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### STATE DEPT. OPPOSED TO SENATE ACTION ON ARAB BLOCKADE; BACKS FULBRIGHT

WASHINGTON, May 2. (JTA) -- The State Department today registered support of efforts by Chairman J. W. Fulbright, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to eliminate from the Mutual Security Bill an amendment critical of the Arabs' anti-Israel blockade.

Speaking for the State Department, Undersecretary Douglas Dillon warned that the so-called Douglas amendment might play into the hands of Communist efforts to exacerbate Middle Eastern tensions to penetrate the area. Mr. Dillon said the State Department fully concurs that the Douglas amendment would make elimination of the Arab boycott more difficult and "would play into the hands of the Soviet bloc, which seeks to exacerbate Middle Eastern tensions to further its penetration of the area."

Mr. Dillon said the Arab boycott was an outgrowth of the entire Palestine problem, and the situation in which "nearly 1,000,000 refugees are not able to return to their homes." The Undersecretary stressed that settlement of Arab-Israel differences would come not through "coercion" from outside. (By the time this Bulletin went to press, the Fulbright amendment had not yet reached the floor of the Senate.)

Mr. Dillon revealed to Sen. Fulbright that the State Department made available to American Embassies, in countries which would be affected, the text of the House-adopted amendment against the Arab boycott, which is similar to the Douglas amendment. He said that "in a unanimous expression of opinion, our field posts from Morocco to Iraq reported that the adoption of such an amendment would clearly not be in the interests of the United States, or, for that matter, of Israel."

### Says Douglas Amendment Would Be Considered Favoritism to Israel

The Undersecretary said the Douglas amendment would be interpreted as demonstrating favoritism for Israel, rendering reduction of tension more difficult. He said it would be seen as an attempt to tie strings to American aid, making it "an instrument of political coercion." He charged that "considerable" inaccurate information on Suez transit was being circulated by proponents of the Douglas amendment. He said that the truth was that "not a single American ship has thus far been denied passage through the Canal" because of trading with Israel.

Mr. Dillon said that Arab counter-picketing, arising from the Cleopatra incident, was "not unnatural" and meant that at least 20 American ships with 1,000 seamen would be affected within the next month. He warned also that, for every Arab ship picketed in the United States, 30 American ships would be subjected to Arab picketing.

Emphasizing that the Douglas amendment would cause "repercussions" on vital American interests in ten Arab countries and areas of Asia and Africa, he asserted that "widespread sympathy" for the Arab viewpoint exists in these countries. He said it "ill behooves" America "to incur Arab resentment" by appearing to place "strings" on American aid.

Mr. Dillon reviewed American assistance to Israel in the past, and said the Douglas amendment would only stir up difficulties to Israel's detriment. He said the State Department has confidence in efforts of UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld to solve existing problems under discussion.

### 250,000 WITNESS ISRAEL'S ANNIVERSARY PARADE; NEW WEAPONS DISPLAYED

HAIFA, May 2. (JTA) -- Israel's Army of Defense proudly displayed for the first time today the new weapons strengthening its anti-tank defenses. These included an American, jeep-mounted recoilless gun; the French remote-controlled guided S-10 anti-tank missiles; and French-made, ground-to-ground, armor-piercing guided rockets.

The new arms were displayed in an impressive parade through the streets of Haifa marking the climax of Israel's 12th anniversary and the opening of Herzl Year, dedicated to Theodor Herzl, founder of the Zionist movement that brought about the establishment of the Jewish State.

To mark this occasion, the Zionist flag--a blue and white flag with seven gold stars--which Dr. Herzl proposed to the first Zionist Congress in Basle in 1897, was raised above the parade alongside the flag of Israel.

More than 250,000 spectators lined the streets of Haifa to watch the hour-long procession of Israel's defensive might, to marvel at the jet fighters and other planes that

roared and manoeuvred overhead and to applaud excitedly as units of the Israel Navy slowly sailed along the coast, outside the port.

Taking the salute of the parading units from a vantage point in the central reviewing stand were President Izhak Ben-Zvi, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Chief of Staff Brigadier Chaim Laskov and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization. Mrs. Vera Weizmann, widow of the first president of Israel, had a place of honor in the stand.

A fleet of 70 buses and three special trains brought thousands of tourists into Haifa from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem to join the celebrating throngs and witness the spectacle. The slopes of Mt. Carmel, overlooking the parade route, were almost hidden by the thousands filling every vantage point.

As Israel's armor, slowly paced by French-built light tanks, followed by 40 heavy Super-Sherman tanks and half-tracks, moved toward the reviewing stand, squads of jet fighters--Ouragons, Super-Mysteres and Vautures--streaked across the skies, leaving smoke trails. An aerial parade followed with more jets, older propeller planes and a squad of helicopters.

The naval display was opened with the firing of a salvo of 21 guns by the destroyer Eilat. Then three destroyers in single file, followed by the submarine Tanin, sailed a course parallel to the land parade. It was the first public display of the submarine, one of two Israel recently acquired from the British Navy. Behind the destroyers and around them, the torpedo-boats on which Israel is placing increasing reliance, dashed and circled, sending up jets of spray.

Foreign observers commented on some of the defensive weapons displayed by Israel today for the first time. There were heavy mortars, mounted on half-tracks for increased mobility; the new anti-tank 106 mm. recoilless guns obtained from the United States and used here on motorized mounts, and the French S-10, mounted on a command car, able to pierce heavy armor and having a one-and-a-half-kilometer range. The American anti-tank gun has been made standard equipment of infantry units for the regional defense network and border settlements.

In his formal "State of the Union" address at Jerusalem's official anniversary celebration, Premier David Ben-Gurion pointed out that only 15 percent of the world's 12,000,000 Jews live in Israel. Then, in an obvious reference to the Jews living in countries in the Soviet orbit, he declared: "We know that hundreds of thousands of Jews are pent up in countries where their only hope of salvation is returning to Israel. We know they are longing and praying for their day of salvation."

#### American Zionists Celebrate Israel's Anniversary, Herzl's Birthday

NEW YORK, May 2. (JTA) -- Tributes to the State of Israel upon the occasion of her 12th anniversary and to Theodor Herzl, founder of political Zionism upon the 100th anniversary of his birth, were paid today at a celebration sponsored by the American Zionist Council, central body of all Zionist groups in this country. Several hundred Zionist leaders attended the reception which was addressed by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Council.

Speaking in behalf of more than 1,000,000 subscribers to State of Israel bonds, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, today hailed its outstanding achievements on the occasion of the 12th anniversary of the independence of the State of Israel. In a message to Israel Government leaders, Dr. Schwartz and other leaders of the Bond organization, pledged continued economic assistance through the Israel bond drive, which has provided more than \$435,000,000 for every phase of Israel's economic development during the past nine years.

Dr. Schwartz pointed out that Israel's 12th anniversary coincides with the ninth anniversary of the visit by Prime Minister Ben-Gurion to the United States for the purpose of launching the first Israel bond issue. "We have only to look at Israel's position at the time of the Prime Minister's first visit in May, 1951 and her status on his second visit to the United States in 1960 to comprehend the tremendous change which has occurred in the intervening nine years and the enormous strides in Israel's economy made possible with the aid of State of Israel Bonds."

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency dispatches received in New York reported widespread celebration of Israel's anniversary in London, Paris, Brussels, Johannesburg, Stockholm and other world centers of Jewish population. Government officials, Jewish community leaders, prominent Zionists and religious leaders of various faiths participated in the observances, hailing Israel's achievements and pledging continued support to Israel.)

#### President of Brazil Congratulates Israel in Radio Broadcast

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 2. (JTA) -- President Juscelino Kubitschek, speaking over the radio today, congratulated the Jewish people and the State of Israel on the occasion of the 12th anniversary of the Jewish State.

"Brazil has always followed with great interest the unusual efforts of the Jewish people to transform a piece of territory treated unkindly by nature into a prosperous and productive land," the President stated.

## JEWISH AGENCY STRESSES SUPPORT OF U.S. JEWRY ON ISRAEL'S ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, May 2. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in the United States, today issued a statement on Israel's 12th anniversary of independence, expressing "deep appreciation" of the Jewish Agency to American Jewry for its "unfailing support" in the development of Israel. The statement reads:

"Within a short span of 12 years, the people of Israel have achieved a remarkable degree of political stability and economic growth. Surrounded by hostile neighbors, struggling to reclaim vast stretches of wasteland, faced with a mass immigration of unprecedented proportions, they have built their young nation firmly upon the moral teachings of the Prophets and the free institutions of Western democracy. Today, Israel shares her technical skills and medical knowledge with other newly independent nations which face problems similar to her own. Her scientists are joining hands with colleagues throughout the world to further human knowledge and welfare.

"Through a felicitous accident of history this 12th anniversary of Israel's independence coincides with the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of modern Zionism. Within half a century, the visionary dream of the author of the 'Jewish State' has become reality.

"The realization of Herzl's vision has been spearheaded by the movement he created. The World Zionist Organization, through the instrumentality of the Jewish Agency and with the financial assistance of Jewish communities throughout the world, has been the main factor in laying the foundations for Israel reborn and in implementing the age-old dream of the ingathering of the exiles from the four corners of the earth.

"As acting chairman of the New York executive of the Jewish Agency, I wish to express our deep appreciation for the generosity and unfailing support of American Jewry in this great work of redemption and rehabilitation. May this creative partnership between the people of Israel and American Jewry continue for many years to come."

## NEW YORK CITY CELEBRATES ISRAEL'S ANNIVERSARY; EISENHOWER GREETS ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 2. (JTA) -- The City of New York formally celebrated Israel's 12th Independence Day today.

At impressive ceremonies held on the steps of City Hall, with a large number of dignitaries of the State, the City and the three major religious faiths--Jewish, Protestant and Catholic--participating, a large crowd in City Hall watched the proceedings and cheered the addresses and the messages congratulating Israel on its 12th anniversary.

Loud applause accompanied by cheering greeted the reading of a message from President Eisenhower. Mr. Eisenhower's message, cabled to Israel's President Izhak Ben-Zvi, stated: "It gives me great pleasure to extend hearty best wishes and felicitations to You. Excellency and to the people of Israel, from the people of the United States, as well as my own personal regards on this 12th anniversary of the independence of Israel."

After one of the city bands played the national anthems of Israel and of the United States, an invocation was delivered by Rabbi David I. Golovensky, president of the New York Board of Rabbis. Later, a special prayer for peace was offered by the Rev. Dan M. Potter, executive director of the Protestant Council of the City of New York, while the benediction at the close of the ceremonies was recited by the Very Rev. Msgr. Timothy J. Flynn, of the Catholic Archdiocese of New York.

### Governor and Mayor Address Large Crowd at City Hall

Mayor Wagner delivered an address and read a special "Israel Independence Day" proclamation. Other addresses were delivered by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller; Abe Stark, president of the City Council of New York; and Dr. Benjamin Eliav, Israel's new Consul General in New York. A special message was read from Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who expressed the Jewish State's "gratitude" for the celebration both to Gov. Rockefeller and Mayor Wagner.

Mayor Wagner told the assemblage he was "particularly proud of the tremendous part New Yorkers have always played in helping the people of Israel to build their new land, and make of it an outpost of freedom and a shining example of the democratic way of life." The Mayor expressed his "pride" in the fact that he is serving as chairman of the Non-Sectarian Committee for the United Jewish Appeal. City Council President Stark lauded highly the value of inter-cultural exchanges between the United States and Israel.

Governor Rockefeller, after lauding the State of Israel for the country's achievements during the past 12 years, referred to the Jews behind the Iron Curtain and said: "Our thoughts go out on this occasion to the hundreds of thousands of Jews in many parts of the world who suffer in bondage and oppression, but whose lives are sustained by the prospects that they will one day reach the promised land of Israel."

Dr. Eliav, who made his first public appearance here since assuming the post of Consul General last week, told the celebrants that Israel "hopes and prays" that it may continue "our work of construction and upbuilding in peace and security." On behalf of the Israel Government, he expressed "gratitude" to the American people and Government for the aid given to the Jewish State.

### SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL ASKS EQUAL RIGHTS FOR JEWS IN SOVIET UNION

HAIFA, May 2. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union was urged to give its Jewish population the same rights enjoyed by other communities and to allow Jews wishing to emigrate to Israel to do so in a resolution adopted today by the Socialist International Council now meeting here.

In another resolution the delegates supported Israel's demands for unimpeded transit in the Suez Canal and backed the rights of those seamen who have suffered from the Arab blockade of Israel. The delegates also called for gradual disarmament under mutual controls.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion addressed a mass meeting of 25,000 persons who turned out to welcome the Socialist leaders. He said that if the Council meeting of Socialists from Europe, Asia and Africa "turns out to be a precedent for further cooperation between Nations, then this meeting may become a historic turning point and may even be more important than the summit talks." He stressed that "in the final analysis it is not the leaders but the working classes that decide the world's future."

Other speakers at the rally at Haifa Stadium were Aising Andersen, president of the Socialist International, British Socialist leader Hugh Gaitskell, who praised Israel for having built "something very near to Socialist ideals"; and Eric Ollenhauer, West German Socialist leader, who said he was greatly moved by the occasion of speaking to Israelis. He expressed the hope that Israel would learn to trust the "new Germany."

### GOLDMANN SEEKS GERMAN RECOGNITION OF CLAIMS OF RUMANIAN JEWS

BONN, May 2. (JTA) -- Recognition by West Germany of claims from Rumanian Jews arising from the persecution of Jews in that country by the Nazi regime was pressed here this weekend in a conference between Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Conference on Material Claims Against Germany, and West German Minister of Finance Franz Etzel, it was revealed today.

The Conference office here announced the meeting. In addition to pressing for recognition of the Rumanian Jewish claims, Dr. Goldmann also urged the need for improving and speeding the processing of restitution claims by Jews who were victims of Nazi persecutions in Germany.

### JEWS IN AUSTRIA CHARGE GOVERNMENT WITH FAILING TO AID NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, May 2. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community of Austria and the Organization of Austrian Resistance Fighters severely criticized the government today for failing to enact legislation to provide financing of rehabilitation of victims of Nazism.

Both parties that are members of the government coalition, the People's Party and the Socialist Party, have pledged publicly and repeatedly that such legislation would be passed. The two organizations pointed out, in separate resolutions, that 12 attempts to pass such legislation have, thus far, been defeated in Parliament.

In its resolution, the Jewish Community levelled its criticisms specifically at Vice Chancellor Bruno Pitterman, who is a Socialist, and at Finance Minister Reinhard Kamitz, a member of the People's Party. "Patience has now ended," stated the Community resolution, "and the Jews of Austria must find other means to force the leaders of both coalition parties to honor their promises." The Resistance Fighters pointed out in their resolution that "after waiting 15 years, we find that Austria still does not compensate the victims of Nazism."

The Austrian Ministry of Defense issued an order today forbidding the wearing of World War II decorations. The order specifies that the decorations may not be displayed even if they do not contain the swastika symbol.

### GERMANS WHO WERE FORCED TO RETURN JEWISH PROPERTY SEEK COMPENSATION

BONN, May 2. (JTA) -- Germans who bought Jewish property during the Nazi regime, "in good faith," are entitled to compensation from the West German Government for being forced under present laws to allow the original Jewish owners to reclaim their property, according to a contention put forth here today by the Federal Association of Persons Injured by Restitution.

Dr. A. Seeger, president of the association, announced that a test case which, he hopes, would provide judicial backing for compensation to "loyal purchasers" of Jewish property, has been filed by a member of the association, in the district court at Frankenthal.

According to Dr. Seeger, the "loyal purchasers" actually aided the Jews persecuted by the Hitler regime because, by buying the Jewish property, they "saved Jewish lives freeing persons from concentration camps by enabling them to emigrate."

### NEO-NAZI AND ANTI-SEMITIC STUDENT GROUP BANNED BY HAMBURG POLICE

HAMBURG, May 2. (JTA) -- Hamburg police announced today the dissolution of the Nationalist Student League after the city Senate found that the group was neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic and as such treasonous to the constitution. The group was banned last January at the Free University in West Berlin and on April 1, at Marburg University on orders of the West German Minister of Culture.