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CONGRESSMEN TO CALL ON DULLES TODAY; WILL PLEAD FOR ARMS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Members of Congress will call on Secretary of State John Foster Dulles tomorrow in connection with the State Department's failure to act on Israel's application for arms. Meanwhile, both Republican and Democratic Congressmen circulated statements this week-end urging the United States to provide Israel with arms for defense.

A special order of business is scheduled for Wednesday in the House of Representatives. About three hours of debate on the Middle Eastern situation is anticipated. A number of Congressmen have made known that they will question the Administration's postponement of action on the Israel application in the face of Communist munitions shipments to Egypt.

State Department sources reported yesterday that official word has been received from U.S. military circles that Egypt has received 40 Russian-built jet propelled Tyushin bombers. Some have been assigned to squadrons and are already flying.

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban will see George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, tomorrow. Reportedly, the purpose of the meeting is to pursue the Israel arms application.

Any possible Western measures to enforce Near Eastern peace would depend on coming tripartite discussions and would be complicated by U.S. Constitutional requirements controlling such military commitments. British Prime Minister Anthony Eden indicated here this week-end prior to his departure for Canada. He did not, however, confirm reports that the U.S. Sixth Fleet and British Mediterranean forces might be used in the implementation of the 1950 Tripartite Declaration.

\$75, 000, 000 ISRAEL BOND DRIVE LAUNCHED; \$11, 154, 150 RAISED AT OPENING

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 5 (JTA) -- The Israel bond campaign for 1956 was launched today at a national conference here at which it was decided to respond to Israel's urgent plea for economic aid by selling \$75, 000, 000 in bonds during the current year. Pre-campaign subscriptions amounting to \$11, 154, 150 were announced at the conference by Morris W. Berinstein, national campaign chairman, who reported that \$42, 318, 550 were raised in 1955.

Mr. Berinstein reported that since the Israel Government first initiated the sale of Israel bonds in May of 1951 the sum of \$227, 749, 600 has been made available to Israel for expansion of Israel industry, development of agriculture, exploitation of natural resources and the building of roads and communications.

Dr. Joseph Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, reported that standards for increased purchases of Israel bonds for 1956 were established by men and women who had subscribed in specially designated categories. He announced that in 1956 260 persons had become Trustees of the Guardians of Israel through individual subscriptions of \$10, 000 or more in Israel bonds. A total of 2, 845 men qualified as Guardians of Israel by purchasing \$1, 000 or more in bonds and 957 women became Sponsors as a result of subscriptions in the same denomination. Abraham Feinberg, president of the organization, said that as a result of the bond drive, some 800, 000 immigrants have been absorbed in the Jewish State.

Israel's Fears Stressed; Stevenson Urges U.S. Arms for Israel

David Horowitz, governor of the Central Bank of Israel, declared that "at any moment we may become the object of ruthless and reckless aggression." Discussing the present economic position, Mr. Horowitz reported that the country is now diverting an overwhelming proportion of its resources to defense. While Israel is prepared to shoulder the burden of defense, he said, development cannot be stopped "because economic development is a deterrent of aggression and the backbone of the country's defenses in case of war."

Adlai Stevenson, contender for the Democratic Presidential nomination, sent a message to the 900 Jewish leaders attending the conference, in which he called for immediate shipment of arms to Israel by the United States and other Western powers, to counteract Soviet arms shipments to Egypt.

Pointing out that "Russia must not be allowed to inflame the Middle East by upsetting a delicate balance which has deterred large-scale military action since 1949," Mr.

Stevenson said: "We cannot meet Russian action in the Middle East with inaction. They deliver the arms of war with extraordinary speed. We must counter just as quickly with a long-term and more constructive program. The first step should be to restore an equitable balance of armed strength which will restrain aggressive military action from either side. Then the other steps, economic aid, long-term security and peace, will have a chance."

Mr. Stevenson warned that U.S. efforts to keep the Arab nations from joining "the Eastern camp" must not be made at the expense of a proved friend of the United States and the West, Israel. He stressed that it "must be our common purpose that aggression and force do not disturb present boundaries between Israel and her neighbors," and urged that provision should be made for the restraining effect of an equitable balance of military strength during the period of probing for a long-term solution.

Dr. Abba H. Silver, chairman of the Israel bond board of governors, said: "Sound economy toward which the Government of Israel has been steadily moving is the surest guarantee for an ultimate solution of its political problems. That, and the stout hearts and firm resolutions of the Israelis themselves, who have built their country with such zeal and vision, and who can be relied upon to defend it with their very lives. Whatever support is given to the State of Israel through purchase of Israel bonds helps to undergird its economy and to strengthen the hand of its defender," he pointed out.

Noting that former President Truman had complained in his memoirs of the negative attitude of the specialists on the Near East in the State Department when Mr. Truman sought to promote the establishment of the State of Israel, Dr. Silver said: "Our State Department at the present time still harbors these same specialists and they are still, almost without exception, unfriendly to the idea of a Jewish State. They are still trying to put it over on the President and our Secretary of State." Other principal speakers included Dr. Joseph Burg, Israel Minister of Posts and Telegraphs; Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Leon H. Keyserling.

HADASSAH SEEKS ACTION ON ARAB BOYCOTT OF U.S. FIRMS EMPLOYING JEWS

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Establishment of a bi-partisan commission to study the effect of Arab States' boycott against American firms dealing with Israel and against firms having Jewish directors or Jewish employees was requested today at the opening session of a four-day Ha lassaah national conference attended by delegates from 48 states representing 300,000 members.

Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, president of the organization, voiced this request in her presidential address. She charged that Saudi Arabia was "especially flagrant in prosecuting an Arab League campaign against American firms that practice the American doctrine of equality in selecting personnel." She said that shipping companies and exporters having business relationships with Israel were the principal targets of the Arab boycott.

The boycott first invoked by Saudi Arabia against Jewish-owned export firms in the United States has now spread to Iraq, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said this week-end. In a letter to the State Department, Henry Edward Schultz, ADL's national chairman, reported a complaint received by the League from a New York manufacturer-exporter who was advised by a prospective customer in Baghdad that no business could be transacted if the New York firm is "Jewish."

At the same time Mrs. Shulman rejected "as contrary to the best American tradition of full and open debate of all major issues" the suggestion that the major political parties enter into a "gentleman's agreement" to exclude the Middle East crisis from public debate in the forthcoming national election campaign. She declared that the 300,000 women of Hadassah are keenly interested in all important domestic and foreign issues and will demand of candidates for elected office a full explanation of their views, whether it be on economic prosperity or civil rights at home, or foreign aid, unification of Germany or the Middle East problem.

Eban Sees Danger in "Headlong Decline" in Balance of Arms

Israel Ambassador Eban, addressing the delegates, paid tribute to Hadassah for its promotion of health programs in Israel and pointed out: "While you help us cultivate our garden and build sanctuaries of learning and health, deep apprehensions crowd in upon us. Indeed, the threat to peace and security in the Middle East now stands in the forefront of international concern. It is natural and proper for responsible governments to devote their earnest study to this crucial subject. It is evident, however, that a solution has not yet come into view."

Mrs. Rose Halprin, Zionist affairs chairman of Hadassah, who just returned from Israel, reported that "the people of Israel are alerted to possible danger but are calm. There is, of course, deep anxiety and preparation for emergency. While awaiting with deep concern the response of the United States to its request for defensive arms to meet a possible attack from Communist-armed Egypt, Israel is continuing without interruption its day-by-day normal activities and long-range construction programs." Mrs. Halprin told the session. She warned that the longer the United States delays in meeting Israel's request for defensive arms the more serious the situation will become.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee will provide \$1,450,000 during 1956 for the work of the ORT under an agreement announced today by the two organizations. The cost of vocational training programs conducted by ORT in Europe, Israel, North Africa and other countries is expected to exceed \$4,000,000 during the current year. Under terms of the new agreement, ORT will provide from other sources the difference between the amount granted by JDC and the total sum required.

The pact envisages vocational and educational services to over 20,000 persons in more than 300 ORT trade schools and workshops in 19 countries during 1956. ORT officials declared that "top priority" will be given to programs located in North Africa and Israel, in view of the critical situations facing Jews in these areas. Signing the pact for the two agencies were Dr. Aron Syngalowski and Dr. William Haber, representing ORT, and Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the JDC. Dr. Syngalowski is chairman of the executive committee of the World ORT Union and Dr. Haber is president of the American ORT Federation.

The pact between the two agencies renews the previous year's agreement, including the stipulation that ORT will not conduct independent fund-raising campaigns in the U.S., but will be permitted to continue with membership activities. Enrollment in ORT training programs increased 10 percent during 1955, according to ORT representatives. 4,275 students, over 1,000 of them in Israel alone, completed their studies in 60 different occupations and found ready employment in their communities.

ORT schools are officially recognized in most countries of operation, with graduates receiving governmental certificates of trade proficiency. In Israel, ORT currently conducts trade schools and adult courses in 18 cities and towns. The majority of students are teen-agers receiving complete secondary schooling. In cooperation with the U.S. Operations Missions and the Israel Ministry of Education, ORT has opened three schools especially set up to meet the trade education needs of immigrant youngsters.

UNITED HIAS ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF WORLD JEWISH MIGRATION COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- The formation of "The World Jewish Migration Council," with an initial membership of long-established Jewish voluntary agencies of eight countries, which will concern itself with worldwide Jewish migration and resettlement problems, was announced today by Ben Touster, president of United Hias Service, American agency assisting migrants on a global scale. Mr. Touster addressed more than 1,000 delegates of fraternal, religious and labor organizations attending the annual meeting of the organization.

The gathering heard Mr. Touster explain that the WJMC is expected eventually to include every country having a substantial Jewish population. Its two-fold purpose is to exchange views on refugees, aliens, and migration and resettlement problems, and to make recommendations to governments and international bodies such as the United Nations.

United Hias, which renders migration and resettlement services throughout the free-civilized world, was instrumental in the formation of the WJMC. The first WJMC meeting will be convened in Europe in the near future and it is expected that the following countries, which have already approved the Council's statutes, will be represented: Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States.

In his annual message, Mr. Touster reviewed the Jewish immigration story of the ten-year period following the liberation of the concentration camps in Europe and the end of World War II. He said that during this "eventful decade" more than 150,000 Jewish immigrants were resettled in the United States, while Canada, with one-tenth the population of the U.S., received about 36,000, and Latin American countries an additional 33,000.

"Now, ten years after liberation, there still remain many thousands of Jews, known only as 'aliens,' 'DF's,' 'refugees,' 'escapees,' who must be helped by United Hias Service to find permanent homes overseas." He added that despite countless migration barriers, "the agency helped close to 3,000 persons during 1955 to emigrate from Europe and the Far East and resettle in countries of opportunity." At present the United Hias offices in Europe and North Africa have more than 10,000 applications for immigration, Mr. Touster reported.

Samuel Goldstein, treasurer of United Hias Service for the past ten years, who resigned from his office because he is taking up temporary residence in Israel later this month, reported that the estimated needs of United Hias for its program in Europe, North Africa, Israel, the Western Hemisphere, Australia and elsewhere will be \$3,762,385. This, he said, includes a contingency fund of \$1,000,000 to be used "in case additional persons must be moved from North Africa."

MRS. WARBURG HONORED IN ISRAEL; HOME FOR AGED TO CARRY HER NAME

TEL AVIV, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Mrs. Frieda Schiff Warburg was honored on the occasion of her 80th birthday when a home for the aged at Nathanya was named for her this week-end. The home is operated by Malben, Israeli program of the Joint Distribution Committee. Mrs. Warburg is the widow of Felix M. Warburg, a founder of the JDC.

CONFERENCE OF 7,000 GROUPS PLEDGES SUPPORT TO U. J. A. DRIVES

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A resolution pledging the support of 7,000 Jewish benevolent and fraternal organizations to the United Jewish Appeal was adopted here today at a conference of representatives of these organizations held at the Sheraton-Astor Hotel. The delegates unanimously approved full cooperation with the regular 1956 UJA drive as well as with the Special Fund drive for \$25,000,000 to meet emergency emigration needs of North African Jews.

In addition to aiding in the general UJA campaign, the Jewish mass organizations pledged themselves to continue their special projects. One set of projects consists of houses for immigrants, settlements for the newcomers, cultural centers, children's homes, schools, nurseries and other necessary communal institutions. The other project is the raising of funds for emergency bombproof shelters in border towns for the children of the newcomers' families in case of raids or worse. "Organizations which have undertaken such projects must complete their work upon which the future of these immigrants depends," the resolution urged.

Congressman Emanuel Celler, who was the principal speaker at the conference, urged that the United States take the lead in promoting a peace settlement between the Arab nations and Israel -- "a peace that speaks with honor, not a peace at any price." "Israel is the one country in that area that is viably democratic, whose orientation to the Western world is beyond question and that has not sought to bargain with the Iron Curtain countries," he pointed out.

ISRAELIS BELIEVE U. S. HOLDS KEY TO MID-EAST PEACE; MRS. HALPRIN REPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, said on her return from Israel today that "Israelis almost without exception believe that the United States holds the key to peace in the Middle East."

Mrs. Halprin, who attended a plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, said that she found the mood in Israel to be one of "sober realism." "The people fully realize the dangers of the situation created by Czech arms shipments to Egypt and there is great anxiety," she said.

"The big question is, what America's decision will be on Israel's request for defense arms to restore the balance of military power. Everybody is convinced that a favorable decision can avert war. Nasser will be tempted toward peace if Israel's defenses are bolstered -- not necessarily gun for gun and tank for tanks, but with sufficient defense equipment to make the outcome of an attack on her an uncertain factor," Mrs. Halprin said.

B'NAI ZION HONORS JAVITZ; SEES LIMITED SUPPLY OF ARMS FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- A limited supply of defensive arms may be furnished Israel by the United States, Britain and France, it was indicated here last night by New York State Attorney General Jacob K. Javitz, Republican leader, addressing the annual dinner of B'nai Zion, fraternal order of the Zionist Organization of America. The dinner, at which Mr. Javitz was the guest of honor, was attended by 1,200 persons.

The Attorney General urged the U. S. Government to include Israel in a "regional security arrangement," in addition to providing arms for Israel's self-defense. He suggested that the United States become a member of such a security project. "We cannot jeopardize Israel's survival, or even submit her people to the intolerable pressure of the delayed decision on arms which could drive them to measures of desperation, and which put the situation beyond their control of ours," he stressed.

Mr. Javitz received from Justice Markewich, president of B'nai Zion, a plaque signifying the establishment of a 10,000-tree forest by the Zionist order in Israel named for him. Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, described the "new tone emanating from Washington as the first ray of light since the Soviet blackened the Middle East horizon by turning over war weapons to the Cairo warriors."

B'NAI B'RITH HONORS THREE MILITARY CHAPLAINS; PRESENTS AWARDS

NEW YORK, Feb. 5. (JTA) -- Chaplains from the three armed services were honored here last night at the annual "Four Chaplains Award Dinner" of the Alexander D. Goode Lodge of B'nai B'rith. The award commemorates four military chaplains of the three faiths, including the late Rabbi Alexander Goode, who perished after giving up their life jackets to soldiers aboard the torpedoed U. S. troopship Dorchester February 3, 1943.

The "Chaplains of the Year" honored at last night's dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, each of whom received a citation and a cash award of \$500 for best exemplifying by their personalities and work the spirit of the four chaplains, were: Capt. Joshua Goldberg, Third Naval District Chaplain; Col. Constantine E. Zielinski, Catholic Cadet Chaplain at the U. S. Air Force Academy, and Col. Edwin L. Kirtley, Senior Chaplain with the Army Forces in Europe.

A memorial service to the four chaplains was held at the Bronx Veterans Hospital this week-end. Wreaths were placed on the water of the Four Chaplains Memorial Pool, constructed nine years ago at the hospital.