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## EGYPT AGREES TO CONTINUATION OF PARIS PEACE TALKS

PARIS, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The Egyptian delegation informed the United Nations Conciliation Commission on Palestine today that it was prepared to continue talks on the basis of the commission's five-point peace proposals.

The Egyptian answer came in reply to a letter from the commission to the Arab and Israeli delegations on October 31 asking them to reply by today whether they were willing to negotiate on "all points of the comprehensive pattern of proposals" the commission had submitted. The commission spokesman, announcing the Egyptian reply, said that the UN group would not consider today as a "deadline" for replies and would consider answers subsequently received.

The Israeli reply is expected to be submitted immediately after the arrival here of Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett who left Israel by plane for Paris this morning. There are no indications that Israel has changed her position from insistence that all parties agree to refrain from hostile acts as a condition of further negotiations.

The commission has been held up in the drafting of its report to the U. N. General Assembly, which opened here today, by uncertainty as to whether or not the triangular peace talks are to continue or not.

John B. Blandford, Jr., director of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, reported today that following consultations with the Arab States and with a special committee of the Arab League, the relief agency now hopes it has proposals for improvement of the situation of the refugees which will "stimulate large voluntary contributions from members of the United Nations." He described the program as of a "constructive nature" that would enable refugees to become self-supporting.

## KNESSET ENDORSES ISRAEL GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The Israeli Parliament today had given Premier David Ben-Gurion's new coalition government a vote of confidence on foreign policy after an eight-hour debate and a 90-minute summation by the Prime Minister in which he paid tribute to the Soviet Union for the support it had given the Jewish State and outlined why Israel sought closer relations with the United States.

A non-confidence motion, introduced by the left-wing Mapam Party, was defeated by 63 to 16 votes. The confidence vote was carried by 60 to 36.

Mr. Ben Gurion opened his reply to the debate last night with a blunt warning to the Mapam which had threatened that in the event of war with the Soviet Union, its members would refuse to bear arms. Disobedience in wartime, he declared, would be punished as treason.

He defined Israel's policy as immigration, independence, development and the strengthening of peace and friendship with all the nations of the world without discrimination.

He described three categories of nations as a guide to Israel relationships: first, those nations unwilling to have contact with Israel, such as the Arab States and Pakistan; second, those countries maintaining relations on the Government level only, such as the Soviet Union, and third, countries whose governments and people maintain contact with Israel. Relations with each country, he said, are governed by the category in which that country falls.

Israel, he added, needed help. It needed trained soldiers and it needed arms. It naturally had to seek assistance in those countries where it had the possibilities of contact with the government and people. Israel, he said, desperately needs immigration and has to pay for it at a price taxing its possibilities.

In a reference to the Soviet Union he said that "we won't forget and we shall always be grateful for her assistance, but the experience of the last five years has taught us that there cannot be immigration without contact with the people of the respective countries and there isn't such contact. Rule over Russia is not in the hands of the workers and peasants but of the Communist Party which has always opposed emigration."

The United States, on the contrary, Mr. Ben Gurion pointed out, "where there is the greatest Jewish community of our times and which has contributed and will continue to contribute much to build up our State," has extended economic and other aid to Israel.

#### Warned West On Arming of Arab States

The Prime Minister said that in connection with the proposed Middle East Command, Israel had warned the Western Powers that the arming of the Arab States would constitute a danger to Israel since the day might come when they might use these arms against the Jewish State.

He said there were powers that would like to conciliate the Arab States at the expense of Israel but insisted that there were prospects of Arab-Israeli peace which could be realized in the future under given conditions. These conditions, he said, were the consolidation of the State of Israel and the liberalization and democratization of the Arab States.

Another factor, he said, was the geographical proximity of Israel to the Arab States, the linguistic and cultural proximity and common origin. Co-operation between the two may eventually come on the basis of equality, he declared.

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett left by air for Paris today to head the Israeli delegation to the United Nations General Assembly. Prior to his departure from Lydda Airport, Mr. Sharett expressed the hope that the General Assembly would contribute much to peace and stabilization. He was accompanied to the airport by the British and Dutch Ministers.

Eliahu Elath, Israel Minister to London, who was summoned here for urgent consultations prior to the Foreign Minister's foreign policy statement on Sunday, will return to his post tomorrow after four days of conferences at the Foreign Office largely in connection with the proposed Middle East Command discussions.

## KNESSET BODY STUDIES NEW LAW ON PRESIDENTIAL TENURE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The judicial commission of the Knesset resumed discussion today on a new law governing the presidency and is expected to bring before the Parliament next week a draft providing for election of the president for a fixed term of four or five years independently of the tenure of the Knesset.

Under the present law, the president serves for three months after the election of a new Parliament. Under this law, President Chaim Weizmann's term would expire on November 20.

## EARTH FISSURE CAUSES FLOODS IN SHARON WORK CAMPS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- An earth fissure, described as the largest since 1936, caused floods in a number of immigrant work camps in the Sharon area today and damage estimated at several thousand pounds. Children from the settlements were taken for shelter in neighboring villages.

## WINTER BLOCKS MIGRATION OF IRANIAN JEWS TO ISRAEL

ISTANBUL, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- A complete shutdown of the movement of Israel-bound Iranian Jews through Turkey is expected to take place during the coming winter months because of the severity of the winter weather in Eastern Turkey where the Persian Jews cross the border, it was learned here.

It was also learned that an Israel immigration officer will arrive here this month to prepare for the reopening of the migration route through Turkey after the weather breaks next spring. At that time, a full-scale mass migration is expected from Iran. Currently only small groups are making their way here from Persia, but the last such group this year is expected to come through later this month.

Meanwhile, the Turkish Ministry of the Interior has granted permission for some 30 Kurdistan Jews, who were rescued from the bay here when a vessel in which they were travelling was rammed and sunk, to leave for Israel. After the accident, in which eight of the party lost their lives, a court of inquiry was set up to investigate not only the accident but also the presence of the Jews in this country. Although the commission has not reported its findings yet, the Ministry has granted an Israeli consulate request that exit visas be given the Jews.

## TRADE UNIONS TO AID ISRAEL FUND DRIVE IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The Swedish Federation of Trade Unions and the Swedish Co-operative Union announced today that they would participate in the Swedish Israel Relief Campaign, launched here by a non-Jewish group headed by Waldemar Svensson, a Liberal member of Parliament. Both organizations said they would make substantial contributions to the campaign which seeks to raise one million crowns (about \$193,000) for the establishment of a new settlement in the Negev to be known as Kfar Shvedia.

Local committees to support this campaign have been organized in most cities of Sweden and local Church groups have taken a prominent part in their activities.

Enthusiastic reports on Israel are being prominently featured in the Swedish press following the return to Stockholm of the parliamentary mission of eight from a visit to the Jewish State. Prof. Ake Holmback, leader of the delegation and vice-rector of Uppsala University, said here that "it was a wonderful experience to see the reborn Jewish State, its eternal capital, Jerusalem, and modern Haifa, all full of dynamic activity."

## NEW FINNISH-ISRAELI TRADE PACT NEARING SIGNATURE

HELSINKI, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Signature to a new Finnish-Israeli trade agreement, renewing the pact which expired on November 1, is expected before the end of the week, it was learned today. An Israeli trade mission headed by Dr. Gershon Meron, director of the economic division of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, is now concluding negotiations with the Finnish authorities.

## ISRAEL VITAL MILITARY FACTOR SAYS GOV. MCKELDIN

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Israel has become a vital military factor "in an area that is crucial in the struggle between the forces of democracy and totalitarianism for mastery of the world," Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, of Maryland, declared at a dinner in Woodmere, Long Island, in behalf of the Israel Bond Drive.

Urging widespread support of the Israel bond campaign, Gov. McKeldin told the Jewish leaders at the dinner: "Even the most indifferent among us can no longer ignore what Israel represents, not only in social and cultural pioneering and in industrial potential, but now also in military strength."

## SOCIAL DEMOCRAT WOMEN BACK GERMAN APPROACH TO JEWS

BONN, Germany, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- A conference of the women's division of the German Social Democratic Party held at Fulda today voted approval of the West German Government's "belated" attempts to come to an understanding with the Jews of Germany, world Jewry and the State of Israel. The conference demanded speedy restitution to Jewish victims of Nazism.

## NEW ITALIAN JEWISH LEADERS PLEDGE SUPPORT TO JEWISH CONGRESS

ROME, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Continued adherence of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities to the World Jewish Congress was pledged today by Dr. Renzo Bonfiglioli and Prof. Dante Lattes, newly elected president and vice-president of the union, in a cable to the European executive of the Congress. The message pledged continued active collaboration with the Congress which it described as the only world Jewish organization with the right to speak on behalf of Italian Jewry.

## GROVE IN ISRAEL TO BEAR MRS. TRUMAN'S NAME

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Mrs. Harry S. Truman was today presented by the Long Island Region of Hadassah with a Jewish National Fund award of trees to be planted in her name in Israel. Mrs. David Wohl, representing the Long Island Hadassah Region, made the presentation at Blair House.

## FRENCH GOVERNMENT HONORS SYLVAN GOTSHAL

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- The award of the Legion of Honor, with the rank of officer, was conferred last night upon Sylvan Gotshal, New York Jewish leader, for his efforts in establishing harmonious relations between the United States and France. The award was presented to Mr. Gotshal by Roger Seydoux, French Consul General, at a reception at the home of M. Seydoux.

ILLINOIS EDUCATORS MOVE TO END SCHOOL DISCRIMINATION

CHICAGO, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Measures aimed at ending religious and racial discrimination in Illinois colleges and universities were adopted here at a two-day conference of educators from 49 Illinois institutions held at Roosevelt College under the auspices of the Illinois Committee of the Regional Conference of Educators and the Committee on Discrimination in Higher Education of the American Council of Education.

The conference agreed that race, creed, color and national origin should have no bearing on admission to schools, entrance into fraternities or sororities, housing, scholarship grants, college employment and placement of graduates. It stated that no information indicating race, creed or color should be included in data submitted by schools to prospective employers.

Although the delegates were unanimous in agreement on recommending those steps to their schools, implementation is voluntary and depends on action taken by each college.

BAIL SET FOR ARTUKOVIC AS CASE MEETS FURTHER DELAY

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Bail of \$50,000 was set today for Andrija Artukovic, former Minister of Justice in the Nazi puppet state of Croatia, when hearings on his petition for a writ of habeas corpus were postponed in Federal Court until January.

The Yugoslav Government is seeking Artukovic's extradition to face murder charges in Croatia. The court ordered postponement of the habeas corpus hearings pending submission and study of the United States-Yugoslav extradition treaties under which the Yugoslav demand for Artukovic's extradition was filed.

Deportation proceedings against Artukovic were indefinitely postponed last week pending the outcome of the extradition action.

DR. SUROWICH RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS AS ORT REPRESENTATIVE

NEW YORK, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Boris Surowich, overseas representative of ORT, has retired after 25 years of service with the organization, it was announced today. He will leave this week-end for a year's holiday in Buenos Aires where he will continue ORT work in a volunteer capacity. He will remain a member of the central board of the World ORT Union.

Dr. Surowich was active in CRT in Russia and in 1920 was elected delegate of all Russian Jewish organizations to the Joint Distribution Committee. He was named JDC delegate to Russia but was forced to flee the country. He has toured the world for ORT and first introduced the organization in India, Venezuela, Ecuador, Cuba and Turkey. Two years ago, he established the basis for ORT's present operations in Iran.

A farewell luncheon was tendered Dr. Surowich by leaders of American ORT under the chairmanship of David Rosenstein.

SABATINO LOPEZ, ITALIAN JEWISH PLAYWRIGHT, DIES AT 84

ROME, Nov. 6. (JTA) -- Sabatino Lopez, noted Italian Jewish playwright, died in Milan at the age of 84. He had been active in support of Jewish causes and had served as president of the Zionist group in Milan. His social comedies won him wide critical acclaim.