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## U.S. ANXIOUS TO BRING ABOUT ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE, SEC. DULLES SAYS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 9. (JTA) -- The policy of the State Department with regard to Israel and the Arab states was outlined today by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in the course of a press conference here during which he touched on various aspects of the international situation.

Secretary Dulles made it clear that the United States Government is primarily interested in the security of the Middle East and hopes to bring about the conclusion of an Arab-Israel peace settlement. It is difficult to establish security in that part of the world without an Arab-Israel peace pact, he emphasized.

Asked by an Arab correspondent to define the Administration's "new approach" to the Middle East situation, Secretary Dulles pointed out that the U. S. Government now has a new approach to most problems. He spoke of it as "a new look" and said that he felt it possible to do better in the future than in the past.

Asked whether he intends to visit Israel during his coming tour of the Middle East, Mr. Dulles replied that he hoped so. He said he could not speak in terms of specific countries and explained that accepted diplomatic etiquette does not permit him to name the countries he will visit until he has been invited to visit them.

## JEWISH AGENCY STARTS THREE-DAY SESSION; DISCUSSES IMMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, March 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive today began a three-day plenary session. Dr. Itzhak Raphael, immigration chairman, reported to the meeting on problems concerning immigration from North Africa and Iran which must be presented to next week's meeting of the Agency-Israel Government immigration coordination board.

After the session, a Jewish Agency spokesman denied reports that the Agency had decided to cut its budget for colonization work. The spokesman said that for the coming year the Agency had allocated 29,000,000 pounds, which represents more than a 20 percent increase over the 22,500,000 pounds spent last year for this purpose.

Dr. George Josephthal, Jewish Agency settlement director, today told a conference of the Association of Immigrants from Britain that the Agency had allocated 800,000 pounds for assistance to immigrants from English-speaking countries. The conference was also told that half of the British Jewish youths who came to Israel for one year's service have already decided to remain and settle in kibbutzim.

AMBASSADOR EBAN VISITS STATE DEPT. ; DISCUSSES CURRENT PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, March 9. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban paid a "routine call" on Henry M. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. The Ambassador said he discussed with Mr. Byroade current matters of mutual interest to Israel and the United States. "I can't particularize anymore today," he added.

ISRAEL WILL MAKE CONCESSIONS TO FOREIGN INVESTORS IN STATE PROJECTS

TEL AVIV, March 9. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is prepared to make concessions to foreign investors in such state developmental projects as the building of harbors and railroads, Dr. Peretz Bernstein, Israel Minister of Trade and Industry, declared here today prior to emplaning for the United States.

Dr. Bernstein, who is coming to the United States in a bid for increased investment in Israel, explained that among the concessions Israel is prepared to grant are uncontrolled rentals in apartments built by foreign capital. Such concessions, he stated, are aimed at attracting investment and providing additional jobs.

Reuben Shiloah, special advisor on political affairs to the Israel Foreign Ministry, left today for Ankara, the capital of Turkey.

ISRAEL EXCLUDED FROM MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES CONFERENCE IN ITALY

ROME, March 9. (JTA) -- Israel has been excluded from participating in an International Meeting of Mediterranean Studies and Exchanges, which will be held in Palermo from March 15-18 under the auspices of the Italian Foreign Ministry, it was made known here today. Among those taking part in the gathering will be Premier Alcide de Gasperi, Foreign Undersecretary Taviani and, if possible, President Einaudi.

The countries invited to take part in the conference are Saudi Arabia, Egypt, France, Jordan, Greece, Iraq, Lebanon, Monaco, the Vatican, San Marino, Syria, Spain, Turkey, Yemen. In reply to a query submitted by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Foreign Ministry official in charge of the arrangements said Israel was omitted from the list of invitees because "it would have been impossible, in the light of past experience, to seat around one table both Arabs and Jews, because of the Arabs' fanatical intransigence to Jews."

The official pointed out that Italy has always tried to act as a "stabilizing influence" between the Jews and Arabs and added that the Foreign Ministry intends to show Italy's friendship for Israel in some form in the near future.

TRIPOLITANIAN JEWS SAIL FOR ISRAEL; 2,500 JEWS STILL LEFT

NAPLES, March 9. (JTA) -- A group of 126 Tripolitanian Jews sailed for Israel yesterday aboard the SS Artzah. Twenty-five members of the group, including eight children, are TB patients and will be admitted to JDC-maintained Malben hospitals immediately upon their arrival at Haifa.

The immigrants left Tripoli ostensibly for Italy on February 26th, since Libya does not permit direct emigration to Israel. Some 2,500 Jews are believed to be living in Libya today, principally in the capital, Tripoli.

VISCOUNT SAMUEL, FIRST PALESTINE HIGH COMMISSIONER, REPORTED ILL

LONDON, March 9. (JTA) -- Viscount Samuel, first British High Commissioner of Mandated Palestine and a prominent Anglo-Jewish leader, is ill with an attack of bronchitis and a fever. His doctors stated today that there was no reason for concern. He is 82 years old.

ISRAEL HOLDS KEY TO PROBLEMS OF ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST, GRANOTT SAYS

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- "The greatest boon America could bestow upon the nations of the Middle East is the realization that they could learn with profit from Israel's land reforms inaugurated by the Jewish National Fund some 50 years ago and carried forward into our own day," Dr. Abraham Granott, chairman of the board of directors of the JNF, declared here today upon his arrival in the United States.

"Israel holds the key to the problems of the whole Middle East since they are mostly a result of the inequitable land tenure, which has allowed the accumulation of vast stretches of land in the hands of a few, leaving most of the peasantry without land ownership," Dr. Granott stated. He came to New York to consult with Jewish leaders about new land projects in Israel, made necessary by the outbreak of Soviet anti-Semitism, he announced.

Dr Granott said that the greatest problem now facing Israel is how to wrest more land from the desert and how quickly to turn the barren mountains into food producing areas. "The Jewish National Fund," he stated, "is now engaged upon two gigantic soil reclamation projects, which when completed, will add greatly to the agricultural area of the country. One of these projects is the drainage of the Huleh swamp region, the other is the afforestation and reclamation of the Negev.

Dr. Granott pointed out that the Jewish National Fund has been of great help in affording employment to tens of thousands of new settlers who arrived after the establishment of the State of Israel. "We are expanding our facilities in order to enable us to provide more employment in afforestation and reclamation works to those who will come to us from the Soviet controlled countries," he said.

ISRAEL AND JORDAN AUTHORITIES PERMIT TOURISTS TO CROSS FRONTIERS

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- The Israel National Tourist Center here announced today that in the future it will be possible to combine visits to Israel with visits to all the Arab countries without difficulty. Tourists will now be able to enter and leave the Arab countries through the Mandelbaum Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem, which constitutes the only point where the frontier between Israel and her neighbors can be crossed.

"The normal procedure to follow for tourists wishing to cross and re-cross the border in any direction, is to apply locally through their travel agent a few days in advance of the crossing," the announcement said. "These agents--both those in the Jewish part of Jerusalem and those in the Arab part--have good connections with the local authorities and will normally be able to arrange for the crossing permits within two to three days. Visas to Israel or Jordan, respectively, are also required, but if tourists have no such visas, these can also be procured at the frontier."

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNOR GENERAL WISHES ISRAEL SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT

SYDNEY, March 9. (JTA) -- Mordecai Nurock, new Israel Minister to Australia, today presented his credentials to Australian Governor General Sir William McKell at Admiralty House here. Minister Nurock was accompanied by members of the Israel legation.

The Minister spoke of the fact that Jewish units with the British armies had served alongside Australian combat teams at Gallipoli in World War I and elsewhere during the late war. Sir William expressed the hope that the Jewish State would continue to have the same success in developing Israel as it had in its establishment.

## UJA CALLS FOR MOBILIZATION AGAINST SOVIET ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- A National Freedom Mobilization directed against Communist attacks on the Jews of Eastern Europe and the State of Israel has been called for March 29 by the United Jewish Appeal and will take place simultaneously in leading cities throughout the country, it was announced today.

The nationwide mobilization, which will precede by one day the opening of Passover, will center in New York City where a rally will be linked by radio-telephone with similar rallies in other parts of the nation. Officers of the United Jewish Appeal, in announcing the mobilization, said that "this will be the first demonstration to be held on a national scale for the purpose of voicing American Jewry's concerted indignation over Soviet assaults on Jews."

The UJA officers stressed in their announcement of the mobilization that it will seek to register not only "American Jewish concern over the ominous situation of Jews in Eastern Europe" but to "focus attention on the United Jewish Appeal's critical effort to help every Jewish victim of Communist tyranny." They pointed out that "the United Jewish Appeal has already allocated substantial funds to help Jewish escapees from Iron Curtain countries and stands ready to aid any others who may hazard flight into free Europe."

Meanwhile, Jewish leaders in Northern California and Nevada today became the first American Jews on the West Coast to offer a material response to the threat of Soviet inspired anti-Semitism currently facing 2,500,000 Jews behind the Iron Curtain. At a regional conference held in San Jose, California, they made available to the United Jewish Appeal over \$400,000 to help meet the urgent needs of Jewish escapees from Eastern Europe and to strengthen Israel.

Over 100 leaders from 22 South Carolina communities attending a state leadership meeting in Columbia yesterday presented substantial community checks to Jacob M. Viener, member of the UJA National Campaign Cabinet. They also gave definite assurances of sizeable additional funds within a month.

## FRENCH JEWS RAISE RECORD TOTAL OF FUNDS FOR WELFARE PROGRAM

PARIS, March 9. (JTA) -- French Jews raised more funds to meet local welfare needs in 1952 than in any other year in their history, it was reported here today.

The United Jewish Social Fund raised 155,000,000 francs (approximately \$440,000) during 1952 as compared to 95,000,000 francs last year. The organization's goal for 1953 is 200,000,000 francs. The increasing ability of the French Jewish community to support its own welfare program has permitted the Joint Distribution Committee to reduce its aid program in this country.

## PASSOVER FOOD FROM U.S. REACHES JEWISH GI'S IN REMOTE OUTPOSTS

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- More than 4,500 Passover food boxes intended for Jewish GI's at isolated U.S. installations over the globe have arrived overseas, according to information received by the National Jewish Welfare Board from Jewish chaplains who will distribute the holiday supplies furnished by the JWB.

These packages, with enough Passover provender to last a serviceman a week, are in addition to the 75,000 pounds of sundry kosher food supplies shipped by JWB to Jewish chaplains for mass seders and holiday activities in the Far East, Europe, Africa, India, Greenland, Alaska, Indo-China and the Caribbean area.

PROBLEMS OF JEWISH EDUCATION DISCUSSED AT NEW YORK CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- The status of Jewish education in New York City was examined here yesterday at the second Greater New York Assembly on Jewish Education called by the Jewish Education Committee of New York and attended by some 1,800 delegates representing 100 Jewish groups and 600 Jewish schools affiliated with the committee.

The conference was called by the education committee and cooperating schools, communal agencies, fraternal orders and religious bodies to: consider the status of Jewish education in the city in respect to personnel, methods, contents and costs; arouse the Jewish community of this city to the problems and needs of Jewish education for children and adults; and acquaint the Jewish community with the achievements and purposes of the Jewish Education Committee.

Dr. Abraham A. Neumann, president of the Dropsie College of Hebrew and Cognate Learning of Philadelphia, told the conference that the American Jewish community should be proud of its achievements and its freedoms and should also do its utmost to acquaint Jewish children with "the heritage of a people that could not be destroyed." Dr. Jacob Greenberg, Associate Superintendent of Schools of New York City, reported that nearly twice the proportion of Jewish children in the suburbs attended Jewish schools as children in the city proper. The delegates adopted a resolution thanking the school authorities of the city and state for offering courses in Hebrew.

CONTEST OF STUDIES ON JEWISH LIFE IN U.S. AND CANADA ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- The Yiddish Scientific Institute today announced its fifth annual contest for original studies on Jewish life in the United States and Canada. The studies may be on any topic pertaining to any phase of Jewish life.

Open to both college seniors and graduate students, the contest closes October 15, 1953 and the awards will be presented at the 28th annual YIVO conference next January. Each entry must contain about 5,000 words and must be submitted in at least two copies. The prizes will be \$300, \$200 and \$100 for first, second and third prizes, respectively.

TURKISH GOVERNMENT, LEADERS OF ALL FAITHS HONOR NEW CHIEF RABBI

ISTANBUL, March 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Raphael Saban, new Turkish Chief Rabbi, was invested at a ceremony at the Neve Shalom Synagogue here attended by representatives of the Vatican, the Greek Orthodox Church, the Armenian Church, the leader of the Moslems in this city as well as the Mayor of Istanbul and representatives of the Turkish Government and military.

The 76-year-old spiritual leader of Turkey's Jews paid tribute to the Turkish Government's friendly attitude towards the Jews and pledged to devote himself to the service of his country and the Jewish community. The great synagogue was packed and hundreds of Jews stood outside in a pouring rain to watch the ceremony.

ITALIAN TOWN TO ERECT MEMORIAL MARKING ITALO-JEWISH FRIENDSHIP

ROME, March 9. (JTA) -- The municipality of La Spezia has set aside a plot of ground for the erection of a memorial to commemorate Italian-Jewish friendship. La Spezia is the Italian port from which many visaless immigrants sailed clandestinely for Palestine at the end of World War II and before the State of Israel was proclaimed.