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## SECRETARY DULLES TO VISIT MIDDLE EAST; EISENHOWER SEEKS ARAB TRUST

WASHINGTON, March 3. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is planning a flying visit to Premier Naguib in Egypt, and meetings elsewhere in the Middle East, in an attempt to strengthen American relations with the Arab states. The trip is expected to take place immediately after the Paris meeting of the Atlantic Pact Council in April.

The new move became known today following an expression of concern yesterday by President Eisenhower to Prince Faisal, Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister, over evidence of a "deterioration in relations between the Arab nations and the United States." Mr. Eisenhower told the Prince he was determined "to restore the spirit of confidence and trust which had previously characterized" relations with the Arabs and that he hoped Arab leaders would work toward the same end.

Sources in the State Department said the Dulles visit would be part of the new Administration's efforts to learn the problems of the Arabs and win Arab participation in the proposed Middle East defense command. The Department is gravely concerned over bringing the Arab states into an alliance against Communism without regard to the fact that the Arabs' technical state of war against Israel continues. A prime desire of the Eisenhower Administration is to alter the view held by many Arabs that America is showing favoritism toward Israel.

### Israel Invites Secretary Dulles to Visit Jewish State

It could not be learned if Mr. Dulles will visit Israel during his trip to the Middle East. However, it was learned today that Israel Ambassador Abba Eban has conveyed to Secretary Dulles an invitation to visit Israel whenever the Secretary plans a trip to that part of the world. The invitation was extended by the Ambassador on behalf of Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. Mr. Dulles was appreciative of the invitation and told the Ambassador he hoped he would have the opportunity of seeing the situation at first hand.

A high State Department official said today that neither President Eisenhower nor Secretary Dulles has any intention of "cold-shouldering Israel," although he said he could not confirm or deny press reports that a major change in American policy has occurred in the Arab-Israel area.

This official, who cannot be identified by name, said it would be a mistake to draw a conclusion that the State Department will practice favoritism. There is no reason for any Near Eastern country to feel it might be overlooked by the United States, he said, because there is a feeling of friendship for all parties. Expressions by Secretary Dulles at a recent press conference and by President Eisenhower to the Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister should be taken at their face value, he said.

WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT ON EISENHOWER'S TALKS WITH ARAB STUDIED

WASHINGTON, March 3. (JTA) -- Diplomatic circles here today studied with great interest the text of a statement issued by the White House last night following the visit of Prince Faisal Al Saud, Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, to President Eisenhower, when the President promised to improve what he regarded as the "deteriorated" relations between the United States and the Arab countries.

The statement, which is interpreted by some as an indication that the United States Government will now be leaning more toward the Arab countries than toward Israel, reads as follows:

"The President received His Royal Highness Prince Faisal, Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia, today at the White House. During the meeting matters of mutual interest to Saudi Arabia and the United States were discussed. The President expressed his great pleasure at having the opportunity of receiving so distinguished a representative of a country with which the United States enjoys especially close relations.

"He expressed his concern over some evidence that there had lately occurred a deterioration in relations between the Arab nations and the United States. He stated that it would be his firm purpose to seek to restore the spirit of confidence and trust which had previously characterized these relations and he hoped that the Arab leaders would be inspired by the same purpose.

"The President alluded to the many strong educational and cultural ties which had developed between the Arab world and the United States over a period of many decades and stated that he was confident that this provided a foundation of good will on which to build during the coming years to mutual advantage.

"The President also emphasized his great personal interest in the welfare and progress of Saudi Arabia and the other states in the Near East. The President requested Prince Faisal to convey his cordial greetings to His Majesty King Abdul Asiz Ibn Saud."

SENATE GROUP ALLOCATES \$50,000 FOR STUDY OF ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, March 3. (JTA) -- The Senate Judiciary Committee approved a resolution to initiate an investigation into the condition of the Palestine Arab refugees. Despite the fact that the problem has been thoroughly investigated by the United Nations and other bodies, the Committee allocated \$50,000 to the study.

An inquiry at the office of Sen. William Langer, chairman of the Committee, brought the information that the resolution had been drafted by Richard M. Arens, staff director of the Senate Immigration Subcommittee, who is known as the principal architect of the discriminatory features of the McCarran immigration act.

ARAB DIPLOMAT SAYS U. S. "READY TO UNDERSTAND ARAB CASE"

LONDON, March 3. (JTA) -- The United States is "ready to understand the Arab case" now and this is a "golden opportunity" to establish the best of Arab-American relations, Dr. Charles Malik, Lebanese Ambassador to Washington and head of the Lebanese delegation to the United Nations, today told an official dinner for members of the diplomatic corps in Beirut, according to a report received here from the Lebanese capital.

Dr. Malik also said that Israel needs peace today, "but I do not believe that the time has yet come for a discussion of peace with Israel."

## ISRAEL GOVERNMENT DENIES U. S. USING PRESSURE ON JEWISH STATE

TEL AVIV, March 3, (JTA) -- The United States is not exerting pressure on the Israel Government in the Israel-Jordan border situation, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry declared today, denying a U. S. press report that the U. S. had sent Israel a "strong" note on the border "incidents."

The spokesman said that the U. S. diplomatic mission in Israel, like all other diplomatic missions in the country, was maintaining contact with Israel officials on various matters. He pointed out that "to take one ring out of a chain" creates an "unreal" picture.

He specifically denied the assertion that an unused Arab college building in the no-man's land area of Jerusalem had been evacuated by Israel under American pressure. The spokesman pointed out that the Israel police had evacuated the "invaders"--immigrants seeking a roof over their heads--in accordance with the terms of the Israel-Jordan armistice pact.

## EX-MUFTI OF JERUSALEM INVITED TO MOSCOW BY SOVIET GOVERNMENT

LONDON, March 3. (JTA) -- The ex-Mufti of Jerusalem has been invited to visit the Soviet Union, the Manchester Guardian reported today. The dispatch stated that the Soviet Ambassador to Cairo was said to have passed on an invitation to the ex-Mufti from Moslems in the USSR.

The Guardian dispatch, citing other evidences of Soviet interest in the Arab world, said that a group of ten Soviet Moslem students had come to Cairo and asked to be permitted to study at the El Azhar University, and that they reported that other Soviet Moslems would follow them to Cairo. The Guardian also reported an alleged bid by Russia to Saudi Arabia to permit the operation of an airline from the USSR to Mecca because many Soviet Moslems wish to make the pilgrimage to the shrine of Islam.

## EGYPTIAN PREMIER REPORTS ON GERMAN-ISRAEL REPARATIONS PACT

LONDON, March 3. (JTA) -- Egyptian Premier Mohammed Naguib yesterday reported to a meeting of the envoys of Arab states in Cairo on an offer of economic assistance from West Germany conditioned on the Arab League's scrapping its threatened economic boycott of Germany over the Israel reparations pact, a dispatch from the Egyptian capital said today.

The dispatch said that Arab diplomatic circles feel that this is the most propitious moment for the Arab states to deal with Germany. It was pointed out that Egypt, for one, has found Bonn to be its third best customer for cotton this year and one of its most important suppliers of manufactured articles. The latter dependence on Germany is occasioned by Egypt's shortage of sterling exchange, which shuts her out of British Commonwealth trade.

Among the Arabs present at the meeting yesterday beside Premier Naguib and Arab diplomats were the Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General of the Arab League and the Egyptian Foreign Minister.

## ISRAEL DIPLOMAT CONFERS WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS IN LONDON

LONDON, March 3. (JTA) -- Michael Comay, head of the western division of the Israel Foreign Ministry, today called at the British Foreign Office. Israeli circles here refused to comment on the purpose of his call, but the British press reported that one of the points Mr. Comay discussed was the exchange of some 200 tractors bought from a British Government project in Tanganyika by Histadrut interests. The tractors, valued at 1,000,000 pounds, proved to be defective.

ISRAEL TO PERMIT GERMAN SHIPS TO TRANSPORT REPARATIONS GOODS

TEL AVIV, March 3. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today announced that it will permit German vessels to bring reparations goods to Israeli ports. The announcement said that it had been decided to forego a limitation on the transportation of German reparations goods to Israel ports in German vessels, which was included in the reparations agreement signed between the two states in Luxemburg last year.

It explained that with the German Parliament ratifying the reparations pact the treaty would have the effect of a German law. Such a law discriminating against German ships would be "impossible," the announcement pointed out. However, it said that Israeli freighters would receive priority in cargo assignments because the organization of the delivery schedule for German reparations payments would be in the hands of Israelis.

NATIONAL GROUPS IN TURKEY FORM ORGANIZATION TO COMBAT BIGOTRY

ISTANBUL, March 3. (JTA) -- A "National Front of Solidarity" has been organized in Turkey to support the government's drive against ultra-nationalists and racists including anti-Semites, it was announced here. The organization, designed to "defend liberties" from "Nazi-type racist or Communist movements," is composed of 26 national groups including labor, youth, educators, veterans and professionals.

Meanwhile, Ismet Inonu, former President and leader of the opposition in Parliament, has backed the government's anti-racist drive. Mr. Inonu was President in 1942 when the Turkish Government enacted a discriminatory anti-minority tax which virtually ruined all Jewish businessmen in the country.

YUGOSLAV JEWS LAUD NEW LAW BANNING RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

LONDON, March 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Albert Vajs, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia, in a broadcast over Radio Belgrade, monitored here, expressed appreciation of a new Yugoslav law establishing the legal position of religious denominations in the country.

Dr. Vajs said the bill established full equality of all religious denominations and "proposed to banish religious intolerance, from which the Jews have suffered so much in the past and which is again appearing in the countries of the Soviet Bloc and among fascist and reactionary groups in other countries."

DENVER CHIEF OF POLICE HEADS PROBE OF ANTI-JEWISH BOMBING

DENVER, March 3. (JTA) -- The Denver chief of police has taken personal charge of the investigation of an anti-Jewish bombing outrage in Denver.

The incident occurred during a dinner of the Pioneer Women at the BMG Synagogue when unknown persons placed a crude, home-made bomb in a parked car belonging to a family attending the dinner. No one was injured in the explosion.

The local Anti-Defamation League office charged that this was the fourth bombing incident in the immediate vicinity of BMH Synagogue during the past 18 months. It called the bombing "a most vicious and reprehensible crime" and demanded that the perpetrators "be brought to the bar of justice."

U.S. JEWS AID BUILDING OF MEMORIAL TO JEWISH MARTYRS IN PARIS

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- American Jewish leaders will participate in the cornerstone laying ceremony of the Memorial to the Unknown Jewish Martyr which will take place in Paris on April 19, it was announced here today by Isaac Schneersohn, French Jewish leader, who arrived in this country in behalf of the world-wide movement to erect in Paris a tomb honoring the 6,000,000 Jews annihilated by the Nazis.

Mr. Schneersohn, who is the president of the Documentation Center for Contemporary Jewish Records in France, said that the ceremony will be attended by the President of France, members of the French Cabinet, and representatives of Jewish communities throughout the world. The municipal council of Paris has made a free gift of the land on which the Memorial will stand. Jews in all parts of the world will be asked to register the names of their murdered relatives in a Book of Remembrance which will be kept in the Memorial.

American members of the world committee for the erection of the Memorial include Sen. Herbert H. Lehman, Edward M.M. Warburg, Jacob Blaustein, David Dubinsky, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Adolph Held, Nathan Chazin and others. The project is being carried out under the patronage of Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, Princess Wilhelmina of Holland, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, French Premier Rene Mayer, Israel Premier David Ben Gurion, as well as the Prime Ministers of Denmark, Sweden and Belgium.

J.N.F. PLANS TO SELL GOLD SHEKEL; ISRAEL MAY ISSUE GOLD COIN

JERUSALEM, March 3. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is considering minting a gold coin equal in value to the British sovereign which may be issued in limited quantities and quoted on the Tel Aviv stock exchange, it was learned here today.

The plan was originally conceived by the Jewish National Fund as a fund-raising device. The JNF planned to sell a gold shekel throughout the world and made arrangements for a group of international banks to handle the transactions.

EINSTEIN SENDS 215 BOOKS FROM HIS LIBRARY TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, March 3. (JTA) -- Prof. Albert Einstein has made a new gift to the National Library of the Hebrew University, it was announced today. The gift includes 215 books from Dr. Einstein's personal library of natural sciences, philosophy and politics.

Two members of the Haifa Technical Institute staff have been awarded scholarships by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, it was announced today. Aharon Hirsch, a lecturer in physics, will be enabled to carry out research in magnetism in the Netherlands, while Aharon Kuten, of the Technion's library staff, will study library work in Germany, Denmark and Sweden.

BENDERSKY, ARGENTINE JEWISH WRITER, DIES; LIVED 59 YEARS ON LAND

BUENOS AIRES, March 3. (JTA) -- Baruch Bendersky, Argentine Jewish writer, who was known here as the "Argentine Jewish Rudyard Kipling," died today at the age of 73. Mr. Bendersky died at the Dominguez Colony of the Jewish Colonization Association where he was first settled when he came to Argentina from Bessarabia in 1894.