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## U. S. DELAYS EXPORT PERMITS FOR ARMS TO ISRAEL; CITES GAZA CLASH

WASHINGTON, March 9. (JTA) -- The Gaza incident is one of the factors that has been taken into consideration by the State Department in delaying the granting of export permits for arms to Israel, it was indicated here today.

The indication came from State Department sources following an inquiry by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency with regard to the authenticity of a report published today that the United States has banned the selling of American arms to Israel and to Egypt in an effort to avert further warring between the two countries.

The report, carried in the press under the byline of the noted columnist Robert S. Allen, said that "Congressional leaders have been informed that this unannounced embargo has been ordered by the State Department with the approval of President Eisenhower." It added that Egypt and Israel had been buying American arms under the so-called "reimbursable" section of the Mutual Security Act. This provision authorizes such sales to countries recommended by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

### No Question of Suspension; Clearance to be Decided at Various Levels

State Department sources told the JTA that Israel requests for various kinds of export permits for arms which Israel wants to purchase in this country have been delayed for varying lengths of time. The Gaza incident is one factor that has been taken into consideration, they said. However, they added that the requests are still under consideration.

It was emphasized that there is no question of suspension, but that the decision on clearance of the export licenses are being held up pending judgment at various levels. No information is available as to the "reimbursable" arms sought in this country by Egypt, although it was indicated that the major consideration at present pertains to Israel.

M. Allen, in his report, said that the exact amount of the purchases of arms by Egypt and Israel in this country is considered classified information and cannot be published. However, he revealed that Congressional authorities have been told that Egypt's total is about five times greater than the arms bought by Israel under the Mutual Security Act.

The State Department today continued to refrain from making any comment on the Gaza incident, but it was learned here that a United Nations special truce committee will meet Friday under the chairmanship of Gen. E. L. M. Burns, head of the UN truce organization, to consider Israel's appeal from its condemnation by the Mixed Armistice Commission for the clash at Gaza. Following the meeting, Gen. Burns is expected to depart by air for New York to report his views to the UN Security Council.

J. D. C. ESTABLISHES WELFARE CENTERS FOR JEWISH EMIGRANTS IN MOROCCO

PARIS, March 9. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee, in cooperation with Moroccan Jewish communities, has set up a number of reception centers for Jewish villagers who are eligible for emigration to Israel and who require special welfare programs, under the current selection program. Announcement of the new program was made here by the Jewish Agency's Immigration Department.

The new arrangement will enable the emigration of many villagers who are more suitable for settlement on the land than in the city. The Joint Distribution Committee has also agreed to undertake a similar experiment in Tunis, the report added.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will spend two days next week visiting camp installations for North African Jews who are emigrating to Israel via France, it was announced here. Mrs. Roosevelt will inspect the Herbert H. Lehman Home in Cambous, near Montpelier, where North African Jewish youngsters are brought for a study course in preparation for going to Israel, as part of her tour. The Home is operated by the Jewish Agency with a subsidy from the Joint Distribution Committee.

AUSTRIAN BISHOP URGED TO SUPPORT INDEMNIFICATION FOR NAZI VICTIMS

BERLIN, March 9. (JTA) -- The Rev. Heinrich Grueber, a German Protestant minister who under Hitler showed rare gallantry in aiding Jews as well as "non-Aryan" Christians, has asked the Protestant Bishop of Vienna to intervene with the Austrian Government on behalf of adequate indemnification for the victims of Nazi persecution, notably those of Jewish descent.

In his appeal to Bishop Dr. Gerhard May in Vienna, the Rev. Gruber, who is official representative of the German Protestant Church to the East German Government and also Provost of St. Mary's Lutheran Church in West Berlin, points out that the situation of Nazi victims is "even more catastrophic" in Austria than in Germany. "I know that the Protestant Church in Austria is small," he wrote, "but where justice and truth are at stake, every voice must be lifted." During the Nazi regime, Provost Grueber never wavered in his uncompromising stand against Nazi discrimination and persecution of Jews.

FIRST KEREN HAYESOD CAMPAIGN PROCLAIMED IN WEST GERMANY

COLOGNE, March 9. (JTA) -- The first Keren Hayesod campaign in postwar West Germany was launched at a social gathering held at the home of a local Jewish leader, Paul Juda, and attended by communal leaders from this city and other parts of the country.

The head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Germany, Dr. F. E. Shinar, noted in a keynote talk that the Jews of Germany are now being given the chance of sharing in the task of Israel's reconstruction. Israeli delegate Menahem Karin conveyed a special message of greeting from Kurt Blumenfeld, former leader of German Zionism and now director of the Keren Hayesod, to 81-year-old guest of honor Adolf Juda, father of the host and, after the first World War, a charter member of the Jewish Foundation Fund in Germany.

TURKISH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VOTES SUBSIDY TO JEWISH HOSPITAL

ISTANBUL, March 9. (JTA) -- The Turkish Grand National Assembly has voted to grant a subsidy of 65,000 lira (\$22,000) to the Jewish Hospital of this city for 1955. The grant was requested by Henry Soriano, a Jew, who is a member of the Assembly. The Budgetary Commission's vote was unanimous.

REP. WALTER CHALLENGES EISENHOWER'S SINCERITY ON IMMIGRATION LAW

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- Representative Francis Walter, Pennsylvania Democrat, and co-author of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, last night said that if President Eisenhower were "sincere" in his criticism of the immigration law he "will have the Attorney General of the United States submit specific legislation."

The statement was made by Rep. Walter on Edward R. Murrow's "See It Now," CBS television program, after excerpts from a Presidential campaign address and two State of the Union messages criticizing inequities in the Immigration Act were heard.

The program was devoted to a discussion of the immigration law and participants, in addition to Rep. Walter, were Senator Herbert H. Lehman, New York State Attorney General Jacob K. Javits, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, and Rabbi Israel Goldstein.

Rep. Walter defended the Act as having accomplished "much that we hoped for." He said that most of the criticism of it came around "election time." He also said that he didn't know how well the "melting pot" theory had succeeded because he saw "evidence on all hands of hyphenated Americanism."

Declaring that "there's no place in America for hyphenated Americanism," he went on to defend the national origins quota system on the basis that racial groups given preference under the present law "would become quicker assimilated according to the size of that group."

Claims Law Is Not Anti-Semitic; Refuted by Jewish Leaders

Rep. Walter went on to note charges that the law was anti-Semitic and said he had asked Javits "wherein this law was anti-Semitic and he (Javits) laughed and said nowhere is there anything in the law that's anti-Semitic." Mr. Javits, replying to this statement, said that he told the Pennsylvania Congressman that there was nothing specifically anti-Semitic in the law, "but I hastened to add that the law, in my opinion, discriminated against minorities," and that included persons from areas such as Eastern and Southeastern Europe, from which a good many Jewish people have come; that it was "anti-all people who came from those areas."

Both Senator Lehman and Archbishop Cushing similarly attacked the immigration law on the basis that it perpetuated the discriminatory features of the national origins quota system and was intended to prevent national minorities from entering the United States.

Rabbi Goldstein said that the Jewish stake, numerically speaking, was not large in this matter, "owing to the unfortunate fact that six million Jews have been exterminated by Hitler and two and a half million Jews are now sealed off in the countries behind the Iron Curtain, and owing to the fortunate fact that hundreds of thousands of Jews have come from European countries into Israel where they have found their homes and their freedom." Nevertheless, Rabbi Goldstein pointed out, "our opposition is just as strong and just as vehement as that of any other group because we condemn the grounds on which it (the law) is based."

Asked by CBS correspondent Dan Schorr what he thought of the fact that leaders of all three major religious denominations had criticized and attacked the Act, Rep. Walter answered, "I don't know what religious leaders are criticizing this law who know anything about it. However, a lot of the old pros, the old immigrant movers whose job it is to move people, and of course, they don't like to see any limit placed on their work, find that it isn't as easy to bring people into the United States as they would like it to be."

U. S. JEWS URGED NOT TO ENGAGE IN DEBATES WITH COMMUNISTS

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today drew the attention of its members to the fact that the Communist Party in the United States has embarked on a three-point program directly affecting Jews in this country. The new propaganda line laid down by the Communist Party leaders, the AJC said, is attempting to:

1. Exploit Jewish antipathy to German militarism;
2. Frighten Jews into believing that America is on the road to fascism.
3. To identify Jews and Communism in the public mind.

In alerting its members to the new Communist propaganda campaign the American Jewish Committee urges them not only against engaging in joint activities with Communists or Communist apologists but also against debate with them.

"Their specious arguments are easy to answer, but by engaging in debate with them we would provide them with respectability as representatives of a bona fide point of view," the AJC said in a circular letter. "Since they do not represent such a point of view, we should avoid conferring upon them the status they desire. Communal organizations, furthermore, are under no obligation to provide Communists with a platform."

The AJC emphasized especially the fact that by playing up the legitimate concern of American Jews about German militarism, the new Communist propaganda tactic seeks to exploit the issue of re-arming West Germany for the purpose of promoting the Soviet Union's program for world domination.

Emphasizing that it is not arguing "either for or against German re-armament," the AJC memorandum declares that its purpose in alerting American Jews "is solely to promote a common realization that some individuals and groups who are urging Jews to oppose it (German re-armament) have ulterior motives."

At the same time, the AJC points out the Communist propaganda "cynically overlooks" that Soviet Russia "has been assiduously re-arming its satellite, East Germany," and that this captive area is completely dominated politically, economically and militarily by Moscow.

JEWSH OPPOSITION TO CALENDAR REFORM REGISTERED WITH STATE DEPT.

WASHINGTON, March 9. (JTA) -- A delegation representing leading Jewish organizations today called on Under Secretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr., at the State Department, registering their opposition to a proposed calendar reform, now under consideration by the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

The opposition of these Jewish leaders, who represented all shades of religious opinion, was based on the inclusion in the plan of a blank day device. The delegation explained to Mr. Hoover that this device would result in the disruption of the observance of the Sabbath. Mr. Hoover promised that consideration would be given by the State Department to the petition as submitted.

The delegation included Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein, president of the League for Safeguarding the Fixity of the Sabbath; Dr. Isaac Lewin of Agudath Israel; Moses J. Feuerstein of the Union Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; Milton King of the American Jewish Committee; Rabbi B. Brickner of the American Jewish Congress; Irving Katcher of Brith Abraham; Rubin Levenson of the United Synagogue of America; and Bernard Katzen of the Republican National Committee.

## ISRAEL'S NEW DEVELOPMENT PLAN OUTLINED TO U. J. A. LEADERS

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- Israel has embarked on a completely revamped settlement and land program which aims to remould its economy and can contribute to peace with its neighbors, Dr. Rana'an Weitz, director of the Department of Agricultural Settlement of the Jewish Agency, told a meeting of New York's United Jewish Appeal campaign cabinet today.

"The people of Israel need swift and generous financial aid to carry out this new program which is vital for peace," Dr. Weitz declared. In explaining how Israel's new land program will be a strong factor for peace and stability along Israel's borders with her hostile Arab neighbors, he drew the following picture:

At present, infiltrators and marauders are tempted into forays against Israel's isolated border farm settlements because they offer easy targets for "hit-and-run" attacks. The border settlements are forced to use some of their limited manpower for guard duty instead of for productive work. The situation creates constant tension.

Under Israel's new plan, Dr. Weitz declared, a large-scale program for regional development is already under way. The new projects consist of a large ring of farms grouped around a central industrial community. The center will provide facilities for education, vocational training, technical resources, cultural needs and communication links. The center also will contain a network of processing plants tied directly to local crop production.

Most significant feature of the regional development system, Dr. Weitz continued, was the reorientation of agriculture from subsistence farming to the large-scale growing of commercial and export crops such as cotton, flax, sugar beets and peanuts. These industrial crops will expand Israel's textile and agricultural processing industries and thus create new opportunities for trading on an equal basis in world markets. This plan, Dr. Weitz emphasized, can remould Israel's structure into a balanced and self-reliant economy within the next decade. If Israel's neighbors would initiate similar plans, Dr. Weitz added, the area would be assured of peace.

## ISRAEL HELPS SELLING U. S. PRODUCTS IN 15 COUNTRIES, EXPERT SAYS

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- "American products, which could not be bought otherwise by a number of countries because they are short of dollars, are nevertheless marketed in those countries because they can buy such products from Israel, where American products are increasingly assembled and manufactured," Avraham Salmon, economic counselor of the Israel Embassy in Washington, declared here today.

Speaking at a luncheon of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry held at the Hotel Roosevelt, Mr. Salmon revealed how Israel's system of trade agreements with some 15 countries in Europe and Asia enabled those countries to buy much-wanted American products from Israel, paying with their own merchandise in return. This was possible, he said, because Israel - through its own resources, foreign investments, etc., was able to acquire in the U. S. the parts, raw materials, patents and technical know-how for the assembly or finishing of such products in Israel.

"While such arrangements directly and indirectly increase American exports, they directly increase Israel's own exports, Mr. Salmon said. Using American tires and tubes made in Israel as an example, Mr. Salmon pointed out that their exports from Israel increased from \$900,000 in 1953 to \$2,300,000 in 1954. "Here is an opportunity offered to the U. S. manufacturer and exporter," he said, "looking for new markets through an expanded trade with a triangular impact."

**HUGE CROWDS CELEBRATE PURIM IN STREETS OF TEL AVIV AND JERUSALEM**

TEL AVIV, March 9. (JTA) -- A record crowd, estimated at half a million persons, poured into this city to witness yesterday afternoon's celebration of the Purim festival, renewed after a lapse of 20 years. They saw a parade that stretched along seven and a half kilometers of the city's main streets, featuring colorful floats, including two representing New Orleans and Frascati, Italy.

The floats depicted various periods of Jewish history--Purim festivities since the time of Queen Esther, the rebirth of Israel, and the growth of Tel Aviv, among others. Another feature of the parade, which was witnessed by Premier Moshe Sharett and other Cabinet ministers, was the participation of 8,000 secondary school students who wound along the parade route demonstrating various styles of folk dancing.

JERUSALEM, March 9. (JTA) -- The merriest Purim within living memory, doubly blessed with brilliant weather, was celebrated here today. Prominent among the celebrants were this city's Orthodox Jews, dressed in holiday garb. Teams of furcapped, sidecurled men from the Mea Shearim quarter ran through the streets exhorting the populace to make merry, and offering wine from the huge bottles which they carried.

**ARTERIOSCLEROSIS ABSENT AMONG YEMENITE JEWS, HADASSAH EXPERT SAYS**

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- Israel today is the most fertile area in the world for medical research into the so-called "degenerative" diseases, including arteriosclerosis, diabetes and cancer, Dr. Jack Karpas, deputy director of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel, said today, addressing a meeting of the national board of Hadassah.

Dr. Karpas, brought to this country by Hadassah to study hospital administration, disclosed that Israel's 80,000 Yemenite Jews as well as thousands of other Jews from so-called backward countries are not afflicted by the "degenerative" diseases, which are commonly regarded as the major killers in modern societies.

He reported that an intensive medical survey of 300 Yemenites failed to disclose a single case of arteriosclerosis. He added that diabetes and cancer, especially lung cancer, were virtually unknown among Yemenite Jews in the years immediately following their arrival in Israel. However, a second examination three years later of the same 300 Yemenite Jews revealed a marked increase in the cholesterol content of their blood, Dr. Karpas noted. Cholesterol is believed to be a causative factor in arteriosclerosis.

Dr. Karpas cited as another phenomenon about cancer worthy of further investigation, the fact that cancer of the cervix is virtually nonexistent among Jewish women, but cancer of the breast is twice as prevalent among Jewish women as among non-Jewish women.

**RABBI MEIR KARELITZ, PROMINENT ORTHODOX LEADER, DIES IN ISRAEL**

TEL AVIV, March 9. (JTA) -- Rabbi Meir Karelitz, leader of Poalei Agudath Israel and elder brother of the late "Hazon Ish," died last night. He was 85. Thousands of persons attended his funeral this afternoon, and among the mourners who gathered near the Yeshiva Bnei Brak, were the Chief Rabbis, and the heads of many yeshivahs.

**ABRAHAM AVADIO, WORLD ZIONIST LEADER, DIES IN LONDON; WAS 74**

LONDON, March 9. (JTA) -- Abraham Avadio, who served for many years as treasurer of the World Zionist Organization, died here this morning. He was 74. Mr. Avadio was associated for many years in Germany with Prof. Otto Warburg and others in furthering the Palestine Land Development Company. He settled in Palestine before the outbreak of World War II and had come here to dispose of his private library, intending to return to Israel later this year.