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## JEWS IN WEST GERMANY CONSIDER SELF-DEFENSE MEASURES; ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS MOUNT

MUNICH, April 17. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations in Western Germany today decided to call an extraordinary conference this week to deal with the problem of organizing adequate self-defense measures against the mounting anti-Jewish "incidents" in the American and British zones of Germany. The Jewish organizations also intend to appeal for outside intervention against the "continuing neo-barbarism" in the country, it was indicated here today.

(In Washington; Sen. Guy M. Gillette introduced a resolution in the Senate demanding an investigation of American denazification policies in Western Germany. Co-sponsors of the resolution were Senators Herbert H. Lehman, Paul H. Douglas, Claude Pepper, Dennis Chavez, Harley M. Kilgore, Irving M. Ives and Robert C. Hendrickson.)

Meanwhile, Minister of Interior Gustav Heinemann, of the Federal West German Republic, today broadcast an appeal--in the name of the Protestant church--calling on all Germans to "work against prejudice and anti-Semitism."

The Minister's broadcast followed close on the heels of an outbreak of several anti-Semitic incidents in Western Germany during the week-end. In Frankfurt the Jewish cemetery was desecrated by unknown persons, with at least 12 tombstones overthrown and additional headstones damaged by the vandals. Police investigating the desecration said that the tombstones required "physical force" to knock down and "therefore, this was certainly not done by playing children."

In Nuremberg, the Jewish proprietor of a building returned to him under the restitution laws, who recently came to Germany from Israel to claim his property, received an anonymous note declaring that "Jews are not wanted." Dr. Philip Auerbach, Bavarian Commissioner for Persecutees, commented that the week-end incidents were organized by the Nazi underground.

The Social Democratic Party issued a statement today denouncing the anti-Semitic incidents perpetrated in this country during the week-end as "doubtless organized by neo-nationalists." The statement added: "The labor unions and the Social Democrats will reply with all their means."

## Jewish Communities Report 30th Act of Vandalism; Issue Public Protest

FRANKFURT, April 17. (JTA) -- A protest "before world Jewry and world public opinion" against the new wave of anti-Semitic vandalism in Germany was issued today by the Union of Jewish Communities of Hesse.

The protest was made following disclosure that the 30th act of vandalism directed against Jewish cemeteries in the province of Hesse since the end of the war took place during the week-end. The latest act of desecration was carried out in the old Jewish cemetery near Frankfurt.

GROWTH OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN WEST GERMANY DISCUSSED BY LEADERS OF BRITISH JEWRY

LONDON, April 17. (JTA) -- The recrudescence of anti-Semitism in Germany was discussed here last night at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. A number of members of the Board urged that measures be taken to "impress upon the Jews still in Germany to leave that country, not only in their own interest but in the interest of Jewry as a whole, since Germany is a possible focal point for renewed anti-Semitic propaganda."

Dr. Abraham Cohen, president of the Board, declared that the "Jews in Germany had five years in which to think over the question of staying or leaving." He expressed doubts that any measures--"however strong"--could now influence those who disregarded previous advice to leave.

The meeting also unanimously adopted a statement criticizing British policy on the sending of arms to the Arab countries. "British Jewry," the statement said, "is deeply concerned at the tension and threat to peace in the Middle East aggravated by the supply of arms by His Majesty's Government to the Arab states, without making such supply dependent on their full cooperation in the conclusion of peace and despite their openly-expressed intention to renew the campaign of aggression against Israel."

The Board statement urged the British Government to reconsider its policy in the "spirit of fairness to Israel, which has shown itself ready to negotiate peace with the neighboring Arab states in a paramount desire to solve the weighty and pressing problems with which that young state is urgently confronted."

U.S. COURT IN GERMANY STARTS HEARING CASE BROUGHT BY JEW AGAINST CITY OF NUREMBERG

FRANKFURT, April 17. (JTA) -- The U.S. Court of Appeals here today started hearing a case which is attracting great attention and the outcome of which may greatly affect the restitution of Nazi-confiscated Jewish property to the rightful owners.

The case concerns a Jewish woman, Rosa Maschkowitz, who is suing the city of Nuremberg for having confiscated gold and silver articles from her during the Nazi regime. The city argues that the confiscation was carried out under orders of the former German Reich and of the Nazi Party. Attorneys for the city insist that the request for the restitution of the confiscated property should be directed not to the municipality but to the former German Government.

Although the value of the confiscated property involved amounts of not more than about 8,000 German marks, the case is considered important in view of the fact that the verdict of the court will be taken as a precedent for similar cases which might involve much larger sums. The verdict is expected to be reached next week.

GERMAN COURT REVERSES DECISION FOR PUBLIC SHOWING OF ANTI-SEMITIC FILM AT TRIAL

HAMBURG, April 17. (JTA) -- Following strong Jewish protests against the decision of the court here to arrange a public showing of the anti-Semitic film "Jew Sues" during the trial of its producer Viet Harlan, which is now taking place here, the court today reversed its decision and announced that the film will be shown privately.

The reversal of the court's plan is due also to the anti-Semitic courtroom demonstration last Friday against the witness, Karena Nishoff, who testified that Harlan changed the original movie script to make it more anti-Jewish. Not only was she interrupted by members of the audience who shouted anti-Semitic threats, but the prosecutor--Dr. M. Kramer--was also threatened by the courtroom spectators.

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ARAB STATES TO BEGIN PEACE TALKS WITH ISRAEL SOON. BRITISH-CONTROLLED RADIO PREDICTS

TEL AVIV, April 17. (JTA) -- The forecast that peace talks will be started soon between the Arab states and Israel was made today in a broadcast on the British-controlled Near Eastern Arabic Radio station in Cyprus. There is no doubt that if these talks will not begin, then Transjordan will approach Israel on her own, the broadcast said.

ISRAEL MAKES NEW PROTEST TO BRITAIN ON REFUSAL TO SELL ARMS WHILE AIDING ARAB STATES

LONDON, April 17. (JTA) -- The Israel Government made a very strong informal demarche at the British Foreign Office when Israel charge d'affaires Mordecai Kidron saw the new British Minister of State, Kenneth Younger, it was learned here today. The main subject of Israel's protest was the continued refusal by Britain to sell arms to Israel while new deliveries to Egypt and Iraq have reached a point far beyond that previously admitted by the Foreign Office.

Meanwhile, the Arab rearmament program has reached such proportions that it is causing the gravest disquiet here. A group of M.P.'s representing all parties in the House of Commons is planning to raise the issue when Parliament reconvenes next week, it was learned.

Particular attention has been focused on Britain's strengthening of Egypt's air force--especially the bomber arm which cannot be described as a defensive force. Sources connected with the British armed services confirm that Egypt has purchased a total of 150 modern fighters and bombers, including 100 jet fighters. A number of bombers and 30 jet fighters have already been delivered and new Lincoln bombers, capable of carrying a 12-ton pay load, are scheduled for delivery in July.

MIZRACHI LEADERS WANT IMMIGRATION AND ABSORPTION TO REMAIN UNDER JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, April 17. (JTA) -- A program outlining the future role of the Zionist movement--which will be submitted to the Zionist Actions Committee session, opening here on Wednesday--was unanimously approved here last night at a joint meeting of the governing bodies of the Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi organizations, representing the religious and religious-laborite segments of Zionism. The program recommends:

1. Immigration to Israel must remain under the auspices of the Zionist movement which should continue to care for immigration and absorption.
2. The Zionist movement must receive a charter from the Israel Government in order to be able to continue its work in the fields of immigration, absorption and colonization. The Government of Israel must assist the Jewish Agency in this task.
3. The Zionist movement must mobilize the Jewish nation in the Diaspora to assist the state of Israel by winning public opinion, sympathies and support abroad for the benefit of the state.

JEWISH AGENCY OPENS PLENARY SESSION IN JERUSALEM; HEARS REPORTS ON ZIONIST PROBLEMS

JERUSALEM, April 17. (JTA) -- The plenary session of the Jewish Agency opened here today with reports on various aspects of the Agency's work and reviews of the problems now faced by the world Zionist movement. The reports were given by Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, and by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the American section of the Agency.

PRESIDENT OF U.N. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL INVITES ISRAEL TO NEW PARLEY ON JERUSALEM

TEL AVIV, April 17. (JTA) -- Roger Garreau, president of the U.N. Trusteeship Council, addressed an invitation to the Israel Government to send representatives to Athens where he intends to start discussions on implementation of the terms of the Jerusalem statute as adopted by the Trusteeship Council in Geneva earlier this month, it was reported here today.

The report says that the Israel Government doubts the usefulness of such a meeting. It allegedly pointed out that it is unable to attend any meeting to discuss the implementation of any unworkable statute. However, it will send a courtesy mission to Athens in order not to snub M. Garreau, the report states.

(In New York, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz predicted that the United Nations General Assembly will recall its resolution to internationalize Jerusalem. His prediction parallels off-the-record statements by many U.N. delegates who expect that the Trusteeship Council will decide in June that Israel's and Transjordan's opposition to the internationalization of Jerusalem necessitates placing the whole issue before the Assembly in September.)

GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE IN ISRAEL STARTS HEARING WITNESSES ON BERNADOTTE ASSASSINATION

JERUSALEM, April 17. (JTA) -- Hearings were begun today by a special government committee on the circumstances surrounding the assassination of Count Folke Bernadotte, U.N. Palestine mediator, which took place on Sept. 17, 1948, in Jerusalem.

The special committee set up by the Israel Government today questioned military and civilian witnesses. The committee is also studying documents and police reports concerning the circumstances under which the late U.N. mediator was assassinated by extremists who made good their escape.

The special committee is expected to complete its work soon, in order to enable the Israel Government to make a formal reply to Sweden where official charges were voiced that Israel authorities have not been sufficiently active in finding the assassins. The Israel Government insists that all steps possible have been taken to discover the assassins and that the case has not yet been closed.

13 KILLED, 35 INJURED AS BUILDING COLLAPSES IN JAFFA; 25 PERSONS STILL MISSING

TEL AVIV, April 17. (JTA) -- Israel Army rescue squads today continued working in an attempt to reach 25 persons still missing in the debris of a four-story building which collapsed last night in Jaffa. Rescue workers have already unearthed 13 bodies. In addition, 20 occupants of the building were injured as were 15 rescue workers.

The squads of rescue workers are using sound detection equipment in their efforts to uncover the missing. The cause of the collapse, which occupants of an adjoining building said, "sounded like an earthquake," is still not known and rescue work is expected to take another day. Most of the tenants were believed to be new immigrants from Rumania and Hungary.

SON OF ISRAEL CHIEF RABBI HERZOG IS NAMED MILITARY ATTACHE TO EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON

TEL AVIV, April 17. (JTA) -- Col. Chaim Herzog, son of Israel Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, was today named military attache to the Israel Embassy in Washington, following the receipt of approval from the United States Defense Department. He will leave for the U.S. to take up his new post early in May.

Dr. Shmuel Elyashiv, director of the Eastern European Division of the Israel Foreign Ministry, has been named the Jewish state's Minister to Czechoslovakia and Hungary, it was announced here today.

J.T.A. REORGANIZATION ANNOUNCED; NEW BOARD WILL BE COMPOSED OF 25 COMMUNITY LEADERS

NEW YORK, April 17. (JTA) -- Establishment of a public trust status for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency which will enable it to continue operating on a non-profit basis with the sole aim of providing objective news on all developments affecting the Jewish community throughout the world, was announced here today.

The J.T.A., founded 33 years ago, has functioned as a non-profit communal enterprise since 1935. Under the terms of its charter, no individual or stockholder has been entitled to draw profit from the enterprise which was operated as a public service. Reorganization measures, announced here today, ensure the continuance of this status.

Under the presidency of Rudolf G. Sonnborn, New York Jewish communal leader, a new Board of Directors of the Agency is now in process of formation. When completed, it will be composed of 25 members representative of the American Jewish community.

In addition to Mr. Sonnborn, those already serving on the new board are: Adolf C. Robison, vice-president; Jacob Landau, secretary; and George Alpert, Boston; A. Goodman, Miami; Professor Horace M. Kallen, New York; Benjamin A. Javits, New York; S.H. Scheuer, New York; Philip Slomovitz, Detroit; Robert Szold, New York; and Rabbi S. Wohl, Cincinnati.

Reorganization of the J.T.A. followed the action of Jacob Landau, founder and managing director of the J.T.A. since its establishment, in turning in to the treasury of the Agency all outstanding shares in the corporation. Individual shares are being issued to each new member of the board and a total of 25 such shares will be issued when the board is completed. Members of the board will hold these shares as public trustees. No other common shares of the corporation remain outstanding.

Foreign affiliates of the J.T.A. will be regrouped around the Palestine Telegraphic Agency with headquarters in Israel and an international board of directors. These offices will continue to receive the J.T.A. service.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors earlier this week, tributes were voiced to Mr. Landau for his years of effort in building and directing the J.T.A., developing it into a potent instrument for the community. It was announced that the J.T.A. had terminated its affiliations with other news agencies, and will, in the future, operate independently, developing its own outlets in the American press and radio fields.

Plans for Extension of J.T.A. News Coverage Outlined by Vice-President Robison

Plans for extension of J.T.A. news coverage of the American Jewish scene were announced by Adolf C. Robison, vice-president of the Agency. In a statement today Mr. Robison declared that the J.T.A. objective set by its board was to supply "the most objective, veracious and reliable reporting possible."

"The J.T.A. has a mission to perform as an honest reporter to Jew and non-Jew alike on developments of especial concern to the Jewish community," he said. "The members of our board regard their duties in the light of a public trust and have set a very high standard as the J.T.A. objective. We will enlist top men in the profession to advise and consult on its operations. The new structure will, we believe, give the Agency added financial stability and assure its continued functioning as a news agency conscientiously serving the best interests of the community."

"An immediate step will be to strengthen and develop the Agency's coverage of the American Jewish scene. This will enable J.T.A. to present a fuller picture of

American Jewish life and developments for information here and for projection to other Jewish communities throughout the world. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency will also strengthen its position as the basic source of information on developments in and affecting Israel and will broaden the scope of its world news and coverage."

Mr. Robison also announced the appointment of Victor M. Bienstock as General Manager of the J.T.A. Formerly a staff member of the New York World and New York Herald-Tribune and correspondent for the London Morning Post, Mr. Bienstock joined the J.T.A. in 1933 and was its chief of foreign service for ten years. He was a war correspondent in the Middle East and European theatres during World War II.

#### RUDOLF SONNEBORN HONORED BY ISRAEL DEFENSE MINISTRY; PRESENTED WITH GIFT AT DINNER

TEL AVIV, April 17. (JTA) -- The Israel Defense Ministry yesterday tendered a dinner in honor of Rudolf Sonneborn, chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Palestine Appeal who is now visiting this country. Brigadier Yaacov Dori, Chief of Staff, presented him with a gift on behalf of the Ministry. Leading members of the Defense Ministry and prominent American Zionist leaders who are now in Israel attended the affair.

#### ISRAEL MINISTER JOSEPH PAYS VISIT TO STATE DEPARTMENT DURING STAY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, April 17. (JTA) -- Dov Joseph, Israel Minister of Supply and Rationing, accompanied by Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath, today called on George C. McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Ambassador Elath said that the visit to Mr. McGhee was a courtesy call on the occasion of Dr. Joseph's visit to Washington.

#### NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION REPORTS INCREASE IN COMPLAINTS ON BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT

NEW YORK, April 17. (JTA) -- The New York State Commission Against Discrimination reported yesterday that complaints of discrimination in employment during the first three months of this year showed an 18 percent rise over the same period of 1949.

Edward W. Edwards, Commission chairman, said 71 verified complaints had been filed with the Commission during the period, as against 60 in the same quarter of last year. Of these, he said, 80 percent were lodged against employers, and 16 percent against employment agencies. One complaint was against a labor union.

#### HEARINGS AGAINST RADIO STATIONS CHARGED WITH BIAS TO BE RESUMED IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, April 17. (JTA) -- The case of G.A. Richards, Los Angeles owner of radio stations accused of slanting his news broadcasts against Jews, which had been postponed until September, will now be resumed here on May 15 by the Federal Communications Commission, it was reported here today.

The hearings involve renewal of license for Richards' station, KMPC. It is also reported that Ben Cattons, chief counsel for the F.C.C., will take over the prosecution which had been conducted by his assistant, Frederick Ford, who will continue to take an active interest in the case.

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