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EISENHOWER INDICATES OPPOSITION TO SALE OF UNITED STATES ARMS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, March 7. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower indicated firm opposition today to the sale of arms by the United States to Israel. The President justified United States munitions shipments to Saudi Arabia, but expressed belief that arms sales to Israel would not insure peace, citing the Arab populations as contrasted with the population of Israel. He said the great thing the United States was trying to do was to avoid an "arms race."

Mr. Eisenhower called on both sides to abide by the United Nations and avoid initiating incidents. He said he felt the United Nations should take urgent action to prevent Arab-Israel war. His own concern over the situation, the President said, was expressed in the joint statement issued with British Prime Minister Eden following their recent meeting here.

The President told his press conference that the question of United States arms sales to Saudi Arabia should be taken with a "grain of salt." He went on to justify such transactions, stating that a "few" tanks and other materiel were bought and paid for under export licenses issued a "long time ago."

Presenting arguments against the sale of arms to Israel, he questioned the absorptive capacity of Israel, stressing the larger populations in the surrounding Arab states. He evaded direct comment on the Jordanian ouster of British General John B. Glubb from command of the Arab Legion. He said he would rather hear this matter discussed from London.

Mr. Eisenhower said that anybody who would minimize the dangers of the situation would be more than complacent. He indicated a belief that the problem could not be improved by public discussion. He said the United States and Britain were both trying to promote friendship among "the potential enemies" in the Middle East. "We try to be friends to both sides, as indeed does Britain, in the hope that by doing that we can promote real understanding and friendship between them," the President stated.

Yesterday, President Eisenhower discussed the Middle East situation with Herbert Hoover, Jr., Acting Secretary of State. The details of the conversation were not obtainable, but Mr. Hoover indicated that the present Arab-Israel crisis was thoroughly examined.

U.S. to Send Marines to Middle East, Defense Dept. Announces

WASHINGTON, March 7. (JTA) -- A battalion of U.S. Marines will be sent to the Middle East within a few days, the Defense Department announced today. The marines are being dispatched as a result of the Joint Chiefs of Staff recommendations in view of the danger of Arab-Israel war.

The official announcement said the marine unit, described as a reinforced battalion of about 1,800 men, is being sent to replace a similar force withdrawn from the Mediterranean last Spring. The marines will be assigned to the U.S. Sixth Fleet forces in Eastern Mediterranean waters. The battalion will sail in about a week. It will cross the Atlantic in attack transport of the Atlantic Fleet.

BRITAIN CANNOT RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S PRESENT BORDERS, MINISTER SAYS

LONDON, March 7. (JTA) -- Britain will not extend a treaty to Israel at this time, Minister of State Anthony Nutting told the House of Commons today, "because to do so" would be committing this country to permanent recognition of a frontier which is not an agreed frontier, "which results from an armistice not a peace treaty, and a frontier which is opposed by all the Arab nations."

Such action on the part of the British Government would be the "biggest step" that could be taken away from a peace settlement, Mr. Nutting argued during a Parliamentary debate on the Middle East situation. He professed to be unable to see any guarantee for Israel which would be firmer than the Tripartite Declaration of 1950.

The Minister of State insisted that up to now there had been arms balance in the Middle East, although he was willing to grant that the balance might be upset in "due course" as a result of Communist deliveries to Arab states. But that situation has not arrived, he said, adding that "we and our allies are convinced that the safety of Israel lies not in entering an

arms race"--because this might end up with Israel surrounded by hostile Arab states armed to the teeth--but in "establishing normal relations with her neighbors."

He was immediately challenged by Hugh Gaitskell, chairman of the Labor Party, who asserted that the prospects of an Arab-Israel settlement were less probable now than ever before. The refusal to sell Israel arms, he said, was reminiscent of the "non-intervention" policy followed when Spain was fighting her civil war.

Mr. Gaitskell demanded that the ban on Israel arms purchases be lifted and that Israel be allowed to buy enough arms to balance those being received by the Arab states. In plain fact, he said, "that means Centurions (heavy tanks) and modern fighters." He further demanded that the government give "serious" consideration to an Israel treaty and that the Russians be brought into the Middle East discussions.

ISRAEL SUBMITS COMPLAINT AGAINST SYRIA TO U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 7. (JTA) -- Israel views the latest Syrian attack resulting in the loss of at least three lives on Lake Tiberias as a "very grave incident" and considers Syria's various attacks in the last few days as "flagrant acts of aggression which must inevitably exacerbate the tense situation in the Middle East." These statements were made today on a letter to the United Nations Security Council, from Mordecai R. Kidron, Israel's deputy permanent representative here.

Requesting that the Security Council president circulate the letter to all members of the Council--but not asking for a meeting of the body--Mr. Kidron stressed in his letter the fact that the UN Truce Supervision Organization had informed Damascus that an Israel police rescue launch was being sent out on Lake Tiberias to tow away a stranded vessel previously disabled by Syrian gunfire. In spite of the Syrian authorities' knowledge that the operation was of a purely rescue nature Syrian gunposts opened fire again, resulting in the loss of lives. The second incident detailed in the letter refers to the shooting down of an Israeli plane "flying low inside Israel territory."

Israel "certainly has a strong case" against Syria for that country's latest aggressions, but the government so far has not instructed the delegation here to call for Security Council action, Abba Eban, chairman of the Israel delegation, declared today following a meeting with Dag Hammarskjold, UN Secretary General.

Mr. Eban refused to discuss the details of his conversation with the Secretary General, saying only that they had reviewed the situation in the Middle East. However, in response to various questions, he said: "As Israel's Prime Minister declared in the Knesset yesterday, the danger of war in our area is mounting. The greatest single cause is the disparity in arms between Israel and the Arab states. The Arab countries are definitely superior in arms now. We can use every inch of assistance the United Nations can offer."

Questioned about whether Israel intends to resume work on the Bnot Yaacov canal, Mr. Eban said that Israel was waiting for a renewal by the U.S. envoy, Ambassador Eric Johnston, of efforts to obtain a definitive reply from the Arab states about Jordan River valley water development plans. "If those plans are rejected," he said, Israel will certainly not consent to let the Jordan waters run wastefully into a ditch."

DULLES WITHDRAWS ASSERTION THAT JEW KILLED PROPHET MOHAMMED

WASHINGTON, March 7. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dulles yesterday corrected the Congressional Record to withdraw a remark he made to the effect that the Prophet Mohammed had been assassinated by a Jew, thereby explaining Saudi Arabian discrimination against Jews. The Secretary also withdrew remarks to the effect that a settlement between Israelis and Arabs was made more difficult by the "bargaining proclivities of both sides."

On February 24, under questioning about American accession to Saudi Arabian refusal to admit American Jewish troops to an American air base in Saudi Arabia, Secretary Dulles told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the Saudi Arabians "have felt for a long time--it goes back centuries--a very particular animosity toward the Jews, because they credited the assassination of Mohammed to a Jew." When his advisers, at his elbow, told him that he was wrong about this, Mr. Dulles told the Senate committee that he had been told that he was wrong and that "I will ask leave to correct the record in that respect later on if it proves I made a mistake." The correction yesterday deleted part of his testimony, which now reads that the Saudi Arabians feel a "very particular animosity toward the Jews, since the time of Mohammed."

CANADA DETAINS MUNITIONS FOR ISRAEL; HOLDS UP TWELVE PLANES FOR EGYPT

OTTAWA, March 7. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government made known today it is holding up delivery of 12 Harvard military training planes sold to Egypt because of a new decision to delay arms shipments to the Middle East. Three Harvard planes were released and shipped to Egypt in January, it was revealed.

A quantity of artillery ammunition ordered by Israel will not be shipped because of the decision. Canada will send no further arms shipments to any Middle Eastern countries until the situation there has been clarified, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent told the House of Commons yesterday.

BONN INVESTIGATES OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH ANNIHILATING LATVIAN JEWRY

BONN March 7. (JTA) -- The Foreign Office today appointed Dr. Heinrich Lingemann, a retired Dusseldorf judge, to head an investigation of Dr. Otto Braeutigam, who has been suspended as head of the East European desk in the Foreign Office because of charges dealing with his role in the extermination of Latvian Jewry.

During the war, Dr. Braeutigam was a top official in the Reich Ministry for the Occupied Eastern Territories. Alfred Rosenberg, notorious Nazi leader who was later hanged at Nuremberg, testified before the International Military Tribunal that Dr. Braeutigam was fully familiar with the program to liquidate the Jews in Eastern Europe. In 1950, a German prosecutor indicted Dr. Braeutigam as an "accessory to murder in numerous cases," but he was never tried.

Some months ago, a Berlin publishing house issued a documentary work on "The Third Reich and the Jews," the authors of which are two well-known Jewish historians, Leon Poliakov and Joseph Wulf. One of the documents reprinted in the book is an official letter in which Dr. Braeutigam, 15 years before, remonstrated with a subordinate for obstructing the extermination of the Jews in the Latvian city of Libau and instructed him that "economic aspects should be left out of consideration in the settlement of this problem."

Although this communication is published in the printed records of the International Military Tribunal, which refer to Dr. Braeutigam more than a dozen times, he rose to head the East European section of the Bonn Foreign Office. When a Social Democratic Bundestag deputy spotted the letter in the Poliakov-Wulf book, he brought it to the attention of Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano and insisted that some action be taken. After some hesitation, Dr. Braeutigam was suspended. The investigation of Dr. Braeutigam will probably take one or two months.

ARRESTED ZIONIST LEADER IN RUMANIA HELD UNDER SEVERE CONDITIONS

ISTANBUL, March 7. (JTA) -- A. L. Zisu, leader of the outlawed Zionist movement in Rumania, is now confined under severe conditions in the Rumanian prison town of Pitesti, according to a report reaching here. The report, brought by a non-Jewish Rumanian escapee, said that Zisu and another Zionist leader, L. Berestanu, were seen by the escapee in jail. Both of them are confined in a small cell with eight other prisoners. The cell has only five beds and Zisu and Berestanu are allowed out of the cell only twice a week for ten minutes. The escapee said that Zisu told him he had been sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment.

According to the report, the drive against Zionists began in 1951. At that time, a Rabbi Pushstein, who was then teaching Hebrew to the children of the Israeli Consul in Bucharest, was arrested. Under torture, the report continued, he was forced to denounce 80 Zionist leaders, all of whom were immediately arrested. Meanwhile, the security police produced a letter sent by Zisu to Rabbi Pushstein, with the request that it be handed to the Israeli Consul. The letter asked the Consul to appeal to American Zionists to intervene on behalf of the Jews of Rumania. Zisu was arrested at that time.

SOVIET OFFICIALS BLAME BERIA FOR EXECUTING MOSCOW JEWISH WRITERS

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- The Jewish Daily Forward reported today that it has been definitely established that two prominent Yiddish writers -- Peretz Markish and David Hofstein -- were executed in the Soviet Union in 1952. Others reported to have been executed, without confirmation, were David Bergelson, Itzik Fefer and Leib Kvitko.

The report, which came from Leon Crystal, Forward correspondent who returned from Moscow, said that Soviet officials summoned the relatives of the executed writers and told them that the men had been executed in August 1952, through "a miscarriage of justice," upon orders from Lavrentia Beria, former Soviet police chief who was himself executed after the death of Stalin, on charges of treason.

WARSAW DENIES BUILDING SPORTS FIELD ON SITE OF GHETTO CEMETERY

MUNICH, March 7. (JTA) -- The Warsaw Yiddish newspaper "Folksstimm" has denied reports that a soccer field will be built on the site where martyrs of the Ghetto are buried, according to a Yiddish-language Warsaw radio broadcast. The broadcast was beamed to North America.

According to the broadcast, the newspaper reported that a sports association had requested permission to build a soccer field on a part of the site where there are no graves. The request, the newspaper said, was considered at a meeting of the Presidium of the Warsaw People's Council, with the participation of Jewish leaders, and it was decided not to grant permission to use any part of the site, "even in the neighborhood of the place where the murdered Jews, Poles and Soviet citizens are buried." Furthermore, the report asserted, it was decided that a memorial to "the victims of Hitlerism" should be erected on the field.

NUMBER OF JEWS ENTERING U.S. IS RELATIVELY SMALL, REPORT ESTABLISHES

WASHINGTON, March 7. (JTA) -- Relatively few Jews are coming to the United States under the Refugee Relief Act, it was revealed today in the semi-annual report to Congress on the refugee program. Of a total of 45,882 verified assurances by voluntary agencies sponsoring immigrants under the Act, only 1,378 are listed for the United Hias Service.

The report also reveals that of 2,000 visas available to Arab refugees, only 253 have been granted. However, the report said that 1,072 cases of Palestinian Arabs are now under "active consideration" and added that recently organizations especially interested in Arab refugees made progress in finding American citizens as sponsors for the admission of Palestine Arab refugees to the United States. "New assurances are currently being received at a rate of 100 a month," the report stated, "expressing the belief that 'almost all of the visas authorized for Palestine Arabs will be issued.'"

SPLIT OVER ANTI-SEMITISM WIDENS IN ALABAMA SEGREGATION GROUPS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 7. (JTA) -- A split between two branches of the pro-segregation White Citizens Councils here, in which anti-Semitism figures, has been widened. Each of the groups announced separate mass meetings to be held here. The latest developments in the internal breach were characterized by charges--and denials--of anti-Semitism.

State Senator Sam Engelhardt, head of the Association of Citizens Councils of Alabama, said, "we can't fight everybody," and added his group is "not interested in religious bias or prejudice, but is concerned only in maintaining segregation." He also expressed the fear that injection of this issue might result in a situation where "we won't have anybody left to help us."

Meanwhile, Ace Carter, head of the North Alabama White Citizens Councils, which bars Jews from membership, charged that the injection of the anti-Semitic issue was a stratagem used by "anti-Christ, atheistic elements with Communist ideologies who are using the Negroes as a tool." He said it was "demagogic" to accuse his group of anti-Semitism. His group's publication, "The Southerner," is currently attacking the "Hadassah Newsletter" for picturing a white and Negro child together.

ORTHODOX RABBIS BAN PARTICIPATION IN SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Alliance of America, an organization of young Orthodox rabbis, today banned Orthodox rabbis and organizations from participating in the Synagogue Council of America in which all branches of Jewish religion--Reform, Conservative and Orthodox--are represented.

The Union of American Orthodox Rabbis, oldest Orthodox rabbinical organization, limited itself to issuing an appeal claiming that under Jewish traditional laws Reform and Conservative rabbis cannot be considered as representatives of religious Jewry. Thus Orthodox Jews cannot participate in religious bodies in which Reform or Conservative rabbis participate.

The two Orthodox groups also warned their members against participating in the New York Board of Rabbis and similar rabbinic groups composed of Reform and Conservative spiritual leaders.

U.S. ARMY UNIT TO SEEK MISSING CORNERSTONE OF DESTROYED SYNAGOGUE

ASBURY PARK, N.J., March 7. (JTA) -- An Army mine detection crew will sweep the foundations of a Protestant church here for a missing cornerstone of a synagogue destroyed by fire nearly ten years ago.

The cornerstone contains a metal box with records of the original Congregation of Israel Synagogue which was razed in 1947. The site was sold to a Protestant congregation which subsequently built its church there, and a new synagogue was built elsewhere in the town. Rather than remove random sections of the new church foundation searching for the missing cornerstone, it was decided to use mine detection equipment to locate it and recover the documents.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT WILL TIGHTEN ITS LAW AGAINST BIAS IN HOTELS

TORONTO, March 7. (JTA) -- The Ontario Government will move within the next few weeks to amend its anti-discrimination law, it was reported here today. Amendments to the Fair Accommodations Practices Act are expected to be in the hands of the legislature within three weeks.

Jewish and other groups interested in civil rights recently urged the Ontario Government to clarify and tighten the act so as to prevent recurrence of successful court challenges which have rendered the act powerless.