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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION OPENS TODAY; LEADERS COOL TO ARMS FOR ISRAEL

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- On the eve of the formal opening of the Republican National Convention it became apparent here today that, although a Republican faction is seeking to persuade Administration leaders to adopt a platform favoring defensive arms for Israel, little impact is being made on rigid recommendations already approved by Secretary of State Dulles and the White House.

The view of the Administration is that the platform should stress "relaxation of tension" between Arab states and Israel under Dulles' present policy. It would call for the preservation of peace, without specifying arms for Israel. No revolt by delegates against Administration wishes is anticipated.

Bernard Katzen, head of the Jewish Division of the Republican National Committee, appeared before the Platform Committee, praising the policy of the Administration toward Israel. He quoted past assurances by President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles, and recommended that the platform should note "traditional support" of Israel by the Republican Party. He said the "present relative peace" in the Middle East was brought about by Dulles.

Republicans have noticed the Democratic platform which urges arms for Israel and is strongly favorable toward the Jewish State. Attention is being focused by Republican leaders on a communication from Secretary Dulles to Benai Brith President Philip Klutznick, expressing State Department opposition to Saudi Arabian discrimination against U. S. Jews.

Chairman of the platform subcommittee considering the Israel plank is Thurston B. Morton, former Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs. While in the State Department, Mr. Morton advanced arguments against arms for Israel, and justified such shipments to the Arabs. Mr. Morton has said here that it was not necessary for a Republican plank to go into detail on steps like arms for Israel, or to spell out exactly what measures should be taken in this connection.

Mr. Morton expressed appreciation for Bernard Katzen's vigorous defense of Dulles' policies. Alfred Lilienthal, spokesman for an extreme anti-Zionist group, said that Mr. Morton, having been Assistant Secretary of State, was only too well aware of "pressures" by Zionists to prevent the United States from arming Egypt last year. Emphasizing that he was a Republican active in past campaigns, Mr. Lilienthal said, "it would be national suicide" if the Republicans now adopt "a pro-Zionist plank on the Middle East."

I. L. Kenen, executive director of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, said of Lilienthal: "He besmirches the patriotism of those who exercise the inalienable right of petition. He apologizes for Communist collaboration." Mr. Kenen presented a specific program along the lines submitted at Chicago and which was subsequently embodied in the Democratic platform. He explained the importance to American security of arms supplies for Israel.

John Gunther, a spokesman for the liberal "Americans for Democratic Action," advocated arms for Israel. He said it was regrettable that Mr. Lilienthal "came before you to question the good faith" and "impugn motives" of friends of Israel. He pointed out that the United States had no real friend in the Middle East except Israel. If America had given arms to Egypt, he said, they might now be used against the West.

Republican supporters of Israel continued efforts to persuade the major body of their party to approve arms for Israel. Jacob K. Javits, Attorney General of New York State, told the platform committee of "the new danger which now exists in the Middle East." He warned that "Nasser may decide next, after the Suez Canal seizure, to marshal his own and the other Arab nations to march against Israel."

Two Republican senators, stating that they were acting on behalf of constituents, submitted proposed planks favoring Israel. They were Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, Massachusetts, and H. Alexander Smith, New Jersey. Mr. Javits and Oswald B. Heck, speaker of the New York State Assembly, presented a plank adopted and supported by the New York Republican delegation. They modified it to take note of Suez developments.

Rep. Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican, said 40 Republican Congressmen endorsed the proposed New York pro-Israel plank. Scott is the head of a Congressional Republican element which sought to persuade the Administration to provide arms to Israel.

ISRAEL'S STAKE IN SUEZ CANAL EMERGES AT LONDON CONFERENCE

LONDON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Israel's stake in the Suez Canal issue came into sharp focus this week-end at the 22-nation conference on the Suez Canal, despite the fact that the United States and Britain are carefully avoiding any mention of the fact that Israeli ships are not permitted by Egypt to pass the canal.

Egypt's blockade against Israel was highlighted at the conference by the Foreign Ministers of France, Sweden, New Zealand and Netherland. They pointed out at the Conference that Egypt is persistently violating the principle of freedom of passage through the Suez Canal by halting shipping to and from Israel, notwithstanding a United Nations Security Council resolution condemning such action as far back as 1951.

All around the periphery of the Conference, the Israel phase of the Suez Canal situation is also being discussed freely. At a press conference yesterday Leonid F. Ilyichev, Soviet press attache, indicated that the Soviet Government has no objections to including Israel in the list of countries which Moscow wants to participate in a new conference on the Suez Canal issue.

Mr. Ilyichev was asked why Israel was excluded from the list of nations to be invited to the second conference which Moscow proposes, while other nations, which have no direct interest in the Suez Canal, have been included. To this the Soviet spokesman replied that the Soviet proposal can still be amended when taken up for discussion.

The fact that British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd is ignoring the Israel phase of the Suez issue was, if anything, highlighted this week-end by an official publication of his own Conservative Party. The Monthly Survey of Foreign Affairs, issued by the Conservative Party's research department, declared: "Egypt's blockade of Israeli shipping, or shipping of other nations bound for Israel, not only denies the principle of navigational freedom but defies a resolution adopted by the United Nations Security Council on the initiative of Britain, France and America."

Pointing out that this resolution had been adopted as long ago as 1951, the Conservative Party organ states: "It is easy to say that this transgression should have been dealt with at the time, or later. But the fact remains that the United Nations, without the means to enforce action, is bound to rely on little more than exhortation."

Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Labor Party, appealed to Egypt's President Nasser, in an address today, to "make a show of his good will by allowing Israeli ships to pass through the Canal." Mr. Gaitskell declared he was "dismayed by Colonel Nasser's aggressive talk of creating an Arab empire and destroying Israel."

ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES SECURITY; ARMISTICE BODY MEETS TODAY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today discussed the security situation of the country in the light of the continued Egyptian and Jordanian acts of aggressions which took place during the last few days. Note was taken of the two statements issued during the week-end at United Nations headquarters by UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold in connection with the latest Arab-Israel border incidents.

Official military as well as civilian circles today indicated that they know nothing of any incidents referred to in one of Mr. Hammarskjold's statements alleging the killing of several Egyptian soldiers. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that all that was known about these incidents came from press reports and the reference made to them by the UN Secretary-General.

In the meantime, the UN truce supervision organization summoned the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission for tomorrow to discuss the killing by ambush of four Israelis in an attack last Thursday on an Israeli bus. United Nations observers followed the tracks and established that the attackers fled to Jordan. An official statement to this effect was issued by the headquarters of the Truce Supervision Organization.

ISRAEL AMBASSADOR REVIEWS MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS WITH STATE DEPT.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban this week-end held a general review of Middle Eastern problems with Deputy Undersecretary of State Robert D. Murphy. Mr. Eban refused specific comment on questions discussed with Mr. Murphy when he saw reporters after their meeting. Israel Minister Reuven Shiloah and Col. Katriel Salmon, military attache at the Israel Embassy here, accompanied Mr. Eban to the 65-minute talk.

Asked whether he talked about Israel's interest in the current Suez Canal crisis, the Israeli envoy replied, "You can assume we have discussed everything of interest in the area." He made no comment on the United States proposal for the Canal's operation by an international agency tied to the United Nations. He also declined to comment on the possibility of an Israeli canal as an alternative to Suez.

SECRETARY DULLES PLEDGES ACTION TO CURB ARAB BIAS AGAINST U.S. JEWS

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dulles yesterday advised B'nai B'rith that the State Department will take "formal diplomatic action" in an effort to curb Arab nations from imposing discriminatory restrictions on American citizens of the Jewish faith.

A U.S. Senate resolution last month, which called such discrimination incompatible with American principles and demanded "every reasonable effort" by the United States Government to seek equal treatment abroad for its citizens, has afforded the Department of State the opportunity to continue its efforts to impress on the Arab states the sentiments of this country, "Mr. Dulles declared in a letter to Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith.

The Senate resolution, the Secretary of State added, has been circulated to U.S. Missions in Arab States where American representatives "have been directed to take every appropriate opportunity to emphasize the principal of equality of all Americans and to seek its compliance by the Arab states."

The secretary's enunciation of present State Department policy and his assurances that the foreign service was "alert to the necessity of protecting the rights of American citizens throughout the world" were contained in a 700-word statement to B'nai B'rith. Mr. Klutznick presented the statement yesterday to the B'nai B'rith's administrative committee, opening a two-day meeting at camp B'nai B'rith here.

"Our missions abroad, and particularly those in the countries of the Arab world, are under standing instructions to bear in mind the importance of this matter to the people of the United States," Mr. Dulles declared.

B'nai B'rith has been making representations to the State Department on this issue since August 1954, in exchanges of correspondence with the Department and through personal conferences between Mr. Dulles and Mr. Klutznick. The Jewish group has argued that the policy of conceding the right of Arab nations to impose discriminatory sanctions on American Jews meant "recognizing by default the anti-Semitic attitude of certain Arab nations."

Cites Sovereignty of Arab States; Blames Arab-Israel Dispute

In his statement to B'nai B'rith, Mr. Dulles attributed the restrictions to the Arab-Israel dispute. "In some countries where, as a result of the Palestine conflict, the discriminatory policies are of recent origin," he said, "we have been able to make headway in obtaining the mitigation or removal of regulations and practices discriminating against American citizens."

Mr. Dulles added: "I assure you we will continue these efforts in other countries along several lines, including formal diplomatic action, in an attempt to reduce tensions arising out of the Palestine hostilities and to raise standards of social development and human understanding."

The Secretary said that the State Department's efforts to curb Arab discrimination against American Jews "are obviously circumscribed by the fundamental principle that sovereign states have the right to control their affairs in such manner as they deem to be in their own best interest.

"International law and practice recognize the fundamental right of a sovereign state to determine whether and under what conditions aliens may enter its territory. In considering this problem, then, we are obliged to recognize that any attempt by this country to force our views on a foreign nation would be considered intervention in the domestic affairs of that nation and, therefore, greatly resented."

Mr. Klutznick told B'nai B'rith officials assembled here that "the emphasis in Mr. Dulles' statement on affirmative action by the State Department, particularly his reference to taking formal diplomatic action if necessary, suggests an improvement over our government's previous position in the matter."

"However," Mr. Klutznick said, "this position falls short of giving equal protection abroad to all American citizens. There is historical precedence for accomplishing this by appropriate action in a manner that does no violence to the offending nation's sovereignty, but merely insures the integrity of American sovereignty." He added that B'nai B'rith would "seek to pursue the matter in personal consultation with Mr. Dulles at a more propitious time than the present when the Secretary is involved in the tense situation affecting the Suez Canal."

CHANCELLOR ADENAUER RECEIVES DR. GOLDMANN; DISCUSS INDEMNIFICATION

BONN, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Although West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer is currently on vacation and has sharply curtailed his governmental activities, it has been learned here that he has received Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, for talks. The conference pertained to questions of German reparations deliveries and the speeding-up of indemnification claims by individual victims of the Nazis.

JEWISH FIRM STARTS EXPERIMENT TESTING GERMAN ACCEPTANCE OF JEWS

DUESSELDORF, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- An experiment by a Jewish couple to see whether Germans here have really developed to the point of accepting Jews back into their midst, seems on the way to success. The experiment was attempted by Kurt Israel, who had spent three years in Auschwitz. His wife had been in concentration camps four years. The Nazis had gassed their first-born son, then only a little over 3 years old, at Auschwitz. Now they operate a women's specialty store on Koenigsallee, this city's "Fifth Avenue," where some of the most luxurious stores are located. And their store bears openly their Jewish name -- "Modehaus Israel."

Jewish as well as non-Jewish friends had advised the Israels before they opened the shop against using their own "very Jewish" name in connection with the shop. But the Israels felt that was the only name they wanted to use. Friends warned them they would not be able to hire German help. Among their 80 employees now, many are Germans. There have been no overt or even hidden demonstrations against Israel. They have received much mail -- only one letter, from an anonymous writer, was hostile.

But the venture is still an experiment, Mrs. Israel feels. The Israels are willing to continue to keep their shop open under their own name. If it should ultimately fail, they say, they would forsake Germany for good and move to Holland.

PRAGUE GOVERNMENT REDUCES FARE FOR JEWS HONORING TEREZIN VICTIMS

LONDON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Jews in Czechoslovakia have been asked to pay joint tribute to the memory of victims of Nazi persecution at Terezin, one of the most notorious of the extermination and deportation camps, next Sunday. An appeal to Czechoslovakian Jews to this effect was published in the "Vestnik," a monthly periodical issued by the Council of Jewish Communities in Bohemia and Moravia.

Quoting the magazine, the World Jewish Congress information department here said that after a long interval, the Council is joining with the Central Council of Jews in Slovakia in its effort to make Jews from all parts of the country take part in this day of remembrance. Services at the Terezin cemetery and at the memorial for Jewish victims deported from Terezin will be conducted by Chief Rabbi Gustav Sichel and Rabbi Dr. Richard Feder -- himself a former Terezin inmate. Other rabbis and representatives of Jewish communities in Bohemia and Moravia, as well as the principal cantors of Prague, Brno, Pilzen and Usti are also scheduled to participate in the August 26 ceremonies.

The World Jewish Congress also said that it appeared from the announcement that official facilities to the extent of a 25 per cent reduction in train fares has been offered to the participants, and that three express trains will stop at the Terezin railroad station that day, to enable participants to avail themselves of special coach service to the cemetery. Coaches of the state railway system will run directly to Terezin at reduced rates from Prague, Karlovy Vary, Liberec and Pilzen.

During the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia close to 140,000 Jews were deported to Terezin, of whom more than half were taken from their homes in Bohemia and Moravia. 43,000 Jews were deported to Terezin from Germany, over 15,000 from Austria, nearly 5,000 from Holland, 1,500 from Slovakia and about 500 from Denmark. More than 33,000 Jews died in Terezin and of 87,000 others who were deported from Terezin to the East, only 3,000 are known to have survived.

JEWISH COMMANDER OF BRITISH FORCES IN UGANDA NAMED TO U. N. COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Sir Andrew Benjamin Cohen, commander-in-chief of British forces in the Uganda Protectorate, Africa, has been appointed head of the British delegation to the Trusteeship Council here, effective next January 1. The announcement of Sir Andrew's transfer was made by the British Delegation today.

Sir Andrew, who is a Jew, has held various important posts in the British Colonial Office, Internal Revenue service and Foreign Office for the last 25 years. His term as head of the British forces in Uganda expires at the end of this year. He is the holder of a number of high decorations bestowed upon him by the British Crown.

MOSHE BRODESRON, NOTED AUTHOR, DIES IN WARSAW; WAS IN SOVIET CAMP

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Moshe Broderson, noted Yiddish poet who only last month was permitted by the Soviet Government to leave the Soviet Union where he had been held in a Siberian labor camp since 1948, died Friday in Warsaw suddenly, according to a cable sent by the Cultural Association of Jews in Poland to the Polish Jewish groups here.

Mr. Broderson, who was 66 years old, was released from the Soviet camp in Siberia last year. He was born in Moscow but was brought up in Poland where he spent practically all his life until 1939, when he escaped from Nazi-invaded Poland into the USSR before the Nazi attack on the Soviet Union.