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BEN GURION SUMMONS U.S. AMBASSADOR; DISCUSS DULLES' VIEWS ON ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 29. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion summoned United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson today and conferred with him for an hour over Secretary of State Dulles' statements to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last week indicating a further delay in granting Israel's arms request. The Premier told Ambassador Lawson that the situation was serious, and that American delays encouraged the Arab states to attack Israel and Israel will not "sit quietly waiting for the attack." Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett was present during the meeting.

(The United States has shipped "a very limited number of military aircraft of the propeller type" to Saudi Arabia since 1951, it was disclosed in Washington today, by Secretary of State Dulles when he revised testimony originally given the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last Friday. The new information was the first official admission that the United States has sold military planes as well as tanks to Saudi Arabia.)

Mr. Sharett today received Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. The visit followed cancellation of a meeting of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission at Nitzana yesterday because the Egyptian delegation would not use a route laid out by the Israelis for coming to the meeting place. The meeting was to have taken place on Israel soil in the demilitarized zone. Meanwhile, Egyptian gun posts in the Gaza area opened fire on Israeli troops, but there were no casualties. The Israelis returned the fire.

The Foreign Office has instructed the Israel delegation to the UN to discuss with Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold responsibility for criminal and other offenses committed by UN observers during their stay in Israel. The instructions grew out of the case of a UN observer who fired at and wounded two Israeli children playing around his car. When the police tried to detain him the UN staff claimed immunity for him and subsequently transferred him. Now, with parents of the children demanding compensation, the Israel Government wants to clarify the problem.

DULLES AND HAMMARSKJOLD DISCUSS U. N. ROLE IN ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29. (JTA) -- The United Nations role in the Arab-Israel issue was discussed today by United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, it was made known following a luncheon meeting of the two today. Mr. Hammarskjold told the press:

"I came to Washington today at the invitation of Secretary Dulles to discuss with him and members of his staff some of the impressions which I carried away with me as a result of my visit to Middle Eastern and other Asian countries. During our conversation at luncheon we discussed, among other things, the role the United Nations might usefully play in helping resolve some of the problems which face the world today."

BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER LEAVES FOR EGYPT; WILL LATER VISIT ISRAEL

LONDON, Feb. 29. (JTA) -- British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd left here for Cairo today, en route to a meeting of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization at Karachi, Pakistan. On his return trip he will stop off in Israel. Before emplaning today, Mr. Lloyd said that he wanted to discuss many regional problems with Col. Nasser. He said that the Middle East "looms large in our thoughts."

Political observers believe that the Foreign Secretary will attempt to find out Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser's views on the prospects of a settlement of the Palestine problem. Mr. Lloyd is also expected to sound out the Egyptians on his proposal for increasing the number of observers along the Egyptian-Israel borders, as well as to try to win the Nasser regime away from open hostility toward the Bagdad Pact.

FRANCE REPORTED OPPOSING RESUMPTION OF WORK ON JORDAN WATER PROJECT

PARIS, Feb. 29. (JTA) -- The French Government has informed Syria that France believes that if Israel resumes work on the hydroelectric development project on the Jordan River it will be violating the armistice agreement and flouting a Security Council decision forbidding such work, it was learned here today. It is believed that the French note is almost identical to statements made to Syria by the United States and Britain.

EISENHOWER ASKED TO EFFECT A CHANGE IN U. S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY

NEW YORK, Feb. 29. (JTA) -- American Jewish groups appealed today to President Eisenhower to change the State Department's Middle East policy, which is considered strongly pro-Arab and unfriendly to Israel.

Addressing a press conference, Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, pointed out that today's announcement by President Eisenhower that he intends to run for another term, means that he has assumed a full measure of responsibility for all acts of the Administration and that the Arab-Israel issue "may now fairly be placed in the lap" of the President.

Rabbi Miller said that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in his testimony on the situation in the Middle East before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last Friday, "enunciated new doctrines which can only lead to disaster not only for Israel and the Middle East but for our own country and the Free World as well." He pointed out that, "if there are to be no defensive arms for Israel, if Israel is not to receive a security guarantee from America, the net result must be a seriously weakened Israel facing Arab States armed to the teeth by the Communist world. Whose interests would be served by such a weakened Israel--American interests or those of the Soviet Union?" he asked.

"The question of war or peace in the Middle East is now in the hands of President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles," Rabbi Miller stated. "Either the United States will immediately grant arms to Israel in order to serve notice upon potential aggressors that their aggression will be highly unprofitable or it will refuse to grant to Israel the necessary arms, thus tacitly giving the 'go ahead' signal to the Arab aggressors. Americans should not long be left in the dark with respect to our government's intentions in an area so vital to the security of our own country," he said.

Urged to Exercise "Personal Leadership" to Avert War on Israel

An appeal to President Eisenhower urging him to exercise "personal leadership" to avert a possible war by the Arab countries against Israel was voiced by Baruch Zukerman, chairman of the Zionist Labor Assembly, which represents 80,000 people affiliated with the Labor Zionist movement in this country.

"What shall other exposed nations think, whose protectors against the menace of Communism and other aggressive forces we profess to be, when they see Israel's hostile neighbors daily receiving arms intended for her destruction, not only from the Soviet world but also from the Western Powers and now from our own United States, while Israel's desperate plea for the means of her legitimate self-defense go unheeded," Mr. Zukerman asked in his telegram to the President.

A demand on President Eisenhower to take charge and change "the State Department's disastrous policy in the Middle East" was voiced at a meeting here this evening, sponsored by the newly formed Committee to Save the Middle East from Communism. Speakers asserted that the statements made by Secretary of State Dulles before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last Friday have demonstrated the conspicuous failure of the State Department's policy in the Middle East.

Adolph Held, national chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, strongly criticized Secretary Dulles and the position which the State Department has taken in banning Jews from assignments to U. S. military bases in Saudi Arabia at the request of the ruler of that country. He called it "a surrender to religious bigotry" and said that this action by the State Department violates "the basic tenets not alone of our foreign policy but of our Constitution." Protests against Mr. Dulles' policy were also voiced by Leo Wolfson, president of the Zionist Revisionists of America.

U. S. TANKS WILL BE UNLOADED AT SAUDI ARABIAN PORT, EMBASSY SAYS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29. (JTA) -- The Saudi Arabian Embassy here denied last night that the freighter James Monroe, carrying 18 United States Army tanks to Saudi Arabia, had been ordered to put into an Egyptian port for transshipment of the tanks because the vessel was "Jewish owned." The Embassy statement added that the tanks were scheduled to be unloaded at Dammam, a Saudi Arabian port on the Persian Gulf, not at Jidda, as originally reported.

The Embassy statement was issued after Jacob Michael, an American Jew who is principal stockholder in Seacarrier S. A., owners of the vessel, had declared that he had been informed that the Saudi Arabians would not permit the vessel to proceed to Jidda because of his proprietary interest in the firm, and that he had ordered the James Monroe's captain to either bring the tanks back to the U. S. or "dump them in the sea."

Mr. Michael pointed out that he had chartered the vessel in December to Hellenic Lines Ltd, which is shipping the tanks and that therefore he had no control over the cargo. However, he said, if the vessel's port of destination is changed he may, under Admiralty law, resume control. It was on this basis that he ordered the captain to return or jettison the cargo.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT DECLINES TO WAIVE VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR ISRAELIS

BONN, Feb. 29. (JTA) -- Although West Germany now admits visitors from many countries without prior issuance of a visa, she is not willing to relax visa requirements for Israeli nationals, Federal Minister of the Interior Dr. Gerhard Schroeder has informed the Social Democratic opposition.

In sponsoring a Social Democratic motion to abolish the need for entry visas in the case of Israeli visitors, Bundestag deputy Dr. Karl Mommer argued that "we have moral obligations toward the citizens of Israel that should prompt us to handle this matter as liberally as possible." He pointed out that the moral benefit gained by unilateral abrogation of the mandatory visa requirement would outweigh any disadvantage through the possible influx of undesirable elements.

In his reply, the Minister of the Interior recalled that a considerable number, of "illegal returnees" from Israel had come to Germany, mainly in 1953, with 800 of them falling back upon German public welfare assistance in Foehrenwald Camp alone. Although Israel had declared its willingness in principle to take back any of its citizens expelled from Germany, technical transportation difficulties had made it impossible, with one single exception, to deport to Israel the "illegals" against whom expulsion orders had been issued and who were not prepared to leave Germany voluntarily. Therefore, the Minister argued, the unilateral abrogation of visa requirements would saddle German public welfare agencies with heavy costs "and probably would not correspond to the interests of the State of Israel."

Minister Schroeder, who stressed repeatedly that these "illegals" had not "formerly lived in Germany," failed to mention that almost all of them had been in German concentration or DP camps. At the same time, however, he made it clear that Israeli nationals who had been residents of Germany prior to the Nazi era would encounter no difficulty in securing tourist or transit visas.

BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT SEEKS TO CHECK NEO-NAZI ACTIVITIES IN GERMANY

BONN, Feb. 29. (JTA) -- The president of the Bundestag, the lower house of the West German legislature, has charged that neo-Nazis and former Nazi leaders are exploiting loopholes in German laws to sue for "damages" resulting from denazification proceedings and were attempting to revive Nazi ways.

The denunciation of neo-Nazis and former big shots by Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, a prominent Protestant layman and leading figure in the Adenauer Christian Democratic Union, was first carried in a radio broadcast. He had his speech published in the Government Information Bulletin yesterday. Earlier, he conferred with leaders of all parties on means of preventing "professional Nazis" from infiltrating the government apparatus and from tying up the government with suits for "damages."

Dr. Gerstenmaier, however, said he saw no reason to fear a significant neo-Nazi revival in the near future. He denounced such evidences of neo-Nazism as the singing of Nazi marching songs at a recent get-together of Wehrmacht veterans, the acquittal of Nazi war criminals in several recent trials and an upswing in threatening letters by former Nazi and Gestapo members.

SWEDEN TO PUBLISH DOCUMENTS ON EFFORTS TO SAVE JEWS FROM NAZI HANDS

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 29. (JTA) -- The Swedish Foreign Office had announced the forthcoming publication, in the near future, of a White Book on the negotiations between Sweden and Nazi Germany in 1945 for the rescue of persecuted Jews.

Special attention will reportedly be paid to the role played by Felix Kersten, former masseur to Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler, who is now a Swedish citizen. H. L. Trevor-Roper, British historian, said three years ago that it was Kersten, and not Count Bernadotte, who played the principal role. However, Hillel Storch, World Jewish Congress representative, said in a statement to a Stockholm newspaper today that both Kersten and Bernadotte made important efforts.

DUTCH MINISTER REPORTS TO SENATE ON ABDUCTED JEWISH ORPHAN

THE HAGUE, Feb. 29. (JTA) -- There is no ground for believing that Roman Catholic priests are collaborating in the hiding of Anneke Beekman, Jewish war orphan, and there is no certainty whether any or which priest is involved, Netherlands Minister of Justice Dr. J. C. van Oeven told the Senate yesterday.

The Senate is scheduled to hold a debate next week on the Beekman case in which a number of Roman Catholic clerics have been involved. The High Court at Amsterdam is scheduled to hear an appeal March 8 on behalf of five persons convicted of secreting the girl, refusing to turn her over to the Jewish community in line with a court order, and in removing her from the country. Three of the five have already fled Holland.

DECLINE IN FUND-RAISING REPORTED HALTED BY JEWISH FEDERATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 29. (JTA) -- For the first time since 1948 the declining trend in funds raised by central Jewish community campaigns was reversed last year, it was reported today by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

"Latest information from 127 Spring and Fall campaigns reveals a percentage increase of 0.8 percent over 1954," the CJFWF report said. Although both Spring and Fall communities showed increases as groups, strong impetus was given to the upward swing by the results reported in five of the largest Fall Campaign cities. Boston, Montreal, Rochester, Toledo and Youngstown all reported increases ranging from 1.6 to 15.4 percent.

The 127 cities raised a total of \$65,696,341 in 1955 against \$65,145,191 in 1954, the report revealed. Well over half of the reporting communities said that they raised the same or more in 1955. Of these, 67 were increases while 3 remained the same. Of the increases 26 cities reported gains of 5 percent more. On the negative side, almost half of the cities which raised less this year than in 1954 reported losses of under 5 percent.

Major factors in the general campaign success were: careful study and reexamination of existing campaign organizations and techniques, a willingness to change or modify old approaches to fit new conditions, attention to basic campaign fundamentals, individualized approaches to big givers, and early recruiting and training of campaign workers and overall, the favorable economic climate, the CJFWF explained.

WORLD JEWISH POPULATION REPORTED INCREASED; NEW YORK CITY'S DECREASED

NEW YORK, Feb. 29. (JTA) -- World Jewish population increased slightly by 58,557 during 1955 to reach a total of 11,908,443, or 0.4 percent of the total world population, it is reported in the 57th annual issue of the "American Jewish Year Book," published today by the American Jewish Committee.

A significant fact revealed in the 689-page record of events and trends in American and world Jewish life is that New York, the city with the world's largest Jewish population, lost 80,000 in Jewish population, mostly to suburban Long Island, Westchester and New Jersey between 1952 and 1955. Manhattan dropped by 30,000 to 320,000; Bronx dropped by 50,000 to 475,000; and Brooklyn at 870,000 showed a loss of 70,000.

The distributions of Jewish populations by continents is as follows: Europe (including Asiatic USSR and Turkey), 3,442,627; America (North and South), 6,062,362; Asia, 1,684,454; Africa, 660,750; Australia and New Zealand, 58,250.

During 1955, the United States, Soviet Russia and Israel maintained first, second and third positions respectively as the countries with the largest Jewish populations, with Israel showing a one-year increase of 62,488 for a total of 1,550,958. The Jewish population of the United States remained at 5,200,000 or 3.1 percent of the total population of 165,248,000.

The figure of an estimated 2,000,000 Jewish population for the USSR remains the same since the Russian government declines any information on its Jewish population. However, the "Year Book's" article on the Soviet Union reports that "tens of thousands" of Jews in Russia populate the Soviet prisons and forced labor camps.

URUGUAY TO MOVE ITS LEGATION FROM TEL AVIV TO JERUSALEM

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 29. (JTA) -- Uruguay's diplomatic mission in Israel will be moved to Jerusalem, it was reported here today. Decision to move the Legation was communicated by telephone to Israel Minister Matathiahu Hindeh, who is now convalescing from an illness in a medical clinic here. The decision was front page news in Uruguayan papers.

The newspaper "Accion," commenting on the move, said that it implied the full recognition of the Jewish State's sovereignty. "La Manana," another daily here, said that the Government's decision had been taken despite representations to the contrary made by the United States and Great Britain.

JEWS IN LATIN AMERICA PREPARE FOR PAN-AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 29. (JTA) -- Considerable activity and interest has been aroused here in preparation for the Pan-American meeting of representatives of Latin American Jewry which opens in Montevideo on Friday. Some 350 Argentinian Jews are already registered as delegates from various Argentine groups.

The Jewish press has been carrying articles on the problems to be discussed at the conference and has been offering the views of various groups on how best to assist Israel. One proposal gaining favor in the youth movement is for young people to volunteer for one year's service in Israel. The Argentine newspaper "La Nacion" has published an editorial discussing the Montevideo parley.