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ISRAEL MAY ASK U.S. FOR JET PLANES TO BALANCE ARMS GIVEN TO ARABS

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- Israel will ask the United States to balance the Middle East arms situation upset by the Anglo-American decision to send 50 jet planes to three pro-Western Arab states, the Israeli press predicted here today.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, asked for comment on the decision to send modern fighter craft to Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq, said: "Israel's attitude against the supply of arms to any Arab country is well known." It is understood that consultations are being held in the Foreign Ministry on how Israel will react to the Anglo-American move.

U.S. JEWRY WILL NOT SURVIVE WITHOUT LINK WITH ISRAEL, BEN GURION SAYS

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- World Jewry, particularly American Jewry, will not be able to survive without an intimate link with Israel, Premier David Ben Gurion asserted today. He voiced this warning at a ceremony where he was awarded the Hadassah's tenth annual Henrietta Szold Humanitarian Award.

Three thousand persons, including Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi and 400 members of the American women's Zionist organization, watched while United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson and Miss Loula Lasker, chairman of Hadassah's award committee, presented the award to Mr. Ben Gurion. The Premier will donate the \$1,000 which accompanies the award to Sifrei Mofet, a publishing house which translates world classics into Hebrew.

Premier Ben Gurion insisted that religion was no longer, and had not been for decades, a bond uniting and consolidating all Jews. Specifically dealing with the American Jewish community, the Premier cited the decline of Yiddish and the fact that most American Jews speak English as evidence supporting this thesis.

Synagogue and temple allegiance in the United States, he continued, is chiefly formal. Only a small proportion of the people who attend synagogue are familiar with the 613 Commandments of the Jewish faith, he said. Assimilation has developed to the extent that 90 percent of America's younger Jewish generation does not know anything about Judaism, Mr. Ben Gurion maintained.

"Never was such a great Jewish community in such danger of gentle extinction as American Jewry today," he said. "If this great historic miracle had not taken place in our time and the State of Israel had not risen, the great majority of the Jews of the United States would have been left without any bond to Judaism."

The link between Israel and the Jews of America and other lands, the Premier said, is not confined to immigration but includes an attachment to the sources of Judaism, a knowledge of the Hebrew language and literature and an overall knowledge of the Bible in the original. "It also means," he said, "local support to Israel in its political struggle and its work for development and absorption."

Mr. Ben Gurion described the Zionist movement in America as confined to the older generation, and charged that "it is a movement what does not know what to say to the younger generation." Reiterating his oft expressed belief in the historic mission of Israel, he said that if the country can live in peace and freedom, it will be "a light unto the nations."

In his address, Ambassador Lawson compared Mr. Ben Gurion to Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln, pointing out that like them the Israeli leader had "met destiny head on and unafraid. He dreamed the patriot's dream, which sees beyond the years. He has striven mightily for the Israel of this day and this hour. He belongs to Israel, he belongs to America, he belongs to the world wherever men of good faith labor for the common good of all."

Premier Ben Gurion paid warm tribute to the work of Hadassah in the past 40 years. He recalled his close association with Miss Szold, whom he ranked with the great leaders of American Zionism--Louis D. Brandeis, Dr. Judah Magnes, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

PALESTINE ARAB REFUGEES SEEK TALKS "WITH ANY COUNTRY" ON THEIR FATE

GENEVA, June 12. (JTA) -- The Palestine Arab refugees living in transit camps in a number of Arab states in the Middle East have decided to take matters into their own hands and seek a solution of their economic problems through direct negotiations "with any country."

This disclosure of the refugees' determination to act in their own behalf, without tying their fate to the wordy political pronouncements of the Arab states leaders, was made public here for the first time today. The announcement to correspondents came after a top secret meeting here last month of refugee representatives who set up a non-political organization to enter into such negotiations.

The ten Arabs at the meeting claimed to speak for some 900,000 men, women and children scattered through Syria, the Gaza Strip, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf states. They elected 39-year-old Tewfik S. Toukan, a former Jaffa landowner, as their spokesman.

"We are ready," Mr. Toukan told correspondents today, "to sit together with any country under the control of the United Nations to find a justifiable solution of our case which will enable the refugees to better their economic conditions." He added that no one, except the refugees themselves, could represent them on the following questions:

1. Direct refugee development; 2. A settlement regarding Arab property now in the hands of the Israel custodian abandoned Arab property; and, 3. Limited resettlement schemes for those Arab refugees willing to accept resettlement on a United Nations indemnity basis rather than return to Palestine.

Mr. Toukan revealed that he sent a letter to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold outlining these points. In part, that letter declared: "According to the wishes of the overwhelming majority of the Palestine Arab refugees we have opened in Geneva a non-governmental office for Palestine refugees to deal with personal problems of the refugees and their legal rights, independent of any political solution."

U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL CALLS FOR PATIENCE IN ARAB-ISRAEL SITUATION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 12. (JTA) -- A plea for a "new kind of patience" in the Arab-Israel conflict was voiced at a press conference here today by United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold.

Declaring that he still feels there is a "fundamental will to peace," in the Middle East, he stressed that there is no conflict between that view and the fact that a serious shooting incident occurred late last month in the Mt. Scopus area.

"I know both sides very well," he stated in reiterating his old assertion. "I did call in the statement which I issued on May 26 for a change in attitude. Short of less self-assertion, short of an on-the-spot defensive attitude in an area where people stand very closely together, a new kind of patience must operate. However, this has nothing to do with the fundamental will to peace."

Mr. Hammarskjold said he will send early next month to the Security Council a complete report on the incident atop Mt. Scopus on May 26 in which Lt. Col. George A. Flint and four Israeli policemen died. The report will contain not only the results of the fact-finding investigation of the incident by the UN Truce Supervision Organization, but, according to Mr. Hammarskjold, will also place the incident "in perspective, relating it to antecedents."

U. N. OBSERVERS MOVED FROM ISRAEL TO LEBANON TO WATCH SITUATION

JERUSALEM, June 12. (JTA) -- The first contingent of United Nations observers moved into Lebanon today from Israel less than 24 hours after the Security Council ordered a border watch to keep out intruders and arms from the United Arab Republic.

The first group of officers included a New Zealander, two Swedes, and two Italians. They drove from Israel into South Lebanon and then headed for Beirut. Five more officers are expected from Israel later today or tomorrow. Awaiting them in Beirut was David Blickenstass, former director of the UN office in Paris, who will be secretary of the new group.

The 10 officers are from the UN Palestine truce group. Reflecting the urgent view the Council took of the Lebanese situation, Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold ordered them to Lebanon immediately to serve until he can recruit a separate organization from UN members. He sent recruiting calls to a number of nations.

HAMMARSKJOLD SEEKS \$20,000,000 TO COVER COST OF U. N. EMERGENCY FORCE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 12. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold today circulated a special report he has prepared for the next session of the General Assembly dealing with the United Nations Emergency Force, and calling for an estimated expenditure for UNEF totalling \$20,000,000 in 1958. In his report, Mr. Hammarskjold stated he drew up his figures on the assumption that "the Force will continue to function throughout the year on its present basis."

RUMANIA DENOUNCED FOR ARBITRARY HALTING OF EMIGRATION OF JEWS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government's arbitrary halting of emigration of Jews from Rumania to Israel was denounced here today by Itzhak Korn, president of the Association of Rumanian Jews in Israel, who is now visiting the United States. Mr. Korn emphasized that though the Rumanian authorities permitted 40,206 Jews to leave for Israel in 1951, in subsequent years the number was reduced to a trickle of a few hundred.

This ban on emigration has inflicted inhuman hardships on families, of which some members were permitted to emigrate while others were forced to stay behind, Mr. Korn stated. The emigration policy followed by the Rumanian Government even in the years of considerable emigration has resulted in splitting tens of thousands of families, he explained.

In response to applications for passports and exit permits made on behalf of entire families, passports and exit permits were issued that failed to include certain members of the family, he reported. "More often than not the younger members were not included. Parents were permitted to leave, while their adult children, their supporters and providers, were denied that permission. In hundreds of cases husbands were separated from their wives, exit permits having been granted to one of the spouses only.

"Requests and appeals to the Rumanian authorities to permit the entire family to leave together, elicited the promise that before long the other members of the family would be permitted to leave as well. The Rumanian Government repeatedly assured the Jewish Community that emigrations would be permitted without restriction of age or profession.

Government Charged with Breaking Promises to Jews

"The assurances and promises have not been honored," Mr. Korn stressed. Moreover, even when the delays in issuing the exit permits to other members of the family aroused suspicion as to the sincerity and reliability of the Government's promises, a process had already been set in motion that forced those who got the permits to depart alone. There was the warning of the Passport Directorate that passports not utilized within the specified time would be withdrawn without any possibility of renewal.

"The great majority of the prospective emigrants had to sell most of their belongings to defray the overcharged shipping fares as well as the exorbitant dues and taxes in the procurement of the many documents connected with emigration. Having been dismissed from their jobs on submitting the application for emigration, and their apartments having been taken over by the police with the issuance of the passports, they had no other way but to leave without the other members of the family," Mr. Korn reported.

It is estimated that some 11,000-12,000 families in Rumania and Israel have been split in 1949-1951 emigration. These are husbands separated from their wives, aged and to a great extent sick parents from their children, and other close relatives dependent on each other striving and yearning to be reunited in Israel. The Rumanian Legion in Israel and the Government offices in Rumania are flooded with thousands of applications and petitions to let spouses, parents and children, brothers and sisters, be reunited with their dear ones in Israel, Mr. Korn stated.

In January 1955 the Rumanian Government gave assurances that prompt action would be taken to let relatives rejoin their kin in Israel. Similar assurances have subsequently been given to many delegations which addressed themselves to Rumanian representatives abroad. As indicated by the immigration figures, only a few families have since been reunited in Israel.

SLAUGHTER BILL OPPOSED BY DEFENSE AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENTS

WASHINGTON, June 12. (JTA) -- The Department of Defense and the Department of Agriculture are both opposed to the humane slaughter bill now pending in Congress, it was learned here today. The bill, which will be considered next week by the Senate Agriculture Committee, is also opposed by Orthodox Jewish groups in the United States who view the measure as a threat to Shechitah, Jewish ritual slaughter.

Opposition on the part of the Departments of Defense and Agriculture is based on the fact that the legislation would require the U.S. Government to buy meat only from companies that adhere to slaughter requirements as specified in the bill. A feeling exists that the price of meat would increase and all sorts of complications result if the pending legislation is adopted.

Further study of the matter has been urged by officials of the Executive Branch and agencies of the government. It was believed that committee members were reluctant about passage and not convinced of the desirability of the bill. Although they approve of its broad intent, a feeling exists that the measure would cause much difficulty and expense. The meat industry maintains generally that the bill is unnecessary and undesirable, claiming that present methods in wide use fulfill its intent.

Congressional sources today reported that pressure to pass the measure has been tremendous with thousands of letters deluging the Capitol from all over the nation.

SEN. LEHMAN REPORTS ON ACHIEVEMENTS OF ISRAEL ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, June 12. (JTA) -- The American Committee for Israel's Tenth Anniversary Celebration has "fully accomplished its mission," and its impact upon public opinion in the United States "far exceeds the expectations and hopes," former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman said today. Mr. Lehman, who is general chairman of the Committee, made the statement at a press conference before departing for Europe.

Because of the Committee's work, Mr. Lehman said, "the widest sections of our American population know now not only that Israel wants peace and security but also they understand now that the security of the United States depends upon the security of Israel." The principal theme of the Committee's work, he said, "was and is the intimate ties between the United States and Israel and the importance of Israel to the free world as a democratic force."

There is no doubt, he said, that the committee could say firmly: "Mission accomplished." He emphasized that the Committee "received a heartening response" in the following ways, among others:

"1. In the responsiveness of the distinguished personalities to participation in the national programs of the American Committee.

"2. In the extraordinary willingness of every medium of public communication--press, radio, television, motion pictures--to identify itself with Israel on her tenth anniversary and to project her programs.

"3. In the remarkable fashion in which the entire Jewish community, despite organizational difficulties, joined in advancing the purposes of the American Committee on the national local levels.

"4. In the readiness of hundreds of communities in the United States to mark Israel's tenth anniversary in some representative form.

"5. In the desire of so many thousands of Americans to see at first hand Israel's development, which has produced an influx of individual visits to Israel, organizational tours, religious pilgrimages and visits by political personalities.

"When one considers the limitations of our budget, the smallness of our staff and the lack of a field staff, we have a right to assume that in evoking the response which we have evoked, we were drawing to the surface feelings that were there waiting to be made visible," Sen. Lehman stressed.

JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS N. J. LEGISLATURE TO DEFEAT SUNDAY CLOSING BILL

NEWARK, N. J., June 12. (JTA) -- The New Jersey Legislature was called upon today to defeat a Sunday closing bill which was reported favorably yesterday by the State Assembly's Public Welfare and Health Committee. The call against passage of the bill was issued here by Adrian M. Unger, president of the New Jersey region of the American Jewish Congress. The bill is scheduled to come up for a vote in the Legislature at Trenton next Monday.

The selection of Sunday as the only recognized day of rest "is a flagrant attempt to establish the tenets of a particular sectarian creed as incumbent upon all residents of this State," Mr. Unger declared. Failure to exempt from the Sunday closing law those who observe another religious day of rest, said Mr. Unger, jeopardizes "the freedom of conscience of a large segment of the New Jersey religious community."

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY REPORTS \$8,493,764 INCOME DURING ACADEMIC YEAR

WALTHAM, Mass., June 12. (JTA) -- Abraham Feinberg of New York, chairman of the Brandeis University Board of Trustees, announced that the University's income for the academic year now closing was \$8,493,764, the largest one-year total in the University's history.

Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis, said the commencement exercises last week ended the University's tenth year as the completion of a phase and the beginnings of a new era for the University. "We now pass," he noted, "from the small college to the small university ideal."

ISRAELI BOY BECOMES MAYOR OF HAIFA FOR ONE DAY; GETS KEYS OF CITY

HAIFA, June 12. (JTA) -- Fifteen-year-old Gideon Tory was Mayor of Haifa for the day today while other teen-age members of the Haifa Youth Council were installed as municipal department heads under the guidance of the permanent adult officials.

The young mayor and city councillors expressed particular concern over the problems of more playgrounds and more equipment for schools. Mayor Abba Choushi handed over the keys of the city to young Tory. The youth council will serve as an advisory body on youth problems to the city fathers for the entire year.