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### U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL VOTES TODAY ON JERUSALEM STATUTE; IRAQ ASKS IMPLEMENTATION

GENEVA, April 3. (JTA) -- The United Nations Trusteeship Council is scheduled to vote tomorrow on the completed draft of an international statute for Jerusalem. The paragraph-by-paragraph third reading on the statute was completed last Friday.

In addition to the vote on the statute, the Council is slated to consider a proposal by Iraq for the immediate initiation of measures to implement the statute. Observers here consider it highly unlikely that the Council will be able to come to any conclusion over steps for implementation before the session ends this Thursday.

(The Israel Government is addressing a "warning" to the U.N. Trusteeship Council against adoption of a plan for the internationalization of Jerusalem which it said would have no chance for success in the face of Israel's determined opposition.)

### ABDULLAH REPORTED WAITING FOR FULL BRITISH SUPPORT TO CONCLUDE SETTLEMENT WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, April 3. (JTA) -- King Abdullah of Transjordan is prepared to proceed with the incorporation of Arab Palestine into his kingdom and to reach a settlement with Israel if he receives full British support, it was indicated here in dispatches from Cairo where the Arab League is currently meeting.

Informed sources here, however, believe that it is unlikely that the Foreign Office will either back Abdullah fully or oppose him openly. The Foreign Office's attitude was described as watching the situation and offering King Abdullah some support, but not enough to cause a major clash within the Arab League.

(The New York Times reported from Cairo that the Transjordan representative at the Arab League meeting voted with other members to expel from the League any Arab state which makes a separate peace with Israel. Another dispatch, from Amman, stated that King Abdullah has issued a statement to the effect that the Arab League is "deviating from reality" in trying to solve the Palestine problem without a settlement with Israel.)

Reports from Amman, Transjordan capital, last night indicated that Premier Tewfik Pasha El Huda and his entire Cabinet had resigned. According to the reports, Interior Minister Pasha Mufti will be asked to form a new government. It was also stated that before retiring, Premier Huda announced the lifting of censorship of the local press.

### Israel and Transjordan Reported to Have Signed Secret Pact

JERUSALEM, April 3. (JTA) -- An Israel-Transjordan agreement was signed February 27, but will be kept secret until after the Transjordan elections, scheduled to be held April 7, a high diplomatic source here said today.

According to the same informant, the French Foreign Ministry is anticipating important political developments in Jerusalem when the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission arrives here this week for a visit. Claude de Boisanger, French member of the Commission, and Pablo Ascarate, its secretary, are due here Wednesday.

U.N. CONCILIATION BODY HAS PLAN FOR DEMARCATION OF BORDERS OF ISRAEL, ARAB STATES

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- The United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission will submit to Israel and its Arab neighbors a plan for the demarcation of permanent borders as soon as both parties have accepted the latest secret proposals put forth by the Commission on a procedure for peace negotiations, it was learned here today from highly authoritative sources.

The Commission has suggested that all parties concerned enter into direct negotiations under its auspices. While U.N. sources here are optimistic over the possibilities of the plan's acceptance, it has been learned that the Israel Government will hand the Commission a request that it induce the Arabs to enter into direct talks or give up its heretofore fruitless mediation efforts.

EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES BEGIN HUNT FOR ARABS WHO SLEW FIVE ISRAELIS FROM AMBUSH

JERUSALEM, April 3. (JTA) -- Egyptian military authorities today began taking energetic steps to trace the Arabs responsible for the killing of five Jews who were found yesterday on the Beersheba-Nirim road, near the Egyptian border. They will report on Thursday to a special meeting of the mixed Israel-Egyptian commission which was called into session last night to investigate Israel charges that the five were killed in an Egyptian ambush.

The bullet-riddled bodies of three Israeli soldiers and two civilians were found near the kibbutz of Nirim after the jeep in which they had been travelling struck a land mine. The attack was one of a series of mounting border incidents which have been the subject of an intensive investigation by the armistice commission.

BEVIN ERRED IN COMMONS STATEMENT ON U.N. DISPOSITION OF HAIFA, FOREIGN OFFICE SAYS

LONDON, April 3. (JTA) -- British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's erroneous statement in Parliament this week--that the U.N. Palestine partition resolution of Nov. 29, 1947, awarded Haifa to the proposed Arab state--was described by a spokesman for the British Foreign Office this week-end as an "obvious slip." He said that as soon as "an occasion offers itself, the error will be corrected by a spokesman for the Foreign Office in Commons."

Expressing regret at the entire incident which "had arisen from Mr. Bevin's unfortunate statement," a Foreign Office spokesman said that Bevin made his statement "while he was under great stress, as was noticed by observers present." He expressed the hope that "this will be remembered in Israel" and that the whole incident will be forgotten as unrepresentative of the Foreign Office's views.

A corrected version of Mr. Bevin's statement in the Hansard--the official record of Parliamentary proceedings--will say that Haifa was given to the Jews, but the Arabs refused to recognize this decision and cut off the flow of oil to the city's refineries.

U.S. GOVERNMENT WILLING TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FROM ISRAEL FOR ARMS SALES, SENATOR SAYS

WASHINGTON, April 3. (JTA) -- Senator Herbert R. O'Connor of Maryland today told newsmen that he has been informed by the State Department that there is no American embargo on arms shipment to Israel and that "no preparations are being made to resume hostilities between Israel and the Arab states." The Maryland Senator added that it was "made clear" to him that this country is willing to receive applications from Israel as well as the Arab states for the sale of munitions.

DUTCH COURT BACKS JEWS FIGHTING TO RECEIVE FULL RESTITUTION OF PROPERTY STOLEN BY NAZIS

AMSTERDAM, April 3. (JTA) -- A special Hague court, which was considering a case involving the restitution of property looted by the Germans from Dutch Jews during the occupation of Holland, upheld the right of the Jews to refuse an offer to accept a portion of it in lieu of a full settlement.

The issue before the court involved Jewish victims of the Nazis who were forced to "deposit" their assets with the Lipman-Rosenthal Bank during the occupation. The bank, which is in the process of liquidation, offered the "depositors" 70 percent of their deposits, if they renounce their claims to securities and other negotiable property which the bank has since sold. The offer was made at the suggestion of the Dutch Ministry of Finance.

Jewish leaders in Holland, protesting the offer, asked the court to endorse the principle that the Jews are entitled to full repayment, and to order the immediate return of half of all deposits. The decision provides that the government must make public within two months the percentage which the bank will pay to its creditors on account of the approximately 400,000,000 guilders "deposited" in the bank.

GERMAN COURT BEGINS THIRD TRIAL OF DIRECTOR WHO PRODUCED ANTI-SEMITIC FILM FOR NAZIS

HAMBURG, April 3. (JTA) -- The third trial of Veit Harlan, director of the notorious anti-Semitic film, "Jew Sues," which was produced during the Nazi regime and was widely used by the Nazis for anti-Jewish propaganda, opened here today.

His first trial, on charges of participating in crimes against humanity, took place here some time ago and resulted in Harlan's acquittal. The case was later reviewed by a higher court in Cologne which established Harlan's guilt, but referred the case back to the lower court.

Representatives of Jews in the British zone, who attended the first two trials, announced today that they will not attend the present trial. Norbert Wollheim, chairman of the Federation of Jewish Communities in the British zone of Germany, sent a letter to the court declaring that the Jewish witnesses have nothing to add to their earlier testimony and will not appear at the trial now.

"We do not trust German justice since Harlan's acquittal at the first trial," the letter said. "Jews do not argue any more with people like Harlan."

FRENCH MILITARY COURT CONDEMNS JEW CONVICTED OF MURDERING FELLOW JEWS IN GHETTO

PARIS, April 3. (JTA) -- Pinkus Chmielnicki, a Jew, was sentenced to death today on charges of torturing prisoners in his charge in the Birkenau concentration camp. Several witnesses who testified at the trial before a military tribunal here said that the defendant had killed a number of Jews.

Denying that he was guilty of the charges, Chmielnicki said that "someone had to take charge--I was forced by the Germans to accept the post." Witnesses testified that the defendant beat, robbed and tortured his fellow Jews in the Nazi camp. He was recognized by four of his former victims when he presented himself at a reception center here for repatriated Jews.

AUSTERITY RULES LIFTED AS ISRAEL JEWS MARK SECOND PASSOVER SINCE STATE PROCLAIMED

TEL AVIV, April 3. (JTA) -- Joyous celebrations in all parts of the country marked the second Passover since the establishment of the state of Israel. For the second time since May, 1948, when the Jewish state declared its independence, the rule of austerity was temporarily dropped and the seder tables were weighted down with traditional meats, fowl, wine and delicacies.

Thousands of visitors and tourists attended seders in varied surroundings--some in hotels, others in immigrant camps, some in private homes and many in communal settlements. For the most part, the leaders of the state celebrated the holiday in private; Premier and Mrs. Ben Gurion visited with President and Mrs. Weizmann. The Army Chief of Staff, Brig. Yigal Yadin, and Col. Moshe Dayan, commander of southern Israel, attended a special military seder at Beersheba. American Ambassador James G. MacDonald and members of the Embassy staff attended a seder at Ein Geb, on Lake Tiberias, while Czechoslovak Minister M. Goldstuecker was a guest at a seder at Maanit Nabata, a settlement of Czech immigrants.

Meanwhile, the 300th "Magic Carpet" plane arrived here from Aden on Passover eve with 113 Yemenite Jews. The plane took off from the British protectorate after a ceremony attended by the British Governor of Aden, the commander of the local R.A.F. unit, and a representative of the Joint Distribution Committee which operates the airlift. A total of 38,000 Yemenite Jews has been brought to Israel since last June.

SITUATION IN ISRAEL RECALLED AS AMERICAN JEWS CELEBRATE PASSOVER

NEW YORK, April 3. (JTA) -- More than 5,000 Jews representing trade unions, business and professional groups and fraternal organizations tonight attended the 18th annual Histadrut Third Seder, sponsored by the National Committee for Labor Israel.

Bringing greetings from President Truman, whom he represented at the affair, Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing declared that the birth of the Jewish state following the "tragic ordeal of the Jews of Europe" was "in truth a latter-day Passover story, but on a far larger scale." Lauding the Jewish state as a "labor democracy," Mr. Ewing said that "it may well turn out that the kind of state which the Jews have set up in Israel is even more important than the fact that a state was set up in the first place." However, he warned that the struggle in Israel is not ended and that it is still important to assure its safety while at the same time building a firm and durable economy.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, told the gathering that "the Jews of America haven't begun to give enough." Reviewing the security, economic and resettlement situations in Israel, he stated that "under these conditions, the Government of Israel cannot meet the needs of immigration and settlement." He pointed out that in less than two years Israel has welcomed 400,000 Jews from 40 countries throughout the world. He added that there were still 85,000 men, women and children in transient immigrant camps in the Jewish state.

At special shelters maintained by the United Service for New Americans and the HIAS, some 1,400 former DP's who recently arrived in this country as immigrants participated in mass seders. One thousand attended the USNA fete, while some 400 persons participated in the 65th annual seder held by HIAS.

CHRISTIAN LEADERS CALL NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF U.J.A.; TO OPEN APRIL 15

WASHINGTON, April 3. (JTA) -- In an action unprecedented in the history of the United Jewish Appeal, a group of outstanding American Christian personalities, including Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of the Interior Oscar Chapman, Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Senator Robert A. Taft, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, former U.S. Minister to Norway, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, and Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., announced this week-end that they have summoned an extraordinary national conference in Washington to map plans for enlisting the support of the total American community in the 1950 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal.

The conference, which will be officially sponsored by the National Christian Committee of the United Jewish Appeal, of which Mr. Roosevelt is chairman, will be held April 15 and 16 at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington. Rep. Roosevelt announced at the same time that Major General William J. Donovan, Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll, of New Jersey; Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois; Drew Pearson and Dr. Robert G. Sproul, president of the University of California, have become associate chairmen of the National Christian Committee. Other legislators who have been added to the committee, Mr. Roosevelt said, are Rep. John McCormack, of Massachusetts, House Majority Leader; and Rep. Charles A. Buckley, of New York.

Z.O.A. PRESIDENT TAKES ISSUE WITH ADMIRAL ZACHARIAS' ATTACK ON AMERICAN ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, April 3. (JTA) -- The president of the Zionist Organization of America, Benjamin G. Browdy, this week-end took issue with Rear Admiral Ellis N. Zacharias, who in an address before the American Council for Judaism, charged that the American Zionist movement is harmful to normal relations between this country and the state of Israel. Admiral Zacharias also stated that the American Zionists, by their actions in Washington, are attempting to speak for all Jews--Israeli as well as American.

In his address the Admiral stated that "Israel and its position in the Middle East plays an important part in the strategy of the United States." In addition, Admiral Zacharias suggested an alliance among Israel, Lebanon and Transjordan because, he said, these states are "the progressives in the area and would form a strong bloc capable of insuring their own interests."

In reply to the Admiral's charges against the American Zionists, Mr. Browdy said that his speech was "another attempt to discredit and besmirch the American Zionist movement" and that these charges, including one that American Zionists were attempting to oust Israel Premier David Ben Gurion by pressure, constitute a story "taken from the whole cloth."

LEHMAN ATTACKS SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE BILL ON DP IMMIGRATION; VOTING DUE TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, April 3. (JTA) -- The Senate Judiciary Committee's bill on DP immigration was today attacked by Senator Herbert H. Lehman as a measure which "deepens and crystallizes" the discriminatory provisions of the DP Act of 1948.

Senator Lehman, who made his attack in a speech on the Senate floor, added that the bill perverts and destroys the intention of the House-approved Celler Bill. The voting on the bill is expected to start Wednesday and the Senate has agreed to remain in session until all amendments have been acted on.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT RELAXES RESTRICTIONS ON GIFT PARCELS FROM ABROAD

NEW YORK, April 3. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel has relaxed restrictions on gift food packages sent to residents in Israel, it was announced today by the Israel consulate here.

Persons in this country will be permitted to send "self-packed" parcels, through the mail or by direct shipment, without the services of special agents. A family may receive monthly a number of such food packages, up to a total weight of 55 pounds. Single persons are permitted to receive monthly packages up to a total weight of 27½ pounds. Duty on these parcels amounts to about five cents per pound, payable by the recipient in Israel.

HOSPITAL FOR JOINT DISEASES IN NEW YORK GETS POWERFUL NEW X-RAY THERAPY MACHINE

NEW YORK, April 3. (JTA) -- A new two million volt X-ray therapy machine, one of the most powerful for the treatment of cancer in a general hospital, has arrived in New York for assembly at the Hospital for Joint Diseases, it was announced this week-end by Oscar M. Lazrus, hospital president.

Work on a three-level building in which the machine will be housed will begin following a cornerstone laying ceremony on Sunday, April 16. When the building is completed, Dr. Jacob J. Golub, executive vice president of the hospital, said, it will house three X-ray therapy machines; the two-million volt machine, and two of smaller capacity, which the hospital now has. The machine, made by the General Electric X-ray Corporation, will substantially increase the present treatment, research, prevention and training phases of the hospital's cancer program.

NEW YORK'S GOVERNOR DEWEY SIGNS LAW BARRING DISCRIMINATION IN STATE-AIDED HOUSING

ALBANY, April 3. (JTA) -- The Wicks - Austin Bill, barring discrimination in all future publicly assisted housing projects because of race or religion, was signed into law this week-end by Governor Thomas E. Dewey. The new law will not apply to housing already in existence.

20,000 PERSONS ATTEND LEON BLUM'S STATE FUNERAL IN PARIS; AURIOL DELIVERS EULOGY

PARIS, April 3. (JTA) -- Twenty thousand persons attended the state funeral this week-end of Leon Blum, first Jew to become Premier of France. M. Blum died last Thursday at the age of 77.

The eulogy was delivered by French President Vincent Auriol who referred to the late statesman as "my great and tender friend." After the state funeral a brief ceremony was held at Montmartre Cemetery, attended by the family.

(The New York Times and Herald-Tribune this week-end published editorials eulogizing M. Blum, while many of the major Jewish organizations sent messages of condolence to the family. In behalf of the Jewish Agency, Dr. Nehum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Agency, sent a message to Mrs. Blum expressing his sorrow at the death of her husband. "With all his responsibilities as one of the leading statesmen of France and Europe, he always took a deep interest in the destiny of the Jewish people and always lent the support of his great authority and prestige to the Zionist movement and to other Jewish causes," Dr. Goldmann said.)

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