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## U.S. STAND ON VARIOUS ISRAEL PROBLEMS CLARIFIED BY STATE DEPT.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today said that as a result of a series of talks with various high officials in the State Department he is now in a position to give the Israel Government "a very clear picture on how the United States is thinking" on a great variety of subjects.

The Ambassador made his statement following a conference yesterday with Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade, who is in charge of Near Eastern affairs. This conference rounded out a series of talks Mr. Eban has had with State Department officials prior to his scheduled departure for Jerusalem for consultation with members of the Israel Government.

In his statement today Ambassador Eban emphasized that "the whole field of common interests" between the United States and Israel was reviewed by Mr. Byroade and him "in a very detailed and very friendly spirit." He expected to leave for Israel this week-end after speaking tomorrow at the U. N. General Assembly on Israel's stand on the Korean armistice.

## FATE OF JEWS IN REVOLT-TORN IRAN DISCUSSED BY JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The fate of the Jews in revolt-torn Iran was discussed at a press conference here today by a Jewish Agency spokesman, who stated that there are still 80,000 to 100,000 Jews in that country.

The spokesman said that nearly 32,000 Persian Jews have come to Israel since the Jewish State was established. He reported that 140 Jews who had left Iran on the eve of the outbreak of the civil war are currently on the high seas approaching Haifa, where they are expected to land tomorrow.

Speaking of Jews in other Moslem countries, the spokesman said that the Jewish Agency is continuing to work on its plans to transfer 250,000 Jews from Morocco to Israel. He revealed that the Jewish community of Aden has appealed to the Board of Deputies of British Jews to ask the British Colonial Office to intervene with the protectorate authorities to admit several hundred Yemenite Jews who are wandering in the desert near Aden's borders hoping to get to Israel.

Finally, the spokesman revealed that four more immigrant camps are scheduled to be liquidated by the end of this year, bringing the number closed in 1953 to 14. At the end of the year 71 immigrant villages will remain in operation.

STATE DEPT. ORDERS EMBASSY IN JORDAN TO INTERVENE FOR U.S. JEW

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The State Department has ordered the U.S. embassy in Jordan to help an American Jew whose request the Embassy had turned down because he was Jewish, Sen. Herbert H. Lehman's office announced here today.

Elliott L. Biskind of New York had complained to Sen. Lehman that the Embassy refused recently to try to obtain for him information on how to go about registering for property owned by him and his brothers in the Old City of Jerusalem, now in Jordanian hands. The Embassy told Mr. Biskind it did not "deem it appropriate" to aid Jews in view of the "particularly violent anti-Jewish feeling prevailing at the present time in Jordan."

Sen. Lehman took the matter to the State Department and his office said the Department "has now replied, advising us that the Embassy at Amman has been directed to approach the officials of Jordan and to try to obtain from them the necessary information" requested by Mr. Biskind. The State Department said it would notify Sen. Lehman when a reply is received from Amman.

ORTHODOX RABBIS IN U.S. SPLIT ON DRAFTING OF WOMEN IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America has dissociated itself from the campaign of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of America protesting the Israel national service bill for women, President Isaac Ben Zvi was told here today by Rabbi Eliezer Katz of Passaic, N. J., a leader of the Council, an Orthodox group.

Dr. Katz told the Israeli President that his organization also disapproves of the Union's interference in Israel's religious affairs, which the Council regards as an encroachment on the responsibilities of the Israel Chief Rabbinate. Rabbi Katz emphasized his opinion that the Union has no authority to make religious pronouncements.

SOUTH AFRICAN COLONY IN ISRAEL PLANS INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION

TEL AVIV, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The South African colony in Israel, which is concentrated in the township of Ascalon, is planning municipal and industrial expansion of the area and its organization into five separate towns, Dr. Herbert Sonnabend, chairman of the Ascalon Municipal Council, reported today.

The first of the five towns is already inhabited by several thousand persons concentrated in 450 housing units. The existing town of Migdal Gad will be the second of the five. A third, to be named "Barnea" will house Israel's growing film industry. The remaining two municipal centers will be located, respectively, to the north and the south of Ascalon. Dr. Sonnabend declared that Ascalon will be converted into a beach resort town with modern facilities, while South African Jews will attempt a general industrialization of the area.

Rabbi M. C. Weiler, Reform Jewish leader of South African Jewry, who is currently visiting Israel and who has seen the Ascalon development, today said: "This achievement should be credited to South African Jewry." Rabbi Weiler is scheduled to return to South Africa today.

ISRAEL GROUP GETS \$11,000,000 NATO CONTRACTS IN TURKEY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Solel Boneh, the Israeli construction cooperative, has received \$11,000,000 worth of contracts for work on North Atlantic Treaty Organization establishments in Turkey, it was reported here today. The work will be done in cooperation with an American contractor and the Turkish National Construction Company.

**BONN PERMITS JEWS TO WITHDRAW LARGER SUM FROM BLOCKED ACCOUNTS**

BONN, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Federal Ministry of Economics has increased from 5,000 to 6,000 deutschemarks (\$1,430) the amount which certain Jews living abroad may withdraw from their blocked accounts for the purchase of furniture and personal belongings.

To be eligible, Jews must prove that they lived in Germany before the Nazi regime and that their furniture or personal property were destroyed or confiscated through Nazi action. They must further show that the blocked account originated from restitution or compensation payments, and was not acquired from a third party. Finally, they must submit evidence that theirs is a hardship case.

If all these conditions are met, the German authorities will approve the use of blocked funds for buying furniture or personal belongings, and for shipping costs up to the German frontier.

**CANADA REFUSES TO INTERVENE OFFICIALLY WITH AUSTRIA FOR JEWS**

MONTREAL, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government has refused to officially intervene with the Austrian Government for a settlement of Jewish claims for damages suffered during the Nazi regime, but it is prepared to take any other action which "may be appropriate" to see a satisfactory arrangement reached. L. D. Wilgress, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, has informed the Canadian Jewish Congress.

His statement was made in reply to a memorandum from the Congress requesting the Canadian Government's assistance in the current negotiations between the Austrian Government and world Jewish groups. It reads:

"I have given serious consideration to your suggestion that we make representation to the Austrian Government regarding the settlement of Jewish claims for compensation for wrongs suffered under the Nazi regime. I do not think that it would be advisable for us to press officially the Austrian Government for the enactment of legislation on a problem which concerns a large number of people who are not Canadian citizens.

"This expression of opinion should not, however, be construed as an indication that we do not sympathize with the claims of former Austrian Jews who are now residing in Canada and that we are not prepared to take whatever other action may be appropriate in order that a satisfactory agreement will be reached in the current negotiations.

"Our intervention will of course need to be co-ordinated with that of the Governments of other countries, such as the United Kingdom and the United States. I am instructing the Canadian Charge d'Affaires a. i. in Vienna to indicate informally to the Austrian Government our interest in the settlement of Jewish claims against Austria."

**SWEDISH MISSION ARRIVES IN MUNICH TO SELECT "HARD CORE" DP'S**

MUNICH, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- A Swedish mission has arrived here to select 25 displaced "hard core" cases for medical treatment and resettlement in Sweden.

The 25 DP's, all tubercular or post-tubercular cases, will be taken from German or Austrian DP camps. Together with their families, they will number about 80. Resettlement costs and other expenses will be borne by the Joint Distribution Committee, which also supplies lump sum payments to help defray the cost of integrating these DP's into the Swedish economy.

### EISENHOWER STRESSES NEED FOR ACTIVE FIGHT ON BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower's desire that his new committee on government contracts actively engage in fighting discrimination by employers handling government contracts was emphasized here last night by Vice President Richard M. Nixon, after six public members of the committee met with the President who administered their oath of office to them.

At a press conference after the 40-minute meeting with the President, Mr. Nixon revealed that the full committee--to which six representatives of various government departments must still be named--would hold its first meeting in Washington September 14. Afterwards, he said, the committee would meet once a month in different cities. The committee members held a short informal session yesterday immediately after they left Mr. Eisenhower.

Vice President Nixon, who is chairman of the committee, said that Mr. Eisenhower had underlined that his principal concern was that the unit "accomplish something concrete dealing with the problem of discrimination in employment." Mr. Nixon added: "I think from the President's conversation with us that most of us would agree that he wants us to accomplish something concrete dealing with the problem of discrimination in employment rather than make a great show from the publicity standpoint."

Mr. Nixon pointed out that up to \$40,000,000,000 was spent by the government on contracts to industry each year, and that this represented about one-quarter of all money spent on production in the United States annually. "So you can see what an important job we have," Mr. Nixon said. "You can see how great an impact the committee can have if we can deal effectively with the problem of discrimination in this field--we'll be dealing with 25 percent of the problem directly."

The committee's philosophy, Mr. Nixon declared, seems to be that where the taxpayers' funds are involved, all segments of the community should have equal opportunity in all benefits, education or anything else. He added that in this particular case it was employment.

He said that President Eisenhower told the committee that it had his own personal, moral and legal support "and any other kind of support he could give."

### JEWISH GROUPS CONFER WITH CANADIAN OFFICIALS ON IMMIGRATION

MONTREAL, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Immigration Aid Society and the Joint Distribution Committee conferred with Canadian immigration officials recently over operations of the Canadian immigration mission in Germany and Austria and procedures under which refugee immigrants apply for admission to Canada.

Among the problems considered were the probable number of prospective immigrants who will be sponsored by the JDC and HIAS. The Jewish representatives presented the government officials with a detailed listing of expected immigrants from Belgium, France, Italy, Germany and Austria. The Canadian officials criticized some of the practices of visa applicants and new procedures were agreed upon. The problem of "hard core" immigrants was left for further discussion at the policy level.

B'NAI B'RITH YOUTH CONVENTION ON SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS OPENS TODAY

URBANA, Ill., Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The spiritual problems of American Jewish youth will be discussed by about 300 B'nai B'rith teen-age leaders at two national conventions opening here tomorrow at the University of Illinois. The conventions, held separately by Aleph Zadik Aleph and the B'nai B'rith Girls--major affiliates of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization--will last nine days.

The delegates, boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 20 from various sections of the United States and Canada, will exchange ideas on community service projects and interfaith activities, and will formulate programs for the next year. They will be addressed by prominent Jewish leaders on Jewish traditions and principles related to contemporary living.

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization has 26,000 members, 23,000 of whom are between the ages of 14 and 20. It maintains chapters in Canada, Mexico, Israel, Britain, Australia and in all major cities in the United States. B'BYO's major objectives are to help develop mature, responsible citizens who may continue to serve the Jewish community as well as the larger communities of which they are a part.

U.S. RABBI LEAVES FOR MADRID TO CONDUCT HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- After an interval of more than 450 years, a Sephardic rabbi, a descendant of the Jews who fled from Spain during the Inquisition, is leaving the United States tomorrow for Madrid, capital of Spain, to conduct High Holy Day services in the synagogue there.

Not since 1492, when the Jews were exiled from Spain, has any rabbi conducted services in Madrid, which now has a Jewish congregation and a synagogue, it was declared here today. The American rabbi who will conduct the services there this Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur is Rabbi D. A. Jessurun Cardoza, until recently spiritual head of the Sephardic Jewish Center of the Bronx. It is estimated that 3,000 Jews now live in Spain, 2,000 of them in Barcelona.

NEW YORK JEWS TO CELEBRATE 3,000TH ANNIVERSARY OF JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The 3,000th anniversary of the city of Jerusalem will be marked by New York Jewry at a celebration in Madison Square Garden October 20, it was announced here last night after a meeting of some 250 religious, business and communal leaders who organized a Committee of Three Thousand for the salute to the Israeli capital.

The celebration is sponsored by the State of Israel Bond Organization and admission to the festivities will be by purchase of Israel bonds. Dr. Israel Goldstein was named chairman of the Committee of Three Thousand.

NEW \$7,300,000 JEWISH HOSPITAL OPENED IN TORONTO; HAS 437 BEDS

TORONTO, Aug. 20. (JTA) -- The new 12-story Mount Sinai Hospital was officially opened here with the participation of Premier Leslie Frost of Ontario, civic dignitaries and community representatives. The new hospital is equipped with 351 beds for adults and an 85-bed maternity ward; also two kitchens, one to cater to the needs of Orthodox patients. The sum of \$7,300,000 was spent to build and equip the hospital.