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## U. S. EXPECTED TO MEDIATE PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The belief that the United States Government "will find this hour opportune to mediate between Israel and Egypt" was expressed here today. At the same time a spokesman of the Foreign Ministry told representatives of the press that the entire Israel Cabinet, and not the Foreign Ministry, will decide on the next step to be made in connection with the appeal for peace which Premier David Ben Gurion addressed to Egypt in the course of his speech in the Knesset last week.

The Foreign Ministry official said that Mr. Ben Gurion's appeal has not yet been accompanied by any practical steps. He denied reports that the United Nations truce chief in Palestine, Gen. William Riley, had asked or approached the Israel Government that he be authorized to mediate between Israel and Egypt. He emphasized that the Israel Foreign Ministry does not know of any such or similar steps on the part of Gen. Riley.

The opinion that the U. S. may step into the picture and mediate peace between Egypt and Israel was advanced in "Davar", leading pro-government daily newspaper. "Although there is no official or unofficial hint to this effect, we know that State Department circles do not exclude the possibility that the present Egyptian government may be ready under the existing circumstances to start negotiations," the paper said. It added that an intense struggle is now going on in Egypt between extremists and moderates with regard to the question of concluding peace with Israel. "It is premature to judge who will have the upper hand," the paper stated.

It became known here today that Egypt has asked U. N. observers to arrange for a meeting of the Mixed Israeli-Egyptian Armistice Commission -- the first such meeting after many months and since the revolution in Egypt. Israel, it was learned, has already agreed that the meeting should take place on Tuesday.

## London Says U. N. Truce Chief Seeks to Be the Mediator

LONDON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- United Nations truce chief in Palestine, Gen. William Riley, was reported here today as "seeking to mediate the dispute between Israel and Egypt and will put an Israel offer before Gen. Mohammed Naguib, the new Egyptian dictator".

It is taken for granted here that the "Israel offer" to which the report refers deals with the peace offer made to Egypt publicly by Israel Premier David Ben Gurion during his address last week in the Israel Parliament. Observers here hold that the Egyptian Premier Aly Maher left the door open for a formal offer from

Israel when, commenting in Cairo in Mr. Ben Gurion's speech, he declared that no official overture had been received by the Egyptian Government from Tel Aviv.

The possibility that the U. N. truce chief may be the person to bring Israel's offer officially to Cairo is not excluded here. It is pointed out that the new Egyptian government is trying to secure military aid from the United States, and that she can get such aid only if Egypt and Israel come to peace terms. It is also emphasized that Gen. Riley, as U. N. truce chief, is the best person to act as mediator between Israel and Egypt.

#### Arab League Security Pact Becomes Effective; May Affect Israel

Simultaneously, it was reported here today from Cyprus that after two years of negotiations, the Arab League security pact, which may affect Israel, came into force yesterday.

Chiefs-of-Staff of all the Arab countries will now be invited to Cairo to discuss the immediate establishment of a full-time military council which will implement the military cooperation between the member states of the Arab League agreed upon in the pact, the report said.

"Western diplomats throughout the Middle East," the report continued, "are watching these developments with more than usual interest. They share the view that the Arab pact offers opportunities for eventual dovetailing of Arab forces into broader plans for the defense of the area west of the Persian Gulf and Kurdistan".

#### Z. O. A. CONFERENCE DECIDES TO LAUNCH PRIVATE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The launching of a private investment program for Israel, highlighting a nationwide census of the trades, businesses and professions of its membership, was unanimously approved today by the Extraordinary Conference of the National Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America at the conclusion of its three-day session at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. More than 500 delegates from all parts of the country attended the conference.

This was one of a series of major projects adopted by the parley, comprising a new plan designed to mobilize manpower and resources of the Jewish community in the furtherance of economic aid to Israel, promotion of Hebrew education, increased Z. O. A. participation in raising funds for Israel as well as in the field of youth and chalutzit and the strengthening of membership.

The program of an accelerated private investment activity by the Z. O. A. for Israel followed the announcement by Rabbi Irving Miller, president, of the establishment of an economic committee and department by the Z. O. A. to further this objective. Rabbi Miller revealed that this committee is composed of leaders in industry, law, science and housing.

Stressing the projected inventory among the nationwide Z. O. A. constituency, Rabbi Miller stated that these members are to be organized along trade, industrial and professional lines with a view towards setting up a liaison with corresponding trades, businesses, undertakings and professions in Israel. This will enable the economic committee to ascertain more authoritatively what is needed in Israel in terms of machinery, expansion capital and skilled personnel.

Dr. Sidney Marks, national secretary of the Z. O. A., in behalf of the president and the newly established economic committee, submitted its program.

The committee, he said, will cooperate fully in these economic endeavors with the Economic Division of the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency. It will endeavor to enlist the support of the U. S. Government to aid the building of an effective technology in Israel. It will also strive to create markets in the United States for the sake of Israel exports.

### Will Assume Responsibility for Hebrew Youth Movement in U. S.

The Extraordinary Conference approved the establishment of the following additional committees and departments: Hebrew Language and Culture; Israel Projects; Jewish National Fund; Youth and Chalutzit; United Jewish Appeal; Israel Bonds; Education and Program; World Zionist Affairs.

Announcing the program of the newly-created Department for Hebrew Language and Culture, Rabbi Miller stated that its five-point objective will comprise: 1) the Z. O. A. is to assume responsibility for the Hebrew youth movement in this country; 2) the Z. O. A. will undertake the exploration of the availability of Hebrew readers and texts used in Israel for adaptation in Hebrew schools in this country; 3) assembling and dissemination of materials on Hebrew and Zionism in this country for use on the Sunday School level; 4) support in terms of personnel to further the teaching of Hebrew in high schools and colleges; 5) encouragement of use and speaking of Hebrew in districts by programming on an adult level.

Last night Rabbi Miller announced the establishment of a National Commission for Israel and the Middle East. Presenting the program of the Commission, Harold P. Manson, director of the new body, declared that its chief objective is "the reawakening of the public relations consciousness of the Zionist Organization of America and the reactivation of our membership in the area of public opinion. The present state of world tension," he said, "especially the rising ferment in the Arab world, make it imperative that our organization maintain a high degree of alertness. We submit that this is essential to Israel's welfare, and that any other course would endanger Israel's security."

### Z. O. A. Commission Not Competition to American Zionist Council

Mr. Manson made it clear that in projecting this program, the newly-appointed commission does "not propose to trespass upon or to duplicate the activity of the American Zionist Council." He pointed to the fact that the "recent Z. O. A. Convention voted full support to the Council and resolved to strengthen it on both the national and local levels."

At the same time, he pointed out that the Convention also called upon the incoming administration to ensure that the policies of the Z. O. A. are fully and effectively represented by its spokesmen in the Council and its executive committee. "In reiterating this position, we wish to record our appreciation of the work and accomplishments of the Council under the chairmanship of Mr. Louis Lipsky. It is our intention to provide nationwide auxiliary machinery with which the Council's work can be made more effective", he said.

Abraham Goodman, chairman of the Z. O. A. Inner Committee, presiding at a luncheon session today, voiced confidence that all regional and district workers throughout the country will respond wholeheartedly to make possible for the organization financially to carry out its program, which he declared is so imperative for the welfare of Israel and for the future of the Zionist movement in this country.

UNEMPLOYED DEMONSTRATE IN HAIFA; DEMAND WORK; SEVERAL ARRESTED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Several hundred unemployed persons demonstrated outside the Haifa Labor Exchange office here demanding work. Police were called after several of the demonstrators broke into the Council's offices. A number of persons were arrested.

Large sections of the Israel population do not receive sufficient nutritional foods since they depend solely on the regular rations prevalent today in Israel, a medical advisory council on nutrition declared here this week-end. Although the group said there were no traces in Israel of malnutrition nor had any diseases been detected owing to the present food shortage, it urged the government to increase the nutritional value of rationed foods.

ISRAELI LEADER ARRESTED IN PRAGUE "CONFESSES" TO CZECH CHARGES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Mrs. Reja Oren, wife of the leader of the Mapam Party in Israel who has been detained for more than eight months in Prague on charges of conspiracy, received a letter from her husband stating that he "confessed" to the charges made against him by the Czech authorities.

The letter, written in German, was delivered to Mrs. Oren by the Czech legation here. This is the first written word that Mordecai Oren was permitted by the Czech political police to send to his wife.

ZIONIST LEADERS RELEASED IN HUNGARY AFTER SERVING PRISON TERMS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- A number of Zionist leaders in Hungary, who had been sentenced to imprisonment two years ago, were released there last week after serving their prison terms, it was learned here today.

The release included Dr. Alexander Kertis and Irmeh Frankfurter, leaders of the Mapam group in Hungary; Dr. Denish Bellah, a leader of the Mapai in Budapest; also Miriam Weiss and Menahem Peled.

MOSHE SHAPIRO LEADS IN THE MIZRACHI LABORITE ELECTIONS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The group within the Mizrahi Laborite party led by Moshe Shapiro, Israel's Minister of Interior, received 40 percent of the votes in the elections to the 11th national convention of the party, it was announced today. More than 70 percent of the entire membership voted in the elections.

The Leftist Lamifneh group received 33 percent of the votes, while the group led by Itzhak Rafael, head of the immigration department of the Jewish Agency, received 23 percent. The remainder went to the group Hazon Vehagshama.

BRITISH AVIATION COMPANY DISCONTINUES FLIGHTS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The British Overseas Airways Corporation announced that its London-Lydda flight has been suspended because of a reduction of business originating in Israel. A company spokesman denied a Tel Aviv report that the suspension of service was decided on as a protest against the freezing of B. O. A. C. 's assets of \$4,000 by the Israel authorities.

JEWISH LEADERS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TO STUDY COUNTRY'S ECONOMY

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The Israel Bond Planning Commission, consisting of leading personalities in business and Jewish communal life, left by plane this week-end for Israel to conduct an on-the-spot survey of Israel's economic growth, and the role of American investments in the future development of the country.

Members of the Commission, which was designated by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond drive, will visit industrial plants throughout Israel during their two-week stay. They will also visit the Negev and other areas where Israel's newly-discovered natural resources are being exploited with the aid of Israel Bond drive investments.

While in Israel, the Planning Commission will confer on economic policy with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and other top Government officials and industrial leaders. A report on the delegation's findings will be presented to the National Economic Conference for Israel, which will be held in Atlantic City beginning September 12. The Planning Commission is headed by Rudolf G. Sonneborn of New York.

SAILORS ARRESTED IN CANADA FOR SHIP-JUMPING SEEK ASYLUM IN ISRAEL

MONTREAL, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Nineteen sailors detained by Canadian immigration authorities for ship-jumping and other violations have applied for Israel citizenship. In a petition forwarded to the Israel Consul here -- which noted that they had been placed under detention prior to deportation -- the sailors said:

"With the greatest interest and enthusiasm, we have read the greatest news in history -- that Israel extends naturalization. We have pledged with honesty to abide by all laws and privileges extended to us after a thorough investigation by your officials."

The sailors represent seven religions and listed their nationalities as two Australians, one Armenian, one Dane, two Dutchmen, one Estonian, two Finns, one Greek, one German, one Italian, two Letts, one Mexican, three Swedes and one stateless person. The Israel Consul here pointed out to the sailors that no foreign national can acquire Israel citizenship before settling in Israel.

PRESIDENT OF CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUES BODY SUPPORTS EISENHOWER

DENVER, Aug 24. (JTA) -- Maxwell Abbell, president of the United Synagogue of America, went on record today as supporting Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Republican nominee for President of the United States. However, it was made clear in a formal announcement issued by Eisenhower's campaign headquarters here, that Mr. Abbell speaks for himself. The United Synagogue of America is the central body of the Conservative synagogues.

JOHN L. BERNSTEIN DIES WHILE VACATIONING; WAS FOUNDER OF HIAS

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Funeral services took place here today for John L. Bernstein, former president of the HIAS, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, who died last Friday at the Danbury Hospital, in Connecticut, where he had been vacationing. He was 80 years old.

Born in Neshin, Russian Ukraine, he came to this country in 1890. He studied at the New York University Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1899. He was one of the founders of the HIAS in 1901 and remained active in the organization until his death. He was also a leading member of the American Jewish Committee, Joint Distribution Committee and was active in the Zionist Organization of America.