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## EISENHOWER ASKS CONGRESS TO REVISE NEW IMMIGRATION LAW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower, in his State of the Union address, today asked Congress to "review" the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act and to enact a statute that will at one and the same time guard our legitimate national interests and be faithful to our basic ideas of freedom and fairness to all.

"It is a manifest right of our government to limit the number of immigrants our nation can absorb," the President said. "It is also a manifest right of our government to set reasonable requirements on the character and the numbers of the people who come to share our land and our freedom. It is well for us, however, to remind ourselves occasionally of an equally manifest fact: we are--one and all--immigrants or sons and daughters of immigrants.

"Existing legislation contains injustices. It does, in fact, discriminate. I am informed by members of the Congress that it was realized, at the time of its enactment, that future study of the basis of determining quotas would be necessary. I am, therefore, requesting the Congress to review this legislation and to enact a statute that will at one and the same time guard our legitimate national interests and be faithful to our basic ideas of freedom and fairness to all."

### Says Equality of Right Must Be Cherished

President Eisenhower also emphasized that vigilant guarding of civil rights "is a sacred obligation" of every American citizen. "To be true to one's freedom," he said, "is--in essence--to honor and respect the freedom of all others. A cardinal ideal in this heritage we cherish is the equality of rights of all citizens of every race and color and creed."

The President did not ask for compulsory Federal civil rights legislation, outlining instead a plan for "friendly conferences" to seek voluntary compliance with civil rights ideas. He pledged, however, to use the authority existing in the Office of the President to end segregation in the District of Columbia, including the Federal Government and any segregation in the armed services. President Eisenhower said equality was a cardinal ideal of the American heritage and said "we know that discrimination against minorities persists despite our allegiance to this ideal."

"Such discrimination," he continued, "confined to no one section of the nation--is but outward testimony to the persistence of distrust and of fear in the hearts of men. This fact makes all the more vital the fighting of these wrongs by each individual, in every station of life, in his every deed. Much of the answer lies in the power of fact, fully publicized; of persuasion, honestly pressed; and of conscience, justly aroused. These are methods familiar to our way of life, tested and proven wise."

HUNGARY "PURGES" JEWISH CABINET MEMBER; ELIMINATES OTHER OFFICIALS

LONDON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Hungarian Minister of Justice, Dr. Deszi, and other high ranking Jewish members of the Hungarian Government were "purged" from their offices during the week-end, the London press reported today. The report says that an anti-Jewish drive is also going on in Hungary's army.

Another report says that Jewish refugees arriving in West Berlin from the Soviet zone of Germany state that Jewish lawyers and physicians have been forbidden to practice in East Berlin.

DR. SNEH'S PARTY TO FORM "POPULAR FRONT" WITH COMMUNISTS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The new Lasmol (leftwards) Party, whose leaders and membership were expelled from the Mapam Party last week, will join with the Israel Communist Party in a "popular front," Dr. Moshe Sneh, leader of the group, declared here last night in his first public statement since his expulsion. Dr. Sneh added that his party would not merge with the Communists, but that the two groups would fight together for the establishment of a popular republic in Israel.

Dr. Sneh and two other leaders of his group who are deputies today informed the Israel Parliament that they have formed a separate group. They also asked Parliament to assign them separate seats, outside the Mapam group, in the House. Meanwhile, 22 more leaders of the Mapam were today expelled when an ultimatum that they leave the Sneh group expired.

In an article in the Mapam newspaper Al Hamishmar, Dr. Itzhak Gruenbaum, Mapam moderate and former Minister of Interior in the provisional Israel Government, warned Dr. Sneh against "blindly" endorsing any charge levelled against the Jews and approving all activities of the Communist bloc.

CUBAN CABINET DENOUNCES SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE

HAVANA, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Government of Cuba today made public a declaration condemning anti-Jewish propaganda in the countries behind the Iron Curtain and indicating that its representative will raise at the United Nations the question of world-wide denunciation of Moscow's anti-Jewish policy.

The declaration was adopted at a meeting of the Cabinet and was issued over the signature of President Fulgencia Batista. It emphasizes that anti-Semitism is contrary to the democratic spirit of free nations and appeals to all democratic countries to secure a halt to the anti-Jewish drive in the Communist countries.

At the same time, the Jews of Cuba held a meeting in the Jewish center here at which a resolution was adopted protesting Moscow's campaign against Jews.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA RELEASES PERSIAN JEW; WAS IMPRISONED 14 MONTHS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A Persian Jewish merchant who resided in Israel and was arrested in Prague together with Mordecai Ohrenstein, an employee of the Israel legation in Prague, has been released following intervention by the Persian Minister in Prague, the newspaper Maariv reported tonight.

The newspaper, which interviewed the merchant, A. Furmann, by telephone, in Zurich where he is now, reported that the merchant said he was arrested and imprisoned for 14 months when he went to Czechoslovakia to purchase a textile plant he wanted to set up in Tel Aviv.

COMMUNISTS IN AUSTRIA LEAVE JEWISH COMMUNITY; FEAR RUSSIA

VIENNA, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Dozens of Communist-minded Jews have disaffiliated themselves from the Vienna Jewish Community, it was announced here today at a meeting of the Community Council. The Socialist members of the Council charged that the pro-Communists had left fearing to be identified by the Russians with the Jewish community.

PARLEY OF EUROPEAN ZIONIST LEADERS PROTESTS SOVIET DRIVE

LONDON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A conference of European Zionist leaders today protested the anti-Zionist campaign in Eastern Europe and demanded that the Jews of the Communist countries be granted the right to migrate to Israel. A resolution adopted by the meeting asserted that the "most effective reply to the Moscow attacks" was the strengthening of the State of Israel and the Zionist organization.

The Labor Party and Trades Union Council of Liverpool today adopted a resolution expressing its "shock" at the tendencies toward anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and the "slander, abuse and misinterpretation of the Zionist movement and the Jews in Prague, Berlin and Moscow."

The resolution also demanded the "human right of the Jews to emigrate to the Socialist State of Israel if they so desire." It also asked the U. S. S. R. for assurance that the Jews and other minorities would have the full rights and protection to which they are entitled and that there will be "no recurrence of the Hitlerite horrors" in the Soviet Union and its satellites.

Len Helder, a non-Jew and councillor of the Dutch Navy Base, resigned from the Dutch Communist Party in protest against the East European attacks against Jews, it was reported here today from Amsterdam.

SHARETT REPORTS TO CABINET ON GERMAN REPARATIONS PACT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett last night reported to the Cabinet on the most recent developments concerning the German-Israel reparations agreement. It is understood that further developments are expected within a matter of days.

The Cabinet also heard a report on the ten-day suspension of Kol Haam, Israel's Communist daily, for violation of government press regulations, and discussed all ramifications of the problem.

ISRAEL TO IMPORT \$1,000,000 WORTH OF TEXTILES FROM AUSTRIA

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Israel will import \$1,000,000 worth of textiles from Austria under the 100,000,000 schilling credit arrangement made between the Austrian National Bank and the Israel National Bank, Karl Artl, Austrian consul general in Israel, revealed here.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting of the Industrial and Commercial Club of Tel Aviv, the consul said that Israel had recently returned Austrian property in Nazareth. He spoke in French, rather than in German, because of the "understandable susceptibilities" of his audience.

The Council of Jews from Austria at a meeting here yesterday decided to establish a world group of Austrian Jews to negotiate for reparations for damages suffered by the Jews during the Nazi regime, as well as to negotiate for heirless Jewish property.

### ALL CONTROLS IN ISRAEL'S ECONOMY MAY BE REMOVED, MINISTER SAYS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is contemplating removing building controls in an attempt to pull the construction industry out of the doldrums and thus provide jobs for many of the nation's jobless, Peretz Bernstein, Minister of Trade and Industry, revealed on a nationwide radio broadcast last night.

The Minister also disclosed that the government would move toward removal of all controls in the economy in the hopes of curing its troubles by the introduction of "freedom of enterprise." He announced that his Ministry would drop the prosecution of minor infractions of former economic controls.

Communications Minister Joseph Saphir, a General Zionist leader, today warned the population not to expect "overnight improvement" in the economic situation. He emphasized that Israel must increase its industrial output greatly and export more to overcome its economic difficulties.

The General Zionist members of the Israel Cabinet, addressing a national council meeting here of the centrist party, called for greater sacrifices to assure Israel's economic recovery, which they said can only be effected after a lengthy period of time. The speakers said "severe" cuts in the number of government employees will be made, while subsidies to certain industries will be decreased. A demand for liberalization of foreign currency control in order to "encourage the flow of foreign capital" was also voiced by the Ministers.

The Cabinet members said that the General Zionists in the coalition would not agree to any change in the basic principle "laid down when the new coalition was established" to free education from "party influence."

The Israel freighter S. S. Kineret sailed from Haifa last night for the Black Sea port of Odessa with a cargo of 30,000 cases of citrus fruit and 40 tons of bananas. This is the third citrus consignment for the Soviet Union during the current citrus season. The Israel transport, S. S. Tefonit, returned yesterday from Russia where she discharged a cargo of citrus products. The vessel brought 2,000 sheep from Turkey.

Israel has exported over 1,600,000 cases of citrus fruit during the current season, it was announced. Major quantities were shipped to Britain, Norway, U. S. S. R., Finland, Holland, Sweden, Denmark and small shipments went to Austria, Yugoslavia, Poland and Eire.

### ISRAEL CABINET DECIDES TO RESTRICT RAISING OF PIGS IN COUNTRY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet last night decided to restrict the raising of pigs in this country and appointed a three-man Ministerial committee to write regulations to carry out its purpose.

The committee will draft instructions to government agencies not to aid pig farmers and will order the army to cease its sale of swill from army camps to hog raisers. Explaining the Cabinet's decision to newsmen, a government spokesman said that "hog raising has aroused indignation and dissatisfaction in many circles in Israel and abroad." The motives behind these feelings are understood by the Cabinet, the spokesman added.

BRITAIN REITERATES INTENTION TO SEND JET PLANES TO ARAB COUNTRIES

LONDON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The British Government today stood firmly by its resolve to ship jet planes to Egypt and other Arab states, despite new attacks on the policy by Labor MP's in Parliament.

Lloyd Selwyn, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, reiterated statements by other government spokesmen that the planes were defensive weapons designed to help the Arab governments maintain internal order and contribute to the collective defense of the Middle East.

Various Labor MP's, including Hugh Gaitskell, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sidney Silverman and Anthony Greenwood, attacked the government's premises, asserting that Britain was getting itself into a spot where her sale of arms might precipitate a war situation in which she would be forced to intervene as a party to the tri-partite declaration of May, 1950, guaranteeing Middle East borders against aggression.

ARAB RAIDS ON ISRAEL TERRITORY INCREASE; 11 RAIDERS KILLED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The number of Arab raiders and infiltrees from the neighboring states killed on Israel soil during patrol actions by Israel border units rose to 11 last week, in contrast to the one Arab infiltree killed the week before, a military spokesman revealed here today. This was seen here as additional proof of the Israel Government's charges that the Jordan and Egyptian forces along Israeli frontiers are provoking incident after incident in violation of the armistice pacts.

Meanwhile, United Nations truce observers here are greatly disturbed over the recent outbreaks and have sent a new SOS to their chief, Maj. Gen. William E. Riley, who is presently in New York. They are momentarily expecting instructions from him or word that he is flying out to take charge of the explosive situation.

Circles here familiar with Arab affairs are inclined to blame the recent increase in incidents along the Jordan borders on the fact that the Jordan Minister of Defense, Anwar Nusseibeh, and his chief delegate to the Mixed Armistice Commission, Amri Nashashibi, are former Palestine Arabs who began their political careers in Palestine as proponents of anti-Jewish violence and seem unable to change their views and methods now that they represent a government. It is believed that they have instituted the current campaign in an attempt to provoke the Israelis into violent counteracts which could then be used to "prove" Israel "aggression."

ISRAEL COMPLETES LAKE HULEH WIDENING; WATER FLOWS AGAIN

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28. (JTA) -- The waters of Lake Huleh once again flowed through the regular channel of the Jordan River today after extensive widening and dredging of the channel were completed to increase the flow of the river. A temporary dam which forced the river into a side channel for the past two years, was dynamited by Israeli engineers.

Beside much effort and considerable expense, the dredging operations cost the Israelis a number of casualties. Both Syrian and Jordan troops tried, at one time or another, to halt the work by shooting at the workers. Some two years ago Israeli forces at Tel Mutilla fought a pitched battle with Syrian forces for several days before the latter gave up an invasion effort aimed at halting the channel reconstruction.

The Israel Ministry of Agriculture has assembled over 100,000 feet of pipe for the construction of a temporary irrigation system designed to save a small portion of the Negev crop from destruction by hot, dry weather. It is estimated that the temporary system will be able to save about 20,000 dunams (5,000 acres) of fodder.

CANADA SEEKS SOURCE OF ANONYMOUS ANTI-SEMITIC PAMPHLET

MONTREAL, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- An investigation is being conducted here to trace the source of an anti-Semitic pamphlet, which was sent from Canada to members of the British Parliament. The pamphlet is entitled "Plans of the Synagogue of Satan."

In the British Parliament, Labor Member Anthony Greenwood asked the government to take action in the matter and said that the pamphlet contains anti-Jewish propaganda "of a disgusting and dangerous kind." Mr. Greenwood said he and other Members of Parliament were among those who received them, but he could not say how many had come into the country.

ISRAEL ENVOY THANKS PERON FOR CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITISM

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- President Juan Peron was thanked yesterday by Israel charge d'affaires Tuvia Arasi for his statement of last week concerning the Jewish people and Israel, and for condemning the anti-Semitic campaign in certain European lands. Peron's statement was featured in the entire press.

The Jewish press here, with the exception of the Communist newspaper Tribuna, lauded President Peron for his outspoken statement. La Prensa, leading Argentine newspaper, said in an editorial that "President Peron's words to the Jewish leaders express the real attitude of our country."

GEN. DORI LAUDS AMERICAN JEWRY FOR GENEROUS AID TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Tribute to American Jews for their "generous and unstinting response to all emergencies" in Israel was paid here last night by General Yaacov Dori, president of the Haifa Institute of Technology, at a dinner given in his honor by the American Technion Society.

He told more than 600 guests at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel that Israel has made "miraculous progress" since becoming an independent state in 1948, but that efforts must be intensified "on the security front, the economic front and the social front." He also emphasized that Israel's economic structure cannot be strengthened without the technological guidance necessary in the state's program of industrial and agricultural development.

CATHOLIC GROUP ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

WALTHAM, Mass., Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A full tuition scholarship has been established at Brandeis University in the name of the Catholic Youth Organization, it was announced today by Abram L. Sachar, president of the University. The scholarship was established by Bishop Bernard Sheil of Chicago, founder of the organization in Chicago in 1931. The CYO offers church supervised leisure time programs for Catholic youth, and its four-point program includes religious, cultural, social and recreational activities.

ISRAEL NAMES LIBRARY AFTER LATE NEW YORK JEWISH LEADER

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A library named for the late Robert S. Marcus of New York, political director of the World Jewish Congress, was opened in a kibbutz composed of Buchenwald survivors, near here. Present at the ceremony were representatives of the WJC, the American Embassy and the Israel Education Ministry.