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### STATE DEPT. OFFICIAL TESTIFIES BEFORE SENATE BODY ON U.S. AID TO NASSER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Undersecretary of State George Ball told the Senate Appropriations Committee today that the United States has no commitment for further aid to Egypt.

Mr. Ball, substituting for ailing Secretary of State Dean Rusk, appeared before the Senate Committee to urge reversal of a House-passed amendment banning shipments of surplus agricultural products to Egypt. He told the Senators that the United States terminated discussions with the Egyptians on future aid following the burning of the U. S. Information Service library in Cairo in December.

The Undersecretary said that the subject of aid beyond the present fiscal year ending in June 1965 would be reviewed fully with Congress, and discussed in light of circumstances that existed at the time. He indicated that the Administration would not necessarily authorize shipment of the \$37,000,000 worth of commodities to which the House prohibition applies. But he pleaded that "the President has the flexibility to do what a changing situation may require on a day-to-day basis." He asked that Congress not limit the President's freedom of action in the conduct of U. S. relations with Egypt during the weeks ahead.

Mr. Ball characterized recent U. S. relations with Egypt as "anything but satisfactory." But he stated that "our relations with the Near East are inextricably bound up with our relations with Egypt." The Undersecretary described U. S. objectives in the Middle East as the restoration of stability in the region. He said that today "the situation is volatile and dangerous and the shape of events during the coming year is by no means clear."

Following questions by members of the Appropriations Committee the group went into executive session for additional testimony from Mr. Ball.

### Johnson Urged to Make 'Frank Declaration' on U. S. Policy on Nasser

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Senator Jacob K. Javits called on President Johnson for a full and frank declaration of U. S. policy on Egypt, in a statement issued today. The New York Republican requested a disclosure of the Administration position before a Senate vote on the House-enacted prohibition of further food shipments to Egypt. The Senate is scheduled to consider the legislation this week.

Sen. Javits recognized Administration concern that Senate approval of the House ban would reduce the President's freedom of action "in a delicate matter of foreign policy." But he maintained that feeling in the country and the Congress "is running high" with respect to Egypt's behavior on the international scene. He claimed that if the Senate is satisfied with Administration policy, "the necessity of a vote similar to the one taken by the House will be obviated." But if the Senate is dissatisfied "it can express itself as did the House."

"There is a point at which the policy of aid in respect to a particular nation can be inconsistent with the national interest," the New York Senator declared. "The President, of course, should have the first opportunity to establish our foreign policy once that point is reached, but the Congress cannot avoid responsibility to act in the absence of Presidential declaration."

### New York Senators and Congressmen Give Views on U. S. Aid to Nasser

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The vote in the House of Representatives last week, banning further shipment of United States food surpluses to Egypt, "reflects broad national consensus that aid should not be extended to nations which insult the American people and menace the peace," the American Israel Public Affairs Committee declared here last night in a resolution culminating an all-day meeting of the group's executive committee.

The announcement of that stand was made by the AIPAC's chairman, Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, at a reception at the Biltmore Hotel for the members of New York State's delegation to Congress. Members of Congress attending included U. S. Senators Jacob K. Javits and Robert F. Kennedy; and Representatives Emanuel Celler, dean of the House; Eugene Keogh, chairman of the Democratic caucus in the House; Abraham Multer,

William Fitts Ryan, Joseph Scheuer, Seymour Halpern, John Wydler, Leonard Farbstein and Jacob Cilbert. All but Sen. Javits and Representatives Halpern and Wydler are Democrats.

All except Sen. Kennedy said they favored the House action on this issue. Mr. Kennedy said that, while he has always favored aid to Israel, in line with the policies of Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, he opposes this move by the House on the principle that the President's hands should not be tied by Congress in the conduct of foreign affairs. Rabbi Bernstein said the AIPAC believes that the action by the House "strengthens the Administration in its dealing with the Egyptian Government, since it conveys most dramatically the overwhelming sentiment of the American people."

#### JEWISH GROUPS OFFER CONFLICTING VIEWS ON EDUCATION BILL AT HEARING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Spokesman for American Jewish organizations took conflicting positions on the President's aid to education bill in testimony before the House Education Subcommittee today.

Harold M. Squadron, representing the American Jewish Congress, testified that his organization was "vigorously opposed" to provisions of the proposed legislation that would benefit non-public schools. He claimed that the public school system would be "gravely threatened" if public funds were made available for private schools.

Rabbi Morris Sherer, executive vice-president of the Agudath Israel of America, welcomed the Administration's proposals as "a major step forward in meeting the educational needs of school children of our nation." He hailed the education bill for "establishing a principle which recognizes that students of public and private schools are partners in the mosaic of the American educational structure."

The President's education proposals envisage the expenditure of \$100,000,000 in federal funds to provide books and other educational materials for both public and private schools, including parochial schools. Another provision of the bill would make available \$100,000,000 for "supplementary education centers" in which private school children would be able to use public school facilities.

The American Jewish Congress spokesman maintained that "bitter rivalry" between public and parochial schools would develop if these proposals were enacted. The Agudath Israel called for a more flexible formula in the distribution of federal funds to needy school districts. Under the existing proposals, distribution of funds would be determined by the number of children whose families have annual incomes of less than \$2,000. Rabbi Sherer suggested that the yardstick of poverty be related to the size of family, and the differential between urban and rural family needs.

Rabbi Sherer's position was endorsed by Prof. William W. Brickman, of the University of Pennsylvania, representing the National Association of Hebrew Day Schools. Dr. Brickman said that the principle of equality would be violated if children attending religious-oriented schools were denied the same benefits as public school children. His organization represents 272 schools with approximately 71,000 students throughout the country.

Testimony against the bill was presented by Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch of the commission on social action of Reform Judaism. Rabbi Hirsch maintained that tax moneys should be used for public schools only and "not be siphoned off to Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, or any other schools under religious auspices."

Other witnesses opposing aid to private schools included Mrs. Harold Rosenfeld, testifying for the National Council of Jewish Women. Some of the witnesses who appeared before the House Subcommittee today will present testimony in public hearings tomorrow before the Senate Subcommittee on Education.

#### WHITE HOUSE WILL NOT NAME OFFICIAL ADVISER ON JEWISH AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The White House will not name an official successor to Myer Feldman as White House staff adviser to President Johnson on matters of Jewish interest, White House sources said today. It was explained that Mr. Feldman, after leaving his White House post as special counsel to the President, would continue to be on call, at the President's request, to offer advice on issues of interest to the American Jewish community.

It was also explained that Israeli-American relations are now considered normalized to the extent that a continuous White House staff adviser is deemed unnecessary. Problems pertaining to Israel will be referred to the State Department and to McGeorge Bundy, the President's personal adviser on world security problems in general.

#### SENATE GETS RESOLUTION ON GERMANY'S STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Senators Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.) and Abraham Ribicoff, (D., Conn.,) today introduced a resolution requesting the President to ask the West German Government to extend the statute of limitations for prosecution of Nazi war criminals.

## AMBASSADOR HARMAN STRESSES ROLE OF U. S. JEWISH AID TO WORLD JEWRY

ATLANTA, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The United States played an "unparalleled" role in aiding the world to recover from the ravages of World War II, and the American Jewish community met a similar challenge through the United Jewish Appeal, Israel's Ambassador to the U. S. A., Avraham Harman, told 400 Jewish leaders assembled here this weekend.

Ambassador Harman and Joseph Meyerhoff, honorary chairman of the UJA, were the principal speakers at the Southeast Regional Conference of the UJA, attended by key Jewish leaders from eight states. The leaders approved the objectives and goals of this year's UJA campaign to raise \$109,000,000 nationally in 1965. The region's goals were spelled out by the two conference co-chairmen, Milton Weinstein, of this city, and James L. Permutt, of Birmingham, Ala.

"I believe that the central role of the United States in the recent history of mankind," Ambassador Harman declared, "is the entirely unparalleled way in which it took a world ravaged by war and poured in vast resources of money and technical assistance. As a result, in a very short period, it brought into existence great and growing centers of strength for the free world." The American Jewish community, through the United Jewish Appeal," he said, "has accomplished a similar achievement for all the Jewish people."

"I stand before you," he told the gathering, "as the representative of a free Jewish State in Israel with a population of 2,500,000 people living in freedom, who have opened the doors of their country, and will continue to keep their doors open, to every Jew in the world who needs freedom and who seeks it in our midst. We could not have become this, had it not been for the Jewish community of America. We could not have become this, had it not been for the United Jewish Appeal."

## LOS ANGELES JEWISH LEADERS PLEDGE TO BUILD A STRONG COMMUNITY

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Full support and participation in building and maintaining a strong Jewish community was pledged at the annual meeting of the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles held yesterday at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. More than 500 leaders of JF-C's 29 social welfare agencies, 492 affiliated member organizations and United Jewish Welfare Fund campaign volunteers attended the all-day event.

"Judaism is a living faith in which we accept certain basic concepts, but as our ancient sages have told us, a declaration of faith which is not accompanied by action is meaningless," Dr. Max William Bay, JF-C president, said. "Each of us has a decision to make. Do we remain complacent and aloof, unconcerned and uncommitted? The world is too troubled, the problems are too complex, events move too rapidly to permit us the luxury of blissful inactivity for too long. If we are to enjoy the blessings and rewards bestowed on free American citizens of Jewish faith, we must all share the responsibilities."

Isidore Sobeloff, JF-C executive director, said that the Los Angeles Jewish community is entering a new stage of development, with a growing recognition that a comprehensive attack on communal problems requires "a clear majority" of the contributor's dollar. He cited evidence of increasing acceptance of the thesis that "a plurality of dollars" is not enough.

### Sobeloff Stresses Disproportionate Giving to Independent Drives

Mr. Sobeloff stated that the rapid growth of population resulted in a proliferation of independent appeals, a limited sense of discipline and the consequent blunting of overall community cooperation. This free-for-all approach in dealing with community needs gradually gave way to the recognition that the United Jewish Welfare Fund, because of the grand design of its interests, is entitled to high priority in a giver's portfolio," he said.

"A study of the giving pattern of a group of representative givers indicated that, while the Welfare Fund was receiving the largest contribution on the typical giver's list, the total of giving to small, independent projects was disproportionately high," Mr. Sobeloff reported. He appealed to the contributing public to move forward into the new phase of community development which calls for a more equitable distribution of contributed dollars, along with a new high standard of giving.

"As the second largest Jewish community in the world," he said, "Los Angeles is preparing to provide more adequate support for expanding domestic needs and for the continuing heavy needs overseas." He paid tribute to the Federation-Council officers and to the campaign leadership for demonstration performances in moving forward to new high ground in fund-raising and in long-term planning for social service.

Other highlights of the meeting included presentation of JF-C's Judge Harry A. Hollzer Memorial Award for "outstanding service in the field of human relations" in 1964 to Rep. James C. Corman, California Democrat; an address by Norman G. Kurland, of the U. S. Economic Opportunities Board, who detailed how the Jewish community may participate in the War on Poverty; and the election of 16 members to JF-C's board of directors.

## GENERAL ZIONIST CONFEDERATION CLARIFIES STAND ON REVISIONIST SEATS

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The World Confederation of General Zionists, headed by Mrs. Rose Halprin and Dr. Israel Goldstein, today issued a statement here clarifying the position of the Confederation on the issue concerning the number of seats for the Zionist-Revisionists in the Jewish Agency executive, which brought about the closing of the World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem last month without the election of a new executive, turning over the election to the forthcoming session of the Zionist Actions Committee. The statement reads:

"1. It was our Confederation of General Zionists which, at the meeting of the Actions Committee held in Jerusalem on March 18-26, 1963, fought for the inclusion of the Revisionists and achieved the compromise proposal which brought Dr. Joseph Schechtman as a member of the executive of the American Section of the Jewish Agency.

"2. When the question of a wall-to-wall executive was discussed in the Standing Committee of the last Zionist Congress, our Confederation cast a vote in favor of an all-inclusive executive.

"3. Only when it became clear during the last days of the Congress that a wall-to-wall executive could not be achieved and that the entire Labor Movement would withdraw, and when Dr. Nahum Goldmann, as president of the World Zionist Organization, made the plea that the entire matter of elections of an executive be postponed to avoid an immediate crisis, did our Confederation throw its support to Dr. Goldmann in the interests of the Zionist Movement as a whole.

"4. At this Congress, our Confederation was the only group for whom there would have been a personal advantage in urging an immediate election of a new Agency executive since we are now entitled to three full members instead of the two members and one deputy we now have. Nevertheless, despite our personal interest in the matter, we voted in favor of the proposition of the president of the WZO because it is our belief that, in time of crisis, one must first of all support the president, and secondly do everything possible to avoid the crisis."

## LONDON BROADCASTS SHAZAR'S AND BEN-GURION'S TRIBUTES TO CHURCHILL

LONDON, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- Israel's President Zalman Shazar and ex-Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion voiced highest praise of the place the late Sir Winston Churchill held among the Jewish people, recording their sentiments for the BBC Hebrew transmissions which broadcast the messages today. President Shazar and Mr. Ben-Gurion were Israel's official representatives at the obsequies for Sir Winston this weekend.

"Sir Winston Churchill," said Mr. Shazar, "was one of the great Englishmen of all time. To us, he was a friend who never faltered in his hope, and never wavered in his deeds, for the rebirth of Israel. All of humanity is indebted to this giant of a man but, in addition, we owe him our own debt of gratitude."

In his statement, Mr. Ben-Gurion declared: "Churchill was a man of destiny, and his time came during the last war. He was a great historian but did not confine himself solely to the past; he could see the future clearly, and knew the present well. He foresaw the danger of Hitlerism when neither the Conservatives nor the Labor Party understood it, and when England was not prepared to meet it. The people felt instinctively that he was the only man to meet the situation.

"In the great hour, he led Britain to victory. But he also led the entire world to victory and, thus, became the savior of humanity as a whole. We Jews remember Winston Churchill as a trusted and sincere friend of the Jewish people and of Jewish revival in its ancient land.

"He foresaw the Jewish State as far back as 1908 and remained a true friend and kept his faith in the greatness of the Jewish people. Sir Winston Churchill was a great man of the Twentieth Century but also a great man of the Nineteenth Century and, in this respect, he was unique in having spanned the two centuries. He will remain in history as one of the most trusted and sincere friends the Jewish people ever had."

Mr. Ben-Gurion has stayed over in this country until tomorrow. He spent yesterday with his daughter, who is in England at present, and also visited Oxford University.

## Z. O. A. NAMES CHARLES ROSENGARTEN TO HEAD AMERICAN ZIONIST FUND

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (JTA) -- The appointment of Charles Rosengarten, of Waterbury, Conn., prominent veteran Zionist, as national chairman of the American Zionist Fund, fund-raising arm of the Zionist Organization of America, was announced today by Dr. Max Nussbaum, president of the organization.

Funds raised by the AZF are devoted to the maintenance and financing of the projects of the ZOA on the American scene and its two major projects in Israel--the ZOA House in Tel Aviv and Kfar Silver, agricultural training institute near Ashkelon, with an enrollment of 310 students, boys and girls between the ages of 14 to 17. It is the only American chartered high school in Israel approved by the Board of Regents of the State of New York.