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BEN GURION, SHARETT TAKE GRIM VIEW OF DULLES' TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE

JERUSALEM, March 1. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today told the Israel Parliament that the views on the Arab-Israel situation expressed by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in his testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last Friday are "alarming" for Israel, even if they did not represent the "last word" in the policy of the U. S. Government.

On the other hand, he stressed, if this did represent a crystallization of U. S. policy then the stark fact was that Washington was "abandoning Israel to its fate." He referred to Premier David Ben Gurion's statement to the House last night that Israel preferred peace to victory, but does not fear the result of a war which might be forced on it. Mr. Ben Gurion also charged Dulles' testimony "encouraged the Arab dictators in their hostile attitude toward Israel."

Mr. Sharett rejected the Dulles' advice that Israel put its faith in the United Nations or the Tripartite Declaration. With due respect to the UN and its role in the establishment of the Jewish State, the Foreign Minister said, it had proved helpless to prevent Arab aggression or to make the Arabs respect the UN Charter.

Nor could the Tripartite Declaration substitute for a supply of arms, he continued. "Is it assumed that the Russian-Egyptian Ilyushin bombers will remain poised in the skies of Israel and refrain from dropping bombs" while the UN or tripartite signatories consider action? Mr. Sharett asked.

Israel has made it clear to the U. S., he added, that it is entitled to a clear answer on the arms question "within the shortest possible time," and that the absence of a decision will be regarded as a decision. If Israel's request goes unanswered, Mr. Sharett underlined, this does not represent a failure of the government's policy but a failure of international conscience.

As a member of the UN Israel will claim every bit of assistance the UN can give in the case of need, Mr. Sharett declared, but the UN Charter recognizes the inherent right of self-defense. He said that if the Soviet Union sends arms to Egypt and Syria, and if the U. S. sends arms to Iraq and Saudi Arabia, and if Britain arms Jordan and Iraq, and if Israel alone is refused arms, and if in these circumstances the Arabs attack Israel, "then Israel will fight with whatever arms she has and the responsibility will be borne by those who could help Israel in time and did not."

DULLES CRITICIZED IN SENATE FOR ACCEPTING ARAB STAND ON U. S. JEWS

WASHINGTON, March 1. (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman said today in a Senate speech that if the Administration does not terminate compliance with Saudi Arabian discrimination against American Jews he would ask the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to pursue the matter. He referred to contractual terms entered in connection with a U. S. air base in Saudi Arabia "under which the U. S. Government undertakes to see to it that no American soldier of the Jewish faith should serve in Saudi Arabia."

Sen. Lehman said: "Our airbase in Saudi Arabia may be an important one, but I doubt whether it is as important as the maintenance of the integrity of the United States." He called on the State Department to disavow anti-Jewish discrimination by renegotiating contractual arrangements with Saudi Arabia to eliminate discrimination against Americans "insofar as assignments to duty are concerned or in any other way."

"I cannot understand the Government of the United States officially subscribing to this prejudice and honoring it," he said, pointing out that the government also tolerated Saudi Arabian discrimination against American businessmen. "It is a fact," he stated, "that before any article produced in America can be imported into Saudi Arabia on a commercial basis, the supplier of these goods has to certify that his firm is not a 'Jewish' firm."

Recalling that the Republican Administration of William Howard Taft in 1913 cancelled a Russian-American friendship treaty when the Czarist regime discriminated against U. S. Jews, Sen. Lehman questioned Secretary Dulles' attitude toward such discrimination today. He also questioned basic American policy in the Near East. "To Mr. Dulles there is nothing reprehensible about supplying arms to a feudal autocracy like Saudi Arabia which is bent on the destruction of the free Republic of Israel. To me this shows, on Mr. Dulles' part, a kind of moral blindness," he stated.

SPLIT IN Z. O. A. RANKS; TWO LISTS OF DELEGATES TO ZIONIST CONGRESS

NEW YORK, March 1. (JTA) -- Internal differences within the Zionist Organization of America emerged into the open today when Louis Lipsky, Louis E. Levinthal, Dewey D. Stone and Ezra Shapiro issued a joint statement announcing that their group, -- the "Independent Liberal Zionist Group" -- had decided not to appear on the ZOA slate of delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress and had filed a separate list of "an independent group committed to a liberal Zionist program."

These Zionist leaders also announced that they propose to call, following the World Zionist Congress, a constituent conference for the purpose of establishing an Independent Zionist Organization in the United States. "As members of a negotiating committee on behalf of a group of liberal American Zionists, long-time members of the ZOA, it is our duty to inform the public that our efforts to bring about a re-unification with the Zionist Organization of America on the basis of a more liberal platform and a just share of representation to the Zionist Congress for the liberal minority group, have terminated without results," the announcement said.

"For months we have been conducting negotiations with the leaders of the ZOA pointing out that the gravity of the situation, both in Israel and in the United States, makes it imperative to re-unite all elements in the ZOA, particularly by bringing back countless leading Zionists throughout the country, who either left or were forced out of the ZOA," the statement continued. "We have stressed that the identification of the ZOA with one of the rightist political parties in Israel, the General Zionist Party, and a contemplated merger with another, the Herut Party, render it difficult, if not impossible, for liberal Zionists to remain in the ranks of what was once, and is no more, the overall and liberal Zionist Organization in the United States. As a matter of right and an indication of goodwill as well, we requested that our group be accorded minority representation on the Zionist Congress list along with the freedom to vote on issues as they arose, instead of being bound by a unit-rule at the Congress. However, all our efforts proved unavailing and all our demands were rejected by the present leadership of the ZOA. In consequence, therefore, we give notice that we shall not give our consent to appear on the ZOA list of delegates to the 24th Zionist Congress, but have filed a separate list of an independent group committed to a liberal Zionist program."

Z. O. A. Explains Rift; Reveals Details of Negotiations

Replying on behalf of the Zionist Organization of America, Dr. Harris J. Levine, chairman of the National Administrative Council, said in a statement that the ZOA leadership had re-opened discussions with the opposition group "with a view to their return to active participation in the affairs of the organization."

"We proposed among other things, the setting up of an official committee on program and policy, on which this group would be liberally represented and which would be empowered to study all important questions at issue, in an effort to reach an acceptable agreement and submit its ultimate recommendations to the governing bodies of the Organization and its national convention," the ZOA statement declared. "Shortly after these conversations began, the date of the World Zionist Congress, set for July, 1956, was advanced to April and by mutual agreement the discussions were centered on the question of representation to the Congress and the consideration of longer-term problems, postponed.

"The sole question under discussion, therefore, has been the allocation of places on the ZOA list of delegates to the Congress; and it is on this question that the negotiations broke down. Despite the very small size of this group, whose meetings were never attended by more than a dozen people, we were prepared to offer them a liberal representation so that their point of view may be expressed at the Congress. Places were offered and are still being offered to Messrs. Shapiro, Lipsky, Judge Levinthal and a number of others who share their general viewpoint, although for several years they have kept away from the work of the Organization and the deliberations of its governing bodies.

"But we cannot accede to their exaggerated demands in fairness to many active leaders and the justified claims of ZOA regions throughout the country for representation. In particular, we were forced to reject their condition *sine qua non*, that places be accorded to several who are already assured the status of delegates at the Congress, by virtue of their office as members of the General Council of the World Zionist Organization (Actions Committee). It has been the accepted practice, not only in the ZOA, but in other groups and organizations, not to name members of the Actions Committee, in fairness to other active and deserving representatives who could not otherwise be seated as delegates.

"The selection of delegates is the prerogative of the National Administrative Council, the supreme governing body of the Organization between conventions, which will meet on Sunday, March 4," the ZOA statement said.

577 JEWS FROM NO. AFRICA ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; 300 MORE LEAVE TUNIS

HAIFA, March 1. (JTA) -- A total of 577 immigrants from North Africa arrived at the port of Haifa today. They reported that another party of 300 Tunisian Jews was already enroute to Israel.

ABDUCTION OF JEWISH WAR ORPHAN DISCUSSED IN DUTCH SENATE

THE HAGUE, March 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Julius Christian van Oeven, newly named Minister of Justice, told the Dutch Senate today that he had no reason to accuse the Belgian authorities of collaborating in the disappearance of 14-year-old Jewish war orphan Anneke Beekman.

He was urged by Liberal and Communist deputies to do everything possible to find the girl since the situation as it now stands has endangered the prestige of Dutch justice. Five persons, all Catholic laymen or clerics, have been convicted of spiriting the child out of the country rather than surrender her to the Dutch Jewish community as ordered by the court.

CONVERSION OF ANCIENT DUTCH SYNAGOGUE INTO CONCERT HALL PLANNED

THE HAGUE, March 1. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Government is planning to convert the medieval Sephardic synagogue in this city, which has been standing unused since the Nazi occupation, into a concert hall, it was learned today.

The authorities have approached the Sephardic community for permission to use the building, which is currently listed as a state monument. The synagogue has not been used since the liberation because the Nazi destruction of Dutch Jewry has left a greatly decreased community.

In Amsterdam, meanwhile, the authorities have come up with a plan to build a highway across the site of an ancient Jewish cemetery which lies on the eastern outskirts of the municipal cemetery. The Jewish cemetery has not been used for some 50 years and recently the government obtained title to the land from the Ashkenazi community.

ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDIST SAYS HE WAS HIRED BY U. S. OIL GROUP

NEW YORK, March 1. (JTA) -- Eustace Mullins, a long-time anti-Semitic propagandist, today charged that the American Petroleum Industries Committee hired him as an anti-Zionist propagandist but failed to live up to a verbal agreement to pay him \$25,000 for his services.

Mullins' charge, made in a statement to the press, was branded as "completely preposterous" by the Committee. The Committee conceded that Mullins had been employed by them for about a year, but denied categorically that he had been employed "in any capacity at any time for the purpose he alleges." Mullins was cited in 1954 as a neo-Fascist by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Mullins, whose employment with the Committee began on April 27, 1953 and ended on April 30, 1954, seeks \$50,000 in wages and damages from the Committee. He asserted that he had been asked to continue his anti-Zionist activities with no direct connection with the APIC by John H. Bivins, its director. Mr. Bivins, who issued today's statement for the APIC, asserted that Mullins had been employed "as one of several economist-writers in a subordinate capacity."

Mullins was discharged from a post with the Library of Congress on Dec. 29, 1951 after his connections with anti-Jewish writings had been established. He wrote a number of similar articles in "The Broom," an anti-Semitic publication, in 1951 and 1952 before he was hired by the APIC. He has also been active in the work of the National Renaissance Party and currently lists himself as executive director of the Aryan League of America and director of the Realpolitical Institute.

EDMONTON JEWS WIN ON ISSUE OF RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS

EDMONTON, March 1. (JTA) -- Opposition by Dr. J. D. Dower, president of the Edmonton Jewish Community Council, against the introduction of religious instruction in the local public schools has caused the local authorities to turn down a proposal by the Edmonton District Council of Churches for a weekly half-hour of religious instruction in the schools.

After studying a memorandum from Dr. Dower, acting in behalf of the Jewish community, the school authorities expressed "unalterable" opposition to the proposal which would have placed the onus "upon the pupil to leave the room if he does not care to listen" to the religious instruction. This ruling returns the situation to what it was previously: the school day may be started with the reading of a prayer and one day each week may be closed with the reading of a Biblical selection from a compilation provided by the school authorities and drafted by a representative group of ministers.

AVOIDANCE OF ELECTIONS ON RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS SOUGHT IN CANADA

OTTAWA, March 1. (JTA) -- Charles E. Rea, member of the Canadian House of Commons, has served notice of intention of filing a motion to change the Dominion's election law so that Dominion elections and by-elections may not be held on Protestant, Catholic or Jewish religious holidays.

RABBINICAL STUDENTS PROTEST ARREST OF NEGROES IN ALABAMA DISPUTE

CINCINNATI, March 1. (JTA) -- Students, professors, and other personnel of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion here joined today in protesting the arrests of Negroes in the bus boycott dispute in Montgomery, Alabama. A declaration, signed by 100 individuals, declared "solidarity with our Negro fellow citizens, who will be observing March 28th as a national 'Deliverance Day of Prayer.'"

Signers included 78 students and 12 faculty members. The protest was circulated by rabbinical students. The statement lauded the decision to declare a day of protest against the Alabama mass arrests. "We believe these arrests to be an illegal attempt to subvert an effective and praiseworthy endeavor by the Negroes of Montgomery to assert their rights as American citizens," the signers said.

ISRAEL MINISTER ASKS FOR AMERICAN ARMS AT PURIM SALUTE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 1. (JTA) -- A warning that the western democracies will suffer "damage of historic dimensions" if action is not taken to counteract the flow of Soviet arms to the Arab nations, was sounded here last night by Dr. Joseph Burg, Minister of Posts and Communications of the Israel Government. He was addressing 5,500 persons at a Purim Salute to Israel sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization in Brooklyn.

The Israel Cabinet Minister asserted that "incalculable harm will be done if the people of the western democracies do too little too late to counteract these preparations for an attack." He was joined in his warning by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who declared that helping Israel "is not just a matter of compassion, it is really a part of the whole struggle between the free world and the Communist world." The Purim Salute brought to a climax a special citywide campaign during the month of February to raise \$1,000,000 in State of Israel bond investment funds for the economic development of Israel.

Dr. Burg declared that the people of Israel are united in their determination to meet the threat to their security. He emphasized that it is the Israel Government's "firm determination that the financial strain of the security problem should not weaken our economic development, so effectively promoted by investment in Israel bonds. We will continue to build plants, to provide work, to redeem the arid and empty spaces of the Negev, because this economic progress will in the final analysis, be decisive of the dimensions of the country," he said.

J. D. C. INSTITUTIONS IN ISRAEL AIDED 30,000 PERSONS LAST YEAR

TEL AVIV, March 1. (JTA) -- Some 10,000 Israelis received care and treatment in 50 Malben institutions last year, Charles Passman, director of the Joint Distribution Committee's welfare program in Israel told newsmen today. He revealed that another 20,000 had received assistance through Malben's many services, particularly those designed for economic rehabilitation and which had helped many a family become self-sufficient.

Mr. Passman reported that there were some 5,000 persons now in Malben villages for the aged who will remain there for their entire lives and that Malben had a waiting list of 1,800 aged men and women. Other services provided by Malben included: 2,500 who received treatment for tuberculosis and chronic illnesses, 500 who were given medical appliances, and 2,000 who received rehabilitation services.

AMERICAN JEWISH SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED IN ISRAEL; FLEW FROM GERMANY

TEL AVIV, March 1. (JTA) -- A party of 13 American Jewish soldiers who are in Israel on a training mission were given a special Purim reception at ZOA House here last night. The soldiers, all stationed in the Munich area and who arrived in Israel in a United States Air Force plane, broadcast messages to their families over the services of the Israel Government radio system, Kol Israel.

J. N. F. TO PLANT FOREST IN HONOR OF TOSCANINI ON HIS BIRTHDAY

JERUSALEM, March 1. (JTA) -- Plans for the planting of a forest to honor conductor Arturo Toscanini on the occasion of his forthcoming 89th birthday were announced here today by the Jewish National Fund. The forest will also commemorate the 20th anniversary of Mr. Toscanini's first visit to Israel to conduct the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

PHILIP PINKHOF, NOTED EDITOR OF AMSTERDAM NEWSPAPER, DIES IN HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, March 1. (JTA) -- Philip Pinkhof, well known Dutch journalist and editor for half a century of "De Telegraaf" of Amsterdam, died today. He was 73. Mr. Pinkhof was the author of many books and musical reviews.