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## HUNGARY CONFISCATES J. D.C. PROPERTY; EMPLOYEES GET NOTICE

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- All property belonging to the Joint Distribution Committee in Hungary has been nationalized by the government, it was reported here today on the basis of information reaching Vienna.

The nationalization move followed the arrest last month of Lajos Stoekler, Jewish community head and leader of a community committee which administered JDC funds in Hungary, on charges of illegal possession of foreign currency. The reports said that employees of the institutions supported by the JDC have been instructed to look for new jobs.

The London press today publishes details on the arrest of the five Jewish high officials in Hungary in the newest anti-Semitic "purge" in that country. One was Hungarian Minister of Justice Gyula Decsi (reported in the JTA Bulletin yesterday). Another was Lt. Gen. Gabor Peter, chief of the state police, who directed the questioning of American businessman Robert A. Vogeler, before he was sentenced to 15 years on similar charges.

## ISRAEL TRAIN BLASTED BY ARAB MINE; SIX CARS DERAILED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- An Israel freight train was blasted by an Arab landmine last night and six cars were derailed and a portion of track ripped up, a military spokesman announced here today. There were no casualties, although the wrecked train was fired on by unidentified riflemen for some time after the explosion.

The announcement placed the scene of the explosion just north of Kalkilya in the central region of the country. The mine was detonated under a portion of the track which was one and a quarter miles from Jordan-held territory in the "triangle" area. Military circles pointed out that the electrically detonated bomb was of a complicated type which required expert handling, and that it was unlikely that any but regular troops had used it.

Israel military units arrived on the scene shortly after the blast and stayed to guard the freight against marauders. Service on the Haifa-Tel Aviv line was suspended for several hours after 10:30 P.M. last night when the bomb was set off.

In Parliament, meanwhile, Herut deputies today demanded that the problem of the train derailment--which tops a series of Jordan-provoked incidents in the past few weeks--be debated tomorrow. There is a possibility that Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett will make a statement for the government on the situation.

JORDAN MAPS PLANS TO PROTECT ITSELF FROM "ISRAEL AGGRESSION"

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The Jordan Government has worked out detailed plans for the resettlement of Palestine Arab refugees along the Israel-Jordan border to "protect Jordan from Israel aggression," it was revealed today by a foreign diplomat who recently came here from Jordan.

He said that work had commenced on an 80-house project near the ruins of Kfar Euzon, a thriving Jewish settlement wholly destroyed by the Arab Legion during the War of Liberation. Another group of homes has been set on a ridge three miles northwest of Jerusalem. The Jordan Government and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency are sharing the cost of the projects equally.

(In Washington today, the Jordan Minister, Dr. Yusuf Halkal, announced that he had asked the State Department to "stop Israel Army aggression against Jordan, in connection with the guarantees of the tripartite declaration of 1950." He added that he had received no positive reply from the State Department except that the United States Government would look into the matter.)

SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM EMBOLDENS ARABS; U.S. URGED TO TAKE STAND

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The new Soviet anti-Jewish policy has intensified the hostility of the Arab states to Israel, the American Zionist Council, which represents all groups in the Zionist movement in the United States, reported today in an analysis of public opinion on the Prague trial where the Communist campaign against Israel opened.

Analyzing the implications of the trial and its aftermath, the Council warned that "there is every indication that the Arab states may be emboldened by the new Communist propaganda line to become even more intransigent" and that "anti-Israel forces everywhere will be given new impetus in their campaign to liquidate Israel by political means."

The Council emphasized that much will depend on the attitude of the United States. "A few outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East, or even the continuation of the existing tension, can only serve Moscow," the Council said. "The intentions of the Kremlin can be frustrated if we maintain the integrity of American policy. That policy must continue to be the rejection of blackmail, the repudiation of appeasement and the strengthening of all democratic forces committed to the defense of freedom."

The Council called for a positive program in the Near East to resist the Communist threat. "On the one hand, we must continue to strengthen Israel, a major victim of Communist animus in that area. On the other hand, we must counter Communist courtship of the Arabs by a program which strengthens democratic institutions in the Arab countries and gives the Arab peoples a stake in freedom," the document stated.

The Council emphasized the importance of an early negotiated peace settlement between Israel and the Arab states, so that all the peoples of the area may join in the economic cooperation and development and regional defense. The longer peace is deferred in the Near East, the greater the danger of Communist penetration, the Council declared.

Expressing grave concern for the 2,500,000 Jews behind the Iron Curtain, the Council pointed out that the odds against their winning their way to Israel are great. "If any do succeed, Israel, already heavily burdened by the more than 700,000 who arrived during the first four years of its existence, must be ready to meet the challenge of the new wave of refugees," the Council stated. "In spite of the bitterness of Israel's struggle for self-sufficiency, it could not deny admission to any refugees without undermining its moral foundations."

U.S. GOVT. URGED TO LEAD FIGHT AGAINST SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- American Jewish organizations, religious as well as political, continued today to protest the Communist anti-Jewish drive in Eastern Europe. They urged the United States to take the lead in fighting the Soviet policy and called on American Jews to assist the Jews in Eastern Europe.

The Synagogue Council of America, representative of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations, appealed to U.S. leaders to make such representations in the "United Nations as may dissuade the Communist Governments from pursuing such terroristic policies." It also urged congregations to pray regularly for the safety of the Jews in the Communist countries.

"The Communist leaders have now openly adopted the old Nazi policy of attacking Jews simply because they are Jews. The reports emanating from Soviet controlled countries make plain that mass deportations, enslavement and threats of violence today endanger the very existence of the two-and-a-half million Jews trapped behind the Iron Curtain," the Synagogue Council declared.

The Pioneer Women, in a statement issued by its national board, urged the United Nations "to exert its influence to obtain the release of Jews in the Soviet Union and in the satellite countries so that they may find a life of freedom in the State of Israel." The organization also suggested that Britain and the United States be asked to use their good offices to combat the Soviet drive.

The Mizrahi Women's Organization of America appealed to President Eisenhower to intervene in the rescue and safeguarding of the 2,500,000 Jews in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. The organization asked that the President write to the Soviet Chief of State "urging him to allow the emigration of the remaining Jewish population of Russia." It also asked Mr. Eisenhower to instruct the U.S. delegate at the United Nations to support such measures if they come before the General Assembly of the U.N.

Canadian Labor Asked to Fight "Iron Curtain" Anti-Semitism

TORONTO, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Organized labor in Canada was asked to fight anti-Semitism in the countries behind the Iron Curtain in a joint statement made public today by the Toronto District Trades and Labor Council (AFL) and the Toronto and Lakeshore Labor Council (CIO). The statement charged that this anti-Semitism is employed to win support for Communism in the Arab world and to recruit youth brigades in East Germany.

At a protest meeting sponsored by the Histadrut League in Montreal, Yosef Nevo, Israel consul general in Canada, likened the charges against Jews in Communist countries to the false charges of ritual murder hurled at the Jews of medieval Europe. Mr. Nevo said that Israel would continue to demand "with the utmost vigor" that the Jews of Eastern Europe be permitted to migrate to Israel.

International Youth Group Assails Soviet Anti-Semitism

STRASBOURG, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A demand that the United Nations uphold the Declaration of Human Rights by taking immediate action to end the wave of anti-Semitism in the Communist world, was voiced here today at a meeting of the International Union of Socialist Youth.

A resolution adopted by the meeting viewed with "the greatest alarm" the recent evidence that the Communists are using "persecution and oppression" against the Jews. It labelled as a "false attempt to get moral justification for such acts" the Communist levelling of charges against "Jewish capitalism" and "Zionism."

GERMAN STATE BANK GUARANTEES PAYMENTS FOR OIL TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency and of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, arrived here today from Bonn where he conferred with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and other high German officials on the Israel-German reparations pact. During the conversations, Dr. Goldmann was promised by the Chancellor that he would press for early ratification of the agreement.

From Germany it was reported today that the German National Bank has guaranteed to pay British oil companies for future shipments of petroleum products to Israel, as provided for in the German-Israel reparations pact. The guarantee was made during negotiations to extend the arrangement which was first worked out last September.

1,300 JEWISH CLAIMS SETTLED IN BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Approximately 1,300 claims of Jewish victims of the Nazis for restitution of property valued at some 6,000,000 deutschmarks. (Approximately \$1,900,000) have been settled amicably or by the courts in the British zone of Germany in the past two years, it was reported here today by Sir Henry d'Avigdor Goldsmid, chairman of the Jewish Trust Corporation, official successor organization for helpless, unclaimed or communal Jewish property in the British zone.

In his report to the second annual general meeting of the corporation, Sir Henry revealed that due to circumstances beyond the control of the British authorities in Germany a conversion rate between the old devalued reichsmark and the new deutschmark has never been set officially. As a result, he pointed out, many German courts throw the burden of the German postwar currency devaluation on the victims of the Nazis when they make compensation awards. Also, he revealed, much of the property returned as property rather than paid for is in poor shape and difficult to sell.

CANADA HOPES AUSTRIA WILL START REPARATIONS TALKS WITH JEWS

MONTREAL, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Paul Martin, head of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations and Minister of National Health and Welfare, has expressed the hope that once the Austrian elections are over the Austrian Government will open negotiations with the Jews for the payment of compensation to victims of the Nazis in Austria.

Minister Martin made his statement in reply to a request from the Canadian Jewish Congress that the Canadian Government make the Austrian Government aware of its interest in the speedy solution of Jewish claims. In the request to the Minister, Michael Garber, vice-chairman of the CJC national executive, expressed the "disappointment of the Jewish organizations over the failure of the Austrian Government to settle fairly and equitably" the Jewish reparations claims.

Mr. Martin told the CJC that in the press of last minute business at the last session of the United Nations General Assembly he had not had an opportunity to discuss the matter with Austrian Foreign Minister Karl Gruber who attended the U.N. sessions.

EISENHOWER'S CRITICISM "DISAPPOINTS" CO-AUTHOR OF MCCARRAN ACT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Rep. Francis E. Walter, co-author of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, said yesterday that he was disappointed by President Eisenhower's State of the Union message because the President "makes the broad, sweeping charge that the Act is discriminatory and contains injustices without citing one single instance to back it up." In this respect, Rep. Walter said, the President "is entirely in error or has been misinformed."

Senate Judiciary Chairman William Langer today announced the appointment of Sen. Arthur Watkins as chairman of the Senate Immigration Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will also include Senators R. C. Hendrickson, Everett Dirksen, Arthur Herman Welker, John M. Butler, Pat McCarran, James O. Eastland, Harley M. Kilgore, and Estes Kefauver.

Sen. Langer named himself to be chairman of a special subcommittee to investigate the problem of refugees and escapees. This subcommittee includes Senators Watkins, Hendrickson, Kilgore, and Johnston. Sen. Hendrickson was named chairman of the Civil Rights Subcommittee. Also on this body are Senators Dirksen, Welker, Kefauver and Hennings.

JEWISH CONGRESS LEADER URGES EISENHOWER TO ACT ON MCCARRAN LAW

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower was urged today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, to implement the generalized statements on civil rights and immigration contained in his State of the Union message with detailed proposals for legislative action.

Speaking before the annual luncheon of the Women's Division of the AJC, held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Dr. Goldstein declared that while "all Americans welcome the President's affirmation of our goal as the equality of rights of all citizens of every race and color and creed, many of us hope that the omission in his message of any reference to measures and programs long regarded as indispensable for progress in this field does not represent their deliberate rejection by the President, but was due to the need for generalization in so comprehensive a message."

Noting with gratitude that President Eisenhower "has stamped our present immigration policy as one which does in fact discriminate," and that he has called for the enactment of a new statute, Dr. Goldstein expressed the hope that "the President will not limit his role to enunciating goals and purposes but that he will lend the full weight of his influence to the initiation and support of detailed proposals."

Charging that "a committee such as has already been appointed by Congress to review the McCarran-Walter Act, and on which sit the authors of that law, is unlikely to make any such proposals," the American Jewish Congress president declared: "The report of the Perlman Committee on Immigration and Naturalization has charted the course for the achievement of the goals President Eisenhower has set forth. He should make those recommendations his own."

SOCIALISTS OPPOSE FRENCH MOVES AGAINST NATURALIZED CITIZENS

PARIS, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The French Socialist Party has decided to oppose a new government bill to restrict the status of some 200,000 naturalized French citizens, a great majority of whom are Jews. Under the proposed measure, these new citizens could be deprived of their French nationality and could even be deported arbitrarily by the police without any judicial safeguards.

JEWISH AGENCY SENDS 2,000 MULES, 900 MARES FROM U.S. TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Two thousand mules and 900 mares will be sent to Israel for use in agricultural settlements, Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency, announced today. The Agency has completed the signing of contracts for the purchase and transportation of the livestock. The animals are consigned to the Agency's agricultural colonization department in Israel and will be distributed throughout the country, especially in areas where the soil is unsuitable for the use of tractors.

The Jewish Agency office here also reported today the conclusion of an agreement between the Israel Government and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund which will effect a major increase and improvement in the production and distribution of milk in Israel. Under terms of the agreement, UNICEF will supply Israel with \$300,000 worth of bottle-making, bottle-filling and sterilizing equipment free of charge and will also cover the costs of shipping the equipment to Israel and related expenses totaling \$50,000.

The bottle-making machinery will be installed at the Phoenicia Glass Works near Haifa which will produce 2,000,000 milk bottles this year and 200,000 replacements annually. The bottling equipment will be set up at Tnuva dairies in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem. As a result, over 300,000 quarts of milk will be pasteurized and bottled daily for distribution in the Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem areas. The immediate beneficiaries of the program will be some 250,000 children and 25,000 mothers in and near the three largest cities.

U.S. GOVERNMENT SENDS IRRIGATION EXPERT TO ADVISE ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Wilfred L. Karrer, a Bureau of Reclamation construction engineer, has gone to Israel to serve as irrigation adviser to the United States technical cooperation director in the development of the national irrigation water supply, Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay announced today.

Mr. Karrer, a veteran employee of the Bureau of Reclamation, is an expert on the development of irrigation systems through the use of pipelines rather than open canals. The scarcity of adequate water supplies in Israel makes pipeline transmission a prime requisite in the development of water resources.

EXHIBITION OF DAVIDSON'S SCULPTURES OF ISRAEL LEADERS OPENS

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A preview showing of "Faces of Israel," an exhibition of sculpture by the late American Jewish sculptor Jo Davidson, featuring heads of Israeli leaders, was shown here tonight to a group of 100 sponsors of the exhibition. It will go on view to the public tomorrow at the Israel Exposition at Rockefeller Plaza.

The group of 16 pieces includes portrait sculpture of the late President Weizmann, the late Eliezer Kaplan, first Minister of Finance, Premier David Ben Gurion and Labor Minister Golda Myerson. The group of heads were made by Mr. Davidson during a two-month visit to Israel in 1951 and represents his last creative effort. The exhibition will be on view for at least a month.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION DECLARES DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The board of directors of the Palestine Economic Corporation, 27-year-old American investment and development company operating in Israel, today declared a dividend of 50 cents per share for all stockholders of record of February 16, payable on February 28. The 50 cent dividend represents completion of a four percent dividend for 1952.