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U. S. RIDICULES ARAB SUSPICION; FIRM ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 28. (JTA) -- The United States today made it clear to the Arabs at the United Nations Security Council that it stands firmly behind its request that Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold undertake a quick and urgent peace mission to the Middle East to prevent the present tension from developing into an Arab-Israel war.

In the face of continued obstructionist tactics by Arab delegations here, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., head of the American delegation, told the Security Council that there is no basis for the Arab suspicion that the U. S. resolution sending Mr. Hammarskjold on the Middle East mission might have some "hidden meaning." The text of the resolution spoke for itself, he stated.

There was no hidden meaning in the United States proposal, Mr. Lodge assured the Council. One could search "till doomsday with a magnifying glass," he declared, without finding any such hidden meaning. The resolution's only purpose, he said, was to prevent war, which it was hardly necessary for him to remind the Council was the primary purpose of the United Nations. It was not proposed, he stated, that the Security Council review the issues involved in the Palestine question. What the U. S. wanted was 1. That the Security Council act promptly and 2. To indicate, with the Security Council's endorsement, certain steps that the Secretary General and the parties should take to carry out the armistice agreements. Unless these agreements were effectively carried out, said Mr. Lodge, a grave threat to the peace would result.

The Arab "suspicions" to which Mr. Lodge referred found expression in speeches delivered today at the Security Council by Omar Loufti and Ahmed Shukairy, representatives of Egypt and Syria, respectively. Both asked for "clarification" of the operative part of the U. S. resolution, especially on the nature of the "further action" contemplated by the Council after Mr. Hammarskjold completes his mission and submits his report.

Mr. Lodge assured both Dr. Loufti and Mr. Shukairy that he would be ready to give detailed answers to their questions at the next meeting of the Council, which will be held next Tuesday, when Mr. Lodge takes over the presidency. Sir Pierson Dixon, British representative, supported Mr. Lodge, who was also supported at today's meeting by Cuba, Belgium and China.

Arthur C. Liveran, acting deputy delegate for Israel, who was given the floor, expressed only Israel's regret that the head of the delegation, Abba Eban, was "unavoidably absent," and reserved the right for Mr. Eban to speak at the next meeting.

DULLES CONFERS WITH EBAN; MEETS WITH EISENHOWER ON FOREIGN PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, March 28. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles received Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today and, immediately following their meeting, he conferred with President Eisenhower on foreign affairs. It is assumed that the Arab-Israel issue was included in the Eisenhower-Dulles talks. The Arab-Israel issue was discussed by Mr. Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles yesterday with Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent of Canada.

Ambassador Eban declined to divulge the exact nature of his talk today with Secretary Dulles. However, it was believed that the discussion centered on Israel's application for U. S. arms and on the pending United Nations Security Council peace moves in the Middle East.

State Department sources said the main line of thinking put forth by Mr. Eban, according to their belief, was Israel's concern lest pending UN peace moves delay American action on the Israel arms application.

The French Embassy here revealed that French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau is making arrangements to visit Washington in June to confer with President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles on the Arab-Israel situation and other issues.

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LABORITES IN COMMONS INSIST THAT BRITAIN GIVE ARMS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, March 28 (JTA) -- Laborites in the House of Commons continued today their campaign of pressing the government to supply Israel with defensive arms to withstand an Arab attack.

Responding to a number of questions by various Labor MP's, Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd reiterated that the British Government and the other signatories of the Tripartite Declaration had a policy in the event of hostilities between Israel and the Arab states, but refused to give any information on that policy.

Repeatedly asked to supply Israel with weapons, he took his stand on the Tripartite Declaration, asserting that the British Government would continue its policy of sending limited supplies of arms to the Middle East countries for legitimate self-defense, for internal security and for the defense of the Middle East as a region.

Deliveries would be made on these criteria and in the light of the government's desire to avoid an arms race, he insisted. He refused to divulge any details of such deliveries, as a matter of policy. The Foreign Secretary asserted that a survey of British arms supplies over the last five years would show a "fair balance."

Western Powers May Act on Arab-Israel Issue Outside U. N.

Asked by Sidney Silverman, Labor, whether in certain circumstances the tripartite signatories would consider going outside the United Nations in taking action on the Middle East, or would even take action which would conflict with UN decisions, Mr. Lloyd declared that it had been made perfectly clear that the Western Powers reserved the right to act outside the UN, if necessary.

In response to a query by Hugh Gaitskell, Labor Party leader, what would be done in the event one party in the Middle East violated the borders of another, Mr. Lloyd said that the tripartite discussions on the Middle East tension were still in progress and it would be "unwise" to indicate what action might be taken in a hypothetical situation. He disputed with Laborites that the tripartite powers were in dispute on policy, adding that there was agreement on policy although there might not be on the means of implementing that policy.

When Laborite Arthur Henderson asked the government recommend to UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold that the UN truce organization's functions in Palestine be extended to include observation of all military preparations, concentration of armed forces and the number of troops involved, the Foreign Secretary said that the U. S. resolution calling on Mr. Hammarskjold to go to the Middle East was wide enough to include these points. He expressed hope that Mr. Hammarskjold would be able to begin his mission very quickly.

British Reluctance to Arm Israel Indicated in House of Lords

Government spokesmen in the House of Lords refused yesterday to reveal details of a reported British Government plan to rush military forces to the Middle East within 4 hours if hostilities break out between Israel and the Arab states. The spokesmen refused even to say whether such a plan exists.

Responding to questions by Labor and Liberal Lords, Lord Reading, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, and Lord Home, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, insisted that the only safe haven for Israel in the current crisis was reliance upon the Tripartite Declaration. Lord Reading noted that the tripartite signatories were currently discussing the whole Middle East situation.

Lord Home reiterated a position voiced earlier in London and Washington, that arming of the Israelis by the West would mean further Arab approaches to the USSR for arms and a continuous round of new armaments for both sides -- a competition in which the less than 2,000,000 Israelis could not hope to hold their own against 40,000,000 Arabs. Lord Home turned down a request for an Anglo-Israel treaty, asserting it would only contribute fuel to fire, and expressed the hope that the United Nations would come up with a positive solution.

EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS CLASH FOR THREE HOURS IN SOUTHERN NEGEV

TEL AVIV, March 28. (JTA) -- Egyptian troops in the Nitzana area of the Southern Negev have again fired on Israeli patrols inside Israel, a military spokesman announced here today. He said an Israeli patrol was brought under heavy rifle and automatic fire this morning, but suffered no casualties. The Israelis responded in kind. The exchange of fire lasted for more than three hours.

Two persons of the same name were wounded last night by a single bullet fired by an Arab legionary from the wall of the Old City of Jerusalem. Both were named Shlomo, Suissa. One was a 37-year-old man and the other a boy of 9. They are not related. Each was wounded in the left leg.

TWO JEWS ELECTED TO FIRST NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN TUNISIA

TUNIS, March 28. (JTA) -- Tunisia's first National Assembly will have two Jewish members, it was announced here today following final tally of the ballots cast in Tunisia's election last Sunday. The two Jews, Albert Bessis and André Bzrouh, were both elected on the National Front ticket, which carried Tunisia in a landslide victory; capturing every seat in the legislature. Principal party in the National Front is the Neo-Destour (nationalist) group, which is led by Habib Bourguiba.

MANY GERMAN WORKERS ARE "HOMESICK" FOR NAZI REGIME, SURVEY REVEALS

FRANKFURT, March 28. (JTA) -- A large number of Germans evidently are "homesick" for Hitler, it was revealed today. Results of a survey of 5,000 West Germans, it was reported, indicated that about 70 percent of West German workers are discontented with their present position in society and feel they were more highly valued under the Nazi regime.

In Kiel, largest Baltic port in West Germany, the Freedom of the City has been restored to Nazi Grand Admiral Erich Raeder explicitly and to Adolf Hitler implicitly. In December 1945, even before the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg sentenced Admiral Raeder to life imprisonment for Nazi war crimes, the Kiel City Council unanimously resolved to withdraw honorary citizenship from Hitler and from Raeder, the only two individuals upon whom it had been conferred during the Nazi era.

Times have changed since 1945, however. The present head of the Christian Democratic Union in the Kiel City Council is Guenther Schubert, a good friend of Raeder's and himself a former Nazi admiral. He discovered that, in the chaotic conditions left behind by the collapse of the Nazi regime, no one in 1945 had thought it necessary to formally notify Admiral Raeder, who was then a prisoner on trial in Nuremberg, of the City Council action in withdrawing the Freedom of the City. This technical omission "invalidates the cancellation of the honorary citizenship," Herr Schubert now contends.

This back-door rehabilitation of convicted war criminal Raeder has now been endorsed by both the City Council and the municipality. Asked whether Hitler is now again an honorary citizen of Kiel, Herr Schubert hemmed and hawed but then acknowledged that the two cases are identical.

NAZI VICTIMS IN HESSE RECEIVED \$37,000,000 IN INDEMNIFICATION PAYMENTS

WIESBADEN, March 28. (JTA) -- The State of Hesse has disbursed \$36,900,000 to Nazi victims for indemnification payments since the end of the war, the budget committee of the Hesse Landtag was informed by the head of the Indemnification Agency of the State Government, Counselor of Ministry Oppenheimer.

A balance of more than \$64,000,000 will yet be necessary to satisfy Hesse's obligations under the indemnification law, Oppenheimer estimated. Claims totalling \$25,000,000 will be satisfied in the course of the 1956 fiscal year, he predicted, with half of the cost devolving upon the Federal Treasury. A total of 98,000 Nazi victims have filed indemnification applications in Hesse, Oppenheimer said, and another 20,000 applications are expected after the long-awaited amendment to the Federal Indemnification Law takes effect.

CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT LEADERS IN VIENNA CONDEMN ANTI-SEMITISM

VIENNA, March 28. (JTA) -- The Austrian people were urged to combat all manifestations of anti-Semitism today at a public meeting here at which Catholic and Protestant leaders were the principal speakers.

The Catholic representative, Monsignor Otto Mauer, asserted that anti-Semitism based on religious grounds was nonsense, and that, based on racial grounds, it was used as a political weapon to shift the burden of errors onto a scapegoat. Speaking as a representative of Protestant groups, Professor H. Dantine declared that anti-Semitism was forbidden by Christ's command regarding charity.

NETHERLANDS COURT SENTENCES ABDUCTORS OF MISSING JEWISH WAR ORPHAN

AMSTERDAM, March 28. (JTA) -- The High Court here has imposed lenient sentences on a number of persons involved in the abduction of 14-year-old Jewish war orphan Anneke Beekman -- who remains among the missing to this day.

The girl's former foster mother, Mrs. G. M. Langendyk van Moorst, 52, of Hilversum, who is believed to have fled the country, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in absentia. Her sister, Elizabeth van Moorst, 57, who is believed to be in hiding with the Beekman girl -- most likely in a Belgian convent -- was sentenced to six months in jail. The former Catholic priest Amon, of The Hague, who transported Anneke to Belgium in his automobile, was sentenced to two months' detention. Three other defendants were acquitted.

EISENHOWER, CABINET MEMBERS LAUD JEWISH WELFARE BOARD ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- President Dwight D. Eisenhower and a number of Cabinet members acclaimed the Jewish community center and armed forces work of the National Jewish Welfare Board in messages sent to Charles Aaron, JWB president, on the eve of the biennial convention of the organization. The convention will be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel April 5-8. Approximately 1,000 delegates and visitors from all parts of the country are expected to attend.

In his message, President Eisenhower congratulated the delegates who will be attending the convention on "your continuing efforts to promote good citizenship, to foster the Jewish community center movement in our country and in many other countries of the free world, and to meet the needs of men and women in the Armed Forces, both here and abroad."

Other messages were received from Secretary of the Air Force Donald A. Quarles, Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas and Deputy Defense Secretary Reuben B. Robertson, Jr., Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker, and Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Marion B. Folsom.

JEWISH, NON-JEWISH GUESTS VISIT S. S. ZION AT PIER; SERVED PASSOVER FOOD

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- Passover lunch was served today aboard the Israeli passenger ship "Zion" for a number of Jewish and non-Jewish guests who were invited to visit the vessel which arrived here this weekend on her maiden voyage. The "Zion" is now docked at the Zim Line's new pier in Brooklyn, the first trans-Atlantic passenger terminal in Brooklyn in 17 years.

Gottlieb Hammer, president of the American-Israeli Shipping Co., Zim's representative in the United States, greeting the guests, reviewed the achievements of the Line. He emphasized that Zim now owns and operates 25 ships totalling 130,000 deadweight tons. Eleven of the ships were delivered in 1955 and 1956. Six more are being built or are on order. Zim Lines links Israel with major ports of the Mediterranean and Black Seas, Northwest Europe, West Africa, U. S. and Canadian East Coast ports and the Gulf of Mexico, Mr. Hammer pointed out.

The S. S. Zion is the second of two new passenger liners built for the direct New York-Israel service of the Zim Line, Israel's largest shipping company. She is a 10,500 gross ton ship accommodating 313 passengers in first and tourist classes and with a cargo capacity of 5,000 deadweight tons. She makes the 5,000 mile Haifa-New York voyage in 13 and one-half days with calls at Naples in each direction. The Zion's passenger accommodations consist of all outside staterooms, most of them with private or semi-private baths or showers. About half the passenger space is air conditioned.

SENATORS TO SEEK PROTECTION OF U. S. JEWISH RIGHTS IN SAUDI ARABIA

WASHINGTON, March 28. (JTA) -- Sen. William Langer, North Dakota Republican, has offered to co-sponsor with Sen. Herbert Lehman, New York Democrat, a resolution seeking an end of State Department appeasement of Arab discrimination against American citizens of the Jewish faith.

Sen. Langer revealed that as a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee he would bring Sen. Lehman's correspondence with the State Department on this issue to the committee's attention in an effort to remedy the situation. Sen. Paul Douglas, Illinois Democrat, joined with Senators Lehman and Langer in advocating a fight to force the State Department to protect the rights of American Jews.

In a Senate speech, Sen. Lehman told how he was unable to get results from the State Department on complaints about Saudi Arabian discrimination against U. S. servicemen of the Jewish faith. He also referred to Saudi Arabian discrimination against certain American business firms arising from religious bigotry. He told the Senate that he had brought anti-Jewish discrimination by Saudi Arabia to the attention of the State Department "in several communications." "I have their acknowledgments; but nothing has happened," he emphasized.

PROBE STARTED INTO CAUSE OF SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN NEW YORK SYNAGOGUE

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- An investigation was begun here today into the cause of the collapse of a portion of the ceiling in a New York synagogue yesterday which seriously injured two women during Passover services.

Tons of plaster collapsed yesterday, falling on the women's section of Yeshiva and Mesivta Zichron Moshe Congregation. Mrs. Gisella Kern, 85, and Mrs. Khonsky, 75, were both injured seriously and remain unconscious in a hospital. Mrs. Sarah Wortzman, 68, was injured less seriously. She was treated at a hospital and sent home.

MILAN JEWS CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF KEHILLAH

MILAN, Italy, March 28. (JTA) -- With prominent Jews from this country and abroad in attendance, the Jewish Community of Milan celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Milan kehillah. During the ceremonies, medals were awarded to a number of community leaders and benefactors, including Harold Trobe, the Joint Distribution Committee's director for Italy.