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## ISRAEL CABINET AWAITS EGYPTIAN MOVE ON BEN GURION'S PEACE OFFER

Jerusalem, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has decided to make no move to expand on Premier David Ben Gurion's recent peace offer to Egypt until Cairo takes positive action in reply to the Israeli "olive branch" proposal, it was learned here today following a meeting of the Israeli Cabinet.

Meanwhile, a Foreign Office spokesman has refused to comment on press reports that Ankara has become the center of the attempt to mediate between Egypt and the Jewish State. The reports stated that an Israeli diplomat was actively engaged in the mediation talks.

Earlier, a Foreign Ministry representative denied other press reports that a call made by United States Ambassador Monnet B. Davis this week-end on Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett concerned the Israeli peace feeler to Egypt. The spokesman emphasized that the conversation between the two diplomats was not connected in any way with Egypt or with the Israeli offer.

## American and British Pressure for Arab-Israel Peace Reported

London, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Increased American and British diplomatic activity in Cairo, Amman and Tel Aviv is concerned with attempts at bringing about a peace treaty between Israel and the Arab states, the London press reported today.

The same dispatch asserted that the Arab League meeting, which opens in Cairo September 10, will discuss in detail the reported negotiations between Egyptian and Jordanian representatives on a Jordan-Egyptian peace settlement with Israel. Jordan is expected to propose to the Arab League meeting that negotiations be opened immediately between the Arab states and Israel. Egypt is expected to support the Jordan move, the dispatch said.

The arrangement whereby the United States agreed to supply Israel with arms and to help Israel strengthen its military, naval and air bases and Israel's decision to extend military service from 24 to 30 months are all indications that American military experts look on Israel as a party to the projected Middle East defense plan, the report added. It stressed that Arab-Israel tensions must be eliminated before the Jewish State's strategic possibilities could be developed.

It was asserted in the dispatch that the importance of the Haifa oil refinery to the Middle East's defense is largely responsible for the pressure which Allied spokesmen are exercising on Egypt for a quick settlement. So vital is this problem, the report said, that if the discussions for a peace settlement are prolonged the problem of oil supplies for the Haifa refineries--via the Suez Canal and the Iraq-Haifa pipeline--will be dealt with immediately.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT RECESSES; PREMIER REPORTS ON ARAB SABOTAGE

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament has recessed until after the Jewish High Holidays. At the closing session, Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Parliament, extended New Year's greetings to "the people of Israel and the Jewish people throughout the world" and expressed the hope that the new Jewish year, which starts on September 20, would be one of "internal peace and unification of all constructive forces for the development and stabilization of Israel, as well as peace with our neighbors."

Premier David Ben Gurion, speaking at the concluding session, reported that 62 Israelis were killed by Arab marauders, 110 were wounded and 29 kidnapped during the year. He said that during the past 12 months, 1,518 raids into Israel took place for the purposes of robbery. Since the conclusion of the Israel-Arab war, he added, 200 murders and attempted murders have been perpetrated by "infiltrates."

In addition, 192 acts of sabotage, principally the cutting of telephone wires, took place during the year in the Arab triangle, the Jerusalem corridor and the Gaza area. Mr. Ben Gurion said one of the main reasons for infiltration into Israel was for the purpose of smuggling goods and currency. Arab villages in the triangle area, he stated, are smuggling centers and are engaged in smuggling cigarettes, nylon stockings and fountain pens into Israel as well as bringing flour, medicaments and gasoline out of Israel.

The Premier reported that there were 459 incidents of infiltrators opening fire on Israel forces, including 68 incidents involving regular Arab forces who fired on Israelis. Hundreds of thousands of Arab refugees live on the other side of Israel's borders, Mr. Ben Gurion said, and they are continuously being urged by the Arab states to sabotage and kill Israelis in frontier violations. In addition, many infiltrators seek to enter Israel of their own will in order to murder, loot or smuggle, he declared.

Mr. Ben Gurion then called attention to infiltrators who try to move from Gaza to Hebron, or from the Arab triangle area to Lebanon. When caught, he said, these Arabs are usually turned back by Israel's forces, but they often try to cross again, and frequently they desire to be imprisoned in Israel's jails, where conditions are better than in the camps across the border.

"Just as Jewish citizens of Israel cannot meet their relatives across the border, so must our Arab citizens realize that they cannot meet their relatives across the border until peace between Israel and her neighbors is restored and normal relations are resumed," he stated. "We know that our Arab citizens are not responsible for the fact that the Arab governments refuse to make peace with Israel, but as citizens who have all privileges they must also bear the same responsibilities, and they cannot do anything which undermines and endangers the peace of the state. Aid to infiltrators is a grave crime, a crime against the state's security and the state will punish such crimes severely," he emphasized.

ISRAELI COMMUNISTS PROTEST AGAINST EXTENSION OF MILITARY SERVICE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Some 400 Israeli Communists demonstrated in this city yesterday afternoon against the extension of the term of service for conscripts in the Israel armed forces from 24 to 30 months. The demonstration was quiet and the police made no attempt to interfere with the marchers who carried posters denouncing "American war mongers."

FIRST GROUP OF IMMIGRANTS FROM POLAND IN TWO YEARS LANDS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The first group of Jewish immigrants to arrive from Poland in two years disembarked at Haifa yesterday. The 24 members of the party said that the personal intervention of the Polish President had made possible their departure, and they asked Jewish Agency officials to express their thanks to the President for his help.

Some of the immigrants told reporters that there are still some 40,000 Jews in Poland and that most of them desire to come to Israel. Anti-Semitism in Poland has increased greatly, according to the immigrants, and Jews are afraid to speak Yiddish on the streets of Polish cities. Another group of immigrants is expected here September 5.

PALESTINE DEVELOPMENTS AT U. N. REVIEWED BY TRYGVE LIE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 1. (JTA) -- A number of questions pertaining to Israel and the Palestine question are reviewed in the annual message of United Nations Secretary General Trygve Lie which was made public here tonight.

In his review of the year, Mr. Lie discusses Israel's complaint to the U. N. Security Council against the Suez Canal blockade by Egypt and the Council's resolution--still not honored by Egypt--calling for an end to the Egyptian blockade. The report also records the meetings of the Palestine Conciliation Commission in New York and the activities of the U. N. Relief and Works Agency for the Palestine Arab refugees.

EIGHTY SETTLEMENTS IN ISRAEL ENGAGED IN BREEDING OF FISH

HAIFA, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- No less than 80 settlements in Israel are engaged in breeding fish, it was reported here today. The report revealed that about 1,000 men are also engaged in the fishing trade in the coastal waters of the Jewish State.

"A strong impetus to fishing is expected with the completion of a mammoth fishing wharf at Caesaria, the report stated. "The coastline of Israel contains few natural inlets or bays. With funds from the Israel bond issue, a fishing wharf is being erected at Caesaria which will enable 50 fishing vessels to simultaneously unload their catches and provide anchorage for as many as 100 boats."

More fishing vessels are also being purchased with Israel bond money. Several vessels recently acquired are equipped with "echo sounders" which record the depth of water and serve to locate shoals of fish by radar waves. A school to train "scientific" fishermen has been established at Ben Shemen. The students are given instruction in basic ocean lore and meteorology and are taught the handling and repair of ships' motors.

DISAPPEARANCE OF NOTED JEWISH POET IN POLAND REPORTED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The disappearance of Julian Tovim, noted Polish Jewish poet who returned to Poland from the United States after the liberation of Poland, was reported here today by immigrants who just arrived from Poland. They expressed concern over the fate of the poet.

## JEWS IN AUSTRIA PLEASED WITH BIG FOUR VETO OF PRO-NAZI LAW

VIENNA, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders here today expressed satisfaction over the fact that the executive committee of the Allied Council for Austria unanimously vetoed a law passed by the Austrian Parliament on July 17 which would have required non-resident owners of restituted property to return the property to the "Aryanizers" at prices fixed by the Austrian courts. The law also would have granted certain other advantages to former "Aryan" holders of restituted Jewish property.

(In New York, the American Jewish Committee received a message of thanks from the Vienna Jewish Community Council for its efforts in Washington in behalf of the veto. The American Jewish Congress issued a statement hailing the Allied Council's action.)

The Council also unanimously approved three laws governing compensation to victims of Nazism. However, it informed the Austrian Chancellor that these laws did not fully compensate the victims of political persecution since they discriminated against non-residents of Austria. The Chancellor was invited to submit to Parliament within six months the draft of a law granting adequate compensation regardless of the nationality of the victim of persecution.

## REORGANIZATION OF JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA PLANNED

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Jewish communities of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia met recently in Prague to discuss formation of a new organization of the Jewish community, it is reported in the latest issue of Vestník, official organ of the Czech Jewish community, which arrived here today.

Under the proposed reorganization, a synagogue committee will take charge of all religious services, maintenance of Jewish houses of worship and cemeteries, and will be given an opportunity to carry on relief work. Jewish communities, "which, apart from purely religious functions, will also have administrative duties," will be maintained hereafter only in the following nine cities: Prague, Brno, Karlsbad, Liberec, Pilsen, Olomouc, Ostrava, Usti Nad Labem and Kyjov.

"Participants in the conference were aware of the fact that the wounds inflicted on the Jewish population had changed its organizational structure to the extent of making the reorganization unavoidable," the paper says. "Such a reorganization must be in accordance with the reduced number of our co-religionists and the fundamental tasks of the Jewish communities."

## ANTI-SEMITISM NON-EXISTENT IN BRITAIN, JEWISH LEADER REPORTS

NARROWSBURG, N. Y., Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism is virtually non-existent in Britain, Sefon Temkin, attorney and member of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, declared last night at the National Jewish Youth Conference being held here under the sponsorship of the National Jewish Welfare Board. Delegates representing 325 national and local Jewish youth organizations are attending the parley.

"Anti-Semitism is a virus to which the British public seems to be totally immune," Mr. Temkin said. "We have our anti-Semites. On occasions professional anti-Semites have sought to sow ill will, but they have had little success, and at the moment their activities are at a low ebb. The segregation that is known elsewhere, the quotas in universities, the restrictions on entry into hotels or clubs are virtually unknown in England, he reported.

JEWISH YOUTH CONFERENCE DISCUSSES RELATIONSHIP TO ISRAEL

NARROWSEBURG, N. Y., Sept. 1. (JTA) -- "There is no problem of dual or conflicting loyalty in the fact that the American Jewish young people are concerned with what is happening in Israel," Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, national director of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, told the National Jewish Youth Conference today. Addressing the Conference's annual assembly at Camp Wel-Met, Rabbi Lelyveld said:

"Our relationship to Israel is one which exists in an entirely different dimension from that of our relationship to our own country. Our relationship to America is one which we share with every other culture group and with every other citizen. It is one of loyalty to our native land and of pride in the humane democratic tradition which is itself the most successful expression which has ever been given our own Biblical ideals of democracy.

"On the other hand, our relationship to Israel is one of personal and group involvement in an idealistic venture which grows both out of Jewish history and faith. Because it is a state founded by our fellow Jews, we have a sense of kinship to Israel's destiny. Our concern for Israel will never come in conflict with our loyalty to America, because of the linkage between spiritual values in the history of America and the history of Israel."

AMERICAN ORTHODOX JEWISH YOUTH HOLDS THREE-DAY CONVENTION

FERNDAL, N. Y., Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The role of Orthodox Jewish youth in coping with the problems facing religious Jewry in the United States and Israel is being discussed here at the 30th annual convention of the Zeirei Agudath Israel of America, youth organization of the Agudas Israel movement. About 600 delegates and guests are attending the three-day parley.

The session of Jewish education in this country will be headed by a panel consisting of the distinguished deans of four Orthodox rabbinical seminaries. Special emphasis will be placed on expanding the activities of Zeirei Agudath Israel in establishing "night yeshivos" in major Jewish communities throughout the nation in order to give the working Jewish youth an opportunity to further their knowledge of Jewish studies during the evening hours.

The sessions devoted to Israel will be addressed by an Orthodox youth delegation which flew here from Israel to participate in the conclave. The delegation is headed by Israel Shadmi, noted leader of Zeirei Agudath Israel in Israel and founder of the religious Israeli veteran's colony "Kommemiut."

LABOR CONVENTION IN CANADA PLEDGES AID TO HISTADRUT IN ISRAEL

OTTAWA, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Continued support to the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, was pledged here today in a resolution adopted at the national convention of the Canadian Association for Labor Israel, attended by 300 delegates from all parts of the country. The Association raised about \$1,600,000 for the Histadrut during the last four years, it was reported to the convention.

BEIGIN SPEAKS IN ARGENTINA; CRITICIZES GERMAN-ISRAEL FACT

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- About 2,000 persons attended a meeting here last night addressed by Menahem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party in Israel. Mr. Beigin devoted the major part of his address to criticizing the German-Israel reparations pact.