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U.S. RELATIONS WITH NASSER REPORTED IMPROVING BY SECRETARY DULLES

WASHINGTON, April 15. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dulles told a press conference today that United States relations with the United Arab Republic are improving. He said that there has been considerable moderation in the tone of the UAR press and radio toward the United States.

Mr. Dulles said that some Egyptian money is frozen in the United States to protect American shippers involved in the Suez Canal controversy, but he has some reason to believe the Suez Canal Company and Egypt will come closer together in a coming meeting and, if so, the United States will reconsider unfreezing Egyptian assets.

Secretary Dulles said he was not sure that unrest in the Middle East is currently intensified, and disputed a reporter's question which referred to "growing unrest" in the region. He said there had been considerable unrest in the Middle East for some time, but that he was not sure it was now intensified. He said it was difficult to evaluate and he had no way of appraising recent political developments in the Gaza Strip, Lebanon and in UAR relations with other Arab states.

Eisenhower, Dulles Reported Moving towards Conciliation with Nasser

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- "President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles have formulated a drastically changed policy for dealing with Egyptian dictator Nasser and his United Arab Republic," Newsweek magazine reports. "Designed to improve U.S. relations with Nasser, the plan will go into effect immediately," the report states.

The plan calls for the U.S. to remove the restrictions it imposed on Egypt as a result of Nasser's nationalization of the Suez Canal in 1956, "the report reveals. Specifically, this will unfreeze Egyptian assets in the U.S., which amount to about \$30,000,000, and resume American Export Lines calls at Alexandria. At the same time, Washington will provide solemn diplomatic assurances that the U.S. is not out to 'get Nasser' and has no interest in building up another Arab leader to rival him in the Middle East."

Other moves under consideration by the U.S. include "providing the nationalized Suez Canal Authority with U.S. Army dredges for moving silt and deepening the 105-mile waterway," Newsweek states. It adds that the U.S. Corps of Engineers owns one of the world's largest dredges and has agreed to make it available to Egypt for up to six months at a time. "The U.S. Government will also release road-building equipment ordered by Egypt but now held up by the U.S. pending settlement of the Suez Canal Co. stockholders' claims for compensation from Egypt. It will institute a CARE program to provide Egypt with U.S. surplus food."

"After another waiting period to test Nasser's reaction to these various moves, it would add the United Arab Republic to the group of nations considered eligible for U.S. economic grants, loans, and eventually military aid," the report declares. It says that "the new approach is admittedly something of a gamble, but Washington hopes Nasser can be brought to realize he could ultimately be supported by the free world as a neutral and uncommitted Arab leader."

Israel Has No Fear, Unless Nasser Given Outside Help, Says Ben Gurion

The same issue of Newsweek carries an exclusive interview with Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion stating he has no fear of Nasser's Arab states "provided they do not receive outside help from other powers." Ben Gurion is also quoted as stating that "Israel might conceivably enter the Arab state on a federal or confederal basis, if there's ever any settlement between Israel and the Arabs."

The Israel Premier expressed belief that Russia "does not consciously want another world war" and that the U.S. could bring lasting peace in the Middle East nearer if it would make it "clear to the whole world that it really intended to preserve the territorial integrity of all peoples in the Middle East. The Arabs would know they cannot count on help from the outside and would thus be deterred from committing aggression."

The Eisenhower Doctrine "is not sufficiently direct and to the point," Mr. Ben Gurion said. "What is needed is a new doctrine, or a clear statement of intent such as that made during the recent Soviet-Turkish difficulties. At that time the U.S. was sharp and clear,

stating it regarded an attack on Turkey as an attack on the U.S. Rather than military help from the U.S., we want America to deter aggressors. This would be a major step, perhaps the biggest that could be made at this time. And also, with the clearing of the atmosphere, America would have less troubles," he emphasized.

ARMISTICE COMMISSION CENSURES ISRAEL FOR SHELLS LANDING IN JORDAN

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- Israel was censured today by the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission because its troops training near the Jordanian border had inadvertently fired across the line into a Jordanian village.

The MAC charged that two artillery shells had landed in the village of Beitsra on April 2. The UN chairman of the unit called for strict measures to prevent recurrences of such incidents.

JORDAN TO DELIVER TWO "DISAPPEARED" GERMAN CORRESPONDENTS TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- Two German correspondents who apparently inadvertently crossed into Jordan when they left their Elath hotel for a stroll about the Gulf of Akaba port are safe and sound in the hands of Jordanian authorities, Israeli officials learned today.

The couple, Hans Germani of the Hamburg newspaper Der Spiegel and Miss Helgard Regina Otto, a German journalism student, will be handed over to the Israeli authorities tonight at the Mandelbaum Gate here. They had not been heard from for several days after leaving their possessions in the hotel and disappearing.

HISTADRUT TO SPLIT SOLEL BONEH INTO THREE SEPARATE ENTERPRISES

TEL AVIV, April 15. (JTA) -- A plenary session of the Histadrut executive approved today a proposal by secretary general Pinchas Lavon to split Solel Boneh, its huge construction cooperative, into three separate enterprises. The decision capped two weeks of cross discussion and debate in the executive and among Solel Boneh directors. The debate continued late into the night.

The three units will consist of an autonomous corporation to handle building activities in Israel, a company to handle Solel Boneh's industrial commitments and a company to handle contracting of various kinds overseas. The management of each of the three units, as well as a coordinating council for them, will be named by Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut's general holding company.

Solel Boneh gross last year 140,000,000 Israeli pounds, excluding the gross receipts of its industrial corporations which amounted to another 115,000,000 pounds. In addition to the Solel Boneh executives who opposed the split, the representatives of the left-wing parties on the Histadrut board--Achdut Avodah and Mapam--objected to it. The majority of the Mapai and Progressives on the board favored the move.

ECONOMIC RECESSION WILL AFFECT ISRAELI EXPORTS, TRADE MINISTER SAYS

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- Exports during the first quarter of 1958 totalled \$59,800,000 as compared to \$54,400,000 during January-March, 1957. Imports during this period were some five percent below that of the corresponding year, it was reported here today.

Despite this showing it is feared that export estimates for 1958-59 will fall short of the expected \$160,000,000. The Minister of Trade and Industry, Pinchas Saphir, told a press conference here that the economic recession and the general decrease in world prices will undoubtedly affect Israeli trade. The country's light industries, textiles and chemical products were expected to earn some \$11,000,000 over last year's exports and it is in these branches that estimates will fall short, the Minister stated.

JORDAN REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE SAMARITANS AS A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- The Jordanian Cabinet has rejected an application from the 400 Samaritans living in Jordan territory requesting that they be recognized as an independent religious community, it was reported today from Amman.

The Samaritans, congregated in the Nablus area, have lived in the same area since the days of the Kings of Israel and have achieved historical recognition for their strict observance of the injunctions of the Torah. Next week, some 120 Samaritans living in Israel will cross the Jordan lines to join the other Samaritans for the traditional Passover sacrificial observance on Mount Gerizim.

U.S. EXPERT ELECTED DEAN OF CIVIL ENGINEERING FACULTY AT TECHNION

HAIFA, April 15. (JTA) -- Dr. J.G. Zeitlen, United Nations expert in soil mechanics at the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, has been elected Dean of the Faculty of Civil Engineering, it was announced today.

MOSCOW CHIEF RABBI REJECTS INVITATION TO JERUSALEM CEREMONIES

JERUSALEM, April 15. (JTA) -- Chief Rabbi J. L. Levin of Moscow and Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen of Bucharest have cabled their regrets at being unable to attend the forthcoming opening of the new Supreme Religious Center in Jerusalem which will house the offices of the Chief Rabbinate and other religious functionaries, it was announced today.

The formal inauguration ceremonies will be held here May 8, on Lag Bomer, in the presence of Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi, both Israeli Chief Rabbis and 12 Chief Rabbis from Jewish communities across the world. Among the guests of honor will be British philanthropist Isaac Wolfson, who contributed two-thirds of the \$3,000,000 cost of the center.

One of the most imposing structures in this city, the new religious center is set in a park and has its own amphitheatre for outdoor events. It will include, beside the offices of the rabbinate scattered throughout the city, a central religious library and a museum of sacred objects.

3,000 BESSARABIAN JEWS DEMAND FROM RUMANIA REUNION OF FAMILIES

TEL AVIV, April 15. (JTA) -- More than 3,000 former Bessarabian Jews met here last night to demand that the Rumanian Government allow the reunion of Rumanian Jewish families some of whose members are in Israel and the others still in Rumania.

Among the 3,000 were representatives of Bessarabian Jews who were now living in 11 countries across the world. Among the speakers at the meeting were Knesset Speaker Joseph Sprinzak, Tel Aviv Mayor Chaim Levanon and Jewish Agency executive member Meir Grossman.

GERMAN COURT CUTS PENSION OF EX-NAZI PROSECUTOR; SOUGHT DEATH FOR JEWS

KIEL, Germany, April 15. (JTA) -- A German disciplinary court has cut in half the 1,300 deutschmarks a month previously paid as a pension to the former top Nazi prosecutor, 70-year-old Ernst Lautz. Action on the Lautz case came after Social Democrats and other members of Parliament raised the question of the war criminals pension.

Dr. Lautz, who during 1942 and 1943 asked for nearly 400 death sentences in the Nazi courts, many of them uncalled for even under Nazi legislation, was convicted by an Allied war crimes tribunal of responsibility for the death of many persons, including Jews. He was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment but was released after serving six years, and since then has been on pension as a former civil servant.

GENERAL ELECTIONS IN ITALY SET FOR SHEVUOTH; JEWS IN PREDICAMENT

ROME, April 15. (JTA) -- Scheduling of the Italian general elections for May 25 and 26 has presented the Jewish community with an important problem because these days coincide with Shevuoth when Jews are forbidden to work or write and therefore cannot mark their ballots.

Since Italian law classifies voting as a duty as well as a right, the Rabbinical Council and the Union of Italian Jewish Communities is searching for a method whereby Jews may vote without violating religious requirements. Suggestions, thus far, include: a request for postponement of the final election day until a few hours after sundown, or permitting a Jewish voter to have a non-Jew with him to mark the ballot as instructed. The latter device is normally used to allow sick and disabled citizens to vote.

BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS WATCHES ACTIVITIES OF MOSLEYITES

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- An analysis of speeches at recent meetings of Sir Oswald Mosley's Union Movement indicates that the fascist group is concentrating on the current economic situation and preparing its propaganda with an eye to the threatening recession, it was reported here today by the Jewish Defense Committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

It was proposed to deal with the threat of Mosley's group by appealing to individual owners of public halls to deny him use of their facilities.

The report also disclosed that a number of MP's had received offensive Nazi-type propaganda which pretended to come from Ku Klux Klan sources. Upon investigation, the defense committee said, all the propaganda was traced to one individual. A similar situation in reference to KKK material was found 18 months ago, but a different person was responsible for the "campaign."

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF BRITAIN BARS SOCCER UNIT TOUR OF ISRAEL

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- The Football Association of Britain has withheld permission for the Sheffield United, a soccer team, to tour Israel next month, owing to the tense Middle East situation. The club had planned to play three exhibition matches in Israel. The association has agreed, however, to reconsider the bid again later in the month.

ANNIVERSARY OF WARSAW GHETTO REVOLT BEING OBSERVED IN MANY LANDS

PARIS, April 15. (JTA) -- A meeting marking the 15th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Revolt was held here today under the auspices of the Memorial for the Unknown Jewish Martyr.

The meeting, which also memorialized the six million Jews martyred by the Nazis, was addressed by Sen. Daniel Mayer and Sen. Leo Hamon. Several of the small band of survivors of the hand to hand and street to street battle of the Jews against Nazi elite troops, tanks and artillery participated in the meeting.

VIENNA, April 15. (JTA) -- The 15th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Battle will be observed in Prague this week under the joint sponsorship of the Prague Jewish Community and the Council of Jewish Communities of Bohemia and Moravia, it was reported here today.

The main commemoration meeting will be addressed by Berl Mark, director of the Jewish Historical Institute of Warsaw. A film made in the ghetto will be shown, poetry and songs will be recited and sung. The April edition of "World Literature," a monthly publication for Czechoslovak authors, features anti-fascist poems by Vladimir Szlengel, a Jewish writer who died fighting in the ghetto uprising.

LONDON, April 15. (JTA) -- Abraham Moss, former Mayor of Manchester, left here today as a delegate of the Board of Deputies of British Jews to the official observance in Warsaw Saturday of the 15th anniversary of the Jewish uprising in the Warsaw Ghetto.

It is hoped here that Mr. Moss will be able to raise with the Polish authorities about the treatment accorded Jews repatriated from the USSR to Poland. The Board of Deputies is concerned about the reception of the returnees.

BRUSSELS, April 15. (JTA) -- Representatives of King Baudouin, members of the Belgian Cabinet and a number of foreign diplomats here participated in the observance of the 14th anniversary of the liberation of Belgium.

The observance consisted of a "pilgrimage" to the site of the former Breendonck concentration camp. This time ashes from the Ravensbruck concentration camp, where many Belgian Jews died, were transferred to Breendonck and laid to rest. Catholics, Protestants and Jews participated in the ceremonies.

DIPLOMATS OF MANY NATIONS TO ATTEND B'NAI B'RITH DINNER HONORING EBAN

WASHINGTON, April 15. (JTA) -- Washington's Embassy row will be represented Sunday at a B'nai B'rith dinner honoring Israel Ambassador Abba Eban. Diplomats of 11 nations will participate with members of Congress, and officials of the White House and State Department in the formal event marking Israel's tenth anniversary.

Ambassador Eban will be awarded the B'nai B'rith President's Medal by B'nai B'rith president Philip M. Klutznick. The Ambassador is being cited for his "humanitarian contributions to the welfare and advancement of the Jewish community."

PLAQUES UNVEILED IN TEL AVIV FOR U.S. DIPLOMATS WHO SERVED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 15. (JTA) -- Two plaques honoring the memories of United States diplomats who served in Israel were unveiled here today at a ceremony at ZOA House.

They were Dr. Lincoln B. Hale, former head of the U.S. Operations Mission in Israel, who died in the United States while delivering a lecture on Israel, and Dr. Thomas H. McGrail, former cultural attache at the U.S. Embassy here, who was killed in an air crash in the Pacific Ocean. John J. Hagerty, current director of the U.S. Mission here, was one of the speakers.

RAFAEL ROBINS, U.S. PHILANTHROPIST, PRESENTS \$50,000 TO ISRAEL INSTITUTION

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- Rafael Robins, of Southbridge, Mass., today presented a \$50,000 check to the Israel Consulate here as contribution to a home for the aged in Hederah which will be named for his late wife, Deborah. Robins has also financed the building of the modern building of the Slobodker Yeshiva in B'nai B'rak, Israel, the dormitory of which is also named for his wife.

WALTER SOLOMON, VENEZUELAN JEWISH LEADER, DIES IN CARACAS

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- Walter Solomon, Venezuelan Jewish leader, died this week in Caracas, the United Hias Service reported here today. His wife, who fled Hitlerism in Germany, is the representative of the United Hias in Venezuela and is now in New York conferring with organization leaders on refugee matters.