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## SENATE BACKS STATE DEPT. STAND ON NUCLEAR INSPECTION IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 18. (JTA) -- New authority to influence Israel to open nuclear facilities to international inspection, as a condition for U.S. financial assistance on nuclear desalting, was seen today by the State Department in Senate Resolution 179, a measure aimed at preventing proliferation of nuclear weapons.

The resolution, adopted yesterday by a vote of 84 to 0, called for "additional efforts by the President which are appropriate and necessary in the interest of peace for the solution of nuclear proliferous problems." The Senate discussion of the resolution included pointed references to Israel and some other nations as potential developers of military nuclear capacities. This prospect troubled the Senate and motivated the resolution.

U.S. officials said today that while the State Department continues to be satisfied with Israeli assurances that Israel has no plan to build a nuclear bomb, Israel has been informed that a financing arrangement for a dual-purpose nuclear desalting facility desired by Israel hinges upon inspection agreement. International inspection was seen as a guarantee that Israel would continue to honor its existing pledge to refrain from nuclear weaponry.

State Department sources indicated that the future of the nuclear desalting venture rests upon safeguards against proliferation sought from Israel. They said this policy existed before the new resolution but that the Senate vote reinforced the determination of the Executive Department to use all means to limit the world "nuclear club" to existing members. The Department meanwhile denied a report by Drew Pearson, syndicated columnist, who wrote that "Ambassador Walworth Barbour, who came to a Beirut meeting of U.S. envoys from Israel, told the other American ambassadors that Israel is expected to start producing nuclear weapons next year."

## PREMIER ESHKOL SAYS ISRAEL HAS NO ATOMIC ARMS; SPEAKS IN PARLIAMENT

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol declared in Parliament today that Israel has no atomic arms and will not be the first to introduce such weapons in the Middle East.

The Prime Minister's statement, made in political debate, was in effect a comment on recent threats by President Nasser of Egypt that he would start a preventive war against Israel or begin developing nuclear arms "because Israel does." Premier Eshkol denounced Nasser for "attempts to deceive the world and divert attention from the perils of existing aggressive arms in the region by drawing attention to nuclear weapons which do not exist in our region and in whose existence in our region we are not interested."

Premier Eshkol then described how every type of modern weapon had been first introduced by Egypt with Israel compelled to follow suit later. He charged that Nasser "alleges that Israel is forcing an arms race on him but he himself systematically rejects every proposal for disarmament, arms limitation or treaty non-aggression."

The Premier then proposed a joint call by the major powers for abstention from the use of force for the solution of disputes. He told the Parliament that a joint statement of policy of absolute determination to respect the independence and territorial integrity in the area would be "a signal contribution" to peace. He also urged regional disarmament or at least regional limitation of armaments in the Middle East to be reciprocally supervised.

## Reiterates Israel's Determination to Check Syrian Attacks

He then turned to the recent terrorist attacks on Israeli border settlements and declared that Israel had conclusive evidence that the source and the principal initiative for incursions by El Fatah commandoes were in Syria. He reiterated Israel's determination that "the blood of our people and soil of our land" would not be defenseless. He addressed a similar warning to Jordan whose regular forces, he said, had recently been shooting to kill across the armistice lines.

On the other hand, the Premier noted, Israel keeps its agreements, when the other side does. He said Israel would not draw from the Jordan River any more water than the

amounts specified in the plan drawn up by Eric Johnson more than a decade ago as an emissary of President Eisenhower.

### Cites Efforts to Maintain Good Relations with All Countries

The Premier mentioned his forthcoming visit to six African states and the visit next month by President Zalman Shazar to four Latin American countries as examples of Israel's efforts to improve relations with other countries. He cited the Warsaw gathering last week of Israeli envoys to East European bloc countries presided over by Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

The Premier gave special attention to Israel's relations with world Jewry. He noted that only 4,000 immigrants from the affluent countries had come annually since the establishment of Israel. He called this a "disturbing figure" and said Israel must study the Jewish communities of other countries and search for new ways to attract young Jews in the affluent countries. Parallel to this, he said, facilities for immigration and absorption must be given generously and utmost efforts must be made to remove bureaucratic obstacles to such immigration.

He said the citizens of Israel must realize that every Jewish educational institution in those Jewish communities was "a fortress in the struggle against assimilation." He added that major Jewish organizations in the world were giving more and more help in strengthening Israel's bonds with Jewish communities in other countries. He said the central function in this effort was being fulfilled by the Jewish Agency.

### ISRAELIS RECEIVE KOSYGIN'S SPEECH IN CAIRO WITH 'LIMITED SATISFACTION'

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- Israeli observers expressed "limited satisfaction" today over Soviet Premier Alexsei Kosygin's comments on the Middle East situation in his address yesterday to the Egyptian national assembly in Cairo. The Soviet Premier endorsed Egypt's stand on the Yemen war and expressed "sympathy for the struggle to regain the legal rights of Palestine refugees." The visiting Premier's only other reference to the Middle East was a warning about the dangers of a nuclear arms race in the Middle East.

The Israeli observers agreed that the Soviet Premier avoided an extremist anti-Israel position. They said his references to "a just settlement" of the Arab refugee dispute and his expressed hope that they would "regain their legal rights" were routine Soviet declarations which were this time somewhat vague and abstract. Such statements, they noted, have been made by the Soviets for a long time.

The observers expressed the belief that Premier Kosygin had turned down Egyptian efforts to induce him to make stronger anti-Israel statements. They stressed that the Kosygin address in Cairo was the first open Soviet appeal in an Arab country urging denuclearization of the Middle East and viewed the appeal as directed mainly to the Arab states.

### RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY VOTES TO EXPAND CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT IN ISRAEL

TORONTO, May 18. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Assembly, central body of the Conservative rabbis in the United States and Canada, closed its five-day annual convention here tonight with the adoption of a resolution calling for the expansion of the activities of the Conservative movement in Israel and the development of additional educational and cultural institutions and activities in Israel to further establish the Conservative presence there. In a special preamble to the resolution, the convention endorsed the work of the Zionist movement in the past and emphasized the commitment of Conservative Judaism to the Zionist cause.

Among the specifics referred back to the executive committee of the Rabbinical Assembly for implementation were a network of Ramah camps for Israeli youth, a high school in Israel for American and Israeli young people and a youth service project which would bring American college graduates to Israel to teach and work among newly arrived immigrants. It was also proposed that retired members of the Rabbinical Assembly go to Israel to contribute their experience in adult education and related programs. A cable from Israel Prime Minister Levi Eshkol hailed the projects and welcomed the participation of American young people in the life of Israel.

The delegates also adopted a resolution affirming their sympathy with the Jews of Soviet Russia and calling upon the Russian Government either to permit Russian Jews to live religiously as Jews or to let them emigrate. Another resolution urges all Jews in Conservative Judaism to give their support and leadership to the growth and development of Conservative Jewish day schools.

The closing meeting of the convention tonight was a convocation of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America honoring Canadian members of the Rabbinical Assembly. At the convocation, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America was scheduled to confer the honorary degree of doctor of laws on Lester Pearson, Premier of Canada.

PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE REJECTS CRITICISM OF PROGRAM ON SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations today rejected the criticism voiced against the organization's program on behalf of Soviet Jewry by Professor Abraham J. Feschel who, addressing the annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, said that American Jews had failed to make the condition of Soviet Jews a matter of primary concern. He criticized particularly the Presidents' Conference.

In a statement issued today, Rabbi Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Presidents' Conference said: "We are saddened at the irresponsible and intemperate statement of Dr. Abraham Feschel on the efforts of American Jewry to alleviate the desperate plight of Soviet Jews. Indeed, the effect of his remarks can serve only to damage the cause of securing full religious and cultural freedom for the Jews of the Soviet Union, a cause to which all of the 21 organizations in the Presidents' Conference are profoundly committed."

Pointing out that the organizations represented in the Presidents' Conference "have made unequivocally clear their determination and their commitment in behalf of Soviet Jewry," Rabbi Prinz stated: "We regret that Dr. Feschel has seen fit to ignore that determination and that commitment. We regret that he has seen fit to describe as 'marginal' and 'non-vital' such programs of the Presidents' Conference as its activities on behalf of Israel for peace in the Middle East. We regret that he has overlooked the fact that only four weeks ago, in Philadelphia, American Jewry met in a great national demonstration of support of Soviet Jewry and drew plans for continuing action to focus American and world attention on their plight."

JEWISH CONGRESS SEEKS VETO ON GIVING TEXTBOOKS TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today called on Governor Rockefeller to veto a bill approved in the State Assembly and in the State Senate yesterday under which the state would reimburse local school boards for "lending" textbooks to private and parochial schools. Murray A. Gordon, chairman of the New York Metropolitan Council of the Congress, said in a telegram to the Governor:

"The State of New York dare not rob the public schools to help the private and religious schools. At a time when essential services are being denied to public school children, at a moment when the Legislature has refused to increase the formula for state aid to the New York City schools, funds are found to give to schools that are privately controlled and that are operated by sectarian institutions. We believe that the 1965 Ferrall-Mangano Law, to which the new bill is an amendment, clearly violates the state and federal constitutions, and we intend to challenge it in the courts."

U.S. GIVES \$5,000,000 LOANS TO WEIZMANN INSTITUTE, BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON, May 18. (JTA) -- Two Israeli educational institutions will receive long-term, low interest loans totaling \$5,000,000 under terms of an agreement approved today by the U.S. Senate Agricultural Committee.

The Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth will get \$4,000,000 worth of Israeli pounds while Bar-Ilan University, in Ramat Gan, will receive \$1,000,000 worth of Israeli pounds. The loans are for 20 years at 2 percent interest. Under the American policy of surplus commodity sales, the Senate and House Agricultural Committees pass on loans from counterpart funds generated in payment.

John A. Schnittker, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, wrote the Senate that at the end of last year, the United States owned 78,300,000 Israeli pounds and that an additional 50,000,000 pounds and 7,000,000 pounds interest would be received in repayment and interest this year. The U.S. Treasury sold 40,800,000 Israeli pounds for dollars in the last fiscal year. The proposed loans would be repaid in dollars including interest.

WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY MARKS ACCEPTANCE OF HIRSHHORN'S ART COLLECTION

WASHINGTON, May 18. (JTA) -- The art collection of Joseph Hirshhorn, estimated to be worth between \$25,000,000 and \$50,000,000, was accepted yesterday by President Johnson in behalf of the American people.

At a White House Rose Garden ceremony, the President announced he was sending a bill to Congress to authorize the Smithsonian Institute to build a gallery to be known as the Joseph Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. The gift of the Latvian-born Jewish financier to the nation consists of more than 1,500 pieces of sculpture and more than 4,800 paintings and drawings.

WILLIAM AVRUNIN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH COMMUNAL WORKERS

WASHINGTON, May 18. (JTA) -- William Avrunin, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit, was elected president of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service at its 68th annual meeting which is now being held. He succeeds Maurice Bernstein, of New York City. Other officers elected were Sidney Z. Vincent, of Cleveland, first vice-president; Martha K. Selig, New York, second vice-president; Manuel S. Batshaw, New York, secretary; and Saul Schwartz, Newark, treasurer.

MIAMI OPERA GUILD PLEDGES NOT TO PATRONIZE CLUBS BARRING JEWS

MIAMI, May 18. (JTA) -- The Opera Guild of Greater Miami has made a formal pledge that it will end a practice of holding some of its functions in facilities which bar Jews, the Florida regional office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has announced.

The agreement ended a struggle between the Opera Guild and Miami Jewish organizations which had lasted for almost 10 years. In a letter to the ADL office, Graham Miller, Opera Guild secretary, said that henceforth the Guild "will not hold any meetings, including committee meetings and functions, at any private club that discriminates against Jewish people." Miller said that the decision was reached at a Guild executive board meeting last week.

Judge William L. Pallot, chairman of the regional ADL board, said the "constructive action" followed a series of conferences between leaders of the ADL and the Opera Guild. "He said the meetings "explored fully the discriminatory practices of a number of social clubs in the Miami area in barring applicants from membership solely on religious grounds." He added that those findings were "related to groups like the Opera Guild which have occasionally used the facilities of such discriminatory clubs for their own fund-raising and other functions." One of the groups was the Surf Club, which bars Jews as members.

The judge added that, in ending the practice, the Opera Guild had "rejected a form of religious prejudice which is most distasteful to the total community regardless of religious persuasion." He said the Guild action also "serves the useful purpose of making fair-minded people everywhere more aware of the importance of judging others on their individual qualifications."

A.D.L. REBUFFS INVITATION BY RADIO STATION ENCOURAGING ANTI-SEMITISM

PHILADELPHIA, May 18. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the local Anti-Defamation League office said the ADL had rebuffed an invitation to take part in a radio program which has aired "blatant anti-Semitism."

The program is WXUR's "Freedom of Speech" and the invitation was extended by Edward Roper vice-president of WJUR Media. Samuel L. Gaber, director of the ADL regional office here, called the bid "a belated attempt" to give "a false picture of impartiality" to support disavowal "of biased presentations." He questioned the right of the station to keep its license.

The ADL official cited as "anti-Semitic hate-mongering" a WXUR program of August 16, 1965 in which the then moderator, Tom Livzey "engaged in and encouraged the broadcasting of anti-Semitic canards." He added that anti-Semitism was "no more debatable than is pornography or Communist propaganda" and that broadcast of such material by a radio station indicated failure to comply with the legal standard "of serving the public convenience, interest or necessity." He said a copy of his letter was sent to the Federal Communications Commission.

W.J.C. DECIDES TO ESTABLISH INSTITUTE OF JEWISH AFFAIRS IN LONDON

LONDON, May 18. (JTA) -- The governing council of the World Jewish Congress decided to set up in London an Institute of Jewish Affairs which will act as a research body for contemporary Jewish studies, it was announced here today. Some of the work of the institute will continue to be centered in New York.

Dr. S.J. Roth will be director of the institute here. Two scholars will act as research advisers. They are Dr. Julius Gould, professor of sociology at Nottingham University; and Dr. Lionel Kochan, reader in modern European history at the University of East Anglia.

JTA CORRESPONDENT ELECTED PRESIDENT OF HOLLYWOOD FOREIGN PRESS ASSN.

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 18. (JTA) -- Herbert G. Luft, correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Hollywood, was elected president today of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, an organization of journalists covering motion picture activities here.

ISRAELI DEPUTY VISITS JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN LATIN AMERICA

BOGOTA, Colombia, May 18. (JTA) -- Akiva Govrin, a member of Israel's Parliament, completed here today a series of visits to the Jewish communities in Chile, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia. Members of Parliament in all four countries have given receptions to the visiting Israeli parliamentarian. The host officials have mentioned with pride the friendly relations between their countries and Israel.