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DULLES STATEMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST AROUSES BITTERNESS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The statement on the Middle East made by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Friday has caused acute aggravation of the situation and has aroused intense bitterness throughout Israel, the Jerusalem Post, a newspaper which frequently expresses the views of the Israel Foreign Ministry, said in an editorial today.

A more effective way to encourage the Arabs to make war on Israel could hardly have been devised, the newspaper commented bitterly. It declared that the statement by Mr. Dulles brought renewal of the Arab-Israel war "immeasurably nearer."

The Arabs, the editorial noted, having received arms from one side (the Communist bloc) beyond their wildest dreams, are now being told by a leading Western statesman that nothing effective will be done to prevent their attack, that Israel will not be armed for defence. This, the editorial declared, is a "Munich solution" to the problem.

ZIONISTS HIT DULLES FOR OFFERING ISRAEL 'COUNSEL OF WEAKNESS'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, chairman of the American Zionist Committee on Public Affairs, told Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in a letter today that his statement on the Middle East "filled us with dismay and foreboding" and offered Israel only a "counsel of weakness and defeatism in the face of Communist aggression. He urged that Israel be permitted to acquire the defensive arms it needs to prevent war.

Earlier, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, denounced the Dulles statement and said it must have left many Americans "deeply disappointed in the declining moral quality of American statesmanship." He charged that "the acts of the State Department in the vital question of Israel's security have been and continue to be unmistakably pro-Arab."

Wholehearted approval of the Dulles statement was voiced today by the Jordanian Ambassador, Abdel Rifai, following a long interview with Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen. He praised the Dulles statement as a "realistic understanding of the situation."

In a nationally-syndicated column, the Alsop brothers warned today that even if the danger of war in the Middle East "is surmounted this year, it is universally admitted that the new Communist political offensive in the Middle East has already scored brilliant successes." The New York Post editorially characterized the Dulles statement as "an invitation to new Arab blackmail" and declared that "it was barren of any real sensitivity to the feeling of isolation which must be growing in Israel."

HAMMARSKJOLD SEES NO 'EASY' SOLUTION OF ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold said today on his return from a six-week global tour that he did not see "any easy way to so-called solutions" of the problems in the Middle East, "but I do see progress." He told a press conference at United Nations headquarters that he did not see any reason for "panicky reactions" over the possibility of war in the Middle East and cautioned that "dramatizing the situation does not help solutions."

Mr. Hammarskjold rejected the suggestion that the Middle East was on the "brink" of war and said: "I do not think the Middle East is on any such brink. I simply, flatly, refuse to believe it." He said he saw no way for the United Nations to halt an arms race in the Middle East, pointing out that "the governments have the primary responsibility."

Mr. Hammarskjold saw no need for any new action at the present time by either the General Assembly or the Security Council in relation to Middle East tensions. "We can go along the lines already embarked upon," he said. "We may get to a place where new procedures are needed, but that place is not here yet."

The Secretary General said that he did not believe that the UN should take the initiative at this time to mediate the Israel-Arab conflicts. "I feel very strongly that solutions must grow out of the governments concerned. There is no need for the Secretary General to jump to the middle of the stage with offers of mediation."

ISRAEL SEEKS SHOWDOWN WITH DULLES ON ARMS PLEA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Israel circles revealed today that Israel diplomats this week will seek a final yes or no answer from the State Department on Israel's arms application. Israelis, meanwhile, have made it known that they believe a "maybe" answer could now be considered the same as a negative response.

The present American position on the arms list is depicted by Israel circles here as prejudicial to Israel efforts to buy arms from Western European countries. European nations are looking to Washington for guidance.

It was pointed out here that many months have elapsed since Secretary of State Dulles promised Israel "sympathetic consideration" on arms, months during which Communist arms have flowed to Egypt and Western arms went to the Arabs.

Israel will try to elicit a definite and formal reply, if possible before Secretary Dulles departs March 2 for the Karachi conference. If the answer is to be "no," they feel adequately mature to have the benefit of such definitive information. Clarification of the American position is being sought because of the confusing and contradictory statements made last week by Mr. Dulles in his appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Israel circles emphasize that they are not seeking armed parity with the Arabs but only request that specified minimal demands be met so that Israel may have at least a certain level of security.

JORDAN KING INVITES ARAB STATES TO "SUMMIT PARLEY" ON ISRAEL

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- King Hussein of Jordan has invited all the Arab States to participate in a "summit" conference next month to plan a united defense against Israel, according to Amman dispatches. His invitation was accepted immediately by Syria, The Lebanon and Iraq and was being considered by Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Egypt, it was stated, held reservations because of Iraq's adherence to the Baghdad pact.

Iraq, however has offered Syria and The Lebanon "any military aid they ask" in the event that Israel resumes work on the Jordan River development plan. It has also offered to supply Iraqi troops. Iraq, as a member of the Baghdad pact, is receiving military aid from the United States, receiving one arms shipment only last week.

The State Department at Washington has repeatedly taken the position that arms given to Iraq would not be employed against Israel.

CRITICS FAIL TO MOVE BRITISH GOVT. IN DEBATE ON MID-EAST POLICY

LONDON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Critics of the British Government's Middle East policies failed tonight in a determined attempt to change the Government's stand on measures to prevent war between Israel and the Arab States and to achieve a settlement in the Middle East.

In a long and inconclusive foreign policy debate in the House of Commons, Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, who is soon to leave on a visit to the Arab States and Israel, again rejected demands that he seek to enlist cooperation of the Soviet Union in halting the flow of arms to the Middle East and refused to accept the view that defensive arms to Israel would help check the growing imbalance and serve as a deterrent to war.

The Foreign Secretary asserted that he did not believe the security of Israel rested on an arms race. An arms race, he said, would mean that Israel "will be ringed around by a series of Arab States who have in turn been armed to the teeth by the Soviets and that, I do not believe, would mean security for Israel." He added that "therefore, we have to find a rather different approach to the problem. I just don't believe that Israel's security will follow from the delivery of large quantities of Western arms at the present time."

Mr. Lloyd stressed agreement of the British and American governments that the Tripartite Declaration offered the best means of preserving the peace. He said the British had not thought in terms of sending United Nations contingents to patrol Israel's frontiers and said he would talk with Egyptian and Israel leaders about strengthening the U. N. truce observance organization in Palestine.

In the Middle East, Mr. Lloyd said, "our first task is to assist in an Arab-Israeli settlement. Secondly, to maintain our position on the Persian Gulf. Thirdly, to support our friends. Fourthly, to be loyal to our alliances. Fifthly, to persuade those who might succumb to Soviet blandishments of the danger to their political freedom as well as to their religious life. Finally, to do all within the limits of our capacity, to help those countries in the development of their resources, raising their standard of living. That is the policy to which we will seek to adhere in the Middle East."

ADMIRAL RADFORD TESTIFIES ON MILITARY SITUATION IN NEAR EAST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Secret testimony on the military situation in the Near East was given to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in closed hearing today by Admiral Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Under-Secretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr. also testified.

FOREIGN MINISTER OFFERS FRANCE AS MEDIATOR BETWEEN ISRAEL, ARABS

PARIS, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Christian Pineau proposed in a statement here that France should act as mediator between Israel and the Arab States. He said that the problems involved were extremely delicate but he had not lost hope that the way could be found to a peaceful settlement.

France, he said, would act within the framework of the tripartite agreement, or within a Four-Power framework if the three Western partners were joined in this by the Soviet Union. He warned that "the outbreak of war in the Middle East could have incalculable consequences for world peace."

B'NAI B'RITH WARNS WEST ON CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO ARM ISRAEL

CHICAGO, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The national administrative committee of B'nai B'rith, concluding a two-day meeting here, unanimously adopted a resolution last night warning the Western Powers that their failure to sell defensive weapons to the State of Israel could "conceivably and unnecessarily involve the Western Powers themselves in military action." The resolution noted that "security guarantees against aggression are important, but they are no substitute for a restoration of military balance."

The resolution declared that the "off again-on again" shipment of tanks to Saudi Arabia "tragically highlights the present absence of a forthright and courageous policy to restore calm and bring about peace in the Middle East." It warned that "repetition of such incidents can only bring about a further decline in the stature of the Western Powers when it comes to solving one of the most troublesome and critical problems confronting the world today."

In a message to the meeting, Governor William C. Stratton of Illinois declared that "means must be found to insure Israel's continued peaceful existence. Evil forces that are attempting to stamp out democracy anywhere in the world must be curbed."

The meeting also voted to welcome President Eisenhower's recommendations for amending the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act of 1952 as "a step forward in the direction of removing inequities" and urged "the further step of re-examining the entire national origins quota system."

McKeldin Urges Speedy Arms Shipments to Israel

CINCINNATI, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Gov. Theodore McKeldin of Maryland renewed yesterday his demand for prompt shipment of arms to Israel to "prevent and discourage aggression and preserve peace."

Addressing the Cincinnati Jewish Welfare Federation, the Maryland Governor warned that "the flow of arms to Egypt and other countries constitutes an imminent danger and threat to world peace." The issue, he said, was not "between the Arabs and Israel alone, but between the Communists and the free world."

ORTHODOX JEWS THREATEN TO SPLIT VIENNA COMMUNITY; QUIT COUNCIL

VIENNA, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The Orthodox representation in the Vienna Jewish Community Council walked out of the council today and threatened to pull some 600 Orthodox Jews out of formal membership in the Vienna Jewish Community in a dispute over a new community group.

Israel Benjamin Schreiber, president of the Agudas Israel Organization in Austria, which together with the Jewish Interest Association won three of 24 seats in the last election for the council, demanded that the new organization be disbanded and asserted that the Socialist leadership of the Jewish community was unconcerned about religious problems. He further accused the president of the council, Dr. Emil Maurer, a Socialist, of following the Socialist line instead of fulfilling the religious needs of the Jews.

Commenting on Schreiber's charges, Dr. Maurer said that the Socialist party within the council was willing to cooperate with any Jewish group except the Communists. He insisted that as long as there was one religious Jew in Vienna religious problems would be a concern of the community. Dr. Maurer countercharged that Schreiber was seeking to split the community wide open.

According to Austrian law, if a Jew formally quits the Jewish community he is no longer considered a Jew for legal purposes.

JEWS FLY TO ISRAEL FROM GERMANY ON TRAINING MISSION

MUNICH, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Twelve American Jewish soldiers attached to units in the Munich area left here yesterday on an eleven-day training proficiency flight to Israel and other countries. They will spend seven days in Israel.

The flight, in an Air Force plane, was sponsored by the Jewish chaplain for the Munich area, Maj. Oscar M. Lifshutz. Rabbi Lifshutz served as liaison officer for the United States forces when the remains of Theodor Herzl were transferred to Israel from Austria in 1949.

MOST OF DENVER EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES TAKE BIASED JOB ORDERS

DENVER, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Most of the private and public employment agencies in the city of Denver and vicinity accept without hesitation discriminatory requests for job placements, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported this week. The League's report followed a pre-Brotherhood Week special survey conducted February 14 by the Denver A. D. L. Council under the chairmanship of Mandel Berenbaum.

The A. D. L. in its survey, contacted 46 private and public employment agencies, representing over 90 per cent of the total number in Denver and vicinity, and placed a request with each agency for a "white, Protestant stenographer."

In 42 cases, the A. D. L. found, the discriminatory request was accepted without hesitation; while in two instances, there was some reluctance in accepting the request. In only one instance, did the employment agency--the Veterans Employment of the State of Colorado--refuse to handle this kind of a discriminatory request.

"What is particularly disturbing," declared Mr. Berenbaum, "is that two of the employment agencies which showed no hesitation in accepting this discriminatory request--the Colorado State Employment Service and the Welfare Department of the City of Denver--are supported by public funds." He called for "immediate conference between the Governor's Commission on Human Relations and these two public agencies. He demanded that Denver "take remedial steps insofar as the Welfare Department is concerned."

Mr. Berenbaum also urged the Governor's Commission on Human Relations and the F. E. P. office to promptly inform all employment agencies in the state, both private and public, of the provisions of the Colorado Fair Employment Practices Law and to set up conferences which would help bring about a voluntary compliance with the law. A Colorado Statute, passed in 1951, declares illegal any discrimination in employment because of race, creed or national origin. But its enforcement provisions affect only cases of discrimination by public employers. In cases of discrimination by private employers, remedies can only be obtained by persuasion on the part of the Governor's Commission and the Colorado F. E. P. office.

CANADIAN JEWS PRESS FOR TIGHTENING OF ONTARIO ANTI-BIAS LAWS

MONTREAL, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- A brief proposing measures designed to tighten Ontario's anti-discrimination laws in employment and public accommodations has been presented by a delegation representing church, labor and civic organizations including the Canadian Jewish Congress, the CJC revealed today.

Taking note of loopholes in the present acts, the memorandum suggested that instead of merely outlawing "denial" of rights, the legislation be rephrased so as to permit prosecution when a right is refused, withheld or in some other fashion, direct or indirect, discrimination is practiced. The brief further suggested that reports of inquiries into complaints be furnished to all parties affected by the matter, as a means of enlisting public support of the program.

The brief recommended the establishment of a commission or board to administer the legislation, the board to be assisted by at least one full-time staff person who would also be responsible for the conduct of a public education program in connection with the anti-bias laws. The CJC cooperated with several other groups in the drafting of the brief.

The Manitoba Legislature has passed an amendment to the Manitoba Fair Employment Practices Act barring job application forms that ask for particulars as to race, national origin, color or religion of an applicant. The amendment had been urged by the Joint Advisory Committee on Labor Relations of the Congress and the Jewish Labor Committee.

SAMUEL ROTHBERG HONORED FOR DECADE OF SERVICE TO ISRAEL

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- More than a million dollars in Israel bonds were sold at a dinner here in honor of Samuel Rothberg of Peoria, Ill., marking a decade of service by him to Israel through the United Jewish Appeal and the Bond Organization. Messages in tribute to Mr. Rothberg were read from Premier David Ben Gurion and other members of the Israel Government. Speakers included Abraham Feinberg, president of the bond organization; Henry Montor, its former executive officer, and other associates of Mr. Rothberg in past years.

MOISHE DICKSTEIN, WRITER AND JEWISH LEADER, DIES IN CANADA

MONTREAL, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Moishe Dickstein, one of the most active figures in Canadian Jewish life and a leader in the Labor Zionist movement, died here yesterday after a brief illness at the age of 65. A native of Poland where he established a reputation as a journalist, Dickstein migrated to Canada before the first World War. In addition to his Zionist activities, he was a founder of the Jewish folk schools system and was active in the Canadian Jewish Congress.