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DULLES PESSIMISTIC ABOUT ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE; REVEALS U.S. AID PLANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles reiterated at his press conference today that he knows of no facts that can justify any great optimism about an Arab-Israeli peace. He added that the recent Israel-Syrian clash set back American hopes for such a peace, but indicated satisfaction that his proposals of August 26 were being studied now.

Mr. Dulles announced that a special new flexible fund of \$100,000,000, in addition to economic aid for the Near East, will be asked of Congress. Money for the construction of the Egyptian Aswan Dam will come from this fund, he said. He explained that the United States support of the dam did not result from Egypt's playing off the Soviet Union against the United States, but that American interest in the project went back two years. He characterized American aid to Egypt on the dam as a "normal evolution" and not just a response to Soviet activity.

Secretary Dulles stated he did not expect an increase in military aid for the Middle East in the coming year. He said he expected military expenditures must go on for several years to maintain military supply pipelines that are being built in countries in the region, and that appropriations must be maintained to assure a smooth flow.

U. S. CONSULATE IN JORDAN ATTACKED; AMERICANS MOVED INTO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The United States Consul General in Jordan has asked the Israel Foreign Minister whether, in the event of necessity, Israel would permit American citizens in Jordan to cross into Israel without formalities, it was reported here today. The report said the Israel Foreign Office agreed immediately. About 20 or 30 American technicians were evacuated from the Old City of Jerusalem, through the Mandelbaum Gate, into Israel.

United Nations observers have already moved their families from the Old City to Jewish Jerusalem. The various foreign consuls in Jordan have been evacuated. The American consulate in the Old City was reported under attack by Arab mobs. The United States flag was torn down and the building was defaced, but no American personnel were reported injured.

Meanwhile, Arab Legion Col. Abdul Halim, commanding officer of the Jordan forces in the Old City, called his counterpart in Israel, Col. Chaim Herzog, today to inform him that any firing heard in the Old City was not aimed at Israel but was an "internal" matter. Although shooting has not been heard here, Israelis in quarters near the Old City have heard the shouting of anti-British and anti-Iraqi slogans from across the demarcation line.

A report from Amman today said that King Hussein had named Fawzi el Mulki, Premier in 1953 and 1954, to head a caretaker government until a new Parliament is elected. El Mulki is violently anti-Jewish and opposed talks to convert the truce into an armistice.

Israel Assures Jordan; Warns Against Anti-Israel Adventures

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Jordan has nothing to fear from Israel as long as that Arab country does not embark upon any anti-Israel adventures, Kol Israel, the national radio declared today in a broadcast beamed to the riot-torn country.

In an address by King Hussein, who yesterday dissolved his British-controlled Parliament in the face of popular opposition to joining the Bagdad Pact for which Britain is pressing, the Jordan people were told that no settlement would be made with Israel until there had been complete consultation and agreement by all the Arab states.

Commenting on this address, the broadcast warned the Jordan people that if they, like the Israeli people, wanted peace and stability they would be well advised to watch carefully their government's actions lest it embark on a policy of anti-Israel violence as a way out of the political impasse in which it finds itself.

EISENHOWER AND EDEN TO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS, BRITAIN ANNOUNCES

LONDON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden hopes to have a "full discussion on problems in the Middle East" at his forthcoming meeting with President Eisenhower in Washington. R.A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer said today in Commons, replying to questions addressed to the Prime Minister.

Sir Anthony "would not wish to commit himself to any special proposals in advance," he continued, in reply to a number of questions by Labor and Liberal MP's. While he refused to give specific assurances that any question raised today would be covered in the Eden-Eisenhower talks, Mr. Butler said that the discussion would be so broad that every aspect raised in Commons "is bound to come up for consideration."

Labor Party leader Hugh Gaitskell asked whether the talks would concentrate on "how best to implement the Tripartite Declaration of 1950." Other Members, including Laborite Arthur Henderson and Liberal Donald Wade, attempted, unsuccessfully, to get a commitment that Sir Anthony would raise the possibility of stationing an international police force along the Arab-Israel borders pending a peace settlement.

ISRAEL REVEALS SYRIAN MILITARY PLOT TO CLAIM PART OF LAKE TIBERIAS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Documents seized during the Israeli raid of December 11 on Syrian outposts on Lake Tiberias conclusively prove that the Syrian shelling of Israel fishermen and patrol vessels was carried out on the express orders of the Syrian high command in line with a policy of attempting to establish claims to a portion of the lake, all of which lies within Israel territory. They will be submitted to the Security Council.

This was reported at a press conference here today by Col. Yuval Neeman, deputy director of the Israel Army Intelligence Corps. Col. Neeman charged that Syrian artillery posts were actually set up in an area within ten metres (33 feet) from the eastern shore of the lake, recognized by international law and a Mixed Armistice Commission decision as Israel territory.

He produced orders issued by Shuquat Shukeir, Chief of Staff of the Syrian Army, on March 14, 1954, claiming that "Syrian territorial waters in Lake Tiberias should be regarded (extending) 250 metres (850 feet) from shore." He ordered that "fire should be opened on Israeli vessels entering this limit," Col. Neeman said.

BRITAIN STARTS PROBE INTO SALE OF RECONDITIONED ARMS TO EGYPT

LONDON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The Foreign Office has initiated an investigation into the sale of surplus British Army supplies, after refurbishing in Belgium, to Egypt, it was announced here today.

Such equipment, including tanks and Bren gun carriers, were loaded aboard an Egyptian freighter at the Belgian port of Antwerp yesterday after having been reconditioned in a plant in that city. The "surplus" supplies were originally obtained by British scrap dealers, ostensibly for civilian use after reconditioning. The British Government is expected to introduce shortly regulations designed to prevent this "evasion" of export regulations.

The Daily Express reported today that its Antwerp correspondent, who witnessed the loading of 15 Valentine tanks onto an Egyptian vessel, was driven off the pier by Egyptian sailors who manhandled him, waved wrenches in his face and threatened to kill him as an "Israeli spy."

Belgian Government Tolerates Overhauling of Arms for Egypt

BRUSSELS, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The use of a large workshop in Antwerp for the overhaul of British "surplus" war materiel and its transshipment from that port to Egypt was denounced today by the vast majority of the Belgian press. Egyptian officers are in Antwerp supervising the repair and shipment of the war supplies, which was originally sold to British scrap dealers for conversion to civilian uses.

Until now the Belgian Government, which is fully aware of the nature of the operation, has done nothing to interfere with this "commercial" arrangement. The goods arrive from Britain "in transit" and leave Belgium on export licenses which describe the shipments as "agricultural material." Unless either the British or Belgian Governments intervene, the large-scale flow of British surplus arms will continue.

The various items are refurbished by arms specialists in the employ of the Zellick Company. The plant is strictly off limits to the press and one news photographer who attempted to take a picture was warned off with the threat that if he snapped the shutter his camera would be destroyed.

JEWISH AGENCY SETS DEADLINE FOR ELECTION OF ZIONIST CONGRESS DELEGATES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Elections for delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress next April 10 must be held by March 10, 1956, the Jewish Agency announced today. The sale of shekolim, on the basis of which delegates are apportioned to various Zionist parties, will end on January 22.

GERMANY'S BUDGET FOR NEW YEAR INCLUDES \$150,000,000 FOR JEWISH CLAIMS

BONN, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The sum of \$60,000,000 is allocated for Israel reparations in the Federal budget for 1956-57 submitted by Finance Minister Fritz Schaeffer to the West German Parliament for approval. The same amount was included in the budget for the current year, but nearly three times as much as this year is asked for indemnification and restitution payments in the new budget, which would enter into effect next April.

In spite of her unprecedented economic boom, West Germany is for the third time in succession taking advantage of an escape clause in the reparations pact permitting her, as a last resort, to hold payments for reparations deliveries to a rock-bottom minimum of \$60,000,000 per year. The reparations agreement sets \$74,000,000 as the "normal" rate.

With respect to indemnification and restitution, allocations have been substantially increased. Specifically, \$95,200,000 is set aside for disbursements under the Federal Indemnification Law for individual victims of Nazism, compared to \$38,000,000 in this year and \$16,000,000 in 1954-55. Since the law dealing with the restitution of identifiable Jewish property confiscated by the former German Reich is now about to be introduced in Parliament, after many years of procrastination, \$35,700,000 have been earmarked for this purpose, as against only \$7,000,000 in the current year.

Pensions for nearly 2,200 former German rabbis or communal officials are expected to cost \$3,900,000, an increase of one million dollars. For crippled victims of Nazi medical experiments, \$50,000 will again be made available. A new item is the \$400,000 provided for operation of the International Tracing Service, which maintains the Arolsen concentration camp archives.

When allowance is made for benefits accruing to non-Jewish victims of Nazism, West Germany's new budget provides an aggregate total of about \$150,000,000 for Jewish claims of all categories, which constitutes under two percent of the Bonn Treasury's anticipated tax revenue. So as to see indemnification, reparations and restitution payments in proper perspective, it may be noted that more than \$1,500,000,000 have been earmarked alone for social-welfare disbursements deriving from the war that Hitler started--veterans benefits, indemnification for German expellees, compensation for returned prisoners of war, and so on.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES SEEKS COORDINATION WITH OTHER JEWISH GROUPS

LONDON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews reaffirmed its willingness yesterday to enter into an arrangement for coordination of activities in the field of foreign affairs with other major Jewish organizations in Britain, provided the position of the Board as the elected representative body of British Jewry was given its proper weight.

The Board, in a statement, said it was willing to enter into such an arrangement with the Anglo-Jewish Association, British Section of the World Jewish Congress, Agudas Israel World Organization and World Union for Progressive Judaism.

AJA president R.N. Carvalho, at a meeting of the AJA, spoke of his organization's "willingness to cooperate honorably" with the Board and other organizations "in all work designed to benefit Jews anywhere." Negotiations for such cooperation broke down earlier this year and, despite these statements, observers here do not expect early resumption of these negotiations.

EGYPTIAN REPORTS ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN TURKEY DENIED IN ISTANBUL

ISTANBUL, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Reports in the Egyptian press of anti-Semitic activities, in various parts of Turkey were called false here today and were attributed to an attempt by the Egyptian press to discredit both the Jews and the Turks.

There has been no attempt in Turkey to blame the anti-Greek riots here on Turkish Jews and there have been only minor incidents involving anti-Semitism in this country in recent months. The last time Jewish leaders consulted with Turkish authorities on anti-Jewish agitation occurred last October when a delegation led by Chief Rabbi Raphael Saban called on the military authorities in this city who pledged that four books by the notorious anti-Semite Cevat Rifat Atilhan would be confiscated.

JEWS IN BRITAIN FEAR POSSIBLE ANTI-JEWISH VIOLENCE IN ADEN

LONDON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews has intervened with the Colonial Office in regard to measures to be taken to head off possible future anti-Jewish violence in Aden, British colony and protectorate on the Arabian coast, it was revealed here today.

The Board's Foreign Affairs Committee put certain proposals to the Colonial Office to prevent violence because recent hostile propaganda against Jews in Aden has caused apprehension in the colony, where many Jews were killed and injured and their property damaged and stolen in riots in 1947. The committee also asked for Jewish community representation on the colony's Legislative Council and for the conversion into grants-in-aid of loans given by the government after the 1947 riots to help Jews rebuild their economic life.

ARGENTINE JEWS DEMAND LIFTING OF ANTI-JEWISH RESTRICTIONS

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Requests for the ending of various anti-Jewish practices, long in force here, were made today in a memorandum sent to President Pedro E. Aramburu by DAIA, the central representative body of Jewish organizations in Argentina.

The requests include permission to use the Yiddish language at public meetings without obtaining previous permits from the police; lifting of the ban against Jewish medical students and their interning in Argentine hospitals; and lifting of the ban against Jewish immigration into this country. The memorandum expresses the hope that compulsory Catholic teaching will not be reinstated in the public schools.

The memorandum asks the government to ban the publication of "Der Weg," an anti-Semitic German-language monthly; and calls the government's attention to the fact that Hitler's "Mein Kampf" is still available in book stores in this country.

JUDGE RIFKIND WARNS AGAINST INTRODUCTION OF RELIGION IN SCHOOLS

MIAMI, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Introduction of religious doctrine into the public school curriculum could cause serious community tensions and create anxieties among children in the classroom, Judge Simon H. Rifkind of New York declared here at a meeting of the American Jewish Committee.

Judge Rifkind, who is chairman of the AJC national executive board, told the gathering that certainly, the public schools should give children an understanding of the historical role of religion in our civilization. "It is urgent that our children learn to appreciate the wide variety of ethnic and religious backgrounds in our national life," he said. "However, along with this understanding," he explained, "must go a clear recognition of the right of religious dissent, a freedom so many often ignore. We do so at our own peril, because the right not to believe is indigenous to freedom of conscience and basic to the vital American principle of separation of church and state."

Pointing out that the drive to introduce religious instruction in the public schools "is related to the anxieties of our age," Judge Rifkind declared "that it is not the function of the public school teacher to strengthen children in a belief in God, a task which is exclusively within the province of the home, church and the synagogue."

JEWS IN NEW YORK SUBURB LOSE CASE IN BATTLE AGAINST BAN ON SYNAGOGUE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of nearby suburban Sands Point lost another round in its court battle against a village board ruling banning the use of a \$215,000 estate as a synagogue, when the Appellate Division upheld the village authorities yesterday. Nathaniel Hess, president of the Sands Point Community Synagogue, said last night that the congregation would carry its fight to the Court of Appeals, the state's highest court.

The property was bought in 1954 for use as a synagogue but the 200 families who compose the congregation ran into difficulties almost immediately and have taken the matter to court on several levels. Gov. Averell Harriman, who owns property in the village, has castigated the village board's attitude.

40,000 PERSONS ATTEND ISRAEL BOND CHANUKAH FESTIVALS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- More than 40,000 persons attended the two Chanukah festivals arranged by the Israel Bond Organization in Madison Square Garden here, the first of which was held last week and the other last night. The festivals resulted in sales of \$4,000,000 in Israel bonds.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the festival committee, said today that the two festivals were "the greatest success" in the history of organized community activity on behalf of Israel. "It is unprecedented for any organization to have two completely sold-out celebrations in Madison Square Garden within a four-day period," he pointed out.

Israel Labor Minister Golda Myerson, addressing the festival last night, said that the only real guarantee for peace in the Middle East "is to augment Israel's military strength." Joining Mrs. Myerson in calling for the shipment of arms to Israel, New York State Attorney General Jacob K. Javits warned that the United States "should avoid Great Britain's policy in the Middle East." He described this policy as one offering "only appeasement of the Munich variety."

JEWS IN U. S. FORCES IN GERMANY TO MAN ALL POSTS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

FRIEDBERG, Germany, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Jewish soldiers of the U. S. 29th Field Artillery Battalion will man all posts on Christmas day to give Christian soldiers free time for religious services.

An army announcement today said Jewish soldiers had volunteered to stand guard, do kitchen police and all other necessary tasks on the holiday.