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## STATE DEPT. NOW FAVORS RIBICOFF MOVE TO CONDEMN U. S. S. R. ON JEWS

WASHINGTON, April 13. (JTA) -- Chairman J. W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is being informed by the State Department that the Administration no longer objects to the Ribicoff resolution condemning Soviet oppression of its Jews.

Acting on a State Department letter, which opposed a foreign aid bill amendment as one which might do Soviet Jewry more harm than good, Sen. Fulbright last year arranged deletion of the amendment, although many Senators favored it. This year, Sen. Abraham A. Ribicoff, Connecticut Democrat, reintroduced his measure as a Senate resolution with the support of 67 co-sponsors of both parties. The apparent change in State Department position makes it likely that the resolution will be adopted at this session. Hearings have not yet been scheduled, although Sen. Ribicoff has asked Sen. Fulbright to arrange hearings at the earliest possible date.

Only two weeks ago, Assistant Secretary of State Douglas MacArthur 2nd, reaffirmed the State Department's opposition to a proposal that the United States formally raise with the USSR the question of the treatment of the Jews in Russia. Mr. MacArthur had voiced that official stand in a letter to Sen. Hugh Scott, Pennsylvania Republican.

## U. S. A. CONSIDERING ARMS AID TO ISRAEL AND FOUR ARAB GOVERNMENTS

WASHINGTON, April 13. (JTA) -- A State Department spokesman today disclosed that the United States is considering providing arms to four Arab states and to Israel, although a final decision has not been reached. The Arab countries are Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

The spokesman said deliberation is continuing and that an announcement would be made if a decision is taken with respect to the nations concerned.

## BRITAIN SAYS IT WILL NOT CHANGE ISRAEL POLICY TO PLEASE ARABS

LONDON, April 13; (JTA) -- Richard Crossman, Minister of Housing, announced here last night on behalf of the British Government that, if any threat to the peace arises in the Middle East, Britain would consult with the United Nations. "Meanwhile," he said, "we do acknowledge the principle that all countries in the region have the right to arms to defend themselves."

Emphasizing that he was speaking as a Government representative, Mr. Crossman also said, at a dinner in honor of retiring Israeli Ambassador Arthur Lourie, that Britain's desire "to be friendly with the Arabs will not be allowed to affect our relations with Israel." The dinner was given by the Zionist Federation of Britain and Ireland, and was addressed also by Selwyn Lloyd, former Conservative Foreign Secretary and now a member of the opposition Shadow Cabinet.

"We are not going to change our policy by sacrificing our friendly relations with the Jewish State to try to gain the friendship of Nasser and the United Arab Republic," Mr. Crossman added. He said that it was "indeed great progress" that such a statement could be made on behalf of the British Government.

Mr. Lloyd told the dinner guests that he and his friends knew "very well" that Israel was threatened publicly by Arab leaders with extermination. He added that British Conservative leaders also knew of Israel's contribution to the community of nations.

In his response, Mr. Lourie said that a turning point in Israel-British relations had occurred while Mr. Lloyd was in office, and that the understanding between the two countries had since grown and deepened. That spirit, he said, had manifested itself in many ways, some practical, others less palpable but no less important. He hailed the existence in Britain of a bipartisan policy regarding Israel, which he said was shown in the appearance at the dinner of both Crossman and Lloyd. He said he was happy to affirm that the recent change in the British Government from Conservative to Labor simply emphasized that "friendship for Israel is not a party matter."

## WILSON SEES SOVIET POSITION CHANGING SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, April 13; (JTA) -- Prime Minister Harold Wilson said in the House of Commons today that conditions in the Middle East had changed greatly since Britain joined with the United States and France in 1950 to sign the Tripartite Declaration, guaranteeing existing Arab-Israeli borders:

"The original declaration was signed at a time when the three signatories were virtually--and could regard themselves virtually--as arbitrators of Middle East policy," the Prime Minister told the House; "This is no longer the position, partly because of intervention by the Soviet Union and other countries, and partly because of certain aspects of the growth of Arab nationalism, going far beyond the maintenance of particular frontiers."

He added that "certainly if the circumstances become appropriate, there is nothing, I am sure, the whole House would like better than to get some kind of agreement on arms supplies, arms control and the banning of nuclear weapons in that area."

The Prime Minister presented these views in response to question from Conservative Deputy A. Lempton, and Liberal Party leader Jo Grimond. Mr. Lempton asked the Prime Minister whether Britain was still committed to the Tripartite Pact. The Prime Minister replied that the Declaration of 1950 was "intended to express the policy of the three signatories at that time, and "it has not been retracted."

He told the House that, in all our contacts with the Middle East countries, we have been emphasizing particularly what is the most vital issue at the moment: The question of the Jordan River water scheme and the need for maximum restraint by all countries concerned" over the Israel tap of the river for its national irrigation project.

Mr. Grimond then asked whether the Prime Minister was "aware that it is just because the situation is now very different from what it was when this agreement was brought about, that we feel it should be renegotiated;" He asked Mr. Wilson whether the 1950 agreement was one "to maintain the frontiers of Israel" and whether, if the pact were invoked in the event of a Middle East crisis, "we might be forced to go to the aid of one or the other side to put back the frontiers, quite irrespective of the rights and wrongs of the initial controversy which led to the violation of that frontier." In response the Prime Minister outlined the changes in conditions in the area since the 1950 signing.

## ERHARD'S ENVOY ENDS THIRD VISIT TO ISRAEL; PROGRESS IS NOTED

JERUSALEM, April 13; (JTA) -- The third round of talks between Dr. Kurt Birrenbach, Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's personal emissary, and Israeli Government leaders, on the projected diplomatic relations between the two countries, has been completed. An official announcement last night stated the conferences ended with "considerable progress on many subjects."

It was reported that there will not be a joint communique at this stage. When agreement is reached, the matter will be submitted to the two Governments and, when ratification takes place, documents will be exchanged, assumedly early next week. It was indicated that a fourth visit by Dr. Birrenbach will not be needed.

The announcement was made to offset mounting speculation that difficulties were being encountered in the talks. According to informed sources, the tentative agreement stipulates in detail the implementation of economic security aid from West Germany and the wording of the joint communique to be issued. An exchange of ambassadors reportedly will take place in the middle of May. So far, neither West Germany nor Israel has named candidates.

Israeli sources said that the United States denied it exerted any pressure on West Germany against establishing its embassy in Jerusalem. On the contrary, the sources said, Israel wants West Germany to place its embassy in Tel Aviv. Premier Levi Eshkol was expected today to convene this week the Ministerial Committee for Foreign and Security Affairs, which was authorized by the Cabinet to handle ratification of the agreements with West Germany.

## HEBREW UNIVERSITY SETS BUDGET; AMERICAN BOARD MEMBER GIVES \$1,000,000

JERUSALEM, April 13; (JTA) -- A 50,000,000-pound (\$15,666,666) regular budget for the next academic year, and a 20,000,000-pound (\$6,366,666) development budget were approved by the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University as the university celebrated its 40th anniversary here. The regular budget was 10,000,000 pounds (\$3,333,333) above this year's expenditures.

The Board also recommended an increase in the number of students seeking science instruction, and urged in a resolution that the Government continue its efforts to recover and use the university's Mount Scopus campus, which is now an Israeli enclave surrounded completely by territory under the jurisdiction of Jordan.

James Ross of Youngstown, Ohio, a new member of the board, announced a contribution of \$1,000,000 to the university's student loan fund.

### AMERICAN JEWISH PRESS ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN ATLANTA IN MAY

JERSEY CITY, N. J., April 13, (JTA) -- The American Jewish Press Association will hold its 22nd anniversary convention at Atlanta, Ga., May 20-23, Morris Janoff, publisher of the Jewish Standard here, and president of the organization, announced today.

The convention will be the first held in the South by the organization of English-Jewish weekly newspapers publishers and editors; Serving as hosts will be the five Southern member papers: the Southern Israelite, of Atlanta; the Jewish Floridian, of Miami; the Nashville (Tenn.) Observer; the Texas Jewish Post, of Ft. Worth-Dallas; and the Hebrew Watchman, of Memphis, Tenn.

A feature of the convention will be a dinner at the Atlanta Jewish Community Center jointly celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Southern Israelite and the Hebrew Watchman. Representatives of the Atlanta and other Southern Jewish communities will address the dinner and discuss the role of the English-Jewish press. Dinner arrangements are being made by Dr. Nathan Blass, chairman of the Atlanta Jewish community's hospitality committee, and Adolph Rosenberg, publisher of the Southern Israelite and convention chairman.

Business sessions of the convention will be held at the Cabana Motel. Philip Slomovitz, editor and publisher of the Detroit Jewish News, and founder of the organization, will lead the publishers in discussion of newspaper problems. In accordance with custom, the members of the association will observe the week as National Jewish Press Week.

### FOOD SCIENTISTS STRESS ISRAEL'S ADVANCES AT TECHNION SYMPOSIUM

WASHINGTON, April 13, (JTA) -- Dr. Samuel A. Goldblith, professor of food science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, paid tribute here today to Israel's help to new African nations, and noted Israeli achievements in scientific approaches to food production and planning. He was one of the key leaders in many phases of the food industry in the United States participating here in a national food technology and marketing symposium conducted under the auspices of the American Technion Society. The latter provides support for Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology, located at Haifa.

In less than 20 years, said Dr. Goldblith, Israel advanced from "a country experiencing severe food rationing to one that exports large food surpluses, thanks to scientific methods of agriculture, intensive food technology research and food preservation experimentation." The role of Technion in Israel was also cited in addresses by Dr. Max Milner, senior food technologist of the United Nations; Dr. Aminud Kramer, University of Maryland; and Hillel Aldaag, scientific counselor of the Israel Embassy in Washington. Maynard M. Joslyn, president of the Institute of Food Technologists of America, stressed the need for food research in underdeveloped countries.

### MONTREAL HISTADRUT CLIMAXES \$350,000 DRIVE; BLOOMFIELD HONORED

MONTREAL, April 13, (JTA) -- Bernard M. Bloomfield, president of the Canadian Association for Labor Israel, was presented tonight with the Histadrut Humanitarian Award for his public service on behalf of Israel and the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation.

The presentation was made at the 41st annual Histadrut dinner, which climaxed the Montreal Histadrut campaign for \$350,000. The bulk of the proceeds will be used for scholarships for Israeli students in Histadrut-sponsored vocational and trade schools in Israel.

### BBC COMMEMORATES LIBERATION OF BERGEN-BELSEN CAMP BY ALLIES

LONDON, April 13, (JTA) -- The British Broadcasting Corporation, in two separate broadcasts, is marking the 20th anniversary of the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen death camp, which took place on April 15, 1945. Last night, the network presented a commemorative television program which included an interview with General Glyn Hughes, who was a medical officer with the Second British Army at the end of the Second World War, and who made superhuman efforts to restore the health of as many of the concentration camp survivors as possible.

On Thursday, the BBC Hebrew Service will present a special program on the anniversary of the camp's liberation. Those participating will include Gen. Hughes; Josef Rosensaft, chairman of the Association of Belsen Survivors; Dr. I. Levy and Rev. L. Hardman, who served as Army chaplains at the time of the liberation; and S. J. Goldsmith, London correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, who was a war correspondent at the time.

### JOHNSON, BOTH HOUSES HONOR DR. SALK FOR HIS ANTI-POLIO VACCINE

WASHINGTON, April 13, (JTA) -- Dr. Jonas E. Salk, the Jewish scientist who developed the first anti-polio vaccine, was honored by President Johnson and Congress yesterday on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Government's approval of the Salk vaccine as "safe, potent and effective" against paralytic polio. President Johnson called Dr. Salk to the White House to congratulate him personally. The Senate and House of Representatives adopted a joint resolution expressing the nation's gratitude to Dr. Salk.

## AMERICAN NAZIS, OTHER HATE GROUPS LABELED AS 'THREAT TO PEACE'

LOS ANGELES, April 13, (JTA) -- The California State Senate Judiciary Committee opened hearings today on a bill to ban paramilitary organizations after receiving a report urging such action against the American Nazi Party and other similar groups in the state.

The report was made by the State Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch, who declared that "private army" groups representing themselves as patriotic organizations were "a threat to the peace and security of our state." In addition to the American Nazi group, he listed also the Minutemen, the Black Muslims, the National States Rights party and the California Rangers. His report was based on four years of undercover probes of the activities of such groups.

Declaring that the private army groups were "tiny" in membership and influence, and composed largely of anti-Semitic and anti-Negro extremists, the report noted that the Nazi movement in Germany had also started on a similar scale.

The report stated that members of the groups "embrace violent racial and political doctrines." It estimated that the American Nazi Party would have difficulties in mobilizing as many as 150 "storm troopers" on a national scale.

Meanwhile, the Jewish War Veterans of California urged Gov. Edmund G. Brown to name a state committee of leading citizens to investigate the activities of extremist groups, including the John Birch Society. Sidney B. Irmas, Jr., chairman of the JWV executive committee, told the Governor that the JWV deplored the tactics of the John Birch Society, and that the organization also deplored their "undemocratic methods and procedures, and their glib rationalizations in covering up their actions and masking their identities and purposes."

## N. J. COURT TO RULE ON ISSUE INVOLVING ANTI-JEWISH HOUSING BIAS

NEWARK, April 13, (JTA) -- Officials of the Packanack Lake Country Club and Community Association denied today charges that the organization barred Jews and other minority group members, and said they would make public proof that a non-discriminatory policy on participation was followed.

The charge that the group barred from membership all but "northern European Christians" was made by two couples who filed suit in the Superior Court of New Jersey, asking the court to force the club to make its membership application records available. The suit also asked the court to force the club to allow them to resign, and to sell their property to anyone they wished. The couples, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conover and Mr. and Mrs. John Mooney, asserted that a covenant in the deeds of club-association members requires all buyers of homes there to be members of the country club.

The organization, in a counter-suit, said it was willing to allow the two couples to resign from the club and to release them from the covenant, meaning they could sell to anyone they wished. The club's attorney argued that the suit by the couples was not necessary. The court said it would decide on April 30 whether it would order the club-association to produce its records.

## CHURCH-STATE SEPARATION GROUP TO TEST NEW EDUCATION AID ACT

WASHINGTON, April 13, (JTA) -- The constitutionality of the aid-to-education act, signed into law Sunday by President Johnson, providing benefits for parochial as well as public schools, will be challenged by the Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, the organization announced here today. Earlier this week, the American Jewish Congress said that it would seek court action in blocking the payment of funds to church-related schools.

In reporting plans to test the constitutionality of the law, Glenn L. Archer, executive director of the church-state separation group, said that "the American people deserve a judicial review of certain provisions of this law which would appear to undermine church-state separation in the United States. They are going to get it."

## Conservative Rabbinical Assembly Raps Jewish Congress for 'Hasty' Move

NEW YORK, April 13, (JTA) -- Rabbi Max J. Routtenberg, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, the national association of Conservative rabbis, today issued the following statement: "We deplore the hasty and precipitous announcement by the American Jewish Congress that it will test the constitutionality of the Federal elementary and secondary education bill, made on the very date that the President signed it into law.

"We particularly regret the impression which this announcement may have left in the minds of many Americans that this interpretation of the principle of church-state separation is shared by substantial segments of American Jews. The absence of Jewish ecumenicity, which makes such activity possible, must be considered a major problem for the American Jewish community."