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EGYPT IN NEW ATTEMPT TO BLOCK U. N. DEBATE ON ISRAEL COMPLAINT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Egypt made a new attempt today to block Security Council discussion of Israel's complaint against the Suez Canal blockade in the Bat Galim incident. Mahmoud Azmi, head of the Egyptian delegation, in a letter to Henri Hoppenot, president of the Security Council, demanded that the Council's consideration of the Israel complaint be deferred until the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission should rule on the Bat Galim issue.

The Council is scheduled to meet Wednesday to consider Israel's urgent complaint. In requesting the meeting, Israel had charged that Egypt had filibustered the effort of the armistice commission to study the incident. The Council, at its last session, postponed further discussion pending receipt of a report from Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, U. N. truce chief in Palestine.

Gen. Burns reported last week he had not been able to get anywhere on the Bat Galim matter because the Egyptian delegates in the armistice commission had blocked discussion of the substance of the case.

Egyptians Deny "Obstructive Tactics" on Suez Case

The Egyptians denied today that they had used "obstructive tactics" to prevent discussion and insisted, on the contrary, that Egypt thinks it essential that there be an immediate meeting of the armistice commission and meetings at short intervals, even daily, in order to rule on pending questions, including the Bat Galim case.

The Egyptian move today was widely interpreted as a further delaying tactic and effort to prevent public consideration of the situation.

(In Paris, Israel Ambassador Yaakov Tsur drew the attention of the French Foreign Ministro this week-end to the tactics employed by Egypt to prevent the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission from concluding its inquiry into the Bat Galim seizure.)

Israel Delegation Denounces Egyptian Move

(In London, there were indications that the Bat Galim case would figure in the Commons debate tomorrow on the Suez Canal agreement. A powerful attack is expected in the debate, from the Government back benches as well as from the Labor Opposition, on the failure of the British negotiators to ensure freedom of navigation of the Suez Canal, and on the policy of arming the Arab States without provision for Israel's security.)

An Israel delegation spokesman denounced the new Egyptian move tonight. He charged that the "Egyptian delegate's letter evades two central facts. First, the report of the United Nations observers to which the Chief of Staff of the UN Truce

Supervision Organization refers, shows that there is no evidence whatsoever to support Egypt's slander against the crew of the S.S. Bat Galim. It is clear that there were no shots, no casualties and no victims and that the whole story was fabricated.

"Second, the Egyptian Government has delayed and filibustered for weeks in an effort to prevent any UN action on its scandalous complaint. The Egyptian representative now suggests a new procedure for indefinite delay. Having brought a frivolous complaint, Egypt's total effort has been devoted to the avoidance of judgment."

Meanwhile, M. Hoppenot circulated to members of the Security Council the agenda for Wednesday's meeting. It contains only one substantive item. "The Palestine Question on the Complaint by Israel."

WILEY SAYS ADMINISTRATION ASSURES ISRAEL ASPIRATIONS, SAFETY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The Eisenhower Administration is "definitely and enthusiastically" committed to a policy which assures that the legitimate aspirations of Israel and the other Near East states are fulfilled, Alexander Wiley, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, asserted in a letter made public here today. Sen. Wiley declared that the Administration re-asserts that "any form of aggression against Israel or any other Middle East state would be in direct violation" of American international commitments.

At the present time, Sen. Wiley continued, "Israel's military establishment is modern and effective as compared with that of her neighbors." He concluded with the assurance that "Israel's position as a state committed to those basic human values, which the free world is uniting to defend, will continue to insure the most friendly consideration of her problems by our government."

More Candidates Take Stand Against Arms for Arabs

The American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs announced today that ten more Congressional candidates have endorsed a statement of policy opposing the grant of arms to the Arab states unless they declare their readiness to join in the defense of the free world and agree to negotiate a peace settlement with Israel.

Today's additions brought the total list of respondents to 325. Thirty-eight states are represented and 26 nominees for the Senate have gone on record. Of the total, 249 signed a prepared pledge while 76 others issued their own statements.

(In New York, the national executive board of Brith Abraham, a fraternal organization with 310 lodges throughout the United States, protested to President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles against the policy of arming the Arab states, and demanded that arms be withheld until the Arab states agree to make peace with Israel. The executive charged that arming the Arabs would "impair the prevailing balance of strength in the Middle East and endanger peaceful planning for the defense of that area.")

JORDANIAN FORCE ATTACKS ISRAEL BORDER PATROL NEAR MEGGIDO

TEL AVIV, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- An Israel military spokesman reported that an Israel border patrol in the Meggido area was attacked today by Jordanians, while guarding workers in the fields near the demarcation line. Israel reinforcements enabled the patrol to withdraw. One policeman was wounded, the report said.

(Reports from Amman to London today quoted a speech by King Hussein calling for "a fighting air force" and rejecting the idea of peace with Israel.

"My Government's policy on Palestine," the speech said, "remains the same as that of the other Arab countries - no peace, no negotiations with the Jews.")

ISRAEL MUST FACE PROBLEM OF RELATIONS WITH GERMANY, EYTAN SAYS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, told a public meeting here last night that "we cannot change the fact that Germany is becoming Europe's biggest power." He declared that "the question now is whether Israel can disregard this important German factor" and warned that "Jewish personal feelings toward Germany cannot influence Israel's foreign policy."

The need for solving the question of German-Israel relations was stressed here last week by Dr. F. Shinner and Hillel Dan, Israeli reparations experts, who pointed out that a number of questions stemming from the reparations agreement and bearing on relations between the two countries must be resolved in the near future.

DISSIDENT SNEH FACTION MERGES WITH COMMUNIST PARTY IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The Left Socialist Party, left-wing extremist political faction led by Dr. Moshe Sneh, has given up its independent status and merged with the Communist Party of Israel. Dr. Sneh has begun to write for the Communist daily, Kol Haam.

Dr. Sneh had led the group out of Mapam, the leftist labor party, at the time of the arrest of Jewish doctors in Moscow on conspiracy charges, when the Mapam took a critical attitude toward the developments within the Soviet Union.

Accession of Dr. Sneh and his followers to Communist ranks was hailed by Communist members of the Knesset as the group's "deliverance from Zionism."

PRESIDENT PERON RECEIVES BERL LOCKER IN AUDIENCE

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- President Juan D. Peron received Berl Locker, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, in an audience this week-end in the presence of Dr. Jeronimo Remorino, the Argentine Foreign Minister, and Dr. Arie Kubovi, the Israel Minister.

Mr. Locker compared the social progress of Argentina and Israel and spoke of Israel-Argentine friendship. President Peron, in reply, praised Argentine Jewry and voiced his friendship for Israel.

ISRAEL NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Negotiations between Israel and the Soviet Union to increase Israel's crude oil imports from Russia during the coming year, were reported today to be nearing a favorable conclusion. Israel seeks the doubling of Soviet oil shipments in the coming year to 200,000 tons.

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PARIS, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Negotiations between Israel and France for new commercial arrangements, scheduled to open today, have been postponed for a week. Yaakov Tsur, Israel Ambassador here, has had preliminary talks with the French Ministry of Commerce.

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JERUSALEM, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The next plenary session of the Jewish Agency will be held in January, it was announced today. The site, which will not be Jerusalem, will be determined after consultation between the Agency Executives here and in New York.

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PARIS, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Keren Hayesod leaders in 16 European countries will meet in Brussels on November 8 to consider plans for increased European aid to Israel and relations between the Keren Hayesod and the Israel bond organization.

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GENEVA, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Thirty Israeli technicians have been accepted for on-the-job training in factories in various parts of Switzerland, the International Labor Organization reported today.

ISRAEL MOVES TO SPEED UP DRAFTING OF U. N. HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Israel proposed two steps today to speed drafting of an international treaty on human rights, a problem with which the United Nations has been wrestling for seven years.

Mrs. Zena Harman, Israeli representative, urged in the General Assembly's Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee a new method of making relevant information on human rights available to governments to facilitate signature of the Covenant on Human Rights and appointment of a small, highly-qualified committee to study UN activities in the universal promotion of human rights, to report to the General Assembly by the Fall of 1955.

"No aspect of the work of the United Nations," Mrs. Harman said, "is nobler or more pertinent to the ultimate cause of peace than the pursuit of justice and freedom for the individual. This knowledge must sustain us in vigorous action until the goal is achieved."

GERMAN CABINET VOWS TO CARRY OUT RESTITUTION COMMITMENTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The Cabinet of the West German Republic, at its first meeting following conclusion of the Nine-Power Treaty in Paris, adopted a resolution to carry out all the state's obligations and commitments for restitution to victims of Nazi persecution, Dr. Walter Hallstein, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, disclosed here today.

Prof. Hallstein told the United Nations Correspondents Association that some of the problems in connection with restitution to victims of Nazi persecution no longer exist as they did two years ago, when Germany made its "Settlements Agreement" with the United States, Great Britain and France. However, he said, "by all means, all commitments on restitution will be maintained by Germany as a sovereign state."

The matter of the German-Israel reparations treaty did not even come up at the Paris Conference, Dr. Hallstein declared. The provisions of that treaty, he said, "are working well."

FRENCH PREMIER HAILS J. D. C. "MAGNIFICENT" AID PROGRAM

PARIS, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Premier Pierre Mendes-France paid tribute today to the work of the Joint Distribution Committee and noted that it was particularly well fitted to make a contribution to the cause of international solidarity.

In a letter to the ninth annual JDC country directors conference now being held at UNESCO House here, the French Prime Minister said: "I should like to be able to express personally to the directors of the Joint Distribution Committee the admiration I have long felt for the magnificent program of aid for which they bear responsibility throughout the world."

"This task, in order to be carried out efficiently, needs long experience and profound understanding of human problems in all areas of the world. Because your committee possesses these two attributes, I am convinced it is particularly qualified to make a contribution to the great goal of international solidarity which must be achieved."

The Israel Ambassador, Yaakov Tsur, gave a reception today for the delegation of Jewish leaders now on a fact finding mission for the United Jewish Appeal. The American contingent of 34 leaders was rejoined here by Samuel Gingold, of New Haven, Connecticut.

PLIGHT OF EGYPTIAN JEWS ARRESTED AS "SPIES" CAUSES CONCERN

LONDON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Concern over the plight of Jews arrested in Egypt on "espionage" charges mounted today in the light of continued hostile Egyptian press reports.

The newspaper Al Gournهوريya was quoted as having stated: "The Zionist espionage case has disclosed that Zionists were working in hospitals and Egyptian and foreign institutions in Cairo and Alexandria. This discovery should provide western nations and the world with clear evidence that the artificial state of Israel must be erased from the map of the world for ever if people, East and West, are to survive."

(In Washington, an emergency B'nai B'rith meeting summoned to consider the Egyptian arrests, called upon the free world to halt the "wave of terror" against the Jews of Egypt. The B'nai B'rith statement called upon "the free world to demand that Egypt halt this wave of terror and grant its unfortunate victims a full measure of their inherent human rights.")

SPANISH ENVOY DENIES RESTRICTIONS ON JEWISH RELIGION

LONDON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Count de Artaza, Minister at the Spanish Embassy here, denied today reports that the Spanish Government had discriminated against Jews in Spain by denying them the right to hold High Holiday services.

In a letter to the Agudas Israel World Executive, Count de Artaza scored "untrue" press reports and stated that the "Jewish communities in Madrid and Barcelona held their traditional religious services on the occasion of the recent Jewish New Years festival in their synagogues without any interference whatsoever."

(Reports at Rosh Hashanah this year pointed out that the Madrid police had barred services at a hotel in the Spanish capital, but noted that services were permitted in the tiny Madrid synagogue, in which fewer than 100 persons can worship.)

ARGENTINE JEWS ASK AUSTRIA TO MEET JEWISH RESTITUTION DEMANDS

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government has been urged to give some positive sign of its good will toward the Jews in the matter of restitution for damages inflicted by the Nazis on Jews in Austria, in a message sent by the DAIA, Argentine representative Jewish organization.

The message, made public today, expressed Argentine Jewry's concern over the "passive" attitude of the Austrian Government toward the Jewish claims for restitution for the enormous losses suffered by Austrian Jews. The DAIA stressed that to date there had been no discernible signs of a new offer from Austria. It added that since 1953 when Chancellor Julius Raab promised to reach an agreement with the representatives of world Jewish organizations, no progress had been made in settling the claims.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE DELEGATION ARRIVES IN TUNIS

PARIS, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- An American Jewish Committee delegation consisting of Irving Engel, president; Jacob Blaustein, honorary president; and John Slawson, executive vice president, has arrived in Tunis. Accompanied by the Committee's European director, Zachariah Schuster, the group is to meet with French and Tunisian authorities to discuss the current status of Tunisian Jewry. The delegation will go on to Morocco, with a stop en route at Algeria.

LUXEMBOURG TOWN DEDICATES NEW SYNAGOGUE

LUXEMBOURG, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- A new synagogue to replace the edifice destroyed by the Nazis has been dedicated in the Luxembourg mining town of Esch, on the Alzette river, by Dr. Ch. Lehrmann, Chief Rabbi of Luxembourg. Government representatives participated in the dedication ceremonies.

FORMULATE JEWISH STAND ON RELIGIOUS TEACHING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Nov. 1, (JTA) -- A statement of conclusions and recommendations for a Jewish position on the inclusion of religious matter in the public schools curriculum has been forwarded to the Joint Advisory Committee on Religion and the Public Schools of the Synagogue Council of America and the National Community Relations Advisory Council by a conference of Jewish community and religious leaders called by the two organizations.

The conference had before it three widely differing proposals advocated by those who want public schools to teach religious matters. They were: a proposal that the schools incorporate in their curricula a "common core" of religious principles, drawn from the three major faiths; a proposal that the schools teach so-called "moral and spiritual values" derived from religious teachings, and a proposal that the schools teach "about" religion in an objective, factual and impartial manner.

Participating in the parley were some 100 community leaders, community relations workers and rabbis representing Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations and rabbinical bodies. For the first time in such discussions, the views of Christian churches and Christian educators were presented by outstanding non-Jewish spokesmen.

The recommendations will be formulated in a draft statement of principles by the Joint Advisory Committee and then will be referred to the constituent bodies of both the national coordinating organizations which called the conference. In final form, this set of principles will be used as guides to policy for all American Jewish organizations and communities.

At the conference of lay and rabbinical workers, Bernard H. Trager, NCRAC chairman, reported that in recent months repeated requests had been received by the NCRAC and the Synagogue Council for a statement of position which could be used for the guidance of local community councils, federations and welfare funds, rabbis and congregations.

REJECT RACIAL, RELIGIOUS APPEALS IN MONTREAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

MONTREAL, Nov. 1, (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress rejected today any appeal to Canadian voters for a candidate, based on racial or religious grounds, in connection with the forthcoming municipal elections here.

In a statement, the Congress noted that it denied on principle any such appeal "designed to give the impression that there is an ethnic or religious block such as the 'Jewish vote,' and which is aimed at attracting votes by favoring or discriminating against any group in the electorate."

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD BUDGET FOR 1955 SET AT \$2,259,000

NEW YORK, Nov. 1, (JTA) -- A 1955 budget of \$2,259,968 was adopted yesterday at a meeting of the board of directors of the National Jewish Welfare Board. The meeting concluded a four-day series of conferences in which JWB leaders celebrated the American Jewish Tercentenary.

Included in the budget is the sum of \$698,375 for the JWB Jewish Center Division, \$634,650 for the program of its Armed Services Division, and \$422,000 for the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy. Together with the Women's Organizations' Division, whose budget is \$39,575, and the Bureau of Personnel and Training, which is allocated \$71,475, these are the major operational divisions through which JWB's program is conducted.