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## U.S. ZIONIST LEADERS MUM ON BEN GURION'S ATTACK AGAINST THEM

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- American Zionist leaders today refrained from making any statements on the charge by Premier David Ben Gurion last night in the Israeli Parliament that the leadership of American Zionism "had gone bankrupt" after the establishment of the Jewish state because "not even 50 of them rose to come to Israel."

Although privately resenting Mr. Ben Gurion's statement, leaders of the major Zionist groups in the United States were very guarded in their comments to the press. Benjamin Browdy, president of the Zionist Organization of America, refused to make any comment. Louis Lipsky, president of the American Zionist Council, in which all Zionist parties are represented, said he would not get into a discussion on Mr. Ben Gurion's allegation.

"I do not think that the cause of Israel is served by provoking discussion and endless debate on matters of no immediate concern to the interests and welfare of the Jewish State," Mr. Lipsky declared.

The only lengthy statement rebuking the Israeli Premier was issued by the United Zionist-Revisionists of America. "The Prime Minister leveled the accusation of 'bankruptcy' against the American Zionist leadership in an attempt to cover up the already obvious bankruptcy of his own regime in Israel," Leo Wolfson, chairman of the National Council of the Zionist-Revisionists of America, declared.

"If American Zionists are not flocking to Israel, it is because of the receptions afforded many of them when they attempted to create for themselves, and for the country, productive enterprises in Israel," the Revisionist statement continued. "If Mr. Ben Gurion complains now about the demoralization of American Zionism, he is forgetting that it is largely of his own making since the establishment of his government, having resulted from his ignoring, side-tracking and slighting the American Zionist leadership. It will be a source of regret if his ill-timed taunts alienate thousands of devoted American Zionists without whose assistance, past and present, Mr. Ben Gurion would not be where he is today," the statement concluded.

## PRESIDENT WEIZMANN'S CONDITION UNCHANGED, DOCTORS' BULLETIN SAYS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The condition of President Weizmann remains unchanged, it was officially announced here today. The doctors' bulletin issued at Rehovoth said that there had been no change since the improvements noted in yesterday's bulletin.

## ISRAELI STRIKERS IN NEW YORK TOLD TO RESIST POLICE DEBARKATION

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The leadership of the seamen's strike in Israel today sent instructions to the strikers aboard the S.S. Yafo, Israeli vessel tied up in New York harbor, to resist with force if necessary any attempt by the New York police to put them off the vessel, it was reported here.

(The strike of the crew of the freighter Yafo continued for the third day in New York without any signs of a break. The strike aboard the S.S. Haifa in Baltimore also continued. Both crews rejected pleas by the companies owning the vessels that they return to work, adding that they would resist with force attempts to unload their vessels. Spokesmen for the shipping lines pointed out that holding the vessels in American ports was costing the Israeli Government large sums of foreign currency. It was estimated in shipping circles in New York that pier charges for the Yafo amounted to about \$1,000 a day.)

The strike in Israel entered its second month today, with fewer prospects than ever of a peaceful settlement. Contact was broken off between a committee representing the new Histadrut-sponsored national seamen's union and the striking seamen when a delegation of strikers asked for more time to discuss with the strikers a demand that the strike be ended immediately, before negotiation on the seamen's grievances was started. The Histadrut union representatives refused the strikers more time, so the latter broke off contact.

As a result, the strikers withdrew their earlier agreement to assist in the unloading of the vessels Rimmon and Tel Aviv. It is expected that a fierce fight will result when, as was reported, the police attempt to put the sitdown strikers off these two vessels.

## TALKS ON JEWISH CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY WILL NOT BE KEPT SECRET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Nothing will be done about negotiations with Germany for payment of Jewish reparation claims without the full knowledge of the Jewish public, a Jewish Agency spokesman announced today. Speaking at a press conference, the spokesman said that Dr. Nahum Goldmann in his activities in relation to the Jewish claims on Germany had acted in his dual capacity of co-chairman of the Agency executive and chairman of the New York conference on problems relating to Jewish restitution claims on Germany.

The Agency spokesman, commenting on yesterday's debate in the Israel Parliament over immigration, admitted that the tempo of immigration had slowed down. He cited the following three factors as responsible for the falling-off of immigration: 1. The completion of the evacuation of the Iraqi Jewish community; 2. The slowing down of immigration from countries where the Agency has had no control over the migratory movement; 3. The Agency's grave financial situation.

## NEW JEWISH AGENCY COMPTROLLER APPOINTED TO SUCCEED SCHMORAK

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee praesidium has appointed Eliezer Bavli as temporary comptroller of the Jewish Agency, replacing Dr. Emil Schmorak, it was announced here today. The comptroller's appointment must be approved by the next plenary session of the Actions Committee in March, 1952, to become permanent, a Jewish Agency spokesman told a press conference, adding that meanwhile Mr. Bavli has been given the full powers of his office.

Last night, the Actions Committee praesidium decided to permit Dr. Emil Schmorak, former comptroller, to publish--on his own responsibility--his report on Agency administration and finances. The Schmorak report will be published simultaneously with the Agency's reply.

TURKEY SEEKS SPEEDY PROCESSING OF JEWS EN ROUTE TO ISRAEL

ISTANBUL, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Plans for channeling Jewish emigration from Turkey to Israel through Iskender have been abandoned and the expected migration will be handled through Istanbul where Israeli transports will embark immigrants, it was learned here today.

Turkish authorities are completing the necessary formalities to permit the newly arrived Israel immigration officer to begin his work of processing Jews from Persia for transit through Turkey to Israel. It is expected that the immigration officer will begin work soon, although no mass migration can take place during the winter months because of the severe weather in Eastern Turkey, through which Persian Jews must travel.

JEWS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA SEEK PERMITS TO LEAVE COUNTRY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A half of the 14,000 Jews still living in Czechoslovakia have applied for permission to leave the country, according to a report reaching here today from Prague.

The report said that no cultural Jewish activity exists in Czechoslovakia and that the synagogues there are empty because the Jews are afraid to enter them. Orthodox Jews are required to work on the Sabbath under the existing laws.

Another report said that several hundred Jews were among the people recently deported from their homes in Hungary to unknown destinations. They include rabbis, community leaders, intellectuals and workers. There are still 140,000 Jews residing in Hungary, the report stated.

BRITISH COLONEL CASHIERED FOR SELLING ARMS TO JEWISH UNDERGROUND

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Col. Thomas Gerrard Gore, commanding officer of a British Army unit in Palestine at the time of the proclamation of the State of Israel and the withdrawal of British forces from the country, was today cashiered from the British Army and sentenced to two years imprisonment following his conviction on charges that he sold British Army weapons to the Jewish underground in Palestine.

The British Army court martial that tried Col. Gore yesterday heard former Major Ralph Herbert Thomas Newman, his subordinate in Palestine, testify that the Colonel told him which weapons were surplus and destined for destruction. It was these weapons that were sold to the underground, Newman told the court. He was brought to testify from jail where he is serving a six-month term for his part in the affair.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS CELEBRATES 15TH ANNIVERSARY IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The 15th anniversary of the World Jewish Congress was celebrated here tonight at a dinner at the Savoy Hotel attended by more than 500 guests, including many prominent non-Jews. Principal speakers included Herbert Morrison, former British Foreign Secretary; the Marquis of Reading, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; and Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress.

Dr. Goldstein said: "We want to see Jewish life flourish wherever Jewish life is free to flourish, but we believe that in order to flourish truly, authentically and vitally, it must come under the nourishing spiritual rays of Zion's sons. We therefore look to Israel to be more than another state on the world map."

### THREE-DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF U. J. A. OPENS IN ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Plans for the 1952 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal will be mapped at the three-day National U. J. A. Conference which opens here tomorrow with more than 1,000 Jewish leaders from all parts of the country participating.

The conference will be addressed by U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas; Israel Minister of Communications David Zvi Pinkas; Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver; Israel Ambassador to the U.S. Abba S. Eban; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, of New York, and Berl Locker, of Jerusalem, co-chairmen of the Jewish Agency for Palestine; Edward M. M. Warburg, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; John Gibson, chairman of the United States Displaced Persons Commission; and the three national chairmen of the U. J. A. -- Rudolf G. Sonneborn, Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and William Rosenwald.

The closing session of the Conference on Sunday will witness the presentation of checks by community leaders in connection with the U. J. A. 's special four-month campaign for \$35,000,000 in cash, which will end on December 31st. Since the inception of this extraordinary drive on September 1st to help meet Israel's critical shortages of food, shelter and medicines, the United Jewish Appeal has received more than \$20,000,000 in cash. The conference will mark conclusion of the United Jewish Appeal's 13th year of nationwide campaigning.

### PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARD RESCINDS BAN ON JEWISH CHILDREN

MONTREAL, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The Hampstead Protestant Board of School Commissioners has changed its policy of excluding Jewish children from its elementary school and has agreed to accept any child resident in the suburban municipality, subject to the availability of space in the school and the geographical locale of the child's residence.

This action was taken after board members heard from a delegation of six representatives of 50 Jewish families of Hampstead. There are about 100 Jewish families in the town. The delegation told the board that the town's Jewish families were concerned about the education of their children and desired to have them educated in the school nearest to their homes, rather than have them sent to Montreal schools, as at present.

They were also anxious, the parents' delegation said, to receive a clarification of the board's policy so that situations which occurred last September would not happen again. In September, when Jewish parents took their children to the school to be registered, some were refused in the presence of their children.

### THREE-DAY PARLEY TO STUDY ROLE OF RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The place of religion in the professional education of public school teachers will be considered at a three-day national study conference of teachers' college leaders, to be held by the Yale Divinity School this week-end.

The meeting will be under the joint sponsorship of the department of religion in higher education of the Yale school, and the New Haven State Teachers College. A highlight of the conference will be a talk on legal problems in religion and public education, to be given by Charles H. Tuttle, member of the New York City Board of Higher Education.

REFORM LEADER APPEALS TO ISRAEL TO ESTABLISH RELIGIOUS EQUALITY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Israel was appealed to tonight to establish complete religious freedom and religious equality, because "anything else would be unworthy of Jewish history and would injure the position of Jews elsewhere."

The appeal was made by Dr. James G. Heller, former president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations before the regular monthly meeting of the Israel Histadrut Associates here. Dr. Heller recently returned from a special mission to Israel.

"Our historic experience has taught us that there is no substitute for religious freedom," Dr. Heller said. "If Israel is, after decades or perhaps centuries of development, to become a great cultural and religious center, it can be not by coercion, not by the adoption of a code or a system, however time-honored in the eyes of some, but only by enabling its people to find their own way, to try many things, to evidence their essential genius."

ORTHODOX JEWS REFUSE BURIAL PLACE TO MEMBER OF REFORM GROUP

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A sensational development in a dispute between the Reform and Orthodox congregation in Port Elizabeth has rocked the Jewish community there.

The newly-organized Reform congregation obtained a Supreme Court order last Friday forbidding the local Orthodox institutions and the Chevra Kadisha from preventing or obstructing the burial of Mrs. Lilly Richards, wife of the local Reform rabbi. Mrs. Richards was the first member of the Reform congregation to die.

The burial society refused to permit her burial in the Jewish cemetery except in a section separated from the graves of Orthodox Jews. The Reform congregation refused this offer, basing its position on an agreement in 1919 between the Chevra Kadisha and other Jewish congregations providing that the Chevra Kadisha undertake the burial of all Jews, regardless of congregational differences. Many Orthodox Jews attended the funeral.

AMBASSADOR EBAN REPORTS ON PROBLEMS FACED BY HEBREW UNIVERSITY

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban, speaking here before an audience of close to 1,000 persons at the first annual lecture sponsored by the American Friends of the Hebrew University, cited the fact that unless Israel's homogeneous population, which will have tripled during the next five years, can be integrated both culturally and economically, the national freedom of the Jewish State would not be fully realized.

"It is the responsibility of the Hebrew University," he declared, "to re-animate and revitalize the Hebrew language which alone can bind together emigrants from all over the world." He spoke of the great difficulties the University has undergone since operating away from its campus on Mount Scopus and called for the immediate construction of a new University center in the western part of Jerusalem.

PROF. DUBNOW'S TEN-VOLUME HISTORY OF JEWS PUBLISHED IN SPANISH

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A Spanish translation of the complete ten-volume History of the Jewish People by Prof. Simon Dubnow, noted Jewish historian, was published here today by a local publishing house. The translation into Spanish was made by Dr. Leon Dujovne of Buenos Aires.