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STATE DEPARTMENT DENIES TAKING ACTION ON EXPULSION OF JEWS BY EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The State Department officially denied today taking any diplomatic action in connection with reports on Egyptian expulsion of Jews. Press spokesman Lincoln White said the Department is still seeking information on the matter.

Unofficial State Department sources previously gave the impression that U.S. concern over reports indicating Egyptian expulsion of Britons, Frenchmen and Jews has been officially transmitted to the Egyptian Government. These sources say the Egyptian Government has not yet replied to the U.S. message.

President Eisenhower was urged tonight by the Jewish Labor Committee to instruct the U.S. delegation to the United Nations to support efforts to condemn the deportation of Jews from Egypt. The plea was made in a telegram to the President in Augusta, sent by Adolph Held, national chairman of the JLC. The wire urged the President "to open the doors of our nation to these victims of the Nasser-Khrushchev pact with the same compassion as we rightfully expressed to victims of Soviet terror in Hungary."

An appeal to President Eisenhower to have the American delegation at the United Nations bring Egypt's expulsion of Jews before the UN General Assembly was also made today by the Rabbinical Council of America, representing Orthodox rabbis in this country. "These deportations are a pure case of genocide," the appeal said, stressing that if they are not halted, they will lead to the mass annihilation of one of the oldest Jewish communities in the world.

British Jews Appeal to Nehru to Intervene with Egyptian Government

LONDON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews, speaking in the name of the Anglo-Jewish community, protested today the Egyptian Government's denial of elementary rights and freedoms of Egyptian Jews. It appealed to the United Nations and all nations which respect civilized standards of conduct to intervene to secure restoration of these essential rights and freedoms to the Jews of Egypt. In a special plea, the Board asked Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru of India to use his good offices to obtain a change in the attitude of the Egyptian Government.

The Board of Deputies protest expressed shock at the "oppressive measures" taken by Egypt against the Jews. It noted that these measures included: large-scale arbitrary arrests, imprisonment under cruel conditions, seizure of Jewish enterprises and institutions and individual Jewish property, the taking of hostages, decrees authorizing the denaturalization of Egyptian Jews and action to expel the majority of the Jewish population.

The Board further charged that Egyptian Jews who had wished to leave Egypt during the last five years were restrained. It charged that the detention of Jews for years and their impoverization prior to expulsion was modelled on the Nazi pattern.

British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie today asked spiritual leaders in all Jewish congregations to recite Psalms 130 and 121 this coming Sabbath "in view of the cruel measures of persecution to which the Jews of Egypt are now being subjected." The ministers were asked to refer, in their sermons, to the "tragic plight of our fellow Jews in Egypt and to express the hope that the conscience of the world will be aroused to take effective measures to halt the inhumanity being shown against these helpless people."

Canadian Envoy in Egypt Investigating Charges of Jewish Expulsion

OTTAWA, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Canadian Ambassador in Cairo is investigating charges that Egypt is persecuting Jews. Lester B. Pearson, Minister for External Affairs, informed the House of Commons late yesterday. The Ambassador is acting on instructions from Ottawa, Mr. Pearson noted.

He made his statement in reply to a question by Leon D. Crestohl of Montreal, the only Jewish member of the House. Mr. Crestohl suggested that the Canadian Government protest Egyptian persecution before it reached Nazi-like proportions.

Meanwhile, Mr. Pearson told the House today that extension of the task of the United Nations Emergency Force to cover the border area between Israel and Syria was "under consideration." He said such an extension of function might interfere with the primary mission of UNEF, keeping the peace between Egypt and Israel.

MOSCOW ATTACKS ISRAEL; WARNS EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL IS "AT STAKE"

LONDON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Moscow radio broadcast today an article from the leading Soviet Government newspaper "Izvestia," severely attacking Israel and warning the Israel Government that the very existence of the Jewish State is at stake.

"From the very first days of her appearance in the international arena, Israel began to threaten her neighbors and pursue an unfriendly policy towards them," the article stated. "Israeli rulers became the hired gendarme of the colonial powers in the Arab East ready to obey blindly any order of their masters. With the appearance of the state of Israel, where power has been captured by irresponsible groups of adventurers, the Middle East has become a veritable powder keg."

ISRAEL DEFEATED EGYPTIAN ARMY WITHOUT OUTSIDE AID, BRITAIN SAYS

LONDON, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A British Government spokesman in the House of Commons said today that the Egyptian Army was beaten by Israeli forces before the British and French forces intervened in the Suez area.

Replying in writing to a questioner, H.D. Ormsby-Gore, Foreign Under-Secretary, said that the claims by the Cairo radio that British and French forces were responsible for Egypt's defeat in the Sinai were "distorted" and that the British Government was taking measures to inform the entire Middle East of the true situation. All evidence available indicated that the performance of the Egyptian armed forces was very poor and that they proved themselves extremely incompetent, he declared. He revealed that British radio and other information channels was making this clear to the Arab world.

Meanwhile, a Laborite, H.C. Osborne, and a Conservative, I.J. Pitman, offered a motion today calling on the United Nations to purchase or lease the Sinai Peninsula with control of the islands of Tiran and Sanafir to be used as an assembly point and the first base for a permanent UN world constabulary. The pint motion also suggests changes in the UN Charter to permit the UN to equip its policemen.

ISRAEL REPUDIATES SOVIET CHARGES OF TROOPS CONCENTRATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Accusations made by Dmitri Shepilov, Soviet Foreign Minister, who has charged Israel with concentrating troops on the Jordanian and Syrian borders are "a complete fabrication," a spokesman for the Israeli delegation declared here today.

Pointing out that these accusations were first voiced by Syria's representative last week when the General Assembly was debating Russia's attacks on Hungarian freedom fighters, the spokesman declared that Mr. Shepilov's latest accusation is "ominous in the extreme." The spokesman pointed out that these false accusations "raise anxious speculation concerning the purpose for which the pretext is invented."

Israel requested immediately after Syria made the charges that United Nations observers investigate the truth or falsity of the charges that Israel had concentrated troops in the areas bordering on Jordan and Syria. Within two days the UN observers reported to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, after visiting various sectors of the Israel defense lines within several miles of the borders, that "traffic on the roads was normal and there was nothing which indicated a military build-up in the Israel settlements that were visited."

The spokesman pointed out that it was several days before either Syria or Jordan would permit a similar UN investigation on their territory, and that that so far no reports have come from the UN observers there. Israeli diplomats today discussed the Soviet-Syrian-Jordanian threats, pointing out that past history and experience have shown that false accusations of this type preceded aggressive attacks by those who voiced the original charges.

ISRAEL TO INTRODUCE RESTRICTIONS ON MOTOR TRAFFIC TO SAVE OIL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Israel will restrict motor traffic, commencing Sunday, to save foreign currency expenditures for oil purchases, it was officially announced here tonight.

All private and commercial vehicles and all taxis will be required to remain idle one day a week. In addition, the country will be divided into zones and motor travel will be restricted to the zone in which the car owner resides. Taxis will be exempt from this zone restriction.

EISENHOWER'S MESSAGE TO BEN GURION EVOKES B'NAI B'RITH SATISFACTION

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith today wired President Eisenhower that it was "heartened" by the White House statement to Israel's Premier David Ben-Gurion reaffirming America's bonds of friendship with its Western allies. The telegram, signed by Philip M. Klutznick, president of the organization, said: "We are hopeful that these expressions will constitute a turning point in recent relationships."

UNITED STATES MIDDLE EAST POLICY OUTLINED BY MURPHY AT J.D.C. MEETING

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The present American policy with regard to the Middle East was outlined here tonight by Robert Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of State, addressing the 42nd annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee. Mr. Murphy said that the United States Government "is not solely concerned with the immediate problem, but looks forward to the day when peace and stability will be established in the Middle East."

"We would hope," the State Department official stated, "that a new and more flexible spirit could be developed among the countries directly involved. If that can be done surely there should be nothing insoluble in a problem such as the Jordan water supply, the refugee question, or for that matter the question of frontiers. This assumes, of course, an honest recognition that the State of Israel is a fact of life. The United States wants to contribute to that new spirit of understanding just as it wishes to work for a better standard of living in the area which will be possible once a general settlement is achieved."

Mr. Murphy spoke at length on Soviet discrimination against Jews in the USSR. "The Soviet Jew," he said, "has little hope of escaping the discrimination and stigma directed at him thanks to the contradictory policy of the regime which singles him out as a Jew while at the same time trying to assimilate him. On the one hand, the Soviet Jew is denied his own cultural institutions on the ground that he is supposedly not interested in them and is being assimilated. Jewish children are cut off from religious instruction and their faith attacked. At the same time, in accordance with the Soviet practice of indicating ethnic groups, individual passports are stamped with the word 'Jew.' He remains a Jew to be discriminated against despite the denial to him of his culture and history and the assault on his religion."

Warburg Re-elected JDC Chairman; \$26,550,000 Budget Adopted

Edward M. M. Warburg, who was re-elected JDC chairman, said that the European Jewish communities having been able to rebuild on the ruin and debris left as a legacy of the Hitler regime, tells us some very fundamental things about Jews and man in general. It tells us that the human personality is indestructible as long as there is any slight will to survive; that the human personality is resilient, and will make use of whatever is at hand and will adapt itself to almost any environment and circumstance in obedience to the will to survive."

These two conclusions, the JDC leader continued, can act as lodestones to guide JDC in making an assessment of the changes that have taken place in the Near East and in Eastern Europe. "The nature of JDC's aims will not change," Mr. Warburg declared, "although its responsibilities may. We will continue to extend the warm hand of affection and help to our fellow Jews in whatever part of the world they may be and whatever the nature of their trouble." A budget of \$26,550,000 was adopted for 1957.

Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman, reviewing the world-wide activities of the JDC, told the gathering that he was in Israel on October 29, the day the invasion of the Sinai Peninsula took place. "I left the following day," he declared, "full of admiration and respect for the morale and spirit that the people of Israel had demonstrated. I feel that with such a spirit one can never be beaten no matter how much pain and suffering one must endure."

Leavitt Denounces Expulsion of Jews by Egypt

Noting newspaper reports that Egypt is preparing to expel all of its 50,000 Jews, the JDC leader warned that "the all too familiar pattern of confiscation, internment, expulsion of a helpless, hapless minority is repeating itself. Will the world sit by and permit this crime to take place as it did in the past when Hitler set his SS men among the Jews of Europe?"

Mr. Leavitt reported that "in the three major areas of JDC work--Europe, Israel and North Africa--we are of course deeply affected by the tensions and upheavals that have and are taking place." He said that "as the pressures, economic, social and political, increase, the movement of Jews in North Africa to escape these pressures will mount. No one and nothing can keep the lid down on a boiling kettle, and regardless of the dangers and difficulties, those in danger will do everything possible to get away. Nothing more graphically illustrated this than the flight of the Hungarians to Austria. Despite blown-up bridges, icy marshes and Russian bullets, tens of thousands braved death and hardship for liberty and freedom. The same is true in North Africa."

At a business session earlier in the day, the delegates from all parts of the country heard an eye-witness report from Charles H. Jordan, acting director general for JDC operations overseas, of conditions among Hungarian Jewish refugees in Austria. The JDC leader, who had left Austria only a week earlier, told the delegates that he could foresee no immediate decline in the influx of Hungarian refugees.

Mr. Jordan warned that "it is dangerous to continue thinking, as we have been thinking till now, of an emergency lasting a limited number of days and affecting a limited number of people. Despite the willingness of the nations of the free world to admit large numbers of Hungarian refugees, the problem in Austria continues to grow instead of diminishing."

U. J. A. NATIONAL CONFERENCE STARTS TOMORROW; WILL PROCLAIM 1957 DRIVE

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Decisions of major importance to Israel and to Jews fleeing from Hungary and Egypt will be made at the two-day annual national conference of the United Jewish Appeal which opens here Saturday evening. More than 1,000 delegates from all parts of the country will attend the parley, at which the UJA goal for 1957 will be announced.

In a statement issued today, Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the UJA, declared: "Under the pressure of current international developments, the conference must make decisions affecting the lives and futures of hundreds of thousands of persons in need. The paramount issue which would receive the attention of the delegates was the renewed heavy flow of refugee immigration into Israel at a time when Israel's people are beset with other crucial problems."

"Israel's hard-pressed people have given a haven to more than 800,000 endangered, dispossessed and distressed Jews in the few years since the establishment of the State of Israel," Rabbi Friedman pointed out. "They cannot, under present circumstances, continue to carry so much of the burden involved in developing new farms and industries to absorb all the newcomers, let alone care for the additional flow of refugees. The UJA delegates must chart plans which will rally the American Jewish community to meet this profound humanitarian responsibility."

The delegates will hear authoritative addresses from noted figures in Israeli and American Jewish affairs. The principal speakers will include General Yigael Yadin, former commanding general of Israel's Defense Forces; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency; Avraham Harman, of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem; William Rosenwald, general chairman of the UJA; Edward M. M. Warburg, UJA president; Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and Rabbi Friedman.

JEWISH GROUPS RENEW CRITICISM OF NATIONAL ORIGINS QUOTA SYSTEM

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A number of major Jewish organizations, in a letter today to President Eisenhower, coupled commendation of the President for his emergency action to admit refugees from Communist-oppressed Hungary with renewed criticism of the national origins quota system.

"Had the 84th Congress enacted, instead of summarily dismissing, the bill introduced by Senator Lehman, to allow the use of between 15 percent and 25 percent of the annual quota for purposes of offering asylum to persecutees," the letter said "you would be enabled now to make available, in your discretion, up to 50,000 visas to those now in flight from Russian terror."

The letter, which was written on behalf of the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, and United Synagogue of America, was signed by Bernard H. Trager, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, which comprises, together with the six national organizations, 36 local, state and regional community councils throughout the country.

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC DROPS WORK BY NAZI COMPOSER FROM PROGRAM

TEL AVIV, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The tone poem "Don Juan" by Richard Strauss was omitted from an Israel Philharmonic Orchestra concert here last night just before its scheduled performance. The decision to drop the piece was made by the management after receipt of a note from the Ministry of Education which, while it emphasized that the orchestra was free to choose and play any program it desired, suggested that the composition not be presented.

Earlier, the press and youth groups had called for dropping of works by Nazi composers and last evening concert-goers were handed leaflets urging a boycott of Nazi composers. The management issued a statement asserting that it was important for musical education that works by Strauss and Richard Wagner be performed, but that it was bowing to a "negative public opinion."

REMAINS OF MEMBERS OF PREHISTORIC RACE UNEARTHED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The remains of members of a prehistoric race between the primitive cave dwellers and the first men who moved toward civilization above ground have been unearthed in Upper Galilee by French archaeologist Jean Perrot, the Israel Department of Antiquities announced today. Artifacts of the earliest type of an agricultural race were found in the excavation.

MENORAH, FLOWN FROM ISRAEL, KINDLED BY N. Y. MAYOR AT CITY HALL

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The lights of a Chanukah Menorah of Freedom flown from Israel as a gift to the people of New York were kindled on the steps of City Hall today in a traditional ceremony by Mayor Wagner and Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Israel Bond Chanukah Festival Committee. The Festival will be held next Thursday, December 6 and the following Monday, December 10 at Madison Square Garden.