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## ISRAEL ENVOY RETURNS FROM PRAGUE TODAY; ARRESTS OF JEWS CONTINUE

TEL AVIV, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Arie Kubow, the Israel Minister to Prague, is expected to arrive here tomorrow to report on the Prague trial and on developments in Czechoslovakia and other Eastern European countries.

Meanwhile, reports of continued arrests of Jews in various East European countries continue to be received here. Newspapers and radio stations in the Cominform nations have increased their attacks on Jews.

Both the Mapai and Herut Parties held mass meetings in this city last night on the background of the Prague trial and its outcome. Speakers at both meetings spent considerable time attacking the Mapam Party for its continued expressions of loyalty to the Communist line in Europe.

Premier Ben Gurion yesterday avoided direct comment on the trial. Addressing a luncheon of Israeli newspaper editors, he said that "the time has not yet come to comment." He told the editors to continue to publish their newspapers in free fashion and "not under pressure" which, the Premier said, distinguishes the democratic from the totalitarian countries.

### Sharett Opposes Break With Soviet Satellite Countries

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, at a closed meeting of Mapai leaders, rejected a proposal that Israel break off relations with the Soviet satellite countries. Mr. Sharett pointed out that "Israel is greatly interested in retaining the 'small ties and relations that still exist with the East European countries.'" The meeting decided to institute a Mapai-sponsored campaign against "praying and working for foreign gods."

In an editorial taken in many quarters to forecast an eventual shift in the political orientation of the leftwing Mapam Party, its newspaper, *Al Hamishmar*, sharply replied to the Prague Communist daily, *Rude Pravo*, for its attacks on the Zionist movement, which the Communist organ described as a prime enemy of the working class.

The Tel Aviv daily commented that the language used by the Prague journal was far stronger than any used against Zionism even by *Izvestia*, Soviet Government organ. It said that "this can only be explained as an attempt to totally discredit the Jewish freedom movement, our national independence and our concentration in our historic motherland."

"For many years," the paper said, "we fought against those who fought against our independence campaign. The Jewish Communists were against us, but they were strangers to their own nation." The paper described the "great miracle of Israeli independence" and recalled experiments by the Soviet Union to establish a Jewish state in Birobidjan.

U.N. TO HEAR ISRAEL'S VIEWS TODAY ON DIRECT TALKS WITH ARABS

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Israel's views on direct peace negotiations with the Arab countries will be made known today at the U.N. Special Committee by Ambassador Abba Eban, chief of the Israel delegation. It is understood that he has been instructed by the Tel Aviv Government to accept the proposal for direct Arab-Israel peace talks presented to the United Nations last week by six nations.

The United States delegation yesterday indicated its support of the idea of direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab states to settle outstanding problems between them, although Dr. Philip C. Jessup, the American delegate at the Special Political Committee, reserved the right to speak specifically on the six-nation resolution, calling for direct peace negotiations, until after the other delegations had spoken.

Dr. Jessup outlined the activities of the Palestine Conciliation Commission, drawing from them the lesson that little could be accomplished without direct negotiations. He paid tribute to the Israel Government's agreement to release \$14,000,000 in blocked funds to the Arab refugees, declaring that this could not be regarded as "inconsequential." He asserted that neither side had called on the Conciliation Commission during the past year, although its services were available.

Lebanese delegate Fouad Ammoun told the committee that his government was willing to cooperate for a peaceful settlement of Arab-Israel problems, but stressed that the basis on which peace was to be established and the goal to be achieved had to be decided upon beforehand. He then proceeded to attack the Jewish State, the manner of its establishment and its record in the U. N. -sponsored negotiations with the Arab States.

After the committee session yesterday, an Israel delegation spokesman said his government was willing to negotiate directly, but without prior commitments. "We are willing also to receive and comment on any proposals, old or new, which they wish to make with a view to developing those agreements into peace agreements," the spokesman added. "We would also be free to make our proposals. We would not require the other parties to accept any prior conditions."

At the session, Prof. Enrique Rodriguez Fabregat of Uruguay, one of the sponsors of the resolution, spoke in its support, as did Dr. Jorge Fidel Duron of Honduras. The chairman of the committee announced that he had been informed that Cuba was joining with Uruguay, Norway, the Netherlands, Canada, Denmark and Ecuador in sponsoring the proposal for direct peace talks.

Lebanese Minister In Washington Attacks U. N. Role in Middle East

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- In a nation-wide radio broadcast today Dr. Charles Malik, Minister of Lebanon, attacked "the arrogance and ambition of the Zionists" and accused the United Nations of doing "a very poor job in Palestine." During the broadcast of CBS Radio's "The Middle East Story, Dr. Malik said the U. N. had not been "a very constructive force in the Middle East."

He said he believed that history will record "a great error" and that the U. N. "was not impartial in that situation." Dr. Malik charged that three objectives which, he said, had been set for Palestine by the U. N. had not been accomplished. These included the internationalization of Jerusalem, the resettlement of the Arab refugees, and the territorial disposition of Jerusalem. Denying that any Arab states will renew warfare against Israel, Dr. Malik said "what they are afraid of is that Israel itself might resume this fighting."

### JEWISH AGENCY TO SEEK NEW FOREIGN CURRENCY RATE FROM ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- A new rate of exchange will be sought by the Jewish Agency from the Israel Government for foreign currency which the Agency brings into the Jewish State. A resolution to this effect was adopted at the concluding session of the Zionist Actions Committee this week-end. The resolution instructed the Agency's executive to seek a new rate of one dollar to the Israel pound as compared to the present rate it receives of \$1.40 to the pound.

The concluding session of the Actions Committee voted a budget of 83,750,000 pounds (\$117,250,000) for the work of the Jewish Agency in 1953. Most of the anticipated income will be from the national funds and the United Jewish Appeal in the United States, but the budget also anticipates receipt of 11,000,000 pounds from the Israel Government for agricultural development. About half the total budget is for agricultural development in Israel.

The Actions Committee, at its concluding session, also empowered its permanent budget committee to approve the budgets of the Jewish Agency and the national funds for the Jewish year, 5714, and to approve financial measures, such as loan obligations and disbursements not based on previously approved budgets.

Addressing the closing session, Berl Locker, Jewish Agency co-chairman, refuted the "barbaric attack on the Zionist movement" made at the Prague trials. He called for unity in the face of "clear signs of impending hardships" and warned "those, who in the Knesset and in the press recently, appeared half-heartedly and half-wordedly against Prague's insinuations -- we warn them as Jews and as Zionists to declare openly and unflinchingly where they stand. The Agency," he continued, "will take steps against those who waver, since we must keep our standard clear. I will say no more about this," Mr. Locker's talk was warmly applauded.

### Z. O. A. PRESIDENT LAUDS JERUSALEM PACT ON U. S. ZIONIST COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The agreement which was reached in Jerusalem among the leaders of American Zionist organizations to strengthen the American Zionist Council and to broaden the scope of its activities "is the most healthy development which has taken place within the Zionist movement in this country during the past few years," Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, declared at a press conference here following his return from Israel this weekend.

"If fully and effectively implemented, this agreement should not only infuse greater vitality into American Zionism, but should serve as a major contribution to the cultural growth of the entire American Jewish community," he said. He expressed confidence that the leaders of all Zionist organizations in this country "will proceed speedily with the practical implementation of the Jerusalem agreement."

### PRESIDENT OF GERMANY ATTENDS UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL AT BELSEN

HANOVER, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- A memorial to the many thousands of Jews who were murdered at the infamous Bergen-Belsen concentration camp was unveiled today at Belsen on the site of the former Nazi camp. Representatives of Jewish organizations and the German Government, including West German President Theodor Heuss and Jewish Agency co-chairman Dr. Nahum Goldmann, attended the ceremony.

Dr. Heuss declared that the Germans must "recognize the full cruelty of what happened" at the camp. Insisting that the German people knew of the "shameful crimes which occurred at Belsen," the President said, "they were a degradation and shame to Germany. No one can take this shame away from us."

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE AND A. D. L. START INTEGRATION POLICY

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith today announced jointly that they will put into effect tomorrow "an improved program of mutual planning to provide a stronger impact on the American mind concerning the evils of anti-Semitism and other forms of racial and religious bigotry and discrimination."

The two organizations, the oldest engaged in the work of combating anti-Semitism, said in their announcement that they had moved "toward more integrated operations" by establishing six joint operating committees to coordinate their work in specialized areas. These areas are: intercultural education; interreligious activities; community relations work with war veterans; with organized labor; civil rights activities, including legal action and legislative analysis; and fact-finding, which deals with investigations of overt anti-Semitism.

The two agencies have long been partners in cooperative fund-raising through the Joint Defense Appeal which seeks to raise \$5,000,000 in 1953. Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Henry Edward Schultz, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League, both emphasized that the work of the joint operating committees will not affect the autonomy or independence of either agency.

"If a conflict of ideology or philosophy separates us on any particular issue, we can agree to disagree amicably, without injuring the long-range policy of cooperation or destroying the spirit of harmony between us," they declared in a joint statement. "Meanwhile, under the arrangement local Jewish communities throughout the country will have the advantage of more effective service to meet their problems than ever before."

The new procedure is the outgrowth of the controversy that has centered around the programs of Jewish organizations in the field of community relations which resulted in the withdrawal of the A. J. C. and the A. D. L. from the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

JEWISH CONGRESS OBJECTS TO ADVERTISEMENTS OF RESORTS; FILES SUIT

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today announced that it has filed suit with the State Commission Against Discrimination against two upstate New York resorts charged with illegal discriminatory advertising.

The A. J. C. accused the Williams Lake Hotel, located in Rosendale, Ulster County, and Hidden Valley, a dude ranch on Lake Luzerne, Warren County, with illegally discouraging Jewish patronage by using such phrases as "near churches" and "bus to churches" in their advertisements.

The American Jewish Congress action was the first test of this type of advertising since District Attorney Frank S. Hogan, in 1943, declared the term "restricted" as used in resort advertising, to be a violation of the State Civil Rights Law. New York newspapers, following Mr. Hogan's ruling, refused to accept advertising so worded.

SHOCHTIM STRIKE IN LONDON; JEWISH HOMES HAVE NO KOSHER MEAT

LONDON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- Thousands of Jewish homes in London went without kosher meat today as a result of a strike of shochtim -- ritual slaughterers. The strike was called over a dispute between the slaughterers and the London Shechita Council on a question of working hours. The slaughterers want to start work at 9:00 A. M. daily and the Council insists on a starting hour of 7:30 A. M.

JEWISH LABOR PARLEY APPEALS TO EISENHOWER ON ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- An appeal to President-Elect Dwight Eisenhower to "use his good offices as the next President" for the purposes of speedily bringing about an honorable peace between Israel and the Arab states in the interests of the United States and world peace, was voiced here today in a resolution adopted by 3,000 delegates to the 29th annual convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel. The parley also adopted a resolution thanking President Truman and various of his Cabinet officers for their aid to Israel and the Histadrut.

The convention also set the sum of \$4,744,000 as the goal of the 1953 Israel Histadrut campaign. This amounts to 40 per cent of the Histadrut's budget of \$11,860,000. The American Trade Union Council for Histadrut, a group working among American labor unions, earlier agreed to raise \$1,000,000 of the campaign goal.

Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, who addressed the session today, paid tribute to the late President Weizmann, attacked Communists in the trade union movement, and lashed out at the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, contrasting Israel's "open-door" immigration policy with the restricted policy of the United States. Sec. Tobin was presented with a scroll of honor by the organization in recognition of his aid to the Jewish State and to the Israel labor federation.

Asserting that the U.S. immigration policy "does not have the same farsightedness and the same greatness of spirit" as the Israel immigration policy, Sec. Tobin asserted that "the McCarran Act is a denial of the very principles that have made this nation great." He added: "If Israel can open wide its gates, there is no moral justification for the United States to keep them practically closed to many national, racial and religious groups."

George Meany, newly-elected president of the American Federation of Labor, told the delegates that at the Prague trial the Communists added the "bogey" of Zionism to Trotskyism and Titoism. He asserted that the "Soviets are engaged in a wholesale effort to exterminate Judaism" and charged that Jews have been forced out of the professions, arts and trade unions in the U.S.S.R. Mr. Meany also pledged the continued help of the AFL to Israel and the Histadrut.

Associate Supreme Court Justice William C. Douglas was presented at the convention with the "1952 Histadrut Humanitarian Award" in "grateful appreciation of his outstanding efforts in fostering sympathetic understanding between the people of the United States and the State of Israel, and for his warm encouragement of the cause of the Histadrut." The award has previously been presented to President Truman and Vice President Barkley.

Joseph Schlossberg and Isaac Hamlin were re-elected national chairman and secretary-general, respectively, of the Committee. Max Zaritsky, honorary president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, was re-elected treasurer.

C.I.O. CALLS FOR "LIBERAL" IMMIGRATION POLICY; HITS MCCARRAN ACT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (JTA) -- The CIO today called for "a liberal long-run immigration policy," in a statement condemning the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act. The CIO said that "equal rights and equal opportunity require that no national, racial or religious group should be discriminated against under our immigration laws."

JUNIOR HADASSAH CONVENTION CONCLUDES; ADOPTS BUDGET FOR 1953

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (JTA) — Resolutions urging its membership to take an increased interest in Israel and in American community affairs were adopted here today at the concluding session of the 29th annual convention of Junior Hadassah. Miss Gloria E. Rubin was re-elected national president of the organization.

The convention, attended by about 500 delegates from 44 states, also adopted a resolution urging the United States Government to use its influence in the United Nations to achieve a lasting peace in the Middle East through direct Arab-Israel negotiations. It also urged United States ratification of the Genocide convention. A decision to launch an educational program that would make the membership of the organization more aware of problems faced by the American people was also adopted.

The parley adopted a budget of \$180,000 to implement its program for 1953. The budget included \$100,000 to improve living quarters and build a new infirmary at Meir Shifayah, the children's village in Israel which is supported by Junior Hadassah. Another \$15,000 was allocated to the Jewish National Fund.

NEW YORK PHILANTHROPIST GIVES BUILDING TO UNIVERSITY OF JUDAISM

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30. (JTA) — Louis M. Rabinowitz, prominent New York businessman and philanthropist, tonight announced the transfer of a building located here to The University of Judaism, the West Coast branch of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The announcement was made at the 15th annual Founders Day Dinner of the University, held in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel here.

Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Seminary, who was the principal speaker at tonight's event, accepted the deed of the building on behalf of the Seminary, declaring that Mr. Rabinowitz symbolized "the dedication and affection for culture and spiritually which is one of the noblest aspects of our ancestral tradition."

SIR ROBERT WALEY COHEN DIES; WAS ACTIVE IN JEWISH LIFE

LONDON, Nov. 30. (JTA) — Sir Robert Waley Cohen, one of Britain's prominent Jewish figures, died at his home here after a lengthy illness, at the age of 75. He was one of Britain's leading businessmen and had extensive interests in the oil industry.

Sir Robert was long an active leader in the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Jewish Colonization Association and the United Synagogue. Although he had been attacked for being anti-Zionist, Sir Robert had a lifelong interest in Palestine and in the work of Jewish colonization there. He was a member of the Palestine Economic Corporation board of directors, and also was active in Orthodox programs in this country.

A message of condolence to Sir Robert's son, Bernard Waley Cohen, from the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said: "Sir Robert's lifelong devotion to public work, his high sense of duty and his untiring efforts in behalf of the community, combined with his dynamic personality, earned him the respect of his co-religionists. His death creates a void in public communal life which cannot be filled."