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U. S. TO START TALKS WITH ISRAEL ON RESUMPTION OF SUSPENDED AID

WASHINGTON, March 14. (JTA) -- The State Department today announced that it will soon resume negotiations with Israel on the suspended economic aid programs to the Jewish State which were frozen last Fall following the outbreak of the Sinai hostilities.

Lincoln White, State Department spokesman, who made the announcement, added that the American-Israeli talks would concentrate primarily on suspended aid programs, but that he did not rule out discussions of new economic projects. The official statement reads as follows:

"The Israeli Ambassador has expressed the interest of his government in resumption of more normal relations with the U. S. in the economic field. These have been disturbed by recent events. Israeli forces have now been withdrawn behind the armistice lines in accordance with United Nations resolutions. In view of this action which the U. S. has strongly supported, we plan to resume consultations with competent Israeli authorities regarding matters of mutual economic interest."

Mr. White said the talks will presumably be held in Washington but that he did not want to rule out the possibility of discussion also being held in Israel. He suggested that President Eisenhower's special Middle East Ambassador James P. Richards might also play a part in the discussions. Mr. Richards is currently in the Middle East area attempting to sell President Eisenhower's Doctrine which sets aside dollars for economic aid program to Middle Eastern countries.

Mr. White made known that Israel Ambassador Abba Eban asked that talks on U. S. economic aid programs to Israel be started when he called on Under Secretary of State Christian Herter last night. He said the matter had also been raised by Israeli representatives last week. Asked when the talks will start, Mr. White said "fairly soon." He said that after talks resume he thought both the aid programs and the staffs involved in the programs would return to Israel.

With regard to lifting the ban on American travel to Israel, Mr. White said that this was a separate matter. He released details on American aid to Israel which show that for the fiscal year 1956, Israel was receiving \$20,000,000 in development assistance.

Of this amount, \$5,000,000 was on a grant basis and consisted of imports of salable commodities, including fuels, machinery, vehicles and spare parts. The other \$15,000,000 of which \$10,000,000 was on a loan basis consisted of surplus agricultural commodities, including wheat, coarse grains, cotton, fats, and oil. No figures were available for the technical assistance programs under question.

EISENHOWER DISCUSSES GAZA SITUATION WITH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, March 14. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today discussed the Gaza issue with the National Security Council. (See page 4 for State Department views.)

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban last night delivered a special message to Under Secretary of State Christian Herter setting forth Israel's views on the current Middle East situation which Mr. Eban described as "one of deep gravity." The Israel envoy cut short a Florida vacation to deal with recent developments affecting the Gaza Strip.

Mr. Eban told reporters following the meeting that he had been in consultation with Israel leaders and brought "a message from my government setting out the position exactly as we see it--our appraisal which as you know is one of deep gravity." He expanded on the viewpoint of the Israel Government to Mr. Herter and made "special references" to the views of Israel Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Golda Meir.

The Israel Ambassador especially referred to a speech delivered by Mrs. Meir on March 1 at the UN General Assembly and to a letter on March 2 by President Eisenhower to Mr. Ben Gurion. Mrs. Meir declared in her speech that Israeli troops would withdraw from Gaza on the "assumption" that the UN would resume responsibility for the area until a peace settlement or a definite agreement were worked out. President

Eisenhower's letter to Mr. Ben Gurion promised that the U.S. would try to assure that Israel's hopes do "prove not to be vain."

Mr. Herter last night exchanged views and information on the Gaza situation with French Ambassador Herve Alphand and British Minister J. E. Coulson, the State Department made known.

DR. BUNCHE DENIES HE PLEDGED U. N. COOPERATION ON GAZA TO EGYPT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Under Secretary of the United Nations, denied today that he had agreed in yesterday's conference with Egyptian President Nasser in Cairo to cooperate with the Cairo Government or to "welcome" its appointment of an administrative Governor for Gaza.

Dr. Bunche's statement, made in Cairo this morning before he left for the Gaza Strip, was released here by the United Nations. After citing published reports attributing to him agreement with Egypt on the Gaza Administration, the statement declared:

"Dr. Bunche wishes it known in order that the record may be straight that he has made or authorized to be made none of the comments attributed to him other than to say that as a member of the United Nations Secretariat he has no authority to comment one way or another on the action of any member state nor would it be proper for him to do so."

Egypt was urged Wednesday by the Colombian delegate to the United Nations to postpone its plans to take over administration of the Gaza Strip. Dr. Francisco Urrutia, the Colombian representative on both the UN Security Council and the Secretary General's Advisory Committee on the Middle East, made the appeal in a message cabled to Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Egyptian Foreign Minister. Dr. Urrutia expressed the hope that Egypt would not take any "precipitate action" which might require immediate consideration by the Security Council or the General Assembly.

BRITAIN WANTS U. N. TO MAINTAIN CIVIL AND MILITARY CONTROL OF GAZA

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd today told the British Parliament that Britain believes that no country has sovereignty over the Gaza territory and that it must be governed by the United Nations. He noted that since it had failed to solve the Arab-Israel problem, the UN must now take over military and civil administration of Gaza. Such action would aid the refugees and bring the UN into the area in a positive role.

The Foreign Secretary expressed some disquiet over the lack of clarity in the UN's role in the Gaza area. He underlined various statements by UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, including the latter's reports of Egyptian attitude, which clearly indicated UN's readiness to take over the Gaza Strip for administrative purposes in the beginning. He reported that Under Secretary Ralph Bunche had denied statements attributed to him that the UN would "cooperate" with an Egyptian administration in the Gaza Strip.

In reference to the Akaba waterway, Mr. Lloyd expressed the view, which Britain holds in common with other maritime nations, that the Strait of Tiran and the Gulf of Akaba are international waters. Under direct questioning from Laborites, he refused to say whether Britain would send a warship through the Strait if Egypt resumes its blockade of the channel.

Foreign Secretary Urges Revisions in Arab-Israel Borders

The British Foreign Secretary reiterated his view that the borders of Israel must be redrawn in more "sensible" fashion. In response to queries from the Labor benches, including some sharp questioning from Aneurin Bevan, Mr. Lloyd declared: "I believe that anyone who has seen the (demarcation) line will agree that the present frontiers are senseless. Anyone who has made the journey from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem will realize that there cannot be permanent peace with the present demarcation line.

"I have been careful," he continued, "not to indicate the nature of the compromise. There must be a compromise and these frontiers must be redrawn," the Foreign Secretary insisted. "I certainly do not want to rouse fears. I want to arouse some hope of a permanent settlement and I think that both sides have got to realize you won't get peace unless the State of Israel has more sensible frontiers."

Mr. Bevan immediately accused the Foreign Secretary of arousing Arab expectations and Israeli fears. He asserted that both sides of the House expect that the "Israelis act of courageous faith in withdrawing from Gaza and Akaba" will not be unrequited. "Mr. Bevan warned against allowing Premier David Ben Gurion "who took his political life in his hands in persuading his countrymen to retreat" be faced "with what can only be described as an act of faithlessness on the part of those who persuaded him."

LAST MINUTE NEWS

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- Gen. Hassan al Latif, newly-appointed Egyptian Governor of the Gaza Strip, today made a triumphal entry into the Gaza Strip, it was reported today from Cairo. The Egyptian flag was raised as thousands cheered.

JEWISH REPATRIATES FROM SOVIET UNION REPORTED IN NEED IN POLAND

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- The flood of Jews returning to Poland from the Soviet Union is growing with every week according to reports reaching here from Warsaw. Most of them prefer not to remain in Poland and register for emigration to other countries, the reports indicate.

The Warsaw Yiddish newspaper "Folkstimme" reaching here today also reports that many Jews who were born in Poland are now being repatriated from the Soviet Union. Those who intend to remain in Poland receive government aid until they can find work and support themselves. However, Jews who declare that they prefer to emigrate from the country are given 1,000 zlotys as a one-time grant-in-aid. They find it especially difficult to secure dwellings. Many of them, the paper reports, spend their days in the waiting room of the Warsaw railway station.

A Jewish delegation, the paper reports, has appealed to the Polish authorities to give wider assistance to the Jewish repatriates and was told that the matter will be considered sympathetically. In the meantime, an appeal has been issued to individual Jewish families in Warsaw and in other cities to share their dwellings temporarily with the repatriates until they are in a position to emigrate.

"Folkstimme" reveals that the Warsaw Jewish community is maintaining about 500 Jewish repatriates who are expecting their exit visas and must therefore remain in Warsaw to complete the necessary formalities. In addition, the Jewish community is providing 130 free meals daily to other Jewish repatriates. Most of the repatriates desiring to leave Poland must remain in the country about two months before they receive exit visas. The 1,000 zlotys which each receives is insufficient to cover even the bare necessities during the period, the Warsaw Jewish paper emphasizes.

SENATORS INTRODUCE BILL TO ADMIT MIDDLE EAST REFUGEES TO U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 14. (JTA) -- A bill to admit Middle East refugees as well as refugees from Iron Curtain countries was introduced today by New York Republican Senators Jacob Javits and Irving Ives. The proposed legislation is aimed particularly at offering haven to Egyptian Jewish refugees.

In explanation, Sen. Javits told the Senate that his bill would enlarge upon the Administration's proposal to admit Iron Curtain refugees to include up to 10,000 Middle East refugees. Referring to the Jewish refugees expelled from Egypt, he said: "Certainly, these unfortunate men and women are no less refugees and no less deserving of sympathetic assistance from the government and people of the United States than those who were able to escape the terror in Hungary."

ARGENTINE GOVT. WARNED OF ANTI-SEMITES AMONG HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

BUENOS AIRES, March 14. (JTA) -- A delegation from DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, today expressed the concern of the Jewish community over the importation of anti-Semitic elements among Hungarian refugees accepted by this country.

The delegation, in representations to the government, pointed out that notorious fascists and anti-Semites were on the memberships of committees organized here in behalf of the refugees. It also reported that aboard the S. S. Santa Fe, a vessel which recently brought refugee immigrants here, an openly anti-Semitic incident had occurred.

PROF. BOHR WINS \$75,000 "ATOM FOR PEACE" AWARD; ESCAPED FROM NAZIS

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- Prof. Niels Bohr, Danish nuclear physicist whose mother was Jewish and who was forced to flee to Sweden when the Nazis occupied Denmark, was named the first winner yesterday of the \$75,000 Atoms for Peace Award established by the Ford Foundation.

The nuclear physicist participated in the development of the nuclear fission theory which is the basis of atomic energy work while he was associated with the late Dr. Albert Einstein at Princeton University.

LEADER OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN GERMANY TO VISIT ISRAEL

BONN, March 14. (JTA) -- Erich Ollenhauer, chairman of the Social Democratic party of West Germany, will fly to Israel Monday at the invitation of Mapai, the first issued to the West German party chief by an Israeli political group. Interest in his visit to Israel will be heightened by the possibility that he may succeed Konrad Adenauer as West German Chancellor after the Bundestag elections in September.

Mr. Ollenhauer will be accompanied by Heinz Putzrath, head of the foreign affairs section of the Social Democratic party executive, which accepted the invitation last week. The German political leader had originally been scheduled to make the Israel visit as the last stop of his Asian tour last year. While that tour was in the planning stage, Mr. Ollenhauer rejected suggestions from the Bonn Foreign Office that he should demonstrate his party's impartiality by including in his itinerary one Arab League country.

CONGRESSIONAL BODY RESTORES AUTHORITY TO PROBE RELIGIOUS BIAS

WASHINGTON, March 14. (JTA) -- The House Judiciary Committee today restored the power of a proposed bi-partisan civil rights commission to investigate civil rights infringements on the grounds of religion.

Authority to investigate religious discrimination was included in the Administration's bill, but was struck out by the civil rights subcommittee which originally examined the Administration's proposal.

The House committee is expected to complete hearings on the proposed civil rights legislation this week. The bill will then be considered by the House where it is expected to pass.

NEUMANN WARNS ISRAELIS AGAINST BECOMING ANTI-AMERICAN

TEL AVIV, March 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, today warned the Israeli people against allowing their resentment over American government policy develop into anti-American sentiment. Such sentiment, he went on, would be "disastrous" and would "play into the hands of the enemy."

Dr. Neumann, at a luncheon at ZOA House here, which is maintained by the ZOA, described American Jewish and Zionist activities during the four months since the Sinai campaign. Israel's "everlasting ally," he stressed, was and remains world Jewry, with American Jewry at the top of the list.

RABBI MILLER RETURNS FROM ISRAEL; STRESSES RELIANCE ON U.S. PLEDGE

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, returning from Israel today, told a press conference here that Israel is determined to place its reliance not only on the moral promises given to it by President Eisenhower but also in its own determination that it will no longer tolerate the conditions prevailing prior to the Sinai campaign. "It will henceforth defend itself from any attack from Gaza according to Article 51 of the UN charter," he reported.

Mr. Ben Gurion had made it clear that he had ordered the withdrawal as an act of faith in the determination of President Eisenhower to throw the weight of American influence and power behind a peaceful settlement in the Middle East, and accordingly asked the people to place their trust in the moral commitments of the international community and primarily of the United States," Rabbi Miller said. "Despite disappointment and in some circles outright anger, the people agreed."

"But it must be crystal clear," he continued, "that the people of Israel will not only watch every hostile move on the part of Egypt, but will scrutinize every indication on the part of the international community and of the United States to honor the moral commitments and redeem the promises made to Israel on the basis of which its withdrawal took place."

200 JEWISH LEADERS EXTEND WELCOME TO DUBLIN MAYOR IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- Two hundred leaders of New York's Jewish community extended their welcome today to Dublin's mayor Robert Briscoe at a luncheon meeting of the campaign cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

An informal reception to Dublin's first Jewish mayor, who will be principal speaker at the inaugural dinner of the 1957 New York UJA drive, scheduled for March 21, was the closing feature of the campaign cabinet meeting.

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STATE DEPT. RECOGNIZES ISRAEL'S CONCERN OVER GAZA AS "LEGITIMATE"

WASHINGTON, March 14. (JTA) -- Robert Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of State, declared tonight that "Israel had some very legitimate and genuine concerns for its own security, particularly regarding free passage through the Strait of Tiran and the danger of renewed fedayeen raids from the Gaza Strip." He spoke at Georgetown University here.

Mr. Murphy stressed that "the Arab-Israel issue has been a United Nations problem from its very beginning." He said the United States was hopeful the UN would remain the forum. He revealed that "there is earnest consideration being given" under a United Nations resolution of February 2 to authorizing the UNEF "to act as a deterrent to the resumption of hostilities and as a means of tranquilizing the area while new approaches are sought toward an eventual settlement."

"The UNEF under its present authority has a limited mission: to oversee the withdrawal of British, French and Israeli forces from Egypt, and it is in Egypt with the agreement of the Egyptian Government," he said. This "phase" of its mission was largely completed, he stated.