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ISRAEL PRESENTS TO U.S. FIVE-POINT PLAN FOR PEACE WITH ARABS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (JTA) -- A five-point plan to serve as a basis for an Arab-Israel peace settlement has been outlined by Israel to the State Department, it was learned here today. The plan makes it clear that Israel rejects arbitrary cession of territory or resettlement of Arab refugees inside the Jewish State. However, on a basis of mutuality and reciprocity within the framework of a general peace settlement, Israel has notified the State Department of its readiness to consider:

1. Minor mutual boundary adjustments.
2. Free port facilities at Haifa with transit rights for Jordan.
3. A plan to afford a transit arrangement linking Jordan with Egypt across the Negev, but without cession of any territory or compromise of Israel sovereignty in any way.
4. Affirmative attitude toward compensation of Arab refugees along lines outlined August 26 by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.
5. Agreement to the Johnston Plan for the Jordan and Yarmuk Rivers involving release of Israel water to the Arabs.

It was made clear that a settlement offering the Arabs these advantages would require simultaneous Arab extension of parallel facilities to Israel and cessation of the Arab boycott and blockade activities.

Israel circles here said they have absolutely no evidence that the Arabs want peace. They feel a U.S. security guarantee applied to present boundaries would increase ultimate peace prospects. If nothing is done by Summer, Israelis warn, growing Egyptian military strength will make the situation worse than ever.

Israel circles here favor in principle the support by the United States of projects like the Aswan Dam in Egypt. But the Israelis are asking if Egypt hasn't backmailed the United States and whether the dam is a reward to Egypt for signing the Czech arms deal. The Israel view on the dam is that if the United States is to lend generous financial support the West should extract something in return from Egypt as a contribution toward regional peace, cooperation with the Johnston Plan, etc.

It is felt that nothing can be settled finally by "remote control." A third party may convince parties to meet, the Israelis think, but it is up to the people directly concerned to work out the final solution face to face. Israel circles revealed that Israel today is working more closely with the United States than with Britain, mainly because of the Guildhall speech by British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden.

Abandonment or the cutting off of the port of Elath will never be envisaged, according to the Israel viewpoint. Israel rejects any notion of a "landbridge" across the Negev that would involve anything other than a juridical decision on transit rights.

Arab League Leader Meets with Dulles; Is Pessimistic on Peace

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The outlook for Arab-Israel peace is not encouraging, the Secretary General of the Arab League, Abdel Khalek Hassouna, said today after a meeting with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Diplomatic sources said Mr. Hassouna discussed mainly the Israel-Syrian clash with Secretary Dulles and told him the responsibility for war if it comes, will rest with Israel.

He told newsmen later that U.S. support of the construction of Egypt's high dam was a start in the right direction for American policy, but pointed out that the Israel-Syrian clash has caused prospects for peace to diminish. The possibility of Arab agreement to the Johnston irrigation plan was also lessened, he said.

BRITAIN CRITICIZED IN PARLIAMENT FOR STAND ON ISRAEL-SYRIAN CASE

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The British Government is in close contact with the United States and France--co-signatories of the Tripartite Declaration of 1950--on the Egyptian arms situation and other aspects of the Middle East problem. Anthony Nutting, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told Commons today in response to a query.

Mr. Nutting rejected criticism by Sidney Silverman, Laborite M.P., of a statement by the Foreign Office condemning Israel for the raid on four Syrian outposts in the Lake

Tiberias area last week. Mr. Silverman hit the Foreign Office's "prejudging of the merits of every frontier incident before the United Nations (truce supervision) commission could have time to investigate it or make a proper official report."

In response to similar criticism from another MP., R.H. Turton, Foreign Undersecretary, wrote today that the Foreign Office statement was made on the basis of information available at the time, including reports from British diplomats. Subsequent information corroborated the statement that Israel's attack on Syria was "unprovoked," Mr. Turton insisted.

In another written reply to a question, Mr. Nutting reported that when Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath was summoned to the Foreign Office last week he was told that the British Government "deplored the wanton Israel attack on Syria" and would support Syria's protest to the United Nations. He also noted that the Security Council was still considering the Syrian complaint. In response to another question, Mr. Nutting wrote that the Soviet attitude toward supplying arms to the Middle East had not changed and was both "negative and unhelpful."

NEW HEAD OF BRITISH LABOR PARTY CRITICIZES EDEN'S STAND ON ISRAEL

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- In his first statement on foreign affairs since his election last week as leader of the Labor Party, Hugh Gaitskell sharply criticized the British Government's policy in relation to the Middle East and charged that Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, in his speech of November 9, had created the impression that he was pro-Arab and therefore had disqualified himself as a mediator between the Arab states and Israel.

"I do not think we should take sides in this way," Mr. Gaitskell said, referring to Prime Minister Eden's speech. "We have guaranteed Israel's existing frontiers and we have to stand by that guarantee." He insisted upon an emphatic reaffirmation of the Tripartite Declaration of 1950, instead of reference to the 1947 partition borders as Eden did.

"Some of us at least feel that a people who have been hounded and persecuted and massacred throughout the ages, to the eternal shame of mankind, should now be allowed to live and flourish in peace," he added. The Labor Party leader said that his party recognizes that a settlement of the dispute, which has been aggravated to a "new and dangerous" extent by Soviet supply of arms to the Middle East, "must involve a solution of the Arab refugee problem, the ending of the blockade of Israel and, no doubt, some minor frontier adjustments."

He asserted that there is "no use in expecting that the parties to this dispute are going to be ready to make a settlement if either of them thinks they can get what they want by force." Therefore, he insisted, it is "essential" that Britain, France and the United States reaffirm their readiness to resist aggression. "That is why," he noted, "we have pressed in Parliament for a defensive pact with Israel similar to the pact we have with Jordan."

SHARETT REPORTS IN ISRAEL ON HIS TALKS IN WASHINGTON AND PARIS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, returning today from a trip to the United States, Canada, France and Belgium, explained that he had conferred with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles over Israel's arms request. He said that he had been hopeful that a decision by Washington would be forthcoming before he left the United States, but it had not been.

Mr. Sharett, who conferred with Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and Minister for External Affairs Lester B. Pearson during his Canadian trip, said he was encouraged by the effort of American and Canadian Jews in Israel's behalf. He revealed that in November the Israel Bond Organization had sold \$7,300,000 worth of Israel bonds.

DUBINSKY ANNOUNCES \$1,000,000 GIFT BY ILGWU TO ISRAEL HOSPITAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A million-dollar gift from the International Ladies Garment Workers Union for a hospital in the Negev operated by the Histadrut was announced here today by David Dubinsky, president of the union. The sum will be paid in four annual installments.

Mr. Dubinsky also indicated that the ILGWU might make a further \$500,000 available to the hospital after the \$1,000,000 contribution is completed. He also announced a \$50,000 contribution for the purchase of machinery for Histadrut trade schools in Israel and a second \$50,000 contribution for the city of Haifa for the building of a stadium to be named in honor of Luigi Antonini, first vice-president of the ILGWU.

NEW ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN CLASH REPORTED ON BORDER; SEVERAL KILLED

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Four Israeli soldiers and one Egyptian were killed today in a new battle along the Gaza strip border, according to dispatches received here tonight from Cairo. The reports said Egypt had protested the hour-long battle to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

DR. GOLDMANN CONFERS WITH CHANCELLOR ADENAUER ON INDEMNIFICATION

BONN, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, conferred with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer here today on means of improving and expediting the Bonn program for indemnification of individual victims of Nazism. They also discussed problems in connection with the reparations agreement between West Germany and the State of Israel and the Claims Conference.

Yesterday, Dr. Goldmann saw Finance Minister Fritz Schaeffer and Heinrich von Brentano, Minister for Foreign Affairs, on amendments to the Federal Indemnification Law. Tomorrow, he will meet with Erich Ollenauer, leader of the Social Democratic Party, and other top members of the party.

JEWISH DELEGATION PROTESTS TO GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A delegation representing victims of Nazi persecution today lodged a formal protest with the German Embassy in Washington against pending amendments that would establish a discrimination in German indemnification laws against claimants from former Nazi-occupied countries and satellites.

The delegation, led by Kurt Grossman, presented a memorandum to Albrecht von Kessel, German Charge d'Affaires here. It said that the amendments would deny or greatly restrict compensation to more than 100,000 victims of the Nazis. The amendments have already been approved by the German Cabinet and are awaiting action by Parliament. They are supposed to correct inequities in the Federal Indemnification Law which has been severely criticized in Germany and abroad since its adoption in 1953.

The delegation also visited the chief of the German Office of the State Department. Members of the delegation included Dr. Kurt Wile, of the Committee of Jews from Czechoslovakia; Dr. Julius Curtis, of the Club of Polish Jews; Dr. Isaac Glicksman, president of the United Rumanian Jews of America; and Dr. Andrew Freeman, of the World Federation of Jews of Hungarian Descent.

BONN GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE PUBLICATION OF NAZI BOOK

BONN, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The posthumous publication of "Ideals and Idols of the National Socialist Revolution" by Alfred Rosenberg, notorious Hitler "racial expert" who was hanged for war crimes including the murder of millions of Jews, will be investigated by the West German Federal Constitutional Court. This was announced in Parliament by the Bonn Interior Ministry after queries had been made into the display of the Nazi book at the Frankfurt Book Fair this year.

Klaus Petri, author of a strongly Nazi article which was featured on the front page of the University "Bulletin" here, has left the University rather than appear before a special disciplinary committee. At the same time, University authorities have announced that the "Bulletin" will be supervised more carefully in the future. The district attorney has refused to act against the "Bulletin" on the grounds that "nothing in the penal code prohibits the glorification of National Socialism." The article has aroused considerable comment in Germany.

EISENHOWER TO SEEK LIBERALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION LAW IN 1956

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower and his Administration will be making "new and strong recommendations" to Congress in 1956 for revision of existing immigration laws, it was stated here last night by Maxwell M. Rabb, secretary to the President's Cabinet. Mr. Rabb was the guest speaker at the first anniversary dinner of the United Hias Service.

Stating that the present U. S. immigration policy was alienating people in overseas countries whereas it could be "an important weapon in the arsenal of the cold war," Mr. Rabb said that this country needs the talents offered by immigrants. "The tailor industry in America, for instance, is in danger of deterioration because we just cannot get enough people to enter this occupation," he pointed out. New York's Attorney General Jacob K. Javits echoed Mr. Rabb's opinions and stated that the "major drive to rewrite the McCarran-Walter Act and to extend the Refugee Relief Act must be put on in 1956."

Ben Touster, president of the United Hias Service, who launched the 1956 campaign for funds for the organization, told the 350 guests who attended the dinner, that "there are still thousands upon thousands of Jews who wait uneasily, fearfully, in the Old World for the chance to immigrate to hospitable countries, to lands where they may reunite their scattered kin, to lands where they are really wanted, and not just tolerated." He pointed out that "the Jews are no longer in DP camps--instead they are scattered all over, and every one of them has to be helped and extracted out of his hostile surroundings with extreme care and with expert attention to detail, the kind of expert attention that only United Hias Service, with its great combined staff of experienced aides, is equipped to furnish."

Mr. Rabb was presented with a scroll of honor by Mr. Touster for his efforts in behalf of migrant Jews and his "sympathetic concern for all humanitarian causes." The dinner-meeting was chaired by Murray I. Gurfein, a leading member of the United Hias board.

147 ISRAELIS RECEIVED U. S. IMMIGRANT VISAS DURING YEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The State Department disclosed today that 147 U. S. immigrant visas were issued to Israelis during the fiscal year 1955. Forty-nine came under the regular quota which allows 100 visas annually. The remaining 98 were non-quota immigrants. A State Department source expressed the opinion that Israel emigration to the United States was greater than American emigration to Israel.

VATICAN EXPERTS TO LECTURE AT EXPANDED TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Vatican experts and Jewish experts on Islamic culture will be invited to lecture at the expanded Tel Aviv University, Prof. A. Ephraim, dean of the university, announced today. The school has acquired a new campus site north of the Yarkon River, where a number of other schools are being clustered.

Among the new faculties to be added to the school will be one for study and research on Israel's Holy Places. The university, whose current student enrollment is 130, has an annual budget of 300,000 pounds.

BOLIVIA TO SIGN TRADE PACT WITH ISRAEL; GROUNDWORK LAID

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A trade agreement will soon be signed between Bolivia and Israel, it was reported here today by Tuvia Arazi, counsellor of the Israeli legation here, who returned from a three-weeks' stay in Bolivia where he laid the groundwork for the trade pact.

Mr. Arazi reported that he was received very cordially by Bolivia's President Victor Paz Estensoro, who showed penetrating knowledge of Israeli problems and exhibited great interest in Israel. The Israel diplomat said he had been in contact with leaders of the Bolivian Jewish community while in that country and had conferred with them about early launching of a fund-raising campaign. There are about 4,000 Jews in Bolivia.

ARGENTINE MINISTER HOPES COMMERCE WITH ISRAEL WILL EXPAND

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The seventh anniversary of the creation of the Argentine-Israel Chamber of Commerce was celebrated here at a luncheon attended by the Argentine Minister of Economics, Dr. Juan Llamazares, Israel Ambassador Dr. Arie Kubov and the new Argentine Ambassador to Israel, Dr. Gregorio Topolovsky.

Mr. Kubov reviewed commercial relations between the two countries, which began five years ago with the conclusion of the first commercial treaty between them, which called for Israel to receive \$9,000,000 worth of Argentine meat. In recent years, Israel has exported to Argentina \$2,700,000 worth of goods including citrus products, jeeps, pencils and medical and chemical products, all of which have been well received here.

Dr. Llamazares expressed the hope that commerce between Israel and Argentina would be widened. He compared the two countries in their constructive efforts and stressed the sympathy with which the new Argentine Government viewed Israel and the friendship it felt toward the Jewish State.

"LOST TRIBE" OF JEWS, IN INDIA, ESTABLISHES CONTACT WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The discovery of a genuinely "lost tribe" of Jews--in India--has been reported here. The discovery of the Jewish group was made known here after the Israel Ministry of Religions received a letter from the Indian province of Ajmer, signed by the president of the Indian Jewish kehillah, A. A. Isak.

Mr. Isak's letter said that the Jews had settled in the province of Ajmer some 70 years ago, but that since then no one has known of, or been interested in, the community's existence. He asked that the Ministry send prayer books, phylacteries, and the text of a prayer for the welfare of the State of Israel. The Ministry announced that it had immediately complied with Mr. Isak's request.

CHAIM HAZAZ, ISRAELI NOVELIST, RECEIVES AWARD FOR LITERATURE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Chaim Hazaz, Israeli novelist, has been awarded 5,000 Israel pounds as winner of the "Davar" award for literature. The Tel Aviv municipality's "Tchernichowsky Award" for translations has been given to Y. D. Berkowitz, Dr. G. Y. Liebes and H. Ben Amram.

"The Song of the Armored Corps" had its public premiere here tonight when prizes were distributed by the Tel Aviv municipality. Prizes were awarded by Mayor Chaim Levanon to Yitzhak Shalom, the lyricist, and Shlomo Barshira, who wrote the music. The commander of the Corps was present when the Corps choir and an Army band gave the new song its first performance.