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## KING ABDULLAH LASHES OUT AT ARAB LEAGUE FOR HAMPERING PEACE TALKS WITH ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA)--King Abdullah of Transjordan today lashed out in open defiance of the Arab League for hampering his negotiations with Israel which may lead to the resumption of a normal life for Arabs affected by the war.

Reminding the Arab League of its promise two years ago "to massacre all the Jews of Palestine," the Transjordan radio sarcastically pointed out today that not only was the Arab League unable to carry out this "promise," but that in fact, the League was unable to prevent the emergence of the State of Israel.

"The Arab League has done nothing but bring misery to the Arabs," the Transjordan radio, which is controlled by King Abdullah, said. "The only future of the Arabs lies in the achievement of a final settlement of the Palestine problem," it emphasized.

The Israel Government announced that its Ministry of Education has opened special training courses for 53 Arab teachers, including 20 women. The group will be trained for teaching in Arab schools in Israel.

A joint Israel-Transjordan committee met in Jerusalem yesterday to discuss the case of Arab refugees who wish to be reunited with their families in Israel. At the same time, the mixed armistice commission yesterday arranged for the sending of Passover food to the Jewish police on Mount Scopus who are guarding the buildings of the Hebrew University and the Hadassah Hospital which are situated in Transjordan-held territory.

A dispute arose at the mixed commission over Transjordan charges that Israel is digging and preparing for construction of buildings in the neutralized Government House zone of Jerusalem. The commission rejected one Arab complaint on this score, but by a majority vote of the Transjordan delegates and the U.N. chairman, agreed to investigate new charges of a similar nature.

## ARAB DELEGATE URGES UNITED NATIONS TO RESTRICT ECONOMIC LIBERTY IN JERUSALEM

GENEVA, March 13. (JTA)--A demand that economic liberty be restricted in Jerusalem was voiced here today by Iraqi delegate Fadil Jamali at a session of the U.N. Trusteeship Council which is currently considering a draft status for an international regime in Jerusalem.

Dr. Jamali charged that "money has played a tragic role" in the Palestine situation and warned against the possibility of Jerusalem becoming a "Zionist citadel with the non-Jewish population reduced to slavery." Both he and Aubrey Eban, Israel representative, asked that the discussion be carried over to the next Council meeting on Wednesday so that they could present more material concerning the issue to the body.

The Council also postponed until Wednesday consideration of action on control of radio broadcasting in the city, with a sub-committee consisting of Belgium, Iraq and Britain ordered to bring in recommendations on control of the radio. A sub-committee consisting of the United States, Belgium and the Philippines was instructed to bring in proposals for an educational system.

ISRAEL PLANE REPORTED DOWN IN RED SEA, 250 MILES SOUTH OF SUEZ; 25 ABOARD

LONDON, March 13. (JTA)--An Israel plane carrying 25 passengers today crashed into the Red Sea, 250 miles south of Suez, it was reported here from Cairo. The report said that a distress call had been received from the plane by a British freighter which had relayed the call to the mainland.

TWO JEWS REPORTED KILLED, 20 INJURED IN EXPLOSION OF MINE SOUTH OF JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, March 13. (JTA)--Two Jews were reported killed and 20 injured in what was described in early reports as an "accidental mine explosion south of Jerusalem." One unconfirmed report said the blast took place in the demilitarized Government House zone.

REMAINS OF DR. ELIASH ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; MET BY DIGNITARIES; BURIAL IN JERUSALEM TODAY

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA)--A special plane carrying the remains of Dr. Mordecai Eliash, Israel Minister to Britain who died in London Saturday, landed at Lydda airport this afternoon and was met by high-ranking officials of the Israel Government, members of the diplomatic corps stationed in the Jewish state and rabbinical and lay Jewish leaders. The coffin was immediately transferred to Jerusalem and placed at the Yeshurun Synagogue.

Among those present when the plane landed at Lydda were U.S. Ambassador James C. McDonald, British Minister Alexander Knox Helm, Argentine Minister Pablo Manguel, and the diplomatic envoys of Australia and Belgium; Chief Rabbis Untermann and Toledano, of Tel Aviv; Col. Arron, representing President Chaim Weizmann; Lt. Col. Avitzur, representing the Israel Army Chief of Staff, Brig. Yigal Yadin; Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and Walter Eytan, director-general of the Foreign Ministry.

When Dr. Eliash's coffin was removed from the plane, it was draped with the Israel flag. A police guard of honor presented arms as the casket was transferred to a hearse. Mr. Sharett and senior officials of the Foreign Ministry accompanied the cortege to Jerusalem, where burial will take place tomorrow morning in the Sanhedria cemetery. The funeral services will be held at the Yeshurun Synagogue, of which Dr. Eliash was a trustee.

U.S. TIRE COMPANY TO OPEN \$2,000,000 PLANT IN ISRAEL; WILL EMPLOY 300 WORKERS

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA)--The General Tire Company of Akron, Ohio, will form a company in Israel within the next few months to produce tires, it was announced here today.

The company and the Israel Finance Ministry have come to an agreement which will result in the opening of a \$2,000,000 plant. Production will begin next year and production is expected to be 50,000 tires and tubes annually.

ISRAEL CONCLUDES TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH FRANCE AND URUGUAY INVOLVING OVER \$4,000,000

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA)--Israel and France have concluded an agreement providing for the purchase by the Jewish state of more than \$1,000,000 worth of kosher frozen meat, frozen fish and lumber produced in France, it was revealed today. The lumber will be used for a plywood factory to be set up at the settlement of Afikim.

A \$3,200,000 trade agreement between Israel and Uruguay providing for the importation of frozen meat, wool, rice and other products to Israel and the export to Uruguay of Israel polished diamonds, artificial dentures, wines, liquors, oil primus stoves and olive oil has also been concluded.

ISRAEL PLANS TO SPEND \$170,000,000 THIS YEAR ON VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

JERUSALEM, March 13. (JTA)--Israel will spend nearly \$170,000,000 during the 1950-51 fiscal year on various development projects, it was learned here today.

On agricultural development, the government will spend approximately \$36,500,000. This expenditure is expected to supply 8,000,000 working days of employment during the year.

About 400,000 acres of arable land can be redeemed in the next three or four years through irrigation plans now before the Israel Ministry of Agriculture, Dr. Walter Lowdermilk, U.S. soil conservation expert, told a press conference here today.

BRITISH ZIONIST PARLEY PLEDGES SUPPORT TO PROGRAM OF WIDE IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

LONDON, March 13. (JTA)--Political resolutions pledging to the Jewish Agency "the allegiance and sacrifice of British Jewry in support of the immigration into Israel of hundreds of thousands of Jews" were adopted here last night at the annual conference of the British Zionist Federation. Barnett Janner was named president.

The delegates also called on the British Government to "accord de jure recognition to Israel to show awareness of the friendship which should link Britain and Israel." The recent visit of the labor delegation from this country to the Jewish state was also lauded.

The parley approved a resolution "deploring attempts to remove Israel's sovereignty from the New City of Jerusalem" and "welcoming the Israel decision to make Jerusalem the capital" of the new state. Resolutions calling for an intensified pioneering program in Britain, as well as promotion of Hebrew culture in Britain, were also adopted. The parley urged British Jewry to the "utmost sacrifices" to reach the Joint Palestine Appeal goal of 2,000,000 pounds set for 1950.

JEWISH AGENCY CHAIRMAN DENIES RUMORS THAT WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS WILL BE POSTPONED

LONDON, March 13. (JTA)--Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, today told a press conference here that the World Zionist Congress will take place in Jerusalem at the end of this year as originally scheduled. He specifically denied rumors circulating here that the Congress would be postponed.

Speaking of the Iraq Government's decision to permit its Jewish citizens to leave the country, Mr. Locker appealed to Jews in countries outside of Israel to assume new burdens to help bring the Iraq Jews to Israel. He pointed out that the camps of Israel are already overcrowded and that there is no available housing.

ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT APPROVES APPOINTMENT OF EHUD AVRIEL AS NEW ISRAEL MINISTER

BUCHAREST, March 13. (JTA)--The Rumanian Government disclosed today that it has approved the appointment of Ehud Avriel, former Israel Minister to Czechoslovakia, as the Jewish state's Minister to Rumania. Mr. Avriel succeeds Reuven Rubin, who resigned his post in Bucharest after a year's service.

ISRAEL AND TURKEY NEGOTIATING TRADE AGREEMENT FOLLOWING RECOGNITION OF JEWISH STATE

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA)--Turkey and Israel are now negotiating a trade agreement, it was reported here today following an announcement last week that Turkey has granted Israel de jure recognition. Actual trade relations between both countries have been in existence for several months.

TIME BOMB BLASTS ALLIANCE ISRAELITE SCHOOL IN LEBANESE CAPITAL; ONE REPORTED KILLED

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA)--A Jewish school operated by the Alliance Israelite Universelle in Beirut, capital of Lebanon, was blasted by a time bomb, the Hebrew newspaper Haaretz reported today. One person, the widow of the late director of the school, is known to have been killed in the explosion which took place during early morning hours.

The time bomb was planted by Arab saboteurs under cover of a rainy and storm-whipped night. The blast split the building in two, completely demolishing one wing. Fortunately, many Jews had left the building, in which a function had been held, a short while before the bomb went off.

Classes have been called off, and will not be resumed for a long time, Haaretz reported. It added that the French Minister in Lebanon had offered the Jews classroom space in a French Government-supported school, as did a Protestant school in the city. However, the majority of the students have been transferred to a local Jewish religious school.

SIX LEADERS OUSTED FROM JEWISH DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE IN RUMANIA; PURGE IS "EXPLAINED"

BUCHAREST, March 13. (JTA)--Six communal leaders from various parts of Rumania have been removed from the central committee of the Jewish Democratic Committee, it was officially announced here today. The reason for their replacement on the body was given as failure to carry on activity within the framework of the Committee.

The Superior Rabbinical Council, highest Jewish religious authority in Rumania, has unanimously adopted a motion appealing to Jews throughout this country to participate in the nationwide peace campaign being conducted by the government. The Council will circulate among all rabbis in Rumania a speech by Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen stressing the duty of all rabbis to contribute to the fight for peace and against the "Anglo-American warmongers who attempt to throw mankind into another world war."

SOVIET AUTHORITIES LIQUIDATE LAST TWO JEWISH SCHOOLS IN U.S.S.R., REPORT REVEALS

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA)--Soviet authorities have closed down the last two Jewish schools in the U.S.S.R., according to reliable information reaching Jewish educational groups here, it was revealed today.

The two schools were operated in Vilna and Kovno. They functioned normally until the end of the 1949 school year. However, they did not reopen for the new term, and the pupils were assigned to Lithuanian schools where all subjects are taught in Lithuanian, the report received here said. No other Jewish schools have been in operation in the U.S.S.R. -- not even in Birobidjan -- for the past two years, the report added.

SWISS JEWS PROTEST GOVERNMENT'S TURNING OVER HEIRLESS JEWISH PROPERTY TO POLAND

ZURICH, March 13. (JTA)--The executive committee of the Union of Swiss Jewish Communities has called on the Swiss Government to make a "last minute arrangement" to change its plans to hand over the property of heirless Polish Jewish refugees who fled Hitler to the Polish Government.

The executive expressed satisfaction that the Swiss press had criticized the agreement, which is one of the conditions of a Swiss-Polish trade pact. In a message to the Swiss Federal Council and to all Cantonal Councils, the Union declared that there is no legal principle which would have forced the government to hand over this property to Poland.

### BELGIAN PRIEST WHO RESCUED JEWISH CHILDREN FROM NAZIS VISITS THEM IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 13. (JTA)--Abbe Louis Salys, a Belgian priest who helped save Jewish children from the Nazis during the German occupation of Belgium, arrived here today to visit two Jewish girls whom he sheltered for two years. The Israel government gave him free passage on an Israel plane in appreciation of his work.

The two girls, who are now members of a collective settlement in Israel, told a Jewish engineer in Tel Aviv the dramatic story of how their parents were killed by the Nazis and how the priest sheltered them and their two brothers. Not only did he not try to convert them, but he watched over their Hebrew prayers and when one of the brothers reached the age of Bar Mitzvah, the priest procured phylacteries for him.

The elder boy, the two girls said, worked as an agricultural laborer, giving all his earnings to the priest. Nevertheless, when the children left for Israel, the priest and his housekeeper -- who is also here on a visit -- returned 5,500 francs to the boy, every franc he had earned, refusing to accept anything in payment for the support of the four children during the three years they had lived with him, although he was a poor man.

After hearing the story the Jewish engineer, who prefers not to have his name published, was so touched that he wrote to the priest and invited him to visit the children in Israel. Because of the priest's meager earnings, the engineer and a group of friends arranged to finance his visit, with the free passage provided by the Israel Ministry of Finance.

### JEWISH CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA LAUDED BY PRIME MINISTER

JOHANNESBURG, March 13. (JTA)--Sir Godfrey Huggings, Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia, this week-end paid public tribute to the contribution of the local Jewish community to the colony. He spoke at a banquet at Salisbury, S.B., honoring Dr. Israel Brodie, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, who is currently visiting Jewish communities in the British Commonwealth.

"Members of your community have always entered into the life of the colony and although some of them are not Britons, by birth, everyone of them has helped sustain and assist in the development of this country with the same ideals as we have," Sir Godfrey declared.

### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OPENS HEARINGS ON STATIONS CHARGED WITH BIGOTRY

LOS ANGELES, March 13. (JTA)--The Federal Communications Commission today opened hearings here on the application of George A. Richards, radio station owner accused of ordering his stations' news broadcasts slanted in anti-Semitic fashion, for renewal of license of his three stations.

Two years ago several former employees of Station KMPC here, owned by Mr. Richards, charged that he had ordered news broadcasts written attacking Jews and the New Deal. Subsequently, the American Jewish Congress petitioned the F.C.C. not to renew the licenses of the stations owned by Mr. Richards. The other two are WJR in Detroit and WGAR in Cleveland.

### ISRAEL'S FIRST SHIPMENT OF ORANGES TO AMERICA PASSES U.S. QUARANTINE INSPECTION

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA)--Israel's first experimental shipment of oranges and lemons to this country came through its long sea voyage from Haifa in good condition and has passed inspection by U.S. Department of Agriculture plant quarantine officials, it was announced today by the Israel Office of Information. The 5,000 cases of oranges and lemons, the first such shipment from the area since 1921, will be released for sale in time for Passover use.

AMERICAN PARENTS URGED TO SEND THEIR HIGH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN TO STUDY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA)--A plea to American Jewish parents to send their high school-age youngsters to the Jewish state for two years' study in Israel schools was voiced tonight by Ada Maimon, member of the Israel Parliament, at a reception given in her honor by the Pioneer Women at the Hotel Statler.

A delegate to the Pioneer Women of America from the Working Women's Council in Israel, Miss Maimon explained that, during her mission here she hopes to intensify the ties between the two organizations and to stimulate the Pioneer Women's \$1,000,000 campaign for Meatzat Hapoalot institutions for women, children and immigrant families in Israel.

Education of American children at Israel's schools would have a two-fold benefit, Miss Maimon said. Youngsters returning to their homes in the United States after two years of close association with Israel children would have a better understanding of Middle East problems and would strengthen relationships between America and Israel, she explained. Secondly, some of these American youngsters might decide to remain in Israel as pioneers in new colonies, thus filling, in part, Israel's need for trained settlers.

As a beginning of what she hopes will be a steady stream of American children to Israel's schools, Miss Maimon announced that she is seeking parental permission to take with her on her return to Israel 50 American boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 15. These youngsters would study for two years at Ayanot, largest agricultural school in the Jewish state. Miss Maimon has been director of Ayanot for more than 15 years, providing training for immigrant youths as well as for native Israelis.

Vaad Hatzala ADOPTS BUDGET OF \$1,000,000 FOR 1950; AID TO ORTHODOX LEADERS IS URGED

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA)--A budget for 1950 of \$1,000,000 for the Vaad Hatzala organization was approved here at a conference attended by hundreds of orthodox rabbis and lay leaders in the metropolitan area. A spokesman for the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada urged expanded assistance to the Vaad Hatzala and an extension of its program to "include aid to Orthodox leaders, rabbis and scholars throughout the world."

Elected as honorary presidents of the Vaad Hatzala for the coming year were Rabbis Israel Rosenberg and Eliezer Silver, Rabbis P. Teitz and N. Riff, of New Jersey, were named co-chairman of the group's board of directors.

KAUFMAN REELECTED PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TEMPLE BROTHERHOODS

DALLAS, March 13. (JTA)--S. Herbert Kaufman, of Harrisburg, Pa., was re-elected president of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods at the close of its 13th biennial convention, held here. Harold Dubinsky, of St. Louis, was elected first vice-president and in that capacity will serve as chancellor of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, the N.F.T.B.'s major national educational project.

Mr. Kaufman called on the N.F.T.B. to double the annual budget of the Jewish Chautauqua Society to \$250,000. The Society is sending rabbis to 400 colleges and 150 summer camps a year and is furnishing thousands of volumes of Judaica to college libraries. However, requests from colleges and camps for these services are greater than present funds permit, Mr. Kaufman said.

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