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U.S. AMBASSADOR SEEKS URGENT INTERVIEW WITH ISRAEL PREMIER

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- American Ambassador Monnet B. Davis today requested that Israel Premier David Ben Gurion receive him tomorrow despite the fact that tomorrow is the first day of Succoth, when government offices are officially closed. It is believed that the meeting concerns the projected establishment of a Middle East defense organization.

Ambassador Davis and the British and French Ministers in Israel yesterday called at the Israel Foreign Ministry and officially informed the Israel Government that Egypt has been invited to join the Middle East defense project. The U.S. Ambassador gave assurance that Israel would be kept in mind in the development of the Middle East defense plan.

Political circles here pointed out that Egypt has not as yet signed any peace treaty with Israel. They expressed the opinion that the invitation to Egypt to join the regional alliance would "depreciate the North Atlantic Treaty Organization plan for the Middle East."

(The New York Times reports today from Tel Aviv that the assurance given by U.S. Ambassador Davis during his visit to the Israel Foreign Office "was not amplified." Nor did the British and French Ministers make any mention of Israel's future in the West's planning for defense of the Middle East. However, the report says that "the Israelis believe that if the United States, Britain and France--particularly the United States--use their influence wisely in creating the regional defense organizations, it can be made the lever to pry the Egyptians into peace talks with Israel.")

Eban Discusses Egyptian Crisis with State Department

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Israel's view of the current Anglo-Egyptian crisis, with particular emphasis on the Suez Canal issue, was discussed today at the State Department by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban with Assistant Secretary of State George C. McGhee. Schmuël Bendor, officer in charge of U.S. Affairs for the Israel Foreign Ministry, participated in the discussion.

The Ambassador said after the meeting that no progress was being made at meetings of the Palestine Conciliation Commission at Paris because the Arabs do not desire a peaceful settlement with Israel. He said the Arabs even refuse to carry out the terms of the armistice as interpreted by the United Nations Security Council. Mr. Eban said that current economic problems were also discussed.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE OPPOSES SPECIAL JEWISH AGENCY STATUS

CHICAGO, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Opposition to the granting by Israel of a special status to non-Israeli groups and to the idea that "Israel is the only place where Jews can live in security and dignity," was expressed today in a resolution adopted by the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee at its semi-annual meeting at the Stevens Hotel here. More than 100 leaders of American Jewish communities from all parts of the United States participated in the meeting.

The resolution expressed confidence in the security of American Jewry's future in the United States and emphasized that "the carrying out of educational programs among American Jews is exclusively the responsibility of American institutions." Another resolution urged the expansion and strengthening of community relations work in the United States to relieve domestic tension. The resolution opposing interference by non-American bodies in American Jewish life--apparently aimed at the Jewish Agency--was adopted unanimously. It reads:

"The Committee reaffirms its creed that America is our home and that we are integrated into its political, social and cultural life. We oppose any attempt on the part of some few American Jews to interfere in the political life of Israel. We similarly oppose any attempt on the part of any organization not exclusive American in its composition to interfere with the internal affairs of American Jews,

"We urge upon the State of Israel the impropriety of (a) granting any kind of diplomatic recognition to any non-governmental body; (b) granting any kind of political status within Israel to any non-Israeli organization or non-governmental body, and (c) purporting to grant to any organization any special status with respect to the activities of Jews and Jewish communities in America or anywhere else outside of Israel.

"We oppose as completely false and unrealistic any view that American Jews can be convinced that Israel is the only place where Jews can live in security and dignity. We reject the notion, from whatever source it emanates, that American Jews are in any sense 'exiled.'

"We applaud the action of those American Jews at the recent World Zionist Congress who also rejected this notion. Confidence in the security of American Jewry's future here and in the possibility of continuing to build a rich and meaningful life that embodies the best in the American and Jewish traditions has never been greater or more justified than it is at present.

Objects to Diverting Funds for "Inconsistent" Activities in America

"We affirm that the carrying out of educational programs among American Jews is exclusively the responsibility of American institutions. We oppose any activity under non-American sponsorship for objectives inconsistent with the views herein and heretofore expressed by us. While we favor liberal aid for Israel in accordance with policies heretofore adopted by this committee, we oppose the use of these funds, collected for such aid, being diverted for programs and activities in America not consistent with these views.

"The officers of the American Jewish Committee are directed to seek the implementation of the views herein expressed and to base upon these views their future action with respect to Israel."

At the opening session last night, Jacob Blaustein, committee president, asserted that American Jews "reject the concept that they are in exile," American Jews, he said, "view as axiomatic the fact that America is their home and they are fully

integrated into the social, political and cultural life of the nation." He also expressed satisfaction that American Zionists at the recent World Zionist Congress rejected the concept of American Jews being in exile.

The A.J.C. president said that the Committee must oppose activities or programs of an educational nature, under non-American sponsorship, that object to the "basic tenets of full integration of American Jews into American life as traditionally espoused by the American Jewish Committee." For Israel, Mr. Blaustein suggested an educational program among immigrants from non-democratic lands.

On the eve of the meeting, Mr. Blaustein revealed an eight-point A.J.C. program for Germany to adopt to implement the West German Government's declaration that it was ready to make restitution to the Jews for the crimes committed against them by the Nazis. He said that the A.J.C. feels that Germany must give evidence of its sincerity by adopting a series of minimal measures, and offered the following:

1. Elimination of neo-Nazi organizations through constitutional and legal means;
2. Government sponsorship of an educational program among the German people to create, maintain and strengthen what Chancellor Adenauer called "the spirit of humane and religious tolerance" among them;
3. Strengthening of legislation to outlaw religious and racial persecution and punishment of purveyors of anti-Semitic propaganda;
4. Aid to Jews remaining in Germany to help them maintain their religious, social and cultural institutions.

Also, 5. Establishment within the German Government's administration of an agency to supervise and protect observance of civil rights in Germany; 6. Speedy lump sum settlements of restitution claims for heirless and unclaimed property; 7. Immediate negotiation with Israel and the representatives of Jewish organizations in the U.S., Britain, France and other democracies to settle all just claims for indemnification of Jews who survived the Nazi terror; 8. The barring from public office, particularly among educators, the army and the diplomatic service, of former members of the Nazi movement.

GERMAN OFFICIALS SAY JEWS MUST NOT EXPECT IMMEDIATE RESTITUTION

FRANKFURT, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- German authorities indicated here during the week-end that the statement made by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer before the West German Parliament offering restitution to Jews for Nazi crimes should not be interpreted to mean that Germany is ready to make financial payment immediately. They pointed out that Dr. Adenauer distinctly said in his statement that the offer to negotiate a settlement would be limited to "Germany's ability to pay."

Addressing a meeting here of the Council of Christians and Jews, Prof. Franz Bohem, former rector of Frankfurt University, said that German-Jewish rapprochement has yet to stand its first test. "Declarations like the one made by Chancellor Adenauer prove very little in themselves," he stated. They can only be looked upon as "a regretfully small start" in the efforts of the West German Government to lay the foundation for conciliation between Germans and Jews.

(The New York Times today reports from Bonn that one of the important factors which led Dr. Adenauer to make his statement offering restitution to Jews was his desire to be invited to the United States. "The success of an Adenauer visit to the United States would depend in a large measure on the attitude of Jewish groups toward him, German officials believe," the report said.)

STATE DEPARTMENT TENDERS LUNCHEON TO SHARETT IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- A luncheon in honor of Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett was tendered at the Carlton Hotel here on Friday by Assistant Secretary of State George C. McGhee. Mr. McGhee spoke at the luncheon informally, welcoming the Israel Minister to Washington. Mr. Sharett thanked him for the help extended to the Jewish state by the U.S. Government. High officials of the State Department were among those attending the luncheon.

The House during the week-end passed and sent to the Senate the \$7,482,527,790 Mutual Security Appropriation Bill which includes an allocation of \$64,950,000 for Israel. Provision was also made in the bill for military aid in which Israel will share.

Chairman Harold D. Cooley of the House Agriculture Committee protested against Israel receiving \$50,000,000 of the \$64,950,000 on the ground that the proposed use of this amount to settle refugees in Israel had allegedly not been properly explained. Rep. Cooley claimed that Jewish refugees entering Israel would receive "\$14,000 per family." His arguments were disputed by Rep. Christian Herter and others who called his attention to the actual provisions of the legislation.

The sum of \$64,956,000 was appropriated for the Arab states. It included \$50,000,000 to care for Arab refugees.

JEWISH AGENCY FUNCTIONS IN U.S. DIVIDED AMONG EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

NEW YORK, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive today announced selection of the following executive members to head the Jewish Agency departments in New York:

Immigration Department, Mr. Zvi Lurie; Culture and Education Department, Dr. Hayim Greenberg; Economic Department, Mrs. Rose Halprin; Latin American and Organization Departments, Mr. Baruch Zuckerman; Public Relations Department, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Palestine; Youth and Chalutzit Department, a committee comprising Mr. David Bet-Aryeh, Mrs. Rose Halprin, Mr. Zvi Lurie and Mr. Baruch Zuckerman will deal with program and policy.

The executive appointed Dr. Israel Goldstein to act as liaison between the Jewish Agency and the United Jewish Appeal, the Israel Bond Drive, and other funds. Mr. Benjamin Browdy and Mr. David Bet-Aryeh were elected to serve in an advisory capacity on all matters relating to the Economic Department.

POLAND MAY PERMIT EMIGRATION OF JEWS OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE

LONDON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Reports reaching here from Warsaw say that Polish authorities will soon permit Polish Jews over 60 years of age who are "unnecessary to Poland's industries" to leave for Israel.

It was also reported here that M. Albrecht, chairman of the National Council of Warsaw has received the new Israel Minister to Poland, Dr. Leon Kubovy. Matters affecting Jewish emigration from Poland to Israel were discussed at their meeting, it was understood.

SWITZERLAND'S FIRST MINISTER TO ISRAEL ARRIVES IN JEWISH STATE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Switzerland's first Minister to Israel, Otto Seifert, accompanied by his wife and daughter, arrived by ship at Haifa today to assume his new duties.

DETROIT JEWISH COUNCIL APPROVES MACIVER REPORT "IN PRINCIPLE"

DETROIT, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The Detroit Jewish Community Council has approved the Maciver report "in principle," it was announced here. A detailed discussion of the report is being planned for a delegate assembly to be held November 18.

SALE OF ISRAEL BONDS IN U.S. ATTACKED BY MUSSOLINI APOLOGIST

NEW YORK, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- An attack on the State of Israel bond issue was made here by Luigi Criscuolo, publisher of the newsletter, "The Rubicon," and formerly an ardent apologist for the Mussolini regime.

Commenting on advertisements of the Israel bond issue, Criscuolo says that "by no stretch of the imagination can it be considered that the present State of Israel is a continuation of the ancient Hebrew Kingdoms of Judea or Israel, because of the fact that with the conquest of Judea by the Roman Emperor Titus Vespasian, that kingdom became extinct." He called the bond drive advertisements "a presumptuous boast of a people who fraudulently claim to be the 'Chosen People' of God Almighty."

Criscuolo says that he sent his complaint to the Securities Exchange Commission and says that the fact that no acknowledgment was received "shows the extent of the power of the Jewish Gestapo in this country, that it rules our government and our officials so that any criticism that any citizen makes is ignored."

SO. AFRICAN JEW BEQUEATHS \$1,411,200 FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Public bequests totalling 504,000 pounds (\$1,411,200) were made in the will of the late Joffe Marks, a pioneer Johannesburg industrialist who died here last month at the age of 92. Marks was born in Lithuania and was one of the first Jews to settle in Witwatersrand.

The bequests include 192,000 pounds for the Jewish National Fund, 96,000 pounds for the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, 96,000 pounds for the Witwatersrand Old Age Home, 48,000 pounds for the Witwatersrand University, and 48,000 pounds for the Johannesburg Hospital.

MIRIAM ZUNSER, AUTHOR AND PLAYWRIGHT, DEAD; IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL HELD

NEW YORK, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Impressive funeral services were held today for Mrs. Miriam Shomer Zunser, author and playwright, who died Thursday at her home, aged 68. She was the wife of Charles Zunser, former head of the National Desertion Bureau and the daughter of the Yiddish novelist N.M. Shaikewitch, who wrote under the name of Shomer.

Born in Odessa, Russia, she came to the United States as a child, and as a young woman taught painting at the Educational Alliance, a lower East Side settlement house. She was the author of "Yesterday," a family chronicle of three generations of Jewish life in Russia and the United States. In collaboration with her sister, Mrs. Rose Bachelis, she wrote many Yiddish plays.

Mrs. Zunser was a founder and first president of Mailman, a society for the promotion of Jewish music. One of Henrietta Szold's co-workers in the early years of Hadassah, she was a founder of the Brooklyn Chapter of that organization and for three years headed the New York Chapter. She was treasurer of the Jewish Music Forum.