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ISRAEL ISSUES WARNING TO EGYPT; CAUTIONS AGAINST "SABER-RATTLING"

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) -- A sharp warning to Egypt that further adventures along the Gaza border would end in a resounding failure and might hold fatal consequences for the current regime was sounded here last night by the Israel Government.

An official statement charged Egypt with having made bombastic declarations replete with threats against the security and very existence of Israel. "Saber-rattling and empty nationalistic slogans are among the tactics of every, despotic regime, which seeks thus to bolster up its precarious rule," the statement said.

It recalled that Egypt holds the Gaza strip, which does not belong to her, only on the strength of the armistice agreement. Egypt "would be well advised to pay close attention to the scrupulous fulfillment of its obligations under this agreement, in whose one-sided violation by Egypt the Israel Government is not prepared to acquiesce," the statement cautioned.

Demanding that Egypt respect both the letter and the spirit of the armistice agreement, the statement concluded, by asserting that Israel is always ready to participate in any meeting or make any contact which promises quiet for the region.

Israel Ambassador Discusses Gaza Friction with State Department

WASHINGTON, June 8. (JTA) -- The immediate problem of tension on the Gaza frontier and broader problems which have been under review for some time were discussed today by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban with George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. It was Mr. Eban's first meeting with Mr. Allen since the Ambassador returned from consultations in Jerusalem.

Long-term issues which arose at Jerusalem were discussed today, it was indicated. Ambassador Eban is believed to have told Mr. Allen today of the central importance placed by the Israel Government on close cooperation between the two governments. Reuven Shiloah, Israel Minister Plenipotentiary, participated in today's meeting.

Israel circles feel that there is a recent disposition in Washington to approach Israel's problems with more comprehension. These circles cite the successful conclusion of agreements on economic aid during the current fiscal year, the intention of the Administration to continue large-scale aid to Israel in the coming year, the agreement on the peaceful use of atomic energy, granting of agricultural surpluses, the intention announced by Foreign Operations Administrator Harold E. Stassen to withhold arms aid from Israel and Arab countries contiguous to Israel, the criticism expressed in the Senate against the Iraqi arms program and the attention devoted by the United States to the Jordan River plan now under discussion with Ambassador Eric Johnston.

However, Israel circles continue to feel concern over unremitting Arab hostility, and to feel that the United States may be the only power capable of assisting the attainment of lasting stability. In these circumstances, great interest attaches to the question of a United States security agreement with Israel concerning which Prime Minister Moshe Sharett spoke to the Knesset on June 1. Mr. Eban is believed to have resumed discussions today with Mr. Allen on this point.

Israel circles do not expect this discussion to reach a conclusion in the immediate future but indicate that the subject is still very much alive. The view held by Israel circles is that by expediting this matter the United States would greatly assist the attainment of stability in the Middle East and the removal of current tensions. It would therefore not be logical, these circles say, to regard the current tension as a reason for delaying radical measures to relieve it.

Arab-Israel Tension Hampers Middle East Progress, Stassen Reports

WASHINGTON, June 8. (JTA) -- Harold E. Stassen, director of the Foreign Operations Administration, told the House Committee on Foreign Affairs today that "dangerous tensions still exist between the Arab states and Israel, and as long as this situation persists, the potentialities for progress and well-being for all nations in the area can never be fully realized."

"We are encouraged, however, by recent evidence of constructive attitudes toward reaching a solution to the international water problems of the Jordan Valley," Mr. Stassen reported. "Real progress in this matter can make an important contribution to the

ultimate solution of the tragic problem of the Palestine refugees. Sixty million of the total requested for the Near East and Africa is planned for continued support of the United Nations program providing relief and resettlement assistance for these long suffering peoples."

Mr. Stassen urged aid for the Near East as outlined previously before the Senate. He said "development assistance is proposed for Israel and certain Arab states who presently lack the economic resources to provide for the basic needs of their peoples without external assistance."

ISRAEL TO REDUCE PRICES ON CONSUMER GOODS; DECISION ANNOUNCED

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) -- The Israel Ministerial Economic Committee announced last night its decision to speed action aimed at reducing prices of consumer goods, with primary emphasis on cutting food prices. Implementation of this decision has been assigned to the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

NINE-STORY WING TO HOSPITAL OPENED IN ISRAEL; TALLEST BUILDING

TEL AVIV, June 8. (JTA) -- Israel's tallest building, a nine-story structure, was opened today as a wing to the Beilinson Hospital at nearby Petach Tikvah. Among the thousands of persons who attended the inaugural ceremonies were Premier Moshe Sharett, Speaker of the Knesset Joseph Sprinzak, members of the Cabinet, Parliamentary deputies and an American labor delegation, headed by David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

The building, which cost three million pounds, contains some 240 rooms, with a bed capacity of 500. Beside offices, medical facilities, the hospital has wards for various types of diseases and recreation facilities. It extends two floors under street level, in addition to the nine stories above.

The hospital is part of the Histadrut medical network. Mordecai Namir, Histadrut general secretary, addressing the guests, singled out Mr. Dubinsky and American Jewish Labor leaders in general for the "great part" they played in recruiting the moral and material assistance of Jewish and non-Jewish American workers in Israel's behalf.

The achievements of the people of Israel are "unprecedented" anywhere in the world, Mr. Dubinsky told a press conference here today. He said he would present his impressions of his Israel visit to the labor movement in the United States, upon his return home.

BRITAIN DISAPPROVES OF ANTI-ISRAEL SLUR BY ARCHBISHOP OF YORK

LONDON, June 8. (JTA) -- The British Government does not hold to the view, expressed earlier last week by the Archbishop of York, that Israel provokes incidents along her borders in order to retaliate with attacks against the Arab states, a Foreign Office spokesman declared today.

Asked by newsmen whether the Foreign Office subscribes to views expressed by the Archbishop in a diocesan letter, the Foreign Office spokesman said that Britain believes that Egypt does not always have firm control over the Arab refugees therefore incidents occur. Israel has admitted retaliatory action, the spokesman continued, but this is "a different matter" from saying that Israel provokes incidents which in turn provoke retaliation, he stressed.

ISRAEL SIGNS \$18,000,000 PACT ON SHIPS TO BE BUILT AS REPARATIONS

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) -- An \$18,000,000 shipping contract for the delivery of eight ships to be built under the German reparations agreement was signed here today between the Israel Government and the Zim Navigation Company. Seven of the eight vessels will be delivered to the shipping concern before the end of this year.

The seven ships to be delivered by year's end include a 10,000-ton combination passenger-cargo vessel for the Atlantic service, a giant tanker of over 1,800 tons, three freighters of 4,000 to 7,000 tons and two coastal freighters. The eighth ship, which is to be delivered by the end of 1956, will be a 9,000-ton liner designed to accommodate 560 passengers, for the Mediterranean service.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO REFUND TAX ON INDEMNIFICATION PAYMENTS

BONN, June 8. (JTA) -- Income taxes collected by the German treasury from indemnification payments awarded for economic injuries inflicted upon a Nazi victim will now be refunded, it was announced here by the Federal Minister of Finance.

Refunds must be applied for by the individual taxpayer and will not be made automatically. If taxes were deducted from indemnification awards consisting of back pay, pensions and the like, no reimbursement is authorized. The Ministry of Finance announcement, which was long urged by the Central Council of Jews in Germany, gives retroactive effect to the principle that awards under the Federal Indemnification Law should be tax-exempt.

CASABLANCA JEWISH MERCHANTS FORCED TO JOIN STRIKE, FACE RUIN

CASABLANCA, June 8. (JTA) -- Financial ruin faces many Jewish small shopkeepers in the Medina quarter here, as a result of their forced participation in a strike of Moslem shopkeepers. The strike, which was begun as a protest against a decision by French authorities to expel all Moslem shopkeepers who had participated in an earlier strike which followed, in turn, the deposition of the Sultan, has been in progress since May 17.

Jewish shopkeepers here did not join the protest until last week when two Jewish shopkeepers who disobeyed a Moslem warning to join the strike, were murdered. Stall owners in the Medina usually earn only enough to survive, even in the best of times. Now, with a week gone by in which they have had no sales at all, their situation is a serious one.

FRENCH COURT DISMISSES CHARGES AGAINST CATHOLICS IN FINAL CASE

PARIS, June 8. (JTA) -- All charges were dismissed against a group of Catholic priests and laymen involved in the Finaly kidnappings by a magistrate in Bayonne yesterday. The action followed withdrawal of charges by the aunt of the two Jewish war orphans, who now has both of them living with her in Israel.

The two boys, Gerald and Robert Finaly, were left with the Catholic head of a public orphanage in Grenoble shortly before their parents were arrested and murdered by the Nazis. The woman later had them baptized as Catholics and after the war refused to turn the children back to their Jewish relatives. When the aunt obtained a legal order for the boys' return, they were spirited over the border into Spain and were only returned after a great public outcry and the conclusion of an agreement between Jewish and Catholic authorities in France.

(In Holland, Betty Melhadou, thrice kidnapped Jewish war orphan, has finally been placed today by an Amsterdam court in the care of a non-religious Dutch family. Fourteen-year-old Betty will remain with the family until she is 21, after which she will be free to choose her own religion.)

*SEN. LEHMAN TESTIFIES ON IMMIGRATION; RAISES ISSUE OF UNUSED VISAS

WASHINGTON, June 8. (JTA) -- The opinion that the refugee relief program should be handled by a special administrator of the program as a social welfare function, rather than as a police function under the State Department Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, was expressed today by a number of witnesses before a Senate Immigration Subcommittee which is now holding hearings on amendments to the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

Senator Herbert H. Lehman compared President Eisenhower's amendments to the refugee program, which have been introduced by Senator Arthur V. Watkins, with those of his own bill. The Senator cited two "vital" differences, one pertaining to the administrative set-up and the other to the use of the unused visa numbers. Senator Lehman said that his bill proposes to create an administrator of the program directly responsible to the Secretary of State and free from subservience to any State Department bureau. The administration of the program should not be tied to the "police and review functions" of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, he stated.

The second difference Senator Lehman cited referred to the reallocation of unused visas. He said that unused numbers would be reallocated among those groups which have "the greatest need for visas," instead of utilizing unused numbers for a world-wide orphan pool, as the Watkins Bill proposes.

G. Mennen Williams, Governor of Michigan, endorsed nine suggestions developed by the Michigan Commission on Displaced Persons and Refugees and the Michigan Committee on Immigration. One of the proposals to amend the Refugee Relief Act stated that the "administration of the Act should be in the hands of a special commission or commissioner. This is essentially a social welfare operation not a police or security operation."

David Carliner, Washington attorney who presented the American Veterans Committee testimony, urged that the administration of the Refugee Act be taken away from State Department security chief Scott McLeod. Crete Anderson, chairman of the American Legion's national immigration advisory committee, opposed liberalizing changes in the refugee program which he referred to as "the lowering of standards and safeguards as proposed in the bills under consideration by this subcommittee."

McCarran-Walter Immigration Act Is "Disgraceful Law," Says Lehman

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- The McCarran-Walter immigration law was termed by Senator Herbert H. Lehman today "a disgraceful law," in a message to the Rally for a Fair Immigration Law which will be held here tomorrow at Carnegie Hall. The rally is sponsored by more than 30 organizations and will be addressed by U. S. Senator Richard L. Neuberger.

"The McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act is a disgraceful law," Sen. Lehman said in his message. "In the present state of world affairs, we dare no longer tolerate on our statute books a law which every day is losing friends abroad for the United States. The McCarran-Walter Act has dropped a red-tape curtain in front of our country."

ANTI-SEMITIC PAMPHLETS DISTRIBUTED IN BRAZIL; POLICE INVESTIGATE

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 8. (JTA) -- A large number of anti-Semitic pamphlets have been distributed here and in Sao Paulo recently. The pamphlets are signed with the name of a group hitherto unknown here--the Allianca Libertadora Nacionalista.

Police are carrying out an investigation to discover the printing plant and the authors of the illegal pamphlets. In addition, the Jewish Federation of Sao Paulo has offered a reward for information leading to the identification of the pamphlets' sources.

An organization bearing the same name which operates in Argentina and which indulged in anti-Semitic activity, recently pledged to the DAIA there that it would cease all its anti-Jewish activity and propaganda.

CANADIAN AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FORMS TO DROP QUESTION ON RACE

MONTREAL, June 8. (JTA) -- Automobile insurance forms in most of Canada will shortly have eliminated from them questions concerning the race or place of birth of policyholders, it was revealed here by the National Joint Public Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith.

The Association of Superintendents of Insurance of the Provinces of Canada have instructed all underwriters, except those operating in the province of Quebec, to eliminate such questions from standard automobile insurance forms. This action followed discussion within the association.

DR. SALK AWARDED \$10,000 AND GOLD MEDAL AT MEDICAL CONVENTION

ATLANTIC CITY, June 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Jonas Salk was presented with a \$10,000 check and a gold medal here yesterday at the American Medical Association's annual convention. The check and the medal constituted the Criss Award, an annual prize given by Mutual of Omaha, an insurance company, for contributions in public health.

The presentation was made by Dr. Elmer Hess, president-elect of the AMA, who advised the discoverer of the anti-polio vaccine to keep the check for himself. Dr. Salk has turned over to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis all monetary awards which have been presented to him in gratitude for his vaccine work.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT AWARDS "MEDAL OF GRATITUDE" TO FIVE RABBIS

PARIS, June 8. (JTA) -- The French Ministry of the Interior has awarded its "Medal of Gratitude" posthumously to three former Grand Rabbis of France. The medal winners were Rabbis Joseph Sacks, of Paris, Paul Haqenaur, of Nancy, and J. Ginsberger, of Bayonne. Medals were also awarded to Rabbis Joshua Pruner, of Nice, and Robert Myers, of Neuilly, both of whom disappeared after being deported by the Nazis during the German occupation of France.

D. H. WHITE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HOUSTON JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HOUSTON, Texas, June 8. (JTA) -- D. H. White, editor and publisher of The Jewish Herald-Voice here, has been elected president of the Houston Jewish Community Council, succeeding Martin Nadelman. Principal speaker at the 18th annual meeting of the Council was Gen. W. E. Bruce, president of the University of Houston.

Gen. Bruce asserted that a "natural interdependence" exists between the Council and the University, since they are "bound together in a common goal of community service." He stressed the need for the integration of such service and urged that Jewish communal leaders become familiar with the problems of the University and stand ready to help.

FRENCH JEWISH COMPOSER, ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO U. S. RECEIVE DEGREES

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- Darius Milhaud, the French Jewish composer, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters here tonight at the fifth graduation and consecration service of the Hebrew Union School of Sacred Music, a training center for cantors. The degree, for M. Milhaud's contributions to modern music and particularly the music of the synagogue, was conferred by Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, of which the cantorial school is a part.

WASHINGTON, June 8. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Maryland. Gov. Theodore McKeldin of Maryland participated in the ceremony at College Park, Maryland.

CHICAGO, June 8. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Theological College today conferred the title of Doctor in Divine Law, upon Rabbi David de Sola Pool, spiritual leader of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue Shearith Israel in New York.