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### ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER REJECTS U.S. DEMANDS; OUTLINES FOREIGN POLICY TO KNESSET

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- Demands advanced by the U.S. Government in a recent note to the Government of Israel were vigorously rejected today by Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett in an address delivered before the Knesset.

Israeli soldiers, he said, had not died in conquering essential territory only to have it later relinquished by Israeli "politicians." He revealed that "certain parties" are attempting to sever the Negev from Israel, and warned that the Israeli Government will oppose any such attempts.

Praising the "partition decision" of the United Nations which gave birth to the Jewish state, Mr. Sharett pointed out that this decision constituted a basis for territorial adjustment, but cannot serve as a criterion now. He refuted any territorial compensation to the Arab states and stressed that Israel rejects any agreement allowing Syrian forces to remain on Israeli territory. He also emphasized Israel's desire for negotiations and settlement of the Gaza problem.

The Israeli Foreign Minister emphasized that although the government refuses to allow the wholesale admission of Arab refugees--because it considers such mass admissions suicidal to the interests of the country previous to a final peace settlement--nevertheless, entry visas will be granted to Arabs in special cases, primarily when wives and children of residents in Israel are involved. There are 155,000 Arabs now residing in Israel, he reported.

### Condemns Anti-Israeli Propaganda; Appeals to Pope to Learn Factual Situation

Condemning the anti-Israeli propaganda now being conducted with regard to the Holy Places, the Foreign Minister said that false horror stories are being spread in coordination with propaganda regarding the admission of Arab refugees. They aim to create tension between the people of Israel and the Catholic Church, he added. He pointed out that Christian rights are safeguarded in Israel and expressed the hope that Pope Pius XII will examine the facts and learn the true situation.

"Israel," he said, "insures religious freedom and is safeguarding the Holy Places under the supervision of United Nations authorities." He expressed the belief that a solution will be found with regard to the Jerusalem problem which will be satisfactory to all sides involved. He stressed that the existence of a Jewish population in Jerusalem outside of Israel is inconceivable.

Israel desires peace but not at any price, Mr. Sharett declared. He concluded by expressing hope that diplomatic relations will be established between the Jewish state and the Arab states in the near future. President Weizmann and a large number of foreign diplomats attentively listened to the review given by the Foreign Minister.

Yaacov Rittin, a leader of Mapam, the left-wing United Workers Party, opened the debate on Mr. Sharett's speech by criticizing the government for not seeking support against the "pressure" which the American Government is now trying to exercise over Israel. Menahem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party, demanded that the Israeli Government resign immediately "because of its failures." He also requested the Knesset not to recognize the British-Transjordan alliance of 1948 which allows British forces to enter Transjordan territory.

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BRITISH DIPLOMATS IN ISRAEL AND ARAB COUNTRIES SUMMONED TO LONDON FOR SPECIAL PARLEY

LONDON, June 15. (JTA) -- A British Foreign Office spokesman announced today that a conference of British diplomatic representatives in the Arab states and Israel will be held here the first week in July. The parley is expected to take up problems concerning the carrying out of Britain's foreign policy in the Middle East rather than making any changes in that policy, he said.

The conference, the official revealed, has three chief aims: 1. To review developments since the last similar conference was held in 1945; 2. To review the progress made in aiding the Middle East in economic and social matters, particularly through the instrument of the British Middle East Office; 3. To discuss current matters, such as the problem of Arab refugees who fled Palestine last year.

Direct American participation in the parley is not contemplated, but Britain and the U.S. are keeping each other informed of current Middle East developments, it was indicated today. The London Times, commenting on the conference, said that in addition to diplomatic representatives from Israel and the Arab states, participants in the meeting will include the governor of Aden, Britain's political representative in the Persian Gulf area, Sir Rupert Hay, and the head of the Middle East Office in Cairo, Sir John Troutbeck.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin has always been particularly interested in the Middle East and at present is personally supervising several gigantic irrigation schemes there which have not yet been made public, the London Star reported today. The paper predicted that the government will soon appeal to British engineers and agricultural experts to go to Middle East countries on short-term contracts in advisory capacities to the government.

The Manchester Guardian today editorially expressed the hope that Israel would accept Britain's assurances that arms being sent to the Arab states by Britain would not affect Arab military strength. The editorial followed the Israeli protest to the U.N. Security Council against the British decision to send small arms to Arab states for "internal security" requirements.

Relations between Britain and Israel, the newspaper stated, are a good deal better today than they have been in the recent past but all suspicion has not yet been removed.

ARAB-ISRAELI ARMISTICE PACTS DO NOT MEAN PEACE FOR MIDDLE EAST, SOVIET ORGAN SAYS

MOSCOW, June 15. (JTA) -- The prediction that the armistice concluded between Israel and a number of Arab countries "does not mean establishment of peace in the Middle East" was made today in the Soviet weekly newspaper, "New Times."

The paper cited British and American press comments in which the idea is expressed that present relations between Israel and the Arab countries are hampering the creation of a Mediterranean pact. Declaring that England aspires "to play in the Mediterranean pact the same role as the United States played in the North Atlantic pact," the Soviet statement says that the Mediterranean pact aims to convert the Eastern Mediterranean area into a springboard for war against the Soviet Union.

CONCILIATION COMMISSION SENDS FIRST REPORT ON LAUSANNE TALKS TO U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL

LAUSANNE, June 15. (JTA) -- The United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission today dispatched its first report on the Israeli-Arab peace talks being conducted here to U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie.

ISRAELI GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE COST OF LIVING BY 25 PERCENT; WILL CHECK INFLATION

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- The Israeli Government intends to lower the cost of living by 25 percent within the next few months, Eliezar Kaplan, Minister of Finance, told the Knesset last night. He emphasized that the high cost of living is frightening away investors and constitutes an obstacle to development of the country.

The Israeli Minister estimated that the Jewish state will this year have to import \$180,000,000 worth of goods, including \$100,000,000 for essential commodities. It is therefore imperative to restrict the import of non-essential goods and to develop Israeli exports to the largest possible degree, he declared.

The chief problem facing Israel, he pointed out, is the need for increasing production in order to halt the inflationary trend in the country. Schemes for the use of savings which will be accumulated through the reduced cost of living are now being formulated, he said. The government is planning to increase production and encourage foreign investment by lowering import duties on building materials, cement, and on certain types of machinery.

Mr. Kaplan emphasized that the budget of \$111,000,000 submitted yesterday to the Knesset for approval was only tentative, since Israeli policy on foreign trade was fluid and the fight against inflation had only just begun. He told the Israeli parliament that it was imperative to float additional credits for purposes of launching various development and income-producing projects. He warned, however, that current state expenses could not be absorbed by these loans and would have to be met by taxes.

The Israeli Minister stated that utmost efforts are being made by the government to raise funds within the country for the increased budget and to consolidate the economy of the country. The additional proposed taxes, he declared, may give the government a revenue of about 37,000,000 pounds.

Samuel Koffer, special adviser to the U.S. State Department's Near East and African Affairs Division, last night called at the Israeli Foreign Ministry, accompanied by the counselor of the American embassy here. Mr. Koffer, who proceeded to Jerusalem today, was received by the chief of the Ministry's North American section.

FORMER U.S. MEMBER OF CONCILIATION COMMISSION TO REPORT TO TRUMAN ON LAUSANNE TALKS

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- Mark Ethridge, former U.S. member of the U.N. Conciliation Commission for Palestine, who arrived in New York yesterday following his resignation from the Commission, will report to President Truman on the Lausanne peace talks, it was revealed here today by James E. Webb, Acting Secretary of State.

(Mr. Ethridge said on his arrival in New York last night that he was "optimistic about peace" in the Middle East. Although conceding that the Arab-Israeli talks now being held at Lausanne under Commission sponsorship had "pretty well stalled at the moment," Ethridge said the U.N. group was "trying new approaches to reach a settlement.")

Mr. Webb declined to give any specific answers today when asked at his news conference if the American Government had received a favorable reply from Israel to its note asking that Arab refugees be permitted to return to the Jewish state. He said he did not wish to comment on single points while efforts were being made to secure the broader objective of peace.

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IMMIGRATION OF POLISH JEWS TO ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE, TEL AVIV ENVOY TO WARSAW SAYS

TEL AVIV, June 15. (JTA) -- The immigration of Jews from Poland to Israel will continue, Israel Barzilai, Israeli Minister to Poland, declared today in a statement to the press. Mr. Barzilai is now in Tel Aviv for his first visit since he was named Minister nine months ago.

Despite the fact that the Polish Government does not permit the emigration of Jews from the country, he said, special arrangements have been made for relatives of residents in Israel to come to the Jewish state under certain conditions. He estimated that the number of such relatives averages several hundred monthly.

Mr. Barzilai's statement noted that as a result of the Polish-Israeli trade agreement signed on May 20, providing for a \$15,000,000 exchange of goods, Israel is buying in Poland only commodities necessary to develop her industry and to supplement the supply of construction materials and machinery. The Jewish state, he said, is selling goods to Poland for which there is much competition in the world market. The agreement is designed to end "haphazard trade" and create good will, Mr. Barzilai added.

Touching on the situation of the Jews in Poland, the Israeli Minister declared that they are enjoying complete freedom of movement and that anti-Semitism is combated with education and punishment and is considered subversive by Poland. Describing the difficulties he encountered in establishing his Ministry, Mr. Barzilai emphasized the friendly and understanding attitude of the Polish Government.

ISRAELI LEGATION IN BUDAPEST WARNS AGAINST PERSONS OFFERING ENTRY PERMITS FOR SALE

BUDAPEST, June 15. (JTA) -- Persons receiving offers of Israeli entry permits and emigration documents for stipulated fees were urged today by the Israeli Legation here to report those making the offers to the police.

Mizrat, the Jewish retraining and rehabilitation organization, has announced extension of its programs to provincial areas, with the town of Szeged selected as the first country site for the organization's training program. The vocational retraining projects will be especially designed to give older persons instruction in fields requiring little or no physical exertion.

ISRAELI CONSUL IN ITALY VISITS PORT FROM WHICH JEWISH IMMIGRANTS SAIL FOR ISRAEL

ROME, June 15. (JTA) -- Arie Oren, Israeli consul in Italy, today visited the port of Bari, in southern Italy, from which immigrants sail for Israel, and several Jewish DP camps in the area. The Jewish community of the town tendered a reception for the consul, who was making his first visit to this area since his appointment as Israel's representative.

In an address at the reception, which was attended by Italian civilian, naval and military officials, Mr. Oren disclosed that the Israeli legation in Italy is scheduled to be opened this month. During his visits to the Trani transient center and the Barletta permanent camp, both for Jews only, Mr. Oren was greeted by some 5,000 displaced Jews.

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE DELAY IN RESOLVING DISPLACED PERSONS PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- The House Rules Committee today approved legislation authorizing a special investigation of the displaced persons problem. The investigation, to be made by the House Judiciary Committee, will seek to determine reasons for "the slowness of repatriation and resettlement of DP's" and develop "a broad plan of international cooperation."

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JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS URGE CONGRESS TO ELIMINATE RACISM FROM U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Elimination of racism from U.S. immigration law was urged upon Congress today by the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, and Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and twenty-seven Jewish community councils throughout the country.

Through their coordinating body, the National Community Relations Advisory Council, these organizations, in a letter to Senator Pat McCarran, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, expressed the hope that the Senate would act favorably on the Judd Bill, already passed by the House, cutting out three "discriminatory provisions." The bill would set up quotas for the first time for natives of various Asiatic and Pacific Ocean territories hitherto barred from entering this country, and would remove all racial qualifications for naturalization.

In their letter, copies of which went to the majority and minority leaders in both Houses and to the full membership of both the Senate and House Judiciary Committees, the groups commended the Judd Bill as "a long step in the direction of freeing our immigration laws from discrimination on untenable grounds." However, they declared, "everything in American tradition rebels against one provision of the bill which would classify certain Asiatic peoples by race or ancestry, regardless of their place of birth." For example, they pointed out, "a person of Siamese ancestry born in a South American country would be charged to the quota for Siam."

The groups also voiced opposition to a provision reducing immigration from the West Indies to 100 per year. The bill does this by setting up a quota of 100 each for all "colonies," regardless of size. At present, colonial peoples come under the quotas of their parent countries, and some 80,000 West Indians have immigrated to the U.S. during the past 25 years.

The third provision considered discriminatory by the Jewish organizations is one requiring the wives and minor children of naturalized American citizens, now admitted as non-quota immigrants, to come in as preferential immigrants under the new quotas.

THREE TORAHS HIDDEN IN GERMANY DURING WAR PRESENTED TO SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, June 15. (JTA) -- Three Scrolls of the Law belonging to the Jewish community of Fuerth, Germany, which were hidden from the Nazis throughout the war, were handed over today to the Synagogue Council of America by a three-member delegation of German Jewish leaders brought to the U.S. under the Council's auspices for a six-week stay.

Speaking at the ceremony, held at a Council plenary primary session in the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue here, the visitors from Germany--Dr. Aaron Ohrenstein, Jean Mandel and Ernest Landau--emphasized that every Jew "living in Germany today wants to leave that country as quickly as possible." Among those still remaining in Germany, they said, were persons pressing restitution claims, as well as ill and aged refugees.

Mr. Landau stressed that the future of the Jews remaining in Germany depends largely on American and British Jewry. "You can give us the moral support necessary in our many struggles," he said, adding that "we are fighting against anti-Semitism and for the restitution of Jewish property, because we will never let those who are responsible for the slaughter of 6,000,000 Jews become the heirs of their property."

NEW ANTI-SEMITIC ORGANIZATION FORMED IN FRANCE; WILL HEIGHTEN ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

PARIS, June 15. (JTA) -- A new group comprising anti-Semitic, pro-Fascist and collaboratorist elements was formed here recently and is expected to intensify already-existing anti-Jewish propaganda in France by publication of a weekly newspaper, it was reported today.

Restricted to members able to pay annual dues of \$18, the new organization--"Friends of the French Liberties"--plans to launch a 1,500,000-franc fund-raising drive to expand its present program. Competent observers here believe that anti-Jewish attacks in the press will be revived in the near future as a result of the new body's activities.

WORLD ORT LEADER HONORED BY MEMBERS OF SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT

JOHANNESBURG, June 15. (JTA) -- Jewish members of the South African Parliament today tendered a tea in the House of Assembly at Capetown in honor of Dr. Aron Syngalowsky, executive vice-president of the World ORT Union. The affair was attended by Dr. A.J. Stals, Minister of Education, Health and Social Welfare, and outstanding members of all parties.

Dr. Syngalowsky explained the position of the Jews in Europe, recent developments in Israel and the ORT's projected vocational training program in South Africa. Dr. Stals paid tribute to Dr. Syngalowsky and expressed appreciation of the ORT's activities.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON CONFERS DEGREE ON RABBI; STUDIED SEMITIC DIALECTS

WASHINGTON, June 15. (JTA) -- The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, has conferred a degree on a rabbi, the first such degree in the history of the institution.

Rabbi Samuel H. Berkowitz, director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the George Washington University, has been awarded the degree of Master of Arts by Catholic University. He studied Arabic and Aramaic dialects in the University's department of Semitic languages.

FIRST ISRAELI FREIGHTER DOCKS AT MONTREAL; CITY'S JEWS WELCOME CREW AND VESSEL

MONTREAL, June 15. (JTA) -- The first Israeli cargo vessel to reach Canada's shores docked here this week-end. The 10,000-ton S.S. Haifa brought a cargo of jams and chocolate from Israel and will return with 1,000 tons of grain and other supplies.

Thousands of Jews from Montreal and the surrounding area flocked to the harbor to welcome the vessel. A special affair for the Israeli crew was arranged by local Zionist groups.

ISAAC JUDES, PRESIDENT OF REVISIONIST PARTY OF SOUTH AFRICA, DIES; WAS 69

DURBAN, So. Africa, June 15. (JTA) -- Isaac Elias Judes, president of the Revisionist Party of South Africa, died here today at the age of 69. Judes came to South Africa late in the last century and engaged in farming. Thereafter, until his death, he was associated with the work of the Zionist movement.