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ECONOMIC AID TO ISRAEL TO REMAIN SUSPENDED, DULLES TELLS SENATE BODY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dulles told a Senate hearing today that under the Eisenhower Middle East plan economic aid to Israel, Egypt, and Jordan would continue deferred until a closer look at the area was taken.

He said it was impossible to be sure that arms given the Arabs might not be used against Israel. He stressed that war supplies were most needed in states bordering on the Soviet Union and to some extent in Saudi Arabia, and added that he felt it unwise to supply arms to Israel or Arab states immediately adjacent. However, under some future circumstances Egypt and Syria might get U. S. military and economic aid, he declared. He said Israel received U. S. arms until the Sini incident.

Mr. Dulles recommended against inclusion in the Eisenhower Doctrine resolution of any guarantee to Israel against Arab aggression or vice versa. He said this would cause the Arabs to look upon the doctrine with less favor. Britain and France indicated by recent actions, he stated, that they did not feel bound by the 1950 Tripartite Declaration. But the treaty is still part of U. S. policy, Mr. Dulles said, since this country was still trying to avoid an Israel-Arab arms race.

Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, pointed out to Mr. Dulles that Russia might indirectly help the Arabs against Israel. But the Secretary of State nevertheless held that U. S. military assistance to Israel should be avoided in the proposed resolution. He expressed confidence that if the Eisenhower plan is fully explained to the Arabs they would cooperate. He indicated that his objective was to protect the region as a whole from Russian penetration by securing Arab cooperation with the West.

Mr. Dulles said all Middle Eastern states are today free from external domination and that none were Soviet satellites. Asked what Middle Eastern states were internally free and democratic, he said he thought the Arabs were evolving toward a society that gives freedom to the individual.

Anti-Semite Asks Congress to Cut Off Gifts to Israel; Is Rebuked

Mervin K. Hart, president of the National Economic Council, testifying today before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the Eisenhower Doctrine, urged Congress to cut off all government and private gifts to Israel as a way to solve the Middle Eastern situation. Three Congressmen took issue sharply with Mr. Hart, calling his group and its proposal "anti-Semitic."

Mr. Hart had testified that American support of the "artificial" State of Israel had alienated the Arab states from America. He suggested that if aid from the United States and American citizens to Israel were severed, "Israel would then cease to be a factor. The Arabs would cease to be interested in Communism."

Rep. Barratt O'Hara, Illinois Democrat, asked if Mr. Hart had "any other means of livelihood besides anti-Semitism." Mr. Hart replied: "That's an insulting question. Rep. O'Hara then told him that "I intended it to be an insult."

Rep. Wayne L. Hays, Ohio Democrat, denounced Hart's proposals as "definitely anti-Semitic." Rep. Marguerite C. Church, Illinois Republican, agreed with Congressman Hays. Rep. Byrd, West Virginia Democrat, said he differed with Mr. Hart's views and conclusions but thought Mr. Hart had a right to express them.

National commander William Carmen of the Jewish War Veterans testified today before the House Foreign Affairs Committee that the Eisenhower Doctrine held "no prospects for peace" unless the Arab-Israel problem is met first. He cautioned against reliance on a "Maginot Line" in the Middle East without tackling the fundamental problem. Mr. Carmen called attention to anti-Jewish actions by Egypt.

The State Department today declined to enunciate a position on free maritime passage through the straits of the Gulf of Akaba. State Department spokesman Lincoln White was asked for the official U. S. view of the right of ships to use the Gulf of Akaba. He replied that he would not comment on matters before the United Nations and that the U. S. attitude would be made known there.

KNESSET DEFEATS HERUT MOTION AGAINST BEN GURION GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament today rejected a Herut motion of non-confidence in the coalition government headed by David Ben Gurion. The vote which upheld Premier Ben Gurion's policy of evacuation of Egyptian territory in accordance with a United Nations resolution was 63 to 11, with eight abstentions. Only the Herut deputies voted for the motion, while the General Zionists abstained and even the Communists also in the opposition, voted with the government.

Urging the House to reject the Herut motion, Mr. Ben Gurion insisted that the Sinai campaign had "attained its aims. We will stand firm on those," he added, chiding the right-wing opposition for making the government's task more difficult by "irresponsible and purposeless" actions. He questioned the Herut's insistence that Israel's security would be endangered unless Israeli forces held the El Arish-Abu Ageila-Kusseima line in the Sinai.

Menahem Beigin, leader of the right-wing Herut, warned that if the enemy is allowed to return to the entire Sinai Peninsula, they will launch new attacks on the Jewish State. He accused the Cabinet of abandoning safeguards of the country's security and urged it not to retreat any farther. He declared that the presence of UN forces on the two islands in the Tiran Strait would not be sufficient guarantee of freedom of shipping in the Gulf of Akaba because Israeli shipping heading for Elath could be intercepted from any point on Sinai's east coast by big guns.

Israel Rokach, leading member of the centrist General Zionist Party, which is also in the opposition, said his party was abstaining on the understanding that the government does not intend to abandon the islands in the Tiran Strait nor the Gaza Strip. Esther Wilenska, speaking for the Communist deputies, said that although her group voted against the Herut motion, it nevertheless wants Mr. Ben Gurion to step down from the helm of the government.

ISRAEL EVACUATES EL ARISH; HANDS OVER SINAI CAPITAL TO U. N. FORCES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- El Arish, the capital of Sinai, was evacuated today by Israeli forces and handed over to a Yugoslav contingent of the United Nations Emergency Force. The Israeli units halted their withdrawal at a point about 20 miles east of El Arish and are currently at a point about 18 miles from Rafah, a former Palestine border town.

Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israel Army Chief of Staff and commander of the southern front, told the press during the evacuation ceremony that he knew of no further withdrawal plans and therefore no meeting had been set with Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, UNEF commander.

Gen. Dayan emphasized that the second stage of the Israeli withdrawal, completed today with evacuation of El Arish and the St. Catherine Monastery, left the Israeli forces still linked by land with Sharm El Sheik, the point at the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula from which Egyptian guns barred Israeli transit to the Gulf of Akaba before Israeli forces seized the position in November.

Dr. Louis Guillard, Red Cross representative in Israel, served as "mayor" of El Arish for two hours, a period between the withdrawal of the Israeli units and the arrival of the UNEF contingent. The UNEF contingent found all regular services such as electricity and water supply functioning normally. Most military installations, including camps, warehouses and fortifications, were severely damaged, however.

COURT POSTPONES TRIAL OF ISRAELIS INVOLVED IN KILLING ARABS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- An Israeli military court today postponed for a month the trial of eleven Israeli members of a border patrol accused of the murder of 47 Arab residents of the border village of Kafir Kussim.

The court's decision came a few hours after the trial formally began and after lengthy consultations in chambers between five defense attorneys and the three judges of the court. Earlier, each of the eleven pleaded innocent. The charges arose from the shooting October 29 upon a group of villagers who had unwittingly violated a suddenly imposed curfew. The incident, in a village bordering on Jordan-held territory, occurred as Israel launched her drive into the Sinai Peninsula.

The defense attorneys, who include some of the best known criminal lawyers in the country, argued that the trial should be postponed because of the unfavorable atmosphere in connection with the incident. The chief prosecutor, temporary Colonel Colin Gilon agreed to one month's postponement. Other defense motions included severance of the trial of the two officers from that of the enlisted men.

ITALIAN SHIP BRINGS 300 JEWISH REFUGEES FROM EGYPT TO NAPLES

NAPLES, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The Italian liner Esperia arrived here today with 300 Jewish refugees from Egypt, who reported continuing sudden arrests and seizure of property by the Egyptian Government.

JEWISH GROUPS SUBMIT "WHITE PAPER" TO U. N. ON EGYPTIAN BRUTALITIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Four major Jewish organizations, accredited to the United Nations as consultative bodies and representing a membership of more than two million here and abroad, have submitted to UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold a "White Paper" on the Egyptian Government's violation of the "rights, status and very existence" of Jews in Egypt. The document charged that brutality, psychological warfare, economic strangulation, and denaturalization have been used by the Egyptian Government against the Jews in that country.

The organizations, in a letter accompanying the White Paper, charged that the Egyptian Government has embarked "on a campaign calculated to bring total ruin to the old established Jewish community of Egypt by crippling all communal activities and depriving Egyptian nationals and stateless persons of the Jewish faith, of their personal freedom and of their homes and property, and forcing many of them to seek asylum abroad."

Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, one of the bodies submitting the report, said that the organizations which signed the document are: Agudas Israel World Organization; Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, consisting of the Alliance Israelite Universelle of France, the American Jewish Committee and the Anglo-Jewish Association of Great Britain; the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, consisting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, B'nai B'rith and the Board of Deputies of South African Jews; and the World Union of Reform Judaism.

COMMUNIST LEADER DESCRIBES MISTREATMENT OF JEWS UNDER STALIN

LONDON, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- An authoritative report on the persecution of Jewish cultural leaders and the firing of Jews from important posts in the Soviet Union during the 1949-52 period is published in the current issue of the British Communist journal "World News," which appeared here today. The article was written by Prof. Hyman Levy, outstanding scientist, philosopher and Marxist, who investigated charges of mistreatment of Jews in the USSR when he visited that country last October.

Prof. Levy reported that Russian Jews regard the years from 1949 to 1952 as the "black years" in which many Jews were dismissed from their jobs, Jewish poets and writers arrested charged with treason and executed, and Yiddish disappeared from the street and the market place. The Jewish population became tense and nervous, Prof. Levy declared.

Reporting that he found difficulty in contacting "special people" whom he had wanted to interview on this subject, Prof. Levy said that he found such testimony unnecessary since individual Jews gave him all the information he needed. Relatives of cultural workers who had been liquidated explained the procedure that was followed in those years.

"Shortly after his arrest," Prof. Levy wrote, "the immediate relatives of the arrested man would be deported to some distant place and there set to work and often at low wages. Finally the husband would be shot, perhaps after torture to try to force him to confess or incriminate others. In this way, practically the whole of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee was liquidated," Prof. Levy charged, "and this procedure was carried through by the secret police under the direct authority of (Lavrenti) Beria and with the agreement of Stalin himself."

In the same article, Prof. Levy reported that the delegation to the USSR, of which he was a member, was satisfied that the crimes had now been admitted, the dead publicly rehabilitated and the survivors restored to freedom. However, the delegation regretted the continuing absence of Yiddish publications, the cutting of the Soviet Encyclopedias' reference to Jews from 160 columns in 1932 to four columns in 1952. Soviet Communist Party secretary Suslov told the British Communists delegation that unless there was a specific demand for the reinstatement of Jewish newspapers and Jewish theatres "these things will not be reinstated."

BIRTHPLACE OF MOSES MENDELSSOHN IN EAST GERMANY TO BE DEMOLISHED

BERLIN, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- The East German municipal authorities in Dessau are preparing to tear down the house, slightly damaged in an air raid during the last war, in whose annex philosopher Moses Mendelssohn was born in 1729. The "father of Jewish emancipation" and the first Jew to translate the Bible into German, Mendelssohn was commonly known as "Moses Dessau" when he came to Berlin as a young man.

A monument to Mendelssohn used to stand outside the Dessau railroad station, but the Nazis carted it away to the local Jewish cemetery after their advent to power and demolished it during the November pogroms of 1938. At the house on whose grounds Mendelssohn was born there is at present a memorial plaque.

INDEPENDENT ZIONISTS IN U.S. CALL CONVENTION TO FORM NEW PARTY

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- Plans to form a new organization, an integral part of the World Zionist Organization, but without affiliation or identification with any political party in Israel, were announced here today by Judge Louis E. Levinthal of Philadelphia.

A statement of policy released today announces a national convention, to be held in March. Judge Levinthal, veteran Zionist leader and member of the Zionist Actions Committee, is serving as provisional committee chairman of the new group. The committee is operating under the name of the Independent Zionists of America.

The new group's policy statement extolls American Zionists who made "important contributions to the founding of modern Israel," and pays tribute to "countless American Jews unaffiliated with any Zionist group" who have "given generous support to the Zionist ideal and the State of Israel."

The statement also refers to the decision of the World Zionist Organization's recent Jerusalem congress "to enlist the support of all friends of Israel by providing for the integration of non-party Zionist groups in the Zionist movement."

Citing the present "crucial period of history--when Israel is faced with political, military and economic dangers," Judge Levinthal declared: "There is now an urgent need for a liberal democratic organization representing the largest possible cross-section of American Jewry, primarily concerned with the welfare of the Jewish State as a whole and not with any particular political or economic group in Israel."

Judge Levinthal said that the organization expects to attract "American Jews who are demonstrating their friendship for Israel by their continued economic support, but who do not have a voice in the affairs of the Zionist movement -- Jews who cannot participate in its equally important political and educational work because they are not enrolled -- and do not want to be enrolled -- in a partisan organization." Judge Levinthal also announced that several hundred community leaders from many parts of the country are serving as sponsors of the founding convention.

U.S. COLLEGE STUDENTS TO SPEND YEAR STUDYING AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- A program of study enabling American college students to participate in a special one-year course at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem gets underway here today for the third consecutive year, it was announced by Prof. Oscar I. Janowsky, chairman of the Academic Council of the American Friends of Hebrew University. The project is sponsored by the Jerusalem university in cooperation with the American Friends of the Hebrew University and the Jewish Agency.

Applications will be accepted through March 15, Prof. Janowsky said, for students or graduates of United States colleges and universities who have completed at least two years of undergraduate work and wish to study at Hebrew University. A group of 12 American collegians, part of the second contingent of American students accepted last year, has been studying in Israel since July. They represent a cross section of students from seven U.S. universities, ranging from Brooklyn College to Stanford University at Palo Alto, California.

Dr. Janowsky pointed out that the program for Americans is designed for those students who wish to acquire an extensive knowledge of the Hebrew language, to learn about modern Israel in its Middle Eastern setting, and to secure an introduction to the fundamentals of Jewish thought, history and literature. The students enrolled in the Israel course are also provided opportunity, if they so desire and their knowledge of Hebrew permits, to continue with their regular studies in the broad range of subjects offered by Hebrew University.

Explaining that familiarity with Hebrew is desirable although not an absolute requirement for applicants, Dr. Janowsky noted that the Hebrew University special curriculum includes a four-months intensive training course in Hebrew under the guidance of a specially selected group of instructors. He said that living accommodations for American students will be provided in University dormitories or in private housing recommended by University authorities. Special arrangements have been made for transportation to and from Israel and for tuition.

U. J. A. HOLDS "TELEVISION CONFERENCE"; LEADERS IN 25 CITIES PARTICIPATE

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. (JTA) -- More than 10,000 key Jewish community leaders participated tonight in a unique and dramatic national television conference of the United Jewish Appeal, highlighted by a moving plea from Prime Minister David Ben Gurion for support of the UJA's \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund and its regular campaign.

The community leaders gathered in simultaneous meeting in 25 cities linked in a closed television network, the first closed circuit TV conference ever held to organize a philanthropic drive. The UJA achieved the primary purpose of putting into high gear local community campaigns in support of the nationwide UJA effort. The telecast originated from an NBC studio here.