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## GROWTH OF AMERICAN-ISRAEL FRIENDSHIP PREDICTED BY SHARETT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Friendship between Israel and the United States will "grow and deepen" in the future, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and Abba Eban, Ambassador to Washington, last night told a meeting of the Israel-American Friendship League. U.S. Ambassador Monnet Davis, who also spoke, paid tribute to the League as an important factor in fostering good relations between the two countries.

The United States can bring nearer peace between Israel and the Arab states, Mr. Sharett declared. "I trust the United States will do so by continuing its assistance to Israel," he added. He pointed out that experience has shown that Arab friendship cannot be "purchased by hostility toward Israel or by not meeting her needs."

The Foreign Minister told the audience--consisting of several hundred persons prominent in all walks of Israeli life--that Israel and the U.S. are developing along common lines toward freedom, that Israel is interested in the development of a free regime which would enable Jews to organize and develop Jewish culture and life. Even if the largest portion of the Jewish nation had not been living in the United States, Mr. Sharett said, Israel would have approached the U.S. for aid. "We regard it as a great honor that the U.S. helps us execute our great mission," he concluded.

Friendship between the two lands will grow "not only on emotional or historic grounds, as hitherto, but on a purely economic and political basis, since the United States is interested in the Middle East and Israel is the sole stronghold of democracy in the Middle East," Ambassador Eban declared. The more the U.S. helps Israel with economic and military assistance, he said, the more Israel will be able to contribute to the stabilization of the region.

The Ambassador reiterated his government's opposition to arming the Arab states which cherish the idea of revenge on Israel and hope to wipe it off the map. Such an attempt by the Arab states would plunge the entire Middle East into "indescribable turmoil which would only weaken the Western democracies, especially the American position in this part of the world."

## ISRAEL AGREES TO PAY 1,000,000 POUNDS ON BLOCKED ARAB ACCOUNTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Israel has reached agreement with the Palestine Conciliation Commission to make a first payment of 1,000,000 pounds sterling on the blocked Arab accounts. The 12th progress report of the Commission announced this today.

In order to make this payment in the most equitable manner possible it was decided that the smallest accounts would receive first priority. Since most of the

blocked Arab accounts do not exceed 100 pounds, the F. C. C. report said that this "would allow the release of the great majority of the accounts within two months of the date of the beginning of the banking operation."

The Israeli Government is now discussing with Barclay's Bank Ltd. in London--which agreed to act as agent for all the Israeli banks in this transaction--the technical details of releasing the blocked accounts. These technical details are complicated as the accounts have to be confirmed, the depositors found and identified, before payment can be made. It is anticipated that the Ottoman Bank will also participate in this operation.

Israel is making this first payment on the Arab accounts without any reciprocal undertaking by the Arab Governments in releasing blocked Israeli accounts or in lifting economic embargoes. A member of the Israeli delegation said today that "there are absolutely no strings attached to this agreement." The agreement was reached after a long series of discussions between the Palestine Conciliation Commission and Israel, represented by Gideon Rapahel.

They were started in May of this year when Eli Palmer, American representative on the Commission, approached the permanent representative of Israel, Abba Eban, on the matter. In an aide memoir delivered in reply, Mr. Eban expressed the willingness of the Israel Government to discuss measures for the gradual release of blocked accounts of the Arab refugees.

#### TERRORISTS THREATEN TO KIDNAP POLICE OFFICIAL IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Police investigating the bomb plot here which was nipped in the bud last Sunday today received a letter threatening to kidnap the chief of the police investigating department unless Dov Shilansky, first of three men arrested in connection with the plot, is released immediately.

The letter which arrived at police headquarters this morning was signed "Sicrim," the secret underground group formed shortly after the Herut demonstrations last year against the German reparations negotiations. The entire letter, and the signature, was typewritten.

Meanwhile, the police announced the arrest of a third man, Yefet Gamliel, a 47-year-old resident of Tel Aviv who was arrested in Zichron Yaacov where he was spending a vacation. Gamliel, who was a Herut candidate in the last municipal elections, claims that he spent the entire week at Zichron Yaacov, but the police insist that he helped Shilansky transport the bomb to the Foreign Ministry building here where Shilansky was apprehended as he was setting the timing mechanism.

The second man arrested, Jacob Lotan, former Irgun commander in Europe, was today held over for 15 days while the police continue their investigation. All three suspects came to Israel on the Irgun vessel Altalena.

#### BLAUSTEIN CONFERS WITH STATE DEPARTMENT ON MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, conferred for an hour today with Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade regarding the Middle East, including the question of military aid to such states, like Israel, which may apply for such aid and are willing to commit themselves to accept the responsibilities that go with it.

### GERMAN PARLIAMENT WILL RATIFY REPARATIONS PACT NEXT MONTH

BONN, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, told a press conference here last night that he has reason to believe that the reparations pact between Germany and Israel and Jewish groups from other countries will be ratified by the West German Parliament by the end of next month.

Dr. Goldmann made his statement following talks here with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and other members of the West German Cabinet on implementation of the agreement. He emphasized that leaders of all important political parties in Germany, including pro-government parties and opposition groups, have expressed "understanding and sympathy" for Israel's demands for reparations.

### TRIAL OF 22 NAZIS WHO ATTACKED JEWS IN 1938 STARTS IN GERMANY

MUNICH, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- Twenty-two inhabitants of the township of Viernheim, near Darmstadt, today went on trial on charges of arson and breach of the peace during the night of November 9-10, 1938 when Jews throughout Germany were set upon by Gestapo bands and gangs of local Germans and were beaten and killed and their homes and other possessions damaged and looted.

Dr. Bruno Weil, president of the New York Committee for Fair Play for Auerbach, today told a press conference here that he was dissatisfied with a reply he received from the Bavarian Ministry of Justice regarding his complaint against the judge who presided over the trial of Philip Auerbach. Dr. Weil revealed that his request for disciplinary measures against the judge had been rejected by the ministry.

### AUSTRIAN MINISTER ORDERS ELIMINATION OF BAN AGAINST JEWS

VIENNA, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The Austrian League for Human Rights announced that choral societies re-established following a decision of the constitutional court have included a ban against Jews in their statutes. These societies include the Innsbrucker Liedertafel, Deutscher Maenner Gesangverein, and Die Wolkenstreiner.

It was reported that the Interior Minister had ordered the societies to submit new statutes omitting the ban. If his measures prove unsuccessful, the report said, the Interior Minister will see to it that the societies are disbanded.

### ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY URGES DRIVE AGAINST RACIAL HATRED

LONDON, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The Archbishop of Canterbury, head of the Church of England, last night called for a continuing campaign against religious and racial hatred and endorsed the activities of the British Council of Christians and Jews. The Archbishop spoke at a dinner commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Council.

The Archbishop said that religious and racial hatred sprang in part from economic rivalries and fears. He was joined in paying tribute to the work of the Council by Sir Leslie Boyce, Lord Mayor of London. The Mayor said that the city of London had led other cities in eradicating discrimination, pointing out that it was the city of London which forced Parliament to remove its barriers against Jewish membership by electing Lionel de Rothschild, a Jew, to that body.

Both the Archbishop and Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie received the guests at the dinner. Among the speakers was Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Home Secretary.

## CANADIAN JEWS LAUD GOVERNMENT ORDER AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

TORONTO, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress today called the Federal Government order-in-council establishing fair employment practices in government contracts "a landmark in the expansion of Canadian democracy and the definition of the rights of Canadian citizens." The promulgation of the order-in-council was announced simultaneously at the convention of the Canadian Congress of Labor in Toronto and at the Department of Labor in Ottawa.

"The Government of Canada has properly established a moral standard governing group relations in this country, at least insofar as the rendering of services and the production of supplies required by the Government are concerned," J. Irving Oelbaum, national vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said in a statement. "It thus removes from Federal use goods which are tainted by having been produced under conditions which violate the spirit of our nation.

"Discrimination against residents of Canada on racial and religious grounds is a violation of the rights of persons involved and runs counter to the interests of the public. The Government has acted properly to discourage such practices and to institute sanctions against the violators. The present order-in-council is limited in its direct effect to those who deal with the Government and the industrial practices which will be thus established in this important sector of the Canadian economy will doubtless spread to all industries and services," the statement declared.

## SEN. SMITH PLEDGES TO FIGHT AGAINST MCCARRAN ACT IN CONGRESS

NEWARK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- U.S. Senator H. Alexander Smith of New Jersey today pledged a fight for changes in the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act at the next session of Congress. He said the measure, enacted this year, "violates the spirit and the traditions" of America.

Speaking at a rally here, the Senator declared that the national origins restrictions in the act are discriminatory, and said he favors larger quotas for people from southern and eastern Europe. "I opposed this bill in the Senate," Smith said, "and I voted to uphold the President's veto, because I believed then, as I believe now, that it runs counter to American principles."

Turning to the State of Israel's role in the Near East, Smith, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said that America is watching the new republic's progress with keen interest. "Today Israel is a bastion of democracy in one of the world's critical areas," Smith declared, "and we must do everything we can, militarily and economically, to assist in her further development."

## ARGENTINE JEWS ESTABLISH COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON FUND RAISING

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- A special coordinating committee on campaigns for aid to Jews locally, in Israel and elsewhere was established here today. It includes representatives of the United Israel Campaign, DAIA, Buenos Aires Jewish Committee and Zionist Central Council, and is headed by Jose Ventura, co-president of the United Israel Campaign.

The committee communicated with all Jewish and Zionist bodies in Israel and other countries and asked them not to send representatives here on fund-raising campaigns without previously obtaining its authorization. Gedalia Zakiff, who has directed Israel campaigns in South America for the past five years, is leaving Argentina this week to return to Israel.

JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE RECEIVES \$100,000 GRANT FROM KARL FUND

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish Labor Committee announced today that it has received a grant of \$100,000 from the Pincus and Rose Karl Fund to be used for the advancement of Jewish culture and the ideals of brotherhood, freedom and democracy.

Pincus Karl, noted Los Angeles industrialist and philanthropist, has set up the \$100,000 Fund together with the members of his immediate family - his wife, son and daughter. In making the \$100,000 Fund available, Mr. Karl said that it is his hope that the allotment may be increased and that others will follow his example and make their contributions to the Jewish Labor Committee's program of Jewish cultural work and human rights. Karl emigrated to this country 50 years ago from Lodz, Poland.

Z. O. A. APPOINTS NEW HEADS OF AMERICAN ZIONIST FUND

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The appointment of Mortimer May of Nashville as national chairman and Joseph Goldberg of Worcester as co-chairman of the American Zionist Fund of the Zionist Organization of America was announced today by Z. O. A. headquarters here. The appointment of the two veteran Zionist leaders was made by Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Z. O. A., prior to his departure for Israel last week.

The American Zionist Fund this year has been charged with raising a national goal of \$850,000 among the nationwide membership of the Z. O. A. to finance the major part of its new program of work embracing the work of the newly established Commission on Israel and the Middle East, the department to foster private capital investment in Israel, youth work, the furtherance of Hebrew culture, the department of World Zionist Affairs and the operation of Z. O. A. House in Israel.

NEW YORK MAYOR WELCOMES HISTADRUT LEADERS AT CITY HALL CEREMONY

NEW YORK, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- A three-man delegation of the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, was welcomed today by Mayor Vincent Impellitteri at a special ceremony at City Hall. The delegation is composed of Joseph Almogi, secretary of the Histadrut's Haifa Labor Council; Moshe Beitán, member of the Histadrut executive, and Nachman Tamir, cultural director of Histadrut. The Israelis arrived in the United States this week to aid the \$10,000,000 Israel Histadrut Campaign conducted by the National Committee for Labor Israel.

(From London it was reported today that a Histadrut delegation is due to arrive there next week as guests of the British Government. The laborites, who were invited by the Foreign Office, will study social conditions in Britain and will confer with government labor officials and trade union leaders.)

CORNERSTONE LAID FOR NEW B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN'S SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 9. (JTA) -- The cornerstone for an addition to an institution for maladjusted children in Israel which was established and maintained by the American B'nai B'rith Women's Supreme Council, was laid today on the grounds of the school at Beit Vegan, on the outskirts of this city.

The cost of the addition, \$250,000, has already been raised in the U.S. by the Supreme Council. Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel and prominent B'nai B'rith leaders in Israel and from the U.S. participated in today's ceremony.

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