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STATE DEPT. CONSIDERING INCREASED AID TO EGYPT; FOOD AND LOANS SCOUT

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- The State Department, reacting to a report from Cairo today revealing that the Egyptian Government has formally asked the United States for \$150,000,000 in surplus food -- in addition to asking earlier for loans totaling \$100,000,000 for industrial projects -- indicated that the matter of increased American aid to Egypt was under discussion.

State Department sources said here today that the United States Government does not believe that increased American assistance to Egypt, now under consideration, would facilitate in any way the diversion of Egypt's domestic budget funds to purchase additional Soviet military jet planes and other arms.

Commenting on reports that new American aid for Egypt is under consideration, Rep. Fartsstein said he opposes the extension of the surplus commodity contract period beyond six months. Egypt's request for \$150,000,000 worth of surplus food is for the fiscal year starting July 1. Cairo has urged Washington to speed action on aid requests in view of the expressed American desire to improve American-Egyptian relations and the forthcoming visit of Secretary of State Dean Rusk to Cairo.

ESHKOL TO CONTACT PRESIDENT JOHNSON ON DESALINATION PROJECT

JERUSALEM, April 11. (JTA) -- The Israeli section of the joint United States-Israel committee on Israel's projected nuclear desalination plant is due to present its final report on the \$200,000,000 project this week, informed sources said here today.

The contents of the report has been kept strictly secret, and will be released only after the Israel Government makes a study of it. The Israeli section held its final meetings last week and will probably disband after the presentation of its report to Premier Eshkol.

It was generally assumed that, after the presentation of the report, Premier Eshkol will deal with subsequent steps in the project through personal contact with President Johnson. The Premier will act either through correspondence or by sending a personal representative to Washington. The chief question still to be clarified involves the terms of United States participation in financing the plant.

Writing in the current issue of the Army publication, Maarachot, Premier Eshkol expressed Israel's determination to respect the provisions of the plan for cooperative use of Jordan River water developed a decade ago by the late Eric Johnston, as President Eisenhower's special emissary on the problem. The Premier added the proviso that Israel's position was contingent on similar respect on the part of the riparian Arab states. He added a warning that Israel would hold the Arab states responsible for terrorist incursions from their territories into Israel.

INDIA REJECTS ISRAEL'S OFFER OF AID TO MEET THREAT OF FAMINE

LONDON, April 11. (JTA) -- India has rejected an offer by Israel to help it meet the possible threat of famine, it was reported here yesterday from New Delhi by the Sunday Observer. The report said that the issue will be raised in the Lower House of the Indian Parliament by deputies concerned over the extent to which the Indian Government is willing to go in snubbing Israel for the sake of her relations with the Arab states.

Last month, members of the Indian Parliament criticized the Government for the failure of Indian officials to treat Israel's President Zalman Shazar in a manner befitting a visiting dignitary when Mr. Shazar changed planes in India, enroute to a state visit to Nepal.

Israel's offer of help in connection with possible famine facing India was made two weeks ago in response to appeals by United Nations Secretary-General U Thant, and by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization. The Observer reported, however, that Israel's consul was told by the Indian External Affairs Ministry that the offer would be refused on the grounds that its acceptance might harm India's relations with the Arab states.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS TO CONSIDER 'COUNTER-BOYCOTT' OF COCA-COLA

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- A proposal for a "counter-boycott" of the Coca-Cola Company by American consumers, in response to the company's refusal to provide a Coca-Cola franchise to an Israeli firm, will be considered by the national executive committee of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, it was announced today.

Abraham Kraditor, chairman of the JWV executive committee, said a proposal has been made by "elements of our membership" that "veterans and their families desist from purchasing Coca-Cola products throughout the United States until such time as the company discontinues its discriminatory policies in foreign sales and franchise practices." He added that "the proposal includes a recommendation that veterans who are merchants refrain from selling Coca-Cola products as a phase of our response."

"While I cannot predict whether the counter-boycott concept will commend itself to the national executive committee after debate and consideration," Mr. Kraditor said, "I can categorically state that the Jewish veterans will definitely take strong action. If the Coca-Cola Company is able to flaunt the provisions of the Export Control Act on such transparent and weak pretexts, then the whole intent of the law will be undermined."

He stated further: "Coca-Cola may have a legal right to submit to Arab pressures and deny a Coca-Cola franchise to Israel. But our members also have a right to pick and choose which cola drink they use during the coming warm weather. That is a question which we will have decided as a matter of organizational policy. But I can state that we have had a groundswell of opinion from members and posts throughout the nation. They are outraged by the decision of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation." He expressed hope that "the Coca-Cola people will review their stand and reject foreign bigotry."

Big Outlet for Coca-Cola Warns Sale of Drink May Be Affected

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- A 50-year-old chain of sea food and frankfurter stands, Nathan's Famous, today informed the Coca-Cola Export Corporation that it may not continue serving Coca-Cola at its stands as the only cola offered to customers. The chain has outlets in Coney Island, Yonkers and Oceanside, L.I., and is one of the biggest sellers of Coca-Cola in the metropolitan area.

Murray Handwerker, executive vice-president of Nathan's Famous, sent a telegram to Robert L. Gunnels, staff vice-president of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation, stating: "We hereby notify you that, unless Coca-Cola reviews the situation thoroughly and revises its decision to keep its product out of Israel, we cannot in conscience continue serving your beverage as the only cola offered at our three stores. This is not a reflection on the quality of your product, since as you know we are one of the largest sellers of Coca-Cola in this area. However, it is definitely a reflection on the quality of your existing export policy. We sincerely hope this will be altered so that we can continue our amicable and mutually profitable business relationship."

SENATE COMMITTEE LAWYER MISINFORMED ON STATUS OF ISRAELI DIPLOMATS

WASHINGTON, April 11. (JTA) -- J.G. Sourwine, counsel for the Senate Internal Security Committee, characterized six Israeli diplomats as "intelligence agents" and "espionage agents" for a foreign country, it was learned here yesterday, following publication of testimony taken last fall at a closed hearing conducted by the Senate group.

The issue had been brought up during a hearing into the activities of Abba P. Schwartz, then administrator of the State Department's Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs. Mr. Schwartz resigned from that post last month, after learning, upon returning from a Government mission abroad, that his post would be abolished.

At the time of the hearing, it was known, Mr. Sourwine had questioned Mr. Schwartz about his alleged "former association with espionage agents of a foreign government." The testimony now published named those persons as Theodore T. Kollek, former Israeli Embassy Minister and now Mayor of Jerusalem; Meir Schalit, former first secretary at the Israeli Embassy here; Reuven Shiloah, late Minister at the Embassy; Eliasiv Ben-Horin, of the Israeli mission here; Eliahu Epstein, Israel's first Ambassador to the United States, who has since hebraized his name to Elath, and is now president of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem; and Elieser Linah, former Israeli consul in Munich, West Germany.

The published testimony shows that Mr. Schwartz had replied to Mr. Sourwine's inquiries that, to the best of his knowledge, the men mentioned were not intelligence agents. "I knew these men," he had answered, "as people who were interested in the refugee problem, and that was my contact with them."

Mr. Schwartz had contact with many persons interested in the refugee problem, when he worked for the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration. During his appearance before the Senate subcommittee, Mr. Schwartz made it clear that he knew only four of the Israeli diplomats that Mr. Sourwine mentioned. He said that he did not know Mr. Ben-Horin and Mr. Linah.

CONVENTION OF ISRAELI WRITERS APPEALS TO MOSCOW ON JEWISH RIGHTS

TEL AVIV, April 11. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Writers Union concluded its convention here with an appeal to the Soviet Government to restore Russian Jewry the national and cultural rights granted to all other national minorities in the Soviet Union.

While noting with "gratification" a trend toward greater freedom in the Soviet Union, the Hebrew writers nevertheless expressed regret over the recent imprisonment of Andrei Sinyavsky and Uli Daniel "for writing as they saw fit." The resolution declared that "only where the spirit is free is progress possible."

The writers also expressed regret over a trend toward "materialism" in many facets of Israeli life. They also expressed objection to the widespread use of foreign languages in Israel which, they asserted, impeded the absorption of new immigrants.

N. Y. JEWISH YOUTHS MARCH IN PASSOVER PROTEST ON BEHALF OF SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- About 12,000 New York Jewish youths have marched through the streets of midtown Manhattan in a Passover youth protest on behalf of Soviet Jewry. The youths were accompanied in their protest march by a number of congressmen, state senators and assemblymen. Carrying banners and posters, the students who represented 22 Jewish youth organizations, marched 25 blocks in a symbolic encirclement of the Soviet U.N. Mission and to the United Nations. The march took place on Friday.

Later, at a mass rally in the shadow of the United Nations, the youths heard Sen. Jacob M. Javits, New York Republican, tell them: "We do and we shall continue to protest. We are not just holding this protest for the Jewish people; we are holding it for the freedom of religion for all mankind." The USSR should know, the senator said, that these "protests will not cease until the Jews in the USSR receive equality with other minorities."

The youth rally was sponsored by the New York Youth Conference for Soviet Jewry. Some of the banners read: "Awake to the Plight of Soviet Jewry;" "Save Soviet Jewry;" and "That Their Spirit Shall Be Free, Let My People Go." The marchers demanded the cessation of the discriminatory ban on all forms of Jewish education in the Soviet Union; the cessation of all discrimination against Jewish university students and professionals; the reunification of families torn apart by two world wars; the restoration of Jewish cultural life; and the implementation of rights guaranteed to members of all nationalities under the Soviet constitution.

These demands were later presented by a youth delegation at the U. S. Mission to the United Nations to Ambassador James Nabrit, deputy representative for the U. S. on the U. N. Security Council. The ambassador was asked to use his good offices to implement these demands in the United Nations.

TREATMENT OF JEWS IN RUSSIA DEPLORED AT HISTADRUT THIRD SEDER

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- Freedom of the Jews in Israel was juxtaposed to subjugation of Jewry in the Soviet Union as the Greater New York Histadrut Council of the National Committee for Labor Israel celebrated its 34th annual "third seder," here this weekend, with 2,000 guests participating in the traditional event. While Rep. James H. Scheuer, New York Democrat, hailed the forthcoming 18th anniversary of the rebirth of Israel, Rabbi Harry Halpern, spiritual leader of the Midwood Jewish Center, recalled the fate of Russian Jewry.

Holding aloft a matzoh, which he called "the matzoh of oppression," Rabbi Halpern noted that most of Russia's 3,000,000 Jews cannot have the unleavened bread on their tables, cannot learn "the languages of their fathers or hand them down to their children, cannot teach their children to be their teachers, their rabbis; can only sit in silence and become invisible." He pledged: "We shall be their voice, and our voices shall be joined by thousands of men of conscience aroused by the injustice imposed on Soviet Jews."

Other addresses and greetings were delivered by Israel's Consul-General in New York, Michael Arnon; Dr. Sol Stein, executive director of the National Committee for Labor Israel; and Harry Uviller, chairman of the Greater New York Histadrut Council, who is impartial chairman of the dress industry.

NATIONAL JEWISH WELFARE BOARD JOINS CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- The affiliation of the National Jewish Welfare Board with the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry was announced here by Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference. The JWB thus becomes the 25th national Jewish organization to form the Conference.

NAZI INSCRIPTIONS APPEAR IN DETROIT SUBURB; POLICE INVESTIGATE

DETROIT, April 11. (JTA) -- Police were investigating today the outbreak of swastika painting on automobiles and garages in the suburb of Oak Park, where Jews constitute a large percentage of the 40,000 population. A police spokesman said vandals smeared at least 22 cars and two garages with red paint swastikas and slogans such as "Hitler" and "Gestapo" and obscene words.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CHAIRMAN TAKES HAND IN INQUIRY ON 'RAT FINKS'

TRENTON, N. J., April 11. (JTA) -- Ray Bliss, Republican national committee chairman, agreed to discuss with New Jersey state and national Republican officials a stalemated inquiry into alleged anti-Semitic and anti-Negro activities of a rightist faction in the New Jersey Young Republican organization, it was reported here today.

The chairman's office said the meeting would be held in Washington, April 18. Those attending will include Richard Smith, executive director of the State Committee; Mrs. Katherine Neuberger, national committeewoman; and Clark Allen, president of the New Jersey Young Republicans.

The national and state Young Republicans in New Jersey have been locked in a dispute over the transcript of a secret meeting conducted by the national YR office in Trenton, last February. The national and state probes stemmed from charges that anti-Semitic and anti-Negro song-fests were held at YR parties during the state convention last May, and at the national convention in Miami last June, by the rightist faction, self-named as "Rat Finks."

The state YR investigators held two hearings in March, at which they heard testimony that defamatory songs were sung by Rat Finks at both conventions and at private gatherings. Introduced at the hearings were copies of mimeographed song-sheets containing such words as "kikes" and "niggers."

WORLD'S ANTHROPOLOGISTS BESTOW AWARD ON FRENCH-JEWISH SCHOLAR

CHICAGO, April 11. (JTA) -- The world's anthropologists have bestowed their award on the famous French-Jewish scholar, Prof. Claude Levi-Strauss, of the College de France in Paris.

The honor, based on a vote of anthropologists throughout the world, was the Viking Fund Medal, accompanied by a \$10,000 prize. It was awarded at a banquet here held in connection with a symposium at the University of Chicago's Center for Continuing Education. Prof. Levi-Strauss is famous for his studies of primitive cultures.

'JEWISH ADVOCATE' HONORED BY CONGREGATION FOR SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

BOSTON, April 11. (JTA) -- A testimonial plaque honoring The Jewish Advocate Boston weekly, was presented at Friday night's services at Temple Beth Hillel, Mattapan, by Samuel Clavet, president of the temple, to Joseph G. Weisberg, co-publisher and executive editor of the paper. Erwin D. Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor, in a special sermon praised The Jewish Advocate as an outstanding ethnic publication.

The text of the plaque acclaimed the Advocate for exemplifying "the noble ideals and moral practices of Israel" and stated that "as a newspaper of outstanding calibre, it has made stronger the educative forces in the Jewish community. Its writings have felt the pulse of Jewish living and of the Jewish people. Its message has signaled the endeavors which have influenced the public. This newspaper," the citation continued, "has become the sounding arena for the identification of every positive element within the area of organized Jewish population."

ORTHODOX SYNAGOGUE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CELEBRATES 75th ANNIVERSARY

LOS ANGELES, April 11. (JTA) -- Congregation Beth Israel here, the oldest Orthodox synagogue in Southern California, celebrated its 75th anniversary at a banquet at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Joseph M. Wapner, attorney and community leader, has been its president for the past 25 years.

ALEXANDER DOLOWITZ, LEADER OF AMERICAN CRT, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 80

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- Alexander Dolowitz, one of the founders of the American CRT Federation and its treasurer for many years, who was also a member of the World CRT Union, died here yesterday, at the age of 80.

Born in Poland, Mr. Dolowitz received his education in New York, being graduated from Cooper Union and receiving a degree in civil engineering from Columbia University. He became chairman of the American CRT Federation's finance committee in 1931, and was elected to the World CRT Union's central board in 1937. At the time of his death, he was a member of that central board as well as a member of the executive and administrative committees of the American organization. Funeral services will be held here Wednesday.

JACOB GILBERT, NOTED LAWYER, DEAD; WAS SON-IN-LAW OF JUSTICE BRANDEIS

NEW YORK, April 11. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here for Jacob H. Gilbert, a prominent Jewish attorney and a son-in-law of the late Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, who died at his home here at the age of 83. After Justice Brandeis' death in 1941, Mr. Gilbert devoted much of his time to the founding of Brandeis University at Waltham, Mass. Justice Brandeis' daughter, Mrs. Susan Brandeis Gilbert, survives her husband.