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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES SOVIET MOVE; SEEKS NO ANTI-SUBMARINE WEAPONS

JERUSALEM, June 23. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet discussed today the Soviet Union's delivery of three submarines to Egypt last week and the military and political aspects of the move. Premier David Ben Gurion reported on the week's developments.

Meanwhile, informed sources reported that Israel has not requested anti-submarine weapons from the Western Powers. The general feeling is that while the submarines are a threat to Israel navigation in the Gulf of Akaba, the Soviet Union's plan in selling Egypt the undersea craft are far-reaching and affect the Western Powers as much as Israel. (In Washington, a State Department spokesman denied reports that Israel had sought to buy anti-submarine equipment from the United States.)

Informed Israeli observers stress that the immediate military aspects of the arrival of the naval units should not be allowed to overshadow the political implications and meanings of the Soviet move. As the Israelis see it, the crucial question is: How will Nasser interpret the latest Soviet move? Will it cause him to think that Soviet backing enables him to renew border warfare?

Before the Sinai campaign, these Israeli sources point out, Nasser used his aggressive posture vis-a-vis Israel as a means of attracting support in the Arab bloc. If Nasser feels he has all-out Soviet support, they add, he may attempt by the same system to regain the prestige he lost when the Israelis handed him a licking in the week-long military campaign.

ISRAEL SHIP BRINGS MUNITIONS TO U.S.; DELIVERS THEM TO U.S. ARMY

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- United States Navy authorities today lifted the veil of secrecy from the "mystery ship" flying the Israeli flag which this week-end unloaded ammunition at the Earle, New Jersey, Naval Ammunition Depot. It revealed that the ship was the Israel motor vessel "Tappuz" and it carried ammunition for the U.S. Army.

(The Asbury Park, N.J., Sunday Press reported that the "Tappuz" brought to the United States, Soviet munitions captured from the Egyptians for study by U.S. military experts. The cargo bore the lowest military security classification: "confidential.")

The State Department said that the United States buys some ammunition in foreign countries and that these purchases are destined to help countries keep up production. The "Tappuz," a 500-ton ship, left the New Jersey harbor for Florida. She took on no cargo at Earle.

ISRAEL'S FINANCE MINISTER TO MEET TODAY WITH DULLES; SEEKS U.S. AID

WASHINGTON, June 23. (JTA) -- Israel's Finance Minister Levi Eshkol will confer tomorrow with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in connection with his mission here to seek more American financial aid for Israel to meet the strains of increased immigration.

During the week-end, Mr. Eshkol, accompanied by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, conferred with William Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and talked with Agriculture Secretary Elmer Benson on more surplus commodities for Israel. Although no formal statements were issued after the talks, it was believed likely that Israel would receive additional food as a result of House approval of a measure making available an additional one billion dollars worth of surplus foods to friendly nations.

Mr. Eshkol also conferred with John B. Hollister, director of the International Co-operation Administration, and Samuel Waugh, president of the U.S. Export-Import Bank. Bank officials have indicated that a mission will be sent to Israel in July to consider a pending application for a \$75,000,000 loan for Israeli water development projects. The Israeli Minister would talk also with private business interests during his visit to determine whether they might be interested in investing in housing projects in Israel.

Meanwhile, important U.S. officials made it known that a virtual freeze on U.S. economic aid to Egypt will continue until that country demonstrates a friendlier attitude toward the U.S. Anti-American propaganda emanating from the Nasser regime is viewed here as creating an atmosphere in which it is difficult to resume the U.S. assistance program in Egypt. The State Department has been approached a number of times in recent months by the Egyptian Ambassador on the question of aid resumption.

ISRAEL MAY RECEIVE INCREASED AMOUNT OF U.S. SURPLUS COMMODITIES

WASHINGTON, June 23. (JTA) -- Israel is expected to receive an increased amount of surplus U.S. food in the coming fiscal year as a result of House approval yesterday of a measure making an additional billion dollars worth of such surplus available to friendly nations.

The House voted a one-year extension of agricultural trade development and assistance legislation which increases the total program from three billion to four billion. The bill now goes to a joint Senate-House conference and then to the President for signature. It authorizes also an additional \$300, 000, 000 of government-owned surplus foods for relief giveaways.

Israel has benefitted from this program in the past. Negotiations under the extended program may bring Israel an increased share of commodities that will help feed the rapidly growing population. The extension was voted by the House 344 to 7.

The benefits of the United States surplus food program in Israel were described last week by Mrs. Raphael Tourover, Washington representative of Hadassah, to the Senate Agricultural and Forestry Committee at hearings on the operation and administration of Public Law 480 providing for foreign distribution of surplus United States commodities.

Mrs. Tourover urged continuance of the surplus food program and recommended that it have assured planning. She reported that over a million dollars worth of American commodities were distributed by Hadassah in Israel in the last fiscal year, giving supplementary food rations to approximately 300, 000 persons. The distribution was made under a program approved by the United States Operations Mission and the Israel Government through 150 institutions and social service agencies. The program served all denominations, creeds and nationalities.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE LEADERS CONFER WITH BEN GURION

TEL AVIV, June 23. (JTA) -- American Jewish Committee leaders who are currently visiting Israel have conferred with top members of the Israel Government and hope to achieve "satisfactory conclusions" of a number of problems which they have raised with the Israelis, Irving Engel, president of the AJC and leader of the delegation, revealed today.

He reported that the Committee group had discussed with Premier David Ben Gurion, Foreign Minister Golda Meir, Development Minister Mordecai Bentov and Minister for Religion Moshe Shapira. The problems discussed included: religious freedom and freedom of expression for all groups, Jews and non-Jews; the treatment of minorities in Israel, and relations between Israel and Jewish bodies abroad.

Mr. Engel told Israeli newsmen that although the AJC was non-Zionist it had consistently supported Israel and helped strengthen it as a fortress of democracy in the Middle East. Thus far, the AJC delegation has conferred with the leaders of all parties inside and outside the government and has visited new development areas and settlements along the Gaza Strip border. The Americans will also visit Arab centers to meet leaders of various minority groups.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN NAPLES: STRESSES ISRAEL'S BONDS WITH ITALY

NAPLES, July 23. (JTA) -- The firm bonds of friendship between Israel and Italy were stressed by President Itzhak Ben Zvi of Israel on his arrival in Naples this morning aboard the SS Theodor Herzl of the Zim Lines, Israel's newest passenger liner. Mr. Ben Zvi spoke of Israel and Italy as two "ancient nations which have become young again" and which believe that their destiny lies with the younger generation.

Following a visit to Pompei, President Ben Zvi lunched aboard ship with Israel's Ambassador to Italy, the Chief Rabbi of Rome, representatives of Italian Jewry and the Prefect of Naples, representing the Mayor. Sergio Piperno, president of the Union of Jewish Communities in Italy, hailed the Israeli leader as a symbol of the unity of the Jewish people.

U. N. SEEKS FUNDS FOR REHABILITATION PROJECTS FOR ARAB REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 23. (JTA) -- A shift in thinking away from repatriation and towards rehabilitation among the Arab refugees is taking place, according to sources close to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency whose director, Henri R. Labouisse, is in the United States in search of funds to finance a vocational training program to take advantage of this shift.

Mr. Labouisse, in a press conference, stressed the need to obtain funds for UNRWA rehabilitation projects. He said his agency would need at least \$15, 000, 000 for the next twelve months alone to finance vocational and other training projects, and revealed that a great many refugees are now anxious to take this kind of training. Mr. Labouisse's concern with funds for vocational training lent substance to reports that the refugees are beginning at last to accept the fact that most of them will not go back to what is now Israel.

JEWS IN POLAND NOT AFFECTED BY NEW EMIGRATION LAW; CAN LEAVE COUNTRY

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- New emigration regulations in Poland, which went into effect this month, are not being used to hamper the movement of Polish Jews to Israel, it was reported today in a cable from Warsaw to the New York Times. The new regulations permit the withholding of emigration passports from anyone whose presence in Poland is considered necessary for the national economy of the country.

"The exodus to Israel continues," the report says. It has slowed down in recent weeks, but passports still are being issued at the rate of 1,500 monthly after having reached a peak earlier this year of 3,000 a month. About 25,000 Jews are believed to have reached Israel from Poland in the last year. No one is certain of the number of Jews left in Poland and estimates vary between 20,000 and 40,000. A considerable percentage of these are expected to go if the Government leaves the gates open."

Wladyslaw Gomułka's personal sympathy seems to have been a determining factor in maintaining a liberal policy on the controversial question of emigration to Israel," the report states. "The Polish Communists' First Secretary has resisted considerable pressure to halt the exodus," it reveals. "The party's campaign against anti-Semitism has succeeded in halting the overt abusing of Jews that was common in Poland only a few months ago. But the Stalinists continue to foster propaganda among among the Communist party's lower ranks that most of Poland's troubles have been caused by Jews, particularly those writers and journalists who were prominent in the struggle for democratization."

The Times correspondent says that Gomułka himself angrily rebuked the Stalinists when their spokesman, Kazimierz Mijal, raised the subject before a meeting of the party's central committee last month. The time has come, M. Gomułka said, to end once and for all making Jews responsible for the Communist regime's misfortunes and mistakes. The Communist leader ridiculed the idea of Israeli agents in Poland, saying that it was silly to believe that Israel was attempting to undermine the Communist regime.

An even angrier reply to M. Mijal was made by Edward Ochab, a member of the Politburo, who declared: "Comrades, enough of this nonsense about Zionist agents, and about Israel. Don't you realize that nothing harmed the good name of the Soviet Union and of the entire Communist movement as did the follies about the Jewish doctors and the anti-Zionist campaign?"

N. C. R. A. C. PARLEY HEARS REPORT ON DECREASE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN U.S.

CLEVELAND, June 23. (JTA) -- Overt anti-Semitism as a movement is isolated from the mass of the American people, Bernard H. Trager, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, told the 13th annual plenary session of the organization this week-end. He addressed 150 delegates of six national Jewish organizations and 38 local community councils affiliated with the NCRAC. A message from President Eisenhower hailed NCRAC activities.

Mr. Trager told the delegates: "We have already won many of the objectives we set for ourselves only a few years ago. While social discrimination and many other manifestations of anti-Semitism in our society continue, overt anti-Semitism is a cause without the semblance of a following," he asserted. "The struggle for equality of opportunities has been won almost completely on the legal level. Those who discriminate are today under attack, on the defensive. Even in the South the segregationists are fighting a delaying battle. It will be long and arduous but the outcome is no longer in doubt."

He noted advances also in respect to civil liberties and immigration. The national origins quota system, he observed, is now the target of criticism of all groups concerned about immigration, whereas it had not even been questioned 13 years ago. The wall of separation between church and state had been buttressed by the United States Supreme Court, he said. However, Mr. Trager expressed concern over threats to the separation principle in the public schools, where "an increasingly united campaign by church groups of most Christian denominations for the introduction of religion in some guise into the education program poses a difficult challenge."

Major problem now on the agenda of the whole Jewish community, not only the field of community relations, Mr. Trager stated, is how to achieve "that subtle balance between integration into the general community and distinctive separateness that spells for us the ideal of creative Jewish living in a free society." He expressed the hope that "all the agencies that the American Jewish community has created for community relations purposes" would again resume participation in the cooperative NCRAC process.

Dr. Horace M. Kallen, professor emeritus and research professor of social philosophy at the New School for Social Studies, commenting on Mr. Trager's remarks, said that the NCRAC is "facing the realities of the problem, no longer distracted by divisive wrangling and jurisdictional disputes." Dr. Kallen stressed the need for attention to the building and strengthening of the Jewish community as a distinctive community.

Prof. Robert M. MacIver, Lieber Professor of Political Philosophy and Sociology at Columbia University, commended the process of joint planning and continuous evaluation of programs. He commented that "these should appeal to the whole Jewish community."

YOUNG ISRAEL CONVENTION ASKS FOR ADMISSION OF EGYPTIAN JEWS TO U.S.

GREENFIELD PARK, N. Y., June 23. (JTA) -- The 45th annual convention of the National Council of Young Israel called upon the United States Government today to grant 5,000 emergency visas to Jews who "fled Nasser's tyranny." Some 800 delegates, representing 200,000 Young Israel members throughout the country, are attending the parley.

Moses Hoenig, president of the movement, reported "a mass resurgence of religious observance in all parts of the country." Young Israel, he said, "is forging a harmonious link between the basic postulates of Orthodoxy and practices of our secular way of life."

Some 15,000 young boys and girls are involved in youth activities sponsored by 350 Young Israel clubs, he said. About 20,000 young people are receiving religious training in Young Israel afternoon classes while 50,000 adults attend adult education classes "under the guidance of America's foremost religious leaders and thinkers."

Mr. Hoenig appealed to the American Jewish community "to heed the call of the Chief Rabbi of Israel to participate in a mass religious pilgrimage to Israel on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the founding of the state in 1958."

COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL OF BOSTON RAISES \$6,081,727; CONCLUDES DRIVE

BOSTON, June 23. (JTA) -- The Combined Jewish Appeal of Greater Boston closed its first spring drive this week-end with a total of \$6,081,727 for the regular drive and the United Jewish Appeal's special rescue fund.

Louis H. Weinstein, general chairman and president of the CJA, who resigned both posts at the end of the campaign, said that it was the most successful since 1949. Louis P. Smith succeeded Mr. Weinstein as president and Joseph M. Linsey was named chairman of the 1958 drive.

LEADERS OF AMERICAN JEWISH LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL GO TO JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- Judge Louis E. Levinthal, honorary president of the American Jewish League for Israel and former president of the Zionist Organization of America, sailed yesterday for Israel, on the SS Israel, to attend the forthcoming meetings of the World Zionist Actions Committee. Ezra Shapiro, president of the League, who is also a member of the Actions Committee, will join Judge Levinthal in Jerusalem in two weeks.

"I am happy to be going this time as a representative of an organized 'independent' Zionist group," Judge Levinthal stated. "At the last Zionist Congress I was elected to the Actions Committee as an unorganized independent. Since then, of course, the American Jewish League for Israel has come into being."

B'NAI B'RITH YOUNG ADULTS HOLD INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN U.S.

BRIGHTON, Mich., June 23. (JTA) -- A call to the United Nations to use its "full powers and moral influence" to put an end to belligerence in the Middle East and to arrange a "cease-fire on the economic front" as the first step to implementing a Middle East envisioned by the UN's Palestine partition plan, was adopted here this week-end at the conclusion of a four-day international convention of B'nai B'rith Young Adults. Morton Plotnick, 20, of Wayne University of Detroit, was elected international president.

HADASSAH GETS AMERICAN HERITAGE AWARD FOR U.S. PUBLIC SERVICE

NEW YORK, June 23. (JTA) -- The American Heritage Foundation Award for "outstanding public service" was presented today to Hadassah in recognition of the role it played in the National non-partisan Register, Inform Yourself and Vote Program of 1956. The citation was presented to Dr. Miriam Freund, national president of Hadassah by Brenday Bryne, executive director of the Foundation.

HARTFORD JEWISH LEDGER LAUDED ON ANNIVERSARY; RECEIVED FIRST AWARD

HARTFORD, Conn., June 23. (JTA) -- Jewish and non-Jewish leaders here today congratulated the Jewish Ledger, Connecticut's English-Jewish weekly, on its 28th anniversary and on its receipt of the first annual award of the American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers for "editorial content and news and general make-up as well as typography." The Jewish Ledger was chosen for this award by a committee of judges composed of Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution; Dr. Solomon Grayzel, editor of the Jewish Publication Society, and Seymour Klyman, feature editor of the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Bernard L. Gottlieb, executive director of the Hartford Jewish Federation, said: "I wish to express my heartiest congratulations to the Connecticut Jewish Ledger for receiving this award. We at the Federation are not very surprised by it. We have always been cognizant of The Ledger's fine service to the community, its tremendous interest in the furtherance of Jewish spirit and its readiness to be the voice of the community. We feel such spirit will insure that this will not be the last award to be won by The Ledger."