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EISENHOWER CRITICIZES EGYPT'S BLOCKADE (F SUEZ AGAINST ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower told a press conference today that he personally feels Egypt's anti-Israel Suez blockade is most unjust and not in accord with the Suez treaty of 1888. The President expressed hope that Egypt would see it in her own best interest to cooperate with canal users. If such broad agreement is achieved, he thought the anti-Israel practices could ultimately be corrected.

The President's remarks came in response to a reporter's question. Mr. Eisenhower was asked about hope for a general Suez settlement in view of Egypt's longtime rejection of U.S. views on Egyptian Suez restrictions against Israel and ships trading with Israel. He replied that the blockade has existed a long time and that he personally feels it unjust and not in accord with the 1888 treaty.

The President voiced hope that the proposed canal users' association would show great unanimity on rules and that Egypt would see it in her best interest to reach an agreement with the association. He said countries backing the users' plan provided 90 percent of Suez traffic.

If a general understanding was reached with Egypt, Mr. Eisenhower indicated it could facilitate the removal of anti-Israel practices. The President said the first users' conference in London laid down certain principles and proposals. He expressed belief that details of canal operation could be compromised or re-arranged but that this would only be possible if a solution adhered to the broad principle that the users have a stake in the canal. He indicated that his main interest centered in the broad principles.

Dulles' Assurances on Passage of Israel Ships Welcomed

Israel officials here today attached importance to what they described as an assurance by Secretary of State Dulles regarding the possible availability of Suez Canal user's association facilities to all ships including those of Israel.

Israel circles said that the interest of Israel in the Suez dispute communicated to the State Department in recent weeks was primarily Israel's concern to insure non-discrimination in the use of the canal.

The statement by Mr. Dulles was made at a press conference yesterday. The Secretary of State said in effect, that while Israel would not be allowed to join the projected canal users' association the association's facilities could nevertheless theoretically be made available to Israel shipping. Therefore, Mr. Dulles expressed a view that it was "irrelevant" whether or not Israel was given membership.

Secretary Dulles today held a briefing session on the Suez situation in which late developments between Israel and Jordan were also believed discussed. He briefed Ambassadors of Latin American countries.

HAMMARSKJOLD TO REPORT TODAY ON ARAB-ISRAEL BORDER SITUATION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The possibility that the Security Council debate on the Suez Canal, which is to be resumed next Thursday or Friday, will in all likelihood develop into a general discussion on the Arab-Israel situation, was predicted here today as Israel was expecting a decision on her request to participate in the Council's discussions.

Meanwhile, it was learned here today that UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold will submit a report to the Security Council tomorrow dealing with the Jordan-Israel situation, the situation along the Israel-Egypt demarcation line and other developments in the Palestine situation since he last reported to the Council in June.

Mr. Hammarskjold is expected to tell the Security Council in his report that he does not consider its mandate to him to seek a Middle East pacification terminated and that he considers the cease-fire agreements he negotiated last April to be still in force despite the incidents. The UN diplomat was said to feel strongly that, despite the bloody events of recent weeks, there is a genuine will to peace in the Middle East. If there were not, he is said to argue, events there would already have resulted in war.

In conversations with diplomats of many nations, Mr. Hammarskjold is known to have stressed the indivisibility of the Palestine problem and to insist that it has to be looked at as a single entity, with its varied developments all part of one pattern rather than as a complex of different issues and problems.

DR. GOLDMANN ADVOCATES LONG-RANGE PROGRAM FOR ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

LONDON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The suggestion that a long-range program for bringing about an Arab-Israel peace should be evolved, based on agreement between the Western Powers and the Soviet Union, was made here yesterday by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and of the Jewish Agency, at a luncheon given in his honor by the Foreign Press Association.

Speaking on "The Western Powers, Israel and the Arabs," Dr. Goldmann pointed out that the Suez crisis proved dramatically what had been obvious to all observers for some time -- that the Middle East was both the most explosive and one of the most important regions of our modern world. He criticized the policies followed by the Western Powers in recent decades.

There should have been a united policy right along, he asserted, instead of various powers in the West maneuvering against each other. The West has been dealing with the problems of the Middle East by improvisation and not by planning with the result that there has been inconsistency instead of policy.

One day, Dr. Goldmann continued, the West would be too harsh and the next too soft, creating confusion and contributing to the deterioration of the overall situation. In his view, Dr. Goldmann said, the one way of approaching a solution of the Middle East problem was to evolve a long-range program based on agreement between East and West.

It is obvious today that Western hopes of keeping the Soviet bloc out of the Middle East have proved to be an illusion, he noted. In the last three years, the Soviet Union has entered the Middle East region on a large scale. While Arab nationalism could maneuver these two blocs, playing East against West and vice versa, the Arab chances of blackmailing everyone would mount.

Only an East-West agreement could curb the explosive character of Arab nationalism, evolving a policy of neutralizing the Middle East and keeping it outside any ideological or power or political blocs and eventually reaching an agreement for neutralization of the tremendous resources to everybody's benefit, including those of the people of the region, Dr. Goldmann maintained. This would give the people of the region the benefit of aid from East and West in the constructive application of the great gains to be derived from its natural resources.

The simultaneous development of the national movements of both the Jewish and the Arab peoples was the basis of difficulties today, Dr. Goldmann stated. Yet both Zionism and Arab nationalism might one day "be a source of much additional strength for both national movements which are now adversaries."

ALGERIAN STUDENTS DECIDE TO SUPPORT ISRAEL; OPPOSE ARAB LEAGUE

ALGIERS, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Solidarity with the State of Israel was expressed here in a resolution adopted at a meeting of Algerian Socialist students. The students also called for peace in the Middle East, even if it must come through intervention of the Big Three.

In another resolution, the Algerian students expressed opposition to the "imperialism of the Arab League." The League, they charged, had intervened in the Algerian-French dispute and had "aroused the racial feelings of the population in what ought to have been a fight for democratic forces against the feudalism of the (French) settlers."

BRITISH ZIONISTS TAKE ISSUE WITH GOVERNMENT'S CRITICISM OF ISRAEL

LONDON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The Zionist Federation of Britain took issue today with the British Foreign Office's criticism of Israel for the raid into Jordan the night before last in retaliation for the murder of six Israelis within 48 hours.

The British Foreign Office expressed sympathy for Israel over what it called the irresponsible shooting from the Jordanian side that killed four members of an archaeological party at Jerusalem Sunday, then denounced the Israeli reprisal.

"In the present critical situation in the Middle East such an attitude on the part of the Foreign Office cannot be considered as either fair or statesmanlike," the Zionist Federation said. "Recent events clearly demonstrated that the Jordan authorities are bent upon a policy of deliberate acts of violence against Israel."

The Zionist movement, the statement continued, considers it "imperative that public opinion should fix responsibility where it properly resides" so that there be no misunderstanding over how the comparative peace following United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's peace efforts has been dissipated.

Meanwhile, in a speech prepared for delivery at the annual Labor Party conference in Blackpool next Monday, party chairman E. G. Gooch lambastes the British Government for having "excluded, ignored and denied arms" to Israel although Britain "has no better friend" than the Jewish State.

JEWS IN GERMANY INSIST ON BEING CONSULTED ON COMPENSATION

DUESSELDORF, Sept. 27. (JTA) - The Central Council of Jews in Germany has registered a strong protest against the apparent intention of the Bonn Ministry of Finance to enact, without first consulting the organizations of Nazi victims, the implementation regulations to the new compensation legislation.

These implementation regulations are indispensable to the carrying out of the amendment to the Federal Indemnification Law that was adopted by Parliament in the late spring. Since that time, the interested Jewish and other organizations have never been invited to discuss the government drafts of the implementation regulations.

This might be understandable, the Central Council said, if the regulations had been rushed through in July, before the parliamentary summer recess. Now that so much time has elapsed, the Council added, there is no excuse for failure to seek the views of the organizations concerned.

The Central Council of Jews in Germany is deeply concerned with the regulations that will govern the determination of invalidity pensions and of pensions to widows and immediate dependents of Nazi victims, and for that reason seeks to bring its influence to bear upon the formulation of the legal texts.

ARABS SEEK TO WATCH GERMAN REPARATIONS DELIVERIES TO ISRAEL

BONN, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- One of the top men of the Arab League, Dr. Fakoussa, has arrived here with an ostensibly innocuous diplomatic status, but in reality--according to local Arab circles--with the permanent assignment of keeping watch on German reparations deliveries to Israel and of advising the Arab Governments on means of balking future implementation of the German-Israel reparations pact.

Dr. Fakoussa, who headed the foreign press department of the Arab League, has been accredited here as an Egyptian diplomatic attache "for the promotion of German-Arab cultural relations."

6,600 NAZI VICTIMS ABROAD FILE CLAIMS FOR AUSTRIAN COMPENSATION

VIENNA, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- A total of 6,600 applications have been filed so far with the Vienna bureau of the Austrian Relief Fund by persecutees living abroad entitled to restitution under the formula arrived at by the Austrian Government and world Jewish organizations, it was revealed here today.

Of this number 600 have already received a settlement of their claims. The fund will distribute 550,000,000 schillings in the next ten years.

RED CROSS REPORTS TO W. J. C. ON TRACING JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZISM

LONDON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The records of the World Jewish Congress European Tracing Service, dealing with 524,000 Jewish victims of Nazism, which were turned over to the International Tracing Service at Arolsen, Germany, have proven of value in the work of that organization, which is operated by the International Red Cross under the terms of a multi-nation agreement, the WJC was informed today.

Forty-five percent of the WJC material proved to be news to the ITS, N. Burckhardt, director of the latter group, told the Jewish Congress. The lists were made up immediately after the liberation and has names of survivors of concentration camps in Germany and various Eastern European countries which were of "special interest" to the ITS in its work. Another 19 percent of the WJC files supplemented ITS material.

The WJC has supplied new evidence in 225,000 cases, Mr. Burckhardt said, supplementary evidence in 100,000 cases and in 73,000 cases its records were used to replace ITS illegible documents. This work was accomplished in the first half of this year and the process of incorporating the Jewish Congress records into the files of the ITS will continue for the rest of this year.

SIX AUSTRIAN POLICEMEN TO BE TRIED FOR KILLING JEWS UNDER NAZIS

VIENNA, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The second trial of Austrian ex-policemen charged with the mass murder of Jews in the Polish town of Kolomea during the Nazi occupation will open here soon, it was reported today. Six ex-policemen are defendants.

The Vienna Jewish community has furnished the prosecution with a list of 18 now living in Israel who could testify against the accused. The community coupled the list with a demand that evidence be taken from these people.

SOVIETS REPORTED SEEKING PROJECT FOR FORMING YIDDISH THEATRE

LONDON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The Soviet Ministry of Culture has asked a number of Jewish theatrical leaders to prepare a project for the opening of a Yiddish State Theatre in Moscow in May, 1957, it was reported here in the current issue of the Warsaw Yiddish newspaper "Folkstimme" received here today.

JEWS CONSTITUTE SIX PERCENT OF THE RELIGIOUS POPULATION IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Six percent of the religious population of the United States is Jewish, according to an estimate made public here last night by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The figures were presented to the quarterly meeting of the Council's General Board, policy making body of the group, which represents 30 major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church bodies.

The figures released here, which put Protestants at 53 percent, and Roman Catholics at 40 percent, of the religious population, are based on a compilation and analysis of data provided by 114 religious bodies with a total membership of more than 74,000,000. It is expected that the detailed study will eventually provide information on religious affiliation down to the county level.

The Council's General Board voted today to set up a special committee to recommend action by American churches to help solve the Arab refugee problem. The recommendations, the General Board agreed, will be based upon the findings of a report issued in Lebanon last May by a conference on Arab refugees sponsored by the World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council. One conference conclusion urged Israel to take the initiative in solving the Arab refugee problem. What form the suggested Israel action should take was not detailed in the finding.

"It ought to be possible for us as Christians to register our concern over the Arab refugees without being accused of anti-Semitism," said Rev. Paul D. Freeland, an official, who reported to the General Board on overseas church measures to relieve Arab refugee suffering.

WINNIPEG MUNICIPALITY INTRODUCES FRIDAY NIGHT SHOPPING; JEWS PROTEST

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Local leaders of the Canadian Jewish Congress here have adopted a resolution condemning the innovation by the municipality of Friday night shopping in this city. The inauguration of Friday night shopping had been adopted without protest by local religious leaders. However, it is feared that the new program will cut synagogue attendance. The choice of Friday night was a departure from the Monday night pattern adopted in many Canadian and U.S. communities.

An attempt to establish Friday night shopping in Edmonton, it was recalled here, was met by Jewish and Christian clergy who joined in protesting the move and forced a switch to Monday night. Edmonton's move had evidently been prompted by the fact that Calgary, Saskatoon and Vancouver all had adopted the Friday night practice.

In a letter to the "Jewish Post" here, Dr. Louis L. Sacks, spiritual leader of Edmonton's Congregation Beth Shalom, explained that Christian clergy in Edmonton had felt "that it was not only a Jewish problem, but also a Christian problem and an infringement on the rights of the Jewish community in the observance of their faith."

ARAB LEAGUE STARTS PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA; OPENS OFFICE

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- A new Arab League propaganda office has been opened in Argentina, under the direction of Issa Nakhla, a Palestinian emigre now living in Buenos Aires, it was reported here today. Nakhla cooperated with the former Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin Al-Husseini, during the Palestinian war. He left New York recently to take up his new duties in Argentina.

The Arab propaganda office in Buenos Aires will be directly responsible to Arab League headquarters in Cairo, but will coordinate its activities with the Arab League Information Center in New York. The Arab office in Argentina is one of a number of new propaganda centers scheduled to be opened in the near future in Geneva, London, Bonn, Ankara, Rio de Janeiro and New Delhi.

PRESIDENT OF URUGUAY STRESSES HIS FRIENDSHIP FOR ISRAEL

MONTEVIDEO, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Alberto Zubiria, President of Uruguay, accompanied by Foreign Minister Dr. J. Gamarra and other members of the government, attended a reception last night given by Israel Minister M. Hindeh in the new legation building here.

In a toast to Israel, President Zubiria said that "between your people and mine there exist great currents of friendship" which have been "clearly manifested in actions of international policy." He added that the two peoples had a common moral and intellectual heritage. The Minister later presented the President with an autographed Spanish edition of Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi's book "The Lost Tribes."

AMERICAN LABOR ZIONISTS GREET BEN GURION ON HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Speaking in the name of the organization's 30,000 members, the leadership of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order today sent greetings to Premier David Ben-Gurion of Israel on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

The message stresses Mr. Ben-Gurion's accomplishments in behalf of Israel, Zionism, the Labor-Zionist movement and for Jewish survival everywhere. The officers of Farband reaffirmed the pride and confidence of world Jewry in Ben-Gurion's leadership.