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## HADASSAH PRESIDENT SEVERELY CRITICIZES PREMIER BEN GURION

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion of Israel was severely criticized today by Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, national president of Hadassah, for his recent charge that American Zionist leaders have gone "bankrupt since the establishment of the State," and that young American technicians will emigrate to Israel because of discrimination in America. In a statement to the press, Mrs. Halprin said:

"Hadassah strongly takes issue with Israel Prime Minister Ben Gurion's statement that American Jewish youth with professional and technical skills will emigrate to Israel because of discrimination in the United States. Our belief is that some young Jewish youth with professional and scientific training will emigrate to Israel, not for negative reasons, but because they will accept the challenge to help build a new nation, in accord with the American pioneering tradition. Whatever discrimination exists in America against any minorities is being constantly combatted by all Americans of good will in the spirit of American democracy.

"As one of the principal components of American Zionist leadership, we also deny his charge that American Zionist leaders have gone "bankrupt since the establishment of the Jewish State," because some of them did not settle in Israel. American Zionists have categorically and publicly stated that the sole criterion of Zionist leadership cannot be personal immigration to Israel. This position was clearly and emphatically stated by American Zionist leaders at the 23rd World Zionist Congress this past summer in Jerusalem.

"On the contrary, American Zionist leaders have consistently held to the view that the major criteria of Zionist leadership have been and still are mobilization of physical, material, spiritual and political support to help secure Israel's future, the establishment of a strong link between the people of Israel and American Jewry and fostering the unity of the Jewish people. On this basis, the record will clearly show that American Zionist leadership has fulfilled and is now fulfilling these tasks."

## HEAVY RAINS CONTINUE IN ISRAEL; 600 IMMIGRANT TENTS DAMAGED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The heavy rains and stormy weather which have gripped Israel since Friday continued today, hampering rescue operations in the Maabarot, the transit camps where about 180,000 immigrants are sheltered in tents and huts.

It is estimated that 600 of the 10,000 tents in the camps have been damaged by the gale. George Josephthal, head of the absorption department of the Jewish

Agency, reported that six immigrant villages suffered heavily in the last few days and 13 others were hit to a lesser extent.

More army units took over today the work of supervising the reconstruction of the tents while hundreds of children were transferred by military personnel from the damaged Maabarot to nearby army camps. Army bulldozers canalized the area while engineers repaired the huts. Military authorities also completed emergency plans for the immigrant camps in anticipation of further damage.

Chief of Staff Yigal Yadin today inspected a number of the immigrant camps which are under army supervision. He promised that army engineers and technical personnel will be rushed to secure the immigrant tents and huts in case of another storm. The regular and reserve troops on duty at the immigrant camps were praised in a special order by the Chief of Staff for their exemplary behaviour in rescue operations at the immigrant camps.

#### ISRAELI SHIPS' OFFICERS VOTE TO CONTINUE STRIKE PENDING NEGOTIATIONS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Striking ships' officers here and in Haifa today voted against returning to their posts unconditionally, as demanded by the Histadrut-sponsored maritime union. Instead, the officers discussed the possibility of negotiating for a return to work after all striking seamen had received assurances that they would get their former jobs back again.

Thousands of workers responded to a Histadrut call yesterday to rally in the streets of Haifa to prevent another demonstration called in support of the striking seamen by the Mapam and Communist Parties. The heavy rains were responsible in part for the cancellation of the Mapam-Communist demonstration and the other workers attended a Histadrut meeting where Aba Choushi, Haifa Mayor and secretary of the Haifa Labor Council, explained the Histadrut stand on the maritime strike.

#### STRIKING ISRAELI SEAMEN IN U.S. TO LEAVE COUNTRY IN A FEW DAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The 60 Israeli seamen who struck aboard the vessels Yafo in New York and Haifa in Baltimore and were detained on Ellis Island after they were discharged by their employers are expected to leave this country for Israel in the next few days.

Their early departure will terminate any pending legal action by the immigration authorities who charge the seamen with illegal entry into the U.S. Hearings are scheduled on the authorities' contention that since the 60 entered this country as seamen, their discharge resulted in their being here illegally.

Meanwhile, the sleet and snow that has blanketed the East Coast has interfered with the loading of the two freighters which are taking on machinery, food and other supplies for Israel.

#### SHARETT EXPECTED TO CONFER WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER

PARIS, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett is expected here to confer with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky before his return to Israel on Saturday, it was learned today. This is in line with the policy of the Israeli Minister to see all the Foreign Ministers of the Big Powers during the current session of the U.N. General Assembly.

ISRAEL CONDITIONS GERMAN SETTLEMENT ON ELIMINATION OF NAZISM

PARIS, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Israeli delegate Maurice Fischer yesterday told the United Nations General Assembly's Political Committee that the primary condition of any world German settlement must be "effective guarantees against a resurgence of Nazism."

Decrying the lengthy discussion in the committee of the technicalities of a proposed free election in a united Germany, Mr. Fischer said that the U.N. delegates tend to judge the German issue in the light of the ideological struggle in the world today and ignore the fact that Germany has an ideology of its own. The militarism, imperialism and Nazism which have manifested themselves in Germany in the past century still apply to Eastern and Western Germany today, he added.

Only after the danger of a resurgent, aggressive Germany is eliminated will it be possible to think about an inquiry into electoral conditions, the Israeli insisted. First, he urged, "both Germanys should agree, or be made to agree, to guarantee the final uprooting of Nazism, imperialism and militarism and collectively assume the historic German responsibility."

MINISTER HOPES U.S. JEWS WILL SEND TECHNICIANS TO JEWISH STATE

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The conviction that American Jewish leaders "will find the right way" to assure not only funds for Israel but also "the direct participation of Americans with technical skills who are just as urgently needed in Israel," was expressed here tonight by David Zvi Pinkas, Israeli Minister of Communications.

Speaking at a reception at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in his honor, sponsored by the national administrative board of the Mizrahi Organization of America, the Israel Cabinet member said: "The Government of Israel is actively at work on consideration of means of making special provisions for the trained American experts we so vitally need. These plans are being developed in the belief that while the spirit which leads Americans to work side by side with us will inspire them to remain and make their special contributions, we must do everything we possibly can to soften the very real impact which our limited supplies of life's necessities must and does make on these partners in democracy."

The Zionist leader stressed that the people of Israel had been greatly heartened, in shouldering their heavy burden, by the understanding and support of the United States. "I cannot over-emphasize the depth of understanding which prevails among all our people for the generous assistance extended to us by the United States and by American Jewry and the unqualified appreciation of that generosity," he said. "I was very much impressed by the readiness to help which I observed at the national conference of the United Jewish Appeal this past week-end in Atlantic City."

"We Israelis feel that our country is an outpost of democracy in the Middle East," he declared. "This is not merely a polite phrase of diplomacy but an earnest and accurate representation of the feeling of our people. We are a people whose knowledge of oppression is a product of first-hand experience and we know the meaning of freedom. We are proud of our accomplishments in creating a free society and we believe that all men of good will share our pride."

Reporting that Israel expects a record number of tourists during the coming travel session, Mr. Pinkas said, "to all of them, we extend a cordial invitation: Come and see for yourself."

GERMAN PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT DEBATES BILL ON REPARATIONS PAYMENTS

DUSSELDORF, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Sharp debates featured a discussion here of a proposed reparations law for the province of North Rhine-Westphalia. The debates took place in the provincial parliament when various amendments were proposed to the measure.

It is expected that the bill will be presented in its final form some time next month. It is estimated that payments totalling 756,000,000 German marks will be made if the bill becomes law. One criticism of the measure was voiced by a deputy who opposed the use of taxes to meet reparations obligations.

The parliament of the Federal German Republic last week decided to establish a committee to prepare Federal reparations laws and to co-ordinate the work of the various provincial states in the sphere of restitution.

ANGLO-JEWISH ASSOCIATION WELCOMES ADENAUER'S OFFER TO JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The fact that Jews fear the re-armament of Germany on "Jewish grounds" is of no special significance to the countries of which those Jews are nationals, but if British Jews wish to protest the re-armament of Germany there are "more than adequate channels within the framework of the country" for them to use for this purpose, Ewen Montagu, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, declared last night at the annual meeting of the group.

He welcomed West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's recent statement that the Federal Government is prepared to negotiate with the Jewish people and Israel on claims for injuries to the Jews by the Nazis. He also stressed that the A.J.A. is doing everything it can to help advance any just and reasonable claim from Israel.

In an analysis of problems facing the British Jewish community, Mr. Montagu said that while there is a great need to support Israel financially there is an urgent need for support of communal welfare and educational institutions in Britain. He added that "it is quite clear" that the majority of the community, while it is interested in and anxious for Israel, wishes to remain citizens of Britain and share with their non-Jewish colleagues its responsibilities. He declared that "the Jewish problem" has ceased to exist in Britain, to its "great glory."

Mr. Montagu attacked suggestions that the World Jewish Congress should become a voice speaking for a union of Jewish bodies. "The fact that on many occasions various communal bodies have reached agreement on such subjects as neo-Nazism in Germany or reparations is a sign of strength, but to imagine that we all have the same point of view and the same method of approach would be misleading." He opposed a "supra-national Jewish body."

GERMANS CALLED UPON TO UNITE IN A FIGHT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

FRANKFURT, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Prof. Franz Boehm, chairman of the local Christian-Jewish Association for Cooperation, today issued an appeal to all "churches and all people who acknowledge the basic principles of human dignity" to unite in a fight against anti-Semitism. "Unfortunately, 90 percent of the German people are afraid of the ten percent who are anti-Semitic," he declared.

## POLISH GOVERNMENT ASKED TO COMPENSATE FOR \$2,500,000 YESHIVA BUILDING

CHICAGO, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Compensation from the Polish Government for the \$2,500,000 building of the famous rabbinical college, "Yeshivat Chachmay Lublin," built on funds contributed by American Orthodox Jews, is being requested by Rabbi Abraham M. Hershberg, president of the Federated Rabbinical Colleges of Lublin, who is now residing in Chicago, it was learned here today.

In a communication addressed to the Polish Government--copies of which have been transmitted to the Department of State in Washington and to the Israel Government--Rabbi Hershberg asked for a refund of the building's value, to be assessed by an international commission, or by turning over for the use of the rabbinical college a building of similar value owned by the Polish Government in Israel.

Rabbi Hershberg pointed out that hundreds of Yeshiva students of Polish origin, now residents of Israel, are in dire need of quarters for living and study. He emphasized that the building in Lublin was built in 1930 from funds received by its dean from Jewish philanthropists in the United States, and said that Jews in the United States and in Israel "will never recognize the confiscation of a sacred building donated to the rabbinical college in Lublin by American citizens."

## JEWISH SCHOLARS TO PARTICIPATE IN U. N.-SPONSORED HISTORY OF MANKIND

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Jewish scholars will play a prominent role in the publication of a projected six-volume 3,000,000-word "History of Mankind" in which a thousand scholars will participate.

The project, which is being sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, will be in the hands of an International Commission for a Scientific and Cultural History of Mankind. The division of the work into six volumes recognizes six main phases of the development of mankind. These phases are marked by the formation of particular groupings of peoples, definite geographical centers of economic and political organization, special intellectual, religious and artistic trends, and distinctive means and lines of communication among peoples.

Among the corresponding members of the Commission are: Prof. Shimon Bodenheimer, zoologist and historian of science of Hebrew University; Prof. C. Levi-Strauss, anthropologist and linguist of Sorbonne; Dr. Charles Singer of London, historian of medicine technology. Dr. Louis Gottschalk, professor of European history at the University of Chicago, was named to write Volume IV of the series covering the period from A. D. 1300 to the opening of the nineteenth century. Prof. Henri Frankfort, director of the Warburg Institute in London, archaeologist and historian, will write the section of Volume I dealing with ancient history.

## U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL SAYS F. B. I. INVESTIGATES MIAMI BOMBINGS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Attorney General J. Howard McGrath today assured Rep. Louis B. Heller, of New York, that "appropriate measures will be undertaken if it is found that any individual has been deprived of rights protected by the Constitution and Laws of the United States" in the recent series of anti-Semitic and anti-Negro bombing incidents in the Miami area.

McGrath said that the F. B. I. has been instructed to investigate so that the department can determine whether the Miami incidents involve violations of the Federal statutes and what, if any, action can be taken. The Attorney General said also that when he was in the Senate, he had sponsored a civil rights bill, which would punish any two or more people committing or attempting to commit violations against any person or his property because of race, color, religion, or national origin.

Z. O. A. SENDS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ISRAEL ON SPECIAL MISSION

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Sidney Marks, national secretary and executive director of the Zionist Organization of America, today announced that he will leave tomorrow for Israel on a special mission on behalf of the Z. O. A.

Benjamin Browdy, Z. O. A. president, revealed that Dr. Marks has been specifically entrusted with the task of selecting locations for 10 trade schools to be established in Israel by the organization. He will also organize the schools' equipment and staff, and will set up the machinery for the early opening of an American business administration college on the premises of Z. O. A. House in Tel Aviv, which is now nearing completion.

200 AMERICAN SINGERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN CHORAL FESTIVAL IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- About 200 American singers, organized in four or five choirs, will participate in their first choral festival in Israel which will take place next August, it was announced here today at a press conference addressed by A. Z. Propes, representative of the Israel Government's Tourist Department.

The American group will be composed of members of all Jewish singing societies in the United States. Members of the group will practice from now till August on Hebrew and Yiddish songs. Participating in the festival will also be choirs from Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, Austria, Finland, Norway, Switzerland and Tunis, Mr. Propes stated.

WINNIPEG ZIONISTS MAKE CO-OPERATIVE INVESTMENT IN ISRAELI INDUSTRY

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A \$50,000 co-operative subscription to shares in the Palestine Economic Corporation of Canada, Ltd., was made here on behalf of members of three Zionist clubs of the city. The subscription for 500 shares was hailed by Marvin E. Gelber, head of the company, as "the start of a broad, popular movement for private investment in Israel."

Leaders of the subscribing group described the move as providing for the first time "representation for the little man in the direction of the company's affairs." A total of \$125,000 for shares of the Canadian-Israeli investment enterprise was subscribed by residents of Winnipeg during Mr. Gelber's visit here.

PROF. CASSUTO, BIBLICAL SCHOLAR, DIES IN JERUSALEM; AGED 68

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Prof. Moshe David Cassuto, world-famous Biblical scholar and world expert on the Hebrew language, died here today at the age of 68.

Born in Florence, Italy, Prof. Cassuto received his doctorate from the University of Florence in 1906 and, three years later, was ordained rabbi in the Rabbinical College maintained by the Jewish communities in Italy. He was later appointed Professor of Hebrew Language in Literature at the University of Florence. In 1932 he was appointed to the chair of Hebrew Language at the University of Rome where he served until the application of the anti-Jewish laws in 1938, when he migrated to Palestine.

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