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MOSCOW RADIO CALLS ISRAEL "THE 51ST STATE" OF THE UNITED STATES

LONDON, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Radio Moscow has attacked Israel as the "51st State" of the United States, and has alleged that U.S. aid to Israel is being used mainly to cover military expenditures.

The real cause of the Israel Cabinet crisis, according to the new Soviet propaganda, is "the expansionist military policy pursued by the Israeli ruling circles, who are concerned not with raising the standard of living, but with increasing Israel's military potential."

The Soviet radio alleged that Israel provided 250,000 "guns" and other arms to West Germany. Actually, Israel sold to West Germany 250,000 mortar shells. According to Moscow, Israeli policy has little support from the Israeli masses, who are depicted as opposed to Israel's alleged "aggressive, militaristic policies."

Moscow alleged that each Israeli citizen received \$240 in U.S. Government aid, contrasted with only three dollars given each Arab. ~~But~~ despite such aid, Moscow said, Israeli living standards are low, because the money is being spent for arms. "Israel imitates the United States in the arms race and in other aspects of foreign policy," the broadcast said. It was beamed to the Arab states in Arabic.

HAMMARSKJOLD DISCUSSES "INGE TOFT" ISSUE WITH ISRAEL DELEGATION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold is still making "current efforts" to solve the impasse concerning Israel's insistence on freedom of shipping through the Suez Canal, it was learned from Israel delegation sources here today.

Delegation sources, referring to an unusually long conference held yesterday between Mr. Hammarskjold and Israeli representatives, said the talk involved "an exchange of views concerning the Secretary General's current efforts regarding the Inge Toft."

The Inge Toft is the Danish freighter which has been held by Egyptian authorities at Port Said since May, when the ship was halted upon entering the Suez Canal with a cargo from Haifa consigned to the Far East.

Participating in the latest of the long series of talks on the Inge Toft issue with Mr. Hammarskjold were Yosef Tebkah, acting permanent representative of Israel here, and Arie Eilan, a member of the Israel delegation. Sitting in with Mr. Hammarskjold was his executive assistant, Andrew W. Cordier. The conference lasted more than an hour.

GOLDA MEIR TO HEAD ISRAEL DELEGATION AT U.N. ASSEMBLY'S DEBATES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, will head Israel's delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, this year, and will go to the United States for this purpose about a week before the Assembly's September 15 opening, it was announced here today.

Mrs. Meir, it was indicated, feels that, since former Israel delegation chairman Abba Eban will be absent from the UN this year, she should attend the Assembly at least during the first few weeks of "general debate," when delegation heads spell out the major foreign policies of their governments.

After the "general debate," Mrs. Meir plans on returning home to participate in the election campaign. Later, she may go back to the United Nations once more, to participate in the expected debate on the Arab refugee problem.

Sharing the delegation work with Mrs. Meir this year will be Israel's acting permanent representative at the United Nations, Yosef Tekoah; Michael S. Comay, former Ambassador to Canada, now assistant director-general of the Foreign Ministry; Arthur Lourie, Israel's present Ambassador to Ottawa; and several other Foreign Ministry experts.

While in the United States, Mrs. Meir will also deliver several major addresses before Jewish organizations. She will speak before the National Economic Conference being convened by the State of Israel Bond Organization in Chicago, Sept. 18-20; and will address the national convention of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, at St. Louis.

KING OF JORDAN SAYS HE WILL AID EGYPT "IF ATTACKED BY ISRAEL"

LONDON, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Jordan's King Hussein asserted today that he would come to the aid of the United Arab Republic "if President Nasser were attacked by Israel." He made the statement in an interview with the Amman correspondent of the London Daily Mail.

"I do not foresee the possibility of entering a military alliance between our two countries," the King said. "Our past discourages such a step. But this would not stop us from coming to the aid of President Nasser if he were attacked by Israel." The King also told the correspondent that he feels his country is "carrying by far the greatest share of the burden" of the Arab refugees.

IRAQ INCLINED TO SHOW INTEREST IN RESETTLEMENT OF ARAB REFUGEES

LONDON, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Iraq is inclined to show keen interest in the Arab refugee resettlement plan recently proposed by United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, according to the Times of London.

A Times dispatch received today from Baghdad reports that Iraq is sending to the next session of the UN General Assembly, which will convene September 15, a 12-man delegation that will be "the strongest" ever sent to the Assembly by the Baghdad government. The delegation will be headed by Foreign Minister Hashim Jawad, and will include some of Baghdad's most experienced diplomats who are now assigned to posts in Washington, Teheran, Bonn and New Delhi.

Mr. Hammarskjöld's Arab refugee resettlement plan has evoked mixed feelings among Arab governments, those affiliated with the United Arab Republic being violently opposed to the plan while other Arab governments, notably Lebanon and possibly Jordan also, insist that the Hammarskjöld plan must not be rejected totally and that some other constructive proposals must be made by the Arab states.

Resettlement of the more than 900,000 Arab refugees is of interest to Iraq which is in need of manpower to aid its large-scale development plans. The Arab refugees are now housed, about 40 percent of them, in camps in Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. There are believed to be some thousands of the refugees in Iraq, but none of them under care of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Arab Refugees, the official UN relief arm for the refugees.

CLOSE TIES BETWEEN BRITAIN AND ISRAEL GROWING, ENVOY REPORTS

LONDON, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The close ties between Israel and Britain were ever increasing, especially since the visit by Foreign Minister Golda Meir last year, Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath told a press conference here. Ambassador Elath, who is leaving England on September 30 at the end of his tour of duty, stressed his satisfaction with the relations between the two countries and said that these close ties transcended party politics.

Asked about his future plans, Ambassador Elath said that he was approached by Mapai to be included in their list of candidates for the forthcoming elections to the Knesset and, if elected, to be their nominee for the post of Speaker. He said he declined to run for the Knesset "not because of a lack of appreciation for this honored and illustrious post," but because it would interfere with his literary and academic activities in Israel.

The Ambassador said he was going to take up a post with the Israel Institute for Foreign Relations. He would remain, however, an advisor on matters of general policy in the Foreign Ministry. This was at the expressed wish of Mrs. Meir.

After paying tribute to the Anglo-Israel Association for their important pioneering work and expressing appreciation to the Jewish press for the important role they played in the Jewish community, the Ambassador referred to his recent visit to East Africa where Britain and Israel had common interests in increased economic relations.

JEWISH AGENCY GETS \$2,380,000 LOAN IN GERMANY FOR NEW HOUSING PLANS

GENEVA, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- A loan of 10,000,000 marks (\$2,380,000) has been raised in West Germany by the Jewish Agency on behalf of the Rassco Company, a construction firm founded by the Agency to promote the building of housing facilities for middle class settlements, it was announced by the Jewish Agency office here today.

The loan, which was granted by German banks on favorable terms, will finance new housing projects to help clear maabarot (temporary camps) and accommodate new immigrants. Rassco has built more than 60 villages and residential quarters since its founding in 1934.

ISRAEL SEEKS PARTNERSHIP WITH BURMA IN DEVELOPING GROWTH OF TIMBER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Israeli experts are leaving for Burma next month, to investigate the possibility of an Israeli-Burmese partnership in the development of growth of timber that would be used by Israel for expansion of its plywood industry, according to an announcement here today. The Israeli plywood industry experts said, could double its exports if assured of sufficient raw materials of high quality.

SOVIET AUTHORITIES ARREST JEWS FOR OBSERVING "HAVDALAH" RITES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Russian persecutions are continuing, despite denials being made by Moscow, according to reports published here today by the Jerusalem Post.

The Post cites an article in the Russian newspaper, Sovetskaya Moldavia, appearing last July 23, reporting that several elderly Jews were arrested recently in Moldavia on charges of "habitual insobriety" because, each Saturday evening, they followed the ancient "Havdalah" tradition of drinking from a glass of wine as part of the ceremony observing the end of the Jewish Sabbath.

KHRUSHCHEV BELIEVED TO BE INCLINED TO "MODERATE" HIS POLICY ON JEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev will not permit Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, but may "moderate" the Soviet policy of anti-Jewish discrimination, it is predicted in next week's issue of Newsweek, the weekly magazine.

The prediction is made by the publication's experts on Soviet affairs, Leon Volkov, in connection with the possibility that the Soviet Premier may agree to see a delegation of American Jewish leaders during his visit next month in this country. Mr. Volkov believes that Khrushchev may receive such a delegation with whom he would discuss the situation of Soviet Jewry providing the American Jewish community "can agree on the make-up of a three-or-four-man delegation." He adds that "picking a delegation, however, will not be as easy as it sounds."

Explaining why he believes that Moscow will not permit emigration of Soviet Jews, the Newsweek experts writes: "Russia still needs the services of Jewish scientists, technicians and other professionals, however much it restricts their opportunities." On the other hand, easing of the anti-Jewish policy in the USSR "would cost Khrushchev nothing, and would redound to his credit around the world at a time when the Soviets are studiously courting public opinion," he points out.

"American Jews," declares the Newsweek article, "are not only divided in their attitude toward Zionism, but profess widely varying political viewpoints. They also disagree about other questions such as the manner in which to approach the Russians. These differences are obstacles in arranging a meeting with Khrushchev. However nebulous all this sounds, the prospect that American Jewish leaders may soon sit down with Khrushchev has raised hopes that something at last will be done to improve the lot of Soviet Jews."

ORT REPORTS HIGH EMPLOYMENT POSSIBILITIES FOR JEWS IN GERMANY

GENEVA, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- The contrast in the situation of Jews in Germany today, as compared with their situation in the early post-war years, is stressed in a report issued here by the World ORT Union.

The report emphasizes that, while in the post-war period, ORT provided tens of thousands of Jewish survivors of Nazi camps with skills to rebuild their economic life, today it provides skill "to the survivors whom nobody wants"--those left behind because of lingering camp diseases, or those who refuse to emigrate because they do not want to leave behind members of their families crippled by the Nazis.

Declaring that the ORT work in Germany had undergone a "decisive change" last year, the report reveals that the Munich trade school, one of the oldest ORT schools in post-war Europe, finally closed its doors because there were not enough Jewish students left in the city requiring training of the type given by the school.

"The economic backdrop to this story is the fact that anyone, even the unskilled, willing to work, can find relatively well-paid employment in Germany today," the report said. "Young people, especially, want to take immediate advantage of such favorable conditions. It was, therefore, considered more advisable to open an apprenticeship placement service which will guide and counsel candidates and facilitate their employment in industry or enrollment in municipal trade schools."

"All the students at the Munich school--auto mechanics, dressmakers, lingerie-makers, furriers, watchmakers and dental mechanics--were graduated and found employment in their trades. They were placed with such outstanding firms as 'Siemens,' 'International Business Machines,' and the 'Institute for Fashion and Stage Design,'" the report states.

An "ORT Vereinigung" was established in Frankfurt to promote vocational training on an individual basis for juveniles and adults. Local ORT committees will be established to set up similar programs wherever the need might arise," it is emphasized in the report.

In Berlin, the ORT school conducts courses in bookbinding, radio-technics and hair-dressing. German-language classes have also been created at the request of the local Jewish community. The Berlin program, too, will soon change over to an apprenticeship placement service. ORT schools now have about 1,000 students in the whole of West Germany.

SENATOR SEEKS RETRACTION BY GEN. GRANT OF ANTI-SEMITIC ARTICLE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- A movement is under way in the Senate to persuade Senators belonging to the Civil War Centennial Commission to insist that Gen. U. S. Grant, 3rd, chairman of the commission, retract an anti-Semitic article he endorsed relating to the Civil War.

Sen. Joseph S. Clark, Pennsylvania Democrat, today made known that he asked Senate colleagues on the commission that they insist upon an immediate retraction.

"I was deeply disturbed by General Grant's sponsorship of an anti-Semitic article," the Senator said. "Particularly by the implication that, by virtue of his position as chairman of the Civil War Centennial Commission, the article has official sanction. General Grant's failure to print a retraction of this baseless attack is a clear breach of his responsibilities as chairman of the commission."

Senators holding Commission membership are Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican; Clinton P. Anderson, New Mexico Democrat; Carl T. Curtis, Nebraska Republican; and Joseph C. O'Mahoney, Wyoming Democrat.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ASKED BY J. W. V. TO ACT FOR BETTER IMMIGRATION LAWS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Members of both houses of Congress were today presented by the Jewish War Veterans organization with resolutions adopted at the JWV convention earlier this month urging that the U.S. Congress should consider promptly and act favorably on pending bills recommending the revision of the present immigration laws.

The JWV stressed that "the traditional American policy for more than a century and a quarter was to welcome immigrants, freely, to this country." The Jewish veterans pointed out that the immigrants and their descendants "contributed mightily to the development of the United States through their service and contributions in industry, in the professions, in civic life and in public service, as well as in the armed forces."

Strongly criticizing the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act which is incorporated in the present U.S. immigration policy, the JWV said that this Act "is based on a biased national and racial quota system, on retrogressive immigration procedures and on a wide variety of provisions contrary to the American spirit of fair play."

The JWV also submitted to members of Congress its views on a long-range American policy for the settlement of the Middle East crisis. These views take into consideration that "the economic welfare of Western Europe depends on the steady flow of oil from the Middle East;" and recommend the following:

1. The United States shall declare its intention to guarantee the territorial integrity of the Arab states and Israel against both direct and indirect aggression, and shall, if necessary, continue to maintain troops in the area upon request of any of these nations which is subjected to such aggression.
2. The United States shall declare its continued support for the stationing of United Nations observers and police forces in the Middle East to preserve territorial integrity, thus permitting the departure of American troops from the area.
3. The United States shall stimulate peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab states which shall include the resettlement of the bulk of the Arab refugees in the unpopulated Arab states, making permanent the existing boundaries in the Middle East, and the opening of the Suez Canal to Israel shipping.
4. The United States, to raise the living standards of the common man in the Middle East, shall declare its intentions to support an expanded program of economic aid for the Middle East countries which should include immediate implementation of the Johnston Plan for the Development of the Jordan River Valley. It should also establish a Middle East Development Agency under UN auspices which should be financed by a percentage of area revenues from Middle East and capital-exporting companies of the world.
5. The United States, in concert with the countries of Western Europe, should provide the capital for building of oil-pipelines of sufficient size in Israel from Eilat to the Mediterranean coast, thus reducing Western Europe's dependence on the Suez Canal for the shipment of oil from the Persian Gulf wells.
6. The United States shall declare its intention to adopt a new policy in the Middle East which will permit the expansion of NATO by inviting the countries of the Middle East and North Africa to join NATO with the understanding that these nations subscribe to and support the present treaty obligations of the NATO countries.

Senator Pledges Support of Bill Revising Immigration Law

HARTFORD, Conn., Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Senator Thomas J. Dodd of Connecticut, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, today pledged to work for passage of a bill introduced by Senator Hubert Humphrey, which would abolish the national origins quota system and completely revise the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Act. He made this statement to the Hartford Jewish Ledger.