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BRITISH JEWS MAKE NEW APPROACH TO GOVT. ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE

LONDON, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- A deputation of British Jews made a new approach to Anthony Nutting, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, this week-end to concretize recent statements of British Government spokesmen on Middle East policy.

Mr. Nutting, who has since left for New York to take charge of the British delegation at United Nations headquarters, told the delegation--representing the Board of Deputies of British Jews--that the British Government would continue its efforts to bring about a peaceful settlement between Israel and the Arab states. This pledge was also made by Mr. Nutting and his chief, Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden, last Tuesday in a Commons debate on the Middle East.

Reconsideration on Arming Arabs Urged

The Board of Deputies, in an announcement revealing the delegation's visit, said that it had urged on Mr. Nutting reconsideration of arms for the Arab states; freedom of passage of Israeli shipping through the Suez Canal; and release of the Israeli freighter "Bat Galim," and its crew of ten, seized by the Egyptians September 28. The delegates called Mr. Nutting's attention to the intense feelings that have been aroused in world opinion against the Egyptians for arresting Egyptian Jews on trumped-up charges of "communism," related to Zionism.

(An Egyptian court this week-end ordered the further detention, for 15 days, of the Israeli vessel Bat Galim and its crew of 10, it was reported from Cairo today. The vessel was seized in Suez waters and held on charges that the crew fired on and killed two Egyptian fishermen, a charge which Israel has labelled "mendacious.")

AMERICAN JEWISH "STUDY MISSION" IN ISRAEL VISITS BEN GURION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The 35-man study mission of the United Jewish Appeal now in Israel as part of its tour of assessment of needs in various parts of the world, visited former Prime Minister David Ben Gurion at Sdeh Boker today. The group will start a four-day tour of Israel tomorrow to investigate the latest developments in all phases of the country's growth.

Addressing the UJA study mission this week-end, Dr. Giora Josephthal, treasurer and head of the absorption department of the Jewish Agency, appealed for help from the United Jewish Appeal for the accomplishment of five basic tasks. The tasks he outlined were:

1. To give settlements equipment, water, capital and security;
2. To enlarge educational facilities for thousands of immigrant youth;
3. To eradicate some 75 transition villages that still mar the Israel landscape;
4. To provide homes for the helpless and aged among newcomers;
5. To hasten the integration of new immigrants from North Africa, who have been deprived of educational and economic opportunities for centuries.

Dr. Josephthal termed the implementation of this program a "must," but said that the highest priority during the next three years would be given to agricultural settlement. He also stressed that the Jewish Agency had ruled out the creation of new transit camps and would, instead, transfer newcomers directly from the ships in which they arrived to settlements prepared in advance.

He cautioned, however, that a firm economic foundation must still be created for many recently established settlements. Pointing out that the Agency had invested \$270,000,000 in new farm villages since the establishment of the state, he noted that another \$120 to \$130 million must still be invested to make them self-supporting. This process would take another four years, he said, but if the time could be shortened it would represent a tremendous saving in manpower.

UNITED STATES TO GIVE EGYPT \$40,000,000 IN ECONOMIC AID

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The United States and Egypt have signed an agreement to give Egypt \$40,000,000 in economic aid this year, it was announced in Cairo this week-end. This is the first time Egypt received direct economic aid. This is also the largest single economic grant yet made by the U.S. to an Arab League state.

(In a dispatch from Washington this week-end, the New York times reported that both Zionists in this country and Israel diplomats were "distressed by widespread reports that Israel's attempts to frustrate deliveries of arms to the Arabs had been improperly intruded into the election campaign." However, the dispatch added: "The point was made that the timing of these efforts on behalf of Israel was determined not by the election but by the British decision to leave the Suez Canal Zone and the American decision to arm the Arabs.")

BENNIKE CRITICIZES JEWISH SETTLERS IN ISRAEL BORDER CONFLICTS

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Sharply criticizing the manner in which leaders of Israel collective settlements organized their defense against border infiltrators, Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, former Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, yesterday told a Danish newspaper that it was his opinion that the Palestine trouble seemed "more organized" by Israelis than by Arabs.

He added that he did not believe that the Israel Government inspired the trouble, but went on to say, "the leaders of the collective farms along the border are organized for what they call self-defense. Naturally, it is not very pleasant for the Jews to have armed Arabs roaming around on Israeli soil at night."

Gen. Bennike described it as natural that most incidents took place on Israel territory, saying, "after all, the Arabs are the ones to suffer from the fact that the line has been drawn across their lands."

The Copenhagen newspaper quoted Gen. Bennike as follows: "I was very much pro-Jewish when I got to Palestine. But Danish newspaper readers are not getting a true picture of what is going on. Jewish viewpoints are predominating. The Arabs have not got the diplomatic web that the Jews have and they have not, like the Jews, money to finance information activity."

Gen. Bennike was also quoted as having expressed the opinion that it "undoubtedly would have been more peaceful if another place on the globe than Palestine had been found for the Jews to build up their nation."

EUROPEAN ZIONIST COUNCIL PROPOSED AT CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS

BRUSSELS, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- A call for the formation of a European Zionist Council to consolidate the activities of some 100,000 Zionists in Europe and to help hold the smaller Jewish communities of the continent in the mainstream of Zionism against the tendency to drift toward assimilation, was voiced here today on the second day of the third postwar European Zionist Conference.

In a keynote to the opening session last night, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, called for a reorganization of the Zionist movement to include non-Zionist elements in providing for Israel all economic and political assistance. At the same time, he stressed, the Zionist movement must remain a fighting organization capable of pressing for pioneering work and immigration to Israel, obviously without non-Zionist aid.

He expressed the opinion that Jewish education was a prime need in the campaign to save Jewish youth. The threat to Jewish survival was never greater than today, he declared, even in the United States. The situation from the viewpoint of the youth is more serious than is commonly believed, he said.

At a press conference in connection with the par'ey, Dr. Goldmann said that political figures in all parties in America were critical of the policy of supplying the Arabs with arms, and insisted that peace in the Middle East would not come soon if the policy of arming the Arabs continued.

Zvi Herman, head of the Jewish Agency's organization department, said today that the proposed European Zionist Council could represent, when properly organized and functioning, a force comparable to that of Israel within the Zionist movement. He outlined a lengthy program of aid to Israel, investment and tourism to Israel and Jewish education which the Council should undertake.

Speakers representing British Zionism, Belgian Zionism, the French movement and others variously made specific proposals on the Council and offered criticism of the work of the World Zionist Organization in the past. Barnett Janner of Britain suggested the formation of a Council large enough to give the smaller national movements adequate representation on it. A decision on the composition of the body is not expected until the early hours of tomorrow morning.

This is the third postwar European Zionist Conference, the first two having been held in Czechoslovakia in 1947 and in Paris in 1949. At present there are only five members on the 75-member World Zionist Executive who represent European Zionist movements.

BRITISH J. N. F. PARLEY OPENED; \$2,000,000 RAISED LAST YEAR

LONDON, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The 30th annual conference of the Jewish National Fund of Great Britain opened here last night with a report on Israel by Ambassador Eliahu Elath and addresses by British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie and Gen. Yigal Yadin, former Chief of Staff of the Israel Army of Defense.

A report on last year's activities of the JNF revealed that 718,300 pounds (approximately \$2,000,000) was raised by the JNF in Britain. It was also revealed that considerable progress had been made in raising funds for the planting of a 10,000-tree memorial forest in honor of Dr. Selig Brodetsky.

Ambassador Elath, who recently visited Israel on home leave, spoke of his experience in settlements peopled by chalutzim from Britain. He said that some of these settlements had plenty of land and even water, but needed manpower desperately.

FRANCE PROTESTS ARRESTS OF NATIONALS IN EGYPTIAN "SPY" SCARE

PARIS, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The French Government has protested to Egypt against the arrest of French citizens among the dozen Jews rounded up in Cairo and Alexandria recently on charges of "espionage" for Israel, it was announced here today.

A spokesman for the Quai d'Orsay stressed that the French note of protest was written in very serious terms. He noted that France is determined to provide the necessary facilities for the defense of its nationals in the Egyptian courts.

INVESTIGATION ASKED OF ISRAEL POLICE HANDING OF DEMONSTRATORS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- An investigation of the Israel police methods of handling the demonstrations of Orthodox Jews in this city was demanded today by Knesset deputy Eliahu Genichovsky, of the Poale Mizrahi Party.

Mr. Genichovsky cited his own experiences yesterday when he was picked up by policemen and taken to a police station after he refused to tell him where he was going. He was picked up in the Mahneh Yehuda quarter, an area where there have been a number of demonstrations against traffic on the Sabbath. A number of other arrests have been made here and one leader of the ultra-Orthodox Neturei Karta sect will shortly stand trial on charges of interfering with traffic.

Mr. Genichowsky said that when he identified himself at the police station, he was told that he had parliamentary immunity in the Knesset, not in the police station.

ISRAEL NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Hundreds of residents of this city reported today that they saw objects believed to be "flying saucers" in the skies over Tel Aviv last night. The objects are said to have circled noiselessly, but at great speed, over the city for about two minutes, disappearing toward the east and leaving a trail of smoke behind them. Israel Air Forcespokesmen refused to comment on the reports.

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JERUSALEM, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- One woman was wounded yesterday when Jordanians opened fire on an Israeli bus near the border settlement of Maagal. According to an Israel military spokesman here, the shots came from the Jordanian village of Zeita. Israel border troops returned the Jordanian fire.

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TEL AVIV, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The first sizeable group of Jews coming to Israel from the Soviet Union--13 aged people, most of them over 70--is on the way to this country. Arrangements have been made to receive the group, expected in about a fortnight. Most of the members of the group are married, aged couples with relatives here.

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HAIFA, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- A huge drydock, manufactured in Germany as reparations payment, arrived here today after a lengthy trip from the Baltic Sea. It was temporarily moored in the Kishon River here. Repair work in the drydock will not begin before September of next year.

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PARIS, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The Franco-Israel trade negotiations began at the Quai d'Orsay here this week-end after a delay of several weeks. The Israel delegation is headed by Moshe Barthur, director of the Israel Foreign Ministry's economic department.

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THE HAGUE, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The Netherlands exported to Israel nearly 8,750,000 guilders worth of goods during the first seven months of 1954, it was announced here today. The Dutch imported nearly 10,000,000 guilders worth of Israel goods during the same period. Israel shipped mostly oranges, nuts, fabrics and a small quantity of machinery to Holland in return for cattle, meats, fish and gasoline.

B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT HAILS UNITED STATES MOVE ON JERUSALEM

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The decision of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to have the new American Ambassador to Israel present his credentials to the Israel Government in Jerusalem, was hailed here this week-end by Philip Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, at a meeting of the organization's board of governors.

Mr. Klutznick suggested that this development might serve as a "bellwether" for the United Nations to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

He told the board of governors that this step may stimulate the United Nations to recognize that an Israel without Jerusalem is almost as unthinkable as an Israel without security and without the friendship of America and the Western Powers. He expressed his "personal conviction" that Mr. Dulles would find a way to establish security in the Near East. He termed the Jerusalem episode a "harbinger" that marked the "beginning of a series of events which will surely improve the relationship between America and Israel and will ultimately bring peace... with security and status for Israel."

The board of governors adopted resolutions asking that the shipment of U.S. arms to the Arab states be suspended until those states give assurances of their willingness to enter into negotiations for peace with Israel and to join in the common defense of the area against aggression.

Other resolutions condemned the arrest without trial of Jews in Egypt and protested the denial by the Soviet Union of the rights of religious groups to worship in whatever manner they please.

Henry E. Schultz, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, made a report which pointed out the failure of the out-going Congress to pass any civil rights legislation, and the "lack of self-restraint on the part of some of its investigating committees." He called for adoption of rules of fair conduct "so that the the essential process of detecting subversives does not lead to the enduring injury of innocent people."

Mizrachi Women Urge Eisenhower to Hold Up Arms to Arabs

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower was urged tonight by more than 1,000 delegates to the 29th annual national convention of the Mizrachi Women's Organization of America to withhold arms from the Arab states pending their commitment to negotiate peace with Israel. In a telegram to the President, the women's group delegates also declared a grant-in-aid to Egypt may be "wrongfully interpreted by the Arab League as American approval of the avowed Arab intention to seek a second round against Israel."

SIMON SOBELOFF RECEIVES YESHIVA UNIVERSITY CHARTER DAY AWARD

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Simon E. Sobeloff, Solicitor General of the United States, received the Charter Day Award of Yeshiva University tonight at the annual Charter Day dinner here. Harry Siskind, of New York, was given the annual award for leading congregational activities of the Synagogue Council of America.

Mr. Sobeloff, a former Chief Justice of the Maryland Court of Appeals, has had a distinguished legal career and has been active in Jewish and civic affairs in Baltimore and nationally. The Charter Day Award has been presented previously to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, former Assistant Secretary of Defense Anna M. Rosenberg, Sen. Herbert Lehman, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas and former Interior Secretary Oscar Chapman.

PROGRESS THROUGHOUT NATION IN FIGHT ON BIAS REPORTED BY A. D. L.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The fight to eliminate discriminatory practices by resorts and hotels because of race or religion is making increasing progress throughout the nation, it was stated by Arnold Forster, chief counsel and civil rights director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, in a special report to ADL Regional Offices made public here today.

The report cited a number of measures taken by state tourist councils, railroads, state commissions on civil rights, state development commissions and chambers of commerce. These measures include a refusal to carry any advertising with discriminatory phraseology, refusal to give promotional aid to hotels which discriminate, and refusal to hold meetings or conventions at hotels which discriminate on the basis of religious or national origin.

NAZI DAGGERS IMPORTED INTO U.S., JEWISH LABOR UNIT REPORTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Attorney General Herbert Brownell was called upon today to investigate the importation of daggers bearing the Nazi emblem, by Adolph Held, national chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee which represents more than 500,000 Jewish workers in the AFL and CIO. The manufacture of the daggers, which Held said were made in the Ruhr in 1954, was discovered by the German Metal Workers Union who reported it to the International Association of Machinists-AFL.

"We feel it is incumbent on the Department of Justice," Mr. Held wrote the Attorney General, "to investigate the American firms who are importing these daggers and to determine whether or not fraud is being perpetrated upon those who believe they are purchasing genuine war souvenirs. We request that you also determine whether any of these Nazi daggers are finding their way to native American Fascist groups or being reshipped to other areas of the Americas where it is known neo-Fascist and Nazi-like groups exist."

NEW IMMIGRATION SERVICE TO LAUNCH FIRST UNITED FUND DRIVE

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- The first united fund-raising campaign for United HIAS Service, sole Jewish international migration agency, will begin early in January, 1955, according to Ben Touster, president of the group. Plans for the drive are now being drafted.

The drive for some \$3,500,000 envisages the raising of funds through Jewish federations and welfare funds, the agency's auxiliaries, membership and individual contributors in areas where no organized welfare fund exists. Since its consolidation, United HIAS Service has been operating with funds received from the previous sources of the three organizations of which it is comprised.

The proposed budget anticipates that the scope and volume of the new agency's work in various parts of the world next year will be at least as great as that of the three agencies involved during the preceding year. Among the problems faced by United HIAS Service in the coming year will be the finding of immigration opportunities for some 17,500 persons now registered with the organization's offices in Europe.

REFORM MOVEMENT OPENS DRIVE FOR \$2,340,000 FOR 1955

NEW YORK, Nov. 7. (JTA) -- Formal opening of the 1954-55 Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism took place here this week-end. The drive, which provides the annual maintenance needs of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, will seek \$2,340,000, the minimum sum required by the institutions to maintain their present programs. Dr. Samuel S. Hollender, of Chicago, was named general chairman of the campaign which will continue until June 30, 1955.