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. "If 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 their decision to leave the ZOA, to form a separate group of "independent delegates," to attend the upcoming World Zionist Congress, and to file a separate list of names.

The statement stated that the "split" was caused by differences over the treatment of liberal Zionists at the ZOA meetings. The group, which includes Lipsky and Levinthal, has been critical of the ZOA's handling of minority issues and has called for a more inclusive policy.

The ZOA has become increasingly conservative in recent years, and many liberal Zionists have felt excluded from its decision-making process. The new group aims to represent the interests of these liberal Zionists, who they say have been "forced out" of the ZOA.

The announcement comes as the World Zionist Congress is set to convene, and the ZOA has been preparing to send a list of delegates to the event. The split could have significant implications for the future of the ZOA and its role in the larger Jewish community.

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

Replied 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." He added that the discussions were "aimed at resolving outstanding issues." However, he did not provide details on the nature of the talks.

The ZOA's statement came as part of a broader effort to address the growing rift within the organization. The rift has been fueled by differences over the group's priorities, with some members calling for a more inclusive policy and others favoring a more conservative approach.

"We will continue to work towards a resolution of these differences," Levine said in his statement. "We believe that the ZOA can and should be a more inclusive organization that represents the diverse perspectives of American Jewry."

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

HAIFFA, March 1. (JTA) -- A total of 577 immigrants from North Africa, a news agency reported, 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 Oevel, 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 spirited 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.

ANTISEMITIC 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-Semitic 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 Real的政治 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 arrest of boycotters in the Harlem 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 rabbincial students. The statement ladded 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 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 PINKFISH, NOTED EDITOR OF AMSTERDAM NEWSPAPER, DIES IN HOLLAND

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