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JOHNSON'S FOREIGN AID MESSAGE TO CONGRESS AVOIDS REFERENCE TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Administration sources sought today to portray Egypt in a more favorable light and indicated that assistance to the Nasser regime would probably be continued as President Johnson submitted his annual foreign aid message to Congress.

The new program outlined in the message contained no direct assistance for Israel. However, the message included a request for enactment of an investment tax credit which might encourage private investment in Israel and other developing countries.

President Johnson's message carefully avoided all reference to Egypt and the abuse of the United States on the aid issue by President Nasser. No guidance was offered on American policy toward Egypt except by Administration sources who stated that very little technical assistance for Egypt was currently provided and that surplus commodities shipments were not covered in this particular legislative matter.

These sources explained that commodity shipments, valued at over \$100,000,000 a year, are presently being shipped to Egypt under an agreement which expires next June 30. It is too early to say what American policy toward Egypt may be at that time, it was said, although the Administration feels the situation involving Egypt is changing in a favorable direction. Egypt came forward with offers to provide money, books, and housing to replace the U. S. Information Agency library burned in Cairo, these sources said.

U. S. Intentions of Future Aid to Egypt Held 'Classified'

American intentions involving future aid to Egypt, in the program being drawn up for fiscal year 1966, are "classified." The Administration said it was vital to American interests to maintain good relations with Egypt and continued aid was seen as the best available channel.

Administration officials defended the continuation of approximately \$2,000,000 for technical assistance and training for Egyptians. Under this program Egyptian students are brought to the United States for training and are believed to gain a friendly attitude toward this country. Complaints have been made to the government, in the past, that some of these Arab students became unlawfully involved in domestic American political activity and were active in anti-Jewish and anti-Israel propaganda activities.

The situation in Egyptian-American relations was described by top Administration policy-makers as changing almost daily. Therefore, under pressure from the State Department, the Administration is resisting the firm stand toward Nasser advocated by members of Congress of both parties.

Since the major portion of aid to Egypt is covered under Public Law 480- surplus agricultural commodities legislation-- rather than the foreign aid bill now being transmitted, Congress is seeking a legislative means of severing such aid. The present aid bill, however, will provide for a debate on aid to Egypt and might bring an amendment cutting off even the relatively minor sums contained under technical assistance and training sections.

Possibility Seen for Private Investments in Israel

The overall aid request took into account the attitude of Congress toward aid in general. The President pointed out that this year's request was the smallest in the history of the aid program and \$136,000,000 less than the sum requested last year.

It appeared that Israel might benefit under expanded authority requested in connection with steps to encourage private investment in developing lands. President Johnson asked Congress to enact an investment tax credit. He also requested expanded authority in connection with the investment guaranty program of the Foreign Assistance Act.

The President said, however, that "such measures to encourage the flow of capital to the developing world can do only part of the job. The less-developed countries must pursue policies that will create new opportunities for their own businessmen and a favorable climate for investors from abroad."

He said private enterprise in developing nations was being encouraged through technical assistance for private enterprise; productivity centers and schools of business

administration for training in management and new techniques; commodity loans to provide materials and parts for private business, loans to industrial development banks and agricultural credit banks, and loans to private business.

SEVERANCE OF U. S. AID TO EGYPT URGED BY GROUP IN WHITE HOUSE TALK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The question of severance of aid to Egypt as a more effective policy than continuing assistance is being considered by the Administration in the wake of a White House meeting involving President Johnson and the Committee for International Development, a group of prominent citizens headed by Sol M. Linowitz, head of the Xerox Corporation. The meeting revealed a growing personal involvement of President Johnson in the Egyptian aid issue. Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Administrator David Bell of the U. S. Agency for International Development participated.

Secretary Rusk reportedly stressed that it was necessary to maintain American lines of communication in Cairo through the aid program despite Nasser's anti American expressions. Mr. Bell indicated there was need for scrutiny of the U. S. program in Egypt and consideration of a firmer stand.

Mr. Linowitz is chairman of the group invited to the White House as the President mustered support for the foreign aid program for the coming fiscal year. He made known that his committee, which includes such prominent personages as Fowler Hamilton, former Aid administrator, James A. Farley, Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, and others, stressed to the President the need for a "hard look" at aid programs in countries like Egypt and Indonesia where American libraries have been burned and anti-American invective unleashed.

Even though aid to Egypt now consists mainly of surplus commodities, Mr. Linowitz said "we have to make up our minds whether this is serving our interests or not." Administration sources indicated that the views of the group headed by Mr. Linowitz would be carefully considered because of its importance in helping to rally national support for adoption of the aid program submitted to Congress today by President Johnson.

Mr. Linowitz said "a very frank exchange" took place on the Egyptian question in the presence of the President. The Administration's stand on Egypt will be more exactly evaluated to determine if firmer aid policies would more effectively promote American interests, according to the impression gained by the committee.

U. S. Ambassador to Egypt Returns to Washington for Consultations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The American Ambassador to Egypt, Lucius Battle, is returning to Washington for consultations in connection with the troubled relations between the United States and the Nasser regime. He is expected to arrive here tomorrow. The Ambassador was personally criticized by President Nasser in a public address.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk was informed today in a letter from National Commander Ralph Plofsky, of the Jewish War Veterans, that, because the State Department has urged continued aid to Egypt, despite Egypt's pro-Communist activities and abuse of American veterans will ask Congressional leaders to adopt a mandatory ban on further assistance.

BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT REJECTS ARAB DECISION AGAINST RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

BONN, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, president of the Bundestag, lower house of West Germany's Parliament, expressed opposition here today to the decision taken by the Prime Ministers of the 13 Arab League States, at their meeting in Cairo, who had warned all governments to refrain from establishing diplomatic relations with Israel.

"No country with self respect," said Dr. Gerstenmaier, "could let itself be dictated to by foreign countries as to what it should do." The Arab Premiers had threatened that they would extend recognition to Communist East Germany if the Bonn Government should establish diplomatic relations with Israel.

BLAUSTEIN CONFERS WITH GERMAN ENVCY IN WASHINGTON ON VARIOUS ISSUES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, senior vice-president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, and honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, had a long conference here with German Ambassador Heinrich Knapstein on various questions. They included the question of remaining restitution and compensation claims by victims of Nazi persecution; extension of the statute of limitations deadline on prosecution of Nazi war criminals, and German scientists working in Egypt.

CATHOLICS IN BERLIN CALL FOR ABOLITION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

WEST BERLIN, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The official publication of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Berlin called today for abolition of the statute of limitations on murder to permit unlimited prosecution of Nazi war criminals. The publication, "Petrusblatt," said the Government must not let prosecution be restricted by procedural difficulties which might frustrate the ends of justice.

ARAB COMMANDOS FAIL IN ATTEMPTS TO SABOTAGE JORDAN WATER CARRIER

TEL AVIV, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The Israel Army spokesman disclosed today that Arab commandos have already made several unsuccessful attempts to sabotage Israel's National Water Carrier project and that at least one of the commandos was captured by Israel security forces and is being held for investigation.

The spokesman said that several attempts were made last week by a number of commando groups sent to Israel on sabotage assignments by an Arab terrorist organization named "Fateh," apparently directed by Syrian authorities. He added that Israeli security forces were taking continuous measures to foil the activities of the commandos and that no damage has been done.

The spokesman made his statement in connection with a "communiqué" from the "Fateh" headquarters which has a section in Beirut named "Headquarters of the Palestinian Crescent Forces." The communiqué claimed credit for acts of sabotage against the water carrier, which taps the Jordan River through Lake Tiberias in a project fiercely opposed by the Arabs.

It was learned here that Fateh has no official affiliation with any inter-Arab official body and is made up of elements opposed to Ahmed Shukairy's leadership of the "Palestinian" Arabs. The communiqué boasted that its commandos had damaged the water carrier from Lake Tiberias to the Negev.

JEWISH GROUPS PICKET GERMAN CONSULATES IN MAJOR U. S. CITIES

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The German Consulate here was picketed today by members of 29 Jewish organizations protesting the West German government's refusal to extend the country's Statute of Limitations so that war criminals can be placed on trial whenever they are uncovered.

By a police order the pickets were limited to 45. They were also voicing their condemnation of the West German government's "disregard" of appeals to recall West German scientists now working on the development of missiles for Egypt, which the Arabs have announced they plan to use "ultimately in a war of destruction against Israel."

The picketing in New York was part of a national program of picketing of German consulates throughout the country following a policy adopted by the 18 national Jewish organizations comprising the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Picketers and protesting delegations appeared before German consulate addresses in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle and the Embassy in Washington.

The picketers carried placards stating, "No Statute of Limitations for Mass Murder," "Mass Murderers Must Not Go Free in Germany After May 8th," "All Nazi Murders Must Be Brought to Justice," "Let No Nazi Murderer Escape Justice," "Mr. Erhard, Remove German Scientists From Egypt," "German Scientists Working for Lasser Threat to World Peace," and "Prevent German Scientists in Cairo From Continuing Hitler's Work."

Representatives from the following national Jewish organizations were among the picketers: Americans for Progressive Israel (Hashomer Hatzair), American Israel Public Affairs Committee, American Jewish Congress, American Zionist Council, American Trade Union Council for Histadrut, B'nai B'rith, B'nai Zion, Brooklyn Jewish Community Center, Farband-Labor Zionist Order, Hadassah, Jewish Agency for Israel -- American Section, Jewish Labor Committee.

Also the Jewish Nazi Victims Organization of America, Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A., Labor Zionist Movement, Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, National Community Relations Advisory Council, National Council of Jewish Women, National Council of Young Israel, Pioneer Women, Rabbinical Assembly, Shearit Hapleita, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, United Labor Zionists - Achdut Avodah, United Synagogue of America, Zionist Organization of America, and Zionist-Revisionists of America.

German Ambassador to Convey Jewish Petition to Bonn

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- German Ambassador Heinrich Knapstein said today after meeting with a Jewish delegation that he would convey their petition to Bonn for consideration and expressed a personal wish that no Nazi should escape punishment through expiration of the statute. He met at the Embassy with Jewish community leaders as a large number of pickets marched outside.

The Ambassador said he had reports from German consulates throughout the United States where other demonstrations were held today and that all were very peaceful. He said the German Government did a great deal to clean the German house of Nazi crimes and would continue efforts to remove German scientists from Egyptian war industries. He said one half of the latter had already left Egypt.

FIFTY LEADING AMERICANS APPEAL TO MOSCOW ON SOVIET TREATMENT OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- A group of more than 50 leading Americans, Jews and Christians, today published a full-page appeal in the New York Times urging the Soviet Government to end discrimination against Jews in the USSR and calling for the restoration of religious and cultural rights to Soviet Jews.

The rights cited included permission for the free functioning of synagogues and central institutions to serve the religious needs of Soviet Jews, permission for Jewish education in all forms, including training of rabbis; removal of obstacles to performance of such rites as religious burial and circumcision; publication of Hebrew Bibles, prayerbooks, religious texts and manufacture of prayer shawls, phylacteries and mezuzahs and the re-establishment of Jewish cultural institutions so that Jewish artists could develop Jewish culture in Yiddish and Hebrew.

The appeal also urged Soviet authorities to permit Jews separated from their families to leave Russia to be reunited, to permit religious and cultural contacts by Soviet Jews with Jewish communities in other countries, official exchange visits and religious pilgrimages to the Holy Land, and elimination of "the anti-Jewish character that so strongly colors the official campaign against economic crimes."

Signers of the appeal included Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg, Senators Jacob Javits and Robert Kennedy of New York, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, former Assistant Secretary of State Adolf Berle, Jr., Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, the Protestant theologian; Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, playwright Arthur Miller, novelist Saul Bellow, architect Philip Johnson, David Callahan, editor of Commonweal, historian Richard Hoffstadter, poet Karl Shapiro and others.

As part of the same page it was announced that a rally will take place Sunday at Congregation Zichron Ephraim here which is situated opposite the Soviet mission to the United Nations. The rally will be the occasion for the dedication of "a living monument to the 3,000,000 suffering Jews of the Soviet Union," Rabbi Arthur Schneier, spiritual leader of the congregation, announced.

The bronze plaque, bearing the inscription "Hear the Cry of the Oppressed--The Jewish Community in the Soviet Union," will be attached permanently to the front of the synagogue under continuous illumination "so that passersby will be struck by the solemnity and seriousness of the tragic plight which confronts Soviet Jewry." Several thousand persons were expected to attend the rally at which speakers will include Sen. Javits, Label Katz, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, and Sen. Kennedy.

N. J. Governor Heads Protest Meeting on Soviet Anti-Jewish Policy

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Gov. Richard J. Hughes of New Jersey, Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio of Newark, leading educators and representatives of Catholic and Protestant churches, tonight joined New Jersey's major communities here in a mass meeting protesting against anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. Both Gov. Hughes and Mayor Addonizio - the latter in his capacity as chairman of a special, state wide Mayor's Committee - issued proclamations earlier designating today as a day of protest against Soviet Russia's practices of anti-Semitism.

With the Governor as honorary chairman of New Jersey's action against the USSR's violation of the religious and cultural rights of 3,000,000 Jews living under the Kremlin's jurisdiction, the protest move was headed by Judge Joseph H. Lerner, of South Orange, as chairman. Judge Lerner is president of the New Jersey Region of the Zionist Organization of America.

97,000 Israelis Sign Petition to Knesset to Act on Jews in Russia

JERUSALEM, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- A petition bearing 97,000 signatures urging Israel's Parliament to initiate a world wide campaign to bring about an easing of the plight of Soviet Jewry was presented to the Parliament today.

The signatures were collected by the Moaz, the Organization for Soviet Jewry. The petition was presented to a Knesset subcommittee. The petition called for debate by the Knesset and Knesset action to harness world public opinion and world Parliaments in the struggle for Soviet Jewry, and for the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate.

Jewish Writers in USSR Request More Yiddish Publications

LONDON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The request for another publication in Yiddish language in the Soviet Union, in addition to the government-sponsored monthly Sovietish Heimland, was voiced in Moscow at a four-day conference of Jewish writers and literary critics, according to information reached here today from the Soviet capital. Speakers pointed out that there was need for such a publication to appear in Kiev in Vilna, provincial Jewish centers.

An exhibition of 76 paintings by 12 Israeli artists was opened at the Pushkin Museum in Moscow, a dispatch from the Soviet capital reported here today. The exhibition was organized within the framework of the recent Israeli-USSR agreement for cultural exchanges between the two countries.

JEWISH GROUPS LAUD JOHNSON'S PROPOSALS TO CONGRESS ON IMMIGRATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The United Hias Service and other major Jewish organizations interested in immigration today issued statements lauding President Johnson's message to Congress yesterday in which he urged a number of measures to relax the present immigration laws.

Murray I. Gurfein, president of United Hias Service, "wholeheartedly" endorsed President Johnson's message to Congress as "demonstrating in unequivocal terms that the passage of a liberalized immigration law is in our national interest and is long overdue."

Mr. Gurfein said that a new law eliminating the discriminatory features of the present system would manifest to the world our commitment to individual dignity and equality of opportunity. "Our country's strength rests upon the contributions of people of many races and origins," he said. "The present law deprives our nation of the skills of potential immigrants who have much to offer. Now is the time under the leadership of President Johnson and far-sighted members of Congress to redress a wrong that has existed for too many years."

James R. Rice, UHS executive director, attended a briefing session at the State Department in Washington today, together with representatives of the other major voluntary immigration agencies, called by Abba P. Schwartz, administrator of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs. Agency representatives were told that the Administration intends to make every effort to encourage the passage into law of the principles embodied in the President's message. The support of the voluntary agencies was sought to inform and educate the public about the purposes of the proposed legislation.

Commend the President 'Most Heartily' for His Recommendations

The seven national Jewish organizations affiliated in the National Community Relations Advisory Council enthusiastically hailed President Johnson's message in a joint statement by the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, National Council of Jewish Women, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the United Synagogue of America. The statement was issued by the NCRAC--which includes also 74 Jewish councils in cities throughout the United States--and was made public by Albert E. Arent, of Washington, chairman of the NCRAC committee on immigration. The text reads:

"President Johnson's proposals to Congress for long overdue changes in our antiquated and discriminatory national immigration policies are admirable and should be enacted into law without needless further delay. The President has stated eloquently in his message to Congress the need for elimination of the national origins quotas which for so many years have defaced our immigration policy and mocked our national protestations of equality of treatment without regard to race or nationality.

"The changes he proposed would make reality of the vision all of us have had of an American immigration system reflecting our finest traditions of democracy, humaneness and regard for individual character and ability and geared to our national needs. We commend the President most heartily on the breadth and cogency of his recommendations and equally on his call for priority consideration by the Congress."

A telegram to President Johnson lauding his immigration message to Congress was sent today by the Workmen's Circle, largest Jewish fraternal organization. A similar telegram to the White House was sent also by Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, who described the President's immigration proposals as "farseeing and far-reaching."

Rep. Celler Introduces Bill in House for Revision of Immigration Law

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Rep. Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, introduced a bill in the House of Representatives today, calling for revision of the Immigration and Naturalization Act, in line with President Johnson's special message to Congress, proposing the elimination of the national origins quota and other defects. At the same time, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, of New York, announced that he is preparing a companion measure to present to the Upper House.

Rep. Celler, who is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said he will "best every energy to the passage of a new immigration bill this year." Mr. Kennedy declared: "Our present immigration laws are intolerable. They reflect on us throughout the globe. They must be revised, so that all will be treated equally."

Support for immigration law reform in accordance with President Johnson's plan was voiced today by George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO; and New York Family Court Judge Juvenal Marchisio, president of the American Committee on Italian Migration. Representatives of many other minority groups throughout the country, including Jewish, Greek, Polish and other ethnic associations, also backed the President's plan and the proposed Celler-Kennedy measures.

THREE-DAY ISRAEL BOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) - Sen. John O. Pastore, chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, and Ambassador Michael Comay, Israel's Permanent representative to the United Nations, will be the principal speakers at a three-day National Planning Conference of the Israel Bond organization starting here tomorrow at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

More than 300 Jewish leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada will take part in the conference to review the 1964 Israel Bond drive, termed the most productive in the history of Israel Bond campaigns, and set plans for the 1965 sales effort. The new drive will place special emphasis on helping to finance Israel's plans to speed industrialization of Israel's new development areas, primarily the Negev and the central Galilee.

The first conference session will be a luncheon meeting tomorrow at which Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, Israel Bond vice-president, who has just returned from a visit to Israel, will report on his discussions with Premier Eshkol, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and other government leaders. Sen. Pastore and Ambassador Comay will address a dinner session Saturday evening. The conference will close with a breakfast session Sunday morning.

THREE-DAY HISTADRUT - SPONSORED PARLEY ON INTEGRATION OPENS TODAY

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) - Social scientists from three continents will meet at the Arden House in Harriman, N. Y. this weekend for a Histadrut-sponsored conference on integration and acculturation. The three days of deliberations will begin tomorrow.

Panelists will include scholars from American universities, Africa and Israel. The conference was convened by the American Histadrut Cultural Exchange Institute, under the chairmanship of Howard J. Samuels, Rochester industrialist. Dr. Judd L. Teller, executive vice-chairman, is conference director. The experts will cite direct experiences in dealing with racial integration in the United States, culturally divergent newcomers to Israel and problems of tribalism in the new African states.

ISRAEL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ANNOUNCES EARNINGS FOR 1964

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) - Israel Development Corporation today announced increased growth both in assets and earnings during the year ended November 30, 1964. Assets increased by 16 percent, to \$16,054,390 from \$13,824,142 a year earlier, and net earnings from interest and dividends rose to \$779,269 from last year's \$726,142. Per share earnings remained \$1.60, the same as in 1963, due to an increase in the number of shares outstanding, from 454,018 to 488,000. Dividends paid per share during fiscal 1964 totaled \$1.58, compared with \$1.54 during the previous year.

IDC, which invests in a varied group of Israel-based enterprises, is a publicly-held New York corporation. Shares of the company are traded over-the-counter in the United States, where there are about 6,000 shareholders. In a joint report to shareholders contained in the corporation's annual report, Rudolf G. Sonneborn, board chairman, and Abraham Dickenstein, president, noted that IDC's growth in assets actually is understated, as many of its investments are carried at cost and do not reflect the considerable appreciation in value they have undergone since these investments were originally made.

PROF. KATSH, DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE OF HEBREW AT N. Y. U., HONORED

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) - A scholarship fund for students of the Hebrew language and culture at New York University was created last night at a dinner honoring Dr. Abraham I. Katsh, director of the Institute of Hebrew at NYU. A total of 462 friends and colleagues pledged \$235,000 for the fund.

The dinner also commemorated the 30th anniversary of the introduction of modern Hebrew at an American university, first presented by Dr. Katsh at NYU. At the dinner, Dr. Katsh received a presidential citation from NYU president James M. Hester. The university previously established a chair in the name of the guest of honor: "The Abraham I. Katsh Professorship of Hebrew Culture and Education."

FIFTEEN STAINED GLASS WINDOWS BROKEN IN NEW YORK SYNAGOGUE BY HOODLUMS

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) - About 15 stained glass windows were broken in the Congregation Beth Halevy synagogue, Rabbi Louis Blaustein, its spiritual leader, reported yesterday. Asserting that Negro youngsters in the area, located in the Bronx, have been shouting anti-Semitic insults at worshippers leaving the synagogue, Rabbi Halevy said he suspected that teenagers were responsible for the window breaking.

SYNAGOGUE IN DUTCH VILLAGE SMEARED WITH ANTI-JEWISH SLOGANS

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 14. (JTA) - Police today began investigating an incident in Aalten, a Dutch village near the German border, in which the walls of a synagogue in the town were found smeared with swastikas and slogans calling for a "Holland Without Jews." The town's entire population today voiced indignation over the incident. There are only ten Jewish families in Aalten.