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## DULLES SAYS ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR ARMS BEING STUDIED BY MILITARY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles told a press conference here today that Israel's application for arms has been referred to the Defense Department "for study in terms of cost and availability." He added that he had not yet received a report from the Defense Department.

Official sources felt this statement did not provide any indication of whether the State Department plans to act soon or favorably on the application. They said that after the military authorities report to Mr. Dulles on the price of the arms requested by Israel and their availability, the State Department will make its decision on approval of the list or any portion of it.

(The New York Herald-Tribune reported today from Washington that it is being suggested there that the United States may extend to Israel what would amount to a three-year credit to pay for the arms if the administration decides to fulfill the request submitted to the State Department on November 16. Officials pointed out that under the Mutual Security Act of 1954 the President is given the power to defer collection for three years of an arms bill such as would be presented to the Israeli government. The Israeli arms list was submitted in accordance with the reimbursable military assistance agreement between the United States and Israel concluded on July 1, 1952.)

At his press conference today, Secretary Dulles expressed the view that the United States, rather than the Soviet Union, possesses the initiative in the Middle East. "We have the initiative very distinctly," he said, adding that "what we are doing is of greater longterm impact." American policies in recent years, he stated, included grants and loans of "tens of millions of dollars." He stressed that "the long long haul is better than emergency operations," and said greater flexibility would enable the United States to deal adequately with the situation in the Middle East and that he favored a "steady and sustained" operation.

Asked about Soviet psychological gains in the Middle East, Mr. Dulles said there had been no development that requires the United States to alter the general approach to the magnitude of problems in that region. He indicated there would be no attempt to meet each individual Soviet economic aid offer as such but that concentration would continue on "longrange constructive policies." He hinted that individual Soviet offers might be traps to bring about American use of resources through countermeasures.

## ISRAEL DISCOUNTS CAIRO REPORTS ON PEACE TALKS AS "SMOKESCREEN"

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Authoritative Israel sources today discounted apparently inspired reports from Cairo that talks are being conducted quietly for the settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict and that British diplomatic representatives have been negotiating separately with Israel and the Arab states for nearly three weeks.

The Israel Government, these sources said, has not received any offer for mediation between it and the Arab states. There has been no British offer of mediation and no mediator has come forth to offer his services, the same source declared.

The reports emanating from Cairo about the possibility of negotiations between Israel and the Arab states, were termed by these sources a "smokescreen." The forthcoming visit of Gideon Raphael, top Israel Foreign Ministry official, to Belgrade, which has been spotlighted in the British press as an indication of the possibility of Marshal Tito mediating between Israel and the Arabs, was described as a "purely private" visit.

(The New York Times, in a cable from Cairo today, said that the British are seeking a basis for Arab-Israel negotiations with a view to inducing Israel to make territorial concessions in the Negev as the price of peace. The Cairo report stated that the British talks "have reached a stage where Egypt and probably Iraq and Lebanon are considering negotiations without demanding as a prior condition Israel's implementation of United Nations resolutions on partition and the right of Palestine Arab refugees to choose either repatriation to their former homes now in Israeli territory or compensation.")

Mrs. Golda Myerson, Acting Foreign Minister, declared today in a press interview that Israel's security situation remains "extremely grave." Western feelers during the past few days have left Israel's position on basic issues unchanged, she stressed. Israel

will not make any major territorial concessions although it is prepared to discuss minor adjustments, she said, and while Israel will not accept the return of Arab refugees to its territory it is ready to confer on any scheme for their resettlement.

Asserting once again Israel's eagerness to meet with Arab representatives for peace talks, Mrs. Myerson said that United Nations officers or any third party who would not attempt to "impose conditions on us in advance" would be suitable in a mediating role. She insisted that Prime Minister Eden has ruled himself out as a mediator by his recent "compromise" suggestion, which Israel views as an attempt to curry favor with the Arabs at Israel's expense.

The likelihood of a meeting this week between Premier David Ben Gurion and Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce supervisor, over the proposals by Gen. Burns and UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold for reduction of tension in the Gaza strip and El Auja border areas, was indicated today in government circles.

The Soviet Ambassador to Israel called on Acting Foreign Minister Golda Myerson yesterday for a visit which lasted an hour. They discussed problems connected with the United Nations General Assembly in New York. This is Ambassador Alexander Abramov's first call at the Foreign Ministry since his return several weeks ago from home leave.

### BEN GURION CHARGES BRITAIN AND RUSSIA WITH IMPERILLING ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion charged today that both Britain and the Soviet Union, by shipping arms to Egypt, were following policies dangerous to the security of the Jewish State.

Addressing Parliament, Mr. Ben Gurion declared that both powers were selling arms to Egypt which would be used "only against Israel." "Both Britain and the Soviet Union are aware of Col. Nasser's political aims," he added, stressing that the goal of the Egyptian regime is the "annihilation of Israel."

The Premier made his statement on a challenge by Communist deputy Shmuel Mikunis, who demanded that the Knesset debate statements Mr. Ben Gurion made recently in an interview with the British press, to the effect that both Britain and the Soviets were following policies injurious to Israel. In a slap at Mr. Mikunis, the Premier said that anyone who disregards the dangers to Israel in the British and Soviet policies "is either a servant of another state or Israel's foe." All parties except the Communists voted against Mr. Mikunis' motion.

### EDEN EVADES DEFINING IN COMMONS HIS ARAB-ISRAEL "MEDIATION" OFFER

LONDON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Once again Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden refused to define what he meant by territorial sacrifices which would have to be made as a condition of an Israel-Arab peace settlement, when he was questioned in Commons today by Laborite Donald Chapman.

After Chapman had rephrased his question several times, each time attempting to get the Prime Minister to make a specific commitment, Sir Anthony referred him to a Jerusalem dispatch published in yesterday's Times of London for a "little bit" of elucidation. The dispatch said, in effect, that there is now a "grudging admission in high places" in Israel that Sir Anthony's compromise-mediation speech of three weeks ago might have been "well intentioned and not to have implied truncation" of Israel.

The possibility of an Anglo-Israel security pact, similar to those that exist between Britain and several Arab states, was discussed here this evening by a British Labor Party delegation which visited the Foreign Office. The party, which raised the general question of the Middle East situation, was led by Labor Party chairman Edwin P. Gouch.

### ANTI-ISRAEL RIOTS ERUPT IN SYRIA; ANNIHILATION OF JEWISH STATE DEMANDED

LONDON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Rioting and demonstrations erupted throughout Syria today as mobs demanded that Israel be reduced by "fire and iron." Over 10,000 persons demonstrated in Damascus shouting anti-Western and anti-Jewish slogans. Police took up positions in front of the American, British, French and Turkish embassies.

The Commander-in-Chief of the joint Syrian-Egyptian military forces said today both nations are now ready to "launch a war of liberation against Israel whenever public opinion of both countries demands it." Egyptian General Abdel Hakim Amer said joint forces linked in a military pact against Israel now are sufficiently strong to defeat the Jewish State. Both armies would retaliate with force if Israel sought to challenge Egypt's blockade of the Israel port of Elath, he announced.

Gen. Amer revealed Egypt is now producing training planes for its air force and that Egyptian factories will soon be turning out fighter planes, heavy arms and equipment. He said Egypt and Syria have already taken joint steps to check "any Israel aggression" against either country.

Meanwhile, the Syrian Foreign Ministry issued a communique stating: "In the view of the desire to consolidate and strengthen existing ties of friendship between the governments of Syria and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, it has been decided to raise the Syrian Legation in Moscow and the Soviet Legation in Damascus to Embassy level."

### THREE NEW EGYPTIAN ATTACKS ON ISRAEL BORDER; NO CASUALTIES

TEL AVIV, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Three new Egyptian attacks on Israel patrols within the past 24 hours were reported here today by an Israel military spokesman. There were no Israel casualties in any of the incidents.

Yesterday afternoon Egyptian positions near the border fired on an Israel patrol near Nachal Oz. Later Egyptians dropped mortar shells in the area of the border settlement of Kissufim. At about the same time, in a nearby area, Egyptian units moved into Israel territory to attack an Israel patrol. The patrol returned the Egyptian fire and the Arabs withdrew.

### U. S. APPEALS TO ARABS TO HELP SOLVE PALESTINE REFUGEE PROBLEM

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The United States again today called upon the Arab governments--without naming any of them--to help the United Nations agency caring for the Arab refugees in implementing constructive projects that would help support a "substantial number of refugees." Such help, declared James J. Wadsworth, U. S. representative in the General Assembly's special political committee, would provide a "general stimulus to all the governments in the area."

Mr. Wadsworth was one of the first speakers on the resolution now before the committee. The resolution presented yesterday by the U. S., Britain and Turkey follows in general. Mr. Wadsworth said, the pattern of Arab refugee resolutions adopted in previous years and tries to focus on the administrative problems of the UN agency rather than on the "complex political problems." The representatives of Egypt, Jordan and Syria also spoke on the resolution, restricting themselves to repetition of abuse of Israel.

### CANADIAN GOVERNMENT SENDS PLANE TO U. S. TO BRING SHARETT TO CANADA

MONTREAL, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government is sending a special plane to Washington tomorrow to pick up Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett for an official visit to Canada, it was announced here today.

The plane will arrive at Montreal tomorrow and Mr. Sharett will address an Israel bond meeting there tomorrow night. He will also confer with Canadian Jewish leaders before boarding the government plane for a trip to Ottawa on Thursday. In Ottawa, he will confer with Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and Lester B. Pearson, Minister for External Affairs.

### Sharett Honored in Washington; 30 Ambassadors Attend Reception

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister and Mrs. Moshe Sharett were guests of honor at a reception tendered tonight by Ambassador and Mrs. Abba Eban. The reception was held in the grand ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel here.

Some 300 prominent guests attended the affair. Included among them were 30 ambassadors, other senior diplomatic representatives, members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, representatives from the White House, leaders of executive departments, and other important governmental leaders.

### SAMUEL RUBIN, PHILANTHROPIST, DONATES \$250,000 TO U. J. A. SPECIAL FUND

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The gift of \$250,000 to the newly launched United Jewish Appeal special fund by Samuel Rubin, prominent American business figure and philanthropist, was announced today by Joseph Mazer, fund chairman.

Set up ten days ago by 370 American Jewish community leaders meeting in New York, the fund is an emergency effort to secure \$25,000,000 "over and above" the amount UJA must collect in its regular 1956 nationwide campaign. Sums raised in the special fund will go to assure the ability of the people of Israel to receive and absorb 45,000 Jews from tension-ridden North Africa by next September.

Announcement of Mr. Rubin's gift was made at a noontime meeting of the board of directors of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York at the Sheraton-Astor Hotel. Mr. Rubin was recently elected chairman of the executive committee of the American Fund for Israel Institutions.

Explaining the reason for his contribution to the UJA special fund at this time, Mr. Rubin declared that: "If we can successfully and quickly resolve the compound problems confronting Israel today, I am convinced we will be making a powerful contribution to the stabilization of the peace of the world." Mr. Rubin's \$250,000 gift to the UJA special fund followed by only several weeks, his establishment on November 8 of a scholarship fund to enable talented students from all countries of the Middle East to study in Israel.

In announcing Mr. Rubin's gift, Mr. Mazer declared that "Samuel Rubin has set a wonderful example for this special effort, showing himself to be a man of humanitarian understanding and vision." The meeting of 120 members of the New York UJA board was addressed by Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. Edward M. M. Warburg, president of the national UJA, was chairman of the meeting.

## 46 MAJOR AMERICAN JEWISH AGENCIES RECEIVED \$180, 000, 000 LAST YEAR

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Forty-six national and overseas Jewish agencies which are major beneficiaries of Jewish welfare funds in this country had an income of \$180 million in 1954, including \$64 million in special loans for the United Jewish Appeal raised by the Jewish communities. Local Jewish institutions had an income of \$118 million during the same year.

This was reported today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in an analysis of developments affecting Jewish philanthropy in the United States during 1954. The report established that Jewish federations and welfare funds raised about \$105 million last year. It emphasized that the welfare funds also borrowed the \$64 million for the UJA special loan project. The report highlighted the following facts:

1. After deducting costs of local Jewish services in their home communities for activities not financed by community chests, costs of administering their own activities as central community agencies, and normal allowances for adjustments in pledges, welfare funds were able to provide over \$56 million to the UJA and 45 other overseas and national agencies. In addition, welfare funds distributed about \$250, 000 to some 150 agencies, three-quarters of them yeshivoth in Israel in the United States.
2. Contributions from membership sources, from independent campaigns and from earnings on invested funds resulted in income of \$33 million to the 46 agencies.
3. In addition, allocations equivalent in value to about \$27 million from the proceeds of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany were available for the most part to two major UJA beneficiaries, the JDC and the Jewish Agency.
4. UJA income and expenditures fell by about \$15 million in 1954, reflecting in part the reduction in 1954 campaign proceeds of welfare funds. There were also delays in transmission of ordinary funds arising from organization of the special loan project. UJA income of \$48.6 million in 1954 was 54 percent of total income of the 46 agencies.
5. Other overseas agencies raised \$18.4 million in 1954. Together with UJA income, overseas agencies received 75 percent of the total income of the 46 agencies.
6. About \$4.5 million was raised by the agencies in each of the following three fields: Community Relations, Health and Welfare, and Religious. Cultural agencies secured \$4.4 million while National Service Agencies raised \$1.3 million.
7. Agencies other than UJA spent \$40 million in 1954 compared with \$37.4 in 1953. All fields, except Community Relations and National Service shared in the rise with major increases for Overseas Agencies, Health, Cultural and Religious Agencies.

## TRAINED AMERICAN WORKERS HAVE GOOD PROSPECTS FOR JOBS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Most professionally trained Americans seeking jobs in Israel find employment there or have very good prospects for jobs once they complete basic Hebrew language courses, according to a report issued here today by the PATWA Office of the Jewish Agency, which assists American professionals and trained workers interested in permanent or temporary employment in Israel.

The report said that 102 Americans went to Israel between October, 1954 and September, 1955, to fill or seek jobs there. Of 88 Americans representing a wide variety of professions, about half had definite job commitments in Israel before they left the United States. Of the remainder, 27 persons enrolled in "Ulpanim," intensive six-month Hebrew language courses conducted by the Jewish Agency in or near Jerusalem. Others entered the Hebrew University or took professional qualification courses in Israel. By and large, they have good prospects for employment.

"While knowledge of Hebrew is not essential for all jobs in Israel, a good grounding in the language is a decided advantage," the PATWA report said. It revealed that the Americans who went to Israel for jobs during the last twelve months included 22 married couples with 21 children. Among the married couples, many of the wives are professionally trained, but all of them do not intend to seek employment, the report stated.

Engineers, 14 in number, comprised the largest single American professional group, followed by 13 teachers. Other professional categories represented were secretaries and other office workers, nurses, architects, town planners, laboratory technicians, psychologists, social workers, dentists, dental assistants, accountants and agriculturists.

## JEWISH SCIENTIST DECORATED BY GERMANY; FLED NAZIS TO SWITZERLAND

FRANKFURT, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Grand Cross of the West German Order of Merit, as well as the Goethe Plaque of the City of Frankfurt, have been bestowed upon Prof. Ferdinand Blum, a well-known Jewish medical researcher now living in Switzerland, on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Dr. Blum was a popular practicing physician in pre-Hitler Frankfurt. He also headed, and for a time financed from his own pocket, the local Biological Institute. His studies on the thyroid gland and in the field of endocrinology blazed the trail for important medical discoveries. Since escaping to Switzerland 15 years ago, he has carried on scientific investigation on the cause and cure of goiter.