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DULLES REJECTS REPUBLICAN REQUEST TO PERMIT ARMS SALE TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today rejected, for the time being at least, a Congressional request that Israel be permitted to buy American arms to offset the flow of Communist munitions to Egypt. He made his views known in a reply to a letter presented to him by Republican members of the House of Representatives. It was learned from official sources that before issuing his statement, Mr. Dulles discussed it with President Eisenhower.

"The United States," Mr. Dulles said, "recognizes that current developments could create a disparity in armed force between Israel and its Arab neighbors. However, we are not convinced that that disparity can be adequately offset by additional purchases of arms by the State of Israel. Israel has a population of under two million, whereas the Arab population amounts to tens of millions, and they apparently have been offered access to huge stores of Soviet bloc material. Under this circumstance the security of Israel can perhaps better be assured by means other than an arms race."

Mr. Dulles pointed out that "the combined influence of the nations which would, under the United Nations Charter and the Tripartite Declaration, be against any armed aggression is a far more effective deterrent to any potential aggressor than any amount of arms which could be obtained by either side." He argued that "the having in hand, by Israel, of equal or superior arms is not the only deterrent to aggression."

"We do not exclude the possibility of arms sales to Israel," the Secretary said. "But it is our belief that the security of states in the Near East cannot rest upon arms alone but rather upon the international rule of law and upon the establishment of friendly relations among neighbors. We are actively working toward the establishment of such relations."

U. S. Policy Embraces Preservation of Israel, Dulles Declares

The Secretary of State emphasized that "the foreign policy of the United States embraces the preservation of the State of Israel. It also embraces the principle of maintaining our friendship with Israel and the Arab states." He reiterated the proposal he made last August 26, that the United States would participate in an international guarantee of "agreed frontiers" if the Arab states would agree to Israel's frontiers. He also cited the statement issued February 1 at the conclusion of the Eden-Eisenhower talks on the Middle East.

"The problems of this area," Mr. Dulles stated, "must be studied in the larger context of the free world's unceasing struggle against international Communism." He added that he had no hesitation in declaring that "the United States, seeking for itself to avoid involvement in war, is earnestly striving as a friend of both Israel and its Arab neighbors" to relieve the present tension in the area. "If the political and economic developments should subsequently become such as to make Congressional action desirable or necessary, the President would, of course, promptly communicate with the Congress," he said.

One point made by Mr. Dulles was that Israel was "a creation" of the United Nations and that "the Arab states are also members, and all are solemnly bound by that (United Nations) Charter to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force." He asserted that "the United Nations organization is capable of providing many forms of protection."

A spokesman for a Congressional group that met with Mr. Dulles and received the reply said the impression was given that if tripartite pursuit of a peaceful solution fails, Israel would be in a position to renew its arms application. He said that Secretary Dulles indicated to the group that certain secret activities on behalf of Arab-Israeli peace might be under way.

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today called on George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, "to call attention to the growing urgency with which we regard the arms situation." He later reported that he told Mr. Allen "this matter has complete priority" as far as Israel was concerned.

Mr. Eban also elicited additional information on the Eden-Eisenhower meetings. He said he obtained a general idea of the thinking of the signatories of the communique which was issued at the conclusion of the Washington talks.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Eighty-seven Democratic and forty Republican members of the House of Representatives today pleaded separately with the U. S. Government to permit Israel to purchase defensive arms in this country in view of Egyptian purchase of arms from Communist countries.

The Republican plea was in the form of a letter presented personally by five Republican Congressmen to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles this afternoon. The Democratic plea was contained in a declaration. More Congressmen would have signed both undertakings but for the speedy execution of the Republican letter and the Democratic declaration and the absence of many Congressmen from Washington.

In their letter to Secretary Dulles, the Republican Congressmen said they "have individually, and now collectively, taken the position that Israel as a firm part of the free world should be allowed to obtain in the open market such weapons as would assure her protection against aggression." The letter asked point blank: "What is the position of the State Department on this matter?"

The Republican Congressmen urged in their letter that "a treaty of peace and a guarantee of existing frontiers should be offered to all interested parties in the Middle East and should be implemented promptly as to the frontiers of that nation or those nations which accept the proposed peace terms. Otherwise we continue to be faced with the refusal of some nations to enter into peace negotiations or even to recognize the existence of the State of Israel."

Declaring that they do not believe that economic aid should be extended to any nation which engages in "warlike or aggressive maneuvers against any part of the free world," the Republican Congressmen stated: "As members of Congress, who support the aims and objectives of this Administration, we are particularly anxious that our constituents be advised that the Department is taking positive steps toward the protection of free nations such as Israel and toward the dissolution of dangers which in threatening the peace of Israel, threaten also the peace of the free world."

Oppose Suggestions that Israel Yield Territory to Arabs

The declaration by the Democratic members of Congress, signed by Democratic floor leader John W. McCormack and many other important members of the House, urged the U. S. Government "to permit Israel to purchase the \$50,000,000 of defensive arms which she seeks in this country strictly for purposes of self-defense." The declaration emphasized that "Israel is firmly a part of the free world and she may be counted upon not only to defend herself, but also to join in the defense of the free world."

"The American people will not tolerate anything so immoral as the sacrifice of Israel to Communist infiltration of the Near East," the declaration said. "The time to act is now. Failure to take action will encourage the Communist offensive, increase tension, and endanger freedom." The Democratic Congressmen pointed out that while they were opposed to an arms race, they believed that the military capability for safeguarding Israel's national existence must be maintained. "We believe the danger of war will be seriously increased if the Arab nations attain a military preponderance capable of use for aggression because of the Communist initiative," they stated.

"We have heard with regret that there are proposals that Israel be asked to yield vital territory of her small area to the Arab states. We believe this is the road to appeasement, not the road to peace," the Democratic declaration said. Urging an "honorable peace settlement" as the best way of ending the war threat in the Middle East, the Democrats suggested that the United States work with other interested nations to negotiate formal treaties within the framework of the United Nations guaranteeing existing frontiers.

"But," said the Democratic statement, "to make peace we need agreement to negotiate and until there is agreement by the Arab nations to sit down at the peace table, there is the present danger of a major outbreak of hostilities." Therefore, arms sales to Israel were recommended.

DR. KASTNER ARRAIGNED FOR TRIAL IN ISRAEL, CHARGED WITH PERJURY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The arraignment of Dr. Rudolf Kastner, former government employee, on charges of perjury opened here yesterday before Chief Magistrate Moshe Peretz. The current hearing will determine whether the state will prosecute Dr. Kastner, one-time leader of Hungarian Jewry and now editor of a Hungarian-language paper in Tel Aviv.

Last year, Dr. Kastner was severely castigated by a Jerusalem district judge, Benjamin Halevy who, among other things, said that he had saved Lt. Col. Kurt Becher, a Nazi leader in Budapest, from punishment as a war criminal. Judge Halevy's statements were made at the conclusion of a libel trial brought by the government against Malkiel Greenwald, a pamphleteer, who had attacked Dr. Kastner in a privately circulated pamphlet. At that trial, Dr. Kastner said he had given a denazification court in Germany a statement concerning Becher's activities in Budapest but insisted he had not testified in the Nazi's behalf at the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal. The present perjury charges stem from this testimony.

JEWISH STORES LOOTED IN ORAN; ALGERIAN MOB MARCHES ON SYNAGOGUE

PARIS, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- An Algerian mob in the city of Oran sacked Jewish shops this week-end in an anti-French demonstration that quickly turned into an anti-Jewish manifestation, the newspaper Le Monde reported here today.

The dispatch said that the mob marched on the Grand Synagogue of Oran, breaking into and looting Jewish-owned shops along the way. At least seven jewelry shops owned by Jews were plundered, Le Monde reported.

U.S. RABBIS REQUEST SOVIET PERMISSION TO SEND KOSHER FOOD TO RUSSIA

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government has been asked by the Rabbinical Council of America, an organization of Orthodox rabbis, to permit the receipt of religious articles, kosher food and matzoth by Jews in the U. S. S. R. and the bringing of Jewish students from the Soviet to rabbinical schools in the United States, it was reported here today by Rabbi David B. Hollander, president of the organization, at the opening session of the annual mid-winter conference of the Council. The Council also requested the admission of its delegation to the Soviet Union to study Jewish religious life there.

Rabbi Hollander reported that Soviet Ambassador Georgi Zarubin had replied that he would transmit the requests to his government in Moscow. Mr. Zarubin expressed the belief that the Soviet Government would not object to the sending of religious articles and kosher food, provided the Jewish community in the Soviet Union requested this aid. He said that he favored the exchange of students between the Soviet Union and the United States.

HADASSAH CONFERENCE VOTES TO EXPAND MEDICAL PROGRAM IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Expansion of Hadassah's comprehensive medical program in Israel to meet future contingencies was voted here today by leaders of the organization from all sections of the United States attending the annual mid-winter conference of Hadassah. The decision was taken following an address by Mrs. Abraham Tulin, of New York, chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization, underscoring the urgency of Israel's medical needs in the light of the tense Middle East situation.

The action taken includes: 1. Increased support of the only medical school in Israel, which Hadassah maintains together with the Hebrew University; 2. Enlargement of the Hadassah Hospital in Beersheba; 3. Acceleration of existing plans for the construction of a \$2,500,000 Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem; 4. Intensification of Hadassah's medical fellowship program through which young Israeli physicians, surgeons, psychiatrists, scientists, chemists and nurses are brought to the United States for one and two-year studies in their respective fields.

At the same time, Mrs. Tulin announced that Hadassah, which in addition to the seven hospitals maintains a network of health stations, mother-and-child centers, a child guidance clinic and a pilot community health project, would henceforth shift the emphasis of its medical program from the curative aspects to the teaching phase. One of the immediate effects in the new policy will be the intensification of the Hadassah medical fellowship program which since its inception in 1946 has brought 100 Israeli physicians and technicians to the United States for specialized study.

Mrs. De. Leonard Cohen, of Westport, Conn., chairman of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center Committee, announced the opening of a new fund-raising effort for \$5,000,000 to complete the projected medical center, now in the process of construction, which will include a 440-bed university-connected hospital, a medical school, a nurses' training school and an out-patient clinic capable of treating 1,200 patients daily. Mrs. Cohen reported that Hadassah has already raised \$7,000,000 for the medical center and that construction of several of the units has already begun.

Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, Zionist Affairs chairman of Hadassah, who returned last Saturday from a special flying trip to Israel, told the assembled Hadassah leaders that United States delays in selling defensive arms to Israel "is giving the Egyptian armed forces additional time for training with the newly-acquired Communist weapons." On behalf of Hadassah's 300,000 members, she called upon the State Department to take immediate favorable action on Israel's request for arms. She said that Israel's pressing need was for planes capable of fighting Communist arms pouring into Alexandria. She called upon the United States also to offer a security pact to Israel and any other nation in the region that desires such a pact.

ORT FORMS BRANCH IN SPANISH MOROCCO; WILL OPEN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

GENEVA, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The headquarters of the World ORT Union today announced the establishment of an ORT Committee in Spanish Morocco, composed of leaders of the Jewish community of Tetuan. The committee will soon organize a vocational school in Tetuan where more than 6,000 Jews reside, the announcement said.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM ANNOUNCES AID FOR JEWS LEAVING ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism today announced that it has allocated from its philanthropic fund grants for 15 family units who returned from Israel and are now living in France and to 26 families who are now residing in Belgium as "illegal immigrants from Israel." A grant was voted for the American Council for Emigres in the Professions which assists professionally and technically trained immigrants of all faiths to find positions.

ONTARIO JEWS SEEK END OF RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS

TORONTO, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- An appeal to the government of Ontario to terminate religious instruction in the public schools of the province was voiced here at the 16th conference of the Central Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress. The conference, in a resolution, noted that such teachings set up divisions among the children in the public schools, a practice which the parley characterized as "harmful to the basic interests of our democratic society."

The conference also called on the government of Ontario to amend its anti-discrimination law so as to improve its administration and "avoid misinterpretations that have frustrated the law's intent." In conjunction with rabbis and teachers, the conference decided that Jewish communities should attempt to achieve Jewish educational programs covering five hours weekly for children over a period of at least six years. Taking cognizance of Israel's danger, the delegates urged the Canadian Government to make available arms for the Jewish State and to help obtain security guarantees for it.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE RAISES \$700,000 FOR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- More than \$700,000 was raised here yesterday at a four-state Southwest regional conference of the United Jewish Appeal. Some 500 Jewish community leaders attended the parley.

Associate Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, chief speaker at the conference, declared that "Israel must never be allowed to become the victim of aggression." Justice Douglas called Israel "one of the great bastions of strength" in the "world struggle against Communism." He insisted that "America needs Israel" because "our democratic allies in the ideological war against Communism are not many."

EINSTEIN COLLEGE GETS \$150,000 GIFT FROM JACOB ZISKIND TRUST

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The Albert Einstein College of Medicine has received a \$150,000 grant for radiology research from the Jacob Ziskind Trust for Charitable Purposes, of Boston, it was announced today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University. The gift will be used to establish the Jacob Ziskind Radiology Research Unit at the college, the first medical school under Jewish auspices established in America.

The radiology unit will conduct research and teaching on problems relating to the biologic effects of ionizing irradiations; further diagnostic uses of X-ray, and the use of radioactive isotopes in medical diagnosis and therapy. The Ziskind trust has made contributions to Brandeis University, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Hebrew Union College, Weizman Institute of Science of Rehovoth, Israel, and a number of non-Jewish educational institutions.

EISENHOWER GREET'S BROOKLYN SYNAGOGUE ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- The 100th anniversary of the founding of Congregation Bait Israel Anshei Emes was celebrated last night at the synagogue in Brooklyn at a ceremony attended by Jewish and civic personalities. Messages from President Eisenhower and former President Hoover hailed the congregation's role in the community. Dr. Israel Goldfarb, spiritual leader of the congregation for the last 50 years, was honored at the ceremony.

LABEL KATZ NAMED MEMBER OF 1956 CABINET OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Label A. Katz, president of the Jewish Welfare Fund of New Orleans and international chairman of the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission, has been named to the 1956 national cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Katz is a member of the national council of the Joint Distribution Committee and is active in the Anti-Defamation League.

JACOB A. JACOBS, CANADIAN JEWISH LEADER, DIES IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Feb. 6. (JTA) -- Jacob A. Jacobs, Jewish communal leader and pioneer industrialist, died here this week-end at the age of 81. Mr. Jacobs was a founder of the Montreal Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, Mt. Sinai Sanatorium at Ste. Agathe, Quebec, and the Montreal Hebrew Orphans Home. He was also a director of the Hebrew Free Loan Association.