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MOSCOW REJECTS BEN-GURION'S REQUEST FOR A MEETING WITH KHRUSHCHEV

JERUSALEM, May 3. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union has rejected Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's request for a meeting with Premier Khrushchev as "premature," an Israel Cabinet spokesman disclosed today.

The spokesman said that the rejection had been given orally by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Malik to Arie Harel, the Israel Ambassador to the Soviet Union. The Israel envoy was told that the matter would be reconsidered when "the time is ripe."

The spokesman said that the explanation given by Mr. Malik was that Israel public figures, including Cabinet Ministers, had made statements which "were not of a peace-loving nature" and that, in view of such statements, a visit by the Israel Prime Minister "to Russia would be premature."

The explanation was supplemented by a statement that the Soviet policy would continue to be based on a desire for good relations "with all Middle East nations without discrimination." The rejection had been made April 26 but the news was withheld pending a report by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, today to the Cabinet.

SENATE DEFEATS MOVE TO CHECK EXPRESSION OF OPPOSITION TO ARAB BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, May 3. (JTA) -- State Department officials refrained today from comment on the rejection by the United States Senate last night of the Administration's opposition to the amendment to the Mutual Security Aid bill aimed at checking the Arab boycott against Israel.

The amendment, which was introduced by Senator Paul Douglas, Illinois Democrat, on behalf of himself and 29 other Senators, was approved Thursday in the Senate by a vote of 45 to 25 over the strong objections expressed by Senator J.W. Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat who is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and who was supported by the State Department.

Senator Fulbright introduced a second amendment to the foreign aid bill, aimed at weakening the Douglas amendment. The Fulbright amendment was defeated last night by a vote on a motion by Senate Democratic leader Lyndon Johnson to table. The vote to table the Fulbright amendment was 45 to 39.

The Douglas amendment, which was retained intact in the adopted final version of the bill, expressed the sense of Congress "that Mutual Security and surplus food assistance should be administered by the President in line with the principles of free navigation and non-discrimination."

Senator Fulbright, in the course of last night's debate, sought to blame Israel for alleged failure to obey a United Nations resolution on re-admission of Arab refugees. He also inferentially attacked American aid to Israel.

The Senator called the attention of Senators to letters from Acting Secretary of State Douglas Dillon and Secretary of the Treasury Robert Anderson which, in effect, supported his proposed amendment. He also alleged that some American shippers backed his stand.

Senator Fulbright's bitterest onslaught against Israel came when a Senator questioned aid to the Republic of South Korea, noting that corruption developed in South Korea despite such aid. Senator Fulbright replied that if aid to South Korea caused corruption, Israel might be "the most corrupt of all nations" since Israel had received so much American assistance.

Some proponents of the Douglas Amendment defended it on grounds that the President need not implement the measure if he so decided. It was also said by some Senators that the President was only obligated to make a form of informal, perhaps oral, report on measures taken by the Administration to insure application. But Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, insisted that the President was fully obligated to make a written report to Congress on implementation of the amendment.

Senator Fulbright attempted to persuade the Senate that Arab pressure was aimed against Israeli shipping rather than American shipping. He claimed that the Douglas

Amendment was a "political instrument" and gave an impression of anti-Arab bias. He said Senators had no Arab constituents and suggested that his opponents were moved by "political considerations" that caused action undermining American-Arab amity.

Senators Refute Pro-Arab Arguments in Heated Senate Debate

Senator Douglas said the State Department arguments advanced by Senator Fulbright rested on a fundamental error. He said this was the erroneous contention that the freedom of navigation issue merely involved a dispute between the Arabs and Israel. This was not true, said Sen. Douglas, pointing out that the United Arab Republic had violated treaties and international commitments involving the Suez Canal.

President Nasser broke his word and UN Secretary General Hammarskjöld failed to gain Nasser's cooperation on Suez, said Sen. Douglas. He characterized Nasser's policy as increasingly repressive and deplored State Department "appeasement" by increasing aid to the UAR to 100 million dollars. The State Department, said Sen. Douglas, apparently had decided that morality should play no part in formulation of American policy in the Near East.

Senator Fulbright attacked Sen. Douglas, alleging that Israel violated UN resolutions on Arab refugees. Senator Douglas replied that Sen. Fulbright was trying to "shift the subject."

Senator Morse said the true issue was whether the United States was going to "bend at its knees" before totalitarian nations. He charged that the Arabs are seeking "to destroy the only free nation in the Near East--Israel." Senator Morse called on the Administration to stand firm against Arab "blackmail" by supporting international law.

Senator Kenneth Keating, New York Republican, said there could be no compromise on the principle of free navigation. He said the Fulbright Amendment would encourage Nasser to make "further transgressions." He added that the Arab Refugee issue that Sen. Fulbright sought to inject had nothing to do with the blockade question affecting American nationals.

Israel Withhold Comment on Senator Fulbright's Anti-Israel Remarks

JERUSALEM, May 3, (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, reported to the Cabinet today on current international developments including a review of the implications of the picketing of the Egyptian ship, the Cleopatra, in New York harbor, and the fight over the anti-boycott amendment to the United States Foreign Aid Bill in the Senate.

Israel officials withheld comment on the unfriendly remarks by Sen. W. J. Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat, who led an unsuccessful fight in the Senate to have the amendment deleted. The general view among Israel officials was understood to be that while Sen. Fulbright's charges were fundamentally wrong, there was no question about the honesty of his motives in opposing the amendment.

Some Israel officials, however, were reported startled by the Senator's comments about "corruption" in reference to American aid to Israel, particularly since Sen. Fulbright made the remark "out of the blue" in connection with criticism of U.S. aid to Korea. Israel officials were awaiting the full text of the Senator's remarks before deciding whether any comment would be considered desirable.

Arabs Renew Complaints in Washington on 'Cleopatra' Picketing

WASHINGTON, May 3, (JTA) -- Arab diplomats made renewed representations to the United States Government today against the picketing of the Cleopatra, a UAR ship, in New York harbor. The ship is being picketed by the Seafarers' International Union in protest against Arab restrictions imposed on American ships that trade with Israel.

(Picketing by the Seafarers' International Union and the International Longshoremen's Union of the Egyptian passenger-cargo vessel, the Cleopatra, at an East River dock in New York City continued today for the 21st day as both sides awaited a ruling by the Federal Appeals Court in New York on a bid by the owners of the ship, the Khedivial Mail Lines of Alexandria, for an injunction to halt the picketing.)

The United Arab Republic today asked the United States to re-route four American ships bound for Egypt and Syria with 50,000 tons of surplus grain obtained through the Department of Agriculture. The UAR made clear that it still desires the surplus wheat and flour cargoes but that the American ships transporting the commodities, virtually an American gift, would not be serviced in Arab ports.

CHANCELLOR ADENAUER ACCEPTS OBERLAENDER'S RESIGNATION FROM CABINET

BONN, West Germany, May 3, (JTA) -- Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today accepted the resignation of Theodor Oberlaender as West German Minister for Refugees. Dr. Oberlaender had been charged with participating in the 1941 massacre of Polish Jews in Lemberg. Dr. Adenauer said he would obtain final, formal approval of the resignation tomorrow from President Heinrich Lübke.

5,367,000 JEWS REPORTED LIVING IN U.S.; 80% ARE AMERICAN BORN

NEW YORK, May 3. (JTA) -- The proportion of American-born Jews has risen from 33 percent in 1900 to 80 percent in 1960, according to data in the 1960 edition of the American Jewish Year Book published today. The number of American Jews has grown in the six decades from 1,000,000 to approximately 5,367,000.

The total world Jewish population was estimated at 12,500,000. The majority-- 6,300,000--live in North, Central and South America and 3,500,000 in Europe. There are about 2,000,000 Jews in Asia, 550,000 in Africa and about 68,000 in Australia and New Zealand, according to the Year Book, a reference book issued jointly by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society.

The population of Israel was listed as 1,837,000 Jews and 225,000 non-Jews. About 42 percent of Israel's Jewish population is in the zero to 20-year age group and 24 percent in the over-45 year group.

Enrollment in Jewish Sunday and weekday Jewish schools has grown six times as fast as the American Jewish population increase during the past decade, the Year Book reported. Enrollment grew from 239,000 children to the present 554,000 students, an increase of 131 percent. The American Jewish population during the same period increased by 15 to 20 percent.

In the six decades since 1900, American Jewish organizational life has increased greatly, growing from 20 national Jewish groups to more than 200 at present, reflecting cultural, educational, religious, community relations, overseas aid, social welfare, fraternal and mutual benefit and Zionist and pro-Israel interests.

The Year Book reported that there were only nine countries with a Jewish population in excess of 200,000. These were the United States, the Soviet Union, Israel, Great Britain, Argentina, France, Canada, Rumania and Morocco. Between two and three million of Europe's 3,500,000 Jews are estimated to live in Russia.

FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION RETRACTS STATEMENT OFFENSIVE TO JEWS

NEW YORK, May 3. (JTA) -- The Foreign Policy Association, an important non-governmental organization in this country devoted to interpretation of foreign affairs, today formally retracted a statement made in one of the organization's pamphlets which stated that Communist leadership in various countries is "often Jewish."

The statement occurs in a single sentence in a 62-page pamphlet published by the FPA. The brochure entitled "Africa: World's Last Frontier," was written by John Scott, well-known American foreign correspondent who is a special assistant to the publisher of Time magazine. Discussing opposition parties in the Union of South Africa, Mr. Scott had written that some of the opposition comes from "Communist-led leftists" and declared: "The leadership is mostly white and, as in similar groups in Europe, often Jewish."

Last week the District of Columbia School Board in Washington, D.C., ordered the pamphlet withdrawn from the school system because of that sentence. Today, John W. Nason, president of the Foreign Policy Association, issued the following statement:

"The sentence referring to Communist leadership in South Africa has been interpreted as anti-Semitic. The FPA regrets that it did not catch the one sentence in question before it appeared and led to unfortunate misunderstanding. The offensive part of the sentence is irrelevant to the general subject being discussed and is not confirmed by supporting evidence in the publication. It should have been excised from the text."

Mr. Nason declared that the FPA considered the idea of publishing a retraction in a subsequent issue of its publications "but concluded that such a retraction would spread the statement more widely, and hence was unwise. In our judgment, inserting a subsequent retraction would merely call attention to the statement and do more harm than good."

LEADERS OF 53 SYNAGOGUES IN CHICAGO MAP PLANS AGAINST VANDALISM

CHICAGO, May 3. (JTA) -- A Chicago rabbi urged today that a police squad car be assigned to every synagogue between nightfall and dawn to curb the wave of vandalism which has hit six Chicago synagogues during the past five weeks.

Representatives of 53 Chicago North Side synagogues met at Congregation Ezras Israel, which has so far escaped vandalism, to map plans for action by synagogue officials to deal with the outbreak. The proposal for squad car protection was made by Rabbi Benzion C. Kaganoff, spiritual leader of Ezras Israel, who said he had a "feeling" that every synagogue in the area would be attacked. He said "some volunteers are taking turns watching our synagogue at night."

Plans called for the setting up of a "security committee" headed by Isadore M. Friedman, president of the Council of Traditional Synagogues. The sixth vandalized synagogue was Mikro Kodesh Anshe Titkin.

NEW JERSEY HUMANE SLAUGHTER BILL APPROVED FOR ACTION BY ASSEMBLY

NEWARK, N. J., May 3. (JTA) -- A Humane Slaughter Bill which is opposed unanimously by New Jersey Jewish organizations, was voted out of Committee last night for action by the New Jersey Assembly. Jewish organization representatives appeared at the Assembly chambers in Trenton to protest the bill.

The bill would in effect outlaw kosher slaughter in New Jersey by banning shackling and hoisting of animals prior to slaughter. This is the only form of pre-handling of meat animals used now in New Jersey slaughterhouses.

Approval by the Assembly Committee on Institutions, Public Health and Welfare of Bill A-311 on a bi-partisan basis clears the way for consideration by the majority leadership Thursday when bills will be posted for voting on May 9. The majority leadership will decide Thursday whether or not to approve A-311 for action by the Assembly.

MINNEAPOLIS SUBURB BANS DISTRIBUTION OF GIDEON BIBLES IN SCHOOLS

MINNEAPOLIS, May 3. (JTA) -- The Board of Education of St. Louis Park, a suburb of Minneapolis, withdrew permission it had given to the Gideon Society to distribute Gideon Bibles to public school pupils in St. Louis Park. The board acted following protests by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota.

The objectors advised the school board that the Supreme Court had upheld a New Jersey high court decision barring distribution of the Bibles and that the distribution of the book here was probably unconstitutional.

The board's decision to permit the distribution of the Bibles was revealed only when schoolchildren brought home authorization forms to be signed by their parents. A Gideon Society spokesman here said the distribution of Bibles was part of a national program to combat juvenile delinquency.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION REGISTERS NEW STOCK ISSUE IN U.S.

NEW YORK, May 3. (JTA) -- The Palestine Economic Corporation has registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission here an issue of 105,785 shares of common stock to be sold at par value of \$25 per share, it was announced today.

According to the prospectus, the company had 484,285 shares of common stock outstanding, and assets totaling \$17,170,401 as of last December 31. The new stock issue is being offered to the public against cash or State of Israel Bonds at par, or both. Proceeds of sale are to be devoted to further participation of PEC in the development of Israel industry.

SOL SATINSKY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH PUBLICATION SOCIETY

PHILADELPHIA, May 3. (JTA) -- Sol Satinsky, noted American Jewish leader, was elected president of the Jewish Publication Society of America at its 72nd annual meeting, it was announced here today. The meeting was attended by officers of the Society coming from all parts of the country. Mr. Satinsky is active in the leadership of various major national Jewish organizations and in local institutions.

A report of the JPS for the past year presented at the meeting showed an increase of nine percent in membership enrollment and 12 percent in book distribution over the preceding year. The latter included 47,000 Bibles and more than 105,000 other books. Myer Feinstein, treasurer, reported that the Society's income in 1959 was \$383,000 as compared with \$332,000 in 1958. Judge Louis E. Levinthal, chairman of the publication committee, reported that nine new books and six paperback reprints were published during 1959.

BRONFMAN NAMED HEAD OF APPEAL OF WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE OF CANADA

TORONTO, May 3. (JTA) -- Allan Bronfman, prominent Jewish philanthropist, will head the 1960 general appeal of the World University Service of Canada, it was announced here today. Funds raised in the appeal will enable 40 students and five professors from universities throughout Canada to participate in the 11th annual WUS International Seminar to be held this year in Israel from June 28 to August 4.

The aim of the seminar is to give participants a better understanding of the problems and attitudes of other nations. While in Israel, the students will be given the opportunity of studying the economic, political, religious, sociological, industrial and historical aspects of the country.

SAUL LEVIN, DETROIT JEWISH LEADER, DEAD; WAS CONSUL OF HONDURAS

DETROIT, May 3. (JTA) -- Saul R. Levin, prominent Jewish attorney and former Honduran Consul in Detroit, died here yesterday at the age of 62. Mr. Levin, a leading authority on penology, was appointed last month by Governor G. Mennen Williams as a member of the Michigan Corrections Commission. He was active in Jewish educational affairs.