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STATE DEPT. SEES ISRAEL READY FOR MILITARY TALKS WITH EGYPT

WASHINGTON, June 9. (JTA) -- State Department sources indicated today that Israel may accept military rather than political talks with Egypt, as desired by the United Nations.

The Israel position, it is stated here, is that such talks to resolve frontier friction, to be effective, must be held on a sufficiently high level. The Egyptians have made known that they would like to keep such meetings on as low a military level as possible.

Israel circles have gained an impression that the United States stands behind a United Nations proposal to bring about discussion between Egypt and Israel. The proposal was made by Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Chief of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

(The United States is trying to force Egypt to accept high level meetings with Israel, a highly placed Egyptian source charged in Cairo yesterday. An official statement by Lt. Col. Salah Gohar, Egypt's propaganda minister, that Egypt was ready to participate in a Security Council meeting on the Gaza border situation was released in Cairo.)

It was learned here, meanwhile, that reservations are held by Israel as to whether a demilitarized zone bordering on Gaza, as proposed by Egypt and endorsed in other quarters, would be useful. Israelis fear the proposal might even bring about increased bloodshed. Apprehension is held lest it would create a frontier vacuum with an increase in clashes and infiltration. This has been the Israel experience with other "demilitarized" zones because military jurisdiction is unclear in such situations.

Israel desires direct military authority right up to the frontier. Israel troops must patrol within view of the frontier because of strategic considerations involving the terrain. Joint patrols might not be acceptable because of the reluctance, from a psychological point of view, of Israel frontier settlers, to see Egyptian soldiers on Israel territory.

Johnston's Trip to Middle East Postponed; Gaza Friction Cited

WASHINGTON, June 9. (JTA) -- State Department sources made known today that the return of Ambassador Eric Johnston to the Middle East has been delayed for several weeks for a variety of reasons among which is regional tension arising from friction at Gaza.

Mr. Johnston, who has spent considerable time here on preparatory work to achieve a scheme for Arab-Israel water cooperation, will now leave some time in July. He was previously scheduled to depart this month.

Gaza friction, however, is not the only reason given for the delay in his departure. The King of Jordan would be away and the present structure of Jordanian Government is such that authority to conclude an arrangement may be lacking at this juncture. A number of key officials are outside of Syria at this time so difficulties might be faced there, too. Trouble at Gaza, according to official sources, makes a delay desirable.

Sen. Wiley Urges U.S. to Encourage Direct Arab-Israel Talks

ROCHESTER, N. Y., June 9. (JTA) -- The United States "should encourage direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab states so as to end tension and to promote a just and lasting peace settlement," Sen. Alexander Wiley, ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told a meeting here in honor of Hebrew University.

Addressing an audience at the University of Rochester, Sen. Wiley said: "The continued bloody border warfare in the Gaza strip and elsewhere, the almost unending series of raids and counter-raids, ambushes and counter-ambushes, and the terror and counter-terror, the sniping, the throwing of hand grenades--all this must come to an end."

The Senator expressed belief "that the United States should continue vigorously to use its good offices toward urging the ending of the blockade of Israel, ending the denial of the Suez Canal to her, and ending all of the other acts of non-intercourse including the boycott which have been arbitrarily effected by the Arab states, but which are utterly harmful both to themselves and to Israel."

BRITISH GOVERNMENT URGED TO ANNOUNCE ITS POLICY ON MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, June 9. (JTA) -- Clement R. Attlee, leader of the Labor Party, criticized the omission of any mention of the tense Middle East situation from the Queen's speech opening Parliament today.

He expressed the hope that "we will have a statement soon from the British Government on its policy in the Middle East. "It seems to me to be one of the disturbed areas where this country can give a good lead," the former Prime Minister said.

SEMI-MILITARY YOUTH GROUP ESTABLISHES COLONIES IN LACHISH AREA

TEL AVIV, June 9. (JTA) -- Two new settlements were opened yesterday in the new Lachish development area, southwest of Jerusalem, by members of the Nachal, semi-military youth organization. The settlements, named Amatzia and Lachish, respectively, are located opposite Jordan-held Hebron.

Present at the ceremony inaugurating the two settlements were Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff of Israel's Army of Defense, highranking army officers and representatives of the Jewish Agency. The young settlers will live in temporary housing until they have constructed permanent quarters for themselves.

In a message to the ceremony, addressed to Gen. Dayan, Defense Minister David Ben Gurion outlined three tasks facing the youthful settlers: development of desert areas, assisting in the in-gathering and absorption of immigrants to Israel, and defending Israel in a deserted and devastated area.

EAST LENGTH OF YARKON-NEGEV PIPELINE LAID; WILL IRRIGATE DESERT LAND

TEL AVIV, June 9. (JTA) -- The last length of 66-inch diameter concrete and steel pipe was laid yesterday in the Yarkon-Negev pipeline designed to increase Israel's irrigated area in the southern desert through the use of diverted Yarkon River water.

Yesterday's ceremonial pipe-laying completed the 66-mile project which will bring water to the Negev within a few weeks. July 19th has been set aside as "Water Day" in the Negev and on that date the first water will be pumped from the Yarkon River, located near Tel Aviv, to the Negev. A total of nearly 22,000 lengths of pipe, manufactured at the Yuval Gad pipe factory, were used in the project.

GERMANS SEEK COMPENSATION FOR PROPERTY RETURNED TO JEWS

LUDWIGSHAFEN, Germany, June 9. (JTA) -- West German "Aryanizers," whom the courts compelled to return Jewish businesses or real estate they acquired during the Nazi regime, assembled in this city to elect a new leadership of their organization and to raise funds for the establishment of a lobby in Bonn. The "Federal Union of Restitution Victims," formerly known as the "Association for Loyal Restitution," met behind locked doors. Guests were definitely not welcome. "Those who are lukewarm, snoopers or antagonists must not be permitted to eavesdrop or participate," said the invitation to the meeting.

The speakers noted that the restitution of identifiable property, which falls under Allied rather than German legislation, has almost ended in West Germany, so that further attempts to secure a revision of existing restitution legislation have assumed less practical significance than heretofore. The meeting agreed that it must be the Aryanizers' primary task to work to obtain from the Federal Treasury full compensation for those who had to return Jewish property.

JEWS IN GERMANY ASKED TO REGISTER MARTYRED FAMILY MEMBERS

MUNICH, June 9. (JTA) -- A provisional Yad Ve'Shem Committee, set up at a meeting here, has launched an appeal asking the Jews of Germany to enter their martyred family members in the Memorial Book in Jerusalem and to have trees planted in their names in the Yad Ve'Shem Memorial Forest in Israel.

Chairman of the new body is David Treger, in the immediate post-war years president of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews and now back in Munich from Israel to help press indemnification claims of former concentration camp inmates. Other officers of the committee include Heinz Meier, newly-elected head of the Bavarian Association of Jewish Communities, as well as other Munich communal leaders and representatives from various Bavarian provincial cities.

JEWS IN ITALY TO ERECT MONUMENT FOR VISALESS IMMIGRANTS

ROME, June 9. (JTA) -- The Council of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, meeting in Rome, has taken action to begin the erection of a monument in La Spezia, to immortalize the Italian port from which many thousands visaless immigrants sailed for Palestine during the last years of the British Mandate. The La Spezia town council has assigned a site for the monument.

A. J. C. LEADERS LEAVE FOR LONDON TO ATTEND PARLEY ON JEWISH PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- A 14-member delegation of the American Jewish Committee left for London today to participate in a five-day conference on matters affecting Jewish communities in Western Europe and North Africa. The conference, which will open next Sunday, is sponsored jointly by the American Jewish Committee, Anglo-Jewish Association of Britain and Alliance Israelite Universelle of France. More than 80 Jewish leaders from various countries are expected to participate in the parley, at which the following subjects will be discussed:

1. The relation of Jewish communities to their environment. Anti-Semitic activities and the more veiled forms of anti-Jewish feeling left as a heritage of Nazism will be considered. The Conference will deal with means to combat such legal and social discrimination as now exists against Jews and will seek ways to further better relations between Jews and non-Jews.
2. The fight for human rights. Advances by the United Nations and other international agencies in protecting human rights and combating discrimination generally will be weighed along with the possibilities of further constructive action in this sphere.
3. The strengthening of Jewish religious, educational and cultural life, including overcoming the shortage of qualified rabbis, teachers and social workers.
4. The best methods of effecting cooperation between the Jewish communities of Western Europe and those of the United States and other overseas countries, and with the State of Israel.
5. The financial and material resources available for Jewish community needs, and the best way of utilizing them. A central point in this discussion will be the role of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, which is expected to make a major contribution to Jewish community development during the next decade.

Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Jacob Blaustein, honorary president, will lead the AJC delegation at the conference. Other members of the delegation include: Dr. Isador Lubin, New York State Industrial Commissioner; James Marshall, former president of the New York City Board of Education; Dr. John Slawson, AJC executive vice-president; Ely M. Aaron of Chicago; Herbert B. Ehrmann of Boston; Prof. Herman A. Gray of New York, and others. The Board of Deputies of British Jews has refused to send delegates and criticism has been levelled at the parley by some Zionist circles.

UNITED HIAS SERVICE TESTIFIES ON IMMIGRATION BEFORE SENATE BODY

WASHINGTON, June 9. (JTA) -- Two Republican members of the Senate Immigration Subcommittee and a leader of United HIAS Service today exchanged opposing viewpoints on the administration of the refugee relief program, in testimony before the Senate Immigration Subcommittee which is now holding hearings on proposals to amend the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

Carlos L. Israels, chairman of the executive committee of United HIAS Service, appearing before the subcommittee, recommended that the administration of the refugee act be removed from the State Department Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs and that a special administrator be provided. He said that it is "unsound administratively to tie up a special program with a bureau which has many other pressing problems." Senator Arthur Watkins replied that Mr. Israels' proposal would be "one of the worst things that could be done at this time." Committee chairman William Langer indicated agreement.

The United HIAS Service endorsed the Eisenhower recommendations on the refugee relief program, but indicated that the "soundest way to handle so-called emergency problems is not through special legislation but through the revision of our basic immigration law." Mr. Israels urged that the voluntary welfare organizations as well as individuals be allowed to give guarantees, that the requirement of a certificate of re-admission be eliminated, that the two-year history requirement which in most cases is impossible to obtain be eliminated, and among others that the administration of the act be motivated by the clear and stated purpose that Congress intends it to work.

THIRTY GROUPS HOLD PROTEST MEETING AGAINST IMMIGRATION LAWS

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- American immigration policy has completely eliminated the humane idea "that this great free country should be a haven of refuge for the persecuted of the earth," Senator Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon tonight told a Carnegie Hall Rally for a Fair Immigration Law. The meeting was called by 30 Catholic, Protestant and Jewish organizations, to protest against the provisions of the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Refugee Relief Acts.

Sen. Neuberger described the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act as the product of "men who think all people are not God's equal children, but that there is some magical super-race, ordained to rule mankind and to occupy superior status on the face of the globe." The Oregon Senator ventured the opinion that "everybody in this country except the direct descendants of American Indians are the result of immigration to our continent."

JEWS KNIGHTED BY QUEEN OF BRITAIN IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICES

LONDON, June 9. (JTA) -- A number of Jews were among the 2,000 persons named in the Queen's Birthday Honors List, issued here yesterday on Queen Elizabeth's official birthday.

Miss Lily Montagu was named a Commander of the British Empire in recognition of her "services to Jewish organizations." The 82-year-old Miss Montagu is president of the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues and honorary secretary of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. She is also a well known social worker and author of many books.

The highest honor accorded a Jew in this year's list went to Edgar A. Cohen, a second secretary at the Board of Trade, who was created a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. Other Jews on the list included: M. L. Rosenheim, Professor of Medicine at London University, named Commander of the British Empire; Miss H. Kaplan, former secretary of the Glasgow Transport Corporation, named a member of the Order of the British Empire, and Miss Ada Burman, superintending nurse in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, named a member of the Order of the Royal Red Cross.

VISCOUNT SAMUEL RETIRES FROM LIBERAL PARTY LEADERSHIP IN HOUSE OF LORDS

LONDON, June 9. (JTA) -- Viscount Herbert L. Samuel, who served from 1920 to 1925 as first British High Commissioner for Palestine, has stepped down as leader of the Liberal Party in the House of Lords. Viscount Samuel, who is 84 years old, said that he wanted to devote more time to writing, but would attend the House of Lords from time to time.

Lord Samuel had held a number of Cabinet posts before his appointment to Palestine, and later served as chairman of the Council for German Jewry and the Movement for the Care of Children Coming from Germany. It was this group which was responsible for the shelter of some 80,000 refugees from Hitler's Germany at the outbreak of World War II.

DEWEY STONE NAMED HEAD OF COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP FOR ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Dewey D. Stone, prominent Jewish leader, has accepted the national chairmanship of the Community Leadership Division of the Israel Bond Organization, it was announced today by Abraham Feinberg, president. Mr. Stone is national chairman of the United Israel Appeal, and a member of the board of directors of the Development Corporation for Israel, which last month assumed responsibility for the sale of State of Israel bonds.

"The cornerstone of the Israel Bond drive, which has raised \$190,000,000 during the past four years, is volunteer leadership," Mr. Stone said in accepting his new post. "We are confident that this vital effort to strengthen Israel's economy will continue to attract the active participation of key leaders in Jewish communities throughout the country."

DR. FELDMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham J. Feldman, rabbi of Temple Beth Israel of Hartford, Conn., was elected president of the Synagogue Council of America for the coming year at the final national plenary session of the Council last night. The Synagogue Council represents synagogue and rabbinic bodies of all three sections of Judaism in the United States.

In a series of resolutions, the Council hailed the decisions on desegregation issued by the United States Supreme Court as "the practical expression of the philosophy of racial brotherhood which is basic to Judaism," expressed concern over the "rapid and widespread growth of juvenile delinquency throughout the United States, and called on the American Jewish community to pray for Divine guidance for the delegates at the forthcoming tenth anniversary session of the United Nations at San Francisco.

DR. BIEGUN NAMED SECRETARY OF HISTADRUT CAMPAIGN; SUCCEEDS HAMLIN

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Dov Biegum was today named national secretary of the National Committee for Labor Israel which conducts the annual Histadrut campaign in the United States. Dr. Biegum succeeds Isaac Hamlin, who held that post since 1924. This is the first change in the committee's top executive leadership in thirty-one years. Mr. Hamlin was named chairman of the executive committee of the group.

PUBLICATION OF HISTORY OF JEWS IN RUSSIA PLANNED IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Mark Wischnitzer, professor of Jewish history at Yeshiva University, left for Israel, at the invitation of the Israel Minister of Education, to take part in the planning and editing of a history of the Jews in Russia from their arrival there until 1917.