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## DULLES REAFFIRMS TO ARABS U.S. POSITION ON PASSAGE OF ISRAELI SHIPS

WASHINGTON, May 26. (JTA) -- The position of the United States Government with regard to the passage of Israeli ships through the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba remains unchanged, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was reported here today to have told diplomats of 11 Arab states who called upon him in a collective demarche last Friday. They demanded that the U.S. agree to the barring of Israeli shipping from the two waterways.

Mr. Dulles was reported, by a State Department spokesman, to have stated to the Arab delegation that he wanted to study their collective request further before giving his opinion. In making known that Secretary Dulles reaffirmed the U.S. position on Suez and Akaba pertaining to Israeli shipping, the State Department spokesman also revealed that the Secretary of State told the Arab diplomats that he desires to find a peaceful and equitable solution.

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, in a television interview today, referred to President Eisenhower's statement of Feb. 21 in which the President said that he does not assume "that Egypt will violate its obligations and stop Israel's ships in the Suez Canal, but if they do, there must be firm action by the society of nations."

### Israel and United States in "Intimate" Talks on Suez Issue

Mr. Eban revealed that Israel and the United States are now conducting "most intimate" talks and that the question of Israel's sending a test ship through the Suez Canal "is one of the problems in which we are in fairly constant discussion with the United States." He stressed the fact that President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles declared last week that there were no grounds for objecting to the use of the Suez Canal by Israel.

The Arab delegation which called on Mr. Dulles included diplomats of Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan, Yemen, Sudan, Morocco, Tunisia, and Libya. The participation of the North Africans was noted in view of the fact the delegation also sought U.S. support on Algeria.

The Arabs rejected the theory that Israel has rights to innocent passage through the Suez Canal or the Gulf of Akaba. They expressed hope the United States would "use its influence" to dissuade Israel from sending a test ship into the Canal. Mr. Dulles was asked to see to it that no more U.S. ships like the tanker "Kern Hills" are leased for transit to Elath.

The Arabs charged that Israel last October breached the UN cease-fire and broke the existing armistice agreements. They also charged that Israel forces by air and sea are violating Saudi and Egyptian territorial waters. They alleged that Israeli warships "a few days ago came provocatively and menacingly to within 1,000 yards of the Saudi Arabian military positions on the Gulf." They stressed that the Gulf is considered by all Arabs to be a holy route for pilgrims.

## THREAT OF CRISIS IN ISRAEL CABINET OVER "EISENHOWER DOCTRINE" RECEDING

TEL AVIV, May 26. (JTA) -- The threat of breaking up the Mapai-led coalition government over endorsement of the principles of the Eisenhower Doctrine has diminished here following weekend conferences among top-level party leaders.

Considerable progress toward preventing the fall of the present Ben Gurion government was also made at today's meeting of the Cabinet during talks between Foreign Minister Golda Meir and the ministers who oppose adherence to the Eisenhower Doctrine.

The gap between the Mapai and its leftwing partners -- Mapam and Achdut Avodah -- has been narrowed to a procedural question of whether the two leftist parties will be allowed to abstain on the question during the expected vote after the foreign policy debate which starts in the Knesset tomorrow. The Mapai, however, is faced with a demand by its junior partners--the Progressive and Mizrahi parties--that it enforce the doctrine of "collective responsibility" of all parties in the Cabinet. A face-saving formula may be worked out before the debate concludes in Parliament.

# PANAMANIAN SHIP ARRIVES AT ELATH; MAY BE USED AS "TEST FOR SUEZ."

ELATH, Israel, May 26. (JTA) -- The population of this Israeli Red Sea port was reported today as firmly convinced it will be Elath from which the Israeli "test ship" will leave to establish Israel's right of innocent passage through the Suez Canal when the Government decides to make the test.

Meanwhile, the 250 ton Panamanian-flag ship "Chalkish" arrived at the port yesterday. It is this vessel which Elath residents believe will be the first to be ordered through the Suez Canal with a cargo of Israeli products.

The strong confidence of the Government in Elath's maritime future was reflected in a decision to build 1,000 new housing units here in the next 12 months. This is one and a half times as many as were built in the last eight years.

Simultaneously, however, Israeli authorities have become concerned about the possibility of Arab interference with navigation through the Tiran Strait, at the mouth of the Gulf of Akaba, and have established a policy of silence about most ships arriving or due to arrive here.

Observers have suggested that Israel may be under Washington influence to avoid publicity on Elath-bound traffic in an effort to avoid angering King Saud of Saudi Arabia and make him rejoin Egypt in opposition to Israel's Akaba transit rights.

# FOUR ARAB INFILTRATORS SHOT DEAD BY ISRAELI PATROL IN GAZA AREA

TEL AVIV, May 26. (JTA) -- Four Arab infiltrators were shot and killed yesterday in the vicinity of the Bee ri settlement, opposite the Gaza Strip. A military spokesman revealed today that when intercepted, they disregarded a command to halt and attempted to escape. The Israeli patrol opened fire.

Meanwhile, it was announced here that Ahmed Ibrahim, a 30-year-old fedyaean captured in Israel last November, has been sentenced to 15 years imprisonment on charges of possessing a submachine gun. The prisoner, who has gained over 30 pounds while awaiting trial, expressed himself as satisfied with the sentence.

# HEAVY RAINS CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO HARVESTED CROP IN NEGEV

TEL AVIV, May 26. (JTA) -- Heavy rains in the Beersheba area of the Negev have caused considerable damage to harvested crops, it was revealed today.

Beersheba has had 12 inches of rain since the first of the year, about 50 per cent more than normal. At Elath a rain storm accompanied by lightning and 45 mile per hour winds hit this weekend. Rains as late as this may have set a mark for the last century's weather history.

# ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION BROADENS DRIVE; WILL SET HIGH RECORD IN 1957

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Bond Organization today launched an intensified campaign in response to the request of the Government of Israel for support of a \$90,000,000 housing program to build 30,000 housing units for new immigrants. The heightened effort was launched at a meeting of the Board of Governors of the organization at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here.

More than 200 Jewish leaders from communities throughout the United States and Canada voted unanimously to broaden the scope of the campaign, to provide not only housing but also the economic integration of more than 100,000 immigrants who are expected to enter the country during 1957. The Israel bond campaign must raise a minimum of \$75,000,000 during 1957 for the development of Israel's industry and agriculture, and the exploitation of her natural resources.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization, reported that a total of \$294,198,450 in Israel bonds have been sold since the bond drive began in 1951. \$18,513,300 in Israel bonds have been sold so far in 1957, he said, and sales in the United States are 11 per cent ahead of last year. "The year 1956 was the best in the history of the bond drive, with \$54,088,850 in bonds sold," Dr. Schwartz stated. "Since we are now entering our most active period of campaigning, I am confident that the results for 1957 will set a new record in achievement for Israel's economic development through Israel bonds."

"The increase from 1956 to 1957 reflects a deep awareness in the American Jewish community that Israel's economy must be strengthened," Dr. Schwartz said. "But we must reach a far higher total sale than was achieved last year if Israel is to carry forward its development program successfully. During 1956, total immigration was approximately 56,000. This year it will exceed 100,000, and may easily reach 120,000."

Abraham Feinberg, president of the organization, who presided at the Board meeting, drew attention to the challenge facing Israel as her population approaches the 2,000,000 mark.

## ANTI-SEMITISM REPORTED ON DECLINE IN U.S. ; ANTI-SEMITES GO UNDERGROUND

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y. May 26, (JTA) -- "While overt manifestations of anti-Semitism have declined, anti-Semitism in the United States is just as hard to cope with because it has gone underground and its practices are more subtle and concealed," Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith told 1,500 delegates at a B'nai B'rith convention at the Concord Hotel here.

"We are making progress in fighting anti-Semitism but there is still little likelihood of reaching its end," Mr. Epstein reported. He said that patterns of social, educational and job discrimination are "more devious than ever even though anti-Semitism is now somewhat out of fashion publicly." As an example, he cited employment as a field in which discrimination against Jews is not as widespread as before the war but in which it is still practiced, particularly in the areas of promotion and upgrading of employees where discrimination is most difficult to prove and to root out."

Social discrimination in suburban life is "a most pressing concern of the Anti-Defamation League," he said. "Unchecked, it can conceivably bring about a new type of segregation marked by sycamore-laned ghettos and 'For Christians only' communities. There is little basic change in people's intergroup attitudes just because they travel on trains instead of the subway. The trend toward suburbanization -- coupled with the persistence of all the patterns of prejudice and social discrimination that bedevil the country -- can have the effect of driving Christians and Jews even further apart, without even the nodding relationships they once had when meeting in their apartment house elevators."

### "Astonishing Decline" in College Fraternity Bias Noted

An "astonishing decline" in college fraternity discrimination in recent years was reported by Arnold Forster, national civil rights director of the Anti-Defamation League. Mr. Forster said that while a few decades ago "a large majority of the 61 national groups included in the National Interfraternity Conference carried restrictive clauses in their constitutions, in 1948 twenty-five of the total still retained such discriminatory provisions. By 1955 this number had dropped to a total of ten social fraternities."

Mr. Forster said that "the current movement against fraternity discrimination" has been centered in the student body, with "undergraduate members of local chapters taking the lead in the struggle for a non-discriminatory policy, challenging and defying the leadership of their national bodies."

"All over the country, campus sentiment is on the rise against the hallmark of exclusiveness which has shut out a section of the student body from equal participation in college life," Mr. Forster said. He attributed much of the change to the tremendous growth of student enrollment since the war which has brought "something of a revolution in social attitudes." This change, he said, has been marked by "an increasingly critical view" taken by both faculty and students toward "fraternities and sororities which set up racial and religious barriers to membership."

Tied to the question of fraternity discrimination, Mr. Forster added, "is the problem of housing. At many universities, there are inadequate college-owned dormitories and the choicest campus facilities are often the fraternity houses. Thus, fraternity discrimination is in direct conflict with the university's efforts to make housing facilities available to all students on an equal basis."

## CONVENTION OF JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS DISCUSSES PROBLEMS OF U.S. JEWRY

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 26. (JTA) -- "In outward appearance, Judaism in this country is becoming like another Protestant sect, with the synagogue like the church and the rabbi like the minister," Dr. Oscar Handlin, Professor of History at Harvard University, told the delegates attending the 59th annual meeting of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service. More than 2,000 Jewish social workers are attending the convocation which will continue through Tuesday.

Maurice Samuel, noted author, told the delegates that the response of American Jews to recent events in Israel and the Middle East may well make the "psychological coming-of-age of American Jewry." He said: "for many decades the American Jewish community, by far the largest in Jewish history, has been timid in the recognition of its identity. The events following Israel's invasion of the Sinai Peninsula revealed the coincidence of Jewish sentiment and American interest," and thus had an "extraordinary effect" in making American Jews understand that there was no contradiction between "good Judaism" and "good Americanism."

The possibilities of Jewish immigration into Latin American countries were discussed at the parley by James P. Rice, executive director of the United Hias Service, and Sidney Nelson, director of the Joint Distribution Committee for Latin America. Mr. Rice said that his agency "regards Latin America as a major developing area of immigration."

# U. S. FOREIGN AID PROGRAM VITAL TO MIDDLE EAST, KLUTZNICK SAYS

LOUISVILLE, May 26, (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith president Philip M. Klutznick tonight endorsed the budget-threatened Edishhower foreign-aid program as vital to the long-range future of the Middle East.

"The hope for an ultimate Arab-Israel settlement would be shattered if the Middle East nations, seeking economic stability, are surrendered to a predatory Soviet Union," Mr. Klutznick told the 105th annual convention of B'nai B'rith's District Two. Seven hundred delegates from eight mid-central states are attending the four-day meeting.

# HEBREW UNION COLLEGE AWARDS HONORARY DEGREE TO BLAUSTEIN, HUMPHREY

CINCINNATI, May 26, (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee; Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota; and Dr. David B. Allman, president-elect of the American Medical Association, were the recipients of honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion at graduation ceremonies here yesterday.

Mr. Blaustein, who was a member of the U. S. delegation to the United Nations General Assembly last year, is the recipient of a number of awards. Last year, the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters was conferred upon him by his alma mater, Lehigh University, for "unique service" to the United States and humanity.

# AMBASSADOR ABBA EBAN TO BE HONORED AT A BALL IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, May 26, (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and Mrs. Eban will be honored here June 1 at a ball to be attended by Ambassadors of many nations, U. S. officials, members of Congress, and other leading personages. The ball is sponsored by a group of patrons in cooperation with the Israel Bond Organization.

Speaking today on the television program "Let's Look at Congress," Ambassador Eban told interviewer Rep. Kenneth B. Keating of New York that even if the Arab states continue their twin policies of non-recognition and boycott, hostilities can be avoided "so long as they do not attack our territory or our shipping in the Gulf of Akaba."

In response to questions from Rep. Keating, the Ambassador said that the relationship between Israel and the United States is "one of deep friendship in pursuit of common aims" and that "there was a certain one-sidedness" in the pressure exerted on Israel, Britain and France in the recent Egyptian situation.

# YESHIVA UNIVERSITY DEDICATES NEW \$1,500,000 DORMITORY FOR STUDENTS

NEW YORK, May 26, (JTA) -- A new seven-story, \$1,500,000 residence hall for men was dedicated by Yeshiva University today. The new dormitory this fall will house 300 students to alleviate crowded conditions in two other residence buildings.

The dedication exercises, which were attended by numerous educational, religious and civic leaders, featured addresses by Senator Jacob K. Javits and N. Y. State's Lieutenant Governor, George B. DeLuca, who represented Governor Averell Harriman.

# DR. EMIL SOMMERSTEIN, LONGTIME LEADER OF POLISH JEWRY, DEAD

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y. May 26, (JTA) -- Dr. Emil Sommerstein, longtime leader of Polish Jewry, member of the first postwar Polish Government and an active Zionist, died here yesterday. The funeral was held today. He was 74.

Dr. Sommerstein, who was active in Jewish political, educational and business circles, was president of a club composed of the Jewish deputies in the pre-war Polish Parliament, defending Jewish interests in Poland. During the war he was imprisoned by the Soviet authorities, but released afterwards and became a member of the first post-war Polish Cabinet, when a number of non-Communists served together with Socialists and Communists.

During this period, Dr. Sommerstein arranged for the repatriation to Poland of some 140,000 Jews who had fled to the USSR to escape the Nazis. Most of them went on to Israel, with Dr. Sommerstein's assistance. He came to the U. S. in 1946.

# SHMUEL ABBA HORODETZKI, LEADING SCHOLAR ON HASSIDISM, DIES AT 86

TEL AVIV, May 26, (JTA) -- Shmuel Abba Horodetzki, noted author and leading scholar on the history of the Hassidic movement, died here yesterday. He was 86. Born in Russia, educated in Europe, Dr. Horodetzki settled in Palestine in 1939. He was the author of the "History of Hassidism" and some 500 articles on the subject in five languages.