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SENATE REPORT URGES U.S. TO PROMOTE DIRECT ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE TALKS

WASHINGTON, July 4. (JTA) -- The United States Government was called upon today to take leadership in promoting direct peace talks between Israel and the Arab countries. It was also urged to work for the resettlement of Palestine Arab refugees in Arab lands and to increase food assistance to Israel.

These recommendations were made in an official report published today by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The report was prepared by Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, chairman of a Senate subcommittee on the Near East. The Minnesota Democrat said in his report that the U.S. policy in the Near East "has concerned itself too much with kings and oil, and too little with people and water." To promote regional stability, he urged solution of the Arab refugee problem and steps to bring about Arab-Israel rapprochement.

The resettlement of Arab refugees in Arab lands, the Senator said in his report, is "the only effective and realistic way of solving the Arab refugee problem. He called attention to the fact that "half of the refugees are now under 15 years of age. This," he said, meant that "despite the clamor of professional refugee leaders for a return to Palestine and the insistence of the Arab governments on repatriation to their former homes, half of the refugees have in fact no roots in Palestine at all."

"They were either less than five years old when they left that country, or were born in the refugee camps in the Arab states," he pointed out. "To return them now to an alien society they have been taught to despise would be as self-defeating and unsatisfactory as abandoning them to mature in the appalling atmosphere of hopelessness which now pervades the refugee camps. The destiny of these young Arabs clearly lies in an opportunity for a productive and self-reliant life in an Arab environment and culture."

Recommends Resettlement of Arab Refugees in Iraq and Syria

Calling upon the United States to take the initiative in and out of the United Nations "to bring about a generous and effective solution" of the Arab refugee problem, Sen. Humphrey said Israel should make a commitment "to accept a limited number of token repatriates but the "vast majority" should find new homes in Arab lands. He mentioned Iraq and Syria specifically.

Sen. Humphrey charged that "the Arab states have for ten years used the Palestinian refugees as political hostages in their struggle with Israel. While Arab delegates in the United Nations have condemned the plight of their brothers in the refugee camps, nothing has been done to assist them in a practical way, lest political leverage over Israel be lost."

In his view, "repatriation of all, or even a large number of refugees, by Israel is no longer possible." He said Israel had accepted many Jewish refugees, including those forced to flee Arab nations. "Furthermore," he stated, "surrounded by nations which insist upon exercising rights of belligerency against her, it would be suicidal for Israel to admit a large group of immigrants whose whole indoctrination for the past ten years has been one of hatred for the Jewish State. To do so would be to establish a fifth column inside the country."

American policy should be based, he said, on the assumption that "resettlement in Arab lands, with compensation for property left in Israel, is in fact the only effective and realistic way of solving the Arab refugee problem." United States policy also was urged to accept a view that Near Eastern security and stability require an early settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In demanding that the United States Government promote Arab-Israeli peace talks, Sen. Humphrey said: "American policy should maintain a constant and unrelenting leadership for the states of the region to resolve this conflict once and for all through direct negotiations." He stressed that "not since 1952 has the United States either in or out of the United Nations, made a determined effort to bring about a peace discussion between the parties."

In urging increased food assistance to Israel under Public Law 480, the Minnesota Democrat stated that Israel is going to need more food assistance "and deserves to get

it, on the basis of its record of self-improvement." Requests are now pending to obtain \$78 900,000 worth of wheat, feed grains, cotton, cheese, edible oil, dry milk, butter, tallow, and beans.

Sen. Humphrey reported he was "astonished to learn that Israel is not included in our military exchange program." He said he recommended prompt correction of this omission. Sen. Humphrey also suggested that Israel could give the United States assistance by providing specialists in development of desert regions.

EISENHOWER DISAPPROVES OF SOVIET'S SUPPLYING SUBMARINES TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, July 4, (JTA) -- President Eisenhower yesterday described the furnishing of submarines by the Soviet Union to Egypt as "unhelpful" to the cause of peace and stability in the Middle East. His comment was elicited by a question put to him by a Jewish Telegraphic Agency reporter at a White House press conference.

The President indicated he could not comment at length but made known his definitely negative response to Egypt's acquisition of Soviet submarines. Official sources meanwhile indicated that the closest possible observation of the submarines is being maintained. The President is kept informed.

Francis O. Wilcox, Assistant Secretary of State for International Affairs, addressing a convention of the American Association of University Women in Boston, cautioned that the Middle East remains a tinder box where rash and ill-considered action could have serious results. "In his view we can take it for granted that the Soviet Union will continue to fish in troubled waters." He pointed out that "the recent sale of Soviet submarines to Egypt is but another in a long series of incidents obviously designed to increase tensions in that area."

Mr. Wilcox reported that there continues to be "a pall of fear hanging over the heads of the Arab and Israeli people alike." Everything possible must be done "to develop a will to peace in the Middle East," he said. Without such a will a settlement of long range problems cannot be achieved, he stressed.

NEHRU INVITES DR. GOLDMANN TO VISIT INDIA; DISCUSS ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

TEL AVIV, July 4, (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Jewish Agency, has been invited to visit India by Indian Prime Minister Nehru, the Zionist leader disclosed today on his arrival here to attend the World Zionist Actions Committee meeting next week.

Dr. Goldmann said he and Mr. Nehru had discussed Middle East problems and possibilities of pacification of the area. The meeting took place at the home of the Premier's sister in London.

"HIGH PASSIONS" IN ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT ARE LESSENING, NEHRU SAYS

LONDON, July 4, (JTA) -- Prime Minister Nehru of India told a news conference today he believed there had been a recent lessening of the "high passions" involved in the Israeli-Arab dispute. He made the comment in reply to a question from a Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent. He added that it would be better to wait for those passions to "cool down a little" before any steps were taken towards a settlement of conflict.

The Prime Minister said such steps would have to be taken in the interests of both the Arab countries and Israel. He warned that there could not be a perpetual state of precipitate warfare in the Middle East. He asserted that India had put up with much more from Pakistan than Israel had to face from Egypt. At the same time he ignored a question concerning Israel's moral right to defend herself against a country, Egypt, which openly proclaimed a state of war. Asked if he felt Egypt's attitude toward Israel was helpful to world peace, Mr. Nehru replied that Egypt's attitude was "probably more helpful" than that of other Arab countries.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST CONGRESS HEARS ISRAEL'S PLEA FOR PEACE

VIENNA, July 4, (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister made an urgent appeal today to delegates to the International Socialist Congress to press for support by their governments directly and through the United Nations for peace between the Arab countries and Israel.

Asserting it was "high time" that the United Nations used its power and influence to achieve that goal, Mrs. Meir also told the delegates that freedom of the seas must be guaranteed to Israel equally with all nations.

Warning that it was impossible for one part of the world to live in peace while another section was under permanent threat of war, Mrs. Meir said the Middle East was a powder keg threatening world peace. No other group of persons and no other organization desires peace so strongly as members of the Socialist Internationale, she said.

Discussing the problem of the Arab refugees, she said they have been forced by the Arab leaders to live under miserable circumstances, a plight she contrasted with the acceptance by Israel in nine years of 1,000,000 persons, 80 percent of whom, she said, were refugees for whom jobs and food must be provided.

HERUT MOTION TO DISSOLVE ISRAEL PARLIAMENT REJECTED BY KNESSET

JERUSALEM, July 4, (JTA) -- A motion for the dissolution of Knesset and new elections, offered by the right-wing Herut party, was rejected yesterday by a 38-19 Knesset vote.

Challenging last spring's Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the Sharm el Sheikh areas and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's endorsement of an early establishment of diplomatic relations between West Germany and Israel, Herut deputy Arieh Ben-Eliezer introduced his motion with a charge that recent government policy did not represent the majority view of the people. He asked the government to obtain a new mandate from the electorate. Baruch Azania, Mapai deputy, described the motion as "frivolous."

COMMUNIST WHO SET ANTI-SEMITIC "DOCTORS' PLOT" BECOMES TOP LEADER

NEW YORK, July 4, (JTA) -- Frol R. Kozlov, Leningrad Communist leader elevated to the new Soviet Presidium in the present shake-up of the Communist Party in the USSR, played an appreciable role in the setting of the anti-Semitic 'doctors' plot' in early 1953, the New York Times reported today.

Kozlov was the author of an article in 1953 dealing with "infiltration by Jewish bourgeois nationalists in the Soviet Union and the menace of these elements," the Times said.

Stalin used the "doctors' plot," in which a group of leading Russian doctors, most of them Jewish, were charged with plotting the death of a number of key Soviet leaders, as an excuse for liquidation of Jewish institutions in Russia. The doctors were released immediately after Stalin's death and completely rehabilitated.

BILL RECOMMENDING ADMISSION OF MORE IMMIGRANTS TO U.S. GAINS SUPPORT

WASHINGTON, July 4, (JTA) -- A bill which would permit the entrance into the United States over a two-year period of 140,000 to 150,000 regular immigrants and refugees who would otherwise be excluded--including Jewish refugees from Egypt--has quietly gained the backing of key Democrats here, including Lyndon B. Johnson, Senate leader from Texas.

Democratic strategists are now seeking Republican support for the bill, introduced last week by Senator John F. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts. It is hoped that bipartisan cooperation will help steer the bill through Congress toward the end of the session without public hearings.

Major provisions of the Kennedy bill include the following: The approximately 60,000 quota numbers that go unused each year would be pooled and redistributed among countries where the demand exceeds available quotas; non-quota visas authorized by the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 that were not used when the act expired Dec. 31 would be made available to "refugee-escapees" from Communist-dominated countries and from the Middle East. The bill also would admit spouses, parents and minor children of recent immigrants without regard to quotas.

Kennedy's bill represents a compromise plan. While it includes features of President Eisenhower's immigration program, it stops short of making some basic changes the President had proposed in the McCarran-Walter immigration and Nationality Act.

B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT OPTIMISTIC ON FUTURE OF JEWISH LIFE IN U.S.

CHICAGO, July 4, (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith president Philip M. Klutznick disputed historians who foresee a withering of Jewish life in the next 50 years brought on by suburbanization and freedom from "ghetto pressures." He addressed 1,200 persons at the 89th annual convention of B'nai B'rith's district 6 taking place here.

Mr. Klutznick found "no cause for fear" that Jews, having achieved a high measure of security, would abandon their ties to Judaism. He also questioned the belief that a "crisis atmosphere" is needed to give the Jewish community its unifying force. However, he added, "the calamity of crisis will remain with the Jewish community" so long as more than two million Jews are enslaved by Soviet Russia."

The great challenge to American Jewry today, the B'nai B'rith president said, "is to restore to the family unit the role it has abdicated in transmitting Jewish traditions and culture to its youth. We are in an age of too much reliance on public and private agencies, not enough on the family," he stated. The convention was turned into a 50th birthday celebration for him and he was surprised with a \$50,000 check--"a thousand dollars for each year of a life committed to Jewish ideals"--presented by Chicago friends and made payable toward the construction of the B'nai B'rith building in Washington, D. C., that will be dedicated this winter.

TRUMAN LIBRARY TO GET GIFT FROM ISRAEL'S CHIEF RABBI

JERUSALEM, July 4, (JTA) -- A personal gift of three antique glass vessels from Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog for the Truman Library dedication in Independence, Missouri on July 6 was en route today to the United States. The vessels, which were unearthed in Western Galilee, date back to the Third Century C. E. They bear the symbols of the 12 tribes.

ENROLLMENT IN JEWISH SCHOOLS INCREASED IN NEW YORK, J. E. C. REPORTS

NEW YORK, July 4. (JTA) -- The number of pupils enrolled in Jewish schools in Greater New York in the current school year reached a total of 136,391. This is an increase of a little over three percent over the total enrollment of the previous year, the Jewish Education Committee reported today.

Because of the excellent cooperation of the 675 Jewish schools of all types operating in Greater New York, it was possible for the JEC to publish the results of its annual Jewish school census before the end of the school year, much earlier than in previous years, the report said.

The enrollment in high school classes increased a little over four percent during the past year. This is somewhat higher than the increase of a little over three percent in the elementary school classes. The higher enrollment in high school classes took place entirely in one-day-a-week schools, where high school classes are part of the confirmation department and meet for one session per week.

The greatest gain in enrollment over the past year was shown by the all-day schools, where the number of children increased by a little over eleven percent as against an increase of a little over four percent in the weekday-afternoon schools and a small decline in the enrollment in one-day-a-week schools.

During the past year the all-day schools and weekday afternoon schools have increased their proportional share in the total enrollment. All-day schools now account for 19 percent of the total school enrollment, compared with 17-1/2 percent the previous year. Weekday afternoon schools had 45 percent of the total enrollment compared with 44-1/2 percent the previous year. The one-day-a-week school showed a slight decline from 37-1/2 percent the previous year, to 36 percent this year. The latter type of school, however, has increased substantially its proportional share of the total high school enrollment from 29 percent to 36 percent.

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED IN ISRAEL; U. S. DIPLOMAT SPEAKS

TEL AVIV, July 4. (JTA) -- American and Israeli similarities in approaches to freedom were stressed at an American Independence Day party held at ZOA House here tonight. United States Charge d'affaires William O. Baxter, greeted the audience. He said:

"For both of us the word independence carries a special meaning arising from history; for both of us it recalls efforts for a new and more favorable political order, and the achievement of nationhood. We have a grave duty to protect liberties that have been won for us--no less for Israel than for American--liberties which powerful enemies have long been plotting to destroy."

MRS. HALPRIN LEAVES FOR ISRAEL TO ATTEND ACTIONS COMMITTEE SESSIONS

NEW YORK, July 4. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, has left for Israel to attend the Actions Committee sessions of the World Zionist Organization which is opening in Jerusalem on July 10 and will continue for two weeks, the Agency announced today. The Actions Committee is the supreme legislative body of the World Zionist Organization between Zionist Congresses.

The meetings of the Actions Committee are of vital importance. Not only are the problems on the agenda of housing and jobs for the thousands of immigrants that come into the country every month but plans must be formulated for the transportation to Israel of hundreds of thousands of Jews from Eastern Europe and North Africa who are waiting their turn to move to Israel. This is the gravest problem that confronts the Jewish people today, Mrs. Halprin declared before she left.

HOUSE HONORS RABBI BERMAN; IS LEAVING U. S. TO SETTLE IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, July 4. (JTA) -- The House of Representatives paid tribute to Rabbi Morton M. Berman of Chicago, Ill., who delivered an opening prayer this week. Members of Congress arose on the House floor to thank Rabbi Berman for delivering the prayer and noted that he is leaving the United States to make his home in Israel.

Rep. Barratt O'Hara, Illinois Democrat, asked blessing for the rabbi "in all the days ahead in his work of dedication to the greatness and goodness of the State of Israel." Rep. Charles A. Boyle, Illinois Democrat, told the House of Rabbi Berman's record in Chicago and Illinois, saying that in Israel he would find "a new opportunity" for his good works. Rep. James Roosevelt, California Democrat, and Rep. Marguerite Church of Illinois, Republican, joined in lauding the rabbi.

YECHIEL WEIZMAN, ANOTHER BROTHER OF DR. WEIZMAN, DIES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Yechiel Weizmann, a brother of the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann, died yesterday at the age of 65. A leading Israel agronomist, he had been working on a project to plant pecan groves in the Negev which he had hoped would cover wide areas there. He is survived by his wife, and Col. Ezer Weizmann of the Israeli Air Force, his son. Dr. Moshe Weizmann, chemistry professor at Hebrew University, died only last week.