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NEUMANN SEES FULBRIGHT HEARING VINDICATING JEWISH AGENCY PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the Jewish Agency-American Section, today issued a statement here in response to requests for comment on the recent investigation and public hearing into Jewish Agency-American Section affairs, conducted by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, headed by Sen. J.W. Fulbright. The hearing took place in Washington during Dr. Neumann's absence, while he was visiting Israel. Dr. Neumann stated:

"In the first place, it should be clear that the Jewish Agency was called upon to testify, along with many other organizations and individuals who are registered with the Department of Justice, because they represent foreign principals. The purpose of such hearings, as stated officially, was to help the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to decide whether the operation of the law adopted in 1938 is satisfactory, or whether any amendments should be recommended.

"Sen. Fulbright has been obviously within his rights in conducting an inquiry into the operations of the Jewish Agency and other pro-Israel organizations, though I do not profess to know the precise reasons that have prompted this intensive study of our affairs.

"Nor can I assess the boasts of certain notoriously hostile elements claiming credit for directing the attention of official agencies to 'the Zionist conspiracy'--part of their repeated attempts to denigrate and discourage pro-Israel efforts in the United States. These pathetic attempts are most certainly doomed to failure. Our movement has encountered more formidable adversaries in the past and emerged triumphant.

"Any official inquiry can easily be sensationalized in headlines. What is most important, however, is the fact that a prolonged and meticulous examination has turned up absolutely nothing damaging to the status of the Jewish Agency. On the contrary, it has served to explode some malicious myths and to dispose of misrepresentation propagated by fanatical opponents.

Probe Documented Positive Achievements; Further Efforts Pledged.

The hearings have also documented the historic role which the Jewish Agency and other pro-Israel organizations have played in the rescue of Jewish refugees, to the development of Israel and support for her legitimate rights and interests. Sen. Fulbright himself took occasion to compliment the Jewish Agency on its great achievements and to state repeatedly that there was 'no wrong doing'--nothing either illegal or improper in its activities.

"The only issue that developed concerns a technical question: Whether reports filed by the Jewish Agency periodically, in accordance with legal requirements, were in every instance sufficiently detailed. We have every reason to be proud of the record. It is a vindication of our program.

"We are quite confident that the devoted friends of Israel in this country, Christians and Jews, Zionists and non-Zionists alike, will not be deterred from continuing to give their moral and material support to a cause dear to their hearts and sanctioned by the overwhelming majority of the American people.

"Speaking for the American Section of the Jewish Agency, and American Zionist groups whose close cooperation we have always enjoyed, I have this to add: Consistent with our devotion to the national interest, we will pursue our efforts on behalf of Zionism and the State of Israel as vigorously and effectively in the future as in the past. We will continue to do so by all proper and legitimate means available to free men in a free society, and in full compliance with all legal and technical requirements."

ESHKOL WARNS EGYPT, SYRIA THAT ISRAEL IS PREPARED AGAINST AGGRESSIONS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol issued a stiff warning last night to Syrian and Egyptian leaders "to think twice before uttering threats against Israel." The warning was the second by the Prime Minister in 24 hours, following a threat by President Nasser of Egypt that the time had come to "wipe out the stain" of Egypt's defeat by Israel in 1948.

The second warning was contained in an address to reserve and regular paratroop officers on Paratroop Day. The Premier made it plain that, while Israel did not desire

bloodshed, "our neighbors in the north (Syria) should entertain no hopes that Israel will remain quiet in the face of their aggressions only because Israel does not hurry in its reactions."

He emphasized that paratroopers, as well as other units of the Army, would be sent to the borders "and our enemies should not think we will remain with hands folded eternally in the face of provocations." Events for the special day included a parachute drop on the Tel Aviv seashore and a parade in Ramat Gan near Tel Aviv.

In his first warning, the Prime Minister addressed himself to the Egyptian President, urging Nasser to be careful in any moves because "Israel is not unprepared." Speaking at a Mapai municipal rally in Beersheba, he said that Nasser had shown "his true face" in making bellicose speeches against Israel. Until recently, the Premier noted, Nasser had been talking about peace.

"We must continuously strengthen Israel in the face of the declared danger from Egypt," Mr. Eshkol said, adding that he had no intention of competing with the Egyptian leader in speechmaking. He then quoted King Ahab's answer to the Syrian King Ben-Hadad from I Kings: "Let him who girds himself for war not boast as he who ungirds himself" after victory.

Reply to Chou En-Lai Discussed by Eshkol, Mrs. Meir

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol conferred here today with Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, on a reply to an official communication from Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai. The Chinese letter inviting Israel to support the Communist Chinese program for the destruction of all nuclear weapons, was received Sunday and discussed by the entire cabinet.

The Peking proposal also called for creation of nuclear-free regions, and was similar to notes sent to all heads of government soon after the American-British-Russian nuclear test ban treaty was signed in Moscow last week. The note was believed the first sent by the Peking Government to Israel. Peking suggested several intermediate stages for the dismantling of foreign military bases, and for the ending of all nuclear weapons production.

BEN-GURION CALLS ON U. S. A., USSR TO ADVANCE TOTAL MID-EAST DISARMAMENT

NEW YORK, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion, Israel's former Prime Minister, again called on the United States and the Soviet Union today to take joint action to bring about total disarmament in Israel and the Arab states. If the two powers took such a step, he stated, "it would be one of the greatest acts toward peace ever made." He pledged that "the moment the two powers make such a demand, Israel will be ready to respond, in the hope that our neighbors will do the same."

Mr. Ben-Gurion discussed Israel's desire for peace with the Arab states in an article in Look Magazine, published today. He asserted that his successor in the Israeli Premiership, Levi Eshkol, would be prepared to follow the former Ben-Gurion policy to meet with Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser "or any other responsible Arab leader--anywhere, at any time, without prior conditions--to discuss any proposals or any problem that he might wish to raise." "I feel sure," he maintained, "that, at such a meeting, we could dispel in a few hours the distrust and misunderstanding that have accumulated over the years."

"The primary, principal and supreme goal of Israel's foreign policy," he declared, "is not only peace, but an alliance between Jews and Arabs, which would lead to political, economic and cultural cooperation between the Jews and the Arab peoples. Such an alliance is a historic and vital necessity for both sides. The truest need of the Arab peoples is not armaments and military strength, but development, education, sanitation and the improvement of the wretched conditions of the Arab workers and peasants. Israel can make a greater contribution to the process of regeneration than perhaps any other external factor in the East or West."

Noting that Israel has called for peace with the Arabs many times since the establishment of the Jewish State, while the Arab states have continued their belligerency, he declared: "But so long as there is no cooperation between the United States and the Soviet Union in safeguarding the peace and security of all the countries in the Middle East--so long as Egypt refuses to make peace, while receiving plentiful supplies of modern armaments from one side--Israel is bound to keep its forces strong enough to deter those who threaten it from starting a war."

"We appreciate the economic aid and technical assistance we have received from the United States, the understanding that President John F. Kennedy has shown for Israel's problems, and, particularly, his Administration's new policy of, for the first time, providing Israel with important defensive weapons--Hawk anti-aircraft missiles. But if we are attacked, we shall be in the front line. We cannot expect, we do not ask, anyone else to do our fighting for us."

TWO MORE SOVIET JEWS GIVEN DEATH SENTENCES; ACCUSED OF 'ECONOMIC CRIMES'

LONDON, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Two more Soviet citizens with names that seem Jewish -- Kunyansky and Melamud -- have been sentenced to death after a trial in Odessa for alleged "economic crimes," Moscow dispatches here reported today. The first names of the men, as customary in Russian reports, were not given.

The two apparent Jews were tried with 21 others on accusations that they participated in a black market ring that sold 100,000 rubles worth (about \$110,000) of women's pullovers made by a factory in Ukraine. The report appeared in *Ukryanska Pravda*, of Kiev, the official organ of the Communist Party in the Ukraine. In addition to ordering the two Jews shot, the Odessa court ruled that all their property be confiscated.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS HOPES NUCLEAR TEST BAN WOULD AID RUSSIAN JEWS

MONTREUX, Switzerland, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Delegates to the conference of the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress, in session here since Sunday, approved unanimously today a resolution expressing hope that the apparent easing of East-West tensions might lead to equality of rights for Soviet Jews, as well as for all other peoples in the Soviet Union.

The resolution pinned the hopes for the future of the Jews of all countries on the nuclear test ban treaty. The resolution expressed the "continuing deep concern" of the organization over the plight of Soviet Jewry, and stressed the hope that the new international situation would bring rights and equality for all in Russia.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS TAKE SHARP ISSUE WITH ALLON'S VIEW OF THEIR FUTURE

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- South African Jews are "astonished" by Israel Labor Minister Yigal Allon's assertion that there is no future for Jews in South Africa, a spokesman for the South African Jewish Board of Deputies said here today.

Mr. Allon made the statement in an address in Jerusalem yesterday to the 30th Congress of the World Union of Jewish Students, declaring that Jews could not be citizens of a country which proclaimed racism as the law of the land. He added it was "disconcerting" that Jewish emigrants from South Africa were going to many countries -- but not to Israel.

The Board of Deputies spokesmen said bluntly that the Israeli official's view "are not shared by South African Jewry." He referred to a resolution adopted last weekend at a national synagogue conference, which reaffirmed the "unwavering loyalty" of the Jewish community here, as an "integral section" of the South African nation, in which Jews were equal citizens contributing to the welfare of the country in the present, no less than in the past. The resolution cited the Government's "fairness" to Jews and the "ever-ready assistance and cooperation always forthcoming from Government departments."

AUSTRIAN VICTIMS OF NAZI REGIME REMINDED OF DEADLINE ON FILING CLAIMS

LONDON, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The United Restitution Office noted today that October 11 will be the deadline for certain claims of Austrian victims of the Nazi regime, for compensation under the West German indemnification law.

The organization said that Austrian nations who were victims of Nazi persecution and had emigrated from German territory within the boundaries existing on December 31, 1937, may, under certain conditions, file indemnification claims with West German compensation authorities.

The office also said that, if an opinion recently expressed by a West German legal expert is supported by the West German Government, Nazi victims who emigrated from Austria also would be eligible for the indemnification payments now accorded to stateless persons and refugees by West Germany.

VATICAN EDITOR SAYS ADHERENCE TO GOSPELS CAN COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM

ROME, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The editor of the Vatican's official organ, *Osservatore Romano*, declared in an article today that not psychoanalytic rationalizations but Christian adherence to the lessons of the Old and New Testaments will help eliminate anti-Semitism from the world.

The article was written by Dr. Federico Alessandrini, editor of the Vatican's official newspaper, in reply to a statement allegedly made recently by a rabbi, who had drawn upon psychoanalysis to explain the fact that some Christians accuse Jews of deicide.

"There is no need to get into the muddy, materialistic shallows of Prof. Sigmund Freud," stated Dr. Alessandrini. He cited the Old and New Testaments as being "enough to combat anti-Semitism," declaring: "For Catholics, relations with their brethren of other faiths are governed by the law of the Gospels -- that is, by loving charity."

PIONEER WOMEN SET \$2,750,000 GOAL FOR WELFARE ACTIVITIES IN ISRAEL

DETROIT, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Pioneer Women, the Women's Labor Zionist Organization of America, pledged last night to raise \$2,750,000 in a two-year period to finance the organization's welfare program in Israel. The goal, announced by Mrs. Sidney A. Leff, national president, was adopted at the organization's 18th national biennial convention here. The program, which will be carried out by Moetzet Hapalot, the Israel Working Women's Council, sister organization of Pioneer Women, includes child care activities, vocational, agricultural and rehabilitation projects.

At a symposium tonight on a "positive approach to Jewish survival, Jewish Women's role," Rabbi Morris Adler, of Detroit, urged the formation of a national adult Jewish education council to sponsor a variety of programs, both formal and informal, that would aim to educate American Jews in their traditions and culture, Rabbi Adler stated. "Through summer institutes, weekend seminars, forums and panel discussions, as well as by written work, such a council would bring to a large number of Jews the best in Jewish thought, art, ethics and scholarship," he told the 600 delegates. He asserted that "the American Jewish woman is challenged to come to the fore in broadening the cultural horizons of our community."

I. L. Kenen, editor, Near East Report, speaking on "relationship with Israel," stated that "we will make progress toward peace in the Near East when the international community has the courage to isolate and outlaw those who persist in belligerent policies and preparations to carry them out."

Mr. Kenen told the delegates: "For a long time, the Near East has been a free zone for belligerence and aggression, where nations could shoot at each other, immune from international intervention and censure. The major reason for this has been the cold war. The great powers have feared to antagonize the Arabs." He added: "Now that the United States and the Soviet Union are talking to each other, there is a faint hope that the Arabs will agree to accept the reality of Israel and negotiate for an end to the arms race."

A. D. L. BACKS CIVIL RIGHTS BILL, STRESSES 'LEGITIMATE' NEGRO GRIEVANCES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith urged a Congressional committee today not to allow "political arguments" about the constitutional basis for outlawing segregation in public accommodation to interfere with ending "this stubborn residue of slavery" in the United States.

Playwright Dore Schary, ADL chairman, made the plea in a statement filed with the Senate Commerce Committee, which is holding hearings on the Administration's proposed civil rights legislation. His reference was to a debate over whether such legislation should use the 14th Amendment or the commerce clause of the U. S. Constitution as the basis for outlawing such segregation. Mr. Schary said that "the wisest and most fruitful" course would be for Congress to use both clauses.

He added that the "real choice" before Congress was between an "orderly statutory remedy" for the "legitimate grievances" of American Negroes, "or new crises and disorders for years to come."

He denounced those who "seek to defeat the purpose" of the public accommodation section of the proposed law by exempting "a crucial part" of the motel and restaurant industry. He said "the only basis for exclusion is that the establishment is not open to the public."

FARBAND, UNITED HEBREW TRADES BACK CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH ON WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Farband-Labor Zionist Order's executive announced today that the organization will participate in the civil rights March on Washington August 28. It hailed reports that other major Jewish organizations in America had also decided to take an active part in the demonstration.

In a parallel development, the United Hebrew Trades and the Central Trades and Labor Council of New York pledged their support today to the march, and voiced hope that the demonstration would succeed in getting Congress to approve President Kennedy's Civil Rights bill.

ISRAELI, AMERICAN JEW RECEIVE GRANTS FROM ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Two Jews, one an American, the other an Israeli, received research grants here today from the Rockefeller Foundation.

The Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association of New York was given \$6,180 to enable John Simon, a drama critic, to observe professional theater groups and university drama programs outside New York City. Dr. Dan Atsmon, a research associate in the plant genetics section of the Weizmann Institute of Science, at Rehovot, was awarded \$5,800 by the Foundation to underwrite a tour of plant science research centers in the United States, Great Britain and Europe.