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### U.S. FAVORS NEITHER JEWS NOR ARABS IN PALESTINE ISSUE, STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS

WASHINGTON, June 16. (JTA) -- The State Department denied today that it is seeking a settlement in Palestine which would deliberately favor either the Arabs or the Jews. Questioned about Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett's speech in the Knesset yesterday, the Department issued the following statement:

"There has never been any intention on the part of this Government, working through the United Nations Conciliation Commission, to do anything other than exercise its good offices in attempting to reach a just settlement."

President Truman refused to comment today on whether he was satisfied with the Israeli reply to the American note demanding repatriation of Arab refugees. The question was asked at his press conference this morning. The President said the problem was being dealt with at Lausanne.

### U.N. CONCILIATION COMMISSION HAS A PLAN FOR JERUSALEM, ETHRIDGE REPORTS TO TRUMAN

WASHINGTON, June 16. (JTA) -- Mark Ethridge, former U.S. representative on the U.N. Palestine Conciliation Commission, expressed pessimism today at the results of the Lausanne negotiations, following a White House meeting with President Truman. "The Lausanne talks are completely deadlocked unless they find a new approach this week, and I am not sure they will," he stated.

Agreement in principle has been reached by the Commission on a plan for internationalization of Jerusalem, he said. He added that neither side knew about it yet and predicted that neither the Arabs or Jews would like it. Both will "wrangle," he asserted; "it will be something hard for them to fight." The Commission, he revealed, has thought of "15 ways" to internationalize Jerusalem, from a minimum proposal to the most severe which would entail occupation by international forces. He would not disclose what sort of compromise was reached.

Ethridge, who today submitted his formal resignation, emphasized that he found President Truman "well briefed" on the Lausanne situation. The Arab refugee problem is the central "core" of trouble at Lausanne, he said. He indicated that he did not think the present lack of agreement meant termination of the talks. If nothing is accomplished, however, the Commission will report to the U.N. General Assembly in September and the Assembly will then discharge the body, he declared.

The retiring U.S. representative described the problems of the Commission, telling how territorial disagreements were "inextricably linked" with the Arab refugee question. If certain territorial agreements could be reached "200,000 people could settle down immediately," he declared, adding that "a good deal has been done and is being done on the refugee problem."

### Reveals Israeli Offer for Establishment of "Free Zone" at Haifa

Another mission of the Commission, he said, was discussion of economic phases of the situation. Israel has already proved its willingness to cooperate on this phase of the talks, he stated. Mr. Ethridge cited an Israeli offer with regard to establishment of a "free zone" at Haifa.

The Arab position has been that Israel must abide by the Dec. 11, 1948 U.N. resolution calling for the return of peaceful Arabs to their homes in Israel, he

declared. Ethridge pointed out that Israel has shown its "good faith" by offering emergency repatriation for members of separated Arab families. This, he said, caused trouble because the Arabs have a broader conception of the composition of families than the Israelis and sometimes consider even fifth cousins to be close kins who should be repatriated.

#### ISRAEL'S PROTEST WILL NOT AFFECT DECISION OF BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO SEND ARMS TO ARABS

LONDON, June 16. (JTA) -- Authoritative quarters said today that the Israeli Government's protest against British arms shipments to some Arab states would not affect the British Government's decision to make these shipments. A Foreign Office spokesman acknowledged receipt of the Israeli note protesting against the arms shipments.

The possibility of Israeli objections to this move had been taken into consideration before the decision was reached, it was stated. The British maintain that the shipments involve only small arms needed for internal security in some Arab states and argue that the shipments are not in contravention of the U.N. Security Council Middle East arms embargo.

#### ISRAEL OPPOSES PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE BRITISH MEMBER IN U.N. GROUP FOR PALESTINE

LAUSANNE, June 16. (JTA) -- Following conversations between the U.S. State Department and the British Foreign Office, the results of which have been communicated to the U.N. Conciliation Commission here, the Commissioners informed the Israeli delegation last night that they proposed to add a British member to the fact-finding committee scheduled to leave this week-end for the Middle East. The committee originally consisted of French, Turkish and American experts.

The suggestion brought a strong protest from the Israeli delegation. It was pointed out that this committee would require freedom of movement and opportunity to survey conditions in all parts of Israel. Within a few days after the British announcement of the proposed resumption of the supply of arms to Arab states, it is proposed to include a Briton as an impartial member of an important technical committee, an Israeli delegation spokesman said.

So long as the British Government is tied by treaties to Arab interests, it remains a party to the dispute and cannot under any formula play the role of impartial conciliator at the same time, the Israeli spokesman added. This incident brought to a head the Israeli suspicion that efforts are being made to introduce the British factor once more into the whole Palestine question.

Discussions between Washington and London on this subject first took place over two months ago, but other matters delayed formation of the committee. The United States view is that a British member of the committee would greatly facilitate its work in countries where the committee might otherwise be coolly received--particularly Iraq and Transjordan.

#### Britain Says She Is Not Interested in Having Member in U.N. Group

LONDON, June 16. (JTA) -- The British Government would not be interested in participating in the commission of experts being dispatched to the Middle East by the Conciliation Commission to investigate the Arab refugee situation, a government spokesman said today.

The British viewpoint, he declared, was that the position would be different if it were a question of participation in a commission actually putting a resettlement program into effect. In view of Britain's long experience in the Middle East, Britain might be prepared to join such a commission although "not enthusiastically," it was stated.

ISRAELI DELEGATION LEAVES FOR SYRIAN FRONTIER TO RESUME ARMISTICE TALKS

TEL AVIV, June 16. (JTA) -- An Israeli delegation left today for Mahanajim, on the Syrian frontier, for a resumption of armistice talks with Syrian representatives. The delegation was led by Lt. Col. Mordecai Makless, who was accompanied by Lt. Col. Moshe Dayan, Israeli commander in Jerusalem, acting as an observer.

GENERAL ZIONIST LEADER IN KNESSET URGES ISRAEL TO REMAIN NEUTRAL IN EAST-WEST DISPUTE

TEL AVIV, June 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Fritz Bernstein, Minister for Commerce and General Zionist deputy in the Knesset, declared in the Israeli Parliament today during the course of a debate on the Jewish state's foreign policy that his party stands for neutrality in the East-West dispute. The debate is expected to continue next week with Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett replying on Monday to criticism of the government's policies.

Dr. Bernstein emphasized that the cause of Israel's present "political ebb" is the lack of an information and propaganda service, brought about by a weakening of these services for political reasons. He also demanded that the Israeli Government notify the Arab states that independence in the Near East is not possible without a strong Israel and that it is necessary for them to modernize their economic structures--a task, he added, which they could not achieve alone.

Meyer Vilner, Communist deputy, criticized Israel's foreign policy for not stating openly "what was known to all the world--that Britain and the U.S. are responsible for the failure of the Syrian armistice talks and the Lausanne peace parleys."

ISRAELI ENVOY TO ITALY TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT; HONORED AT RECEPTION

ROME, June 16. (JTA) -- Shlomo Ginossar, first Israeli diplomatic representative to Italy, who is expected to present his credentials to Italian President Luigi Einaudi within a few days, was tendered a reception here by leaders of the Jewish community in this country. Jewish leaders who attended the function included Dr. Raffaele Cantoni, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, and Italian Chief Rabbi Prof. David Prato.

HISTADRUT AND MANUFACTURERS SIGN LABOR PACT PROVIDING 12,000 WORKERS WITH EMPLOYMENT

TEL AVIV, June 16. (JTA) -- The Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association for Metal Industries today signed an agreement providing for the employment of 12,000 workers. The two-year pact stipulates minimum wages, includes a provision for arbitration and, in the event of strikes or lockouts, would hold both sides responsible. Joint production boards will be set up to increase production in the industry.

450 CZECH JEWS TO SAIL FOR ISRAEL FROM RUMANIAN PORT; 180 OTHER JEWS ALSO LEAVE

BUCHAREST, June 16. (JTA) -- A group of 450 Jews from Czechoslovakia--the fourth this year--will sail for Israel this Sunday from the Rumanian port of Constantza, it was announced here today.

This brings the total of Czech Jews who migrated to Israel via Rumania this year to over 3,000. Also aboard the vessel Sunday will be 130 Rumanian Jews and about 50 Jews of other nationality who are also migrating to the Jewish state.

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REPORT ON CURRENT STATUS OF ROMANIAN JEWRY PRESENTED AT DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE SESSION

BUCHAREST, June 16. (JTA) -- A report on the current status of Jewry in Rumania was delivered here today at a meeting of the central committee of the Jewish Democratic Committee of Rumania by Bercu Feldman, secretary-general of the organization, the only remaining body representing the Jewish population of this country. The session is being attended by delegates from all parts of the country and the guest of honor is Shmuel Mikunis, Israeli Communist leader.

Mr. Feldman made it clear that the fight against Zionism remains paramount among the activities of the Committee. The Jewish leader and member of the Rumanian parliament warned against continuing Zionist propaganda which, he said, "seeks to throw the Jewish population into the arms of an exploiting capitalism." He also revealed that the campaign against the Zionists is being waged in the Jewish press, at mass meetings and on Yiddish broadcasts. Full equality is enjoyed by the Jews of Rumania, Mr. Feldman declared.

The second major task confronting the Committee, according to its leader, is the vocational retraining of thousands of Jews, with the help of the government and the Rumanian Workers Party--the local Communist Party. Thousands of such retrained workers have been placed in jobs, he added.

Besides the public schools which offer either complete or partial curricula in Yiddish, the Yiddish Culture Federation has established a large number of local choirs and dramatic groups which are staging Yiddish plays, Mr. Feldman reported. There are three Jewish newspapers currently being published, he said, one in Yiddish, one in Rumanian and the third in Hungarian. Two radio stations feature weekly Yiddish broadcasts.

Referring to the recent nationalization of Jewish communal relief kitchens, children's homes and old people's homes, Mr. Feldman asserted that they had been turned over to the government which is now operating them "smoothly" along the same lines as previously. "Not a single one was closed down following nationalization," he stated, "and their entire staffs have been maintained and put on the government payroll."

Turning to the problem of pensions for victims of racial persecution, he revealed that of some 7,000 applications submitted, 4,000 have already been granted. The remaining applications will be dealt with shortly.

SENATE IS REQUESTED BY TRUMAN TO RATIFY U.N. CONVENTION OUTLAWING GENOCIDE

WASHINGTON, June 16. (JTA) -- A request by President Truman for Senate ratification of the U.N. convention on genocide was referred today to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. In his message, the President said:

"By the leading part the United States has taken in the United Nations in producing an effective legal instrument outlawing the world-shocking crime of genocide, we have established before the world our firm and clear policy toward that crime. By giving its advice and consent to my ratification of this convention, which I urge, the Senate will demonstrate that the United States is prepared to take effective action on its part to contribute to the establishment of principles of law and justice."

100 ISRAELI DELEGATES EXPECTED IN BUDAPEST AT INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

BUDAPEST, June 16. (JTA) -- One hundred Israeli youths will attend an international youth rally which will be held here in August, it was announced today at a press conference.

ROLE OF JEWISH SOCIAL WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS IN UNITED STATES ANALYZED BY SOBELOFF

CLEVELAND, June 16. (JTA) -- The peculiar contribution of Jewish social welfare organizations has been the organization within one community of "all the services which by common consent have a claim upon us, without arbitrary limitation of geography or nature of service," Isidore Sobeloff, executive director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit, declared here at the National Conference of Jewish Social Welfare.

Mr. Sobeloff, one of the past presidents of the Conference, who spoke at a dinner honoring the former presidents at the 50th anniversary convention of the Conference, said: "We have evolved an instrument that permits us on a voluntary basis to perform the traditional social services, to relate ourselves to those needing help overseas, to build a stronger, ever-better functioning community at home and to express our kinship for our fellow-Jews in Israel."

"Any program which carries with it the preponderant, the overwhelming interest and support of our fellow-Jews is a legitimate branch of our community organization," Mr. Sobeloff added. He asserted that this machinery applies the "concept of over-all shared concern for the common problems at home and abroad." This development, the social welfare leader insisted, grew historically from the Jewish community's earlier procedure of merging "contending federations within one community."

Speaking of the role of the professional social worker in the history of the last five decades of Jewish social work in America, Mr. Sobeloff declared that the professional earned his status in the "heroic work of developing agencies and communities organized to serve themselves, rather than uptown serving downtown." This work, he continued, went hand-in-hand with the job of converting children's institutions into foster homes, improving the level of service in old age homes, making family agencies out of relief societies and "introducing study and social work research as guides for community organization and development."

WORLD JEWRY MUST MAINTAIN EMOTIONAL, SPIRITUAL TIES WITH ISRAEL, DR. GOLDMANN STATES

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- The main problem facing world Jewry is to maintain emotional and spiritual liaison between Israel and Jews in other countries, and at the same time to maintain a legal separation, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the World Jewish Congress Executive Committee and chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency, said today at a luncheon session of the Summer Rabbinical Institute of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Addressing more than 100 rabbis from many parts of the country who are taking an eight-day study course, Dr. Goldmann said: "The outside world needs the spiritual and cultural guidance of Israel, and Israel needs the financial and spiritual help of the outside world. A way must be found to maintain the ties while continuing the legal separation."

Dr. Goldmann singled out two other questions for special attention--the 600,000 Jews resident in Latin America and the plight of Jews in Moslem countries. Jews in Latin America face the danger of rapid assimilation in the countries in which they live, liquidating their communities and losing their special character, unless they are provided with teachers, schools and other cultural assistance, he said.

DR. HENRY SELVER APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF PAUL BAERWALD SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK IN PARIS

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Henry Selver, of Newark, N.J., a leading educator and social welfare worker both in Europe and the United States, has been appointed director of the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work, now being organized in Paris by the Joint Distribution Committee, it was announced today.

### PIONEER WOMEN'S CONVENTION DECIDES TO ENCOURAGE AMERICAN YOUTH TO SETTLE IN ISRAEL

PHILADELPHIA, June 16. (JTA) -- A resolution criticizing the "demand that Israel resettle the Arab refugees" and urging that responsibility for resettlement of the "homeless Arabs be placed not on the Jewish people but on the Arab countries" was adopted here today at the closing session of the convention of the Pioneer Women.

The resolution expressed support of the Israeli Government's stand to "compensate Arabs for all property formerly theirs and now being used by Jews." It cited the fact that the "Jewish people alone is bearing responsibility for resettlement of Jewish refugees." No "indemnities or compensation have as yet been received either from Germany or any world agency, the resolution added.

Delegates to the parley also decided to set aside one-fourth of all membership dues collected this year to encourage American Jewish youth to settle in Israel and to expand the Jewish educational movement in the U.S. in order to "deepen the Jewish and Israeli consciousness among our people in this country." Mrs. Bert Goldstein was re-elected national president of the organization.

### BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY OPENS CONVOCATION MARKING COMPLETION OF FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR

WALTHAM, Mass., June 16. (JTA) -- A three-day convocation marking the completion of Brandeis University's first academic year began here today. The convocation will be officially launched at the opening session of the first annual convention of the Women's Committee of Brandeis University at which plans for the group's activities for the forthcoming year will be formulated.

A formal convocation ceremony will be held here Sunday with over 2,000 persons expected to attend. It will be broadcast on a national hook-up. Aubrey S. Eban, chief Israeli delegate to the United Nations, and Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, acting U.N. Palestine mediator, will address the gathering on Sunday.

### 30,000 PERSONS TO ATTEND EBBETS FIELD CONCERT TO AID FUND FOR PALESTINIAN INSTITUTIONS

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- More than 30,000 people were expected to attend a "Music Under the Stars" concert in Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, tonight sponsored by the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions. Participants in the program will include Leonard Bernstein, conductor; Nathan Milstein, violinist; Artie Shaw, clarinetist; and Regina Resnik and Richard Tucker, both of the Metropolitan Opera. Proceeds from the concert will be used to support the 99 educational, cultural, religious and welfare institutions in Israel aided by the American Fund.

### SAMUEL LEIDERSDORF GETS HONORARY DOCTORATE OF HUMANE LETTERS FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- Samuel D. Leidersdorf, treasurer of the American Jewish Committee and communal leader in this city, was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters by New York University yesterday at the institution's 117th commencement exercises here. The citation awarding him the degree noted that his "main employment in all humility is in the host of civic, religious, educational, charitable and philanthropic activities that know and deeply cherish the feel of his helpful hand."

### DAVID SHER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF N.Y.; SUCCEEDS RALPH GUINZBURG

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- David Sher was last night elected president of the Jewish Family Service of this city, succeeding Ralph K. Guinzburg, who held the post for five years before retiring. Mr. Sher is active in the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and is a vice-president of the American Jewish Committee.

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