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U. S. STANDS BY PREVIOUS MID-EAST VIEWS, DULLES TELLS MEIR

WASHINGTON, March 18, (JTA) -- The United States told Israel today it stands "firmly by the hopes and expectations" it expressed earlier this month on events following Israel's withdrawal from the Akaba and Gaza areas. This was made known in a joint statement issued here by Secretary of State Dulles and Israeli Foreign Minister Meir after a lengthy meeting. The joint statement indicated the likelihood of further talks.

On a definition of U. S. policy, Mr. Dulles referred Mrs. Meir to the March first United Nations address of Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge and a letter sent by President Eisenhower to Prime Minister Ben Gurion on March 2. The United States was described as "concerned" with current developments. It is in close touch with UN Secretary General Hammarskjold and other members of the United Nations.

Mr. Dulles said the United States stood by the hopes and expectations it had expressed on the situation "which should prevail in the area with respect to the exercise of the responsibility of the United Nations in Gaza, the free and innocent passage of the Straits of Tiran by ships of all nations in accordance with international law and the settlement of the Suez Canal problem in accordance with the six principles adopted by the United Nations and accepted by Egypt."

Mrs. Meir Cites Egyptian Moves in Gaza Strip

The Secretary held that the United States would continue using its influence to avoid any situation which would negate efforts to settle the current dispute in accord with United Nations Charter principles.

Mrs. Meir had directed attention to the reestablishment of Egyptian control over the Gaza Strip. She insisted that it was contrary to the assumptions and expectations expressed by her and others on March 1 at the United Nations and subsequently. She also expressed anxiety over reports and statements by Arab leaders indicating that restrictions on Israel shipping will be resumed in the Straits of Tiran and Suez Canal.

Mrs. Meir, who was accompanied by Ambassador Abba S. Eban, Reuven Shiloah, Minister Plenipotentiary, and Gideon Rafael, member of Israel's United Nations delegation, was with Mr. Dulles for about two hours. There followed immediately a discussion lasting about one and three quarter hours concerning the wording of the joint statement which follows:

Text of Joint Dulles Dulles-Meir Statement

"Foreign Minister Meir discussed with Secretary Dulles today various aspects of the present situation in the Middle East, particularly developments in the Gaza Strip following Israel withdrawal in accordance with United Nations resolutions.

"Mrs. Meir expressed her deep concern at the return of Egypt to Gaza, the re-establishment of its control therein, and the reduction of the responsibilities of the United Nations in the Gaza area.

"The Foreign Minister of Israel pointed out the gravity with which Israel viewed this situation and emphasized it was contrary to the assumptions and expectations expressed by her and others in the United Nations on March 1 and subsequently. She also expressed her anxiety at reports and statements envisioning restrictions against Israel shipping in the Suez Canal and Gulf of Akaba and the maintenance of belligerency by Egypt.

"Secretary Dulles reaffirmed that the United States policy with respect to these matters continues to be as publicly expressed notably in the speech of Ambassador Lodge in the General Assembly on March 1 and in the President's letter of March 2 to Prime Minister Ben Gurion.

"The Secretary said the United States was concerned with current developments and was in close touch with Secretary General Hammarskjold and other members of the United Nations.

"He said the United States would continue to use its influence in seeking the objectives of peace and tranquility and the avoidance of any situation which would negate the great efforts which have been made by the world community to settle the current dispute in accordance with the principles of the United Nations Charter."

"The United States, the Secretary said, stood firmly by the hopes and expectations it had expressed with regard to the situation which should prevail in the area with respect to the exercise of the responsibility of the United Nations in Gaza, the free and innocent passage of the Straits of Tiran by ships of all nations in accordance with international law and the settlement of the Suez Canal problem in accordance with the six principles adopted by the United Nations and accepted by Egypt.

"A common readiness was expressed for continued discussion on these matters."

Saudi Ban on Israel Ships in Akaba Strait Brings U. S. Up Short

The Tiran Straits issue took on added significance today. State Department sources had said during the week-end that nothing could now be done to remove Egyptian authority from the Gaza Strip but that the United States might lend strong backing to Israel maritime rights in the Straits of Tiran.

But today, the situation took a new turn. Israel's right to Akaba passage is now being challenged by Saudi Arabia rather than Egypt. The United States is seeking assiduously to cultivate King Saud and is basing its hopes for the Eisenhower Doctrine on Saudi Arabia.

It is thought here that it will be far more difficult for the United States to champion Israel's cause against Saudi Arabia than against Egypt.

Saudi Arabia has notified the State Department that it regards the contested straits in its territorial waters and has no intention of allowing Israel ships to pass. It was learned meanwhile that Saudi Arabia may intend to maintain air interdiction of Israel shipping. Saudi Arabia possesses a number of bombers provided by the United States and is being sent a number of additional warplanes under the agreement entered here by King Saud and President Eisenhower.

At the United Nations today, Secretary General Hammarskjold postponed his departure for Cairo and "provisionally" planned to leave on Tuesday. The announcement was made after Mr. Hammarskjold met with the advisory committee for the United Nations Emergency Force this morning. Immediately after that meeting, Mr. Hammarskjold had a conference with Dr. Omar Loutfi, permanent representative of Egypt, and scheduled further talks with Henry Cabot Lodge, American delegate, and Sir Pierson Dixon, British delegate.

BRITISH TO SEEK CLEARCUT U.S. VIEWS ON MID-EAST AT BERMUDA PARLEY

LONDON, March 18. (JTA) -- When Prime Minister Harold Macmillan meets with President Eisenhower in Bermuda later this week he will attempt to obtain a clearcut statement of American policy on the Middle East, including its views on the Egyptian-Israeli dispute and the question of traffic through the Suez Canal.

It is known here that Washington has complained lately that Britain is out of step with United States policy in the Middle East, especially as it affects the Israel-Egyptian situation. The British retort that it might have been easier to keep in step if the U. S. had given some indication of what its policy was.

The Prime Minister's meeting with President Eisenhower takes place at a time when British respect for Mr. Eisenhower is at its lowest ebb. His handling of Middle East problems, particularly his attitude toward Israel, has provoked some of the most outspoken comments on American leadership ever featured in the British press. Newspapers traditionally friendly to the U.S. have castigated Mr. Eisenhower's "bullying" of Israel and have expressed amazement at his willingness to place trust in Col. Nasser.

Even left-wing papers and politicians most strongly opposed to the Anglo-French intervention in the Middle East have questioned the wisdom of the policy followed by the U. S. Administration.

In the House of Commons today, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Ian Harvey said that Britain will do all it could to encourage the United Nations Emergency Force to carry out its function, chiefly to prevent raids and to maintain peaceful conditions.

CHILDREN TAKE OVER JERUSALEM IN TRADITIONAL PURIM FESTIVITIES

JERUSALEM, March 18. (JTA) -- Children ruled Jerusalem today where Purim, the Feast of Esther, was traditionally celebrated a day later than elsewhere. Thousands of children and youths, ranging from kindergarten pupils to high school and trade school students, marched and presented pageants in streets lined by masses of people.

The Purim parade took three hours to pass the reviewing stand where members of the Cabinet, the diplomatic corps and leading Israeli personalities applauded.

The youth band of the City of Haifa, the Tel Aviv Hapoel, religious and sports groups and a police troupe enlivened the proceedings and provided a carnival air. Mobile and donkey-drawn floats depicted scenes and caricatured current events. The United Nations drew its quota of digs while other floats lampooned oil moguls, Nasser of Egypt and Uncle Sam. One float depicted King Saud of Saudi Arabia with harem and slave market.

BRITISH BLOCK EGYPTIAN DEALS TO PROTECT REFUGEES' ASSETS

LONDON, March 18. (JTA) -- The British Government acted today to protect assets of Jews exiled or forced to flee from Egypt, as well as of those still under the menace of the Nasser regime. The Treasury suspended permission to trade in securities by or in behalf of residents of the Egyptian monetary area. This will have the effect of freezing the sale of securities which may have been sequestered from Jews of different nationality in Egypt. The Treasury explained its action as one designed to protect the real owners of these securities rather than as an intensification of anti-Egyptian measures.

EGYPTIAN JEWISH REFUGEES NOT TO BE ADMITTED HERE AS 'PAROLEES'

WASHINGTON, March 18. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Department of Immigration has informed the American Association of Jews from Egypt that the Administration does not plan to use the parolee section of the immigration laws for cases other than Hungarian refugees. The association had appealed to the State and Justice Departments to extend the same treatment to Jewish refugees from Egypt as had been offered to Hungarian refugees. It asked that a "fair share" of Egyptian Jewish refugees be admitted as "parolees" under the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act.

Edward Rudnick, Assistant Commissioner of Immigration, was quoted as informing the association that the Administration does not plan to take this course. The association represents about 850 Jewish former Egyptian nationals now residing in this country.

GERMAN YOUTH MAKE PILGRIMAGE TO BERGEN-BELSEN IN ANNE FRANK TRIBUTE

HAMBURG, March 18. (JTA) -- Some 2,000 German youths journeyed to Bergen-Belsen yesterday to pay homage to Anne Frank, the Dutch Jewish adolescent who died in a Nazi concentration camp. The pilgrimage was part of the observance of Brotherhood Week in West Germany, under the auspices of the Society for Christian-Jewish Cooperation.

The pilgrimage was inspired by the story of Miss Frank, currently being told on the German stage by the Albert and Frances Hackett play, "The Diary of Anne Frank," based on a diary kept by the girl.

Among the people who addressed the memorial meeting was Hans Hanoch, whose father was a Nazi leader and who was himself at one time a member of the Hitler Youth movement. Since then, Mr. Hanoch has become a Jew and has settled in Israel. He is currently in Germany as a student but plans to return to Israel after completing his studies. Mr. Hanoch served in the Israel Army during the recent Sinai campaign.

A German schoolgirl of 17 told the meeting that "never again must such a diseased and inhuman hatred rise among our people" as that which had attempted to destroy the Jews. Other speakers were clergymen and German youth leaders and a representative of the Hamburg Jewish community.

GERMAN BOOKSELLER JAILED FOR PEDDLING ANTI-JEWISH BOOKS

STUTTGART, March 18. (JTA) -- Possibly for the first time in a quarter century, a German court has jailed a bookseller for distributing anti-Semitic literature. The Stuttgart District Court imposed a three-month prison term on Erich Teich, operator of a mail order book service catering to a neo-Nazi clientele. Teich, a former county leader of the Nazi Party, was prosecuted for the sale of a Jew-baiting eulogy of Hitler, entitled "Adolf Hitler: His Battle against the Negative Soul." The government banned sale of the book a year ago, but Teich continued to advertise and sell it until his indictment.

ITALIAN DEPUTIES ASK CURB OF ANTI-JEWISH AGITATION IN JOURNAL

ROME, March 18. (JTA) -- A group of center and leftist members of the Chamber of Deputies called on the Ministers of the Interior and Justice today to take action against the "Paper of the Fascist Revolution" and curb its anti-Jewish agitation.

The deputies referred to the current issue of the journal which, in an article on the Middle East situation commented that "as everybody knows, we used to burn Jews in the ovens." They asked the ministers to study alleged violations of the penal code by the paper.

VANDALS DESECRATE MEMORIAL TO NAZI VICTIMS IN GENOA

GENOA, Italy, March 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Vittorio Pertusio, Mayor of Genoa, apologized today to the president of the Genoa Jewish Community after hoodlums, for the second time in two years, had desecrated a memorial to the Jewish victims of Nazism here. The memorial was covered in red paint and Nazi symbols daubed over it. The mayor ordered the municipal authorities to clean up and restore the memorial. Genoa police are pressing an intensive search for the vandals.

POPE TELLS NIXON OF HIS CONCERN OVER MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS

ROME, March 18. (JTA) -- Pope Pius XII told Vice President Richard Nixon in his private audience yesterday that he was concerned over the complex problems involved in the Middle Eastern situation, the Vice President said today. The Pope, he added, expressed the hope that after the crisis which had resulted in bloodshed, a just and equitable solution may be found.

Mr. Nixon denied reports that the Holy Places in Palestine and the safety of Catholic missions in the Arab countries had figured in his talk with the Pontiff.

SCORE GERMAN "AMUSEMENT TAX" ON FILM ABOUT DEATH CAMPS

HAMBURG, March 18. (JTA) -- A leading Hamburg newspaper protested today against the action of the tax authorities in applying a 16 percent "amusement tax" on admissions to the Hamburg movie house showing the French documentary film, "Night and Fog," dealing with the Nazi concentration camps of the Hitler regime.

The film, which has been boycotted by most commercial distributors and outlets in West Germany, met with stormy going when it was selected for showing at the Cannes Film Festival last year.

The newspaper, "Die Welt," in an editorial, condemned the action in applying the amusement tax in this case as "lack of tact" and said "the thought is intolerable" that the State should collect amusement tax from performances of "Night and Fog."

NAVY SECRETARY HITS ANTI-SEMITIC REMARKS BY RETIRED ADMIRAL

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- Secretary of the Navy Charles S. Thomas has condemned anti-Semitic statements by a retired rear admiral and declared that they "most emphatically do not represent the views of the Navy," the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith disclosed today.

The league had informed Secretary Thomas of a violent anti-Jewish speech made in Pensacola, Fla., last month by Rear Admiral John G. Crommelin (ret.). He pointed out that "Crommelin exploits his rank and past associations with the Navy to confuse many who may be led to believe he has official sanction for his activities." The league also noted that "a particularly unfortunate impression" was left in Pensacola because the program committee chairman of the Daughters of the American Revolution, before whom Crommelin spoke, was the wife of the Pensacola Air Station commandant.

In his reply, Secretary Thomas said that "there is no necessity for dignifying statements of the kind made by Rear Admiral Crommelin with official denials or disavowals. I am confident that the fine people comprising our Navy, including representative percentages of virtually all racial and religious groups, abhor and regret diatribes of that type... I can assure you that Rear Admiral Crommelin's views are uniquely his own."

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ASKS U.S. TO SPEND MORE FOR WELFARE

WASHINGTON, March 18. (JTA) -- The National Council of Jewish Women stood firm today on its policy to support greater Federal spending for education and welfare legislation, despite a personal appeal from Treasury Secretary George Humphrey for economy.

In a special message, Mr. Humphrey urged the group to support budget cutting measures. In response to the note, the Council passed a motion supporting more Federal spending for education and progress to combat juvenile delinquency.

The Council, meeting here for its 22nd national convention, also heard Dr. Eveline Burns of the Columbia University School of Social Work speak on the place of the volunteer in social service work. Elliot L. Richardson, Assistant Secretary of Health, Welfare and Education, commended the organization for its recreational programs for the aging.

Francis Wilcox, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs, will speak to the Council tomorrow on "the United Nations and public understanding."

SPECIAL APRIL DRIVE TO CONVERT ISRAEL BOND PLEDGES TO CASH

NEW YORK, March 18. (JTA) -- The month of April has been designated as "Economic Independence Month" to be devoted to a nationwide effort to expedite collection of some \$11,000,000 in outstanding commitments for purchase of State of Israel Bonds, Abraham Feinberg, president of the bond organization, announced today. He said that cash payments for these bonds would normally be received later in the year but is being sought now because of Israel's urgent need for cash to carry forward its economic development program.