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STATE DEPARTMENT OUTLINES U.S. POLICY ON JORDAN RIVER WATERS ISSUE

WASHINGTON, July 14 (JTA) -- The United States Government has pledged definitely that it would oppose Arab projects for "counter-diversion" of the Jordan River waters "if it appeared that the Arab riparian states combined were offtaking waters in excess of the combined allocations to the Arab states specified in the 1955 plan," it was revealed here today by the office of U.S. Senator Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican. Mr. Keating made public the Government's pledge, contained in a letter to him from Assistant Secretary of State Frederick G. Dutton.

The Dutton letter was in response to an inquiry made by the Senator, asking for clarification of the Government's stand on the Jordan River waters issue. "I would appreciate knowing," Sen. Keating had written, "whether the Government of the United States regards Israel's present water diversion program as consistent with the 1955 unified plan for the Jordan River Valley; whether the Government of the United States approves and supports Israel's current efforts for utilization of the Jordan waters; and whether the Government of the United States would take action to prevent other Middle Eastern states from frustrating this plan, either militarily or by other diversion efforts."

The Senator recalled that the unified water plan of 1955 had been worked out by the late Eric Johnston, as a special Ambassador for President Eisenhower. The technical aspects of that plan had been agreed to by the riparian states involved -- Israel, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria -- but had later been rejected by the Arab states for political reasons.

In his reply, Mr. Dutton wrote to Sen. Keating:

"You asked specifically whether we regard Israel's present water diversion program as consistent with the 1955 unified plan. At a news briefing on May 6, a Department of State spokesman who was asked this question, replied publicly: 'We have been informed by the Government of Israel that its use of the waters from the Jordan Valley will be within the allocations of the 1955 unified plan.' We have every reason to believe that this statement is true as regards the present Israel project, and we therefore support Israel's current efforts.

Refers to President Johnson's Statement During Eshkol's Visit

"In addition, as the President stated in the joint communique of June 2 on the occasion of Israel Prime Minister Eshkol's visit, the United States and Israel will undertake joint studies on problems of desalting water, as part of the effort being undertaken to solve the problem of scarcity of water, and hope for rapid progress toward large-scale desalting in Israel," Assistant Secretary Dutton emphasized. He continued:

"With regard to your question as to whether the United States would take action to prevent other Middle Eastern states from frustrating this plan militarily, a long-standing principle of U.S. policy in the Near East is our opposition to aggression. This policy was expressed in the late President Kennedy's statement of May 8, 1963, in which he made it unmistakably clear that we oppose the use or threat of force. He also said that, 'In the event of direct or indirect aggression, we would support appropriate courses of action in the United Nations or on our own to put a stop to such aggression.'"

"As stated in the joint communique during Prime Minister Eshkol's visit, President Johnson specifically reiterated this statement of U.S. policy. In the event that other Middle Eastern states attempt to frustrate the Israeli plan by other counter-diversion projects, the United States would oppose such projects if it appeared that the Arab riparian States combined were offtaking waters in excess of the combined allocations to the Arab States specified in the 1955 plan. The form of any such U.S. opposition would of course depend upon the circumstances prevailing at that time."

ESHKOL TO REPORT TO KNESSET TODAY ON RESULTS OF HIS VISIT TO FRANCE

JERUSALEM, July 14 (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol will report tomorrow to the Knesset (Israel's Parliament) about the results of his 13-day visit to France, after which Parliament will open a political debate which will be devoted not only to the French tour but also to Mr. Eshkol's June visit to the United States;

Meanwhile, Mr. Eshkol reported to the full Cabinet here on his meetings with French President Charles de Gaulle and other ranking members of the French Government. The Premier is understood to have told the Cabinet that he has found French friendship toward Israel as firm as ever. He reportedly stressed the fact that he has received reassurances of continued French support to Israel;

JEWS, ARABS WHO LOST PALESTINE POSTS SEEK COMPENSATION FROM BRITAIN

LONDON, July 14 (JTA) -- Max Seligman, an Israeli attorney, said today that he was negotiating with the British Government for a settlement of claims for compensation of Jews and Arabs who lost career posts in the British Mandatory regime, when Britain gave up the Mandate in 1948;

Mr. Seligman added that these claims were separate from the overall talks between Israel and Britain for a final settlement of financial claims arising from liquidation of the Mandate. He said his Jewish and Arab clients were about evenly divided in number;

SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL GREET'S WORLD CONFERENCE OF LABOR ZIONISTS

LONDON, July 14 (JTA) -- The Socialist International declared today that, despite the gains for Jewish status from the creation of Israel, Jews still faced discrimination and Socialist Zionists faced "bitter hostility," particularly in the Soviet Union;

Declaring that the Socialist International opposed such discrimination and hostility "wherever they arise," the statement said that strong democratic Socialist parties were the "surest bulwark against both." The comments were contained in a message to the Conference of the World Union of Zionist Socialist parties, Ichud Olami, which will be held in Israel, July 20-26;

Noting that some of the early pioneers in Socialist Zionism had lived to see the birth of Israel, the Socialist International said that they, like their successors, want an Israel which will be strong and which will share its spiritual and technical riches in peace with its neighbors;

NAZI MURDERER OF JEWISH CHILDREN ARRESTED IN AUSTRIA; FLED GERMANY

COLOGNE, July 14 (JTA) -- A former SS commander of a Jewish concentration camp in Bialystock, in occupied Poland, who escaped from Germany while out on bail on murder charges, was arrested today in Austria, officials reported here.

Kurt Wiese of Cologne had been arrested last October on charges of the murder of about 100 Jewish children. Though he confessed to the killings, he was released four days after his arrest on light bail of \$1,000 because of alleged diabetes. He had been ordered to report to police three times a week;

When Cologne police revealed on July 6 that he had apparently fled Germany, they conceded that they had not seen him since May 25 but had not reported him as missing for 18 days. The prosecutor's office said it had "forgotten" to protest his release on such small bail.

Since the former SS officer was known to lack funds, it was believed he had been spirited out of West Germany by Nazi elements who feared that he would have implicated other former Nazis in his scheduled trial.

THREE MORE FIRMS IN GERMANY AGREE TO PAY COMPENSATION TO JEWS

FRANKFURT, July 14 (JTA) -- Three more German firms have agreed to pay compensation to Jews who were slave laborers in their factories during the Nazi period, it was announced here yesterday;

The International Committee of the Camps, an organization of former Nazi camp inmates, said that the Krupp Steel Company, the Siemens-Schuckert Company and the AEG Electric Company had agreed to pay such compensation. The amounts to be paid were not announced. Several years ago, the I. G. Farben Chemical firm agreed to make such payments after protracted negotiations.

ARGENTINE JEWISH LEADERS REPORT ON RISE OF ANTI-JEWISH ACTIVITIES

JERUSALEM, July 14 (JTA) -- Two leaders of Argentine Jewry reported today to the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress, currently in session here, that there has been an increase in anti-Semitism in Argentina; Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, president of DAIA, central body of organized Argentine Jewry, and Marc Turkow, executive director of the WJC's South American section, said there has been an increase in physical attacks against Jews in their country.

They cited also a campaign of anti-Semitism in sections of the Argentine press, declaring that there is now in existence an anti-Semitic conspiracy on an international scale, in which Arab representatives collaborate with Nazi and Fascist groups.

Their reports came after Stephen Roth, of London, executive director of the WJC's European Division, presented a survey showing that most of the active neo-Nazis and Fascists around the world now are in the age brackets between 30 and 40, rather than older anti-Semites who had kept to their wartime, anti-Semitic prejudices;

The greatest danger in the field of anti-Semitism now, said Dr. Roth, stems from right-wing extremists who do not come out openly with anti-Semitic programs; He stated that such groups as the American Nazi Party in the United States, or the World Union of National Socialists, which has its headquarters in Britain, are less dangerous than the more covert, right-wing groups of extremists;

GOVERNMENT PARTY IN ARGENTINA TO COMBAT GROWING ANTI-SEMITISM

BUENOS AIRES, July 14 (JTA) -- A high official of the People's Radical Party, the Government party in Argentina, declared yesterday that the party would "do everything in its power" to fight the country's rising anti-Semitism;

He made the statement in connection with indications that the party was organizing efforts to block a proposal by a Peronist deputy for a Congressional investigation of Jewish organizations and their ties with Israel. The proposal was made by Juan Carlos Cornejo Linares in terms which Jewish spokesmen called openly anti-Semitic;

"There is no room for racial discrimination on the political scene," the official said; "It is not proper and the Government party will do everything in its power to fight it;" His assurance was supported by Miguel Ortiz, the Foreign Minister, who said that the People's party had a history of battling for civil rights and religious equality; He stressed this was recognized by leaders of the Argentine Jewish community;

The Foreign Minister cited as an example of that policy the fact that President Arturo Illia set a precedent when he invited a rabbi and a Protestant minister to be present on the reviewing stand with Catholic clergy for the July 9 Independence Day celebration; Dr. Guillermo Schlesinger, Chief Rabbi of Congregation Israelita, was the official Jewish representative;

Government spokesmen have insisted that the anti-Jewish campaign was restricted to small though financially strong groups of nationalist extremists; More recently, both Government and opposition party leaders appeared to have decided that the time had come to challenge the repeated statements of such propaganda; Previously, former President Arturo Frondizi said his followers in Congress would strongly oppose the Peronist proposal;

Argentine Jews are concerned about the gap between such official reassurances and the record of police in carrying out orders to arrest persons involved in anti-Jewish incidents; Herzl Gesang, acting chairman of the DAIA, the central body of Argentine Jews, said that after months of investigation, police announced the arrest of two youths, 15 and 17 years old, who confessed they were guilty of 148 such incidents. He added that the police had indicated they were satisfied that the arrests and confessions ended the case; "But we are certain that these youths are part of a well-organized group that seems to be immune to prosecution," he declared;

ARCHBISHOP OF MEXICO PLEDGES TO ACT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE

MEXICO CITY, July 14 (JTA) -- Dr. Miguel Dario Miranda y Gomez, Catholic Archbishop of Mexico, today pledged to advocate a "pro-Jewish" position in the forthcoming session of the Ecumenical Council, to be opened at the Vatican on September 14;

The prelate also said he would do everything he could to help prevent the spread of anti-Semitic literature in this country; He made these promises after a very cordial conference, lasting an hour, with a delegation representing the Central Committee of Mexican Jewish Organizations; Attending the conference were Gregorio Shapiro, president of the committee; I. Z. Berebichez, secretary; Dr. S. Bibring and Leon Krachmalnik;

CHICAGO JEWISH FEDERATION STARTS ITS 1964 DRIVE; SEEKS \$4,890,000

CHICAGO, July 14 (JTA) -- The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago launched its 1964 drive at a Pace Setters meeting and luncheon attended by more than 100 of Chicago's top business leaders and professional men. The Federation is seeking contributions of \$2,483,767 to meet its operating deficit, and \$2,403,100 to complete its United Building Fund.

A. N. Pritzker, general chairman of the campaign, reported that the services rendered by the Federation's 12 medical and social welfare agencies will cost in 1964 about \$33,200,000, leading to a deficit of \$6,278,895. After all funds received by the Jewish Federation -- \$1,415,000 from the Combined Jewish Appeal, \$1,645,128 from the Community Fund, \$715,000 from investment income, and \$20,000 from miscellaneous sources -- Federation will still need \$2,483,767, which will be sought in direct contributions from the Jewish Community, Mr. Pritzker said. The campaign runs until December 31.

NEW YORK WOMAN ADMITS SERVING AS GUARD IN TWO NAZI DEATH CAMPS

NEW YORK, July 14 (JTA) -- A New York housewife, who became an American citizen last year, admitted today that she had been a guard in two Nazi death camps.

The woman, the former Hermine Braunsteiner, was identified as having been a guard in the Maidanek murder camp during World War II, and as having served a prison term for her activities as an overseer in the Ravensbruck camp. The information about her came from Simon Wiesenthal, director of the Jewish Documentation Center in Vienna.

An official of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service said the fact that the woman, now Mrs. Russell Ryan, had sworn falsely that she had never been convicted of a crime in applying for citizenship might be grounds for a review of her admission to this country. He indicated, however, that such reviews rarely result in cancellation of citizenship.

Mr. Wiesenthal, who made the identification in letters from Vienna to Israeli authorities in Tel Aviv, declared that Mrs. Ryan was sentenced in the provincial court at Graz, Austria, in 1953, to three years' imprisonment as a minor offender in the Ravensbruck camp. He added that proceedings were still pending against her in Graz.

Mrs. Ryan admitted the correctness of the identification but insisted she had never been more than a guard at Maidanek, where an estimated 1,500,000 persons, half of them Jews, were murdered. She insisted that she had had no authority as a guard.

NEW ENGLISH-JEWISH PAPER IN CLEVELAND TO REPLACE EXISTING WEEKLIES

CLEVELAND, July 14 (JTA) -- A group of 30 local men have set up a non-profit corporation, the Cleveland Jewish Publication Co., which plans to issue a weekly paper devoted to news of Jewish interest at home and abroad, it was announced here today. Interim trustees for the group are M. E. Glass, Irving Kane and Lawrence H. Williams.

The new company is to purchase the existing two weeklies -- the Jewish Independent and the Jewish Review and Observer -- and replace them with one paper. The trustees expect the new publication to be the major means of keeping the local readership posted on Jewish news and developments. The company is now proceeding with further organization, and hopes to publish the first number of the new weekly in the Fall, immediately after the final issues of the present papers.

JOEL BRAND, LEADING WITNESS AT EICHMANN TRIAL, DEAD; WAS 58

BONN, July 14 (JTA) -- Joel Brand, a Jewish journalist who was selected by Adolf Eichmann as an emissary in the bizarre and abortive Nazi offer to the Allies to exchange trucks for doomed Jews, died today in a hospital at Bad Kissengen after a heart attack. He was 58. He had testified on his unusual mission in the trial of Adolf Eichmann in Jerusalem in 1961 and later in other trials involving the destruction by the Nazis of Hungarian Jewry. He was an Israeli citizen at his death.

According to Brand's account, Eichmann chose him to convey an offer to the Allies of a proposed trade of 1,000,000 Hungarian Jews for 10,000 trucks which the Nazis needed in the final months of the war as the Red Army swept toward Hungary. Brand was arrested by the British Military command in Aleppo and kept in custody for some four months.

Brand had been co-president of the Palestine office and of Keren Hayesod in Budapest and an organizer of the Jewish Rescue Committee in that city, organized to try to save Hungarian Jews.