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## COMMONS TO DEBATE SENDING OF BRITISH JETS TO ARAB STATES

LONDON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Israel's protests to the British Government against the shipment of jet planes to the Arab states are expected to provoke a heated debate in the House of Commons. It was learned today that a number of questions concerning the British delivery of jets to the Arabs have already been submitted to Parliament, and that Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is expected to answer some of them.

Meanwhile, it was reported here that 25 British jets have been delivered to Egypt. The same reports stated that Premier Mohammed Naguib's government had been permitted to pay for them from some 15,000,000 pounds in Egyptian sterling funds blocked in Britain.

The press reported today that Foreign Office officials are giving "careful consideration" to the Israeli representations on arms supplies to the Arabs. The newspapers, in analyses of the situation, assert that the "key to the heart" of the Arab states is armaments. This is interpreted as demonstrating that the "mainspring of the Arab states' policy is hatred and fear of Israel."

The Arab states are pictured in the London press as doubting the value of the tripartite declaration of May, 1950, to guarantee the borders of the Middle East states against aggression. The Arab states are also said to be "nervous" over the recent series of incidents along Israel's frontiers and have lost some of their confidence in the United Nations truce supervision organization.

The entire Egyptian press has launched a new anti-Zionist and anti-British propaganda campaign designed to prove that British forces at Fayid have recruited 2,000 "Zionists"--former members of the extremist Irgun and Stern groups--who are being held in readiness to carry out "terroristic acts" against Egypt, it was reported today from Cairo.

## Stand On Egypt Discussed by American and British Officials

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the State Department today confirmed that Henry Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, has discussed Egypt with British officials, and indicated that the discussion may have included a proposal by Sec. Byroade that Egypt become a member of N. A. T. O. and receive military aid.

The spokesman, Michael McDermott, had been asked to comment on a British report that Mr. Byroade has suggested that Egypt become a member of N. A. T. O. and in return Egypt would become eligible for a grant in military assistance. Mr. McDermott said it seemed apparent that the report arose "from some speculation of someone generally familiar with Egyptian developments." He added, however, that "here in the Department we are not in a position to confirm or deny the story in whole or in part."

LEHMAN WARNS OF POSSIBLE "LIQUIDATION" OF JEWS IN SOVIET SPHERE

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The possible "liquidation" of Jews in the Soviet sphere, as a result of the new Kremlin policy charging Jews and Zionists with "espionage" for the Western Powers, was foreseen here last night by Senator Herbert H. Lehman, addressing the 38th annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee at which Edward M. M. Warburg was re-elected chairman.

"It is a bitter fact of current history," Sen. Lehman said, "that individuals of Jewish faith and tradition, who were Hitler's tragic scape-goats, seem now fated to draw the special attention of the Kremlin. The recent trials in Prague served notice that Israel and Zionism are to be made pawns in the internal and external power play of Communist imperialism. Jews in the Soviet sphere are to be intimidated--and perhaps liquidated--while common cause is made with those uneasy leaders in Arab countries who exploit anti-Zionism and anti-westernism as distractions from the domestic miseries of the Arab peoples.

"We must prepare, and move to meet this challenge on all fronts," the Senator urged. "As Americans, we are threatened in our vital interests, chief among which are peace, security and stability, not only in the Middle East but everywhere. As Jews, we must be deeply moved by this new menace to those of our common faith, both in Israel and behind the Iron Curtain.

"We must support action on a governmental level designed to preserve the progress that has been made in the Middle East, and to accelerate it, for the benefit of all peoples in that area, and to frustrate the Soviet designs for fomenting new hatreds, new unrest, and new violence in that part of the world.

"On a private and organizational level, we must make new efforts to forestall, to the extent possible, the persecution of Jews behind the Iron Curtain, and to be prepared for such rescue, rehabilitation and asylum activities as events require. And in this latter activity, the Joint Distribution Committee must play a central role," Sen. Lehman stated.

Severely Criticizes New U. S. Immigration Law

Sen. Lehman also severely criticized the new McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization Law which entered into effect last month. He pointed out that immigration is not a "Jewish" question because the number of Jews seeking immigration into the United States is, according to all factual evidence, minimal. Also that for those Jews who may yet be permitted to leave the Soviet satellite states, the door to Israel is open. To bring the new law into harmony with democratic policy and American tradition, he demanded that:

1. The denial of full and equal justice to aliens living in this country just because they are aliens, must be remedied if we are to advocate, in world affairs, equal justice, under law, for all men and nations.
2. The distinction drawn in the McCarran Act between our native-born and naturalized citizens--one standard for the native-born and a more draconian standard for the naturalized--must be promptly eliminated.
3. The racial and national prejudice with which our immigration laws are permeated must be eradicated.

"The many barriers and booby-traps which senselessly and cruelly impede the admission of aliens into this country must be struck down, in favor of a system which

invites the most desirable immigration within a reasonable quota limitation, while at the same time keeping guard against the entry of actual subversives, spies and saboteurs," he declared.

### Warburg Outlines J. D. C. Needs; \$25,500,000 Budget Adopted

Mr. Warburg, addressing the 500 Jewish leaders who attended the annual meeting, told the delegates that while "the needy still left in the DP camps and in Western Europe are few as compared with the vast numbers in 1947, by comparison their needs are even greater." J. D. C. aid is "absolutely imperative," Mr. Warburg declared, not only for the aged, the sick and the incapacitated among the DP's, but for thousands in other areas. Among these he cited those now in the J. D. C.'s Malben-operated hospitals and other institutions in Israel, as well as "vast additional thousands still waiting in bleak immigrant camps for Malben care.

"In Moslem lands," he added, "there is the menace of hunger and disease--especially trachoma and tuberculosis--which, until J. D. C. came into these areas, was steadily driving thousands of Jews deeper into the bottomless morass which was their lives." The delegates adopted a "minimum budget" of \$25,500,000 for J. D. C. work in 1953.

Moses A. Leavitt, J. D. C. executive vice-chairman, reported to the conference that "1952 was a year of changing needs, in which the bulk of the 185,000 needy Jews who received J. D. C. aid were the sick, the incapacitated, the people who could not help themselves. By mid-year," he declared, "emigration had come almost to a halt, and resettlement could no longer be counted on to solve the problems of the homeless and the destitute.

"Faced with an almost static population that would have to remain where it was for an indefinite period, it became necessary for J. D. C. to shift its perspective, placing stronger emphasis on physical, social and economic adjustment," Mr. Leavitt said. He reported that in 1952 the J. D. C. spent more than \$23,600,000 for its relief, resettlement and reconstruction programs in 20 countries of Europe, North Africa and Asia.

Moses W. Beckelman, J. D. C. director-general for overseas operations, told the delegates that perhaps the most difficult area for J. D. C. operations during the next few years will be the countries of the Moslem world. "The two most important single developments affecting the work of the J. D. C. in Moslem countries at present and for the immediate future," he said, "are the drastic reduction of immigration to Israel and the sharp intensification of the Arab nationalist movement."

### Only 3,000 Jewish Refugees Will be Able to Emigrate from Europe

It is impossible to predict, he declared, how long circumstances will permit the J. D. C. to continue operating in the Moslem world. However, in the time available, the J. D. C. intends to expand its aid, particularly its health services and its educational assistance programs, including vocational training. Mr. Beckelman noted that "in Europe, tens of thousands of Jews still need help" and that in 1953 no more than 3,000 Jewish refugees will be able to emigrate from Europe.

Judge Maurice Bernon of Cleveland, chairman of the J. D. C. National Council, reported that the 10,000-member Council had become increasingly important during 1952 in bringing the story of needy Jews overseas to Jewish communities all over the United States. "The members of the National Council," he declared, "have accepted the responsibility, and have taken up the burden. I think that as long as we bring the Jews of America the facts on overseas needs, they will never fail to answer those who need their help."

AUSTRIAN JEWS CRITICIZE PAYMENT OF PENSIONS TO "ETHNIC" GERMANS

VIENNA, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Jewish circles here today criticized the Austrian Government's decision to pay pensions to "ethnic" Germans expelled from the Balkan countries while at the same time delaying the payment of Jewish restitution claims. Also criticized was the government's failure to proceed with reparations talks with the representatives of major world Jewish groups.

These same Jewish circles pointed out that no compensation payments have yet been made to former inmates of Nazi prisons and concentration camps, although their claims were conceded by the Austrian Government last year and some 20,000,000 schillings were allocated for payment in the 1952 budget. Many Jews here doubt whether the reparations talks which Chancellor Leopold Figl promised last year to hold with world Jewish groups will ever be held.

A number of hoodlums broke into a Jewish displaced persons camp at Hallein, near Salzburg, Friday night, causing damage, stealing food and frightening the inhabitants, it was reported here today. Because of the darkness, none of the camp inhabitants had a chance to get a close look at the raiders. As a result of the incident, the Austrian authorities have extended permission to the DP camp to leave its lights on all night.

CZECH AGENTS KIDNAP TWO JEWS IN AUSTRIA; VICTIMS IDENTIFIED

VIENNA, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Austrian police yesterday charged that Czech agents in Austria had kidnaped two Jews, one of whom was a relative of Rudolf Slansky, Czech Communist leader hanged for "Zionist espionage" and treason against Czechoslovakia.

The police identified the Austrian relative of Slansky as Anton Muehlbacher. The second man, the police say, was a newspaperman named Saklikover, a friend of Muehlbacher.

RAINS IMPROVE CROP PROSPECTS IN CENTRAL ISRAEL; NEGEV CROP LOST

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Light rains falling in central Israel increased hopes here that crops in that part of the country could be saved from a threatened drought. Continued dry weather in the southern part of Israel has dimmed all hopes of saving the drought-stricken Negev crop.

The 600-ton Danish vessel Andreas Boya has arrived at Eilat, Israel's southernmost point, with a cargo of foodstuffs and building materials from East Africa. One hundred and twenty tons of meat from Eritrea that had been held by Egyptian authorities who confiscated the shipment at Suez, arrived at Haifa yesterday aboard the Norwegian vessel Rimfrost.

EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM IRAN TO ISRAEL BY AIR RESUMED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Air transportation of Jewish immigrants from Teheran, Iran, to Israel has been resumed and a plane carrying 64 newcomers, including infants, landed at Lydda Airport today. The new arrivals said that thousands of Jews still in Iran and awaiting an opportunity to emigrate to Israel, are living under difficult conditions.

Four Iraqi Jews arrested in Bagdad on charges of attempting to leave Iraq for Israel have been released and are en route to Israel via Cyprus, it was reported here today.

MAPAM PARTY COUNCIL ORDERS SNEH NOT TO MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENTS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The central council of the left-wing Socialist Mapam Party today instructed Dr. Moshe Sneh, leader of the extremist faction in the party, who was recently deposed from a leading party position, to make no public statements until a decision had been made on his political fate. Dr. Sneh was scheduled to address a Mapam mass meeting at Lydda today, but the council cancelled the affair at the last minute. The decision on Dr. Sneh will be made by the party council this week.

Meanwhile, the split within the pro-Soviet Mapam Party developed further today when Meir Yaari, one of the leaders of the Hashomer Hatzair--the strongest group within the Mapam--published an article in the party organ "Al Hamishmar" strongly attacking Dr. Sneh, who is the foremost defender in the party of the anti-Zionist line of the Soviet Government which found its expression at the recent "purge" trial in Prague and in a statement issued by the Central Council of the Communist Party of East Germany.

Mr. Yaari said that Dr. Sneh had deviated from the Mapam political line and was "nearing" the anti-Zionist camp. Mr. Yaari disclosed that Dr. Sneh had proposed to the Mapam steering committee that it delete from Mapam council decisions all references to the party's participation in Zionist bodies, "thus proving that Dr. Sneh has reached a dangerous dilemma."

He emphasized that Dr. Sneh was trying to prove that the Prague trials were aimed at the Jewish bourgeoisie and not "against Jews like him." Yaari concluded by stating that Dr. Sneh, whose article had been censored by the party paper and who had distributed it himself, wished to oppose the party's line and wanted to "show the world where he stands."

Officials of Kibbutz Yad Hanna today denied reports that the settlement had been expelled from the leftist Kibbutz Haartzi movement and then had joined the Communist movement as a result of the disagreement of many of its members with the Mapam stand on the Prague trial. The officials said that the members of the settlement had "never intended to disassociate themselves from the Zionist movement" and therefore remained within the Kibbutz Haartzi movement, although a number of Communist supporters left Yad Hanna.

(In New York, Avraham Schenker, president of the Progressive Zionist League-Hashomer Hatzair, stated that "Yad Hanna is not a Hashomer Hatzair kibbutz, has never been a part of the Federation of Hashomer Hatzair settlements and therefore could not have been expelled from Kibbutz Artzi.")

ISRAEL PLANS LARGE URBAN AND AGRICULTURAL HOUSING PROJECTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today approved a project for the construction of 3,000 housing units in agricultural settlements throughout the country.

The Labor Ministry has prepared a separate project for the building of an additional 15,000 units in the next few months. The major portion of these units will be erected in urban areas. The cost of this plan is estimated at 10,000,000 pounds.

Meanwhile, contracts totalling some 3,000,000 pounds have already been signed for 750 homes. Two-thirds of this number will be built in Tel Aviv and the remainder in Jerusalem.

MASSACHUSETTS ANTI-BIAS COMMISSION REPORTS ON 1952 CASES

BOSTON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination investigated some 225 cases of alleged discrimination in employment, plus 41 cases of discrimination in public places, during 1952, it was disclosed here. The Commission also announced initiation of a new educational program designed to increase job opportunities for members of minority groups through apprentice training.

The Commission's report also stated that a survey of some 270 employers, against whom complaints of discrimination had been lodged in the past three years, showed no new evidence of discrimination. In the case of one group of 26 firms, employing over 17,000 persons, the employment of members of minority groups had risen from 124 to 1,700 since the Commission acted on complaints against them.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE ARCHIVES COLLECTS AMERICAN JEWISH DOCUMENTS

CINCINNATI, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Archives of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion has collected one of the world's largest libraries on American Jewish history since it was established in 1947, it was announced here yesterday.

Some 200,000 documents and source materials have been classified and filed under the supervision of Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, Prof. of Jewish History at the College and director of the Archives. The announcement revealed that the Archives have been used by and are available to general historians, Jewish historians, American and European scholars, as well as to the various media of communications.

JEWISH NATIONAL FUND CELEBRATES 51ST ANNIVERSARY OF EXISTENCE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The 51st anniversary of the Jewish National Fund was marked at ceremonies at Habimah Hall here last night. Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi, in an address to the assembled guests, stressed the importance of the J.N.F. and called for greater efforts to prepare land and homes for the thousands of immigrants who are expected to come to Israel.

Joseph Weitz, J.N.F. leader, emphasized that the task of the J.N.F. was to provide arable land for Israel, which it had done both in the Negev and in the mountain regions. Mr. Weitz said Israel lacks 3,000,000 cultivable dunams (750,000 acres) to feed a population of 5,000,000. Since the establishment of Israel, he said, the J.N.F. has made available 100,000 dunams for cultivation.

NEWARK SYNAGOGUE CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY; FOURTH OLDEST IN U.S.

NEWARK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The members of Temple B'nai Abraham of this city began this week-end the celebration of the 100th anniversary of their synagogue, the fourth oldest in the country. Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll of New Jersey attended services Friday night, which began the celebration. Two thousand persons were present, including representatives of non-Jewish churches, Jewish religious and communal leaders.

RABBI SAMUEL WOHL HONORED ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY AT WISE TEMPLE

CINCINNATI, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The congregation of The Isaac M. Wise Temple here today honored Rabbi Samuel Wohl, spiritual leader of the congregation, on the 25th anniversary of his service at the Temple. The congregation, named in honor of the founder of the Reform movement in the United States, combined Rabbi Wohl's 25th anniversary with its annual congregational dinner, which was held tonight at the Netherland Plaza.