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**U. S. VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF ARAB-ISRAEL AGREEMENT OUTLINED**

WASHINGTON, April 5. (JTA) -- The United States will only guarantee an Arab-Israel peace if the Arabs and Israelis first arrive at a mutual agreement to live in peace, it was indicated here today by informed sources in connection with the statement made last night in the British Parliament by British Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden. (See page 3.)

These sources, in describing the views of the State Department on Secretary Eden's statement in which he declared that Britain would help guarantee any settlement that might be worked out between Israel and the Arab countries, said that while the United States does not believe such a settlement is possible now, if tranquility were achieved the U.S. would do its best to share in maintaining the situation.

The State Department, according to these sources, feels that tranquility on the part of both Israel and the Arab states is a necessary prerequisite to any agreement on the Arab refugee problem, the Arab-Israel frontiers and utilization of the Jordan River waters.

The State Department was depicted as thinking that an American guarantee on regional security is dependent first on a cessation of hostilities and then on acceptance by both sides of: 1. The recommendations of the United Nations on Arab refugees; 2. The recommendations of the United Nations Truce Supervision Commission on boundary matters, and 3. The Eric Johnston plan for regional water development.

Some U.S. officials have characterized the Eden announcement as meaningless polemics in that any guarantee was contingent on previous peaceful agreement by both parties. In the event of such a peaceful agreement, it was pointed out, the guarantee would be relatively unnecessary. Other American officials have questioned the timing of the Eden statement, advancing the view that it reassured neither side and jeopardized Western relations with those Arab states opposed to British adherence to the Turkish-Iraqi pact.

Israel feels that no doubt anybody would guarantee a peace settlement between Israel and the Arabs after it is achieved, noting that if such a settlement could be arranged there would be no need for a guarantee. Informed sources indicated that the Israel Government has taken little comfort from British adhesion to the Turkish-Iraqi pact and the more recent British offer to guarantee an Arab-Israel settlement if the contending parties agree to make peace.

The Israel view is that Britain has subscribed to a discriminatory pact, Article Five of which specifically excludes Israel. Diplomatic efforts of Israel are being focused with renewed vigor toward a realistic approach to the current tense situation through a guarantee of Israel's territorial integrity and military aid to redress the balance of power.

SECURITY COUNCIL TAKES UP ISRAEL'S COMPLAINT AGAINST EGYPT TODAY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 5. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council will meet in urgent session tomorrow morning to take up Israel's complaint against the latest Egyptian attacks in the Gaza area which resulted in the killing of two and the wounding of 16 Israelis.

UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, at a press conference here today said that there is adequate United Nations machinery on hand in the Palestine area for containment of hostilities between Israel and its Arab neighbors. Mr. Hammarskjold's expression of confidence in the UN machinery came in reply to a question as to whether he would favor establishment of a special United Nations committee composed of ex-presidents of the General Assembly for a fresh review of the entire Middle East situation.

Establishment of such a committee, Mr. Hammarskjold said, would be a "departure from normal procedures." Taking such steps might be wise at some other time, but "certainly not now." He expressed full support of the four-point border-policing plan proposed by Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine. Such a program, the Secretary General said, is "realistic and solid, and has the Secretariat's full support."

The Secretary General felt that "it is highly regrettable that the Security Council resolutions adopted only last week on the Palestine question were not followed by more peaceful conditions." He felt, however, that the United Nations will know more precisely about what has happened on the Israel-Egyptian border after tomorrow's Council meeting.

Mr. Hammarskjold confirmed that he had conferred very recently with Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's personal envoy to the Near East, about the American plan for development of the power and water resources of the Jordan River Valley. The Secretary General said that Mr. Johnston had indicated genuine hope for the possibility of bringing Israel and the Arab states together for acceptance of a Jordan River Valley plan. However, Mr. Hammarskjold said, Mr. Johnston did not indicate a time table for attainment of his objective.

ISRAEL PREMIER VISITS BORDER VILLAGE ATTACKED BY EGYPTIANS

TEL AVIV, April 5. (JTA) -- Premier Moshe Sharett visited today the settlement of Nachal Oz, the border village opposite the Gaza strip, which was the scene of an Israel-Egyptian 90-minute battle the night before last. After touring the area, Mr. Sharett visited with the Israel soldiers wounded in the Egyptian attack, which began with the landmining of a patrol car and the shelling of Nachal Oz.

Yesterday, a United Nations truce observation team visited Nachal Oz and inspected the kibbutz on whose perimeter were still visible eleven craters formed by exploding Egyptian mortar shells. The UN officers also spoke to wounded Israelis, who described how they were pinned down by a crossfire from Egyptian posts at three different points along the border.

The continuation of the investigation by the UN prevented the holding of a meeting of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission. It is expected that the date for the meeting will not be announced until after the arrival in Jerusalem today of Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organization.

EBAN CONFERS AT STATE DEPT. ON EGYPTIAN SITUATION

WASHINGTON, April 5. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban met with Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs George V. Allen today. Their conference dealt primarily with the situation along the Israel-Egyptian border at Gaza.

EDEN PROMISES BRITISH SUPPORT TO ANY ARAB-ISRAEL SETTLEMENT

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- The British Government is ready to offer guarantees of support of any settlement between Israel and the Arab states and Britain stands behind the guarantees of Israel security which she outlined as a signatory to the Tripartite Declaration, Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden declared in the House of Commons last night at the conclusion of a debate on Britain's adherence to the Turco-Iraq pact.

The Foreign Secretary stressed that in the view of the British Government any Arab-Israel settlement must cover the questions of the future of the Arab refugees, the borders and development of the Jordan River. Sir Anthony's statement came after considerable criticism from the Labor benches where members of the former Labor Cabinet criticized the British Government's policy in the Middle East as too pro-Arab.

Sir Anthony declared: "We have got, by every means in our power, to bring about a settlement between Israel and the Arab states. As far as I am concerned, we should be perfectly ready to enter into some new form of guarantee for that settlement." He underlined this promise by adding: "We would be willing, if need be, to enter into further engagements ourselves to back up the arrangement that was arrived at."

Britain is still working on the problem of improving relations between the Arabs and Israel, he said. He expressed doubt that the Tripartite Declaration--support of which he reiterated--could be improved upon in any treaty. He recalled his declaration of last December to the effect that Britain was bound to go to Israel's assistance if Israel were attacked. "That is where we stand," Sir Anthony insisted, "that is the obligation we have towards Israel."

Sir Anthony pointed out that he had no illusions as to the difficulty of negotiations for settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict. "The tragic thing," he said, "is that every time it seemed that the atmosphere was slightly improved and something could be done, an incident occurred and the whole thing flared up again."

The British Government had ideas of what should be done and would make them known when it could, the Foreign Secretary said. Meanwhile, he went on, the Tripartite Declaration and especially the statement he made in December "is a powerful shield for Israel. They have wise rulers who will not disregard or underrate its importance."

Speaking specifically of the effect of the Anglo-Turco-Iraqi pact on Israel, he averred that it was in Israel's interests as well as those of Britain or Iraq. It was "quite unthinkable," he asserted, that Turkey would be a party to any arrangement "unfriendly or unsatisfactory to Israel." "We did not join in order to encourage worse relations between Iraq and Israel," he emphasized.

Eden Does Not Meet Israel's Apprehensions, Zionists Say

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- A statement issued this afternoon by leaders of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland said: "While welcoming the reaffirmation of the Tripartite Declaration given by the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs and his pledge that Britain will come to the aid of Israel if she is attacked by an Arab state, we declare that these assurances do not meet Israel's grave apprehensions.

"We are gravely concerned over the feeling of political and military insecurity which has been enveloping Israel following the creation of new political and military alliances with Arab states while Israel's interests are not being taken into account."

PASSOVER STARTS TONIGHT; J. D. C. PROVIDES NEEDY JEWS WITH MATZOTH

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Passover, the festival commemorating the liberation of the Jews from Egyptian slavery more than 3,000 years ago, will begin at sundown tomorrow with the traditional Seder in Jewish homes throughout the world.

The Joint Distribution Committee has shipped more than 350,000 pounds of matzoth and other Passover supplies to needy Jews in Europe, it was announced today by Edward M.M. Warburg, JDC chairman. In addition to the supplies purchased to help European Jews, Mr. Warburg said, JDC hospitals, sanitariums, old-age homes and other institutions in Israel buy their Passover supplies in the Holy Land. In North Africa and other Moslem countries, communities purchase their own type of matzoh, as well as other Passover necessities, as part of regular JDC-financed relief and feeding programs.

The Passover supplies, most of which were purchased by the JDC in Holland, Mr. Warburg indicated, include not only matzoh and kosher wine, but also special items to meet specific community needs. These special items include some 13,200 pounds of kosher sugar for the Jewish community of Greece, as well as 3,500 pounds of kosher fat.

Largest shipments of matzoh and matzoh meal include: France, 48,300 pounds; Germany, 34,200; Yugoslavia, 30,000; Greece, 20,900; Belgium, 16,200 and Austria, 14,500. Other consignments were sent to Jews in Italy, Portugal and Spain, and to the tiny Jewish community of Albania. For Jews in many of these areas, the JDC shipments will be the only Passover supplies available anywhere in these countries.

A special Passover proclamation of the Synagogue Council of America issued today made an urgent plea for support of the 1955 nationwide United Jewish Appeal as "the best means of aiding the hundreds of thousands of victims of war and oppression who have found a haven in the reborn State of Israel."

The proclamation was forwarded to 2,300 Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis throughout the nation along with a request that they make pulpit appeals to their congregations during the period of April 6 to April 17 for generous support to the current United Jewish Appeal campaign. The Synagogue Council of America is the central national agency representing the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbinic and congregational bodies of Judaism in the United States.

CHEERFUL PASSOVER SPIRIT FELT IN ISRAEL; MANY TOURISTS ARRIVE

TEL AVIV, April 5. (JTA) -- Passover is already in the air in the streets of the towns and in every settlement throughout the land. School children, on holiday for the past week, mingle with the colorfully dressed tourists from all parts of the world who have been streaming into the country.

In the last 24 hours El Al planes have debarked more than 1,100 tourists, 160 from the United States. Flower shops have been doing a rush business. Other shops have had a busy season too, as the improving economic situation is reflected on the consumer level.

A special Passover program has been planned at ZOA House in Tel Aviv where a Seder will be held for tourists and Israelis, including Joseph Serlin, Minister of Health. A "children's day" has been planned for tourists to meet and play with Israel children. In the evenings famous local artists will participate in special entertainment programs.

PROTESTANT CHURCH IN NEW YORK WILL HOLD PASSOVER FETE

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- The Protestant Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Manhattan will hold a special "authentic Passover supper" Thursday night for members of the parish. The Rev. Hugh McCandless, rector of the church, said the idea for the project had occurred to him after reading an article in a Catholic magazine.

## JEWISH COLONY IN ARGENTINA CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**BUENOS AIRES, April 5. (JTA) --** A three-day celebration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Rivera Jewish colony, originally called the Baron Hirsch colony, in the southern part of Buenos Aires Province, concluded here last night at a ceremony attended by thousands of Jewish settlers and distinguished guests including the Governor of the Province, Major Carlos Aloe, and Dr. Arieh Kubovi, Israel Ambassador to Argentina.

The occasion was marked with a parade by Jewish settlers from all parts of the country, many driving agricultural machines and many more on horseback and wearing gaucho costume. Also present were representatives of all the major Jewish institutions in Argentina and officials of the province and of the municipality of Rivera. A police band played the Argentine and Israel national anthems alternately. Afterwards, a huge feast was held outdoors in a park.

Before the celebration began, a monument to the 6,000,000 Jews martyred by the Nazis was dedicated in the Rivera Jewish cemetery. This took place Friday. The following day, the main street of the town was renamed in honor of Theodor Herzl and a plaque commemorating the event was erected at the head of the street.

At the festivities yesterday, Maj. Aloe conveyed the greetings of President Peron to the Jewish settlers and recalled how 50 years ago 26 Jewish families had founded the colony which today was a prosperous town. The Governor stressed that to "President Peron men count, not for race or religion, but for goodwill."

Dr. Kubovi paid tribute to the greatness of the Argentine people who had accepted the handful of Jewish settlers in their midst and made possible such developments as Rivera. He singled out for particular tribute the late Eva Peron, noting that she had written that "injustice must come to an end." This sentiment had found an "echo in our hearts, Dr. Kubovi declared. He underlined the parallel development of Argentina and Israel and stressed that Argentina had offered a "haven to our refugees," giving them the means to live in dignity and freedom.

Other speakers at the festivities included: Israel Novick, acting president of the DAIA; Mark Turkow, of the World Jewish Congress; Ambassador Ezequiel Zabotinsky; Dr. Simon Trachtenberg, of the Organizacion Israelita Argentina; Deputy Governor Dr. Carlos Diaz, and Rivera Mayor Francisco Alonso. The celebration was given wide prominence in both the Jewish and Argentine press which played up the development of Rivera as a pioneering exploit of the first order and a symbol of brotherly cooperation.

## BRITISH AGUDAH EXPLAINS ITS STAND ON UNITED REPRESENTATION

**LONDON, April 5. (JTA) --** The Agudas Israel movement in this country rejected today charges by the Board of Deputies of British Jews that it was partly responsible for the breakdown in year-long negotiations among British Jewish organizations on coordinating their approaches to the British Government on matters dealing with foreign affairs.

In a statement, the Agudah declared that no single Jewish organization, on a national or international level, is in a position to represent the different Jewish viewpoints. The Agudah rejected the idea that a "secular Jewish body, influenced in a considerable measure by nationalist views" has the "exclusive and unconditional right to speak for Anglo-Jewry." In a call for the formation of a joint consultative committee of Jewish organizations, the Agudah statement declared: "We ask for unity, not totalitarian uniformity."

### MIAMI SETS TIMING FOR HEBREW UNIVERSITY-TECHNION FUND DRIVE

MIAMI, April 5. (JTA) -- Marking a significant step forward in the relationships between the Greater Miami community and important national institutions seeking to raise funds in this area, representatives of Hebrew University-Technion reached agreement with the Greater Miami Jewish Federation in regard to the school's capital fund drive to be held in this community April, 1956.

The decision was reached at a meeting of the Hebrew University and Technion representatives and the Multiple Appeals Committee of the Federation. The local and national leaders hailed the excellent spirit and cooperation which led to a mutual understanding and agreement on the proper timing of the campaign.

"There is complete understanding that the Jewish community of Greater Miami has a responsibility in sharing the cost of the building-needs of these two important educational institutions in Israel," said Stanley C. Myers, president of the Federation. "At the same time all of us agree that the capital fund campaign should be conducted locally in such a way as not to interfere with the welfare of the local community as represented by Federation and its local agencies. The proper timing of the campaign, furthermore, will prove most helpful in reaching the desired results."

### RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY TERMED A MENACE TO AMERICA'S NATIONAL UNITY

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Those who foster racial and religious bigotry in this country are a menace to America's national unity, Benjamin F. Fairless, chairman of the board of the United States Steel Corporation, told an audience of 1,000 industrial, civic and welfare leaders last night, at a dinner in his honor sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Mr. Fairless was presented at the dinner with a gold plaque "for distinguished service in the field of human relations." Speakers at the dinner included Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, minister of Marble Collegiate Church; the Very Rev. Paul C. Reinert, president of St. Louis University; Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the N. C. C. J., and Dr. Oscar Lee, head of the department of race and cultural relations of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

### DR. ISRAEL STRAUSS, NOTED JEWISH PHYSICIAN, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Strauss, president and founder of Hillside Hospital and of the Committee for Mental Hygiene among Jews, died in his office here yesterday. He was 81 years old.

One of the most prominent neuro-psychiatrists in the world, Dr. Strauss was the author of many papers and monographs dealing with head injuries, brain tumors, and other conditions of the nervous system. He was a member of the American Neurological Association, of which he was president in 1934; the Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Diseases, of which he was a past president, and of the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Strauss, who was born in Pawtucket, R. I., was graduated in 1894 from Brown University and is said to have been the first member of the Jewish religion to get a degree there. He was graduated in 1898 from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University and studied neurology and psychiatry in Vienna. He was instructor in neurology and psychology at Polyclinic Hospital in 1902 and 1903 and then was professor of neural anatomy at Cornell University Medical School. After 1938, when he retired from hospital staff work, he remained as attending neurologist at Mount Sinai Hospital, Montefiore Hospital and Maimonides Hospital in Brooklyn.