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STATE DEPT. ANNOUNCES U.S. STAND ON PASSAGE OF ISRAEL CARGO THROUGH SUEZ

WASHINGTON, July 8. (JTA) -- The State Department today informed 25 United States Senators -- in response to their concern over Egyptian restrictions on the movement of Israeli cargoes through the Suez Canal -- that "the U.S. Government's position with respect to the unrestricted use of the canal is clear and unequivocal." Referring to a question of a loan to Egypt to widen the canal, the State Department said there was awareness of "freedom of transit" issue.

The State Department made known its views in response to a joint telegram addressed to President Eisenhower by a bi-partisan group of 25 Senators. The Senators voiced concern to the President regarding developments involving the Suez Canal. William Macomber, Assistant Secretary of State, replied for the White House.

Mr. Macomber told the Senators: "While the efforts at settlement currently being undertaken by the United Nations, supported by the United States and other powers, would appear for the present to constitute the most effective means of seeking a satisfactory solution, you may be assured that we will continue to take every appropriate measure which may contribute to a resolution of this problem."

He pointed out that the American executive director of International Bank for Reconstruction and Development "is aware of developments in this matter and is also conversant with our long-standing policy in support of the principle of freedom of transit through the canal."

Mr. Macomber recalled that the United States joined with France and England in September, 1951, to sponsor a United Nations resolution calling on Egypt to terminate restrictions on Suez transit. "This position," he said, "was reaffirmed by a majority of the Security Council in voting in favor of a draft resolution, subsequently vetoed by the Soviet Union, on March 27, 1954, which called upon Egypt to comply with the 1951 resolution. Further statements by U.S. officials, including one by Ambassador Lodge in the Security Council on April 26, 1957, have maintained the position that there should at all times be free and non-discriminatory passage through the canal for all countries."

According to Mr. Macomber the United Arab Republic is "fully conversant with the U.S. position." He cited the visit of UN Secretary-General Hammarskjold to Cairo and said: "It is hoped that the transit problem may be resolved between the parties immediately concerned, and we are encouraging and supporting the continuing efforts on the part of Mr. Hammarskjold." He revealed that the U.S. Government has already discussed the Suez transit issue in Cairo with UAR authorities.

The Senators who wrote to the President were: Senators Douglas (D-Ill.), Bartlett (D-Alaska), Allott (R-Colo.), Beall (R-Md.), Capehart (R-Ind.), Carroll (D-Colo.), Case (R-N.J.), Engle (D-Calif.), Gruening (D-Alaska), Hart (D-Mich.), Javits and Keating (R-N.Y.), Moss (D-Utah.), Hennings (D-Mo.), McGee (D-Wyo.), Morse (D-Cre.), Murray (D-Mont.), Neuberger (D-Ore.), Proxmire (D-Wis.), Saltonstall (R-Mass.), Scott (R-Pa.), Symington (D-Mo.), Wiley (R-Wis.), Williams (D-N.J.), Young (D-Ohio).

State Department's Statement Considered "Too Vague and Nebulous"

Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democratic member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, termed the State Department expression on the Suez Canal transit issue as "too vague and nebulous." He had raised the issue with President Eisenhower and received a reply from Assistant Secretary of State William Macomber similar to the communication Mr. Macomber sent to 25 members of the Senate.

After studying the U.S. position as enunciated by Mr. Macomber, Rep. Farbstein thought a stronger stand necessary. He characterized the Administration's statement as inadequate and weak and said that he would continue to work on this issue.

The United States, he stated, should withhold economic aid to Egypt and refrain from issuing a loan to widen the canal until Egypt showed response to its obligations. He said that a loan to Egypt at this time to aid in canal development would, in effect, constitute collaboration by the U.S. Government with Egypt in the Egyptian Government's present discriminatory operation of the canal.

NASSER'S CONDITIONS ON PASSAGE OF ISRAEL CARGO REPORTED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- President Nasser of the United Arab Republic was reported today to have indicated to United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold his willingness to permit passage of Israel cargoes through the Suez Canal, provided the shipments were kept secret and sent on intermediate carriers rather than ships chartered by Israel for that purpose.

These conditions were outlined by Nasser to Mr. Hammarskjold during their talks in Cairo last week on the Suez Canal blockade of Israel cargoes, according to information circulating here on Mr. Hammarskjold's report on the talks. The report was received by the Israel Government Monday. Israel officials remained silent on the Hammarskjold report.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT SLOWS TALKS ON FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- President Itzhak Ben Zvi today slowed the pace of his consultations with leaders of Israel's political parties for the formation of a new government. The President deferred till tomorrow his meeting with the National Religious Party leaders. Consultations with leaders of other groups will take place after the week-end.

Thus far the President has been met in his talks with indications of non-support of proposed suggestions for the solution of the government crisis. These suggestions proposed formation of a "minority government" composed of Mapai and the Progressive Party, or of a Cabinet which would include parties now in the opposition. In view of the stalemate, it is most likely that the present caretaker government would carry on till after the November national elections.

BONN EXPLAINS TO ARABS WHY GERMANY BOUGHT ARMS FROM ISRAEL

BONN, July 8. (JTA) -- Informed sources here said today that the principal reason Israel received the recent order for \$3,000,000 worth of mortar shells, a transaction which led to the downfall of the present Israel coalition Government, was because the Israel price was 30 percent under that quoted by other bidders.

This was reported to be the explanation being given by German officials to the Arab countries who also have been told that West Germany will buy arms from them, as well as from Israel, if they can meet conditions of the Bonn Defense Ministry. These conditions are that the quality is good and the price is competitive. The unofficial inquiries made by Arab countries about the Israel arms agreement were not expected to be followed by official protests.

JEWISH ENGINEER HELD IN ISRAEL ON SPY CHARGES; CAME FROM BESSARABIA

HAIFA, July 8. (JTA) -- A 58-year-old metals engineer, who came to Israel ten years ago from Soviet Bessarabia, has been arrested by the security police here on charges of espionage. His name was withheld in the announcement made today.

Police said the engineer apparently had anticipated his arrest. A small vial of cyanide, a deadly poison, was found on his body and seized before he could use it. The suspect is liable to life imprisonment under state security laws. A similar charge is pending against Aharon Cohen, a Mapam leader, who was remanded after being accused of espionage for a foreign country. Police said there was no connection between the two cases.

The engineer, who lived in Acre with his wife and a grown daughter, reportedly was a well-established citizen. Police said his alleged espionage was done for ideological, rather than financial, reasons. They said his arrest came after months of close surveillance during which he was reportedly seen coming into contact with foreign agents.

Fellow engineers in the Israel Metal Industries, Israel's largest metal works plant, said he was an expert on iron and aluminum. Haifa police said the engineer had been arrested June 15 but his whereabouts and his arrest had been kept secret until today's announcement.

EBAN INAUGURATED AS PRESIDENT OF WEIZMANN INSTITUTE IN REHOVOT

TEL AVIV, July 8. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, former Israel Ambassador to the United States, was inaugurated today as president of the Weizmann Institute of Rehovot before an overflow audience. He was invested in office by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion.

Earlier today, Mr. Eban told a meeting of the Security and Foreign Affairs Committee of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, that America's policy of friendship for Israel was constant. He reviewed the ten years of American-Israel relations and said that the American policy was based on recognition of Israel's growing strength, its independence and democratic regime, as well as common historical values. Prime Minister David Ben Gurion attended the start of the meeting as a mark of tribute to Mr. Eban.

U. N. MEMBER STATES URGED TO RATIFY BAN ON DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

GENEVA, July 8. (JTA) -- The United Nations Economic and Social Council yesterday approved a resolution urging all members of the United Nations and of the International Labor Organization to ratify the 1958 ILO recommendation on non-discrimination in employment legislation. Israel is the only country which has already ratified the recommendation.

The resolution was adopted by a vote of 15 in favor and three abstentions. One of the abstainers was Britain, whose delegate expressed support of the resolution but said Britain was unable to ratify and implement it. The Council also decided to accelerate the work of the subcommission on Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. The subcommission was enlarged from 12 to 14 members.

DR. SLAWSON TO CONFER IN GERMANY ON IGNORANCE ABOUT NAZISM AMONG YOUTH

PARIS, July 8. (JTA) -- Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, said here today it was "urgent and important that German youth be warned" about the true nature of the Hitler period and the Nazi persecution of Jews.

Dr. Slawson made the statement to the press here during a stopover en route to West Germany where he will meet with a group of leading West German educators and sociologists to obtain first hand information about the methods now being used to educate the West German younger generation about Hitler's Third Reich, and to exchange views on means of combatting the "appalling ignorance" of German youth about the Hitler era.

Dr. Slawson pointed out that recent surveys by West Germany television reporters and educators have shown that only one German school student in ten has been said to have grasped anything about the real nature of Hitlerism and that the highest estimate of the number of Jews murdered by the Nazis was, according to the students, in the range of 30,000. Dr. Slawson is being accompanied by Zacharia Shuster, AJC director for Europe and North Africa.

ARAMCO BIAS AGAINST JEWS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- Officials of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination were scheduled to meet tomorrow with officials of the U. S. State Department for discussion on a disputed SCAD ruling exempting the Arabian American Oil Company from some provisions of the State Fair Employment Practices law, which enables ARAMCO to discriminate against American Jews.

At issue was a complaint of the American Jewish Congress charging that ARAMCO, at the behest of Saudi Arabia, bars Jews from employment. At a hearing Monday, New York Supreme Court Justice Henry Epstein gave SCAD 48 hours to decide whether it wanted to withdraw a ruling dismissing the AJC complaint. The hearing was on appeal by the AJC from the SCAD ruling.

Justice Epstein yesterday extended the deadline until Tuesday at the request of Elmer A. Carter, chairman of SCAD, who wrote to the judge that he needed time to discuss with State Department officials the U. S. policy toward Saudi Arabia before he decided what to do about Justice Epstein's order. As matters stand presently, Justice Epstein will rule Tuesday on the AJC motion accusing ARAMCO of discriminatory hiring policies unless SCAD withdraws its ruling before that day.

Henry Spitz, SCAD counsel, had argued for an extension until September 22, telling the court that new evidence, which he did not specify, had come to light which could be confirmed only through conversations in Washington. Judge Epstein rejected the appeal for a suspension but he acceded to the request by Mr. Carter for a shorter delay. Mr. Spitz said he and Mr. Carter would meet with Parker T. Hart, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, and representatives of the State Department's legal adviser's office tomorrow afternoon.

NEW YORK TENNIS CLUB BARS JEWS AND NEGROES; PRESIDENT "EXPLAINS" BAN

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- Ralph Bunche, United Nations Undersecretary, said today he had been informed by the West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills, Queens, that the club bars Negroes and Jews.

He said he had been told by Wilfred Burglund, club president, that the club, site of many championship tennis matches, excludes Jews and Negroes from membership. Mr. Burglund was quoted by Dr. Bunche as saying that the club was a private one, the same as a person's home, where "you can invite whom you want to."

The disclosure followed a decision of Ralph Bunche, Jr., to apply for membership after taking lessons from the club's pro, George Agutter, who suggested that the younger Bunche become a junior member. The father then telephoned the club president and thus learned of the club's exclusionist policies.

PHILADELPHIA'S HEBREW EDUCATION SOCIETY, 111 YEARS OLD, ENDS OPERATIONS

PHILADELPHIA, July 8. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Education Society, founded in 1848 by Rabbi Isaac Leesser and Major Mordecai Noah "to enable all Israelites of this city and county to receive instruction in religion, the Hebrew and the English languages, the usual branches of education, etc.," will cease operations on August 31, it was announced today.

In recent years, the Society's principal activity had been to provide recreational facilities for young people in the Northern Liberties area. Decision to suspend activities was due to the fact that the number of children using its facilities had "dwindled to a point where there no longer is validity for the continuance of the agency in that area." The 100 children using these facilities will be accommodated by other agencies in the district.

The society which began operations 111 years ago as an educational agency, shifted after a half-century to vocational training for the young Jewish immigrants settling in Philadelphia. When the need for these services lessened, the society developed a recreation program for the young people of the Northern Liberties area, formerly a populous Jewish district. The Society's board will continue in existence and will administer its assets.

PITTSBURGH AUTHORITIES TO ACT ON VIOLATIONS OF ANTI-BIAS ORDINANCE

PITTSBURGH, July 8. (JTA) -- The Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations, official agency for enforcement of the city's Fair Housing Practices Law, said today that it was interested primarily in obtaining voluntary compliance with the law but would actively enforce it if necessary. It pointed out that violations of the ordinance are punishable by fine and imprisonment.

The city ordinance, which became effective June 1, bars discrimination in real estate transactions on the grounds of race, religion or color. It applies to all housing of five or more units. Pittsburgh was the second city in the United States, following New York City, to enact such legislation.

In a guide to the new legislation, the Commission gave detailed information on the practices outlawed by the ordinance and the procedures to be followed. It pointed out that complaints were to be made to the Commission which would investigate them and where substantiated, seek to settle them by conciliation or persuasion. In the event of failure, the Commission can hold a public hearing and issue orders to eliminate the violation. If these orders are not obeyed, it can then take court action through the city solicitor.

NEW JERSEY RABBIS SEEK EXEMPTION FROM SUNDAY LAW FOR ORTHODOX JEWS

TRENTON, N. J., July 8. (JTA) -- The New Jersey Rabbinical Council made plans today to muster support in the State Assembly for a bill which would exempt from the State's new Sunday closing law businessmen who observed as their Sabbath a day other than Sunday.

Absence of such a qualification from the legislation which Gov. Robert B. Meyner recently signed provoked a considerable amount of resentment in Jewish circles and the Governor was strongly criticized for approving the measure without a public hearing.

The rabbinical group also disclosed today that a large delegation would attend a hearing here on July 13 to voice opposition to the so-called humane slaughter bill now pending in the legislature.

HARTFORD JEWS SECURE ZONING EXCEPTION; TO BUILD NEW COMMUNITY CENTER

HARTFORD, Conn., July 8. (JTA) -- The West Hartford Zoning Board of Appeals has granted a petition of the Hartford Jewish Community Center for a zoning exception which would permit the center to use an insurance company office it has acquired as the nucleus of a new community center.

The entire project will involve an expenditure of about one million dollars. The community last year failed in an attempt to secure approval of another site in Hartford.

TWO ISRAELI SCIENTISTS WIN FIRST AWARDS IN GENEVA FOR RESEARCH WORK

GENEVA, July 8. (JTA) -- The first awards of the Nassim Habif prizes, given for "theoretical or practical research work on cellulose," were granted today to two Israeli scientists today. The awards were established last year by Nassim Habif, a Jewish engineer in France.

The dean of the University of Geneva Faculty of Science announced today that the first winners are Menahem Lewin and Avraham Lengyel, of Israel, for their authorship of a research paper on the practical applications of cellulose in industry.