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## ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTRY STARTS FUNCTIONING TODAY IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today approved the decision by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett to transfer the Israel Foreign Office from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The Foreign Ministry was the last major department of the government to remain behind in Tel Aviv. Its transfer to Jerusalem will be effected today.

Officials and employees of the Ministry have been ordered to report to their desks in Jerusalem tomorrow morning. Today, scores of workmen and cleaning women were putting the finishing touches to the ten small buildings which will serve as the temporary headquarters of the Ministry. Signs directing visitors to the various departments were already in place.

Formal notification of the move was communicated this week-end to all foreign missions in Israel. The official communique announcing the transfer expressed the hope that eventually all foreign missions would establish their quarters in the capital.

(In Washington, the Department of State said that Israel has no right to declare Jerusalem as its capital. It emphasized that the United States does not plan to transfer its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Such transfer, it pointed out, would be "inconsistent with the United Nations resolutions dealing with the international nature of Jerusalem," as well as with the solution regarding Jerusalem set forth by Secretary John Foster Dulles in his address on June 1, 1953. )

It is understood that in its communication to the foreign missions, the government expressed its conviction that no useful purpose would be served by the separation of the Ministry from the main body of the government and that the Ministry would be unable to fully discharge its normal functions under such circumstances. The message is also said to have stressed that there is no case in modern history where a Foreign Ministry has been separated from the other organs of a state.

It is expected that the heads of the foreign missions will henceforth travel to Jerusalem whenever they seek an interview with the Foreign Minister or when they are summoned by him. In a move to indicate its desire to smooth over the procedural difficulties, the Ministry is retaining a liaison office in Tel Aviv for the time being.

The communication to the foreign missions said that while the Israel Government regards the problem of the Holy Places and the location of the Foreign

Ministry as entirely unrelated, it takes this opportunity to reiterate its readiness to accept and cooperate in the execution of any system of international supervision of the Holy Places which the United Nations might, at any time, find necessary and practicable.

Observers here expressed the opinion that the Israel Government had delayed the transfer for several months in the expectation that the UN General Assembly might pass a resolution regularizing Jerusalem's international position. Though there is a UN resolution on the books calling for internationalization of the city, the resolution has never been implemented and in the view of the Israel and Jordan Governments, confirmed by the UN Trusteeship Council, the resolution cannot be implemented.

However, it was expected that the General Assembly would establish international supervision over the Holy Places in both parts of the city and thereby indicate that its regard for the international community's interest in Jerusalem had been fully satisfied in that manner.

#### ISRAEL CABINET DECIDES TO DRAFT RELIGIOUS WOMEN FOR SERVICE

JERUSALEM, July 12. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today approved a draft bill providing compulsory national service for women, an issue over which several Cabinet crises developed, the Agudah parties quit the government coalition and several public storms broke out in Israel and abroad.

The bill calls for compulsory national service for those young women who are released from military service because of their religious convictions. Previous experience has shown that the number of such women will not exceed 2,000 to 2,200 annually.

The measure provides that when a girl is discharged from military service by her recruiting committee she becomes liable to 24 months of national service in an immigrant work village, social welfare institution, hospital, school, kindergarten or other educational institution or in an agricultural settlement or institution -- provided the agricultural institution or settlement is under the auspices of one of the religious parties. In the event that she is sent to such a settlement or institution, an attempt will be made to station her as near home as possible, thereby permitting her to sleep at home after her day's work.

During service hours Orthodox girls will be served kosher food, as is the whole army. Administration of the law will be in the hands of the Labor Ministry, but the Ministry of Defense will have the power to exempt from all types of service any girl who can satisfy the Defense authorities that she and her family hold religious views which prohibit state service.

#### ARAB LEADER IN ISRAEL PROPOSES EXCHANGE OF MINORITIES

JERUSALEM, July 12. (JTA) -- The proposal that Arabs in Israel be exchanged for Jews in the Arab countries was advanced here today by Hajtahir el Tabari, Arab leader in Nazareth. He pointed out that since peace between Israel and the Arab states is not expected soon, the Arab minority in Israel and the Jewish minorities in Arab lands should be exchanged, thus relieving them of the permanent fear under which they live.

#### GERMANS BROADCAST LIFE STORY OF GOLDA MYERSON OVER RADIO

STUTT GART, July 12. (JTA) -- The life story of Mrs. Golda Myerson, Israel Minister of Labor, was today narrated on the women's hour of the Southwest German Radio network.

ORTHODOX DEMONSTRATIONS DISPERSED IN JERUSALEM, POLICEMAN INJURED

JERUSALEM, July 12. (JTA) -- Police yesterday afternoon dispersed two demonstrations by religious Jews protesting the violation of the Sabbath. For a short while the police detained about 20 of the demonstrators, but later they were all released on bail.

During the clash between police and demonstrators one policeman suffered a broken arm and was hospitalized and several of the demonstrators were beaten. One of the detainees had a British passport and another had a South African passport.

MILITARY TRIAL OF YOUNG TERRORISTS ADJOURNED IN ISRAEL

SARAFAND, Israel, July 12. (JTA) -- The Israel military court trying 15 youths charged with membership in an underground terrorist organization this week-end adjourned the trial for a week to give the defense attorneys an opportunity to prepare their case.

Before the adjournment Chaim Cohen, Attorney General of Israel and chief prosecutor at the trial, charged that one of the defendants, Yaacov Heruti, had placed the explosive charge which blasted the Soviet legation in Tel Aviv earlier this year and led to the USSR breaking off diplomatic relations with Israel.

The charge was made on the second day of the trial after the court had decided to continue without the presence of the seven leading defendants because they interfered with the proceedings by singing fighting songs and shouting anti-government slogans. The seven, who refuse to recognize the authority of a military court, will be tried in absentia.

After the indictment was read to the remaining defendants, all aged about 17, three -- Zila Maguiri Cohen, Yehoshofat Givon and Eliashu Meliov -- admitted membership in the group. They were then released on bail pending sentencing.

The indictment charged all 15 with being members of an illegal underground organization and five of the leaders with membership, taking an active part in a terrorist organization, acting as instructors in such an organization, and attending meetings of such a group. Each count makes the defendants liable to additional punishment. The five facing the four charges are: Heruti, Shimon Bachar, Yaacov Blumenthal, Zeev Badian and Yaffa Dromi, 24-year-old girl who had once been a Sternist radio announcer.

Attorney General Cohen, presenting the government case, said he had reason to believe that Heruti, son of the president of the Supreme Military Court, had attempted to persuade Givon to place the charge at the Soviet legation but, when the younger lad refused, planted the bomb himself. He also attributed to the gang an attempt to burn the Russian Minister's car, the throwing of a hand grenade into the Czechoslovakian legation, and the burning of Communist clubs and butcher shops which sold non-Kosher meat.

In addition, the prosecutor charged that Heruti while serving in the military police stole secret documents whose revelation would endanger Israel's security and also stole a military police identification card which gave him entry to military installations. As exhibits, he offered 14 pistols, two tommyguns, two machine guns, a quantity of hand grenades and a quantity of other explosives seized at the gang's caches.

Cohen charged in his specifications that the gang was organized into cells of two and three persons and that Heruti had been responsible for recruiting activities. Badian swore in newcomers with a pistol and a Bible and Miss Dromi delivered lectures to the membership on Jewish history and "the Kingdom of Israel."

ARMISTICE COMMISSION CENSURES JORDAN FOR ATTACK ON ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 12. (JTA) -- The Jordan Government was today censured by the U. N. Mixed Armistice Commission for an attack Friday on an Israeli military outpost in the Judean Hills during which two Israeli soldiers were killed and a third wounded. The meeting of the Commission took place under the chairmanship of Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, U. N. truce supervisor.

Commenting on the attack Israeli authorities said that the discussions recently held on a high level between Israel and Jordan must be viewed in the light of what practical steps the Jordanians take to discover the attackers and in punishing them when they are found. The Israelis suggested that they be allowed to use bloodhounds to track down the murderers. Unless practical measures are taken to implement the high level discussions, they insisted, all declarations become only "empty words."

One Jew was killed today by unidentified assailants in a settlement in the Negev. Tracks leading to the Egyptian frontier were discovered by Israel police authorities. An Israel unit clashed with a band of armed Arabs along the northern frontier. The Arabs, who had crossed into Israel territory from Lebanon, retreated after an exchange of fire.

ARAB DELEGATES QUIT PARLEY ATTENDED BY ISRAEL REPRESENTATIVE

KYRENIA, Cyprus. July 12. (JTA) -- Representatives of three Arab countries attending a Middle East conference of the International Air Transport Association here walked out of a meeting when an Israel delegate, Mr. Atir, representing El Al, the Israel National Airline, appeared at the meeting.

Egyptian delegates said later that they had agreed to participate in the meeting when they were assured that no Israel delegate would be present. The conference resumed later, with the Israel representative absent. It was understood that the agenda would be rearranged so that the Israel and Arab representatives could attend alternate sessions. The conference is a purely commercial gathering.

FRANCE AND ISRAEL SIGN "MOST-FAVORED NATION" COMMERCIAL PACT

PARIS, July 12. (JTA) -- Israel and France have signed a commercial treaty under which France will grant import licenses for Israel products valued at about 1,500,000 pounds sterling, it was announced here today. Chief among the Israel products to be shipped here will be citrus fruits, canned fruits and vegetables, textiles, shoes, artificial teeth, diamonds and automobiles.

Israel, on its part, will intensify its regular imports from France and will accord these French imports the benefit of "most-favored nation" treatment. The agreement also provides that French nationals wishing to emigrate to Israel may take their capital with them, and covers the unfreezing and transfer of certain French properties in Israel.

U. N. EXPERT LEAVES FOR ISRAEL TO ADVISE ON INDOOR CLIMATE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 12. (JTA) -- George V. Parmelee, of the United States, left yesterday for Europe on his way to Israel where, as a United Nations technical assistance expert, he will give technical advice on problems connected with improving indoor climate research, with particular emphasis on means of natural ventilation and protection from the sun. Mr. Parmelee is being sent by the U. N. Technical Assistance Administration in response to a request received from the Government of Israel.

## CHANGES IN GERMAN INDEMNIFICATION BILL MAY HAMPER ITS PASSAGE

BONN, July 12. (JTA) -- The legal committee, and later the steering committee, of the Bundesrat, West Germany's Upper House, yesterday recommended changes in the bill to indemnify individual Nazi victims which was adopted last week in the Bundestag, the Lower House. The changes, which seek to shift certain costs from the individual states to the Federal treasury, have considerable merit, but observers here are fearful that if adopted by the Bundesrat, at its next meeting on July 17, they may jeopardize enactment of the law.

Any changes made by the Bundesrat must go to a conference committee of both houses of the German Parliament. The indemnification bill cannot become law if the Bundestag fails to adopt the conference committee's compromise at a single, one-day session, which is still scheduled to take place.

## AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR TO GIVE HIS VIEWS TODAY ON JEWISH CLAIMS

VIENNA, July 12. (JTA) -- The Jewish-Austrian talks on payment by Austria of compensation to Jewish victims of the Nazi regime and on heirless Jewish property will be resumed tomorrow, after a ten-day interruption, it was indicated here today.

It is understood that Chancellor Julius Raab will meet tomorrow with Moses Beckelman, head of the group of Jewish technical experts engaged in the negotiations. Government sources today indicated that at this meeting the fate of the negotiations may be decided. However, Mr. Beckelman said that he does not know whether the meeting will be of a decisive nature since he only expects to hear from the Chancellor the latest views of the Austrian Government on the Jewish claims.

Adlai Stevenson, Democratic Presidential candidate, during his visit in Vienna last Friday, on his world-girdling tour, said to representatives of the press: "I am sure that a prompt and just settlement of the Jewish claims by the Austrian Government would be welcomed throughout the whole world, especially in the United States."

## Austrian Diplomat in U. S. Outlines Stand On Jewish Claims

NEW YORK, July 12. (JTA) -- The views of the Austrian Government to the effect that its invitation to world Jewish leaders to negotiate over Jewish claims for reparations for damages suffered by Jews in Austria during the Nazi regime does not constitute recognition by Austria of a legal or moral claim on the part of the Jewish world community, were stated here today in a letter to the Herald Tribune by H. Thalberg, Secretary of the Austrian Embassy in Washington.

Asserting that Austria herself was a victim of Hitler, the letter says that the Austrian Government "is doing everything in its power to lighten the burden of Nazi victims." Denying that Austrian restitution laws have excluded from payment victims of the Nazis who no longer live in Austria, the letter says that where no property remains or where it was destroyed no restitution could, "as a matter of course, be expected." It suggests that such claims be lodged against Germany.

"The Austrian Government sincerely desires to see justice done to all Nazi victims. But it has no legal or moral obligation to indemnify or compensate for wrongs that it did not commit and that it could not prevent because it was itself a victim of circumstances," the Embassy letter declares.

JEWISH GROUPS ASK N. Y. STATE TO ENFORCE ANTI-BIAS LAW IN COLLEGES

NEW YORK, July 12. (JTA) -- The State of New York was asked today by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to enforce its anti-discrimination law in institutions of higher education in order to prevent discriminatory admission practices the existence of which was reported this week-end by the New York Board of Regents following an 18-month study of the subject.

The Board of Regents report established that Jewish students who want to study medicine in New York State have less chance for admission than Catholics while Catholic students have less chance than Protestants. The figures in the report, prepared by the Carnegie Endowment for International peace, showed that in the years 1950-52 seven of nine medical schools in the state had admitted a higher proportion of Protestant applicants than those of either the Catholic or the Jewish faith.

"Top-ranking Protestant and Catholic students are more certain to be admitted than are top-ranking Jewish students," the report said. At the other end of the scholastic scale, low-rating Jewish students are virtually excluded, while occasional low-rating Protestant and Catholic applicants are admitted. "The Board of Regents advanced in its report an eight-point program toward eliminating discrimination in admissions.

Commending the Board of Regents for its report, the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League pointed out, however, in their joint statement, that the Board's report "lays too much stress on the importance of developing and testing various criteria for admissions sometime in the future and too little stress on the necessity of seeing to it that medical schools do not discriminate against applicants here and now."

The Board of Regents' proposals for the elimination of bias in medical schools included: That the medical schools formally and publicly declare their position with respect to discrimination in admissions and their criteria for accepting applicants and that the Regents establish a Council on Admissions to advise the Board on such problems.

EL AL DEVELOPS NEW JET ENGINE; WILL MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO U.S.

NEW YORK, July 12. (JTA)-- A 290-pound jet engine that can add tons to an airliner's carrying capacity when used as an adjunct to conventional piston power plants was developed by El Al Israel Airline and is now on display at the El Al overhaul base near New York International Airport. Although the powerful little "package" was developed for the Israeli airline, it will be made available to other airlines and the United States Air Force, it was indicated here today.

El Al's jet "pods" were developed by Dr. Erich Schatzki, who is known the world over as an aeronautical engineer and designer. When ten of the jets are produced, they will be mounted in pairs on El Al's five C-46 airliners and will add to each conventionally-powered plane an additional payload of 10,000 pounds. El Al which flies three Constellations on its trans-Atlantic route between New York and Tel Aviv, operates its C-46's between London, Paris, Zurich, Rome and Athens.

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