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TOP STATE DEPT. OFFICIALS TO TESTIFY ON MID-EAST POLICY THIS WEEK

WASHINGTON, May 13. (JTA) -- Two top Administration officials will be called this week to testify before a Congressional subcommittee on United States policy in the Middle East, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

(In Jerusalem today, Avraham Harman, Israel Ambassador to Washington, attended the weekly meeting of the Cabinet, and reported on current relations between the United States and Israel. Previously, he had participated in a secret series of high-level consultations with Mrs. Golda Meir, the Israeli Foreign Minister, and Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative at the United Nations. He also reported on the Washington-Jerusalem situation to the foreign affairs and security committee of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.)

Invitations to Phillips Talbot, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and Harlan Cleveland, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, have gone out from Democratic Congressman L.H. Fountain, of North Carolina, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee's subcommittee on the Near East. The two officials are scheduled to testify at a closed-door hearing of the subcommittee on Wednesday afternoon.

The hearing is an outgrowth of a demand last month by a member of the subcommittee, Democratic Congressman Leonard Farbstein, of New York, that Administration officials be asked to tell the House unit what "motivated" U.S. sponsorship of the United Nations Security Council resolution to censure Israel last month, as well as the U.S. vote last December in the United Nations General Assembly, opposing a 16-nation resolution calling for direct Israel-Arab peace talks.

Mr. Farbstein had expressed a fear that U.S. actions in the United Nations, during the past few months, signal the adoption of a new Middle Eastern policy which, he said, "cannot serve the cause of peace."

The Kennedy Administration's policy of economic aid to the United Arab Republic took concrete form here this weekend, when the International Monetary Fund announced it had allowed the Egyptian Government to borrow \$42,500,000 from the Fund, as well as to defer payments on \$29,000,000 worth of previous "drawings" due next January and March. The Fund is a United Nations Specialized Agency holding a pool of \$15,000,000,000 worth of gold and currencies from 75 member states. However, the U.S.A. has a decisive influence on loans--these are called "drawings"--by the IMF.

Keating Raps Administration's Policy; Warns of Effect on Israel Economy

BUFFALO, May 13. (JTA) -- Republican Senator Kenneth Keating, of New York, charged here tonight that Administration efforts to curry Arab favor has resulted in a policy of "ignoring Israel's needs." "Economically and politically," he said, "we may be beginning to take Israel for granted." "As a free country, we may be assuming that Israel will always be on our side, no matter how we slight her," Mr. Keating warned. He spoke here at a rally celebrating the 14th anniversary of the founding of modern Israel.

Mr. Keating said that American failure to press vigorously for an Arab-Israel peace, continued refusal to do anything about Arab boycotts of Israel, the recently announced stepped-up aid program to Egypt, and U.S. sponsorship of the United Nations resolution censuring Israel for the Lake Tiberias incident, indicate that U.S. principles "have been set aside for expediency."

"Our basic interest in helping a nation which shares our outlook has been overshadowed by the temptation of trying to outbid the Communists," the Senator asserted. He said the U.S. "must not have one set of principles for those hesitant countries that are trying to pressure us and another set for those that have been with us through thick and thin."

He warned that, if the U.S. persists along its present path in the Middle East, Israel's economy could suffer greatly as a result of imminent expiration of German reparations payments, "which have played a vital role in keeping Israel's economy on an even keel," and the impending implementation of the European Common Market trade barrier. "to whose member countries Israel now ships about 50 percent of its exports.

GOLDMANN CALLS FOR MERGER OF ALL ZIONIST ORGANIZATIONS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA)-- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Congress, called today upon all Zionist organizations in the United States to merge into one overall united Zionist movement. He urged this step at the closing session of the Zionist Organization of America's governing body, the national executive council, as an essential step to restoring the Zionist movement in the United States to its former position of eminence as an action body and mold of American Jewish public opinion.

As a first step, Dr. Goldmann called for the amalgamation of the Zionist Organization of America and the American Zionist Council, the co-ordinating body of all Zionist groups in this country. Of the nine Zionist groups represented in the Council, the ZOA is the largest, representing some 60 percent of the Zionists in the United States. At the same time, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, a former president of the ZOA, and a member of the Jewish Agency executive, expressed the view that the ZOA, itself, be expanded to become the overall body of American Zionism, embracing all sections and groupings.

Dr. Goldmann announced he would present his proposal for action at the forthcoming ZOA national convention in Washington, scheduled for June 28 through July 1. "Until the State of Israel is secure, politically and economically," he said, "the American Zionist movement has the vital responsibility of mobilizing the support of the Jewish communities in the United States on behalf of Israel, and in maintaining, in Jewish philanthropy, the present urgent priority for all overseas Jewish needs. The economic consolidation of the State of Israel, and its security is a far greater task than was its creation. The first was just the beginning of the road upon which world Jewry must march, not the end."

Sees Future of Jewish Life Everywhere Determined by Actions of U.S. Jews

"While from a historical and spiritual point of view," Dr. Goldmann continued, "we realize that the Jewish people must stand or fall with Israel, we must always remain aware of the fact that the future of Jewish life everywhere will be determined most by the actions that the six million Jews of the United States--a nation that is the largest and strongest force in the world--undertake on behalf of Jews everywhere.

"Therefore, the test of Zionism in the United States lies in its ability to lead American Jewry. Zionism must, therefore, become the leading force in American Jewish life, just as we were before and at the time the State of Israel was established.

"In 1948 the Zionist movement, having captured the imagination of American Jews by its gallant fight, both in the nation and in the United Nations, to secure the establishment of the State of Israel, this movement was the pre-eminent one among Jewish organizations, and the one strong unifying Jewish force in the United States.

"Today we have lost that position, and we won't regain it without unity. In toto, the separate Zionist organizations represent a large number of American Jews. But, because their structures, as well as that of the ZOA, are obsolete and outmoded organizationally, Zionist influence and communal strength has been dissipated."

The plan Dr. Goldmann offered would have the Zionist Organization of America serve as the nucleus of the new united Zionist organization, with the leadership of all nine Zionist groups serving in the executive body.

Calling this new line of departure "a step of historical importance to Zionism's future in the United States, and the world over," Dr. Goldmann declared: "If the ZOA possesses the true Zionist patriotism that will enable it to make this sacrifice, it would truly open the way to a united Zionist movement, and thus assure a new future for American Zionism."

Neumann Urges That Z. O. A. Retain Central Role in Unified Movement

Dr. Neumann also urged a major adjustment of existing Zionist forms of organization through unification, but with the ZOA retaining its role as the central component. "I am convinced it is possible, and desirable to expand the Zionist Organization of America to make room for all, while preserving our great tradition and our historic role as the central force in American Zionism, and to provide leadership and direction of old," Dr. Neumann said. "To achieve this role requires adjustment of our organizational forms. It means entering into a partnership with other ideological groups to provide the basis for effective unity in action. All this can be done without sacrifice of principle on our part or by them."

Before adjourning, the national executive council appointed a committee to study the proposals. The executive council also voted to affiliate with the American section of the World Jewish Congress.

Bressler, Nussbaum Criticize State Dept., Question 'Massive' Drive to Appease Arabs

Earlier, Max Bressler, of Chicago, and Rabbi Max Nussbaum, of Hollywood, ZOA president and national executive council chairman, respectively, charged that the United States Department of State has openly embarked on a "massive program of appeasing the Arab states at the expense of Israel." Mr. Bressler cited as evidence the initiative taken by the State Department, in concert with Great Britain and West Germany, to grant the United

Arab Republic a loan of \$500 million, and the leadership taken by this Government to assure the adoption last month by the United Nations Security Council of a resolution which sharply condemned Israel as the aggressor in its recent brush with Syria.

"We are living through what may well be the most crucial period in the history of American-Israel relations," Mr. Bressler declared. "Our Government's new policy is to propitiate Nasser and the Arabs by demonstrating to them through this massive financial and political aid that when it comes down to fundamentals, the Arabs, not Israel, may count upon America's support."

Rabbi Nussbaum declared that "we are apparently back to the old days of a hostile pro-Arab State Department, determined to win the Arabs to our side at all costs--and 'at all costs' means here at the expense of Israel."

Recalling President Kennedy's pre-election promises to work for an equitable solution of the Arab-Israel problem, Dr. Nussbaum declared that "not only have the promises to use the good offices of the White House to bring about a permanent peace between Israel and her neighbors not been fulfilled, but there has occurred a sudden change in policy from 'pro-Israel' to what our State Department calls 'even-handedness,' and now to its last stages of being openly pro-Arab."

Both speakers, Mr. Bressler and Rabbi Nussbaum, urged President Kennedy to overhaul the State Department's present Middle East policy.

KATZ CALLS ON B'NAI B'RITH TO RALLY BEHIND JEWISH 'BILL OF RIGHTS'

WASHINGTON, May 13, (JTA) -- Delegates to B'nai B'rith's triennial convention were urged here last night to rally behind a three-point bill of rights for world Jewry. Addressing the opening session of the organization's five-day convention, B'nai B'rith president Label A. Katz, of New Orleans, said implementation of his proposals would serve as an important step in carrying out what he called the organization's most important objective--"the continuity of Jewish peoplehood." He listed the three principles as:

1. The right of Jews, wherever they live, "to physical security, spiritual freedom and equality of opportunity";
2. The right of Jews "as the right of all men"--to emigrate "to any land that welcomes them";
3. The right of Jews, "wherever they live," to be Jewish on their own terms.

"The whittling down of space has narrowed the geography of Jewish life," Mr. Katz asserted. "The built-in seismograph of the Jewish community has become so sensitive that, whenever there are tremors in any part of the Jewish world, the reverberations touch us all. This world-wide Jewish community could not, even if it wanted to, isolate itself in a political ghetto."

In terms of specifics, the B'nai B'rith president said "there is need for a deepening relationship between Israel and the rest of the world Jewish community. In addition, he said there is need: "To expose and protest the cruel impeachments of Jewish life in the Soviet Union"; "for rescue and rehabilitation in some areas, and closer cultural ties in other areas, of the Jewish world"; "for a mature and realistic understanding" of the distinctions and ethnic diversities among the Jews of the world.

With respect to Soviet Jewry, Mr. Katz said that, although "there is reason to suspect that the Kremlin's discriminatory behavior toward its Jewish citizens has created the embarrassing dilemmas for the Kremlin," there is still cause for great concern for the three million Jews in Russia.

He said one consequence of the Soviet anti-Jewish campaign has been the development of "a persistent group consciousness among Soviet Jews." The B'nai B'rith president, who visited the Soviet Union on an unofficial tour last summer, said "many young Jews, whom Soviet leaders hoped to rush into total assimilation, now cling as best they can, yet more desperately, to their Jewish heritage." He described the Kremlin campaign against Jews as a "two-pronged" effort designed to deny Jews the right to "live as Jews in their homeland" and to "leave voluntarily for a land more hospitable to Jewish life."

Youth Activities in U.S.A. Seen Offering 'Severe Challenge'

On internal matters, Mr. Katz reported that B'nai B'rith "had budgeted and spent" \$20 million on its programs and activities during the past three years, and predicted that the organization's continuing growth in membership and its "unmet backlog of demands" would cause the figure to rise to \$40 million within ten years.

Mr. Katz described B'nai B'rith's youth services as "the most severe challenge" facing the organization, "notwithstanding the fact that we have added another \$270,000 for youth activities this year." He attributed the growing demands for B'nai B'rith's youth-serving agencies to the postwar baby boom and to the fact that "thousands upon thousands of our youth, in sharp contradistinction to the hollow and escapist attitude for Judaism of their parents' generation, are today intellectually and spiritually in search of their heritage and future as Jews. They are eager and proud to be Jewish. They are also unsure of how to be Jewish in a meaningful way. The dilemma is more ours than theirs. It is an admission of our own adult delinquencies."

ORTHODOX MAP BROAD-SCALE SPIRITUAL AID TO COMMUNITIES AROUND WORLD

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- An extensive program designed to provide spiritual aid to Jewish communities in various parts of the world was announced here tonight by Moses I. Feuerstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. The organization serves 3,100 traditional synagogues throughout the United States and Canada.

Addressing the UOJCA's national dinner at the Hotel Pierre here, Mr. Feuerstein said that the concentrated effort, aimed at supplying assistance in all fields of Jewish religious and educational endeavor, would tap the resources of the leading Jewish spiritual centers in major American cities and utilize the experience and skills of religious leaders and teachers in places where such leadership is critically needed.

Noting that pilot programs of such spiritual aid have already been successfully undertaken by the UOJCA joint overseas commission in India and in several European countries, Mr. Feuerstein said that the Orthodox Union was now ready to launch the project on a broad scale. "In order to recruit the necessary corps of qualified leaders to weld together the spiritual forces in foreign communities where such aid is urgently needed," he declared, "leading Orthodox congregations throughout the United States will be asked to grant sabbatical leaves to their rabbis for assignment on year-long tours of foreign duty in Jewish communities in different parts of the world."

Under the program, he said, the rabbis will act as consultants in reactivating local institutions of learning as well as creating, where needed, new synagogues, schools and community councils. "A major contribution of the American rabbi," he noted, "will be the coordination of these activities with international and local Jewish agencies, so as to avoid duplication of effort and community funds."

Listing France, North Africa and South America as the areas in critical need of spiritual aid, the UOJCA president said that initial phases of the world-wide plan would be undertaken in France where the heavy influx of Jewish refugees from North Africa has already overtaxed the limited resources of the country's Jewish religious and educational bodies "without any sign of a tapering off in the rate of immigration."

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM CALLS ZIONISM 'SURRENDER'; STATEMENTS MADE IN REPLY

CHICAGO, May 13. (JTA) -- Two leaders of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism this weekend criticized American "non-Zionist" Jewish groups for favoring the Zionist ideology and supporting the programs of the movement. Addressing the three-day annual conference of the Council, Clarence L. Coleman, Jr., president of the organization, said that non-Zionist groups in this country had followed a course "leading to eventual surrender to the Zionist machine." Rabbi Elmer Berger, executive vice-president, called on non-Zionists to oppose what he termed an infringement of their "basic American rights and political status" by the Zionist movement.

In a statement issued in reply to Rabbi Berger's attack on the Zionist movement, the American Zionist Council, the representative body of all Zionist organizations in this country, declared that the Zionist ideal "expresses the noblest aspirations of Jewish life and recognizes the age-old yearnings of the Jewish people as expressed in the Bible." Terming the assertion that American Zionists have a double nationality "pure nonsense," the Zionist Council said that Rabbi Berger had demonstrated his "abysmal ignorance both of Judaism and the traditional cultural pluralism inherent in the American way of life."

Milton J. Silberman, chairman of the Illinois Conference of Jewish Organizations, representing 95 percent of the local Jewish community, said that the American Council for Judaism "does not speak for American Jews and it would perform a service to America as well as to Jews everywhere if it were to give up its lost struggle in a discredited cause and disappear from the American scene."

ISRAEL CITRUS SEASON CLOSES WITH INCREASED SHIPMENTS, MORE CASH

TEL AVIV, May 13. (JTA) -- Israel closed its 1961-62 citrus season today with the dispatch of 4,000 cases of fruit to Switzerland, bringing total exports for the year to 8,733,000 cases. Officials said this was an increase of eight percent compared with the previous season. Income also was expected to be higher by \$3,000,000.

The largest purchaser of Israeli citrus continued to be Britain, but its share of the total dropped in comparison to larger quantities shipped to West Germany, Finland, Norway and Sweden. The season included a trial shipment to the United States for their first time.

U. S. IMPORTS FROM ISRAEL REACH \$33 MILLION; FAIR PAVILION POPULAR

NEW YORK, May 13. (JTA) -- Israeli exports to the United States surpassed the \$33,000,000 mark last year, a rise of \$5,000,000 over the 1960 total, it was announced here today by the Government of Israel office of the Trade Commissioner in the United States. The announcement was made at the Israeli trade pavilion at the United States World Trade Fair here, which is attracting wide interest. The exhibits will be displayed for another week.