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### U. S. INSISTS ON FREEDOM OF PASSAGE THROUGH SUEZ AT U. N. ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The United States and Britain went on record here today as unequivocally supporting the principle of freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal, in addresses delivered by U. S. Secretary of State Christian A. Herter and Britain's Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd before the U. N. General Assembly.

Making his first appearance before the General Assembly as the American representative in the "general debate," Secretary Herter emphasized the situation in the Middle East near the start of a statement of the United States position regarding the major issues before the current General Assembly.

Pointing out that "relative quiet" prevailed in the Middle East--"in sharp contrast to the crisis of a year ago, when the Assembly had to take emergency measures," he said: "The enlightened actions of the states in the area during the past year have helped to improve the situation. The agencies of the United Nations and the outstanding leadership and diplomacy of the Secretary General have also contributed significantly to the lessening of tensions and the development of greater stability.

"We regard these trends as a hopeful portent that further progress can be made on the problems which still confront this area," he continued. "The future welfare of the Palestine refugees is one such problem. It will be an important item for consideration at this Assembly. Progress toward a satisfactory solution of this tragic problem is important not only to the human beings directly involved but also to continued stability in the area as a whole."

Taking up the Suez Canal issue, which is not on the Assembly agenda but which is nevertheless being discussed here vigorously, Mr. Herter declared:

"Another problem in this area has arisen with regard to passage through the Suez Canal. The United States continues to support the principle of freedom of passage, as endorsed by the United Nations. We are confident that, if those immediately concerned seek to reconcile their differences in a spirit of mutual accommodation, progress can be made toward a solution."

### British Foreign Secretary Wants Free Passage of Ships of All Nations

Mr. Lloyd called before the Assembly for "free passage of the ships of all nations" through the Suez Canal. He also expressed "complete confidence" in Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's efforts at conciliating conflicts in the Middle East, expressing "full support" of Mr. Hammarskjöld's attempts in that direction.

The British Foreign Secretary touched off his discussion of the Middle East situation by referring to the Ten Power Arab resolution adopted at a special emergency session of the Assembly in August 1958 dealing with the Middle East. He recalled that his delegation voted in favor of the 1958 Arab resolution because Britain felt it aimed at "harmony" in the Middle East or "at least a reasonable working relationship."

"In this connection," he continued, "to mention a somewhat controversial topic, I hope the use of the Suez Canal will form a bond to further, and not a barrier to obstruct, the peaceful trade of all the countries of the area. I have made clear on past occasions the support of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom for the principle of free passage of the ships of all nations through the Suez Canal - a principle which was embodied in the 1888 Convention and which has been adopted by the United Nations as its declared purpose.

"The very fact that the United Nations has not, as a rule, been able to take speedy action to deal with particular crises, has led to these new methods and new techniques being developed. The Secretary General has spoken of the United Nations serving a diplomacy of reconciliation, of mediation, and conciliation. The United Nations representatives in the Middle East have quietly, unobtrusively and successfully sought to operate such diplomacy.

"We are filled with admiration for the work which the Secretary General himself does, his journeys and his untiring efforts to find ways to iron out differences and to harmonize

the relations between states. We have complete confidence in him and his work. He has our full support." Mr. Lloyd, like Mr. Herter earlier, endorsed the principle of a standby United Nations peace force.

Dr. Diogenes Taboada, Argentina's Minister for Foreign Affairs, also touched upon the "conflict" regarding freedom of shipping through the Suez Canal. In his address to the Assembly, Mr. Taboada pleaded for "freedom of navigation of the seas and international waterways, "since this principle is a common heritage of all mankind."

#### Britain Will Raise Suez Issue at World Bank Parley in Washington

LONDON, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Britain will raise the issue of free passage for all shipping through the Suez Canal when Egypt's request for a loan to widen the Canal comes up before the World Bank in Washington, according to semi-official British sources here.

If the Bank takes a favorable view of the United Arab Republic's request, the British Government will back it but will, at the same time, raise the question of freedom of transit through the Suez Canal from which Israel shipping is still banned. Egypt alleges that technically it is still at war with Israel but Her Majesty's Government does not accept the validity of this argument.

It is feared, however, that after raising the matter during World Bank deliberations and playing lip service to the principle of freedom of navigation, Britain will drop the issue in the face of Egyptian intransigence. Egypt is reported having indicated that she would do without the loan, if it were made conditional on permission for Israel shipping to navigate through the canal.

#### ISRAEL TO MANUFACTURE SPARE PARTS OF JETS; WILL SELL TO FOREIGN LANDS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Israel will soon sell to other countries spare parts for jet trainer planes, after a plant for manufacturing French model Fouga Magister planes begins operations, it is reported in a review of the activities of the Defense Ministry published in the Government Yearbook which will appear here next week.

All parts of the plane will be manufactured in Israel except for a few parts, which are invariably obtained from specialized factories. The report states that the past year saw an improvement in armament purchases by Britain while "France continued the friendly tradition of supplying new planes and providing training facilities."

The report notes the "great spur of expansion which occurred during the past year in the manufacture of armaments and ammunition and the purchase of equipment by the defense forces which now enables the local manufacture of spare parts for planes, tanks and vehicles."

"Increased armament purchases under official agreements with governments of manufacturing countries also supplied technical knowhow to manufacture locally entire weapons or spare parts," the report states.

#### ESHKOL ARRIVES IN U.S.; REPORTS GREAT INCREASE IN ISRAEL'S EXPORT

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- "Israel's national production has increased at the steady average rate of ten percent a year which is one of the highest in the world," Levi Eshkol, Israel's Finance Minister said here today. "Our exports have risen by 20 percent this year as compared with last year and should total about \$280, 000, 000," he added. Mr. Eshkol made the statement on his arrival at Idlewild International airport.

"I am very pleased to visit this great country once again, I have come to attend the sessions of the board of governors of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, and to address the National Economic Conference for State of Israel bonds, which will be held in Chicago this week-end," Mr. Eshkol said. "At both gatherings I shall be able to give a favorable report on Israel's economy and its progress."

"Our national production has increased at the steady average rate of ten percent a year which is one of the highest in the world. Our exports have risen by 20 percent this year as compared with last year and should total about two hundred and eighty million dollars. We plan to keep the pace of increase in our national production and in exports. We hope to double and reach 500 million dollars of exports by 1965."

"To a great extent the progress of our economy has been speeded through the exceptional generosity and warmth of the people of the United States and its government. Loans from the American Government, grants-in-aid and investments in Israel by hundreds of thousands of Americans through Israel bonds have, in great measure, made this possible."

"Furthermore, we expect an increase in flow of private investments from abroad to Israel, as a result of our economic achievements and of the benefits we grant to investors. Our Parliament has just enacted a new law for the encouragement of capital investments which makes it one of the most liberal in the world."

## NATIONAL PARLEY OF ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION STARTS TODAY IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- A three-day National Economic Conference for Israel Bonds will open here tomorrow to launch the fall phase of the 1959 Israel Bond campaign which seeks \$75,000,000 in sales by the end of the year.

More than 800 communal leaders will attend the conference at which key speakers will be Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister; Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance; Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization; Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization; and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the organization.

(An intensive, three-month campaign in New York City to raise \$4,000,000 in Israel bond investment funds will be formally launched at a dinner sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization on Wednesday evening, September 30 in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The dinner will honor Ira Guilden, National Campaign chairman of State of Israel bonds.)

## JEWISH COMMUNITIES URGED TO RAISE \$35,000,000 IN CASH FOR U. J. A. NEEDS

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- An urgent call to communities across the United States to go into high gear to collect an additional \$35,000,000 in cash on 1959 pledges to the United Jewish Appeal was made today by UJA National Cash chairman, Melvin Dubinsky, of St. Louis, Mo. The start of the nationwide fall cash campaign was announced last week by Mr. Dubinsky and Morris W. Berinstein, UJA general chairman.

"While we know we will raise \$35,000,000 in cash by the year's end, in time for the annual national UJA conference in New York," Mr. Dubinsky said, "the need is great for ready cash. We urge communities to help us to raise at least one-half of the total amount by November 2 for presentation to the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem by the UJA Study Mission when it arrives in Israel."

Pointing out that the worldwide humanitarian programs of the United Jewish Appeal must be maintained if the 600,000 men, women and children who depend on the help provided by the UJA's beneficiary agencies are to survive, Mr. Dubinsky asked local communities to organize their cash collection efforts as quickly as possible.

"In Israel the problems of absorption are pressing. Adequate, decent housing is required for 85,000 people, the full equipping of rural agricultural settlements must be completed to make them productive, and job opportunities, vocational training and health and welfare programs must be provided for in order to speed the process of changing Israel's immigrants into independent self-sufficient citizens," Mr. Dubinsky said.

"We must turn every possible pledge into cash," he continued. "To do this each local community should select its Community Cash chairman and begin to enlist every possible volunteer in the cash drive. Thousands of volunteers will be required to turn promises into dollars immediately." Mr. Dubinsky noted that UJA aid programs overseas face a serious hindrance to their activities because of lack of funds, and he declared that "cash alone can keep these life-saving and life-building programs going."

## AMERICAN JEWISH LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL ANNOUNCES STAND ON Z. O. A. APPEAL

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- The American Jewish League for Israel made clear today its stand on an appeal from the Zionist Organization of America to those who have left the ZOA urging them to return to ZOA ranks. The reply was made in a statement by Ezra Z. Shapiro, League president.

The appeal was issued last week by Abraham A. Redelheim, president of the ZOA, at the annual ZOA convention. In his address, Mr. Redelheim denied that the ZOA was identified with any political party in Israel.

"The protestations made by Mr. Redelheim are no different than we have been hearing for many years," Mr. Shapiro said in his statement. "The unmistakable fact is that the ZOA has clearly been identified with the General Zionist party in Israel in internal Israeli matters.

"If the ZOA genuinely desires to make a departure from its past performance, then let it follow the suggestion made in Jerusalem by one of its own outstanding leaders and officers, Abraham Goodman, that the ZOA leave the General Zionist Confederation, in which the General Zionist party in Israel is the central factor, and join the recently re-organized World Confederation of General Zionists--completely Diaspora-based--and thus sever, clearly and fully, its involvements and ties with the General Zionist party in Israel. On this basis there would be room for the discussion proposed by Mr. Redelheim."

Mr. Shapiro announced that the League has convoked a meeting of its board of directors, to take place September 27 in New York. On that occasion, an address will be delivered by Louis Lipsky, honorary president of the League. Judge Louis E. Levinthal, honorary president of the League, member of the executive of the World Confederation and member of the 19-man Constitution Committee of the World Zionist Organization will analyze the constitutional revisions now under consideration.

## U. S. DISTRICT COURT IN PENNSYLVANIA OUTLAWS PUBLIC SCHOOL BIBLE READING

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- A United States District Court decision outlawing Pennsylvania's Bible-reading law in public schools as unconstitutional and banning the recitation of the Lord's Prayer in schools was hailed today as a major victory for religious freedom.

The ten-year-old state law was deemed unconstitutional yesterday because it violated the First and Fourteenth amendments of the U.S. Constitution. The law was tested in a suit filed by Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Schempp against the Abington Township School District. The American Jewish Congress filed a brief as "friend-of-the-court" in the suit. The court decision was unanimous.

The law requires classroom reading of ten verses from the Bible each day, without teacher comment. The practice has been to follow this reading with a recitation of the Lord's Prayer, both being part of a single exercise.

Benjamin B. Levin, president of the Delaware Valley Council of the AJC said children of minority religious groups "are faced with a dilemma whenever religion intrudes upon the public school. Not infrequently, Catholic and Jewish children will participate in Protestant religious practices in violation of their religious convictions and upbringing rather than subject themselves to the pain of not belonging. "

## KLUTZNICK ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Philip M. Klutznick was today elected president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University at the annual membership meeting of the organization. Daniel G. Ross, who served as president during the past four years, was elected chairman of the board of directors.

In accepting the presidency of the AFHU, Mr. Klutznick affirmed his "profound conviction that the Hebrew University of Jerusalem is destined to occupy an increasingly significant role in furthering human progress everywhere, in providing cultural links with Jewish communities throughout the world, and in shaping Israel's future."

Other speakers at the annual membership meeting included Mr. Ross, Professor Aryeh Dvoretzky, vice president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and Bernard Cherrick, executive vice chairman of its board of governors.

In his presidential report, rendered upon the completion of his second consecutive term at the helm of the American Friends of the Hebrew University, Mr. Ross announced that the overall income of the AFHU in the year ended March 31, 1959 was \$3,321,000. He stressed the increasing importance of AFHU's Gifts and Legacies program.

Professor Dvoretzky reported on the considerable progress made by the Hebrew University during the past year in its research and teaching programs, as well as in the growth of its student body. He estimated that the enrollment for the coming academic year will be 5,500 and that, in addition, approximately 1,500 students will become part of the student body as a result of the incorporation of the Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics into the Hebrew University.

The Hebrew University's significant contributions to underdeveloped areas of the world were described by Mr. Cherrick. He reported on the growing number of students from African and Asian countries who are studying at the University.

## 15 NEW JEWISH CHAPLAINS ENTER SERVICE; TRAINED IN MILITARY SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Fifteen Jewish chaplains, the largest single group of new chaplains to be inducted into military service at any one time in more than a year, have entered service for orientation and training, Rabbi Morris Lieberman, of Baltimore, chairman of the National Jewish Welfare Board's Commission on Jewish chaplaincy, announced today.

Of the 15 new chaplains, eight trained at the Army Chaplain School, Ft. Slocum, New Rochelle, N. Y.; four have just completed their training at the Navy Chaplain School, Newport, R. I., and three attended the Air Force Chaplain School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

All of the 15 new Jewish chaplains will be ready to officiate at GI services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The High Holy Day period starts on Friday evening, October 2. These Jewish military chaplains were recruited and ecclesiastically endorsed, and will be served by the JWB Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy. The Commission is composed of representatives of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform); the Rabbinical Assembly of America (Conservative); and the Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox).

## MELECH NOY, MAPAI LEADER, DIES IN ISRAEL; WAS AUTHOR OF SEVERAL BOOKS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 17. (JTA) -- Melech Noy-Nestadt, Mapai leader and member of the Zionist Actions Committee, died here yesterday at the age of 63. Born in Radomysl in Galicia, Mr. Noy settled in Palestine in 1926 and became active in the Histadrut, Israel Federation of Labor. He was the author of "Destruction and Rising," "Epic of the Jews in Warsaw" and "The New Reality" among other works.