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## TRANSJORDAN DEFTIES ARAB LEAGUE; PARLIAMENT DECIDES TO ANNEX ARAB PART OF PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, April 24. (JTA) -- The Transjordan Parliament unanimously approved today the incorporation of the Arab part of Palestine into Transjordan despite a warning from the Arab League. The Parliament is composed of representatives of the population of Transjordan and of the Arab parts of Palestine occupied by Transjordan troops.

The decision of the Parliament to unite Transjordan with the Arab part of Palestine--reported by the Transjordan radio--was taken in the face of a resolution adopted recently by the Arab League that if such a move were made, Transjordan would be ousted from membership in the seven-nation Arab regional alliance and economic sanctions would be imposed on Transjordan by the remaining members of the League.

In a speech from the throne, read by Transjordan Premier Said Pasha el Mufti, King Abdullah said that the existing situation of Transjordan and Palestine made the unification "imperative." Transjordan, he declared, stands "with its wings spread over the east and the west banks of the Jordan River and therefore considers it within its natural rights to reunite the people on both sides of the river."

The Transjordan ruler, who was present when his speech was read in the Parliament, emphasized that he considered invalid the resolution adopted by the Arab League against the unification of Transjordan and Arab Palestine. "The unanimous participation of the people on both sides of the Jordan in the recent Parliamentary election was an indication of their feeling of inherent unity of purpose," he stated.

### Israel Does Not Consider Annexation As Binding for the Jewish State

"The annexation of the Arab part of Palestine by Transjordan today is a unilateral move and is not binding on Israel," a spokesman for the Israel Government stated here in commenting on the announcement that Transjordan has decided to absorb Arab Palestine.

Israel is bound to Transjordan by an armistice agreement, the spokesman pointed out, but this agreement does not take account of a final political solution, nor is any final settlement of the Palestine frontiers possible without the conclusion of a peace pact between Israel and Transjordan, he said. The question of the status of the Arab areas situated west of the Jordan River, therefore, remains open as far as Israel is concerned, he emphasized.

The British-controlled Near East Arabic radio today predicted that any action on the part of the Arab League against Transjordan will lead to closer relations between Transjordan and Israel. The prediction was made in connection with a warning issued by the Arab League against Transjordan annexation of the Arab part of Palestine.

The Transjordan radio at Ramallah today reported that King Abdullah told his people this week-end that he could not follow the policy of the League. He pointed out that Egypt was the first country to "rush" to Rhodes to sign an armistice with Israel. "We fought alone, and we must draw up our future policy alone," Abdullah said. He indicated that the United States would support him if Transjordan is ostracized by the Arab League.

BRITAIN WILL RECOGNIZE ANNEXATION OF ARAB PALESTINE BY TRANSJORDAN, DIPLOMATS PREDICT

LONDON, April 24. (JTA) -- Britain will soon recognize today's decision of the Transjordan Government to annex the Arab part of Palestine, and will agree to extend to the new territory the mutual defense provisions of the 1948 Anglo-Jordan alliance, diplomatic quarters in London said today.

A British Foreign Office spokesman said that he could not comment on the move made by the Transjordan Government until Britain has been officially informed of it. However, it was generally assumed here that the British Government had been informally consulted and was not opposed to King Abdullah's decision. The Foreign Office spokesman stated that he does not know whether this decision included the Old City of Jerusalem now occupied by the Arab Legion.

Cabled information from Cairo quoted Arab League officials as stating that the League may convene its Council to consider Abdullah's fait accompli in annexing Arab Palestine. However, it is unlikely that Transjordan will be expelled from the Arab League.

ACTIONS COMMITTEE RESUMES DEBATE ON RELATIONS BETWEEN JEWISH AGENCY AND ISRAEL GOVT.

JERUSALEM, April 24. (JTA) -- The heated debate at the Zionist Actions Committee session here on the Jewish Agency's prerogatives vis-a-vis the Israel Government resumed today following a two-day recess during which members of the Committee joined the rest of the country in its joyous celebration of the second anniversary of Israel Independence Day.

Eliezer Kaplan, Minister of Finance, called for a compromise between the Agency and the government. "If the Jewish people does not provide a greater share of Israel's financial burden, the people of Israel will be unable to stand up to the present estimated rate of immigration," he warned. He revealed that Israel had spent over \$100,000,000 for security purposes in the past two years.

In the course of the debate today, Mrs. Rose Halprin, president of Hadassah, reminded the leaders of the Israel Government that they had come to the Jews of America for political and financial aid. The need for such aid, she warned, is not yet over.

S.Z. Shragai, Poale Mizrahi member of the Agency executive, charged that repeated attempts by the Agency to cooperate with the government had been rebuffed, and accused it of "taking honor and prestige from the Agency." Reminding the government of a loan the Agency had made to it, he said that if the loan had been repaid the Agency would have been able to solve all the problems facing it.

Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Minister of Religion, demanded not only maintenance of the present functions of the Agency, but also extension of its responsibilities.

SHIP CARRYING PREFABRICATED HOUSES FROM NORWAY TO ISRAEL SINKS NEAR ISTANBUL

OSLO, April 24. (JTA) -- The ship "Bosphorus" carrying fifty prefabricated houses for Israel as a gift of the American Jewish Labor Committee, the Workmen's Circle of New York, and Norwegian labor groups caught fire outside of Istanbul and sank, according to a cable received here today from the Turkish city.

No lives were lost, but all the houses and building equipment were destroyed, the cable said. The houses were insured. They were being sent to Israel in memory of 28 Jewish children from North Africa who lost their lives in a plane crash while en route to Norway for physical rehabilitation.

SPEECHES IN HOUSE AND SENATE MARK ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY ANNIVERSARY

WASHINGTON, April 24. (JTA) -- Members of Congress, marking the second anniversary of Israel's independence, today urged the State Department to end the Near East arms race, which they described as a threat to the peace of the entire world. In the House some 20 Congressmen spoke during a one-hour point of special business.

Aside from messages of greeting to Israel, the Congressmen noted that the Near Eastern crisis has resulted from British arms shipments to the Arab states. They urged Secretary of State Dean Acheson to use American influence to bring about just peace treaties between Israel and the Arab states.

Among the Representatives who spoke were; Majority Leader John W. McCormack; Minority Leader Joseph W. Martin; Abraham Multer; Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.; Arthur Klein; Emanuel Celler; Isadore Dollinger; Jacob K. Javits; Adolph Sabath; Thomas J. Lane; Andrew Blumiller; Gordon McDonough; Abraham A. Ribicoff; Sidney R. Yates; Christian A. Herter, and Louis B. Heller. The Senators included: Herbert H. Lehman, Irving M. Ives; Wayne Morse; Scott W. Lucas; Estes Kefauver; Leverett Saltonstall; Henry C. Lodge, Jr., Matthew M. Neely.

JERUSALEM CELEBRATION UNMARRED BY ACCIDENTS; U.N. STAFF ATTENDS OFFICIAL RECEPTION

JERUSALEM, April 24. (JTA) -- No single untoward incident or traffic accident marred yesterday's celebration of Independence Day in Jerusalem, despite the fact that over 80,000 persons jammed the streets of the city while thousands of cars crowded the city and all roads leading to it. Only some 30 cases of mild sunstroke or minor accidents were reported.

Foreign Ministry circles expressed satisfaction today over the fact that members of the United Nations staff here broke the consular and diplomatic corps' boycott of the celebrations in this city by appearing at the military parade in civilian clothes.

ISRAEL MINISTER LEAVES UNITED STATES; SAYS AMERICANS CAN HASTEN PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- A call to American Jews to help Israel "in the battle to cure her economic ills" and to assist in the "laying of a sound foundation for the economic life and the development of the country" was voiced today by Dr. Dov Joseph, Israel's Minister of Supply and Rationing, prior to his return to Israel.

Dr. Joseph also said in a statement issued at the Idlewild Airport that through continued support of the United Jewish Appeal the American people can hasten the coming of peace in the Middle East.

PITTSBURGH PARLEY CONTRIBUTES \$750,000 TO U.J.A. AS "BIRTHDAY GIFT FOR ISRAEL"

PITTSBURGH, April 24. (JTA) -- As a birthday gift to Israel on the occasion of its second anniversary, checks totalling \$750,000, representing advance cash contributions to the 1950 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal from more than 65 communities in the Tri-State area, were presented here yesterday to Henry Morgenthau, Jr., general chairman of the U.J.A.

Addressing the 800 leaders who assembled here at the annual conference of the Tri-State Region, Mr. Morgenthau pointed out that "the crisis Israel is facing in immigration, in doing the job that is as much our responsibility as hers, is as grave as was the crisis of her war for survival."

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GERMAN PROSECUTOR ASSES TWO-YEAR TERM, HEAVY FINE FOR PRODUCER OF FILM "JEW SUSS"

HAMBURG, April 24. (JTA) -- The German prosecutor at the trial of Veit Harlan, producer of the anti-Semitic film "Jew Suss," has called on the court to impose a two-year prison term and a fine of 105,000 marks on the defendant. He stated that if Germany wished to protest crimes committed against Germans after the war, "we must first clean our own house."

A committee of the Bonn Parliament has decided to reopen its investigation of the case of Gustav Hedler, rightist deputy who made a public statement to the effect that the only thing that was wrong with Hitler's rule of Germany was the methods he used in ridding Germany of the Jews. The committee believes that Hedler falsified his political background when he ran for office and that this constitutes grounds for moving for his removal from Parliament.

Former German Sergeant George Michael Schaaf committed suicide this week-end in prison. He had just been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for committing crimes against humanity while serving at a concentration camp for Jews.

ENTIRE POPULATION IN GERMAN TOWN PENALIZED BY FRENCH FOR DESECRATING JEWISH CEMETERY

DUSSELDORF, April 24. (JTA) -- Only in the French zone of Germany have the occupation authorities taken prompt and effective measures to check the desecration of Jewish cemeteries, it was emphasized here today by Karl Marx, editor of the German-Jewish newspaper Juedische Allgemeine Zeitung.

Mr. Marx reported that when a Jewish cemetery was desecrated in a small village near Triere, in the French zone, the French authorities penalized the entire population, setting them to work putting the cemetery in order. Since then there have been no desecrations of Jewish cemeteries in the French zone.

The number of desecrations of Jewish cemeteries in the American and British zones of Germany, Mr. Marx said, is mounting to such a point that the Jews have given up reporting them to the authorities. The British authorities have so far taken no decisive action whatsoever on cases reported to them, he declared. He also pointed out that not a single German community offered to rebuild the synagogues destroyed by the Nazis during the Hitler regime.

The League of German Student Associations adopted this week-end a resolution condemning the new wave of anti-Semitism in West Germany. Simultaneously, German students, meeting at Mainz, in the French zone, expressed concern over the series of anti-Semitic "incidents" and called for restitution of Jewish property seized by the Nazis and correction of "moral injustices" done to the Jews.

The latest desecration of a Jewish cemetery occurred at Kleinbardorf, in Franconia, where 16 tombstones were felled and ten others damaged by German farmers who, according to the local police, were cutting down trees for firewood. A protest by Dr. Philip Auerbach, Bavarian Commissioner for Persecutees, in a letter to the provincial Premier, Hans Ehard, asked that the persons responsible be punished. He insisted that the damage did not result by accident.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OPENS PARLEY TO FIGHT DISCRIMINATION IN COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES

WASHINGTON, April 24. (JTA) -- Representatives of colleges and universities in several neighboring states are participating in a "crack-the-quota" conference which opened here today at American University.

The conference, sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, will attempt to eliminate racial and religious discrimination in institutions of higher learning. George Washington University here has declined to participate in the parley.

Chief Post Office Inspector Clifton C. Garner has made known that he has issued instructions to field offices to avoid the use of such phrases as "Jewish appearance" on fugitive "wanted" posters exhibited in post offices. In a letter to the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, Mr. Garner said that such expressions "could be objectionable to segments of our population."

J.D.C. SPENT \$30,000,000 TO BRING 316,000 JEWS TO ISRAEL IN TWO YEARS, WARBURG REPORTS

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- Three out of every four Jewish immigrants who entered Israel since it was established two years ago were directly helped to immigrate there by the Joint Distribution Committee, Edward M.M. Warburg, J.D.C. chairman, reported today. Of some 400,000 men, women and children who have reached Israel since May 14, 1948, the J.D.C. made possible the transportation and maintenance in transit of more than 316,000, at a cost of over \$30,000,000.

The Joint Distribution Committee aided the immigrants extensively through medical care, food, clothing and maintenance assistance previous to their departure, as well as in J.D.C. transient centers, 20 of which still operate throughout the world. Moreover, Mr. Warburg said, tens of thousands of Israel-bound emigrants received useful training in J.D.C.-supported work projects and schools and in agricultural centers.

Nearly 200,000 men, women and children have left Europe with J.D.C. aid in these two years, Mr. Warburg stated. Major emigrations have taken place from Germany, with 64,000 leaving; Bulgaria, with 36,300; Czechoslovakia, 15,600; Austria, 15,400; Italy, 15,200; Rumania, 14,200; France, 12,220; Poland, 11,500; and Yugoslavia, 7,000. A total of more than 112,000 Jews from Moslem areas in North Africa and the Near East were brought to Israel, including those airlifted by "Operation Magic Carpet" and other air-rescue operations.

ENGLISH-JEWISH PUBLISHERS URGE U.S. TO CHECK ANTI-SEMITISM IN GERMANY; HAIL ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the American Government to take leadership in checking the resurgence of anti-Semitism in Germany was adopted here today at the closing session of the seventh annual convention of the American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers held at the Hotel Statler. The resolution expressed distress over policies in the American and the British zones of Germany which make possible the rebirth of Nazism and the resurgence of anti-Semitism.

The convention also adopted a resolution hailing Israel "for opening its gates to hundreds of thousands of dispossessed Jews from all parts of the world." It reaffirmed the responsibility of the English-Jewish press, as a medium of public information, to stimulate interest in and more generous support for the fledgling Jewish state. Philip Skomowitz, editor and publisher of the Detroit Jewish News, was re-elected president of the Association for the seventh time.

150 CHRISTIAN MINISTERS ATTEND INSTITUTE ON JUDAISM IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, April 24. (JTA) -- The fourth annual sessions of the Institute on Judaism for Christian Ministers concluded here this week-end. More than 150 ministers attended the discussions which acquainted them more thoroughly with the workings of the Jewish religion.

Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president emeritus of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, spoke on "The First Proselyte Movement in History." The institute was sponsored by the College of Jewish Studies and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations of Southern California.

REPRESENTATIVE OF WEIZMANN INSTITUTE LECTURES AT HAVANA UNIVERSITY; SEEKS COOPERATION

HAVANA, Cuba, April 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Solomon Tucker, director of the Latin American Department of the Weizmann Institute received an enthusiastic reception at the National University of Havana when he lectured on the subject "Science in Israel and Latin America."

Members of the faculty, students and representatives of Jewish institutions attended the lecture. Dr. Tucker's visit to Havana is connected with plans for achieving closer cooperation between institutions of higher learning in Israel and Cuba.

ORT ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED IN PARIS AT RECEPTION ATTENDED BY FRENCH OFFICIALS

PARIS, April 24. (JTA) -- A reception marking the 30th anniversary of the launching of ORT programs outside Russia was tendered here last night by Judge Leon Meiss, chairman of the world ORT executive. Speakers included David Lvovitch, chairman of the ORT in France, and Alexander Halpern, chairman of the ORT in Britain. The affair was attended by many notables, including officials of the French Government.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT ORDERS \$1,500,000 WORTH OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM U.S. FIRMS

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- Israel has placed orders with American firms for \$1,500,000 worth of medical supplies and building materials needed by medical institutions in the Jewish state. Dr. Isaac Kovelman, adviser of the Israel Ministry of Health, announced here yesterday prior to returning to Israel. He said that \$1,000,000 of the funds used came from the \$100,000,000 American loan and that the remainder came from general funds of the Israel Government.

ARAB DEFEAT IN "SECOND ROUND" AGAINST ISRAEL PREDICTED AT JOHANNESBURG MEETING

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, April 24. (JTA) -- If the Arabs attack Israel, they will be defeated, Arieh Ben Eliezer, the first member of the Israel Parliament to visit South Africa, declared here at a rally arranged by the Revisionist organization in this country. Mr. Ben Eliezer, a Herut deputy, outlined his party's stand on the problems facing the Jewish state.

BRIT TRUMPENDOR HOLDS MEMORIAL MEETING FOR IRGUNIST HANGED BY BRITISH IN PALESTINE

NEW YORK, April 24. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting honoring the late Dov Gruner, member of the Irgun Zvai Leumi who was hanged by the British authorities in Palestine during the Mandatory regime, was held here tonight under the auspices of Brit Trumpendor of America.