York, was re-elected chairman of the executive committee of the JDA Council. Philip Meyers of Cincinnati was re-elected Council chairman.

W. J. C. APPEALS TO EGYPT TO HALT MASS ARRESTS OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress urgently appealed today to the Government of Egypt to halt the mass arrests of Egyptian Jews which are now going forward "without abatement."

Pointing out that the situation of Egypt's 35,000 Jews "has precipitously deteriorated" within the past several months, spokesmen for the WJC declared that reports reaching its New York headquarters in recent weeks indicate that more than 150 Jews "have been corralled in mass arrests and have been charged with Zionism as a crime and with other crimes ranging from attempted arson to Communism."

Emphasizing that the mass arrests have caused panic among the Jews in Egypt, the WJC appeal to Egypt says: "As a member of the United Nations, committed to the principles and purposes of the Charter, Egypt is under a solemn obligation to protect the human rights of all its inhabitants. The World Jewish Congress asks for nothing more than that Egypt shall be faithful to these obligations."

JEWS HIT BY HURRICANE; DAMAGE EXCEEDS \$2,000,000

VINELAND, N. J., Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations will have to come to the aid of Jewish chicken farmers in this area who were hit by the destructive vagaries of Hurricane Hazel ten days ago. The storm wiped out the flourishing Jewish agricultural industry of this community. Appeals for funds to tide them over the emergency have been addressed by the farmers to central Jewish bodies in New York.

Fifty chicken farms in this area owned by Jews, some of them refugees from Germany who went into farming here, have been completely destroyed and scores of others suffered varying damages. Total damages to the Jewish chicken farming community here are estimated at from two to three million dollars, some of which is covered by insurance, but a large part of which is not recoverable.

The hurricane destroyed buildings and installations and killed tens of thousands of chickens. The Federal Government has declared this a disaster area and the local farmers have set up an emergency body to help their stricken neighbors. The Jewish Agricultural Society has sent experts into the area to assist the hurricane victims salvage what they can, reduce damage and reestablish themselves.

J. N. F. MEETING IN LOS ANGELES APPEALS TO EISENHOWER ON ISRAEL

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Resolutions urging President Eisenhower to call a peace meeting between Israel and the Arab states and asking that arms shipments to the Arab states by the United States be halted, were adopted here today at the annual meeting of the Los Angeles Jewish National Fund. The meeting, opened by Mendel N. Fisher, national executive director of the JNF, and Jacob Sensibar, Chicago industrialist who is a leading figure in the company developing the Huleh region for the JNF, was attended by 1,200 persons representing 140 organizations.

It was announced at a dinner meeting of the parley that the Los Angeles JNF had raised \$200,000 and that an anonymous donor had made a \$200,000 bequest to the JNF. Also that Sam Gutlin of this city had made an irrevocable will for \$75,000 in favor of the JNF to develop a parcel of land in memory of Mr. Gutlin's parents. Theodore Strimling was re-elected president of the JNF here for his 21st year.

ARGENTINE YIDDISH NEWSPAPER ESTABLISHES ANNUAL LITERARY PRIZE

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Di Yiddishe Zeitung, largest Yiddish daily in Latin America, the family of the late Matias Sciliar, founder of the paper, decided to create a permanent literary prize in his name. Previously, a temporary award had been set up by the family. Now the newspaper will administer the award and will present a cash prize for the best book in Yiddish published each year.