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KENNEDY OPPOSES SENATE AMENDMENT AIMED AT TERMINATING AID TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- President Kennedy today denounced the Senate amendment aimed at terminating aid to Egypt and warned that it might produce results opposite from those intended.

Mr. Kennedy, speaking at his press conference, cited the unfavorable repercussions of the American decision in 1956 to cancel aid to the Egyptian Aswan Dam project. He said that 80 per cent of American assistance to Egypt was in surplus food. He noted that Egypt was a poor and proud country and he did not think the wording of the amendment strengthened America's hand in dealing with Egypt.

The President emphasized that he did not think such "threats" against Egypt brought the desired results. He admitted concern, however, because the withdrawal rate of Egyptian forces from Yemen was slow. He feared increased tension between Egypt and Saudi Arabia unless the withdrawal rate of Egyptian troops becomes faster.

The President made clear that if there are failures in the Middle East and other areas, the foreign aid legislation will be the cause, in his view. He cited the bill before with its cuts and restrictive amendments, as representing the worst attack on foreign aid since the beginning of the Marshall Plan.

He stressed that the President bears responsibility in foreign policy and in maintaining the influence of the United States abroad. He said he could not fulfill his responsibilities without a foreign aid program suitable to his needs. He asserted, "I need this program" and went on later in the press conference to criticize legislative restrictions imposed by Congress including the amendment aimed against Egypt.

White House May Seek to Amend Senate Restriction on Egypt

Meanwhile, Senate sources today made known that the White House may seek adoption of an amendment to amend the amendment adopted last week to restrict aid to Egypt.

The original amendment required the President to rule that Nasser was neither engaging in aggression nor preparing for it if aid was to be continued. The wording coincided identically with wording previously approved by the House. This assured its retention in the final bill.

The Administration is discussing possible ways of killing the amendment against Egypt by changing the wording while the bill is still before the Senate. The Administration is said to feel that the present amendment "ties the hands" of the President and will "drive Nasser toward Moscow." Another Administration argument has been that the amendment might "weaken the present American diplomatic influence which is now working in Cairo to safeguard Israel."

However, chances of upsetting the original amendment are regarded as slim even though powerful shipping lobbyists are trying to get Senators to change their votes. The shipping interests are concerned over loss of revenue in the shipment of massive commodity supplies to Egypt. The original vote indicated heavy devotion to the amendment, the vote being 65 to 13. It has bi-partisan support.

U. S. REBUKES LEADER OF 'PALESTINE ARAB DELEGATION' AT UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The United States today openly accused Ahmad Shukairy, spokesman for the so-called "Palestine Arab Delegation," of making "many misstatements." Israel and other delegations here have frequently accused Shukairy of "distortions," but the U. S. A. has avoided characterizing Shukairy's many diatribes.

Today, Shukairy took up the entire morning meeting of the General Assembly's Special Political Committee, where the Arab refugee problem has been under debate for two weeks, with a long harangue. This time, he directed most of his criticism against the United States, hitting at Israel only obliquely. He attacked former President Truman, rapped American Ambassadors Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. and Adlai E. Stevenson, accused the U. S. A. of being "dishonest" on Israel and the Arab refugee question, called upon the U. S. A. to resign from the Palestine Conciliation Commission.

When Shukairy had finished his two-and-a-half hour speech, Mercer Cook, U. S. representative in the committee, told the group in 30 seconds he would not "dignify" Shukairy's

remarks with a formal answer because the speaker had made "many misstatements" and had indulged in "personal insults and abuse." Shukairy, he said, "had been insulting to the intelligence of the committee and its members." Furthermore, Mr. Cook said, Shukairy had done "no service to the Palestine refugees for whom American people have so much respect and sympathy."

Israel is expected to deliver its major address on the refugee question tomorrow. A behind-the-scenes move was under way to frame a resolution calling on Israel and the Arab states to undertake peace negotiations. At least 21 members were expected to sponsor that resolution; among these would be the West Europeans, Latin American and Africans.

U.N. APPOINTS NEW COMMISSIONER FOR RELIEF WORK FOR ARAB REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Laurence V. Michelmore, deputy director of personnel for the United Nations since 1959, and a top fiscal and administrative aide here since 1946, will be appointed tomorrow as Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. Secretary General U Thant will announce the appointment, it was learned here today.

The new UNRWA chief will succeed Dr. John H. Davis, who has resigned, after serving in the post five years, effective December 31. Like Dr. Davis and all the other preceding UNRWA heads, Mr. Michelmore is an American. The U.S.A. pays 70 per cent of UNRWA's costs, having spent on that task about a half billion dollars since 1950. The UNRWA, with more than 1,200,000 persons on its official registration rolls, employs 11,789 persons, of whom all but about 150 are themselves Arab refugees.

U.S. ARRANGES FOR A FOUR-COUNTRY BARTER PACT; ISRAEL TO BENEFIT

LONDON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The United States has arranged for a complicated four-country barter pact for the sale of Turkish chrome to the United States with the aid of Israel and Poland.

The United States will import Turkish chrome and pay for it with farm surplus products. The farm products will be supplied to Israel and Poland. Those two countries will complete the agreement by sending Turkey products of equal value under current agreements they have with Turkey.

For Israel, the pact amounts to orders for \$4,000,000 worth of products with an option for \$5,000,000 in sales. Israel will send Turkey tires, chemicals, plastics, newsprint and semi-finished products.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT REJECTS AGUDAH MOTION AGAINST ZIM LINES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament rejected today a motion by the Orthodox Agudat Israel party opposing the decision of Zim Lines to have both a kosher and a non-kosher kitchen on its new liner, the SS Shalom.

The motion obtained the support of the Poale Agudat Israel and some members of Herut, the Liberal party and the National Religious party. However, Transport Minister Israel Bar-Yehuda said the Government did not consider the matter a political question which had to be decided at the Cabinet level and that it had left the decision to Zim, which had promised that one kitchen would be kosher. The decision has caused widespread protests from Orthodox elements in Israel and other countries.

The Transport Minister added that the Israeli Rabbinate certified the kosher kitchens of foreign ships where the degree of rabbinical supervision was not "one-tenth" of what it will be on the Shalom.

NEW WATER SOURCES DISCOVERED IN NEGEV; GOOD FOR DRINKING, IRRIGATION

TEL AVIV, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- New water sources have been discovered by the Mekorot Water Company in the Araba sector of the Negev, it was reported here today. The water, discovered at the relatively shallow depth of 150 feet, was found to be fit for drinking and irrigation. Another drilling is planned at Neot Hakikar at the southern tip of the Dead Sea.

J.D.C. REPRESENTATIVE LEAVES FOR WARSAW TO OPEN JEWISH INSTITUTION

GENEVA, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Charles H. Jordan, Overseas director general of the Joint Distribution Committee, left today for Warsaw where he will be the principal speaker at the official dedication of a new Jewish Home for the Aged, the first to be built in Poland since the end of World War II.

Funds for the Home were contributed by the JDC with the assistance of the Polish Government and the British Central Fund. Polish Government officials and Polish Jewish leaders will take part in the dedication. Akiva Kohan, JDC director for Poland, and Max A. Braude, director-general of the World Orf. Union, accompanied Mr. Jordan.

SOVIET JEWISH EDITOR ARRIVES IN U.S.; ATTACKED IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A severe attack against Aron Vergelis, editor of the Sovietishke Heimland, the only Yiddish magazine in the Soviet Union, was made in the House of Representatives here today, as Mr. Vergelis arrived in Washington as member of a Soviet cultural group which came on tourist visas for a tour of the United States.

Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, speaking from the floor of the House, said that Mr. Vergelis, who will seek to defend the Soviet policy on Jews, does not represent Soviet Jewry and is not concerned about the fate of the Jews in the Soviet Union. He actually came to the United States with a mission "to cover up by propaganda smoke-screen the rising tide of Soviet anti-Semitism," the Congressman told the House.

A panel discussion at Georgetown University here in which Mr. Vergelis was to participate, was canceled today an hour before it was scheduled to take place. Mr. Vergelis also ran into difficulties with a State Department warning to American organizations and institutions not to become involved with him or any of his group in providing a forum for their propaganda.

The United States meanwhile canceled negotiations on a new cultural exchange program as an additional protest against the Soviet arrest in Moscow of Professor Frederick Barghoorn of Yale University. President Kennedy has made clear that the continuation of American-Soviet cultural exchanges hinges on the release of the professor.

KHRUSHCHEV DISPLAYS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS

LONDON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- Representatives of all major religions in the Soviet Union--except the Jewish religion--were given honored places in the receiving line in the Kremlin when the USSR officially celebrated its anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution on November 7, it was learned authoritatively here today.

According to the highly informed source who was an eye-witness to the November 7 celebration, the official receiving line included, standing next to Premier Khrushchev and the USSR's President, leading clergy of the Russian Orthodox, Catholic, Moslem and Buddhist faiths. Not only was no rabbi present in the receiving line, the source said, but not a single religious Russian Jew had ever been invited as a guest of the Revolution Day party.

JEWISH PROBLEM IN GERMANY IS STILL 'FORMIDABLE,' REPORT ASSERTS

LONDON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Daily Telegraph reported today from Bonn that there were 30,000 Jews currently living in West Germany few of whom "feel secure yet" and many of whom maintain dual nationality.

About 8,000 of them have no contact with the Jewish community some even pretending to be Gentile Germans, the report said. Relations with the Germans are still inhibited by memories of the Nazi past and most of the Germans, burdened with guilt feelings, tend to overcompensate in their behavior toward Jews.

Other Germans, the report continued, unthinkingly disclose their latent anti-Semitism though less openly than the Austrians. "All in all, 25 years after Crystal Night, when the Nazis roamed through German and Austrian cities, setting synagogues afire and beating and killing Jews, the problems of Jews in Germany remain formidable," the report stated.

At national levels, however, relations have developed surprisingly well, the report stressed. The West Germans are fulfilling their restitution obligations, West Germany has become Israel's third largest trading partner and the West German army is equipped with Israeli guns and German soldiers wear Israeli-made shirts and sports trousers. They also use Israel-made mortar ammunition of which hundreds of thousands of rounds are purchased.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT ASKED TO BAN SALE OF NEW PRO-NAZI BOOK

PARIS, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The French Justice Ministry was asked today to ban the sale of a new pro-Nazi book and a plan of supporters of its collaborationist author to hold a public meeting to celebrate publication of the volume.

Jewish and non-Jewish organizations joined in the protest against "The Volunteers" by Saint Loup, a notorious wartime collaborator with the Nazis. The book describes the creation of the French Legion of Volunteers which fought alongside the Germans on the Russian front in World War II. Critics said the book serves as a propaganda vehicle for some of the worst aspects of Nazi ideology, particularly its racist doctrines.

The Movement Against Racism and For Peace issued a public protest against the book's publication and urged authorities to prevent its circulation. The National Association of Former Resistance Fighters, the major non-Jewish organization which includes some of France's leading Gaullist figures, joined the protest.

PHILADELPHIA FEDERATION RAISES \$4,011,000 FOR BUILDING FUND

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A total of \$4,011,000 has been raised by the Building Fund of the Federation of Jewish Agencies toward its \$15,360,000 projected needs, it was revealed last night at the Federation's annual meeting.

The sum was raised largely by Kevy K. Kaiserman, Building Fund chairman, and his associate chairmen, Samuel H. Daroff and George Friedland, since the Fund was initiated last spring. The amount came from a few dozen individuals and families, foundations, corporations and Federation sources. Public solicitation will be confined to periods when it will not interfere with United Fund or Allied Jewish Appeal campaigning.

The Building Fund appeal, which will continue for three to five years, will provide for expansion and modernization of Federation's local health, welfare and educational facilities. In all, some 30 projects are earmarked for Philadelphia and the suburbs.

Seven contributors who have already pledged amounts of \$100,000 and more were awarded certificates of appreciation. They were: M.L. Annenberg Foundation, George Friedland Foundation, Kevy K. Kaiserman, Korman Family Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Levitties and Marvin Levitties, The Samuel Paley Foundation, Abram H. and Helen Weiss Foundation.

MIZRACHI CONVENTION ASKS RUSSIA TO PERMIT STUDY OF STATUS OF JEWS

LONG BEACH, N. Y., Nov. 14. (JTA) -- An appeal to the Soviet Government to permit a "representative, cross-sectional body of American Jewish leaders to conduct a free, unfettered and uninhibited fact-finding study of the status, welfare and general conditions of the Jewish citizens of the USSR" was voiced here last night by Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, president of the Religious Zionists of America.

Addressing the opening session of the organization's 54th annual convention here, Rabbi Kirshblum noted that there have been many reports of anti-Semitic practices in the USSR, and that Soviet authorities have denied these "accusations of religious and cultural genocide." Only a fact-finding group, spending a month in the Soviet Union without hindrance, he said, could report "on the current situation regarding Russian Jewry objectively and reliably."

Rabbi Kirshblum also condemned recent demonstrations held by Jewish religious zealots in front of the Israeli Consulate in New York. Such demonstrations, he said, were "shameful." He called on all Israelis to resolve religious conflicts peacefully, and to call on their Government "to elevate religious tenets in the running of the State." But such requests, he insisted, "must be made within the framework of responsible and enlightened procedures for the attainment of desired religious goals. Violence can only lead to disaster and shame for all parties concerned."

Israeli Minister Addresses U. S. Religious Zionist Convention

Yitzhak Raphael, Israel's Deputy Minister of Health, advocated today before 800 delegates to the 54th annual convention of the Religious Zionists of America "the setting up of a central rabbinic body with binding jurisdiction to resolve all the religious-law complications and ramifications which have flown from Israel's rapid growth and accelerated mode of economic and social operations."

"This body would be accepted and recognized by the Government of Israel and all Jewish communities throughout the civilized world," he said. "This authoritative council would be able to give rulings and advice on all crucial legal and religious questions which confront Jewry in its attempt to preserve the fundamental tenets of Judaism."

He also said that the "existence of such a central body could have prevented the recent outbreaks of violence and extremism which have compromised the position of honor, trust and respect that Israel has enjoyed in the family of nations. Since there is no organized rabbinic body with mandatory power to help alleviate and overcome the controversies which characterize the relations between the religious and non-religious elements in Israel and elsewhere, a veritable vacuum exists which can only bring about undesirable conflict and harm to all Jewish communities."

MIZRACHI WOMEN'S CONVENTION VOTES \$250,000 FOR PROJECT IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Mizrahi Women's Organization of America approved a plan at the annual convention here for a \$250,000 project to develop Mount Gilboa in Israel.

Through the Jewish National Fund, the women's religious-Zionist organization will build a road to the first pioneering settlement on the mountain, plant 75,000 trees and construct an outdoor recreational center and park, the first of its kind in Israel, for use by settlers of Gilboa. The delegates also elected Mrs. Eli Resnikoff of Brooklyn, N. Y., to a second term as president.