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## JEWISH GROUPS CONGRATULATE PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ON INAUGURATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Messages of congratulations from Jewish organizations on the occasion of his inauguration were received at the White House by President Eisenhower today, as well as a message from Israel's President Itzhak Ben Zvi. The messages of the American Jewish groups expressed the hope that America, under President Eisenhower's direction, will continue its determined course to secure freedom and democracy for all peoples living under oppression.

President Eisenhower used two Bibles when he took the oath of office. One was his own and the other was the George Washington Bible. During the ceremony the President's Bible was opened to II Chronicles chapter VII verse 14 reading: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

The George Washington Bible was opened to Psalm CXVII: verse 1: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

### Rabbi Silver Delivers Prayer at Swearing-In Ceremony

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver delivered a prayer at the ceremony. The benediction was delivered by Protestant Bishop Henry Knox Sherill. The invocation was delivered by the Most Rev. Patric A. O'Boyle, Catholic Archbishop of Washington. The text of Dr. Silver's prayer reads:

"Oh, God who art beyond our knowledge but near to our hearts and our minds we pray this day for thy servant, Dwight David Eisenhower, as he takes on the burden of the high office of President of the United States of America. Keep him with great kindness, oh Ruler of Nations and give him a wise and understanding heart that he may guide Thy people in these shadowed times in truth and steadfastness, in patience and in love. Guide then his hand always to Thy purpose and his will to Thy service. May he be the bringer of good tidings and the architect of a new hope for our country and for mankind.

"May Thy spirit rest upon the Vice-President of the United States and upon all the chosen representatives of our government. Be gracious, Oh God, to this our land and our people. Help us to preserve the blessed heritage of our freedom and make secure our institutions of law and equality and justice. May it be given unto all of us to walk in the dignity of free men, secure in our right and faithful in the

observance of our prized citizenship. Make us all of one heart so that together as one people, oh God, we may move forward unafraid of the tasks and challenges of the inscrutable years which lie ahead. Amen."

In a telegram to President Eisenhower, the Hadassah advised him that it had planted 18 trees in Israel in his name today. Mrs. Samuel J. Rosensohn, president, explained in the telegram that the number 18 was selected because in the Hebrew it is the symbol of life. The message expressed "supreme faith" that the trees planted for him "will grow and thrive, offering their protection to those who need it, in measure with your own demonstrated efforts to comfort and encourage all those in need until they are able to stand on their own feet."

### Israel President Sends Congratulatory Messages to Eisenhower

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Israel President Ben Zvi today sent a message of congratulations to Dwight D. Eisenhower on the occasion of his inauguration as President of the United States. The cable said:

"On the occasion of your inauguration I extend the best wishes of the people of Israel as well as my own best wishes for your personal well-being and success. The people not only of the United States but of many nations look to you for inspiring guidance and wise leadership in these critical days. It is the hope and prayer of all of us that your period in office will be attended by an era of happiness and prosperity, and above all of true peace."

### MOSCOW URGED TO PERMIT STUDY OF JEWISH LIFE IN SOVIET UNION

LONDON, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- A challenge to the Soviet Government to permit a delegation of responsible Jews from the western world to investigate the condition of Jews in the Soviet Union and in the satellite nations was made here today by Lord Vansitart, former member of the British Cabinet who was one of the earliest foes of Nazism in the pre-war days.

In a letter to the Manchester Guardian taking issue with a defense of the Soviet regime by a Communist newspaperman, Andrew Rothstein, Lord Vansitart charged that the Soviet authorities were appealing to the Nazis and to the Arabs in their current campaign. Referring to the settlement of Jews in Biro-Bidjan, which Rothstein had held up as a model of what has been done for the Jews in the Soviet Union, Lord Vansitart wanted to know why the Jews "were packed off to that horrible spot instead of being allowed to go to Palestine."

### CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DENOUNCES SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH POLICY

OTTAWA, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- "It would be a tragedy and a crime if the rulers of Communist Russia were now planning to revive this dark and evil force from the past -- the unbridled anti-Semitism of Nazi Germany -- and to make use of it for their own ends," Lester B. Pearson, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, stated at a session of parliament.

Mr. Pearson stated that "the ominous and familiar pattern which seems to be developing within the Soviet world is a matter which must be viewed with deepest anxiety," particularly by Jews in Canada and elsewhere. The Minister spoke in reply to a question by the Jewish member, David Croll, who asked, "Can the Secretary of State for External Affairs enlighten the House on the implications of recent signs of growing anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and the satellite countries of eastern Europe?"

WORLD ZIONIST COUNCIL MAY BE CONVENED TO ACT ON RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive is considering convening a special session of the Zionist Actions Committee, policy making body of the Zionist movement between world congresses, to deal with the Soviet anti-Zionist campaign, it was learned here today.

It was also understood that the Jerusalem section of the Agency has decided to confer with the New York office on the matter. Among the suggestions being voiced in the Agency executive is that the organization contact all world Jewish groups for united action against the attacks on the Zionist movement.

In Tel Aviv it was reported today that the Israel Government is preparing another note protesting the continued detention of Mordecai Oren and Mordecai Orenstein, two Israeli citizens, in Prague. The former is a Mapam leader while the latter is a former employee of the Israel legation in Prague. Both were named in the recent Prague trials and Mr. Oren "confessed" to actions detrimental to the Czechoslovak state.

Dr. Arie Kubowi, Israel Minister to Prague and Warsaw, who has been denounced by both Communist governments, left today for a seven-week tour of the United States in the interests of the Israel bond drive. Dr. Kubowi told newsmen prior to his departure that the Communist drive must be seen "not only as a Jewish struggle but as a human struggle."

MAPAM EXTREMISTS ORDERED TO DISBAND OR LEAVE KNESSET

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Moshe Sneh, extremist leader of the Mapam Party, and his major supporters were meeting here tonight to consider a demand from the majority of the party that they either disband the "Left Brigade" faction which they have just formed or give up all seats they hold in the name of the party in government bodies and labor organizations.

It is understood that Dr. Sneh and his adherents will refuse to bow to the majority's demand and will break away to form a new party. It was also reported that the Sneh forces would not join the Israel Communist Party. Their vote in the Knesset yesterday, siding with the Communists to oppose the government's condemnation of the Soviet campaign against Israel and the Zionist movement, was seen here as another indication of their decision to stick by their guns, regardless of the cost.

Meanwhile, all extremists in the settlement movement have been warned to adhere to majority decisions or face ouster from the kibbutzim sponsored by Mapam. A number of Mapam leaders who have always been close to Dr. Sneh, but who have not yet declared themselves on his side in the latest battle, have indicated that they will make their decision in a matter of days. These include such men as Chanan Rubin, Yaacov Riftin and Eliezer Peri.

The Achdut Avoda faction of the Mapam Party today demanded that the party expel Dr. Sneh, who differs with the majority in its condemnation of the Prague trial and the Soviet anti-Jewish drive. The moderate group insisted that "there is no place in the Mapam for non-Zionists."

Meanwhile, after a lengthy session which lasted until the early hours of this morning the Hazit Haikud faction, demanded that the new group organized by Dr. Sneh not be recognized as an official group within the party. The meeting insisted that Dr. Sneh and others of his group who hold Parliamentary seats, seats on municipal councils or in the Histadrut surrender them. If the extremists refuse to act in this fashion, the faction urged, they should be brought to trial before a party court.

ISRAEL CHARGES ARABS WITH DISREGARDING ARMISTICE PACTS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The Arab states along Israel's borders, especially Jordan, have adopted a hostile policy toward Israel and have disregarded the armistice agreements which they have signed, Lt. Col. Haim Gaon, Israel's senior delegate to the four Mixed Armistice Commissions, charged here today.

He said that the "tightening anti-Israel line" both in the Mixed Armistice Commissions and in along the border had become evident shortly after a meeting in Amman last November of the Arab delegates to the four United Nations-supervised armistice bodies. The November conference marked a "turning point for the worse," Col. Gaon declared. As another indication of the Arab attitude, he pointed out that the Arabs have been demanding dismissal of Gen. William E. Reilly, American chief of the U.N. truce set-up, who, Col. Gaon said, "wants peace."

In a review of the worsening situation along the Jordan frontiers, Col. Gaon revealed that three incidents involving Arab Legion troops firing on Israel patrols or invading Israel territory in attempts to ambush Israeli soldiers, have taken place in the last two weeks. In addition, Jordan has refused to release Israeli soldiers who accidentally crossed the border, although Israel and Jordan have an agreement providing for the early exchange of such troops. As a result, Col. Gaon declared, Israel has denounced agreements with Jordan which supplement the armistice pact.

The Israeli representative also took exception to the activities of Belgian Col. Bennett D. Ridder, one of Gen. Riley's assistants, asserting that the officer's "inefficiency was not helping to improve relations" between Israel and Jordan. Col. de Ridder is currently chairman of the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission.

The Israel Government today distributed a year's supplementary food supplies to a Bedouin tribe living near the Syrian border. The food was supplied by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency to some 370 Bedouins in the village of Bakara, which is located in the demilitarized zone of Israel adjoining Syria. Supplementary rations had been distributed monthly in the past, but UNRWA recently decided to change the system.

BRITISH CRUISER REACHES HAIFA PORT; WILL STAY THREE DAYS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The British cruiser Kenya today put into Haifa harbor for a three-day stay, during which the crew will play several soccer games including one against an Israel Navy team.

The Italian liner Julius Caesar arrived in Haifa this morning with 110 tourists, including Paulo Kappa, Italian Minister for Merchant Marine.

ISRAEL WILL IMPORT 100,000 TONS OF WHEAT FROM TURKEY

ISTANBUL, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The Turkish Ministry of Trade has announced that Israel will import 100,000 tons of wheat from Turkey. The grain will be transported on Israel vessels, with the first 5,000-ton shipment scheduled to leave the port of Iskenderun this week-end.

TEL AVIV RABBIS MEET TO ACT ON SALE OF PORK IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- A meeting of leading rabbis and heads of Yeshivas in this city was held today to consider action against meat stores in Israel which sell pork. Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi I. Unterman suggested that all stores which sell pork be forced to identify themselves as such.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT DISCUSSES SENDING OF JET PLANES TO ARABS

LONDON, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The British Government's decision to supply the Arab states with jet planes is consistent with the tripartite declaration announced May 25, 1950, Lord Reading, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Lords today.

Lord Reading insisted that the British policy of delivering arms to the Middle East states at this time was in line with the British-French-American declaration guaranteeing the borders of Israel and the Arab states against aggression. The declaration, he said, recognized the need of the Arab states and Israel to maintain a certain level of armed forces for internal security, for legitimate self-defense and to enable them to play their part in the defense of the entire Middle East area.

Lord Reading declared that the aircraft in question were jet fighters, which he called essentially defensive weapons. He added that the number of planes supplied the Middle East states or promised for early delivery was "small." In reply to a second query from Lord Strabolgi who set off the debate by questioning the government's policy, the government spokesman admitted that Egypt was one of the states which was receiving British jets.

ISRAEL PLACES ORDERS IN U. S. FOR AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Israel supply mission in the United States recently placed orders for \$500,000 worth of spare parts for agricultural equipment in Israel, which was obtained through various American projects aiding the Jewish State, the Israel Office of Information here announced today. Additional purchases will be made this week. The mission has also bought equipment to be used at the Dead Sea potash works.

The Israeli consulate here has been approached by private firms from Haiti and Colombia with suggestions for the initiation of trade between their countries and Israel. From Haiti came the suggestion that Israel could barter local cement for Haitian coffee and sugar. The consulate is trying to work out some such barter arrangements.

U. S. STUDENT-TEACHERS RETURN FROM TRAINING IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Sixteen American student-teachers who won fellowships awarded by the World Zionist Organization for a special training seminar in Israel, returned home today aboard the "Queen Mary" after completing a six-month series of courses in Jerusalem.

The students went to Israel last August, inaugurating an annual project of the World Zionist Organization's Department for Education and Culture whereby American Hebrew teachers colleges may send their outstanding senior students for a half year's study in Israel which counts as academic credit toward their graduation. The fellowship awards cover room, board, tuition and guided tours in Israel.

The returning students are members of the graduating classes of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Teachers Institute of Yeshiva University and the Herzlia Teachers Training School, all of New York, and the Hebrew Teachers College of Roxbury, Massachusetts. The group is accompanied by Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig, head of the Department of Jewish studies at Yeshiva University, who directed the seminar in Israel.

CENSUS IN CANADA SHOWS DECLINE OF YIDDISH-SPEAKING JEWS

MONTREAL, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- The number of Jews in Canada who claim Yiddish as their mother tongue has decreased from 129,806 in 1941 to 103,593 in 1951, according to figures released today by the Bureau of Statistics. The Jewish population of Canada today numbers about 204,000 persons, of whom more than 80,000 reside in Montreal.

A conference of the Canadian Jewish Congress here has decided to create a special committee to aid and coordinate the building of new synagogues and Jewish educational and recreational facilities in the city and in the suburbs. The decision was reached after a discussion of the situation which has arisen from population shifts among the Jews living in and near this city. The committee is charged with attempting to avoid wastefulness, duplication and excessive maintenance burdens for the present and future Jewish community. The committee is composed of representatives of leaders of the different religious, educational and recreational organizations of the community.

ZIONIST LEADERS IN CANADA ATTACK SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH POLICY

MONTREAL, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Addressing the 28th conference of the Zionist Men's Association of Canada here, Edward E. Gelber, president of the Zionist Organisation of Canada, called upon all free nations to protest the patently anti-Semitic policy of Russia and her satellites.

Among the guest speakers was Hyman Grover, national vice-president of the Zionist Organisation of Canada and chairman of the Montreal section of the Israel bond drive, who announced that the bond drive would commence in Montreal February 1. Milton L. Klein of Montreal was re-elected president of the Zionist Men's Association of Canada.

GEN. DORI REPORTS TO U.S. EDUCATORS ON TECHNION'S PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Israel's young engineers and scientists must become aware of their social responsibilities as well as adept in the use of their tools, Gen. Yaacov Dori, head of the Haifa Technical Institute of Israel, today told a luncheon meeting held here in his honor.

Gen. Dori, who resigned as Israel's first Army Chief of Staff to head the Institute, told the American college presidents, educators and scientists at the luncheon that the Technion aims at producing engineers who not only can handle their technical skills but can influence their country and the entire Middle East.

Pointing out that Israeli institutions of higher learning face the same problems of inflation and depreciation of equipment and plant as American colleges and universities, Gen. Dori stressed that Israeli educators do not permit these factors to deflect them from a concern with the cultural and spiritual heritages of the past.

MRS. WEIZMANN PAYS COURTESY CALL ON U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 20. (JTA) -- Mrs. Chaim Weizmann yesterday paid a courtesy call on U. N. Secretary General Trygve Lie. Mrs. Weizmann, who was accompanied by members of the Israeli delegation here, also toured the U. N. headquarters.