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HAMMARSKJOLD ADDRESSES AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE; LAUDS KIBBUTZIM

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- Emphasizing that "the work for peace must be animated by tolerance," United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold tonight urged member states of the United Nations "to practice tolerance" and help to solve "the underlying problems now making the Middle East such a troubled area." He voiced his plea at a dinner of the American Jewish Committee marking the opening of a five-day observance of the 50th anniversary of the organization. This was the first time he spoke at a Jewish gathering.

"I had last year the privilege of visiting a couple of kibbutzim in Israel," Mr. Hammarskjold said, "and of talking to people coming from many lands who were devoting their lives to these courageous experiments in practical and total democracy. I looked upon them as fellow workers in an 'experiment in progress.' Through such experiments alone can progress be achieved. I also remember experiences of experiments in community development in India. There I met the same enthusiasm, the same devotion, the same idealism as in the kibbutzim.

"Yet, how different a situation it was! In one case there were people, stepping out of their Western societies of highly organized and specialized industrial life in order to create new collectives, pioneering in the building up of a strong economic life on a barren soil. In the other case, communities which, although living in a rich land, so far had remained poor for the lack of the revolutionary development carried to fruition by Western individualism, but the members of which now devoted all their energy toward taking the giant step into the economic and social world of today.

"In both cases we meet a realization in practice of basic human rights," the UN Secretary General said. "The difference, however, indicates the diversity of the problem and this calls for great flexibility in our approach and in the choice of the ways in which the various societies may become integrated into a world community. The underlying problems now making the Middle East such a troubled area, should be understood partly in the terms of which these two experiments in community development may serve as illustrations. They lend special weight to the undertaking of the member nations in the Charter "to practice tolerance."

Says Peace Impossible Without Recognition of Human Rights

Mr. Hammarskjold stressed the fact that "lasting peace is not possible without recognition of fundamental human rights" and that "human rights cannot reach their full development unless there is peace." He lauded the American Jewish Committee for the "significant contribution" it has made to the work of the United Nations for the advancement and protection of human rights.

"The United Nations has for years struggled with the problem how to translate the Declaration of Human Rights into the text of an international convention or conventions," he said. "It is not surprising that in a world with very different cultural traditions, and among countries showing very different degrees of advancement of social institutions, such a translation has proved difficult. But the failure so far to reach agreement over the whole field should not lead us to believe that the work to realize the fundamental human rights has come to a standstill. The decisive fact in the end will not be the translation of principles into the text of an international convention, but the transformation of society through growing recognition of the principles in the life of the peoples."

Dealing with the experiences in the United Nations over the past few months, Mr. Hammarskjold stated: "We may differ amongst ourselves as to the wisdom of this or that particular stand and we may have doubts about the end result of this or that step. But I think we all can agree on the value and historical importance of certain developments. First of all, it proved possible in an emergency to create for the first time a truly international force. This force, although modest in size and, for constitutional reasons, also modest in aim, broke new ground which inevitably will count in future efforts to preserve peace and promote justice." He also cited the fact that the United Nations carried through a major field operation like the clearance of the Suez Canal.

Other speakers at the dinner included Senator Herbert H. Lehman; Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee; Justice Joseph M. Proskauer; Admiral Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission; and Samuel D. Leidesdorf, honorary vice-president of the American Jewish Committee.

U.S ECONOMIC AID TO ISRAEL MAY BE RESUMED SOON, WASHINGTON HINTS

WASHINGTON, April 10, (JTA) -- State Department sources hinted today that the suspended U.S. economic aid programs in Israel may be resumed in the very near future. Government officials made known that U.S.-Israeli negotiations on the economic programs are in an advanced stage. No date for the resumption of the programs was revealed.

Israeli Economic Minister Meir Sherman talked this afternoon with C. Douglas Dilion, Deputy Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. Yesterday, Israeli diplomats met with officials of the International Cooperation Administration, the government agency administering overseas aid programs.

EISENHOWER HOPES FOR SUEZ SETTLEMENT; U.S. STAND ON AKABA REITERATED

WASHINGTON, April 10, (JTA) -- President Eisenhower made known at his press conference today that he still hopes to get a satisfactory Suez Canal agreement through direct negotiations with Egyptian President Nasser

Mr. Eisenhower said the United States was not yet ready to abandon direct negotiations. He said he could not assume the United States would not get satisfactory agreement But he did not know much longer such negotiations would be continued. This had the effect of rejecting French and British suggestions urging the return of the Suez issue to the United Nations Security Council.

Israel's right to use the Suez Canal should be as inviolate as America's, Rep. Hugh Scott Pennsylvania Republican, said here. He expressed the opinion that refusal of canal passage to an Israel ship would be a "clear violation of international law." He thought the United Nations should be as quick to respond in that event as it was last November when UN action was taken to defend Egypt.

The Congressman termed Egyptian President Nasser a "conscienceless bluffer" and said it was time Col Nasser's bluff was called. Rep. Scott found it difficult to understand why Col. Nasser is allowed to exercise "arrogance" in arbitrarily controlling the world's most important waterway." He accused the United Nations of "timorous side-stepping" of the Suez issue and "appeasement" of Nasser.

State Department spokesman Lincoln White today reiterated that the American oil tanker Kern Hills which brought 16,000 tons of oil to Israel's Akaba Gulf port of Elath this week was under Israeli charter and that no instructions were issued by the United States Government to this or any other ship to transit the Strait of Tiran.

Mr. White pointed out, however, that Secretary of State Dulles had said that in normal relations with Israel, American ships would be calling at Elath. Mr. White again stressed that the Kern Hills voyage should not be considered a specific test of free passage but a normal commercial operation. He declared that the U.S. has no specific new information on reports of the shipment of late model jet fighters by Russia to Egypt.

BRITAIN PLANNING ACTION IF AKABA DOES NOT REMAIN OPEN TO ALL

LONDON, April 10, (JTA) -- Britain assumes that the Akaba waterway will continue to remain open to all shipping, Foreign Under Secretary Lord Gosford told the House of Lords today. Nevertheless, he revealed, Britain has been considering what should be done and "shall naturally consult our friends" in the event an attempt is made to interfere with freedom of passage.

Speaking during a debate on the Middle East in the Upper House, Lord Gosford criticized Egyptian statements that a state of war still exists between Egypt and Israel. He found "encouraging" the fact that President Nasser of Egypt was prepared to consider various matters in a general peace settlement with Israel and had mentioned a solution of the Arab refugee question in reference to a settlement of Israel's demand for Suez Canal passage.

Israel's "new, concrete and generous offer" to accept some of the Arab refugees, Lord Gosford continued, might have a far-reaching effect as far as a solution of the Palestine question is concerned.

Lord Henderson, speaking for the Laborites, warned that there was always danger of a renewed conflict as long as the basic causes of resentment and tension continued to bedevil Arab-Israel relations. The "key" to the entire situation, he asserted, was to be found in Egypt's insistence on continuing the state of war and belligerency in relation to Israel.

Lord Henderson predicted that Israel would soon exercise her right of sending a ship through the Suez Canal, adding that it would be "unwise and unrealistic" for the Egyptian Government or any other government to imagine that Israel would continue to suffer a denial of freedom of passage through either the canal or the Gulf of Akaba.

FRANCE READY TO GRANT $15,000,000 LOAN TO ISRAEL FOR PIPELINE

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA) -- The French Government is prepared to loan Israel $15,000,000 for an Elath-Mediterranean oil pipeline whether the projected line is 16 inches, as Israel is planning it, or 32 inches as France would prefer, Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister, reported to the Knesset Finance Committee today.

Mr. Eshkol, describing his recent talks in Paris, said a 32-inch line could be built in two stages with the first stage costing $43,000,000. A 32-inch line, he said, could carry 25,000,000 tons of oil annually, seven times as much as the smaller line, and would require a total expenditure of $60,000,000. He indicated the main problem was not the availability of construction funds but the question of obtaining enough crude oil to supply a larger pipe.

Meanwhile, the diplomatic correspondent of Haaretz reported that French representatives in London, Washington and West European capitals have been instructed to negotiate for financial support from those countries for the 32-inch line, with the United States and England asked to assure the necessary crude oil.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS CRITICIZE BAN ON JEWS IN U.S.-SAUDI ARABIAN PACT

WASHINGTON, April 10. (JTA) -- Senator Jacob Javits (R., N.Y.) today called Saudi Arabian-U.S. agreement on the Dharhan Airbase, which bars American Jews from service at the field, "a grave retreat from the highest American traditions and principles."

Mr. Javits said that the arrangement began under the Truman Administration. It has continued into the Eisenhower Administration and "remains intolerable," he stated. "Every American has a right to expect the unremitting effort of our government to correct the affront to our national policy and dignity inherent in the discrimination in Saudi Arabia," he declared.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) similarly protested against the Administrations acquiescence to bar American Jews at the Saudi Arabian base. It is a "sad commentary" upon our foreign policy and in effect encourages religious discrimination against U.S. citizens, Rep. Celler said. "This discrimination apparently does not bother the President," he commented.

JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES 1957 DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

NEW YORK, April 10. (JTA) -- The deadline date for the filing of applications to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany by organizations, institutions and communities seeking the allocation of funds for the year 1958 is June 30, 1957, the Conference announced today.

Applications should be submitted in ten copies to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, New York, and should contain a detailed description of the activities for which funds are requested. The organizations submitting applications should also include precise budgetary data and information on other sources of income which may be available to the applicants for the projects in question.

The Claims Conference, by the terms of the agreement it had concluded with the Federal Republic of Germany, is able to allocate funds only for those activities which contribute to the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution, in accordance with the urgency of need, it was emphasized.

ISRAEL DENIES REPORTS OF POSSIBLE CHANGES IN ITS WASHINGTON EMBASSY

JERUSALEM, April 10. (JTA) -- Reports in the Israeli press that the government intends to name Yigal Yadin, former Chief of Staff, as Israel Ambassador to Washington, were denied today by the Foreign Ministry.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that he is not aware of any projected changes in the Israeli diplomatic representation in Washington. This, he stated, applied not only to Ambassador Abba Eban but also to Reuven Shiloah, Israel Minister Plenipotentiary in Washington.

DUTCH NON-JEW WHO SAVED JEWISH CHILDREN FROM NAZIS HONORED IN LONDON

LONDON, April 10. (JTA) -- Mrs. Wijsmuller-Meijer, a prominent Dutch non-Jew who saved thousands of Jewish children from murder at the hands of the Nazis, was honored here today at a luncheon in the House of Commons.

Mr. Wijsmuller-Meijer, a resident of Amsterdam, was described by the Netherlands Government when it awarded her the Order of Orange Nassau as one of the four most courageous women in Holland during the Nazi occupation. She has also been honored by the French Government for her wartime exploits, which involved traveling all over Europe from her home as far east as Germany and far south as the French-Spanish frontier.

BAN ON NATIVITY PLAYS IN SCHOOLS PROVOKES ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

LOS ANGELES, April 10. (JTA) -- Cross-burnings and wide dissemination of anti-Jewish tracts in Sierra Madre have followed the local school board's reaffirmation of its opposition to Christian sectarian activities in school programs, it was reported today.

The controversy began when George Roane, father of three pupils in one of the two schools of this Los Angeles suburb, wrote to the school board to ask "less emphasis on the religion aspect" in school Christmas programs. The school board thereupon outlawed Nativity plays and New Testament Christmas readings in the two elementary schools, which led the local Ministerial Association to charge the school board with "hasty" action.

The issue came up at a Parent-Teachers Association meeting at which some of those in attendance talked about an "international conspiracy" of the "anti-Christ" and non-residents distributed anti-Jewish material produced by the Keep America Committee and by Henry D. Allen, forme Silver Shirt organizer. The Roaneses, one of a dozen Jewish families in the small community, were beset by numerous telephone calls, many of them abusive.

Milton A. Senn, regional Anti-Defamation League director, said that "the bigotry was so rampant and blatant that more than 250 residents felt impelled to publish a full page rebuke in the Sierra Madre News, calling on the decent citizens to repudiate the intolerance as 'foreign to us'."

CANADIAN JEWS PROTEST ASKING TEACHERS TO STATE THEIR RELIGION

MONTREAL, April 10. (JTA) -- The National Joint Public Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith has urged the Ontario Labor Department to investigate the use of applications for teaching posts which require the applicant to supply his race, nationality, religious denomination and church attendance.

The Jewish group charged that the use of this form was "in violation of both the spirit and the letter of the Fair Employment Practices Act," despite the fact that in the elementary schools there was a valid question whether the teacher was a supporter of "public or separate" schools.

CANADIAN MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ADDRESSES J. N. F. DINNER

MONTREAL, April 10. (JTA) -- Israel must permit the stationing of United Nations Emergency Force units on its soil, Lester B. Pearson, Canada's Minister for External Affairs, told a Jewish National Fund dinner here last night in honor of Leon D. Crestohl, Jewish member of the Canadian Parliament.

The Government of Israel, Mr. Pearson said, "should, in my view, admit in principle the right of the UNEF to be deployed on its side of the demarcation line in accordance with arrangements to be negotiated with it by the UNEF. I hope it will agree to this."

The Minister further stated that Canada cannot accept the proposition that either Egypt or Israel can tell UNEF where it should go in the disputed territory or when it should withdraw. If the decision on such matters were made by any authority other than UNEF, he asserted, "then this country could surely not continue to participate in it."

Mr. Pearson repudiated the suggestion that Canada had urged Israel to withdraw from the Gaza Strip on the "somewhat vague generalization" which the Americans put forward in urging evacuation.

PITTSBURGH FEDERATION OPENS 1957 DRIVE WITH $1,286,000 IN PLEDGES

PITTSBURGH, April 10. (JTA) -- More than 650 Jewish community leaders attended the advance gifts dinner which opened officially the 1957 United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh campaign and pledged their support by contributing $1,286,000.

The gifts to the combined regular campaign and the Emergency Rescue Fund of the United Jewish Appeal were stimulated by the plea of Robert Briscoe, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland to "never forget the loss of six million people under Nazism and to help remove Jews now from Egypt, Africa, and places behind the Iron Curtain." Mayor David L. Lawrence of Pittsburgh also spoke.

CHICAGO JEWISH FEDERATION BREAKS GROUND FOR $1,476,000 BUILDING

CHICAGO, April 10. (JTA) -- Ground was broken here for a new six-story building to house the Jewish Federation of Chicago, the Combined Jewish Appeal and several of the social welfare agencies supported by the federation. The $1,476,000 building is scheduled to be ready for occupancy in the Spring of 1958. Mayor Richard J. Daley was the major speaker at the groundbreaking ceremonies.

NEW YORK GOVERNOR DESIGNATES MAY 14 AS "ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY"

ALBANY, April 10. (JTA) -- Averell Harriman designated May 14 as Israel Independence Day in a proclamation issued here yesterday. The Governor urged New Yorkers to join in "saluting the brave and hardworking Israeli people" on the ninth anniversary of the day Israel's Declaration of Independence was issued.