



Jewish Telegraphic Agency DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

Contents Copyright: Reproduction only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXII No. 116 - 37th year Thursday June 16, 1955

BRITISH MINISTER REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT ON ARAB-ISRAEL SITUATION

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- The Israel-Arab conflict is one of the situations in the Middle East which cause the British Government "considerable anxiety," Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan told the House of Commons today during a foreign policy debate which placed considerable emphasis on the effects of the Israel-Arab situation. One of the high points of the debate was a demand by Kenneth Younger, Minister of State in the Labor Government at the time the Tripartite Declaration was issued, that the declaration be converted into a treaty.

Mr. Macmillan told the House that the Arab-Israel situation has not improved. Of Gaza, he said: "Both sides are responsible and both sides have broken the armistice agreement." Israel vehicles have been blown up by landmines and Egyptian outposts have been attacked in reprisal, he reported. "In this unhealthy atmosphere," the Foreign Secretary continued, "one violation breeds another and the situation daily becomes more dangerous."

The United Nations Truce Supervision Organization under the direction of Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns is doing all it can to ease the tension, Mr. Macmillan said. "They have our full support and we have joined with our American and French friends in urging both sides to cooperate with Gen. Burns," he emphasized.

Gen. Burns is attempting to bring both sides together to reduce the tension, Mr. Macmillan noted. "Nevertheless, the situation is of grave concern to us. We are members of the United Nations and we have special historical interests in that part of the world, and we have special obligations under the Tripartite Declaration. I beg no one to think, whether in this House or outside it, that we do not take these obligations seriously. We do and shall stand by them."

At this point Emanuel Shinwell, former member of the Labor Government, intervened to ask whether, in these circumstances, it was desirable to continue to supply Egypt with arms, including Centurion tanks and aircraft. "Would it not be wiser to suspend the export of arms?" he queried. There then followed an interchange between Mr. Macmillan and Mr. Shinwell in the course of which Mr. Shinwell restated his point and the Foreign Secretary insisted that the arms shipments must continue since they were obligations under three and four-year-old contracts.

Evades Answer on Possibility of Signing a British-Israel Pact

During an exposition by Mr. Macmillan of the advantages of the Iraqi-Turkish pact, to which Britain subsequently adhered, Laborite Richard Crossman intervened to ask, whether in view of this British action and the Secretary's expressed desire to keep the balance between Israel and the Arab states, the Minister was now prepared "to sign a similar pact of a purely defensive nature with Israel?"

The Foreign Secretary thereupon insisted that the Iraqi-Turkish-British pact was aimed at protecting the Middle Eastern states against aggression from outside the area, while the Tripartite Declaration--signed by the United States, Britain and France--covered aggression by one state in the region against another. The two situations are not comparable, he insisted, dismissing Mr. Crossman's plea.

Drawing on his experiences in the Foreign Office, Mr. Younger said that when the declaration was made public it was the intention of the British Government that it should have the force of a treaty. "But one has to appreciate that this is not understood and accepted in the Middle East. Not only is it not accepted by very many of the Israeli people, but I believe also that it is not accepted by the Arabs, which is perhaps very much more dangerous."

"If it is really the true intention of the British Government that the declaration should be the equivalent of a treaty, I do not see that there can really be a very great obstacle in turning it into a treaty," Mr. Younger underscored. "It is a question of Israeli security which is involved above everything and it is not much comfort to the Israelis to have rather cryptic hints given in the April debate that the then Foreign Secretary (now Prime Minister Eden) would be opposed to venturing into some new form of guarantee."

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEARS STRONG PLEA FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- The House Foreign Affairs Committee was urged today to amend pending Mutual Security legislation to assure lessening of Middle Eastern tension and elimination of future arms shipments until peace is negotiated.

Rep. James Roosevelt, California Democrat, testifying before the committee today, said: "If we cannot discontinue our arms shipments to Iraq, then at least before we make any future shipments, I believe that we should find some kind of formula for including Israel in our defense system, perhaps by negotiation of defense treaties with Israel and those Arab states which may want to be aligned with the West."

Rep. Roosevelt urged that "these treaties should provide that any armed aggression in this area will result in immediate active United States military support to the invaded country." He pointed out that Israel is the only country in the area which has no defense agreement with anyone and is completely isolated, thus in a crisis it can count on support from no one. "We have insisted that our policy is one of impartiality. But it is not impartiality," he said, "to give arms to Iraq and to deny them to Israel which requested them as far back as 1952. This is clear discrimination."

Rep. Roosevelt questioned the Administration's reduction in economic aid for Israel. "It was \$73 million in fiscal year 1953, \$53 million in fiscal year 1954, and \$40 million in the current fiscal year," he said. "In the new program, the amount will be even less. It would be most wasteful if a drastic reduction in our aid program should slow down progress and thus prolong the period of Israel's dependence on outside assistance."

The California Congressman said that while it is technically true that Iraq has no common frontier with Israel "no one can deny that Iraq maintains a state of war against Israel and that, even though there may not be any fighting between Iraq and Israel at the moment, Iraq continually mobilizes its energies and the energies of its sister Arab states to intensify the boycott and blockade of Israel. She is so bitterly hostile to Israel that she never to this day signed an armistice agreement with her."

Reviewing American policy, Rep. Roosevelt said: "We might have insisted, as part of the Suez agreement, that Egypt call off its blockade of the Suez Canal - a blockade which affects all shipping to and from Israel, including American tankers." He stressed the fact that it is the Arabs who refuse to negotiate with Israel or recognize her existence. "So long as that situation continues, I think it is a blunder to send military aid to any one of the Arab states," he stated. He called the attention of the committee to Iraq's record in World War II, stating that "Iraq was the one country in the Middle East that went over to the side of the Nazis in 1941."

NEW REVELATIONS ON ARLOSOROFF'S ASSASSINATION MADE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- Two Revisionists tried 22 years ago for the murder of Chaim Arlosoroff, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency and prominent Labor Zionist leader, were innocent, Shlomo Arazi, senior Jewish police officer under the Palestine Mandatory Government and later a highranking Haganah leader, stated here today.

This is the first such statement by the police officer who conducted the investigation of the murder. The crime and the subsequent round-up of Revisionists and the trial of two of them for the murder, split the Jewish community of Palestine. Even at this time, Mr. Arazi opposes a public investigation of the crime because of the possibilities of arousing new political schisms.

Mr. Arazi stated today that the murder was actually committed by two Arabs who confessed this crime and several others to the British police. British intelligence, he charged, ordered the Arabs to withdraw their confession of the Arlosoroff assassination because the British police had already arrested Zevi Rosenblatt and Abraham Stavsky, Revisionists, for the crime. For "prestige reasons," Mr. Arazi said, the British were unwilling to reveal their mistake.

The assassination occurred July 16, 1933 in Tel Aviv and the Revisionists were brought to trial before the District Court of Tel Aviv on April 23, 1934. The court acquitted Mr. Rosenblatt for lack of evidence and Mr. Stavsky was condemned to death on June 8. By July 20, 1934, the Court of Appeal, to which Mr. Stavsky had taken his case, acquitted him too, also on the grounds of insufficient evidence.

ISRAEL SUPREME COURT ANNULS ELECTION OF SEPHARDIC CHIEF RABBI

JERUSALEM, June 15. (JTA) -- The Israel Supreme Court annulled today the recent election of Rabbi Itzhak Nissim as Chief Rabbi of the Sephardic Community of Israel. The complaint had been brought by a private citizen who charged irregularities in the elections.

The government began urgent preparations today on a bill to retroactively validate the elections and return Rabbi Nissim to the post. In a statement on the Supreme Court's action, Deputy Minister of Religion Dr. Zorach Warhaftig expressed regret at the decision and pledged that the government would do everything possible to have Rabbi Nissim's election confirmed.

FOUR-DAY ANNUAL CONVENTION OF Z. O. A. OPENS TODAY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- The 58th annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America opens here tomorrow to discuss various problems concerning American-Israel relations and issues confronting the forthcoming World Zionist Congress which will convene in Jerusalem next year. More than 1,000 delegates from all parts of the country are expected to attend the four-day gathering.

The convention will also discuss world problems facing the Zionist movement and the relationship between Israel and the Jewish communities in countries outside of Israel. It will be addressed by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, Joseph Serlin, Israel Minister of Health, and Israel Ambassador Abba Eban. Keynote addresses will be delivered by Mortimer May, ZOA president; Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the ZOA executive and member of the Jewish Agency executive, and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

N. C. R. A. C. CONFERENCE STARTS TODAY; WILL DISCUSS MANY PROBLEMS

ATLANTIC CITY, June 15. (JTA) -- The problem of anti-Israel propaganda in the United States and its impact on Americans as well as on American Jewry will be one of the major problems to be discussed at the four-day national conference of the National Community Relations Advisory Council which opens here tomorrow.

More than 100 delegates from the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, United Synagogue of America, and 33 Jewish community relations councils throughout the country, all of which are affiliated in the NCRAC for joint planning, are expected to attend.

"Experience with pro-Arab, anti-Israel propagandists will be one of the major topics for discussion," Bernard H. Trager, NCRAC chairman, said. "Such propagandists had been especially active during the past year, and it was important that the Jewish community relations agencies take counsel together on best ways of dealing with them."

Other subjects scheduled for intensive consideration include the effects on Jewish institutions, agencies and programs of the recent movements of Jewish populations from large urban centers into surrounding suburban communities; the ways in which governmental machinery and agencies may be invoked for the combatting of anti-Semitism; and the proper role of the public schools in dealing with religion.

EISENHOWER'S IMMIGRATION PROPOSALS FACE DIFFICULTIES IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- Sen. Arthur V. Watkins, Utah Republican, who is sponsoring a bill to implement President Eisenhower's recommendations liberalizing the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, said today "we are facing real difficulties" in getting it through Congress. The President's proposals were made May 27.

Sen. Watkins, sponsor of the Administration's original Refugee Act which proved unworkable, pointed out that sentiment against liberal immigration was "pretty much the same" today as it was when the 1953 Act was before Congress. Promising to do his "level best," the Senator said it was "just being realistic" to point out difficulties in the path of the new legislation.

NEW YORK BANKS, LAW FIRMS CHARGED WITH BIAS AGAINST JEWS

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- Rep. Abraham J. Multer, New York Democrat, told the House Banking Committee here that despite New York State's FEPC law Jews and Negroes qualified for responsible posts are being discriminated against by banks and law firms in New York.

Rep. Multer said that, as a Jew, he knew something about discrimination and that passing a law would not end it if the law is administered poorly or if many people evade it.

ATHLETIC UNION REJECTS ISRAEL'S COMPLAINT ON BAN BY SPAIN

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- The Amateur Athletic Union, headed by Avery Brundage, rejected an Israel complaint against its being banned by Spain from the Mediterranean regional Olympic Games in Barcelona beginning July 16, Congressman Emanuel Celler revealed here today. The AAU action occurred at a meeting in Paris Monday, he said.

In a blast against Mr. Brundage, who heads both the American and International Olympic Committees, Rep. Celler noted that in 1936 Mr. Brundage, in the face of popular protests, insisted upon American participation in the Olympic Games which were held in Hitler-ruled Berlin that year. This time, however, Rep. Celler said, Mr. Brundage has departed from his insistence that sports must not be mixed with politics and has sanctioned the anti-Israel campaign of the Arab states which has resulted in Spain's failure to invite Israel to the regional games.

REPUBLICAN CLUB DROPS ARAB SPEAKER; ANTI-ZIONIST DEMANDS PROBE

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., June 15. (JTA) -- Alfred M. Lilienthal, an anti-Zionist and former official of the Council for Judaism, called on Attorney General Jacob Javits today to investigate an alleged "threat" which he said had led the Westchester Young Women's Republican Club to cancel an address at its annual convention last month in Bronxville by Omar Khadra of the Saudi Arabian delegation to the United Nations.

Lilienthal asserted that the speech was cancelled after the group had received warning that the convention would be picketed. He called on the Attorney General to investigate the threat to freedom of speech and reveal the name of the organization which had made the threats. Miss Margaret Calnan, vice president of the Republican group, who received the alleged telephone threats, termed Lilienthal's demand "ridiculous." She denied that any organization had threatened to picket the meeting.

Other sources here said Khadra's appearance had been cancelled when it was pointed out that the club would come under serious criticism for failing to give both sides a hearing on a controversial issue. Khadra was later invited to speak before the White Plains Rotary Club and warned his hearers then against Zionist attempts to restrict freedom of speech in this country.

The Westchester Zionist Region took notice of the episode by adopting a resolution affirming "the traditional American doctrine of free speech" which, it pointed out, "is consonant with Zionist principles." It stressed that public platforms should be "open and unrestricted to the presentation of all points of view on public issues."

U.S. GROUPS OF ISRAEL INSTITUTIONS HOLD MEMORIAL FOR EINSTEIN

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Prof. Albert Einstein's interest in Israel's institutions of higher learning was stressed here last night by a number of speakers at a memorial meeting for the late savant sponsored by the American Friends of the Hebrew University, American Technion Society and American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Dr. George S. Wise, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, who presided, called upon the audience to rededicate their efforts to the aims for which Prof. Einstein stood. Dr. Henry Semat, Professor of Physics of the College of the City of New York, reminded the audience that exactly 50 years ago, in June 1905, Einstein's Theory of Relativity was born. He reviewed Einstein's scientific work, stressing the fact that Einstein's theories, though incomprehensible to the layman, had nevertheless captured, in a surprising degree, the public's imagination.

Dr. Israel S. Wechsler, honorary president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University; Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the board of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science and Abraham Tulin, vice president of the American Technion Society spoke on behalf of their institutions, about the man Einstein whom they knew well on a personal level and who had been the real "guiding spirit" for the three institutions of higher learning in Israel. Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, described how Einstein became a Zionist.

DR. SALK HONORED BY NEW YORK CITY COLLEGE; GETS MEDAL AND DEGREE

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Jonas E. Salk, discoverer of the anti-polio vaccine, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the City College of New York tonight at its 109th commencement exercises.

In addition to the honorary degree, the ninth such award made by the college in this century, CCNY also presented Dr. Salk with a medal struck especially for him. The medal was presented by New York's Deputy Mayor, Henry Epstein, and the degree was conferred by Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, president of CCNY, of which Dr. Salk is an alumnus. New York Governor Averell Harriman was the main speaker at the commencement exercises.

PRESIDENT OF CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS HONORED BY U. J. A. IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, was honored here tonight at a dinner of the United Jewish Appeal at which \$500,000 was raised in contribution for the New York UJA drive.

Mr. Bronfman was presented a silver-bound Bible, printed and handcrafted in Israel and containing a special dedication citing the guest of honor's "devotion to his faith and his people, and his inspired leadership and selfless generosity." Messages of congratulations to Mr. Bronfman and appreciation for his activities in support of a wide variety of humanitarian and civic causes were received at the dinner from a number of prominent persons, including Prime Minister Moshe Sharett of Israel and Governor Averell Harriman.