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STATE DEPT. WARNED AGAINST DISCUSSION OF CESSION OF ISRAEL TERRITORY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Embassy here has reiterated to the State Department that no proposal involving territorial cession by Israel has any chance whatever of being discussed or agreed to by Israel, it was learned here today.

The Israel stand was voiced again in connection with talks held during the last few days by Iraqi statesman Nuri as-Said who conferred with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and who is pushing the idea that Israel's boundaries must be shifted. In the Israeli view, a discussion of this subject would invoke controversy and conflict without affecting the actual position except to make it more tense.

Israeli officials have discerned no change in the American position which holds that it is inadvisable to raise an Arab-Israeli discussion internationally at a time when there is no reason to believe that progress towards agreement can be made.

Israeli circles here are not impressed by newspaper reports of an alleged Soviet initiative proposing a return to the 1947 partition plan. State Department sources also tend to minimize such reports as excessively "gloomy."

A State Department source said today that Nuri as-Said was assured that no basic decisions involving Iraqi or Baghdad Pact interests would be taken at the Paris NATO meeting without consultation with the nations directly concerned. Nuri had voiced concern lest the NATO meeting would consider support of Israel as an anti-Communist power.

The State Department position is that U.S. policy requires that this nation avoid taking decisions involving other nations without discussion with them.

(In New York, Senator Jacob K. Javits, speaking at an Israel Bond dinner, suggested that the NATO meeting in Paris should consider Arab-Israel tensions and problems. The dinner was given in honor of Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz and was attended by more than 1,000 national, state and city leaders.)

MOSLEM MEMBERS OF BAGHDAD PACT TO SEEK CHANGE OF ISRAEL BORDERS

ISTANBUL, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The four Moslem members of the Baghdad Pact will make a strong effort to secure action by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization at its Paris meeting this week-end for settlement of the Palestine problem on the basis of the United Nations partition plan of 1947, it was indicated today.

A communique issued here following the close last night of the two-day meeting of the four powers--Turkey, Pakistan, Iran and Iraq dealt with the Palestine situation. It pointed out that "it was agreed that the fact that the Palestine problem has not been solved in accordance with United Nations resolutions and with justice and equity is one of the main reasons of the present instability in the Middle East."

The communique stressed that full agreement had been reached by the four countries on "mutual problems." Turkish Premier Adnan Menderes, who will attend the NATO sessions in Paris, will report the group's views to the parley, the communique declared.

SPECIAL ISRAEL CONVOY TO MT. SCOPUS PASSED BY JORDAN; CARRIED FUEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- A special supply convoy carrying food and fuel went to Mount Scopus yesterday without incident. The convoy carried supplies replacing supplies for the Israel maintenance units on the hill which the Jordanians refused to pass through during the Jordan-Israel crisis three weeks ago.

U. N. ASSEMBLY VOTES \$40, 700, 000 BUDGET FOR ARAB REFUGEE RELIEF

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The United Nations General Assembly, in plenary session today, finalized this year's action in regard to Arab refugees by adopting a resolution calling for a \$40, 700, 000 budget for relief and rehabilitation work in behalf of Arab refugees for 1958. Without a roll call, the resolution passed by a vote of 52 in favor, none against, and 19 abstentions. The abstainers included the Arab and Soviet blocs.

J. D. C. ADOPTS \$28,591,000 BUDGET FOR 1958 ACTIVITIES; RE-ELECTS WARBURG

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- A budget of \$28,591,000 for operations during 1958 was voted here today at the annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee. The new budget calls for a \$2,000,000 increase over 1957 expenditures.

The new fiscal program includes a \$1,000,000 appropriation for "emergency aid to refugees." The largest single item is for \$12,000,000 to be spent on JDC's Malben welfare and medical program in Israel. The budget will be submitted to a conference this week-end of the United Jewish Appeal.

The JDC meeting reelected Edward M. M. Warburg chairman for the 13th successive year. Moses A. Leavitt was reelected executive vice chairman and Charles H. Jordan director general for overseas operations. A resolution adopted at the parley pledged the JDC's "continued and dedicated support to the UJA" and urged the American Jewish community to "bend its every effort to meet the needs now existing and which will inevitably arise."

Mr. Warburg recalled his wartime experiences when refugees told him that "those who died might have lived if only they had somewhere to go." He reminded the delegates of the case of the steamer "Struma" and its horrible loss of lives, and of the Nazi practice of dumping refugees in no-man's land where they had to remain "because no country would accept them."

He contrasted this situation with 1956 and 1957 when thousands of Jews fled across borders as refugees. "These refugees did not die, they lived," he declared. Mr. Warburg noted that while thousands "sought their future in other friendly countries, most went to Israel" which welcomed any who chose to go there.

George L. Warren, State Department adviser on refugees and displaced persons, told the conference that "we must face up to the realization that for the foreseeable future we will always have refugees in one part of the world or another."

He warned that "we must plan and budget not for refugee emergencies but for refugee normalcies. We must lay out plans both with respect to organization and with respect to providing means of assistance based on these assumptions. If we do not plan in this fashion, we are indicating in effect that we are prepared to permit thousands of refugees to suffer or to die every year."

Resolution Stresses Refugee Needs; Cites Aid to Repatriates in Poland

The resolution adopted at the meeting noted that "the great movements of refugees are now bound to carry over into 1958, and many of these refugees find themselves in camps and reception centers, more so than in any year since the height of the DP era, while other thousands are still seeking to integrate themselves into the economies of their new homelands."

Citing the JDC program for aid to 10,000 Jewish repatriates to Poland from Russia, the resolution adds that "this present number cannot help but give birth to the hope that we may--before long--be in a position to provide aid to others of the hundreds of thousands of Jews living now in Eastern Europe, in keeping with JDC's tradition of rescue and mercy."

The JDC activities for 1957 were reviewed by Mr. Leavitt and the JDC needs for 1958 were outlined by Mr. Jordan. James H. Becker, chairman of the JDC National Council, who presided at the afternoon session, pointed out that "a considerable number of JDC's officers are veterans of 20, 30 and 40 years of service," and declared: "I think that there is something extraordinary in this situation. I think that it reflects on the uniqueness of JDC and its mission, that the organization and its work could have successfully commanded our loyalty over so long a period of time, and despite all the other appeals to our time and energies."

U. J. A. NATIONAL CONFERENCE STARTS TODAY; TO DECIDE ON SPECIAL FUND

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Top leaders of Jewish communities throughout the country, convening here at the 20th annual national conference of the United Jewish Appeal, will decide tomorrow on recommendations for raising a special fund over and above the regular goal of the 1958 UJA campaign in order to guarantee the transfer of Jews from tension areas at the greatest and swiftest rate possible and carry forward the crucial immigrant absorption programs which already have swamped the facilities of Israel.

The more than 1,000 delegates will attend the three-day conference which opens tomorrow at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. They are expected to have the recommendation for a special fund placed before them tomorrow by the UJA overseas study mission, which recently returned from a survey of UJA-supported welfare, rescue and resettlement operations abroad. The report of the 100-man study mission made an impressive

presentation of the need for a special fund. If approved, it will be the third consecutive extra fund drive to be carried out by the UJA to cope with extraordinary rescue and re-settlement needs.

Calling for another special fund effort, the study mission report hailed the "supreme achievement of Israel's first decade--the taking in of more than 900,000 immigrants, and expressed pride in American Jewry's massive support which helped make that achievement possible. The report warned, however, that unless the Jews of America "redouble our efforts, not only will tens of thousands of immigrants in Israel be forced to live under impossible conditions, but future immigration will be imperilled."

Highlighting the conference will be an up-to-the minute report Saturday evening on Israel's progress and problems in immigrant absorption from one of the 10-year-old State's founders and leading statesmen, Moshe Sharett, former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister. Israel's Ambassador Abba S. Eban will introduce Mr. Sharett.

POLISH GOVERNMENT REPORTS EMIGRATION OF 29,000 JEWS THIS YEAR

VIENNA, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Approximately 29,000 Jews emigrated this year from Poland to Israel, according to official statistics issued today by the Government in Warsaw. The emigration was permitted, according to the official announcement, "in order to reunite families."

The National Minorities Commission of the Polish Communist Party has criticized the Ministry of Art and Culture for inadequate activities in the Yiddish language, according to a report from Warsaw reaching here today.

The Ministry had been ordered to intensify and expand its work among national minorities "in the mother tongue" of each minority group. It has been told by the Communist Party's Central Committee specifically to increase Yiddish lectures over the Polish radio, and to see to it that more books are published in the Yiddish language.

POLISH COURT SENTENCES THREE POLES TO DEATH FOR 'LIQUIDATING' JEWS

VIENNA, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Three Poles, convicted of annihilating Jews in camps and in ghettos during the Nazi occupation of Poland, were sentenced to death by a Polish court, according to a report in the Warsaw press reaching here.

The three--Sergei Bobko, Alexander Veronik and Alexander Leusch--were found guilty of participating in the "liquidation" of Jews in Baranovice, of "liquidating" the ghettos of Nieswicz, Herodiscza and other towns, and killing the entire Jewish population of Stolowicz. Their trial lasted about two weeks during which many Jews and non-Jews appeared as witnesses. Depositions were also read from former Polish Jews now in the Soviet Union and in Israel.

ANTI-JEWISH BIAS DECREASING IN U.S., ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE REPORTS

MIAMI BEACH, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Anti-Jewish discrimination in employment, education, housing and public accommodations has substantially decreased in this country, according to a report presented today at the five-day annual meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The meeting, which opened today, is being attended by 400 Jewish leaders from all parts of the country.

President Eisenhower, in a message to the meeting, lauded the activities of the Anti-Defamation League. "Your good work over the 44 years," the President said, "has brought strength to the national community by educating our citizens to overcome the evils of prejudice. By advancing the concept of equality for all, and by nurturing the roots of freedom, you have helped to make our land a better place to live in."

Delegates at the meeting will also receive a report on the newest developments in efforts to include more religion in public schools, and a policy statement by the ADL revising its earlier stand.

1960 FEDERAL CENSUS WILL NOT INCLUDE QUESTION ON RELIGION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The 1960 U.S. census of population will not include an inquiry on religion. This decision was announced today by director Robert W. Burgess of the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce.

The primary reason for this decision, Dr. Burgess said, was recognition that at this time a considerable number of citizens would be reluctant to answer such a question in the census where a reply is mandatory.

Jewish organizations and other groups concerned with basic liberties had protested to the government against the inclusion of a question on the 1960 census that would legally require persons to state their religion. (In New York, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, hailed the dropping of the religious question as a "victory for traditional American freedom.")

AMERICAN-ISRAEL TRADE EXPECTED TO REACH \$250,000,000 IN 1958

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- United States-Israel business relations are expected to increase substantially next year and possibly reach the \$250,000,000 mark in 1958 according to Meir Sherman, Israel Minister for Economic Affairs in the U.S. Mr. Sherman made this prediction addressing a members' luncheon of the American Israel Chamber of Commerce here yesterday.

The Israel Minister based his expectations both on a projection into next year of constant developments in U.S.-Israel commercial relations, as well as on several factors which would be manifest in 1958. Stressing that Israel's scrupulous honoring of its obligations were the foundation on which commercial and financial relations developed, he said that growth of foreign trade was a natural parallel of his country's economic development in terms of production, investments and population.

By the end of its tenth anniversary year, Mr. Sherman stated, Israel's purchases in the U.S. would approach a total of about one billion dollars--underscoring Israel's position as America's best customer in the Middle East and a leading customer--on a per capita basis--as compared with any other country.

In the period 1949-1957, he said, United States exports to Israel totalled some \$793,000,000, and he anticipated a volume of \$130,000,000--30 percent more than this year--in 1958. By the end of Israel's tenth anniversary year, in May 1959, the over-all total could thus approach the \$1,000,000,000 mark. Israel's sales to the United States were also expected to increase and reach some \$22,000,000 in 1958.

AMERICAN LABOR CONVENTION URGES U.S. TO ASSURE SECURITY FOR ISRAEL

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- The American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, at its convention here today adopted a declaration asking the United States to use its influence in the United Nations to provide protection to Israel as a country surrounded by enemy nations.

"Shifting from appeasement of Nasser to the appeasement of King Saud hardly constitutes an adequate policy for the Middle East," the declaration read. "There are elements in this region more vital and more combustible than oil." The declaration then urged the United States Government:

1. To propose within the United Nations the convening of an emergency conference of all countries in the Middle East for the purpose of eliminating the disputes in this explosive area that now threaten the peace of the entire world.
2. To seek immediate establishment by the United Nations of an initial fund of \$500,000,000 to be extended for the solution of the Arab refugee problem.
3. To take immediate and positive steps in concert with the United Nations to prevent outbreaks of aggression in the Middle East and to lay the basis for peaceful relations among the countries of that area based upon the following principles: mutual respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty; non-aggression; non-interference in internal affairs; equality in relationships with one another, and regional economic cooperation and development.

In another resolution, the AFL-CIO convention greeted the Histadrut in Israel, expressed "pride" in the friendship and support which has marked the relationship between the United States and Israel, looked forward "with confidence" to an extension and deepening of this friendship "so that Israel may continue its dynamic progress in peace and freedom," and called upon the United States "to take all measures to ensure the economic growth and the independence of Israel."

JEWISH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTED DEVELOPING IN EUROPE

CLEVELAND, Dec. 12. (JTA) -- Progress in most Western European countries in the development of Jewish community organization was reported here by Henry L. Zucker, executive director of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. Mr. Zucker has just completed a six-week mission for the Joint Distribution Committee in Europe.

He told the 54th annual meeting of the Federation that in most of the countries, the leadership is thinking of a voluntary, central community organization leadership and was hopeful of becoming self-maintaining and helpful to Jews elsewhere. He pointed out that the experience of United States federations could be helpful to the European communities but could not be followed exactly. "France," Mr. Zucker said, "holds the key to the development of Western Europe Jewish population. The crucial task is welding the key volunteer group committed to community work."

Max Simon, president of the Federation, presided at the meeting at which Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner spoke on the unifying force of federation. The federation's non-sectarian award, named for Charles Eisenman, its first president, was presented to John A. Greene, chairman of the board of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company.