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### ISRAEL OFFERS TO BREAK U.N. IMPASSE ON ARMISTICE RESOLUTION AND WITHDRAWAL FROM NEGEV

PARIS, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Israel offered to break the United Nations impasse in implementing withdrawal from the Negev and the Security Council's armistice resolution today by suggesting that the Council set a time at which both would become effective simultaneously.

Aubrey S. Eban, Israeli spokesman at the U.N., told the seven-nation sub-committee of the Security Council that compliance by Israel with the Nov. 4 withdrawal order might be a "suicidal gesture" if it did not first receive an assurance that Egypt was prepared to respect the Security Council's authority by attending armistice negotiations.

The Egyptian brigade now surrounded at Faluja, Eban said, is no threat or burden to Israel, but if it were permitted to withdraw to link up with the forces at Gaza, it would restore the Egyptian Army's ability to fight. Israel would regard compliance with the Nov. 16 armistice resolution as a test of Egypt's respect for the Council's authority, which, he said, was the only safeguard against a new Arab offensive.

As proof that the Egyptians had not given up war-like intentions, Eban informed the sub-committee that he had received reports of surreptitious movements to reinforce the troops and bring in new supplies. Under present circumstances, it was therefore impossible to liberate a hostile army which might strike again, he insisted.

### No Reply Received from Arab Countries on Armistice Resolution

Eban's statement followed a declaration by acting mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche reporting that Brig. Gen. William E. Riley, the mediator's chief of staff, was encountering difficulties in carrying out the demilitarization of Beersheba and in stationing U.N. observers in the Negev. Dr. Bunche also charged that the Egyptians had refused to give up any strategic points until Israel had complied fully with the resolution. The acting mediator declared that Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok had written him fully accepting the armistice resolution, expressing readiness to enter immediate negotiations either directly or indirectly. Israel's note was transmitted to the Arab states, Dr. Bunche said, but not a single reply has been received to date.

Mahmoud Bey Fawzi, Egyptian delegate to the Security Council, declared that Eban's speech made it clear that Israel was holding the Faluja garrison as a hostage to compel Egypt to negotiate an armistice. He protested that the Security Council could not stand by without applying sanctions. He said the Council must insist on convoys being permitted to go to Faluja unconditionally, on the withdrawal of the garrison and on the withdrawal of Israelis who had not been in the Negev prior to Oct. 14, also their evacuation of Beersheba.

Eban said the Nov. 4 resolution was politically dangerous for Israel. The Negev was part of Israel's territory and it could not waive sovereignty there. Progress had, however, been made toward implementing the resolution. First, Israel had

announced the withdrawal of all troops not in the Negev Oct. 14. Second, the Israelis were prepared to withdraw troops from the coastal area to north of Deir Suneid. Third, they had agreed to permit truce supervisors to put observers in the Negev. Fourth, they had also granted Gen. Riley's request for a medical convoy to Faluja. These things proved, Eban said, that Israel was cooperating.

#### U.N. POLITICAL COMMITTEE ORGANIZES GROUP TO REPORT ON VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS ON PALESTINE

PARIS, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- After a prolonged discussion this morning the United Nations Political Committee elected a sub-committee of eight member states to study all proposals before the body for effecting a final solution of the Palestine question. The group is to prepare a working paper on the proposals for consideration by the General Committee tomorrow.

The group, which consists of Britain, the United States, Guatemala, Australia, Colombia, Poland, the Soviet Union and Syria, met this afternoon under the chairmanship of Selim Serper of Turkey, rapporteur of the Political Committee. The vote to establish the body--which consists of all the states which have offered either resolutions or amendments to resolutions on the Palestine question--was 24 for, six against, and 14 abstentions. The composition of the group was suggested yesterday by the Canadian delegate.

This morning, Faris el Khouri of Syria, introduced a final draft resolution. It called on the General Assembly to establish a five-nation commission to study the Palestine issue on the spot and to prepare proposals for the establishment of a single state for the whole of Palestine, either on the basis of cantonization or federalization.

#### U.S. Determined to Stand by All Its Amendments

During the debate in the Political Committee today, Philip Jessup of the United States, reminded the body that it should keep in mind that it is still concerned with basic objectives in its consideration of the Palestine case. These he listed as: 1. Establishment of peace in Palestine; 2. Early attainment of a political settlement; and, 3. Reconciliation between the Jews and Arabs.

Turning to the question of the resolutions before the Political Committee, the American delegate said that his government appreciates that the British have incorporated several American amendments in their latest version of the McNeill resolution. However, one amendment, which the U.S. considers most important, has not been included.

This one, he said, asks the Assembly "to call upon the governments and authorities concerned to extend the scope of the negotiations provided for in the Security Council resolution of Nov. 16 to seek an agreement by negotiations conducted either directly or through the conciliation commission with a view to a final settlement of all outstanding questions between them."

Jessup, who left no doubt as to the determination of the United States to stand by all its original amendments, declared that his government considers that its amendments to the British proposal represent at this moment universal public opinion. The Anglo-American proposals represent the Assembly's opinions, he continued. He also asserted that under the American-amended British resolution the Arabs could not claim that they had been compelled to negotiate under duress.

#### BEIGIN RECEIVED BY N.Y. MAYOR; 2,000 PERSONS WAIT OUTSIDE CITY HALL TO GREET HIM

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Menachem Beigin, former commander of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, was greeted in City Hall today by Mayor William O'Dwyer while a crowd of 2,000 waited outside. The city's greetings were extended to Mr. Beigin after he had passed through New York's garment district at noon time traveling in a motorcade.

ALL QUIET IN JERUSALEM; ISRAELI AND ARAB COMMANDERS EXPECTED TO MEET WITHIN WEEK

JERUSALEM, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Jerusalem had its quietest day today in weeks. An official Israeli communique said: "There is nothing to report."

Informed circles here believe that a meeting scheduled to take place between the Israeli commander of the Jerusalem area and the commander of the Arab Legion will be held within a week under the supervision of United Nations observers. The hope was expressed here today that the commanders will be able to reach an agreement for an effective truce in the city.

ISRAELI ELECTIONS TO BE HELD JAN. 25; CENSUS SHOWS 477,000 ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The Israeli State Council unanimously decided last night to hold national elections Jan. 25. The decision was taken after Interior Minister Itzhak Gruenbaum revealed that on the basis of the completed population census, a total of 477,000 residents will be entitled to cast their ballots in the Jewish state's first elections.

Gruenbaum announced that identity cards for voters will be issued by January, at the latest. The central elections supervision committee will be made up of four Mapai members, two from Mapam, two from Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi, two Progressives, two Revisionists, and one each from Agudas Israel and Poalei Agudas Israel, WIZO, the Communists, General Zionists, Yemenites and Sephardic community.

Israeli Army officers will be permitted to address election meetings during the forthcoming election campaign, it was announced today. They will not, however, be permitted to speak in uniform. By a 29-7 vote, the Council approved a kosher food ordinance for the Israeli Army which guarantees that all religious soldiers are to receive kosher food. The Ministers of Defense and Religion were instructed to carry out the new law.

At a closed night session, the Council endorsed the government's policy in the Negev. The Communist, Mapam and Revisionist members insisted that the Israelis should continue to hold all positions occupied in the Negev fighting. Premier David Ben Gurion, in summing up the government's policy, asserted: "Our policy is a policy of deeds, not of declarations." He also revealed that the chief request that the U.N. observers have made to the Israelis in the Negev was to open the road leading to the Egyptians trapped in the Faluja pocket.

Replying to a question, Ben Gurion stated that a thorough investigation was being made into charges that the Arab population in the Negev and Galilee had suffered at the hands of Israeli troops in instances not linked to actual fighting.

When Israel's capital is finally selected--Tel Aviv, Jerusalem or Haifa--a world-wide competition among architects will be announced to determine the blueprint for the permanent Israeli seat of government. This was made known today by Shlomo Arazi, chief engineer for Hakiryah, the present official seat of the government. Arazi predicted that under any circumstances Hakiryah--the former German colony Sarona--would continue to serve as the capital for several years.

Currency in circulation in Israel at the present time already exceeds \$116,000,000, it was announced here by the Anglo-Palestine Bank issue department.

HUNGARY ORGANIZES RETURN OF NAZI-LOOTED VALUABLES TO IDENTIFIED RIGHTFUL OWNERS

BUDAPEST, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Finance today issued an order providing for the return of Nazi-looted valuables to their rightful owners provided they can identify themselves and prove ownership.

The valuables are kept in vaults with the names of the owners attached to each item. The owners will be summoned by the authorities to appear in person to claim their belongings. In cases where the owners have perished, the property will eventually be turned over to the Jewish Fund.

RUMANIA WILL ESTABLISH FIVE SCHOOLS FOR TRAINING OF RABBIS AND RELIGIOUS SERVANTS

BUCHAREST, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The Rumanian Government will establish five schools for the training of rabbis and Jewish religious servants, a decree published in the Official Gazette announces.

The schools will be organized on the basis of the law regulating religious affairs. Under this law, the state must provide for the training of ministers of all the recognized religions in the country. The program of the schools will be worked out by the Supreme Rabbinical Council to be established under the new by-laws for the centralization of the work of the Jewish communities in Rumania.

The study of the Rumanian and Russian languages, as well as Rumanian law, will be included in the curriculum, the decree states. Two of the schools will have a five-year course for those who wish to become rabbis, two other schools will be of the "Yeshivah type" and will turn out "dayanim" who will have to undergo four years of training. The fifth school will have a three-year program and will train minor religious officials. All graduates will be qualified to accept positions with Jewish communities throughout the country. Their appointment is subject to approval of the Supreme Rabbinical Council, the decree stipulates.

POLISH COURTS IMPOSE DEATH SENTENCES ON WAR CRIMINALS FOR KILLING JEWS

WARSAW, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Joseph Lelpold, former commandant of the Bendzin concentration camp, who personally killed 40 Jews during his administration of the camp, was sentenced to death today by the Lublin district court. In Sosnowiec, the court imposed the death sentence on Bruno Teschamler, a German, who was convicted on charges of participating in the annihilation of the Jews of Dombrova.

A Polish couple named Sivicki and a German, L. Vockord, were sentenced to death by the Warsaw court for torturing Jewish workers and looting Jewish property during the Nazi regime. Vockord was arrested after the war in Germany and was repatriated to Poland by the American military authorities.

HUNGARIAN COURT SENTENCES FIVE ANTI-SEMITES TO DEATH; YOUTHS SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT

BUDAPEST, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- A Budapest court today sentenced five persons to death and 25 others to terms of imprisonment varying from one month to five years, for pre-war, wartime and post-war anti-Semitic activity. Among those given prison terms were a group of youths arrested recently while raiding a Jewish cemetery in Budapest and smashing gravestones.

FOURTEEN GERMAN WAR CRIMINALS, INCLUDING CONCENTRATION CAMP OFFICIALS, EXECUTED

MUNICH, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- A total of 14 German war criminals convicted on charges of murdering concentration camp inmates and Allied fliers during the war were hanged today in Landsberg. Among those executed today were former officials of the Buchenwald, Mauthausen and other notorious camps.



TRUMAN STANDS ON HIS ISRAEL PLEDGES, REP. BLOOM SAYS AFTER VISIT TO WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- President Truman still stands on his campaign pledges with regard to American policy toward Israel, Rep. Sol Bloom of New York told reporters after a White House call this afternoon. Bloom, who is slated to become chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee in January, said the President "feels everything is going to be ironed out" in Palestine.

VALUE OF NEGEV TO ISRAEL OUTLINED BY PROF. BRODETSKY AT CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- World Zionist philosophy has changed to a philosophy of action in the last year instead of one of politics and resolutions, Prof. Selig Brodetsky, member of the executive of the World Zionist Organization, told the 1,000 delegates of the 25th annual convention of Junior Hadassah meeting here.

A great change has come in the past year with regard to Palestine, he said, "because there has been a great change in our methods. We no longer pass resolutions," he said, "we have decided to act."

Referring to proposals to separate the Negev from Israel, Brodetsky said Israel wanted the Negev not only because it had been awarded to it by the U.N. and presents the only place for potential resettlement of immigrants, but because "they tell us the Negev has oil and they tell us the Negev has metals and I see no reason why the state of Israel should not also have oil and metals." In addition, he said, Israel needs the Negev for security reasons. "We must have access not only to the Mediterranean in the West but to the Red Sea in the East," he said. "Israel's security would then be ten times greater."

Last night, in a message from Paris, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok said that Junior Hadassah should become the "rallying point for young American Jewish womanhood in redoubling efforts for an effective response to the great historic challenge of our generation."

LABOR ZIONISTS OPEN NATIONAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK; LAUD AID OF U.S. LABOR TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- A three-day convention of the National Committee for Labor Palestine currently engaged in raising \$10,000,000 in this country for the Histadruth in Israel opened at the Hotel New Yorker here today with delegates from all parts of the country in attendance. The delegates are expected to present to the convention \$1,000,000 for immediate transmission to the Histadruth.

Hayim Greenberg, member of the World Zionist Executive, and T.O. Thackeray, co-editor of the New York Post, were among the principal speakers today. Isaac Hamlin, national secretary of the Histadruth campaign, addressing the delegates, hailed the support given to the Jewish state by the American Federation of Labor and the C.I.O. The convention will be addressed by Eliahu Epstein, Israeli representative to the United States; Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem; Isaac Ben Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council in Israel, and Eliahu Dobkin, immigration director of the Jewish Agency.

U.J.A. DELEGATION GIVEN RECEPTION BY TEL AVIV MUNICIPALITY; LEAVES FOR NEGEV TOUR

TEL AVIV, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The 35-member United Jewish Appeal delegation touring Israel was tendered a reception last night by the Tel Aviv municipality, with many prominent Israelis in attendance. The delegation left today for a tour of the Negev area.

U.S. Navy personnel serving as United Nations truce observers yesterday invited a group of 35 Jewish youngsters to spend Thanksgiving Day aboard their vessel, the destroyer Beatty.

REMAINS OF HERZL TO BE BROUGHT TO ISRAEL; REBURIAL TO TAKE PLACE WHEN PARLIAMENT OPENS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- A seven-member committee has been named by the Israeli Government to supervise arrangements for bringing the remains of Theodor Herzl from the Vienna cemetery where he is buried to Israel. It was reported here today. It is planned to reinter Herzl's remains on the same day that the newly-elected Israeli Parliament will open.

URGES POPULATION EXCHANGE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES TO SOLVE ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The only solution to the problem of Arab refugees is an exchange of populations, Meir Grossman, head of the economic department of the Jewish Agency and chairman of the World Zionist Revisionist Organization, declared at a press conference here today following his arrival from Israel.

"The refugee Arabs should be resettled in Arab lands and we, in exchange, will resettle in Israel the Jewish population of these Arab states," he said. "Any other attempt to solve the problem is unrealistic and unworkable. Arab-Jewish relations can be settled by one inspired surgical operation." He emphasized that "the United States has a sincere friend" in Israel, which is anxious to trade and cooperate with America. He added that the Revisionist Party "has never accepted the U.N. partition decision as final" and that it still considers Transjordan an integral part of Palestine.

ROLE OF COL. MARCUS IN ORGANIZING ISRAELI ARMY DESCRIBED BY AMERICAN MILITARY ANALYST

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The role played by the late Col. David Marcus, of Brooklyn, in organizing the Jewish fighting forces in Israel from "a crowd of guerrilla fighters" into a well-disciplined army is described in an article to be published next week in the Saturday Evening Post.

The author of the article, Lowell M. Lippus, an American military analyst, says that Col. Marcus not only created the blueprint for the Israeli Army, but also taught the commanders how to use it. "He outlined the organization of officers' training schools, then dictated the entire course of study, to be mastered in a matter of months," Lippus reveals. "He taught them how to solve problems of logistics, wrestled with 'days of fire' and ammunition-supply tables, and told them what kinds of guns and shells to buy in the markets of Europe. Finally, he went out and supervised the training, working with the men personally for week after week."

SAMUEL AND AGNON WIN 1948 AWARD FOR BEST TWO JEWISH BOOKS PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Maurice Samuel and S.J. Agnon are the winners of the 1948 Louis Lamed Fund prizes given annually for the two best Jewish books published in English in this country, it was announced today. Samuel won the award for his "The Prince of the Ghetto," published by Knopf, and Agnon received the prize for his "Days of Awe," published by Schocken Books. The former is a book about the well-known Jewish writer J.L. Peretz while the latter is an anthology of Jewish thought on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

TRIAL OF FIVE NEW YORK YOUTHS CAUGHT LOADING TRUCK WITH ARMS IS SET FOR DECEMBER 9TH

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Five youths arrested here this week while loading a truck with two crates of rifles, machineguns and pistols, were released yesterday in \$500 bail each and will receive a hearing on Dec. 9. The police suspect that the arms were destined for Israel, but the youths, who said that they are interested in the Israeli cause, denied knowing that the crates contained arms.