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Bourguiba Says Palestine Arabs, Israeli Jews Should Seek Solution Without Outsiders

WASHINGTON, May 16 (JTA)--President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia told the National Press Club today that Israel represents a "classical problem of de-colonization." He said the solution should be reached between the Palestinian Arabs and the Jews of Israel rather than involve the Arab states who, he said, had rendered the problem more difficult. Mr. Bourguiba said he welcomed indications that the Palestinian Arabs were themselves taking action. He visualized extremists and moderates on both sides and a long period required to work out a Palestinian solution similar to those of Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.

The Tunisian leader urged that the peoples directly involved determine their own fate without the involvement of outsiders. He characterized the Arabs as frustrated and humiliated by the three Israeli victories. In this context, he said, he welcomed indications that the Arabs directly concerned were now taking steps for "de-colonization." President Bourguiba spent a considerable time tracing the history of Palestine and the development of the Jewish State. He emphasized that a solution must recognize the rights of all concerned.

Commenting on the difficulties experienced by the Arabs in presenting their case in the United States, President Bourguiba said "tremendous opposition" was generated by what was interpreted here as an attempt by Arabs to exterminate the Jews. He said this conclusion resulted from "bad Arab propaganda." The Arabs never used gas chambers and had been persecuted with the Jews in the Middle Ages, he said. The Arab case should involve the rights of both Jews and Arabs, he declared. The Tunisian President spent his entire press conference answering questions on Israel.

State Department Official Advises Israel To Be More 'Flexible With Arabs'

MIAMI, Fla., May 16 (JTA)--Israel was given an obvious hint today that the United States Government wanted her to show "more flexibility" in response to United Nations peace efforts. The suggestion was contained in an address prepared for delivery by Lucius D. Battle, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, before the American Jewish Congress national biennial convention here. Mr. Battle reiterated the U.S. position that it does not accept Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem, and called on Israel to permit return of Arabs "to their normal lives in the occupied territories."

Peace efforts of U.N. envoy Gunnar V. Jarring, Mr. Battle said, were "complicated by strongly-held positions on both sides...Israel spokesmen call for direct negotiations and a formal peace treaty with the Arabs...Some Arab leaders insist there must be no negotiations, no recognition, and no peace treaty." Mr. Battle asserted that "quiet diplomacy, more flexibility, and fewer tendentious public statements might help the parties to bridge their differences." He added that "too often, both sides seem to lose sight of the over-riding goal of a permanent peace settlement in order to give expression to their temporary frustrations." He stressed that "time is working for no one" and that the world could not risk periodic Arab-Israeli upheavals. "The first and the most immediate threat to peace in the area is the two-sided problem of terrorism and acts of reprisal," he said.

Mr. Battle commended the official Jordanian policy and said that "the best efforts of the Jordanian Government are often frustrated by the unsettled conditions in Jordan and the strong feeling of segments of the population that the occupied territories must be regained by any means. Terrorism breeds reprisal raids which breed more terrorism which breeds more reprisal raids. The cycle can be unending." The U.S., he said, sought to inject "reason" by urging both sides to end hostile actions. He expressed regret that neither Israel nor Jordan would accept U.N. military observers along the cease-fire lines. On Jerusalem, Mr. Battle said "Moslem religious and historical associations with Jerusalem are no less binding and no less emotional than those of the Jewish people...We have not recognized claims of national sovereignty over Jerusalem. We have not accepted the view that either Israel or Jordan has a superior claim to the city...Since last summer the U.S. has consistently maintained that if there is to be a satisfactory solution for Jerusalem, the problem must be dealt with as one of the elements in a general peace settlement."

The diplomat quoted U.N. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg and underscored the U.S. position that this country does not recognize "unilateral actions" as prejudging the final and permanent status of Jerusalem. He commended the Nov. 22 Security Council resolution calling for withdrawal of Israeli armed forces as consistent with basic U.S. policy. He recalled that President Johnson last June 19 "urged the parties to be flexible in their approach, to adopt no rigid view on procedures."

The State Department official asserted that America was "very much alive to Israel's needs" in connection with Soviet munitions shipments to the Arabs. He denied reports that the U.S. planned a deal with Russia on the Middle East at the expense of Israel linked with Southeast Asia. He similarly denied that the U.S. was disengaging from the Middle East. He covered many other points including the status of Arab refugees, saying that problem had become "more complicated since the June war." He charged that 300,000 Arabs fled homes in occupied territories and urged Israel to permit their return.

Arabs Pressing For United Nations Action on Mideast Situation and Jerusalem

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 16 (JTA)--The Arab bloc here continued today to press for a Security Council resolution on the Middle East, threatening that if no action were taken by the Council, at least on Jerusalem, they would insist on raising the entire Middle East issue in the General Assembly. Ambassador Muhamed H. El-Farra, of Jordan demanded early action in a meeting today with U.S. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg.

The Arabs apparently had given up hopes of securing support for an Algerian draft resolution threatening sanctions unless Israel cancelled all measures for the annexation of Jerusalem within two weeks. Lord Caradon of Britain, Council President, was circulating a "working paper" which could be the basis of a draft resolution, and Denmark and Canada were consulting on a draft which reaffirmed the two resolutions adopted by the General Assembly last July and called on the Arabs and Israel to help implement the Council resolution of Nov. 22.

Foreign Minister Corneliu Manescu of Rumania, president of the General Assembly, met Ambassador Yosef Tekoah of Israel today, reportedly to inform him of Arab bloc demands for Assembly debate on the Middle East. Mr. Manescu had previously conferred with the Egyptian envoy.

Official UN sources maintained a complete news blackout today on the Jarring mission and the status of its activities. Ambassador Gunnar V. Jarring arrived here yesterday and took up headquarters near the offices of Secretary-General U Thant, with whom he conferred today. The UN declined to disclose Dr. Jarring's immediate plans or to comment on the reports from Cairo that Egypt had agreed to his proposals for conducting his mission in New York. In the absence of any indications that there had been a modification of the Egyptian position, the reports from Cairo were considered here as self-serving Egyptian propaganda.

Eban Says Israel Ready To Negotiate Future of Occupied Areas With Arabs

COPENHAGEN, May 16 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban told a press conference here today that Israel intended to occupy the Arab territories captured in last June's war only until a peace settlement was negotiated with the Arabs. But, he said, in certain areas, such as the Golan Heights of Syria, Israel would never accept the return of aggressive forces. Mr. Eban arrived here yesterday from Helsinki on the last leg of a Scandinavian tour. He met with Prime Minister Hilmar Baunsgaard and Foreign Minister Poul Hartling. Denmark is a member of the UN Security Council.

Mr. Eban told the press that "all matters of boundaries and refugees can be settled through direct negotiations" between Israel and its Arab neighbors. He said Israel would like to see a system of constructive cooperation in the Middle East modeled on Scandinavian lines or on the European Economic Community. Mr. Eban was greeted warmly in the Danish capital, but the local Danish-Arab committee organized a protest march.

West Bank Towns Quiet on Israel Independence Anniversary By Gregorian Calendar

JERUSALEM, May 16 (JTA)--No strikes or demonstrations occurred in East Jerusalem or in any West Bank towns yesterday despite widely circulated leaflets exhorting Arabs to protest on the 20th anniversary of Israel's independence, according to the Gregorian calendar. In Ramallah, where a protest strike was organized on May 2, Israel's anniversary according to the Hebrew calendar, businesses opened earlier than usual and the town council held its regular session. Ramallah Arabs who temporarily lost their travel privileges as a result of the May 2 demonstration were apparently eager to show that they had no intention of violating the rules this time. In some West Bank towns, however, large numbers of students stayed out of school.

(But if the situation was virtually normal in the occupied regions, it was not so in the various Arab capitals. The Times of London reported from Beirut today that some 5,000 students paraded through the streets, demanding that Lebanese Prime Minister Abdullah Yafi provide arms for villages near the Israel border. Yafi told the demonstrators that "we are ready to sacrifice ourselves for Palestine," the Times dispatch said. In Amman, according to the newspaper, lawyers took five-minute recesses in courts as a gesture of protest. In all Arab countries, citizens observed minutes of silence and Israel was denounced in special radio programs, in school lectures and in newspapers which appeared with black borders. In Baghdad, the Times said, commando organizations held rallies. In Amman, Premier Bahjat Talhouni called for unity and sacrifice in an "historic confrontation" with Israel. Most Arab commando organizations issued proclamations rejecting a peaceful settlement with Israel. El Fatah pledged to continue the struggle until the "Zionist occupation" was liquidated, "militarily, socially, politically and economically." The Times reported.)

West Bank Arab Leaders Unable To Agree on Common Stand For Occupied Area

JERUSALEM, May 16 (JTA)--West Bank Arab leaders held a closed meeting in Nablus today to try to map a common stand on the future of the occupied region. But their opinions were so divergent that no concrete proposals were expected to emerge from the meeting, according to observers here. The meeting was called following the return from Amman this week of Mayor Hamdi Canaan, of Nablus.

About all the principals can agree on is that Israel should withdraw from the West Bank and most have expressed that opinion before. But differing views were reported on what should happen after an Israeli withdrawal. Some of the Arab leaders favor an autonomous Palestinian state in the area. Others want re-unification with Jordan and still others favor a passive policy while Israel and the Arab states resolve their conflict, one way or another.

Gomulka Opened 'Pandora's Box' of Anti-Semitism in Poland, Envoy Reports

WASHINGTON, May 16 (JTA)--Ambassador John Granouski, U.S. envoy to Poland, has reported here to members of Congress that Warsaw is the scene of a bitter power struggle marked by virulent anti-Semitism. He nevertheless urged rejection of the B'nai B'rith recommendation that Poland should be deprived of its "most-favored-nation" status. It was learned that the ambassador said that long-range hopes of reducing tensions and encouraging liberal elements in Poland justified the United States in continuing to extend special tariff privileges denied to the USSR. The "most-favored-nation" status was extended to Warsaw in 1960, mainly because of liberal steps taken after 1956.

Ambassador Granouski said that Poland's crisis was precipitated last June when Communist Party chief Wladyslaw Gomulka slavishly followed Moscow's anti-Israeli line on the Six-Day War and thereby antagonized many Poles, including some Party officials. He said that out of sheer frustration, Gomulka intemperately attacked Polish Jewry, charging that Jews were "Zionists" and therefore potential traitors. This, said the ambassador, opened a Pandora's box of anti-Semitism.

Gomulka is being challenged by Gen. B. Moczar, Interior Minister, a doctrinaire Communist who also dabbles in anti-Semitism. The general appears likely to improve his political position in the power struggle with Gomulka, the envoy reported. But he expressed doubt that Gomulka would lose his post, although other leaders may fall at a Party congress to be held next winter.

Jewish Victims Ignored at Stutthoff Camp Memorial, As Israel Is Denounced

LONDON, May 16 (JTA)--An official of the Polish Communist Party used a concentration camp memorial unveiling Tuesday as the occasion for a scathing attack on Israel and Zionism. According to reports reaching here from Warsaw today, Zenon Klyszko, member of the central committee of the Polish Communist Party and deputy speaker of the Sejm (Parliament), made no mention of Jews when he enumerated the nationalities of persons who perished at the Stutthoff concentration camp. The camp, the first to be established by the Nazis on Polish soil, was liberated 23 years ago this month.

The anniversary of the Stutthoff liberation drew some 50,000 persons to the site where a memorial monument was dedicated. Among the high Government officials present were Minister of Interior Bieczlaw Moczar, one of the principal factors in the campaign of incitement against Poland's surviving Jews, and Janusz Wlczorek, head of the authority for the preservation of memorials. Although the theme of the memorial was the martyrdom of the Stutthoff victims, among them tens of thousands of Jews, Klyszko devoted a large part of his speech to a condemnation of Israeli "reactionaries and militarists" whom he accused of having "a forgiving attitude toward the Hitlerite murders" while "international Zionist centers persist in fanning the anti-Polish campaign." The newspaper, "Folks-timme," Warsaw's only Yiddish daily, published Klyszko's speech in full without comment.

Shortage of Jewish Military Chaplains Reportedly Will Worsen

NEW YORK, May 16 (JTA)--Data from the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy indicate there is now a shortage of 16 Jewish military chaplains, relative to an agreed-upon quota of 80 such chaplains, and that the shortage will increase to 20 by the end of the year, it was learned here today. The commission, an affiliate of the National Jewish Welfare Board, is the official Jewish liaison organization for certifying Jewish chaplains for military service.

The data were made available as members of the commission met this week to hear a report from Rabbi Aryeh Lev, director, on the problems developing from the decision of the Yeshiva University (Orthodox) and the Jewish Theological Seminary (Conservative) to drop their participation in the military chaplaincy draft. Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanon Theological Seminary suspended participation in the draft, effective last Jan. 1, in favor of a one-year test of volunteering by rabbinic students. The Jewish Theological Seminary, in a follow-through to a decision by the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of Conservative rabbis, announced plans for a new seminary school for chaplains, starting in the fall, in a program in which all rabbinic candidates must choose either military chaplaincy duty or civilian chaplaincy assignments. Rabbi Lev noted that the Reform movement was still participating in the chaplaincy draft and that the Central Conference of American Rabbis had announced that the issue would be discussed at its convention next month.

According to the Commission data, there are now 64 Jewish military chaplains on duty, 16 short of the 80-man quota, and 14 will be released this year after their two-year tours of duty. Four Reform, one Conservative and five Orthodox rabbinic students are now being processed for service, for a total of 10 new military chaplains to replace the 14 who will be discharged.

Rabbi Lev told the meeting that despite the difficulties attending the draft program since its inception in 1950, he felt it would not have been dropped "by the Orthodox and Conservative groups while three million men are in the armed forces, were it not for the political and moral problems raised by the war in Vietnam." He said that "the general student spirit of revolt" had affected the rabbinical schools and that the chaplaincy "has apparently been one of the first casualties of this revolution." He noted that the students "listened carefully to the rabbinic leaders who opposed the government's policies in Vietnam" but they did not hear the same leaders "when they affirmed that, as long as there are Jewish personnel in the armed forces, it is the responsibility of the rabbinate to serve these Jews."

He warned that "many of the gains which we have made, Jewishly speaking, in the military -- and on the American scene in general -- will be jeopardized if we have a ridiculously inadequate number of Jewish chaplains in uniform." He declared that "without Jewish chaplains, intermarriages and conversion of Jews to Christianity are certain to increase in the services."

Neighbor Charged Under Anti-Bias Law With Blocking Sale of House To Jew

NEWARK, N.J., May 16 (JTA)--A hearing has been set for June 5 in the first civil rights case in this state in which a neighbor, who allegedly violated anti-discrimination statutes in blocking the sale of a house to a Jew, faces the same punitive damages hitherto applied only to homeowners or real estate brokers. Meanwhile, an apparent news blackout was imposed on the case by two of New Jersey's leading daily newspapers. According to George S. Pfaus, director of the Civil Rights division, the two papers failed to publish the announcement from his office that a hearing would be held on the State's complaint against John C. McDonough, 43, president of the R.A. McDonough Co., of Orange, one of New Jersey's largest tire dealers.

According to affidavits filed in the Newark office of the State Civil Rights Division, Mr. McDonough allegedly blocked the sale of a \$75,000 house in Essex Falls, next to his to Myron S. Lehman. The sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Heidt III, agreed on price with Mr. Lehman whose family consists of his wife and two children. Division affidavits indicate that when Mr. McDonough heard of the sale to a Jew, he "raised holy hell in the neighborhood." Mr. McDonough denied, in an interview, that he had attempted to interfere with the sale, but repeated his opposition to Mr. Lehman at a conciliation conference arranged by the state. Mr. Lehman said that when he attempted to arrange an interview with Mr. McDonough at his office, the latter refused, telling him, "I moved from South Orange to get away from your kind of people."

The state is charging McDonough with violating the New Jersey law against discrimination which states that "it shall be an unlawful discrimination for any person...to aid, abet, incite, compel or coerce the doing of any of the acts forbidden in this act, or to attempt to do so." Mr. Lehman subsequently purchased an \$85,000 house in Short Hills. Mr. Pfaus said that if Mr. McDonough was found guilty of the charge in a division hearing, he could be ordered to pay the additional \$10,000 that Mr. Lehman had to pay for another house as well as the fee lost by the real estate broker and the lawyers who handled the aborted transaction. The finding of the division is enforceable by the courts and can be appealed in the Appellate Division of Superior Court.

Robert Kohler, state executive director of the New Jersey Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, told the JTA that he did not want to believe that a deliberate black-out was imposed on the case by the newspapers. It was his office which brought the case to the attention of the Civil Rights Division.

Establish Central Bureau To Recruit, Train Personnel For Jewish Communal Service

NEW YORK, May 16 (JTA)--The first central organization for recruiting and training personnel for Jewish communal service, the Bureau for Careers in Jewish Service, has been created by 30 major national agencies in the United States and Canada to overcome a critical shortage of professional personnel affecting all of the major Jewish services. The organization was established here yesterday with the naming of temporary officers and a permanent executive director at the first meeting of the board of directors. Acting officers are Howard Rubin, of Boston, president; David Weingard, of New York, treasurer, and Philip Bernstein, of New York, secretary. Manheim S. Shapiro, for 17 years an executive of the American Jewish Committee, was named executive director.

The new Bureau will be housed in the offices of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the central organization for 222 Jewish communities in the United States and Canada, providing service and consultation on community planning, fund raising and welfare. The new Bureau will be concerned with the total field of Jewish service, including all types of social services and fund-raising, Jewish scholarship and research, the rabbinate and administrative and other professional personnel of synagogues, community relations, Jewish education and Jewish journalism.

The Bureau will interpret to potential workers the agencies and institutions which serve the Jewish community — and the general community — under Jewish auspices. It will work with and through the member organizations and in close cooperation with educational institutions. The Bureau will be funded in part by the 30 agencies that founded it and by foundation grants.

St. Louis Community Studies Measures To Aid in Solving Inner City Problems

ST. LOUIS, May 16 (JTA)--The St. Louis Jewish Federation has created a special committee to determine what actions the St. Louis Jewish community can undertake to improve the conditions of the poor in the city, according to Melvin Dubinsky, Federation president. The committee, which is headed by John D. Levy, was instructed to report its findings and recommendations to the board by May 23.

The tasks of the committee are to review the problems of the inner city, with particular reference to St. Louis, to study the roles of the Jewish organizations and of the total St. Louis Jewish community in relation to inner city problems and to determine what actions could be undertaken, on both a short-range and long-range basis, to concentrate the resources of the Jewish community for a direct attack on the problem.

Survey Reveals Executive Suite Discrimination Against Jews in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, May 16 (JTA)--A survey by the American Jewish Committee here indicated that there is discrimination among major Los Angeles corporations in the hiring of Jews for top executive posts and their election to board membership. The results of the survey were made public today by Arthur Greenberg, chairman of the AJ Committee's Los Angeles chapter. It covered the hiring techniques of 27 leading Los Angeles companies. It found that while 10 percent of Los Angeles' population is Jewish, as are 20 percent of its college students, only six percent of the top corporation employees are Jewish. The figure is 51 out of 848 board members and senior management personnel.