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DULLES DISCUSSES ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR ARMS WITH EISENHOWER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was reported here today to have consulted with President Eisenhower on the list of American arms requested by the Israel Government of the United States. He also informed the President of the Israeli reprisal raid this week against Syria in the Lake Tiberias area, it was learned.

A State Department spokesman said today that Israel's application for American arms is still under consideration. He added that he did not know whether the Defense Department's decision on the application had already been received by Secretary Dulles who has the final word on it after consultation with President Eisenhower.

The Arab-Israel conflict occupied a good deal of attention today at a White House meeting which President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles had with Congressional leaders of the Republican and Democratic parties. Questioned after the meeting, some of the leaders said that no specific proposals for future U.S. policy toward Israel were made. One source indicated, however, that Secretary Dulles stressed the importance of economic aid to counter Soviet penetration of the Middle East, citing specifically U.S. support of the Egyptian "high Aswan" dam project as a means of combatting Communist influence.

Awni Khalidi, secretary general of the Bagdad Pact and Iraqi representative to the United Nations, today discussed the Bagdad Pact with Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs George V. Allen.

SYRIA SEEKS U. N. ACTION ON ISRAEL'S RAID; ISRAEL PRESENTS ITS VIEW

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Israel and Syria exchanged vigorous verbal blows here today as an aftermath of Israel's attack on Syrian outposts on Lake Tiberias, and Syria has called upon the Security Council to meet "as soon as possible in order to take the measures necessary to meet this serious situation."

Israel's side of the story was told in a background paper issued by a delegation spokesman here, reporting that "for years" Syrian authorities have violated the armistice agreement, and that in the last 18 months there have been many incidents of firing against Israelis by Syrian outposts which attacked fishermen and police launches with the resultant loss of a number of Israel dead and wounded.

These attacks, Israel pointed out, have continued in spite of the fact that September 3 of this year Israel's Chief of Staff and Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, UN truce chief, reached an agreement permitting the Israelis the use of armored police launches equipped with light arms, on Lake Tiberias, which is totally within Israel territory.

Syria's presentations here were of a double nature, consisting of the letter to the Security Council by Rafik Asha, the permanent representative here for Damascus, and a press conference by Ahmed Shukairy, chairman of the Syrian delegation here. Mr. Shukairy said that the "measures Syria will suggest to the Security Council, at the proper time," are steps that have probably never been requested before. He refused to elaborate on the nature of these "measures," but declared that Syria will decide what to do next after the Security Council had considered implementation of those "measures."

He termed the Israeli retaliatory raid "outrageous" and declared that its "atrocious character" was indicated by the fact that Israel employed air, naval and ground forces in the action. He declared that the Syrian casualties comprised 49 dead, including five officers, 32 enlisted men, and 12 civilians, including three women; eight soldiers wounded, and 30 taken prisoner.

Israel Denies Syrian Reports on Number of Casualties

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry published a denial today of Syrian claims that the Israel raiding force which knocked out four Syrian outposts on the eastern shore of Lake Tiberias Sunday night had suffered 100 casualties. The Israelis announced early Monday that the raiders had suffered four dead and 12 wounded in the action. Last night two of Israel's wounded soldiers died in a hospital, raising the death toll to six.

COMMONS DEBATE SHOWS BRITAIN DOES NOT WANT TO STRENGTHEN ISRAEL

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The debate in Commons yesterday on the Middle East served only to underscore the British Government's determination not to attempt to balance Soviet arms shipments to Egypt with arms for Israel, and not to extend a security pact to the Jewish State, it was stated here today.

Summing up for the government, Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden refused to withdraw anything he had said November 9 when he proposed "compromise" and sacrifices to Israel and the Arab states as a prerequisite for peace negotiations. He further refused to clarify what he had meant by these general terms, insisting that they were matters to be settled by the negotiators. This continued reluctance to spell out his proposals strengthened the feeling here that he was urging Israel to make major sacrifices.

The intense interest which normally accompanies a debate on this level was absent yesterday. Laborites continued to press the government for support of Israel, in many instances with the support of Conservative Members. However, it is obvious that the government's position is rigid and that Prime Minister Eden will not move.

The Prime Minister insisted that an Israel-Arab "settlement is essential to the interests of both parties, and the need for a settlement is more urgent than ever in the interests of both parties." He insisted that his November 9 speech, in London's Guildhall, was an attempt to bring both sides to the realization that "conditions could not go indefinitely as they were at this very hour without the danger of war increasing."

The minds of the Arabs and the Israelis must be turned toward peace, he continued, and the purpose of his speech was to underline the possibility of peace and the fact that the United States and Britain were prepared to help in the realization of a peace settlement.

Eden Says Britain Does not Pressure Israel for Concessions

Both sides had to move from their fixed positions, and these rigid positions were not only territorial, he stressed. He said he had not and would not attempt to describe specific concessions because this was the province of the negotiating parties and because any such detailed presentation would kill all chances of getting the talks off the ground. He added that there was "no pressure from us on any country to do a particular thing or to make a particular concession."

Referring to the Tripartite Declaration of 1950, he said that Britain stood by it in its entirety. "By it we stand to assist Israel if she were attacked or to take action to assist an Arab country if attacked by Israel." On the arms question he said that weapons were pouring into the Middle East states from all parts of the world, adding: "Perhaps it is not wise, but I think I should say this - Israel is not, in my belief, at a disadvantage today in relation to any Arab state, or indeed to any combination of Arab states who are on her frontier. I think that is about the true estimate of the situation."

Summing up for the Labor Party, A. Robens demanded that the Tripartite Declaration be backed by the government either by a "clear statement" by Prime Minister Eden or by a treaty with Israel. "There can be nothing wrong with a treaty which says that if aggression takes place we will lend our aid. There must be given to Israel a sense of security and the Prime Minister has an opportunity of doing that tonight," he said. Referring to an earlier statement by Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan that some leading Arab figures had come to the realization that they would have to live with Israel, Mr. Robens demanded that if there had been such a change of attitude by Arab leaders they should say so publicly.

A number of other Labor MP's hit the government pressuring of Israel, for pussy-footing with Egypt over such matters as the Suez blockade and for raising Arab hopes of territorial expansion at Israel's expense thus increasing the possibilities of war. Clement Davies, head of the Liberal Party, took Israel's side, noting that Israel had made a number of heavy concessions in the interests of peace with the Arabs. Several Conservatives hit the Arab leaders, particularly the Egyptian regime and otherwise supported Israel.

British Zionists "Disappointed" in Eden's Refusal to Help Israel

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The officers of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain expressed "keen disappointment" today that yesterday's Middle East debate in Commons had failed to bring from either Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden or Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan proposals to redress the arms balance upset by Soviet and Western arms shipments to the Arab states by helping Israel obtain weapons of self-defense. In a statement, the Zionist officers also deplored the government's refusal to grant Israel a security treaty similar to several recently concluded with Arab states.

In relation to the tension that exists between Israel and the Arab states, the Zionist officers expressed their conviction that the only path to a solution lies through direct talks between the two sides. Such talks, they continued, should not be made dependent upon one-sided concessions by Israel. "They must be based on the principle of sovereignty and territorial integrity of the states concerned and their mutual desire to reach a peaceful settlement," they concluded.

SPLIT IN MOROCCAN JEWRY PREVAILS; NEW CANDIDATE SUGGESTED FOR CABINET

CASABLANCA, Morocco, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Jews in the city of Meknes today sent about 200 telegrams to Premier Bekkai asking him to name David Berdugo, a Meknes Jew, to the seat in the Moroccan Cabinet being held for a Jewish representative. M. Berdugo is the son of the president of the Meknes Jewish Community.

A delegation of Meknes Jews left at the same time for Rabat to personally press this appeal with the Premier. The action of the Meknes Jews is aimed at putting an end to the internal dispute which developed among Moroccan Jews when M. Ben Simon, a Moroccan Jewish leader, was named last week to the post of Minister of Posts and Telegraphs in the first autonomous Moroccan Cabinet. Objections from the Jewish community prevented M. Ben Simon's appointment and the post remains vacant, held for a Jewish candidate.

JEWISH REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDED IN BAVARIAN INDEMNIFICATION COUNCIL

MUNICH, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The Bavarian Parliament has appointed new officers of the "Advisory Council on Indemnification," an institution that checks on the progress of indemnification for individual Nazi victims and on the performance of the governmental agencies concerned with the administration of the program.

The new officers of the Council include two representatives of the Jewish community, Prof. Baruch Graubard and Edmund Jonas, a banker. Of the officers who are members of Parliament, five belong to the Christian Social Union, four to the Social Democratic Party, two to the Bavarian Party, one each to the Free Democrats and to the BHE refugee party. Among the Christian Social Union members is Baron Rudolf von Hirsch, 80-year-old nephew of Baron Maurice de Hirsch, greatest Jewish philanthropist of the nineteenth century.

DR. GOLDMANN REPORTS OUTLOOK FOR U. J. A. AND ISRAEL BOND DRIVE IS GOOD

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, reported here today that the outlook for the United Jewish Appeal drive and Israel bond drive in the United States is very good. He spoke at a meeting of the Jewish Agency executive.

Dr. Goldmann reported that the Zionist movement in the United States is expanding its public relations activities. He stressed the importance of Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett's visit to the United States and dwelt on the possibility of the U. S. Government selling arms to Israel.

The Jewish Agency chairman revealed that the presidents of major Jewish organizations in the United States are jointly calling a conference in Washington to discuss American-Israel relations. More than 400 leading American Jews from all parts of the country have been invited to attend the conference, which will take place in the middle of next month, Dr. Goldmann reported.

CLAIMS CONFERENCE GRANTS AID TO GREEK-JEWISH EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A \$30,000 grant to provide housing loans to Jewish earthquake victims in Volo, Greece, was announced today by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The housing loans are to be utilized for the repair or reconstruction of Jewish family residences and the construction of apartments for Jewish tenants to replace dwellings destroyed by the earthquakes which earlier this year struck down the Thessalian town of Volo with its 300 Jewish inhabitants, all of them Nazi victims.

The Central Council of Jewish Communities in Greece has undertaken to match the grant of the Claims Conference by providing the sum of \$20,000 from local sources. Arrangements have been completed with the Central Council for the administration of the housing program, in which the Athens Jewish Loan Society, originally established in 1945 by the Joint Distribution Committee, is expected to participate.

The Conference grant is a part of the consolidated program for the aid of the earthquake victims, to which it is expected that the JDC and the Jewish Colonization Association will also make a joint contribution of \$35,000 which the Athens Jewish Loan Society will also handle. These funds are in addition to those which Greek national and local governments are making available as well as the sums to be contributed by individual beneficiaries of the housing loans.

When the earthquakes struck earlier this year, the JDC provided immediate emergency aid to the Jews made homeless by the catastrophe. Last year it provided similar aid when a quake visited the very same region in Northern Greece destroying the homes and the economic future of several hundred Jewish residents who are Nazi victims. The Conference grant of \$30,000 is related to its aid program for the rehabilitation of Jewish communities which fell victim to the Nazi occupation. The Volo community has suffered a two-fold catastrophe being overtaken by a natural disaster just when the rebuilding of its communal life following the Nazi occupation had begun to take effect.

J. D. C. AID IN 1955 REACHED MANY THOUSANDS OF JEWS, LEAVITT REPORTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Ten years after V-E Day, the aid of the Joint Distribution Committee is still required by Jewish communities in 25 countries, Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman, reported today in connection with the 41st annual meeting of the organization which will take place on Thursday.

Reviewing JDC activities for 1955, Mr. Leavitt said that the number of Jews dependent upon JDC for full or partial support during the year ran into the tens of thousands. He estimated that during the past five years the number of those requiring JDC assistance varied between 160,000 and 180,000 each year. "This number was varying only slightly as new disturbances caught up in their wake smaller or larger groups in Eastern Europe, in Germany, in North Africa or elsewhere," he stated.

"In Europe, in Israel, in North Africa, the cries for JDC's help are voiced in many ways, in many languages," Mr. Leavitt said in his report. "But the cry is easy to recognize, for the language of need is everywhere the same. In every tongue and every dialect there is a word--or one can be found--for bread and shoes and even penicillin. And for those thousands in need of, and unable to get, bread and shoes and penicillin, no tomorrow is sure, no day dawns without a new measure of anxiety and of questions. For more than 40 years JDC has--with the support of the American Jewish community--continued its search for the answers. In the days to come the search will go on," he declared.

60 JEWISH WELFARE INSTITUTIONS RECEIVE \$7,284,000 FROM FORD GRANT

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- More than 60 Jewish hospitals and homes for the aged were the recipients of \$7,284,100 in the record-breaking \$500 million Ford Foundation grant to privately supported institutions announced here yesterday. In New York City, 22 institutions received \$3,515,000 of the total figure. In addition, two Jewish-sponsored colleges received \$865,400 of the grants to private institutions of higher learning.

Sharing in the college grants were Brandeis University, with \$662,200, and Yeshiva University, with \$203,200. In the hospitals category, the listings included those institutions which the Foundation believed to be eligible, with final determination of eligible hospitals and exact grants still to be made.

The Foundation itself did not list any breakdown of grants on the basis of sectarian affiliation. In addition to the grants listed, it was assumed here that Yeshiva University's new Albert Einstein College of Medicine would receive a grant when the actual disposition of awards from a \$90 million fund for privately supported medical schools is made.

LEADERS OF ALL MAJOR JEWISH GROUPS ATTEND BECKELMAN'S FUNERAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Leaders of all major American Jewish organizations attended funeral services today for Moses W. Beckelman, JDC director-general for overseas operations, who died suddenly three days ago, shortly after his arrival here from Paris to address the 41st annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee, which is scheduled to take place this Thursday.

The funeral ceremony was conducted by Rabbi Edward Klein, of the Stephen S. Wise Free Synagogue. Mr. Beckelman was also eulogized by Rabbi Jonah Wise, who spoke on behalf of the JDC, emphasizing the role which Mr. Beckelman played in that organization and his work to bring aid to hundreds of thousands of needy Jews overseas. The body was then taken to Philadelphia where it will be buried at Har Zion Cemetery tomorrow.

DR. MEIR EBNER, FORMER LEADER OF RUMANIAN JEWRY, DIES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Meir Ebner, veteran Zionist leader and member of the first World Zionist Congress, died here today at the age of 82. He was Dr. Theodor Herzl's secretary and was one of the outstanding leaders of Rumanian Jewry.

Born in Czernowitz, he was a member of the Rumanian Parliament in 1926-28, and later served in the Rumanian Senate for ten years. He was also president of the Jewish National Council of Rumania from 1918 to 1938. During the same 20 years, he was editor and publisher of the Ostjuedische Zeitung, a Jewish newspaper published in Czernowitz in the German language. He settled in Israel in 1940.

MEMORY OF VICTIMS OF NAZISM OBSERVED BY UNDERGROUND FIGHTERS

ROME, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Representatives of resistance and anti-fascist movements in 18 countries of Europe gathered at Fossoli, in Northern Italy, today to conclude the tenth anniversary observance of resistance to the Nazi and Fascist movements. The gathering was held in a former Nazi concentration camp where hundreds of Jews and other anti-fascists were murdered. A memorial to the victims of Nazism and Fascism was unveiled.