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## ENGEL MEETS WITH DULLES ON SUEZ; DISCUSS ARAB ACTIONS AGAINST U. S. JEWS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dulles was called upon today to place solution of the Suez Canal controversy within the framework of long range objectives designed to achieve peace in the Middle East. The appeal was made by Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, at a meeting with the Secretary of State. Within this framework, Mr. Engel urged a solution of the Suez Canal dispute which would insure free navigation of the canal to all nations without exception.

Mr. Engel also suggested that despite the Suez Canal crisis, the United States reiterate its interest in objectives that would insure the peaceful development and security of the Middle East. In this connection, Mr. Engel called upon Mr. Dulles to "publicly reaffirm the determined resolution of the United States to safeguard Israel's sovereignty and to oppose all acts that threaten that sovereignty." Such a declaration, Mr. Engel said, would offset any attempts by both Arab and Israeli extremists to exploit the present tension in the Middle East.

In addition to the Suez Canal crisis and general aspects of Middle East peace, Mr. Engel discussed with the Secretary violations by Arab governments of the rights of American citizens of the Jewish faith and interference by Arab diplomats in the internal affairs of this country. A documented brief detailing the multiple infringements upon the rights of American Jews by Arab nations and an extensive study including a series of comprehensive, long-range recommendations for solving Middle East problems were presented to Mr. Dulles.

Mr. Engel also discussed Arab propaganda in the United States which, he said, is harmful to development of peaceful relations between this country and Middle East nations. He urged Mr. Dulles to caution foreign diplomatic representatives in the United States against engaging in propaganda activities which tend to create divisiveness in American life by pitting one American group against another. He made a distinction between such divisive propaganda and an honest difference of views on American foreign policy.

In discussing the multiple infringements of the rights of American Jews by Arab nations, Mr. Engel stated that particularly in the light of the present Suez Canal emergency, it is important for the United States to take steps to rectify the grave injustices perpetrated by certain Arab countries and to eliminate violations of American citizen rights.

Mr. Engel emphasized the concern of the American Jewish Committee in "long-range, equitable solutions" to insure peace, stability and prosperity in the Middle East. However, he recognized that these goals, held both by interested organizations and by the United States, can be thwarted by any Middle East country that refuses to cooperate. He said that violations of international agreements, such as those involving the free passage to any nation through the Suez Canal, clearly interpose such obstacles.

Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, had a long conference at the State Department today with George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, his deputy secretary William M. Rountree, and Raymond A. Hare in a general review of the Middle East situation, including the arms matter and the Suez Canal problem. Mr. Rountree will shortly succeed Mr. Allen in his post; Mr. Hare is succeeding Mr. Henry A. Byroade as American Ambassador to Egypt.

## ARABS SEEK TO BLACKMAIL DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS

CHICAGO, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Saudi Arabia is exercising pressure upon the U. S. Government to prevent the national conventions of the Democratic and Republican Parties from including in their platforms any reference to Arab discrimination against American Jews, it was learned here today.

Political circles revealed here that the Saudi Arabian Ambassador in Washington has submitted a note asking the State Department to warn the Democratic and Republican parties that "serious consequences" will result if they include in their platforms direct

reference to Saudi Arabian or other Arab discriminations against Jews. The Saudi Arabian note emphasized that this would be considered United States interference in internal Arab affairs.

The Palestine Arab Refugee Office in New York appealed yesterday to the Democratic and Republican platform committees not to draft planks which include promises that would "further abuse the rights and interests of the Palestine Arab refugees." Any pro-Zionist declarations or promises, the Refugee Office said in a statement, "will aggravate the present tense situation" in the Middle East and "can only lead to disastrous results."

The statement further declared that the best interests of the United States required that the refugees be granted the right of self-determination and the right to "hold and enjoy their own property in their own homeland."

Thomas K. Finletter, former Secretary of the Air Force, urged the platform committee to draft a platform that would "criticize the failure of the Eisenhower Administration to support properly the Government of Israel against the threats of certain Arab states, and particularly should criticize our failure to provide proper arms to Israel with which to defend herself, while at the same time we ship military equipment to some of the opponents of Israel."

He said the platform should also criticize what he described as Republican "failure to support the 1950 Tripartite Declaration" guaranteeing Israel boundaries. He recommended against any reference to the current Suez Canal crisis in the platform, indicating that the issue is too current and changing.

EISENHOWER MEETS WITH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL ON MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The Middle East was presumably a major topic of discussion at President Eisenhower's meeting with the National Security Council today.

The International Cooperation Administration today denied any policy difference with the State Department over foreign aid shipments to Egypt. The ICA spokesman said that the State Department is in agreement that major items involving large expenditures would be "reviewed" at American and European ports before leaving for Egypt.

He said that no previous commitments to Egypt made for the current fiscal year have been withdrawn. He added that no major items for Egypt are now pending and in need of review. In the future, he said, major items for Egypt shall be reviewed in the light of the political conditions existing at that time. The reviewing procedure is in connection with the Suez crisis.

DULLES AND HAMMARSKJOLD TO CONFER TODAY ON ARAB-ISRAEL SITUATION

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Secretary Dag Hammarskjold will confer tomorrow in New York with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. It is understood that the conference, being held at the request of Mr. Dulles, will concern the two major Middle East problems--the Suez Canal situation and the Arab-Israel conflict.

(In Washington, State Department press spokesman Joseph Reap said that the Arab-Israel conflict would be the major topic of conversations, but he did not rule out the Suez crisis as one of the issues likely to be discussed.)

Today, Mr. Hammarskjold conferred separately with Mordecai Kidron, deputy chairman of the Israel delegation here, and Dr. Omar Loutfi, Egyptian delegate.

ISRAEL MINISTER DISCUSSES SECURITY SITUATION WITH STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (JTA) -- The concentration of troops on Israel's Syrian border was the major topic discussed today when Israel Minister Reuven Shiloah met with Assistant Secretary of State George V. Allen. There have been reports that Syrian troops have been massing along the Israel frontier, Mr. Shiloah said.

After his meeting with Mr. Allen, the Israel told newsmen that Israel's request for arms was not discussed with Mr. Allen, but that his country's position was well known. He indicated that Israel's interest in the Suez Canal was mentioned, but that the major part of the half-hour conversation was devoted to "security aspects on our border."

CONGRESS TURNS DOWN \$3,500,000 RECOMMENDATION FOR ISRAEL PROJECTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Congress has turned down the State Department request for spending approximately \$3,500,000 in U. S. funds now deposited in Israel for scientific and cultural projects in the Jewish State.

The request was originally submitted by Bernard Katzen, consultant on the use of local currencies acquired by the United States in Israel under the information media guarantee program. It would have benefited more than 40 Israeli institutions.

ALL GERMAN JEWS ELIGIBLE FOR INDEMNIFICATION, SUPREME COURT RULES

BONN, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- In a suit brought by a Jew who resigned his position in a German firm as early as mid-1933 and emigrated from Hitler Germany, the Federal Supreme Court has ruled that, even without proving any persecution measures directed against him individually, he is entitled to the benefits provided in German indemnification legislation for the impairment of professional or economic advancement.

An applicant need only belong, says Germany's top tribunal, "to the group of persons which the Nazi Party intended to exclude, in its entirety, from the economic and cultural life of Germany."

COURT AWARDS COMPENSATION FOR TOP NAZI LEADER WHO PERSECUTED JEWS

FRANKFURT, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Adolf Heinz Beckerle, a top Nazi leader who was police chief of Frankfurt when the synagogues of the city were set afire in 1938, and who later tried hard to deport all the Jews from Bulgaria to extermination camps, was granted \$1,400 compensation by a German court as a "prisoner of war," although he never served in the armed forces.

A member of the Nazi Party from 1922 on, and its representative in the Prussian parliament as well as the Reichstag, Beckerle was the top chief of the Storm Troops in Hesse, with the rank of a full general. He held office as Frankfurt's police chief from the beginning of the Nazi regime until 1941, when Hitler sent him to Sofia as "Ambassador" to the puppet Bulgarian Government. In 1944 he fell into Russian hands and was sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment for his role in preparing the war. Last October, the Soviets released him.

The Central Denazification Board for Southern Hesse had classified Beckerle as a "principal culprit" and the "prototype of a Nazi activist," pointing out in particular his responsibility for the persecution of Frankfurt Jewry and for the pogroms of November 1938. After the City of Frankfurt twice rejected his application for "PW compensation," he sued in the Administrative Court.

When former Nazi judge Ernst Rein handed down the verdict, he ordered the municipality to pay the full amount and expressly disallowed an appeal to a higher court. The Association of Nazi Victims thereupon filed a criminal complaint against Beckerle, charging him with having been an accessory to murder and manslaughter during the 1938 November pogroms. The "Association of Politically Persecuted Social Democrats" noted "with indignation the crying injustice" of the verdict and appealed for intervention by the State Administration of Hesse.

The City of Frankfurt has submitted a complaint to the Hesse Administrative Court against the provision of the judicial ruling that bars the possibility of an appeal.

YOUTH IN GERMANY TO SEE FRENCH FILM OF NAZI CONCENTRATION CAMPS

NEW YORK, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The West German official press and information office has purchased German rights to the French documentary film "Nuit et Brouillard" (Night and Fog), which depicts the Nazi concentration camps, for showing to German officials and youth groups.

The action by the Bonn Government, reported here in Variety, show business trade newspaper, was considered particularly ironic in view of the fact that the short film had been withdrawn from the recent Cannes Film Festival by the French--in deference to German sensibilities.

The concentration camp film will be available for regular trade showings in Germany, in addition to its official use. The Bonn regime paid 25,000 marks (about \$6,000) for the rights. Variety quoted New York sources as speculating that the move was inspired by West Germany's desire to counter-criticism to the effect that it wanted "to play down that macabre aspect of the Nazi era."

The trade paper's report also made the point that most Germans today still prefer not to discuss the camps or the millions exterminated in them. In view of that fact, Variety noted, the current move, "even if officially sponsored," is not "likely to be popular."

COMMUNIST ORGAN IN POLAND ADMITS RE-EMERGENCE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The re-emergence of anti-Semitism in Poland since the democratization of Polish life began in the last year is admitted in the current issue of Nowe Drogi, official organ of the United Workers Party, the Polish Communist party, which published an article urging party members to combat anti-Jewish prejudice, the New York Times reported today in a cable from Warsaw.

The general lines of the propaganda campaign to be conducted against anti-Semitism were laid down in Nowe Drogi as follows: "Anti-Semitism is incompatible with the very essence of the movement whose incarnation is our party. It is incompatible with its ideological and guiding principles. A party member who is enslaved by anti-Semitic prejudice or shows leniency to adherence of anti-Semitism disgraces the banner of the

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party and betrays the humanist ideas of socialism. The awareness of this must prevail among all party members in all party organizations and agencies."

However, the Warsaw cable emphasized that the party is still keeping quiet on the bitter discussion of the "Jewish problem" that occurred during the recent Central Committee debate on the causes of last June's Poznan riots. Zenon Nowak, one of Poland's two Deputy Premiers, touched off the discussion. Hilary Minc, a Jew, is the other Deputy Premier. Mr. Mint, who has been seriously ill for a long time, did not attend the Central Committee meeting.

Mr. Nowak, the cable points out, is identified with the group in the Polish leadership that is said to be closest to Moscow. The argument he made for this group in the debate was that democratization had been carried too far, particularly in the press, and that this was at least a contributory factor to the riots in Poznan. Many of the articles advocating democratization, he noted, had been written by Jewish intellectuals. According to reliable accounts of the discussion, Mr. Nowak said the mass of Poles believed that there was a disproportionate number of Jews in leading party and government positions.

To support this, Mr. Nowak read off a list of the numbers of Jews in the various ministries. He said this was an irritant in relations between the party and the people and a cause of rising anti-Semitism. Mr. Nowak's strongest supporter in the discussion was Lieut. Gen. Kazimirz Witaszewski, chief of the army's political education and propaganda section. At least 30 speakers were said to have rebutted implications in Mr. Nowak's remarks. They included Premier Jozef Cyrankiewicz and Edward Ochab, first secretary of the party. Their viewpoint that anti-Semitism now must be combated vigorously and openly apparently has been accepted by the Central Committee.

#### JEW WHO FLED RUSSIA STARTS ISRAEL PROJECT FOR DESALTING WATER

NEW YORK, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has granted a 150,000 pound contract for the building of a pilot plant for desalting water and using the fresh water for irrigation of the Negev, the Jerusalem press reported today from Tel Aviv.

The contract has been awarded Alexander Zarchin, 59-year-old engineer who fled a Soviet forced labor camp in 1947. Mr. Zarchin worked out the process for the Soviet Union years ago and in 1931 registered the patent in the USSR. The Soviet Union used it in Turkestan desert areas for its military installations and has guarded the process as a military secret. Before he was sent to the labor camp, Mr. Zarchin worked out and registered a score of different patents.

The process which he will develop for Israel involves the freezing of salt water, with a crystallization of the water away from the foreign minerals and salts in it. A by-product of water desalting would be the production of various chemical salts. Mr. Zarchin, who sees his process as a substitution for piping water to the Negev from the Jordan River, estimates that it will take two to three years to build a plant large enough to produce 350,000,000 cubic feet of water annually. The pilot plant should be ready in six months.

#### ISRAELI CONSULATE CORRECTS REPORT ON WITHDRAWAL FROM PUBLIC FORUM

NEW YORK, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The Israeli Consulate today issued a correction to its report on the cancellation of the scheduled appearance of Arthur Liveran, member of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations, at a forum in a New Hampshire hotel when it learned that the hotel in which the affair was to be held discriminated against American Jews.

Mr. Liveran, the correction stated, was withdrawn as speaker not from Wentworth Hall--as erroneously announced earlier--but from Wentworth-By-The-Sea, in New Hampshire. The owners of Wentworth Hall have informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that they are themselves Jewish. At the forum at the Wentworth-By-The-Sea, from which Mr. Liveran was withdrawn by the Israeli Consulate, he and an Arab spokesman were to have discussed the Arab-Israel situation.

#### GEN. SHEALTIEL, ISRAEL MINISTER, PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS IN CUBA

HAVANA, Cuba, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- Gen. David Shealtiel, Israel Minister to Cuba, presented his credentials today to the President of Cuba. He was received at the Presidential palace with a parade, with a military orchestra playing the national hymns of Cuba and Israel. In the evening he was honored at a gathering arranged by leaders of the local Jewish community. He will proceed tomorrow to the Dominican Republic to present his credentials there. His permanent residence is in Mexico where he is accredited as Israel Ambassador.

#### UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL CAMPAIGN OPENED IN BRAZIL BY ISRAELI LEADER

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 9. (JTA) -- The United Israel Appeal campaign in Brazil got under way here last night at an affair attended by 2,000 leading members of the Jewish community. The featured speaker was Jacob Zerubavel, left Labor Zionist leader in Israel. The meeting was chaired by Israel Saubel, president of the appeal.