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## STATE DEPARTMENT DENIES PLANNING CHANGE OF POLICY ON ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, March 2. (JTA) -- The State Department today denied a press report that the Eisenhower Administration was ready to embark on a new Middle East policy which would involve "paying more attention to Arab countries and less to Israel."

A State Department spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that as far as the Department is officially concerned there is no new policy affecting Israel. He added that there has been no official announcement of any change of policy.

The report, to which the State Department took exception, was published by one of the leading American news agencies. It said that "top officials" in Washington were reportedly "convinced" that this change is necessary to counter Soviet pressure in the Middle East. "The new aim," said the report, "will be to treat all Mid-East countries scrupulously alike and to avoid any special aid program or privileges for Israel."

The report pointed out that "under the Democratic Administration, the United States gave the infant Jewish republic more financial and technical aid than all the Arab states combined." It stated that a total of \$229,516,000 in loans, grants, and credits was extended to Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, and Jordan in the last seven years, and added that "in four years alone, Israel was allotted a total of \$276,517,000, much of it in the form of grants allocated by Congress."

### Egypt May Get \$11,000,000 Credit to Acquire U. S. Arms

The first concrete move in the Administration's new policy, the report quoted Washington officials as stating, will be to grant Egypt an \$11,000,000 credit so it can buy some American defense equipment. This is intended to maintain internal security and not for a possible renewal of hostilities with Israel, the officials said.

"The gesture is aimed at strengthening the hand of Premier Gen. Mohammed Naguib, who recently settled his argument with Britain over the Sudan and who is negotiating for gradual evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal area," the report explained. "Once this is done, American officials hope Egypt will then consent to join the Middle East defense organization and other Arab nations will follow."

The adoption of a more favorable policy toward the Arab countries does not mean the United States will be anti-Israel, the report emphasized. "Israel's legitimate needs will receive careful attention along with the requirements of all neighboring Arab states," it declared. "Eventually, after the Middle East alliance is a growing concern, Israel will be invited to join. With all sides linked in a common alliance, it may then be possible to insure Arab-Jewish peace and an effective defense against Russia," the report said.

AMERICAN ZIONISTS ASK U. S. TO WITHHOLD ARMS FROM ARAB STATES

WASHINGTON, March 2. (JTA) -- Declaring that the Soviet break with Israel had gravely increased Israel's peril because it would embolden anti-Israel elements in the Arab world, the American Zionist Council today called upon Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to reply to the Soviet attack by strengthening Israel and to withhold arms from Egypt and other Arab states until they abandon their anti-Israel war.

In a letter signed by Louis Lipsky, its chairman, the Council, which represents all Zionist organizations, submitted the following proposals to "strengthen the Middle East as rapidly as possible" in the light of the new Soviet threat to that area:

1. The United States should react positively to the Soviet attack by "re-affirming American friendship for Israel in order to disabuse the Arab states of any belief that the United States will be indifferent to their efforts to exploit the new Soviet attitude to destroy Israel."
2. This re-affirmation should be given "concrete expression through economic and military assistance to Israel, whose pro-democratic position has never been questioned and who finds herself under savage attack by the Kremlin because of it."
3. No arms should be made available to the Arab states so long as those states "persist in their refusal to make peace with Israel and thus facilitate Communist penetration of the area."
4. The Arab states should be permitted arms when they terminate their blockades and boycotts and negotiate peace with Israel, and if they are ready to agree to join in the defense of the free world.

"We believe that the program we advocate is more likely to bring about a coherent and effective system of regional defense than tentative improvisation which fails to deal with the basic problems in a positive and decisive way," Mr. Lipsky wrote.

TURKEY WANTS ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT SETTLED, FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS

ISTANBUL, March 2. (JTA) -- The Turkish Government strongly desires to see the Israel-Arab conflict settled on a mutually satisfactory basis in the near future, Turkish Foreign Minister Fuat Koprulu declared in Parliament during a review of Turkey's foreign policy.

Mr. Koprulu spoke of the friendly relations between Turkey and Israel, making special note of the planting of a forest in Israel honoring Kemal Attaturk, first president of the Turkish Republic. He said the government had noted with pleasure the presence of Israel President Ben Zvi at that ceremony.

NEW BATTLE ON ISRAEL-JORDAN BORDER; SIX ARABS KILLED

TEL AVIV, March 2. (JTA) -- Israeli border units and a force of Jordanian irregulars fought another two-hour pitched battle today at a point south of Hebron and four and one-half miles inside Israel. The Arabs withdrew, leaving six dead on the battlefield.

The spokesman revealed that an Israeli car was ambushed by Arabs north of Beersheba today, but the raiders were driven off with one killed while the Israelis suffered no casualties.

ISRAEL REPRESENTATIVE LEAVES FOR GERMANY TO SETTLE SHIPPING ISSUE

TEL AVIV, March 2. (JTA) -- Dr. F. Shinnar, Israel's chief representative to West Germany on the reparations problem, left here suddenly today for Bonn to settle the problem of whether German reparations payments would be transported to Israel in German vessels or not. He is expected to return to Israel in ten days and then go back to West Germany with the full commission of Israeli experts who will order the goods and services Israel will receive as reparations.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Jewish Agency co-chairman, asked to comment on the demand by the German Parliament that German vessels be permitted to transport the reparations goods, suggested that the "matter should be settled with consideration for the psychological aspects of the problem." He added his hopes that the German Parliament would finally ratify the treaty in the shortest possible time.

DR. GOLDMANN OUTLINES AIMS OF WORLD JEWISH CONFERENCE AT ZURICH

JERUSALEM, March 2. (JTA) -- The world-wide conference of Jewish organizations opening next Tuesday in Zurich will serve as a demonstration of the determination of the Jews to resist the Communist anti-Jewish drive in Eastern Europe, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, today told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency upon his arrival here. He was scheduled to confer with Premier David Ben Gurion today.

Dr. Goldmann, who expressed the hope that the conference would influence world public opinion, said that he attaches "the greatest importance" to the parley. He emphasized that this will be one of the greatest Jewish conferences of many decades, representing the entire Jewry of almost 40 countries. He expressed the belief that the few major Jewish groups which have not yet replied to the Agency's invitation to come to the conference will join at the last minute since the conference will demonstrate Jewish unity.

SOVIET DRIVE NECESSITATES URGENT AID FOR ISRAEL, MINISTER SAYS

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- "In view of the recent world developments and the new anti-Semitic campaign in countries behind the Iron Curtain, the economic consolidation of Israel becomes a more urgent necessity than ever before," Dr. Dov Joseph, Israel Minister of State, declared here today upon his arrival in the United States. Dr. Joseph arrived in this country to participate in the National Leadership Conference for Israel Bonds which will be held in Washington this week-end.

In his statement, Dr. Joseph emphasized the fact that Israel requires a stepping up of the influx of investment capital to complete the absorption of more than 700,000 newcomers who have entered since the State of Israel was established. "It is for this reason," he pointed out, "that the people of Israel hope that the sale of Israel Bonds in the United States will go forward with all possible dispatch and effectiveness."

The National Leadership Conference in Washington, which will inaugurate the 1953 campaign for State of Israel Bonds, will be devoted to the mobilization of American support for Israel's economic development to meet the challenge of growing anti-Semitism in Russia and other countries of Eastern Europe. In addition to Dr. Joseph, the conference will have the following American and Israel leaders among the principal speakers; Senators Robert A. Taft and Herbert H. Lehman; Israel Ambassador Abba Eban; Theodor Kollek, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem, and others.

The conference will have the following objectives: 1. To mobilize Americans in defense of Israel; 2. To evaluate Israel's economic progress during 1952 and its needs for 1953; 3. To launch the 1953 Israel Bond campaign and to call to the attention of American communities the urgent necessity of sustaining the economy of Israel during 1953.

## Z. O. A. PRESIDENT CRITICIZES SENATE RESOLUTION ON SOVIET PERSECUTIONS

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee was strongly criticized last night by Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, for failing to "recognize that the Jewish people has been singled out for attack" by the Soviet Government.

"I cannot believe that this will be our country's last word on the subject," he said. "It is imperative that our government avoid generalities in speaking out on this issue. It should direct its attention to the heart of the matter, which is Israel, and serve notice on the Communist governments as well as the Arab states that this country means to continue its traditional policy of moral and material support for Israel."

Rabbi Miller spoke at a testimonial dinner tendered in his honor by Bnai Zion, fraternal Zionist organization, for the benefit of the Jewish National Fund. The Senate last week approved a resolution condemning recent attacks on minorities in the Soviet Union, including "people of the Jewish faith." The resolution made no mention of the Russians' attacks on Zionism and Israel.

Other speakers at the dinner, the proceeds of which were turned over to the Jewish National Fund for the planting in Israel of a 10,000-tree forest bearing Rabbi Miller's name, included David Goitein, Israel Minister to the United States; Dr. Harris J. Levine, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, and Louis K. Bleecker, president of Bnai Zion. Mr. Goitein, emphasizing that the "sounds of anti-Semitism heard within the shadow of the Kremlin have had their reverberations throughout the world," said that Israel "needs the moral support of Zionists, non-Jewish friends and free governments."

### Eisenhower is Asked to Prevent "Holocaust" for Soviet Jews

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower was urged to have the United States, through the United Nations, protest the Soviet Union's anti-Jewish drive and to prevent a "holocaust" for Jews behind the Iron Curtain, in a resolution adopted today by the executive of Brith Abraham, one of the oldest fraternal Jewish organizations in the U. S.

Announcing the plea to the President, George O. Arkin, grand master of the organization, revealed that the executive had also issued a directive to its 310 lodges in this country to hold protest meetings during March "to enlist the aid of all faiths in effecting measures to combat the Soviet policy of defamation of the Jewish people."

### Jewish Communities in Virginia Discuss Soviet Anti-Semitism

RICHMOND, Va., March 2. (JTA) -- More than 200 leaders from 30 Jewish communities in Virginia held an all-day conference here yesterday at which the effects of the Soviet drive against Jews were discussed. Speakers emphasized the need for increased contributions to the United Jewish Appeal in order to help those able to escape from countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Checks amounting to \$151,000 were presented at the conference as contributions to the United Jewish Appeal. The principal speaker at the conference was Mrs. Helena Benatar, president of the North African Jewish Refugee Relief Committee of Casablanca, who is visiting the United States to help the UJA in its fund-raising activities.

COMMUNIST PARTY IN BRAZIL EMULATES MOSCOW; PURGES JEWISH OFFICIAL

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 2. (JTA) -- Emulating the Moscow policy of purging Jews from high positions in the Communist Party, the Communist Party of Brazil has expelled from its ranks Maurice Grabois, who was secretary general of the party for many years. Grabois was a member of Congress and was considered one of the top Communist leaders in the country.

DR. SILVER HONORED IN MEXICO; ADDRESSES HUGE ZIONIST MEETING

MEXICO CITY, March 2. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver left Mexico today following a banquet given in his honor by the General Zionist Organization of Mexico. The affair was arranged in connection with the celebration of Dr. Silver's 60th birthday, and was held at Hotel Del Prado.

During his stay here, the American Zionist leader paid a visit to the Foreign Minister of Mexico and also visited a number of Jewish institution. He was the principal speaker last night at a huge meeting in the Mexico City Sport Center arranged by the General Zionist Council.

NEWARK WELFARE FEDERATION ELECTS FIRST JEW AS PRESIDENT

NEWARK, N. J., March 2. (JTA) -- Alan V. Loewenstein, Newark attorney and former president of the Jewish Community Council of Essex County, has been elected president of the Welfare Federation of Newark. He is the first Jew ever to be elected to the post.

Mr. Loewenstein has served as chairman of the legal committee of the Adoption Advisory Council set up to revise the child adoption laws of New Jersey and is a member of the faculty of the Rutgers University Law School.

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY MOURN PROF. SUKENIK

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- A statement mourning the loss of Prof. Eliezer Sukenik, head of the Hebrew University Department of Jewish Archaeology and Keeper of the Museum of Jewish Antiquities of Jerusalem, who died this past week-end, was issued here today by Dr. George S. Wise, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

Prof. Sukenik's achievements, Dr. Wise said, "added immeasurably to the world's store of knowledge of the origins of our civilization. To all who knew him, as a beloved teacher and an inspired researcher, the news of his death has brought a sense of grievous loss."

DR. LEO KOPF, LEADING JEWISH COMPOSER-CONDUCTOR, DIES AT 64

NEW YORK, March 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Leo Kopf, leading Jewish composer and conductor, died here last night at the age of 64. A noted figure in the musical world in Germany, where he was musical director of the Berlin Jewish Community until 1939, Dr. Kopf fled the Nazis to London where he formed a choral society and a string orchestra. He came to the United States during the Second World War.

SIR ROBERT WALEY COHEN LEAVES ESTATE OF \$162,000 TO FAMILY

LONDON, March 2. (JTA) -- Sir Robert Waley Cohen, leading personality of the Anglo-Jewish world, who died last November at the age of 75, left an estate of 58,000 pounds (\$162,000), it was revealed here today when the will was published. The entire estate was bequeathed to members of his family.