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STATE DEPT. CONFUSION ON MIDDLE EAST ARMS POLICY STIRS WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Congressional circles were stirred today by the confusion in the State Department regarding the United States arms policy for Israel and the Arab countries which was brought to light this week-end in dramatic developments in which an embargo on arms shipment to the Middle East imposed in the early morning hours Friday was lifted late yesterday.

The lifting of the embargo released for shipment to Saudi Arabia 18 modern American army tanks valued at more than \$100,000 each. Only a day before, these tanks were prevented from leaving the port of Brooklyn, by a ban, announced by the State Department, temporarily suspending arms export licenses for the Middle East area.

Yesterday's sudden removal of the ban followed careful consultations with President Eisenhower, as did its imposition 36 hours earlier. The matter was discussed virtually all day Saturday by top State Department officials. Developments also included a meeting of Acting Secretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr., with chairman Walter F. George of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Sen. George earlier demanded a Senate investigation of the arms question. In a statement announcing yesterday's decision, the State Department made known that the situation has been restored to what it was on Thursday before the embargo was placed on the tank shipment to Saudi Arabia.

U.S. Also Sold Bombers to Saudi Arabia; No Heavy Arms for Israel

The lifting of the embargo, State Department spokesman Lincoln White emphasized, is not related to Israel's pending application to buy some \$50,000,000 worth of arms to balance the flow of Communist munitions to the Arabs. The State Department said in its statement that "limited arms deliveries has from time to time been authorized to the Arab states and to Israel." However, Israel sources maintained today that Israel received no heavy arms from the United States. It is understood that arms export licenses approved so far for Israel authorize about \$110,000 worth of militarily unimportant spare parts for automotive and aircraft equipment, none of it in the weapons category.

Meanwhile, it was learned here today that the United States has sold to Saudi Arabia not only tanks but also bombing planes. It was reported that about 100 shipments of arms to Arab countries have been made from the United States during the last six months. The Saudi Arabian Ambassador yesterday conferred with George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Informed sources reported that the Ambassador told the State Department that unless the tanks were shipped Saudi Arabia might turn to the Communist bloc for such equipment and might also question the wisdom of extending an agreement allowing the United States Air Force to use a Saudi Arabian base.

State Dept. Says Eisenhower Fully Advised on Issue

The State Department version of the Saudi Arabian tank issue follows: "On the evening of February 16, when numerous inquiries were made concerning the tank shipment about to leave New York harbor, it was decided to suspend all outstanding export licenses for the area in question pending an examination to assure that such exports were being made in compliance with pertinent laws and regulations, and were in conformity with the policies of the U.S. with respect to the maintenance of peace and stability in the area. This examination has taken place and it was confirmed that all licenses conformed with the above criteria.

"The President has therefore decided to permit the export of those items covered by outstanding valid export licenses for the Arab states and Israel which have not already gone forward. As in the past, outstanding requests for arms which have not been approved and future requests will, of course, be subjected to most careful scrutiny in the light of policies enunciated in the Tripartite Declaration and applicable acts of Congress, and within the context of a continuing review of the situation in the area."

Declaring that the President was fully advised, currently informed, and that he "fully approves" of the statement issued, the State Department added: "The U.S. has since August of last year authorized licenses covering a total of less than \$16,000,000 for the Near East countries in question, much of the material already having been shipped. A substantial part of this involves spare parts, communications equipment and miscellaneous small items for maintenance and other purposes. It also includes commercial

aircraft and parts. All presently outstanding licenses, which include the shipments now in New York harbor, are within this total.

"During the past year numerous applications were received by the U.S. from countries in that area for large quantities of arms. These requests totalled more than \$150,000,000. When the massive shipments of arms by the Soviet bloc to the Near East was confirmed in September of last year, it was a clear signal for the starting of an arms race that would increase the danger of war in the area. The U.S. is maintaining a continuous review of the whole question of Near East arms shipments, and no action has been taken to authorize any of these large requests."

Spokesman Lincoln White said the Israel and Arab governments will be informed of yesterday's decision. No meetings were held with the British or French on the decision, he said.

ZIONISTS SCORE STATE DEPT. FOR ARMING ARABS AND IGNORING ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- American Zionist leaders severely criticized the State Department today for sending arms to Arab countries while refusing to permit the sale of weapons to Israel. They cited the lifting of the embargo yesterday on the shipment of the American tanks to Saudi Arabia as a case in point.

"By its latest move, the State Department has again exposed in cynical manner its hostility to Israel and it will bear the major responsibility for the disaster which its action may precipitate in the Middle East," Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council representing all Zionist organizations in this country, said in a statement issued here today.

"The lifting of the embargo on the delivery of 18 tanks to Saudi Arabia finally lifts the curtain on the appeasement policy toward the Arabs which the State Department has practiced these past several years under the facade of 'impartiality,' the statement declared. "It also demonstrates in striking fashion the entire pattern of its bungling policies in that area which have led to the opening of the Middle East to communist penetration."

"While Israel's four months' old request for defensive arms is being shelved under all sorts of sanctimonious pretexts despite the grave peril Israel faces because of the continuous flow of Soviet arms to its enemies, American built tanks are shipped with impunity to Saudi Arabia, which is threatened by no one. The State Department's contention that the shipment of the tanks are 'in conformity with the policies of the United States with respect to the maintenance of peace and stability in the area,' is an amazing twist of logic and a piece of wishful thinking which our State Department can ill afford at this time," the statement said.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, today sent a telegram to President Eisenhower, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Congressional leaders condemning the shipment of tanks to Saudi Arabia, and calling for a bipartisan Congressional investigation of the State Department which, "even while it was piously proclaiming a 'no arms race' policy, was sneaking across arms to one of the sides in the Arab-Israel dispute." Dr. Goldstein also urged the immediate granting of permission for Israel to purchase defensive weapons in this country.

Meanwhile, large groups of Zionists today picketed the pier in Brooklyn where the freighter James Monroe was preparing to sail for Saudi Arabia with the 18 army tanks.

STATE DEPT. DID NOT LIFT EMBARGO ON ARMS TO ISRAEL, EBAN CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban said on a CBS television interview today that the State Department had not lifted the embargo on arms for Israel as Israel is still denied export permits for weapons. He termed the State Department's assertion that arms permits were granted Israel as "spurious" and "artificial," pointing out that such items sold Israel were insignificant supplies which had no bearing on defense.

Mr. Eban said any prolongation of this imbalance brings war nearer. He called particular attention to the danger of the Arab air superiority. The Ambassador stressed that even if given a security guarantee Israel would be in need of arms. He cited the case of Poland in 1939. However, he pointed out that the 1950 Tripartite Declaration is no effective guarantee against aggression.

Mr. Eban warned if Syria shoots when and if Israel resumes work on the Jordan River project, responsibility for what happens thereafter would rest on Syria. He said the water project was fully consistent with the Johnston Plan and that Ambassador Eric Johnston at an early date will elicit further information and clarify the status of the plan.

FOR EVERY BOMB ON TEL AVIV, TWO WILL BE DROPPED ON CAIRO, YADIN WARNS

LONDON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Every bomb dropped by Egyptian bombers of Tel Aviv will be answered by two on Cairo, Maj. Gen. Yigal Yadin, former Chief of Staff of the Israel Army of Defense, declared here last night. If Premier Nasser of Egypt decides to attack Israel, Gen. Yadin warned, "Jerusalem will be defended on the banks of the Nile." Gen. Yadin spoke at the opening of the 1956 Joint Palestine Appeal here. Ambassador Eliahu Elath also spoke at the dinner.

EISENHOWER'S IMMIGRATION PROPOSALS NOT SATISFACTORY, SEN. LEHMAN SAYS

CHICAGO, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Senator Herbert H. Lehman charged last night that the Eisenhower Administration has not publicly recognized the "chief evils" of the McCarran-Walter Act. Speaking before the Decalogue Society, an organization of 1,500 Jewish attorneys and judges, the Senator said the Eisenhower proposals to revise the immigration law "came a long way in the direction I have been pointing for four years." But, he added, the President's recommendation and the Watkins-Keating Bill, which have been introduced to carry out the President's proposals, fall short of the complete revision that is needed to eliminate the "hostile and suspicious spirit" of the law.

Sen. Lehman condemned the Watkins-Keating Bill for retaining the national origins quota system, which discriminates against prospective immigrants on the basis of race and national origin. He said the Watkins-Keating Bill discriminates against Asians, Jamaicans, natives of Trinidad and other islands in the Caribbean Sea. He said the Administration proposals discriminate against Africans.

He criticized the retention of the distinction between naturalized and native-born citizens which are left intact in the Watkins-Keating Bill. He added that "the acceptance by President Eisenhower of the concept of second-class citizenship I cannot and will not agree." He pledged himself to an unceasing fight to eliminate the national origins quota system, all distinction between native and naturalized American citizens, and the "unnecessary harshness and injustices from all sections of the McCarran-Walter Act."

AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSN. ASKED TO ACT AGAINST HOTELS PRACTICING BIAS

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The American Automobile Association has been asked by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to withdraw its "AAA seal of approval" from hotels, resorts and motels which deny accommodations to Jewish guests, it was announced today by Henry Schultz, ADL national chairman.

Charging that "many individuals of Jewish faith, relying upon AAA listings and recommendations, have been subjected to humiliation and embarrassment," Mr. Schultz said in a letter to the American Automobile Association that the AAA, which has more than 3,000,000 motorists enrolled in its state and regional affiliates, "should lend an expressive and vigorous voice to the efforts being made against discrimination by hotels."

A similar ADL request was made a year ago, but the association refused to take action then. Its policy is to authorize places of public accommodation to display and advertise the AAA shield provided their general appearance, cleanliness, convenience and quality of service meet the association's standards. Failure to include a requirement that guest policies be non-discriminatory has brought many complaints from AAA members who are Jewish, ADL declares.

Mr. Schultz cited a recent ADL survey which showed that three of every ten AAA-approved places in the State of Michigan barred Jewish guests. "The juxtaposition of the AAA symbol with religious discrimination inevitably taints your great association," he told the AAA. He said that two AAA affiliates, the Automobile Club of New York, and the Connecticut Motor Club, support ADL's view; both groups have gone on record condemning religious bias by hotels and resorts.

U.S. JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST REFUSED ACCOMMODATIONS AT NASSAU HOTEL

LONDON, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- D.S. Gottesman, American Jewish philanthropist who was instrumental in securing the Dead Sea Scrolls for Israel, has been refused accommodation at the select Balmoral Club in Nassau, capital of the Bahamas, it was revealed here today.

The incident was made known in a letter to a London newspaper from a Nassau Jewish woman, Josephine Rosenberg. In her letter, she said: "Recently, I telephoned the Balmoral Club in Nassau to obtain overnight accommodation on behalf of a friend who was arriving from the United States. The reservation was accepted and the terms agreed. Then, just before putting down the telephone, the representative of the club asked if the prospective guest was a Gentile."

Mrs. Rosenberg replied that the gentleman in question is D.S. Gottesman, a distinguished Jew of high standing, who presented the Dead Sea Scrolls to the State of Israel. He has also made generous donations to causes which benefit both Jew and Gentile. "Upon learning of his 'racial derivations,' the club immediately withdrew the offer of accommodation," Mrs. Rosenberg reported.

\$9,750,000 RAISED FOR EINSTEIN MEDICAL COLLEGE IN NEW YORK

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- A total of \$9,750,000 has been raised to date of the \$13,000,000 required for construction and equipment of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, it was announced at a national report meeting held here today.

Reports on campaign progress and development at the College were presented by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, Nathaniel L. Goldstein, chairman of the board of overseers of the College of Medicine, Max J. Etra, chairman of the board of trustees of Yeshiva University, George Alpert, president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and Michael M. Nisselson, director of development.

BROTHERHOOD WEEK STARTS; 10,000 COMMUNITIES PLEDGE TO COMBAT BIGOTRY

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The nationwide observance of Brotherhood Week, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, started today throughout the country with an appeal by President Eisenhower for unity among all the people of the United States. The President's message read:

"All of us must continue our efforts to promote a belief in brotherhood among people of varied backgrounds, to uphold the right to freedom of worship, to foster the individual citizen's understanding and tolerance of his neighbor's spiritual convictions. Such efforts, which rest upon a belief in the equality and dignity of men under the Fatherhood of God, are essential to our unity and strength as a society."

As some 10,000 communities across the United States and Canada joined this year's campaign against bigotry, the NCCJ announced 30 awards to men and productions in the mass communications media for "outstanding contributions to the cause of brotherhood." Proclamations by governors and mayors touched off local and state celebrations which enlisted the cooperation of schools, civic bodies, religious and fraternal groups and veterans and youth organizations.

Chaplains in the armed services have arranged brotherhood programs at military installations in the U.S. and abroad, radio and television networks have scheduled programs and spot announcements on brotherhood, and the nation's 18,500 motion picture houses have been enlisted in a campaign to enroll 50,000 new members for the NCCJ.

Discrimination costs the United States an estimated 30 billion dollars a year, it was pointed out today by William E. Vickery, educational director of the New York area of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Addressing the faculty and students of Pace College, at St. Paul's Church, Dr. Vickery stressed that racial and religious intolerance not only lowers the purchasing power of minority groups, but has direct bearing on the nation's expenditures in the fields of health and crime prevention.

Mrs. Warburg, Gov. McKeldin to Receive World Brotherhood Awards

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Mrs. Felix M. Warburg and Maryland Governor Theodore McKeldin will be presented with World Brotherhood awards by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, it was announced here this week-end at the mid-winter conference of the National Planning Committee of the institutions of Conservative Judaism, the Seminary, United Synagogue of America and Rabbinical Assembly of America.

Mrs. Warburg will receive her award in recognition of a lifetime of service to "the downtrodden of all groups," while Gov. McKeldin will be honored for his "championship of human equality." The awards will be presented at a meeting tentatively scheduled for April at which three World Brotherhood fellows will be named: Maxwell Abell, chairman of the President's Committee on Government Employment Policy; Daniel G. Ross, former chairman of the National Planning Committee, and Ben Stern, co-chairman of the Seminary's World Brotherhood Committee.

NEW EDITION OF TALMUD TO BE PUBLISHED: FIRST IN 76 YEARS

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- A new edition of the Talmud--the first in 76 years--will be published in Jerusalem by the World Academy, a federation of scholarly institutions in Israel headed by Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog. The last edition was printed in Vilna, Russia, in 1880-86.

An announcement to this effect was made here last night by Charles H. Silver, president of the New York Board of Education, who is a trustee of the academy. He said that the new edition will appear in some 30 volumes, the first of which will be published in Israel this year. The entire publication project is expected to require 10 years. For the first time the text will be punctuated and it will include a digest of unpublished commentaries by rabbis in all parts of the world going back to about the 11th century C. E.

HEINE'S MANUSCRIPTS, RESCUED FROM THE NAZIS, NOW BOUGHT BY NATIVE CITY

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- The largest known collection of Heinrich Heine's original manuscripts, numbering 3,702 pieces in German and French, have been sold to the city of Dusseldorf for a reported price of \$50,000. It was revealed here this week-end. Yesterday was the centennial of Heine's death.

The manuscripts were secretly shipped out of Germany in 1939 because the owners feared that the Hitler regime would destroy them as the poet had been a Jew. Shipped to this country as commercial documents, they remained in a Chase Manhattan Bank vault for the last 17 years. They will be shipped to Dusseldorf, Heine's birthplace, immediately.

EDMUND WATERMAN, FOUNDER OF ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, DEAD; WAS 74

NEW YORK, Feb. 19. (JTA) -- Edmund Waterman, philanthropist and Jewish community leader, died in Palm Springs, California, this week-end. He was 74. A founder of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and of the Joint Defense Appeal, Mr. Waterman served as head of the New York area of the ADL and was a national vice-chairman. He was also active in the Institute for Applied Biology and served on government advisory boards during both World Wars.