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NEW U.S. POLICY ON ARMING ARABS RECEIVED WITH MIXED FEELING

WASHINGTON, May 5. (JTA) -- The disclosure here that Iraq is to be the only Arab state that will receive arms from the United States under the new Mutual Security program was received here today with mixed reaction. Under the new program, the Administration does not plan to grant free arms to Israel or to any neighboring Arab states except Iraq.

This decision is being interpreted as a key development in the re-appraisal of Middle Eastern policy which was promised by the Administration last December. In some circles it is believed that the Administration decided to limit the arms program because of the unfavorable reaction which arose on all sides. There was a lukewarm reception in neighboring Arab countries and strong opposition in Israel. Widespread Congressional concern developed on the advisability of putting arms into the Near East in advance of an Arab-Israel settlement.

(In New York, Jewish circles concerned with Israel affairs describe as gratifying the statement by Congressman Alvin M. Bentley, Republican member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, that the Administration will not extend arms aid to Arab states bordering on Israel. Jewish leaders expressed the view, however, that arms to Iraq although she does not border on Israel is still unwise, especially in view of her consistently truculent attitude and repeated threats.)

The Administration is trying to justify singling out Iraq for arms because of its oil resources and its strategic location, because of its new alliances with both Pakistan and Turkey, and because Iraq's frontier is not contiguous with Israel. Since appropriations for specific countries are not earmarked in the legislation, it is highly doubtful that there would be any Congressional drive to eliminate the authorization for this purpose.

On the other hand, critics of the Administration policy point out that the Administration's program offers no certain guarantee that the military balance will not be upset. Iraq is in a position to receive arms not only from the United States but from the United Kingdom, which has adhered to the Turkish-Iraqi treaty. Iraq could transmit some of its arms to other Arab countries. In addition, the United Kingdom has a long-standing agreement to provide arms to Jordan. This problem will not be adequately met, it is believed, until there is a change in the attitude of the Arab states towards Israel or until Israel is enabled to enter into some kind of defense arrangement with the U.S.

In many circles there is growing belief that an America-Israel defense treaty may be the most effective instrument not only to guarantee against renewed hostilities in the area but to promote stability and to maintain the balance of strength.

DULLES ASKS CONGRESS FOR \$179,000,000 AID FOR MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, May 5. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today made known in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the Administration is asking \$179,000,000 in non-military funds for Mutual Security assistance for the Middle East in the new fiscal year. Mr. Dulles did not break down this amount by countries.

Sen. H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey, questioned Mr. Dulles on his attitude toward the recent Bandung conference of Asian and African nations. Mr. Dulles said the United States takes a "sympathetic" attitude and expressed the view that it served a "useful purpose" in allowing Asian people to get together. He said he was not afraid of Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai's influence on Asiatics. He did not mention Chinese Communist collaboration with the Arab League against Israel at Bandung.

Lebanese Ambassador Charles Malik discussed with Secretary Dulles today the Arab view of subjects which will emerge at the Paris meeting of Foreign Ministers for which the Secretary leaves tomorrow. Mr. Malik said the Paris meeting would take up topics of interest to Lebanon. He said he talked with the Secretary about the Bandung conference, the Far East, and the Middle East. He indicated that he discussed the Turkish-Iraqi pact. Iraqi Charge d'Affaires Hashim Khalil also met today with the Secretary to present Iraq's views on questions that are likely to emerge when Mr. Dulles meets in Paris with the British and French Foreign Ministers.

GERMAN FACES TRIAL FOR SUPPLYING GAS TO NAZI EXTERMINATION CAMP

FRANKFURT, May 5. (JTA) -- The German chemical manufacturer who sold his special brand of potassium cyanide to the Auschwitz extermination camp, in the full knowledge that it was being used to murder upward of 450,000 Jews and other people, is facing a German court here for the seventh time in seven years, charged with having been "an accessory to murder in an indeterminate number of cases."

The defendant, Dr. Gerhard Peters, is an authority on the production of insecticides and, during the war, managed the "German Corporation for Vermin Extermination" (DEGESCH). One day SS Lieutenant Colonel Kurt Gerstein told him that "Zyklon B," a lethal cyanide product of his own invention and manufacture which he had been furnishing to various concentration camps in stupendous quantities, was being used to put to death inmates of the Auschwitz camp. This conversation was confirmed by Dr. Peters himself, in an early stage of the postwar investigation against him. Nonetheless, he supplied another 4,000 pounds at least.

Although Dr. Peters was arraigned back in 1948, in one of the first war crimes cases handled by German courts, he has not to this day been in jail for any length of time. When the Frankfurt Court of Assizes sentenced Dr. Peters to five years in 1949 for having "contributed to manslaughter," the leniency of the verdict caused an outcry among German democrats, and among Jews everywhere. Upon appeal, the Superior Court ruled the crime to be murder rather than manslaughter. In 1950, the Court of Assizes accordingly found him guilty of the far more serious charge - but pronounced the identical sentence. This time the German Supreme Court which ruled that the verdict was too mild to be admissible.

Nonetheless a Wiesbaden court demonstratively gave him only four and one-half years, which was again vacated by the Superior Court. Having no choice under the letter of the law, the Wiesbaden Court of Assizes thereupon imposed a penalty of six years' imprisonment; the prosecution had demanded 15 years. That verdict was final, with no further appeal being possible. But numerous prominent Germans signed clemency petitions for him, although he showed no regret about his actions.

Reportedly it was a very high official in the State of Hesse, a member of the Social Democratic Party, who saw to it that Dr. Peters never served the sentence. It was apparently the same high state official who caused the District Attorney to go along with Peters' petition to reopen the trial because of "new evidence." The "new evidence" is an assertion that Lt. Col. Gerstein was plagued by scruples of conscience, which is indeed borne out by other testimony and by the fact that, after setting forth his experiences in a number of affidavits, he committed suicide. The judge specially assigned to this case is Dr. Werner Hummerich, who first came to public notice two years ago because of his severity in the case of the former "Jewish Bank" where several persons were convicted for having violated German foreign currency regulations.

DEATH RATE AMONG SURVIVORS OF NAZI CAMPS REPORTED ALARMINGLY HIGH

PARIS, May 5. (JTA) -- Nearly one-third of the French survivors of Nazi concentration camps have died since the end of the war and the death rate among survivors is alarmingly high, Prof. Gilbert Dreyfus, of the organization of former French deportees to the Oswiecim concentration camp, told a press conference here today.

Prof. Gilbert said that of 38,000 survivors who returned to France, 12,000 have died in the ten years since their return. This alarming death rate, he said, was attributable to the physical and psychological tortures they suffered during incarceration. He called for new social legislation to further assist the survivors, noting that despite the "generous social laws" now in existence, it was essential that "more consideration" be given the survivors.

PRINCE BERNHARD ADDRESSES JEWISH MEMORIAL MEETING IN HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, May 5. (JTA) -- Prince Bernhard was the chief speaker at the tenth memorial convention for victims of the Nazis held here last night. Speaking at the famous medieval Knights Hall, Prince Bernhard declared: "My thoughts go out to the very many of our Jewish compatriots who were treated like pariahs during the German occupation of Holland and who met, mostly far from their homes, a terrible death."

Similar commemorative meetings were held in churches and synagogues in this and other major Dutch cities last night, on the eve of the national celebration of Liberation Day. Israel Minister Ezra Yoran was among the diplomats present at the meeting in Knights Hall.

VANDALS PAINT SWASTIKAS ON MONUMENT IN ITALY FOR JEWISH MARTYRS

TURIN, May 5. (JTA) -- Vandals painted red swastikas last night on a monument here honoring Jews murdered by the Nazis. The monument is located next to the Turin Synagogue. The Union of Italian Jewish Communities has launched inquiries and the authorities are seeking the perpetrators of the desecration.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER U. S. POLICY ON ISRAEL

HIGHLAND PARK, Ill., May 5. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Assembly of America, the organization of Conservative rabbis, closed its 55th annual convention here today with a resolution lauding President Eisenhower for the "restraining influence he has exercised upon those who would solve the present international impasse by a resort to arms." "At the same time, the convention expressed "deep concern" over the United States policy toward Israel.

"We deplore the virtual political and economic isolation into which the only democracy in the Middle East has been thrust," the resolution said. "The continuing boycott by the Arab nations and their repeated threats of renewed war against Israel are clear indications that Israel stands in imminent danger of being dragged into an unwanted war." The rabbis called upon the U.S. Government to review its Middle East policy and urged President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to use their good offices in bringing about a just and equitable peace in the Middle East.

The 300 rabbis from all sections of the United States and Canada called upon the United States Congress to enact legislation to furnish Federal grants to states for building public schools. They stipulated, however, that such Federal funds "shall not be made available to states which practice segregation." In other resolutions adopted today, the spiritual leaders warmly commended the efforts of men and women who are working to implement the Supreme Court decision ending segregation in the nation's schools, and called for support of the work of the United Nations."

Reporting on the work of the Rabbinical Assembly's placement commission, Rabbi David A. Goldstein declared that because of the continuing shortage of spiritual leaders, nearly 100 requests for rabbis received during the past year from synagogues throughout this country and Canada could not be serviced. Rabbi Harry Halpern of the East Midwood Jewish Center, Brooklyn, was re-elected president of the Rabbinical Assembly.

DECISION OF U.S. LABOR ZIONISTS ON ALIYAH WELCOMED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 5. (JTA) -- Execution of the plan of the American Labor Zionist movement to recruit 1,000 immigrants to Israel in the next few years would be a "pioneer step towards a large-scale immigration movement of American Jews," Davar, the pro-government Histadrut paper declared here today.

In a comment on the recently concluded American Labor Zionist Assembly, at which the four major organizations of Labor Zionism in the United States met, Davar says that such an immigration movement would differ basically from all other immigration into Israel which were chiefly undertaken under pressure of adverse conditions. The American immigration, however, "would be free, out of a free will with all spiritual and material possessions which they (the American immigrants) had acquired in exile."

B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT DEFINES STAND ON ENLARGED JEWISH FORUM

NEW YORK, May 5. (JTA) -- Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, on his return from a tour of Europe and Israel, issued today the following statement: "There has been some discussion on a proposal to create an enlarged Jewish forum for the consideration of world Jewish problems. As the President of B'nai B'rith, I have participated in conferences in accordance with our policy to meet with anybody to talk on any matter involving the welfare of the Jewish people. No concrete proposals having been developed, no commitments have or can be made by the B'nai B'rith.

"The B'nai B'rith is now actively represented in 34 nations of the world. We are vitally concerned with anything on the international scene that affects the common interests of Jewry. It is in pursuit of this concern that we are associated with the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the South African Board of Jewish Deputies in the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations. The extension of our interests and activities in this area is inevitable, and we are therefore equally occupied with improving the effectiveness of our relationship and work. Obviously, we shall therefore consider anything that will move in that direction."

JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY TO REVISE ITS BIBLE TRANSLATION

PHILADELPHIA, May 5. (JTA) -- The Jewish Publication Society today announced that it has undertaken revision of the translation of the Bible which was first published by the Society in 1917 and now serves as the approved version for English-speaking Jews throughout the world.

In making the announcement, Edwin Worf, 2nd, president of the Jewish Publication Society, said that the revised translation will be based on the Hebrew of the traditional, preserved Masoretic text, and will be in every respect a Jewish interpretation. "It will have the present translation as its starting point, and will take advantage of modern Biblical scholarship, as well as that of the ancient sages, and will be phrased in a dignified and fitting English which will be readily comprehensible, the JPS president stated. He revealed that as editor-in-chief of the work the Society has chosen Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky, Professor of Bible at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, who is recognized by Jewish scholars of all shades of opinion as a Biblical scholar.

FOREIGN SHIPS BLACKLISTED BY EGYPT FOR CALLING AT HAIFA PORT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 5. (JTA) -- A possibility was seen here today that the Bat Galim case may be re-opened, with Great Britain pushing the issue, instead of Israel. This feeling persisted in United Nations circles even after Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, in answer to a direct question on the matter, declared this morning that there is "nothing new" on the Bat Galim.

The Security Council ordered Egypt several months ago to return the seized Israel freighter Bat Galim to Israel. So far the vessel is still in Egyptian hands. Today, however, it became known that Mr. Hammarskjöld had a visit yesterday from Sir Pierson Dixon, Britain's permanent representative here. Sir Pierson's visit was described officially as "routine," but it was noted that the British delegate's visit here followed Egypt's blacklisting of two British ships and an Italian freighter for having called at Israel ports in the past.

Mr. Hammarskjöld's answer on the Bat Galim came at a general press conference where the Israel-Arab conflicts were referred to repeatedly. The Secretary General implied once again, as he did several weeks ago, that Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, may be asked to continue in that post beyond the termination of his one year tour of duty which ends June 30. Mr. Hammarskjöld said on that point that while appointments are made for one year "there are always exceptions."

MRS. ROOSEVELT GETS FIRST NANSEN MEDAL FOR AID TO REFUGEES

GENEVA, May 5. (JTA) -- The first Nansen Medal was presented today to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt for her services to the humanitarian cause of aiding refugees. The medal was also awarded in consideration of the efforts of her late husband, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in the same field.

The international award committee took into account her "continuous and unsparring efforts" in behalf of the refugees over many years, particularly her work in the United Nations Human Rights Commission. It also paid tribute to President Roosevelt's initiative in setting up the Evian Conference in 1938 to consider the possibility of orderly emigration of Jewish refugees from Germany.

The medal is named for Fridtjof Nansen, post-World War I League of Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, whose name was given to passports issued to stateless persons under the auspices of the League.

JEWISH SCHOOL CHILDREN IN MEXICO SEND THANKS TO DR. SALK

MEXICO CITY, May 5. (JTA) -- More than 1,100 children attending the Jewish school here sent a telegram to Dr. Salk expressing their thanks to the Jewish scientist for his discovery of the anti-polio vaccine.

(In New York, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Salk, parents of Dr. Jonas Salk, were honored yesterday as the "Jewish parents of the year" by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. At a ceremony, Salim L. Lewis, federation president, presented the Salks, New York residents, with a scroll.)

PRESIDENT OF URUGUAY RECEIVES ISRAEL'S MINISTER OF FINANCE

MONTEVIDEO, May 5. (JTA) -- Uruguayan President Luis Battle Berres received Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol today. In the course of the audience, the two men discussed the possibility of Israel-Uruguayan trade and the President promised his cooperation to the development of such trade.

Later, Uruguayan Finance Minister Dr. Jose Malet gave a luncheon in Mr. Eshkol's honor and in the evening the Israel Legation tendered a dinner for him, which was attended by Foreign Minister Dr. S. Rompani and other important figures in Uruguayan government and business circles.

AMERICAN LABOR UNION PRESENTS \$100,000 TO HISTADRUT AS GIFT

CHICAGO, May 5. (JTA) -- The sum of \$100,000 was presented to the Histadrut here last night for the building of a cold storage plant in Israel. The sum was raised at a testimonial dinner for Patrick E. Gorman, secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen of North America.

5,000 PARTICIPATE IN ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION IN RIO

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 5. (JTA) -- Some 5,000 persons participated in a meeting here last night marking Israel's seventh independence anniversary. Chief speakers at the meeting were James G. MacDonald, first United States Ambassador to Israel, and Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council.