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EISENHOWER INFORMS ARAB RULERS OF U.S. STAND ON AKABA ISSUE

WASHINGTON, July 21. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower has written personal letters not only to Arabian King Saud but to heads of other Arab states to calm rising Arab resentment over American support of Israeli shipping rights in the Gulf of Akaba. This was reported here today in official circles.

The President is understood to have restated the American position in general support of Israel's right to use the gulf. A major difference exists between America and the Arabs on the definition of Arab territorial waters. The United States holds to the view that a three-mile limit prevails while the Arabs maintain their territorial waters extend six miles thus covering the narrow entrance to the gulf.

A report from Cairo said this week-end that Saudi Arabia has begun fortifying the entrance to the Gulf of Akaba. The report said the Saudis are placing heavy artillery at the gulf entrance. If true, the report points up the fact that Saudi Arabia has taken over from Egypt the burden of the Akaba Gulf issue.

Eisenhower's Pastor Is not on an Arab-Israel Peace Mission

WASHINGTON, July 21. (JTA) -- The White House denied today that the Rev. Edward L. R. Elson, who is President Eisenhower's pastor, is on a government mission seeking Arab-Israel peace. Dr. Elson, chairman of the national council of the "American Friends of the Middle East," recently met with President Nasser in Cairo.

Presidential spokesman James Hagerty said today Dr. Elson is travelling with a personal letter of introduction from President Eisenhower but that "in no sense is he any government emissary." Dr. Elson's name was mentioned after Israeli Premier Ben Gurion said in Jerusalem Thursday that the "head of a certain great power" had asked a noted American associated with a Christian religious organization to initiate contacts with Nasser that might lead to peace talks. Mr. Ben Gurion said the envoy returned "with empty hands."

Dr. Elson met with Nasser on June 29 in Cairo. He is en route to Saudi Arabia, where he is scheduled to have an audience with King Saud. It was indicated that after his return to Washington he will undoubtedly brief the President on his impressions as has been the case on previous extensive trips he has made to the area, but he will be reporting purely as a private citizen.

(A cable from Paris to the New York Daily News said today that Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York who bolted the Democratic Party to support Eisenhower in 1956, "disclosed" that he is the "religious leader" representing the "head of a certain great power" who attempted to mediate the Arab-Israel dispute. He said that he made this attempt before Israel entered the Sinai area last fall and hinted that he will try again in September. No one at the State Department in Washington today would comment on Rep. Powell's statement in Paris.)

Washington Studies Use of Nuclear Power for Israel's Development

WASHINGTON, July 21. (JTA) -- Israel could greatly expand its economic development through low-cost nuclear power according to a report released today by the National Planning Association.

A study by the association developed conclusions that cheap nuclear power could make possible large-scale irrigation, development of mineral resources, and growth of industry in the Negev. The NPA report visualized development of new atomic-powered industrial communities in the Negev, opening the region to thriving towns and providing many thousands of new jobs.

The report on nuclear power and economic development in Israel was made by NPA's research staff. It noted that Israel needs the cultivable land and mineral resources of the Negev to meet requirements of rapidly expanding population.

U.S. ANNOUNCES AID FOR REFUGEES FROM EGYPT; 12,000 JEWS TO BENEFIT

WASHINGTON, July 21. (JTA) -- The State Department announced that the United States Government has allocated \$763,175 to assist in the movement of 17,100 refugees from Egypt, including an estimated 12,000 Jews, to new homes, largely outside of Europe.

BEN GURION WARNS WORLD JEWRY AGAINST "DELUSION" ON ISRAEL'S SECURITY

JERUSALEM, July 21, (JTA) -- Jews throughout the world were warned by Israel Premier David Ben Gurion this week-end not to be under the "dangerous delusion" that Israel's security problems have been solved by the Sinai campaign. He also warned against assuming that the present division in the Arab camp strengthens Israel's security. This is a "mistaken" notion, he said.

Addressing a session of the Zionist Actions Committee, which is now meeting here, the Israel Premier emphasized that the Arab leaders may argue among themselves about hegemony, but Jews must not forget that the only thing that unites them is hatred of Israel.

"No good will come to Israel from the split up of the Arab camp into Soviet satellites and American satellites," he added. He asserted that arms in Arab hands, whether supplied by the East or the West, were intended by Arab leaders to be used against Israel, not against Communism or democracy.

"The Sinai campaign," Mr. Ben Gurion said, "secured for us a useful truce." This asset would be used to speed up the main task of absorption of immigrants and Israel's development, he stated. He also expressed the opinion that the Sinai campaign increased Israel's prestige "among its friends, enemies and the disinterested." It was not a coincidence that Pakistan's Premier just now advises the Arabs to recognize Israel and India's Premier advises the same thing to his friend Nasser, he declared.

There may be some willingness on the periphery of the Arab camp to come closer to Israel, the Premier added, but the rulers of the Arab countries continue to incite their peoples against Israel. "One cannot forget the bitter fact that the lead in this incitement has been taken by the press of such a great power as the Soviet Union; and they are not satisfied with incitement alone--Soviet arms flow to Syria and Egypt."

Explains Israel's Stand on "Neutralism"; Stresses U.S. Friendship

Discussing arguments of "neutralists," Mr. Ben Gurion said that there were two types of neutrality, ideological and politico-military and that while Israel could not be neutral as between democracy and totalitarianism, Israel was willing to sign peace with the Arabs even though there is not a single democracy among them.

He stressed that there could be no greater mistake than the belief that Israel could assure her safety by politico-military neutrality because the immediate danger to Israel was not from the West nor the East but "from within the area in which we live." Neutrality would not lessen this danger, he pointed out.

The basic principle of Israel's policy was, and would remain, that "under no circumstance will we assist aggressive designs against any country regardless of its internal regime," the Premier said. He noted that in the early days of statehood, Israel had received moral support from the Soviet Union and material aid from Czechoslovakia and he expressed regret that these two countries had turned against Israel.

He praised the "permanence" of Israel's friendship with the United States and stressed the strengthening of ties with France particularly during the past year. Israel, he asserted, can and does assist the backward peoples of Asia and Africa and this assistance not only opened new vistas for Israel in the two continents but, ultimately would also break the "wall of hostility" of the Arabs. In the second decade of its existence, Israel must bring in her third million people and revive the wastelands of the Negev, he said. He called on world Jewry for a partnership of "deeds not words."

Ben Gurion Declares Himself First a Jew and Then an Israeli

Expressing his personal outlook, the Israel Premier told the members of the Zionist Actions Committee that he was first a Jew and then an Israeli, because the State of Israel was created for and by the merits of the Jewish people. "But the future of the Jewish people from now on depends on the existence, growth and strength of the State," he added.

Israel, he reiterated, does not represent any non-Israeli Jew, but every Jew is a member of the Jewish nation and the unity of nationality binds all Jews to a common historic, eternal fate. Even non-Israeli Jews in the free countries do not have freedom and full rights as men and as Jews, he asserted, adding that as a member of a minority, the Jew was dependent, knowingly or not, on the will of the majority. If he is religious, he does not observe some of the religious principles, and if he is secular, he assimilates wittingly or otherwise whether or not he believes in assimilation. Living in the confines of a non-Jewish majority, he is surrounded materially and spiritually in a non-Jewish atmosphere even where the environment is not unfriendly, said the Premier.

Thus, Mr. Ben Gurion continued, there is a "deep abyss" in the non-Israeli Jew, and in every Jewish heart there are tragic moments with the danger of complete annihilation always lurking. Only in Israel are Jews free as men and as Jews and only in Israel can the Jew find complete fulfillment and natural prospects of living as a Jew and as an individual without conflict, he said.

The State of Israel makes no distinction between the Jew who has just arrived, the veteran settler or the native born, he said. All have equal rights, he declared. From

this he drew the added point that there were no differences between the Jew abroad who supported immigration and upbuilding of the country for many years and the Jew who only recently gave help.

"The Third Jewish Commonwealth rallied the support of all Jews, thus making the wall between Zionist and non-Zionist crumble," he said. He was referring to the charter given the World Zionist Organization which says "Israel hopes for the cooperation of all Jews as individuals or groups."

Dr. Goldmann Takes Issue with Ben Gurion's Views

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, took issue with Premier Ben Gurion's argument that Israel was built only by its settlers, and that its fate depends entirely on its populace. Dr. Goldmann called the Premier's conception "unreal." Despite great achievements in many spheres, the State of Israel is still not yet consolidated and Israel for many years must have the cooperation of world Jewry, he said.

Taking exception to Mr. Ben Gurion's distinction between settlers, whom the Prime Minister called the builders, and Zionists, whom he called helpers, Dr. Goldmann warned that if non-Israeli Jews were relegated to the status of donors only, they would soon cease to donate. Non-Israeli Jews feel and want a role of being "junior partners" to take part in the historic responsibilities of building Israel, Dr. Goldmann said. Many Jews want to stay in their countries of residence and remain Jews, but their greatest Jewish content of life is Israel and this would be taken away if they were considered only donors, he stressed.

He warned that Mr. Ben Gurion's conception contained the danger of dividing the Jewish people into Israelis on the one hand and a conglomerate on the other who within 10 to 20 years would not understand each other. This threat, he added, was greater to the non-Zionist than to the Zionist, since the latter could be reconciled to the eventual fulfillment of the Zionist mission while the former would be unable to fill the void. He said the Ben Gurion approach was probably the cause of the present misunderstanding and the current gap in the interpretations of the spirit of the charter given to the World Zionist Organization.

Dr. Goldmann concluded by stating that regardless of the question of the validity of Mr. Ben Gurion's conception and interpretation of today's Zionist mission, the Premier who could say that he was first a Jew and second an Israeli would -- by placing the Jew foremost -- go down in history as the greatest Zionist leader of all time.

American Delegates Express Their Views at Actions Committee

JERUSALEM, July 21. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee split up into committees today to carry on the work of its session, following the conclusion this week-end of the general debate.

In the final session devoted to debate, Louis Segal, American member of the Jewish Agency executive, pointed out that much of American Jewry's efforts in behalf of Israel were carried on outside the Zionist movement. The question is, he continued, whether it's possible to incorporate the non-Zionist personalities and groups within the framework of the Zionist movement.

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Committee on Public Affairs, spoke of the positive atmosphere in the United States toward Israel as evidenced by the attitude of press and radio, despite increased Arab propaganda. Dr. Miller took issue with some of Premier David Ben Gurion's views.

Mrs. Judith Epstein of Hadassah insisted that American Jewry's aid to Israel was motivated by a deep love, rather than by philanthropy alone. To attract non-Zionists "to the fold," Mrs. Epstein said, the movement must work closer with them and both must make allowances for each other and not exaggerate criticism.

Dr. Sarah Feder, president of the Pioneer Women of America, expressed concern for the failure of American Zionist groups to grow. But she did credit Jewish women's organizations with an increase in various activities and urged that pioneering and cultural activities be brought to American Jews in outlying areas, particularly the Far West and the South.

Baruch Zuckerman saw a need for changing the relationship between the State of Israel and the Zionist movement, maintaining that matters will remain unclarified as long as there is no clear definition of the difference between a Zionist and non-Zionist friend of Israel. He asserted that millions of Jews in the Communist countries follow developments in Israel and "silently sympathize" with the Jewish State.

Zalman Shazar, speaking on educational activities of the Zionist movement, called for increased allocations for such activities outside Israel. P.L. Goldman of the Left Poale Zion asked for funds for large-scale education work among American youth. Mapam's Yitzhak Natani stressed the importance of Jewish schools abroad and urged that Jewish youth instructors in other countries be encouraged to come to Israel to study.

PROF. RAWIDOWICZ, LEADING JEWISH SCHOLAR, DIES AT WALTHAM UNIVERSITY

WALTHAM, Mass., July 21. (JTA) -- Prof. Simon Rawidowicz, one of the world's greatest authorities on Jewish philosophy and thought and an internationally renowned scholar, died here suddenly last night. He was 60. Chairman of the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies of Brandeis University and Philip W. Lown Professor of Hebrew Literature and Jewish Philosophy, Dr. Rawidowicz wrote in Hebrew, Yiddish, German and English.

A native of Grajewo, Poland, he lived in Germany until the rise of the Nazis then went to England and, in 1948, came to the United States. In England he lectured at the University of London and was chairman of the Hebrew Department at Leeds University. Before becoming associated with Brandeis, he taught at the College of Jewish Studies in Chicago.

A founder and first head of Brith Ivrit Olamith, Dr. Rawidowicz published over 20 volumes and had finished reading proof of his latest, unpublished work: "Babylon and Jerusalem," the first part of a planned series on the philosophy of Jewish history. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

JEWISH YOUTH LEADERS HOLD INTERNATIONAL PARLEY IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, July 21. (JTA) -- An international youth leaders camp session sponsored by the World Union for Progressive Judaism opened today at Vogelenzang, near Haarlem. Present at the session, which follows the close here of the biennial session of the World Union, will be Liberal youth leaders from the United States, Britain, Israel, France, South Africa, Germany, Brazil and Holland.

The election of Rabbi Jacob K. Shankman as chairman of the American board of the World Union was announced here this week-end by the Hon. Lily M. Montagu, president. Rabbi Shankman is spiritual leader of Temple Israel in New Rochelle, a Reform congregation.

DR. GOLDMANN HONORED BY ISRAEL JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION

JERUSALEM, July 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, was named today honorary member of the Israel Journalists Association.

Dr. Goldmann, who addressed the association's annual meeting at which he was honored, chided the Israeli press with being too partisan, though he gave it full credit for a top efficiency and a high ethical standard. The honorary presentation to Dr. Goldmann was made by Berl Coralnik, president of the association.

TRENTON MAYOR HONORED IN ISRAEL; GETS FIRST KEY TO ELATH

TEL AVIV, July 21. (JTA) -- The first key to the town of Elath was presented with fanfare today to Mayor Donald J. Connally of Trenton, New Jersey, who toured the southern port city as a guest of the Israel bond drive.

Back in Tel Aviv, Mayor Connally, who brought with him pledges from the Jewish community of Trenton for the purchase of \$250,000 in bonds, said he was greatly impressed by his tour of Israel's cities and major towns. He compared Haifa to Trenton as a port city and an industrial center.

AMERICAN VETERANS DELEGATION LEAVES ISRAEL; INVITES ISRAELIS TO U.S.

JERUSALEM, July 21. (JTA) -- A delegation of representatives of American veterans organizations, who toured Israel as part of President Eisenhower's "People to People" goodwill program, left Israel this week-end after five days.

The delegation invited Israeli veterans groups to send delegates to the conventions of the American groups. The leader of the American group, L.K. Gough, a past national commander of the American Legion, said that the visit had convinced his group of the "general desire for peace" in Israel.

Another distinguished visitor left Israel today. He was R. Chaundhry, vice president of the Pakistan Labor Federation, who said he was "convinced that Israel's desire for peace is genuine since no country can busy itself so much with building and not desire peace." A guest of the Histadrut, Mr. Chaundhry promised to convey his impressions of Israel to other Pakistani labor leaders.

AUSTRALIAN JEWS ASSURED BY GOVERNMENT OF FIRM SUPPORT TO ISRAEL

SYDNEY, July 21. (JTA) -- The Australian Government will continue to give the firmest support to Israel on the question of freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal, Richard G. Casey, Australian Minister for External Affairs, said here today.

Mr. Casey's views were expressed in a letter to Sidney Einfeld, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry. The latter was in response to resolutions from the Executive Council requesting Australian support of Israel's position on various international matters.