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SHARETT HOPES U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL SATISFY ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR ARMS

CHICAGO, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, in his first address in the United States since his arrival in this country, warned that peace in the Middle East would not be achieved by suggestions for territorial concessions from Israel. Such proposals, he said, would only encourage Arab intransigence.

Addressing more than 2,300 persons who assembled here last night at a \$1,000-plate dinner for State of Israel bonds, Mr. Sharett declared: "To urge territorial concessions by Israel in order to satisfy the appetite of the Arab states wholly or in part, is to delay a peace settlement by putting a premium on intransigence." He added that Israel has no other choice but to arm itself in self-defense against Egypt which is now receiving huge quantities of arms from Communist countries.

Expressing hope that the United States will respond to Israel's request for arms, the Israel Foreign Minister stated: "To decry an 'arms race' as an excuse for not supplying arms to redress the balance so dangerously upset, means to favor the would-be aggressor and leave the would-be victim of aggression in the lurch."

Declaring that he "felt" certain the President of the United States could not have intended to advocate such a course, Mr. Sharett added: "On the contrary, he expressly recognized the legitimacy of the supply of arms indispensable for defensive purposes. Our request for arms addressed to the U.S. Government aims at precisely the same end, and we, therefore, hope that our call will be heeded."

American Jews Not Expected by Israel to Contribute for Armament

Mr. Sharett pointed out that it is not up to American Jews to help Israelis acquire the arms which they consider so absolutely necessary. "This we must do by our own efforts and at our own expense," he said. He appealed to American Jewry for continued support for the Israel bond drive which is strengthening the sinews of Israel's economy through agricultural and industrial development. "There is no task more urgent than the Israel bond campaign today when we must do everything to assure the soundness and progress of the economic life of Israel," he stressed.

Senator Estes Kefauver, addressing the audience, said that the United States must give Israel the opportunity of obtaining defensive arms. "We cannot afford to let Israel down," he said. "Neither can we continue to deal with this explosive situation by double-talk. Israel finds her enemies being provided with arms by the satellites of Soviet Russia. She finds most of the doors to an equality in defensive weapons closed to her," he added.

Adlai Stevenson, who is expected to announce Tuesday that he is a candidate for the 1956 Presidential nomination, addressing himself to Mr. Sharett at the dinner, said: "I believe it will be the policy of our government that no change in the status quo shall take place by force. The United States does not choose sides when it chooses peace." He told Mr. Sharett that he "hopes and prays that your dreams will come true, and I am sure it will with patience and perseverance. Our dream is your dream," he said.

In an address this week-end before a University of Virginia audience, Mr. Stevenson proposed that the United Nations mount guard on the Arab-Israel borders in order to avoid war in the Middle East. He did not indicate how the United Nations troops would be raised, but he left the clear implication he would be willing to support an American contribution of men toward the necessary guards which, he said, might prevent the development of "all out war."

JEWISH FEDERATIONS URGE U.S. TO CONCLUDE SECURITY PACT WITH ISRAEL

CHICAGO, Nov. 13. (JTA) - A resolution urging the United States Government to help preserve peace in the Middle East by seeking formal security treaties with Israel and the Arab states was adopted here today at the concluding session of the 24th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. The 500 leaders from Jewish communities in all parts of the country who participated, elected Herbert R. Abeles of Newark president of the CJFWE, the central body of the Jewish communities of the United States and Canada.

The resolution cited the "great danger to Israel brought about by Egypt's massive armaments purchases" and declared that attainment of peace in the Middle East is

"imperative to promote the security of the free world and to enable the people of the region to concentrate on economic development and the raising of living standards."

The resolution expressed appreciation of the "constructive proposals for security guarantees" made by Secretary of State Dulles in an address on August 26, and it added that if the U.S. can gain security treaties with Israel and its neighbors such action "would have a decisive effect on the maintenance of the peace." It pointed out that this development would be in harmony with the treaty system which the U.S. has arranged with 44 other nations.

Jewish Communities Urged to Help Emigration from No. Africa

In another resolution the delegates urged Jewish communities throughout the United States to undertake maximum philanthropic efforts to aid thousands of Jews who wish to migrate from North Africa to Israel and other parts of the world, because they "believe their rights, security and economic survival are gravely endangered."

The resolution was adopted following a report presented to the General Assembly by Herman M. Pekarsky, executive director of the Jewish Council of Essex County, N. J., who returned from a UJA study mission to Europe and Israel. Mr. Pekarsky told the Assembly that emigration to Israel of 45,000 Jews from North Africa within the next 12 months is "a necessary answer to their economic poverty and critical emergency needs."

Mr. Pekarsky emphasized that actually 60,000 Jews in Morocco and Tunisia are awaiting transfer to Israel. Reports on Israel were also presented at the Assembly by Semah Cecil Hyman, Israel Consul General in New York, and Bernard Bell, of Washington, former economic adviser to the Israel Government. Mr. Hyman said that what was being accomplished in Israel represented a partnership between the settled Jews of Israel and the other Jewish communities of the free world, especially of America, to provide homes and a dignified human life for the Jews from dictator or primitive countries.

Mr. Abeles, who was elected the fifth president of the Council for 1956, succeeds Julian Freeman of Indianapolis, who has been president since 1950. Mr. Abeles was formerly a vice president of the Council and chairman of its executive committee and its national-local relations committee. In Newark he is president of the Jewish Community Foundation of Essex County.

JEWISH AGENCY ASKS U.S. JEWS TO GIVE "UNPRECEDENTED SUPPORT" TO U. J. A.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine today called on all American Jews, and particularly on Zionists, to give unprecedented assistance to the United Jewish Appeal to aid Israel "in its hour of grave peril."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, announced that the executive has held a series of conferences recently in New York with Rabbi Herbert Friedman, executive vice chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, regarding special efforts to be undertaken by American Jewry, and particularly by the Zionist organizations and their rank and file in this country, to meet Israel's needs in the present emergency. "This is a time of crisis, and calls for inordinate efforts by U. S. Jewry in the crucial months ahead," Dr. Goldmann said.

The call by the Jewish Agency executive reads as follows:

"Beleaguered, harassed and threatened on all its frontiers, Israel may be forced, in despair, to defer plans in the spheres of development, economic stabilization and absorption of immigrants. Curtailment of these efforts would have a disastrous effect on Israel's economy and very existence. Therefore, the executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine calls on all U.S. Jews, and particularly on Zionists, to give unprecedented assistance and support to the United Jewish Appeal in this emergency."

"On November 18th, the United Jewish Appeal will hold a national emergency conference in New York City at which plans will be formulated to mobilize the maximum resources of the American Jewish community for Israel in its hour of grave peril. We call on all Zionists to respond vigorously and assiduously to all requests and decisions emanating from the November 18th conference."

"The United Jewish Appeal is the channel through which Israel can best be helped. Maximum effort for Israel through the United Jewish Appeal must be regarded as a solemn obligation by all American Jews. American Zionists must serve as exemplars in this great effort. We did not fail Israel in 1948--we must not fail Israel today."

FRANCE CONFIRMS RESUMPTION OF ARMS SHIPMENTS TO EGYPT

PARIS, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the French Foreign Office confirmed today that France will resume munitions shipments to Egypt because Cairo radio broadcasts have eased attacks on France and the North African situation is returning to normal.

In Rome, it was announced that Italy would refuse export licenses for 30 Vampire jet fighter planes which Egypt has ordered from a private Italian manufacturer.

A report from Geneva this week-end said that the Western Big Three foreign ministers, during a meeting there, had decided to impose diplomatic, economic and some military sanctions, backed by air and naval blockade, if necessary, against a Middle East aggressor.

JEWSH GROUPS "REGRET" CANCELLATION OF SENATE PROBE ON RELIGION

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Forty-three Jewish organizations affiliated with the National Community Relations Advisory Council today made public a letter to the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, expressing "regret" that the subcommittee had cancelled scheduled hearings on the status of religious freedom.

They transmitted with the letter a 4,000-word statement, detailing "significant impairments" of the constitutional guarantee against governmental interference with religion. The statement, they said, would have been presented at the canceled hearings, had they been held.

Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, president of the Synagogue Council of America, and Mortimer Brenner, Jewish communal leader, signed the letter as co-chairmen of the Joint Advisory Committee of the Synagogue Council and the National Community Relations Advisory Council. Represented in the Joint Advisory Committee are national synagogue and rabbinic organizations of Conservative, Orthodox and Reform Judaism and national, regional, state and local civic Jewish communal organizations including the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee and other groups.

"We believe," said Rabbi Feldman and Mr. Brenner in a joint statement, "that the scheduled hearings would have contributed to the clarification and the wider understanding of one of the most fundamental aspects of our democratic way of life."

The hearings, originally scheduled for the week of October 3, were to have dealt with the religion clause of the First Amendment, barring any "law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The hearings were canceled, according to spokesmen for the Senate subcommittee, after it became evident that they would provoke sharp controversy among religious groups.

Instances of Infringements of Religious Freedom Cited

The Jewish organizations list the following "four major areas in which there are, at the present time, serious infringements of the guarantee of religious freedom and the separation of church and state: 1. Involvement of the public school in religious instruction and observances; 2. Grant of tax-raised funds for religious education and use of government property by religious organizations for religious purposes; 3. Enforcement of compulsory Sunday laws against persons observing the seventh day as the Sabbath; 4. Restrictions on the erection of houses of worship and religious schools in new residential communities."

"We believe," the Jewish organizations declared, "that religious freedom and the separation of church and state are interdependent, indivisible and indeed unitary. Religious liberty can only be secure where church and state are completely independent of each other. Since we are convinced that Judaism, and all other faiths, can best achieve creative survival where religious liberty is secure, we are committed to the defense of the principle of strict separation of church and state."

They affirm their conviction that "the First and Fourteenth Amendments impose upon government in our American democracy an obligation of strict separation, an obligation that precludes all material aid to religion by Congress and the states, whether accorded on a preferential or non-preferential basis."

The principle of separation of church and state faces a "current threat," the statement says, not because of "direct attacks upon it," but rather in "watering down, evasion, circumvention and compromise, while lip service is paid to the principle itself."

Among instances of what the Jewish groups deem unconstitutional public school involvement in religion, the statement cites: The teaching of religion in the schools, either by the regular public school teachers or religious teachers supplied by church groups; Continued practice of released time, in "disregard of the limitations set down by the Supreme Court"; Devotional reading of the Bible in public school classes or assemblies; Distribution of New Testaments by the Gideons' International through the public schools; Religious holiday programs that include Christological pageants, hymns and prayers. Observance of the Jewish holy day, Chanukah "is likewise a violation of the First Amendment."

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE FRATERNITY STARTS "ALL-OUT CAMPAIGN" AGAINST BIAS

MEADVILLE, Pa., Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The Allegheny College chapter of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, suspended by its national office for granting "social" membership to a Jewish student, has begun a campaign to force the national fraternity to drop discriminatory policies.

The local chapter organized a committee to conduct an "all-out campaign" against religious and other discriminatory policies of the national organization. According to committee chairman Douglas Bedell of New York the purpose of the campaign is to seek "all public and private opinion which can be presented that the Delta Tau Delta discrimination clause should be dropped." The findings of the committee will be presented to the next national fraternity convention in June.

JEWISH GROUPS SUPPORT BAN ON CHANUKAH-CHRISTMAS SYMBOLS IN SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Major Jewish organizations in New York expressed support today of instructions by Associate Superintendent Florence S. Beaumont to public school principals to ban the use of religious symbols such as crosses, candles and stars from school observances of Chanukah and Christmas. The list of instructions also included a ban on combined Chanukah-Christmas celebrations because the two holidays were not related.

Support was expressed in the wake of an order by Board of Education president Charles H. Silver to investigate the list and its issuance by Miss Beaumont. Some of the groups specifically scored Mr. Silver for ordering the inquiry into what was termed Miss Beaumont's upholding American constitutional principles of separation of church and state. Superintendent of Schools William Jansen, after conferring with Miss Beaumont, noted that the instructions were two years old and were merely a restatement of administrative policy adopted by the Board of Superintendents, of which Miss Beaumont is one of eight members.

In a statement sharply critical of Mr. Silver for ordering a probe of Miss Beaumont, the president of the New York Council of the American Jewish Congress, Nathan B. Kogan, declared: "Miss Beaumont in issuing her memorandum was obviously attempting to avoid practices that would compel children, in violation of conscience, to take part in or be present at religious observances of another faith. Her directive to the elementary school principals was therefore amply justified and consonant with the constitutional guarantees of religious liberty."

The New York Chapter of the American Jewish Committee, through Robert Sterling, chairman of its interreligious affairs unit, specifically noted that it did not address itself to the Beaumont incident, regretted that "a public issue is being made of religious holiday observances in the schools," but asserted that "any attempt to introduce religious doctrine into the curriculum of the public schools may create controversy and divisive inter-group tension, as the current episode clearly demonstrates." Mr. Sterling stressed that the AJC "has long since adopted the position that the maintenance and furtherance of religion are responsibilities of the church, the synagogue and the home, and not of the public schools."

Sydney A. Hellenbrand, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League's New York Advisory Board, called Miss Beaumont's order a "sensible directive," asserting that barring religious symbols from schools "is a means of protecting religion, not rejecting it." Sectarian indoctrination and observances "should be left to the churches and synagogues," he suggested.

A statement by the New York Board of Rabbis, which speaks for Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis in the New York area, declared: "The New York Board of Rabbis is on principle deeply opposed to religious holiday celebrations in the public schools. We believe that such celebrations violate the religious freedom of children or other faiths and cause embarrassment and discomfort to them. The public schools should always remain completely non-sectarian. For that reason we commend Miss Florence S. Beaumont, Associate Superintendent of Schools, for her action in calling the attention of the public school principals to the requirement of our Constitution and laws that 'no stress should be placed on the doctrinal aspects of the observance nor should religious symbols be displayed.'"

AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM ANNOUNCES FIRST PHILANTHROPIC GRANTS

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Jews who have left Israel as well as Jews and Arabs in Israel will benefit from the first grants to be made by the American Council for Judaism Philanthropic Fund, a total of \$4,750 awarded to four institutions, it was announced today by Harry Snellenburg, Jr., Fund chairman.

A grant of \$2,250 was given to the International Rescue Committee to be earmarked to assist a group of returnees from Israel who are living in France. A grant of \$1,000 went to the American Friends Service Committee to be used for a project in Israel suggested to the Fund by the AFSC. This is a community center in Acre where Moslems and Jews are brought together in an integrated program which includes a nursery school for 90 children. The sum of \$500 was given to the Red Mogen David to be earmarked for the blood processing center in Israel. The Shaare-Zedek Hospital, of Jerusalem, was granted \$1,000.

FRANK WEIL NAMED "MAN OF THE YEAR" BY REFORM JUDAISM MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Frank L. Weil, prominent Jewish leader and former president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, was named American Reform Judaism's "Man of the Year" for 1955 by the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism. He will receive a plaque for "his devoted leadership of American Liberal Judaism" at a dinner to be tendered in his honor on December 7, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.