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DULLES MUM ON ARMS TO ISRAEL; STATE DEPT. EXPECTS NO EARLY ACTION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, upon his return today from Geneva, refused to comment on Israel's arms request. He told newsmen that he had not heard anything about it. It is considered certain that the views he brings from Geneva will have an important bearing on deliberations here on the request for arms submitted to the State Department yesterday by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban.

Secretary of Defense Charles Wilson said today that his department will "carry out promptly" whatever decision is reached by President Eisenhower on the weapons list presented by Israel. He added that he had not seen the list as yet.

Important State Department officials indicated today that early action is not anticipated on the arms list submitted yesterday by Ambassador Eban. They said that the United States wishes to avoid an "arms race" and feels that Israel is still stronger than the combined Arab forces despite the Czech-Egyptian deal. The question, therefore, will be considered and discussed "without undue haste," they declared.

State Department sources also indicated today that Arab threats to turn to the Soviet bloc for military supplies in the event that the United States sells arms to Israel are being given serious consideration. These sources depict American strategy as based on winning Egypt and other Arab states away from Soviet influence.

Ben Gurion Summons U.S. Ambassador for Talk on Israel's Security

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion summoned American Ambassador Edward B. Lawson to his office last night for a discussion of Israel's security position and the situation in general in the Middle East. Earlier in the day, Mr. Ben Gurion met with his Army Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan.

Meanwhile, it was indicated here that Israel has accepted in principle UN chief Dag Hammarskjold's proposals for pacification of the Nitzana-El Auja demilitarized zone. The plan, presented to both Jerusalem and Cairo by UN truce chief Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, calls for withdrawal of all troops from the zone, with Israel being allowed to keep police units in the zone and Egypt being permitted to maintain three military checkpoints along the border. The UN would also undertake to mark the border between the two countries in the zone.

It was reported here that Egypt has rejected the UN plan, objecting to Israel keeping any police in the demilitarized zone and refusing to limit her troops at the checkpoints to 30, as provided for in the armistice agreement. Cairo also objects to the marking of the international boundary.

British Cabinet Discusses Middle East Situation; Military Chiefs Present

LONDON, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The British Cabinet discussed the Middle East situation today at a meeting presided over by Prime Minister Eden and attended by Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan, War Minister Anthony Head and the chiefs of the British armed services.

The presence of the military leaders led to speculation that the Cabinet had considered the military aspects of the Middle East situation. It is understood that Mr. Macmillan reported on his unsuccessful approaches to Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov over the arming of Egypt by Czechoslovakia, and on his discussions with Secretary of State of John Foster Dulles and French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay on a common Western policy toward the Israel-Arab conflict.

Meanwhile, official circles have made a new attempt to "explain" Prime Minister Eden's suggestion to Israel and Egypt to "compromise" over the boundary situation. They said that Britain does not expect major sacrifices from either party, but it seeks some indication that both sides want an agreement. Without such evidence, these circles asserted, mediation is impossible.

SYRIAN ENVOY ASKS STATE DEPT. ACTION AGAINST AMERICAN ZIONISTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Syrian Ambassador Farid Zeineddine today told the State Department that his country would follow Egypt's example and conclude an arms deal with the Communist countries if the United States sells weapons to Israel. At the same time he urged the U.S. Government "to curb" the Zionist movement in this country.

In a lengthy meeting with George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, the Syrian Ambassador reiterated the same arguments presented yesterday by the Egyptian Ambassador. He registered "strong opposition" to an American security guarantee of Israel's frontiers. He said it would mean an "alliance with Israel to support and sustain by military force Israel's policy in the Middle East." Such a pact, the Syrian envoy declared, would "adversely affect American-Syrian relations and for that matter, American-Arab relations, to the furthest extent possible."

The Syrian envoy said he told Mr. Allen that "Zionism seeks with some successes to make of the United States and in the United States a center for its world-wide activity which is inimical to other states and which is morally unfounded." He urged that the United States "find it fit to look into this matter in view of its international implications." He stressed that the Arabs were especially anxious to see the United States Government look into tax exemptions by Jewish charity contributors. He claimed such deductions really supported "a foreign political movement."

State Dept. Asked to Act Against Arab Diplomats "Smearing" U.S. Jews

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith today asked the State Department to investigate the circumstances of recent speeches made by Arab diplomats which "impugn the loyalty of American Jews." The request followed a similar demand yesterday by Americans for Democratic Action which insisted that Syrian Ambassador Farid Zeineddine should be asked to leave the United States for his attack on American Jews whom he called "mongrelized Slavs."

ADL national chairman Henry Edward Schultz of New York cited the cases of the Syrian Ambassador and Mohammed Fadhil Jamali, chairman of the Iraqi delegation to the United Nations, both of whom he charged with breaching diplomatic ethics by stating in public speeches that Jews give allegiance only "to Zionism and not the countries of their nationality."

Mr. Schultz protested to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that Mr. Zeineddine had, on at least three occasions, "overstepped the bounds of propriety for a foreign diplomat." He said there is "ample evidence" to declare the ambassador persona non grata. The Syrian Ambassador delivered what the ADL called "a shockingly anti-Semitic speech" on Monday before the Women's National Democratic Club in Washington. Mr. Jamali's speech which evoked ADL's protest was made several weeks ago to the Economic Club of Detroit.

Mr. Schultz said that ADL recognizes "that the ambassador of a foreign country has the right and the duty to present the policies of his government here. But we do not believe that this includes the right to set one group of American citizens against another, nor to make false charges impugning the loyalty and integrity of a segment of our population. We believe that Mr. Zeineddine has abused his diplomatic privileges and American hospitality."

Similarly, in the case of Mr. Jamali, "we do not believe that the diplomatic immunity Mr. Jamali enjoys when he addresses the General Assembly of the United Nations extends to the point where he may be permitted to make public presentations in the United States in which he makes false and malicious statements about American citizens," the ADL leader said.

PRESIDENT OF TURKEY PLEDGES ACTIVE MILITARY SUPPORT TO JORDAN

ISTANBUL, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- In a move aimed at gaining Jordan adherence to the Western-sponsored Bagdad Pact, Turkish President Celal Bayar pledged military support to Jordan if it is attacked. Inspecting Arab Legion units along the Israel-Jordan border, the Turkish President said: "Don't be surprised to see the Turkish Army and the Arab Legion fighting side by side against the aggressor if Jordan is attacked."

Diplomatic circles here see this as both a move to gain Jordan adherence to the pact and a warning to Israel. The President's words were taken to be merely a restatement of principles which Turkey accepted when the Bagdad Pact was born. However, diplomatic observers feel that Turkey, tied into the NATO organization, would find it difficult to fulfill a pledge such as enunciated by President Bayar.

NAZI LEADER ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO KILL RABBI IN 1938

NUREMBERG, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- A judge in Bayreuth has issued a warrant for the arrest of Ernst Vollrath, a pharmacist at nearby Stadtsteinach and former County Leader of the Nazi Party at Muehlhausen in Thuringia. He is charged with attempted manslaughter because, while helping to set the Muehlhausen synagogue afire during the November 1938 pogroms, he fired two shots at the then rabbi of the Muehlhausen Jewish Community, Moses Rosenau.

ANTI-SEMITIC HECKLING MARKS ELECTION MEETING IN PARIS SUBURB

PARIS, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Pierre Mendes-France, former French Premier, was the target of severe anti-Semitic heckling last night at an election of his Radical Socialist Party in the Paris suburb of St. Denis.

The hecklers were several hundred Poujadists, members of the anti-tax movement sparked by Pierre Poujade, who has added anti-Semitism to his political stock in trade. The newspaper Le Monde today hit the anti-Semitic attacks on M. Mendes-France.

AMERICAN MIZRACHI CONVENTION OPENS; HEARS GREETINGS FROM EISENHOWER

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The 35th annual national convention of the Mizrahi Organization of America opened here last night with a message from President Eisenhower extending greetings to the delegates which emphasized that the program of religious education conducted by the Mizrahi organization "helps to hasten the day when human dignity and wisdom and understanding, preached by the prophets of Israel, will be respected throughout the world."

The opening session was the scene of a mass prayer for peace in the Middle East, spiritual strength for Israel, and the continued recovery of President Eisenhower. Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, Mizrahi president, appealed to the President to take action to circumvent "the Jews' new enemies" from carrying through the extermination which Hitler began. He also declared that Israel was in greater danger of becoming another Munich, rather than another Korea. He charged that "certain elements" in the State Department are blocking the United States from supplying effective aid to or concluding a security agreement with Israel.

Meanwhile, the Mizrahi National Education Committee's 16th annual conference here heard a report that the number of Jewish day schools in the United States had increased by 750 percent in the past 15 years. The growth of the day school system, it was reported, was most notable in suburban areas. But a warning was sounded that an acute shortage of teachers, both Hebrew and secular, now threatens the entire day school movement.

Speaking to more than 200 principals, teachers and lay leaders, Isidor Margolis, executive director of the Committee, said that "we are witness to a complete revolution in day school education." He pointed out that the schools were no longer restricted to one geographic area and that "in every region of the United States yeshivot are functioning." He added that the growth of the movement was no miracle, but rather the result of careful planning.

U.S. MIZRACHI WOMEN ADOPT \$1,125,000 BUDGET FOR COMING YEAR

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The 30th annual convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America concluded here today with the adoption of a budget of \$1,125,000 for the organization's operations in the next 12 months and the re-election of Mrs. S. Deborah Ebin as national president. A national board of 64 members was also elected.

The sum of \$475,000 was earmarked in the budget for the maintenance and expansion of children's villages in Israel which are preparing for an expected influx of Jewish children from North Africa. The delegates also approved budget items of \$150,000 for education and vocational training; \$200,000 for afforestation and land reclamation work through the Jewish National Fund; \$135,000 for social service work among Israel's recent immigrants and \$165,000 for equipment and supplies to Israel, cultural and educational work among American youth, and miscellaneous administrative expenses in Israel and the United States.

CONVENTION OF CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUES ASKS U. S. ARMS FOR ISRAEL

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America, national body of the Conservative religious movement, closed here today with the adoption of resolutions opposing the McCarran-Walter Act and expressing support of Israel's demand for defensive weapons from the United States and for guarantees of her territorial integrity. Charles Rosengarten of Waterbury, Conn., was re-elected national president of the organization which represents 585 Conservative congregations.

A Code of Synagogue Practice, which would ban bingo and other games of chance as fund-raising devices in Conservative synagogues and would extend rabbinical supervision to such events as weddings or funerals held off synagogue premises, was adopted last night at the convention.

The convention approved the code in principle, but left the final drafting of it to the incoming national executive council. The code would be enforced by the executive council, which is empowered to hold hearings or otherwise investigate alleged violations of synagogue dignity. The national council is also empowered to take whatever action it considers appropriate in dealing with violations.

CLARIFICATION SOUGHT ON CHANUKAH-CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES IN SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress called upon the New York City Board of Education last night to clarify its position on the observances of the Chanukah and Christmas holidays in the public school system. The organization urged the Board to adopt a policy that was "consistent with the traditional American policy of religious freedom."

Nathan B. Kogan, president of the New York Council of the AJC, declared that the statement made yesterday by Superintendent of Schools William Jansen that the principals in the various schools should draw up holiday programs in accordance with the religious complexion of the student body "appeared to repudiate the moderate and American statement of principles contained in a memorandum drawn up earlier by Associate Superintendent Florence S. Beaumont." That memorandum stated that "no religious doctrines and no religious symbols of any kind shall be used in the schools," and that there should be "no combination Christmas-Chanukah celebration in schools."

Mr. Kogan declared: "The Board of Education cannot excuse its lack of policy by perpetuating the present confusion under which each principal decides for himself. The practices indulged in in many schools are violative of the principles of our constitution, objectionable to many citizens of our community, and injurious to the spirit of good relationship which our schools should engender."

HEBREW UNIVERSITY STARTS NEW ACADEMIC YEAR WITH 3,150 STUDENTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University of Jerusalem opened its new academic year here with a record enrollment of 3,150 students in its six faculties. Inauguration of the new school year was marked by special ceremonies attended by President Itzhak Ben Zvi and members of the Cabinet.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony, Edward Gelber, vice chairman of the University's executive council, described the University as a vital instrument in serving the broader purposes of Jewish history. He also cited the recent Geneva meetings on peaceful uses of the atom, in which Israel participated, as an example of the scientific potential of the State and the University.

The ceremony also heard a review of the University's progress during the past year by Professor Abraham Fraenkel, with particular reference to the setting up of its new division in the social sciences. The University today received an anonymous \$10,000 contribution to be used for the construction of one room in the University's projected library. The room is to be named for the late Stefan Zweig.

ORT OPENS THREE WORKSHOPS IN TRIESTE TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT

ROME, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- At the request of the Italian Ministry of Labor, ORT has opened three training workshops in the city of Trieste for employees, a large number of them Jews, who have lost their jobs as a result of the departure of the Allied government from the city, it was announced today.

The Italian Government is subsidizing the workshop plan. State welfare services provide students with maintenance stipends during their attendance in the courses. Thus far classes are limited to electrical installation, leather work and upholstery, fields in which ORT has been active for some time among adults. The ORT courses are part of a plan to relieve large scale unemployment in the city which has had a serious effect on the local Jewish population.

FIRST JEWISH CEMETERY DEDICATED IN WEST BERLIN; JEWS TO BE REBURIED

BERLIN, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The first Jewish cemetery in the Western sectors of this divided city was dedicated here by the Chief Rabbi of Hesse, Dr. Emil Lichtigfeld. The new burial site was purchased from the Berlin municipality. It is located off Heerstrasse, in the Charlottenburg section. Some 50 provisionally buried in non-Jewish municipal cemeteries during the past few years are to be reburied here.

Ever since the nineteenth century, the Jewish Community of Berlin maintained vast cemeteries at Weissensee, in the Eastern part of the city. Burials continued to take place there all through the Nazi regime and in the immediate postwar era. This practice became difficult in recent years, however, after the East-West split and the 1952 anti-Semitic campaign in East Germany. This led to the establishment of two separate communities, with the one in East Berlin holding title to the Weissensee burial ground.

NEW YORK MAYOR PRESENTED BY MAYOR OF HAIFA WITH SILVER MENORAH

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- A hand-made sterling silver Chanukah menorah was presented here yesterday to Mayor Wagner by Abba Hushi, Mayor of Haifa, at a special City Hall reception. Mayor Hushi stressed that the economic aid forthcoming from the people of New York and the United States is playing an indispensable role in helping Israel meet the serious crisis now threatening the young nation.