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## ARABS REPORTED INTENSIFYING MILITARY PREPARATIONS AGAINST ISRAEL

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Arab military leaders, in an attempt to intensify their military preparations against Israel, and to justify such a step, have now embarked on a huge propaganda campaign in an effort to create the impression that Israel is massing its troops to attack Jordan in the Jerusalem area.

A report from Damascus today said that the Syrian Government, participating in this campaign, has offered Jordan military assistance "in the event of Israeli aggression." Similar reports are reaching London from the capitals of other Arab League countries.

The signal for the campaign was given this week in Cairo by Ahmed el Shukri, Deputy Secretary General of the Arab League, following a conference of Arab military leaders in Cairo. In a statement issued to the press, he said that Israel is concentrating troops around Jerusalem and along the armistice lines with a view to attacking Jordan forces.

"It has been proved to the Arabs," the statement said, "that Israel is contemplating an all-out offensive against the Arab-Israeli lines. Responsible quarters have been notified of these aggressive intentions in order to be in a position to frustrate them immediately, before Israel carries them out."

## ISRAEL APPROVES PURCHASE OF GERMAN SHIPS AS REPARATIONS PAYMENT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has approved the purchase of six vessels as reparations payment by West Germany, Dr. F. Shinnar, head of the Israel purchasing mission in Germany, revealed here today prior to his return to Cologne.

He said the government had also approved the acquisition of equipment for the Palestine Electric Corporation, in which it is a partner, and the purchase of railway equipment. He disclosed that of a total of 150,000,000 marks set aside for the purchase of oil for Israel by Germany, some 90,000,000 marks had already been spent.

Israel will be able to mint its own coins and print its own postage stamps as a result of reparations orders for minting and printing machinery, it was revealed here today. Orders for the machinery were approved by the director of the Israel Government Printing Office who went to Germany to choose material needed by his department.

### NEW TRIAL OF ALLEGED TERRORISTS TO OPEN SOON IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- A new trial of alleged Israeli terrorists is expected to open at the Sarafand military camp soon, it was reported here. Ten persons suspected of terrorism, including Zeev Yeivin, son of a Hebrew University professor, are expected to stand trial before a military court.

The new trial follows the sentencing last week of 13 Israeli youths to jail terms varying between one and 12 years for membership in an underground terrorist organization. One of the defendants had confessed to setting fire to the car of the Czech Minister to Tel Aviv and the prosecution had charged, but failed to prove, that the chief defendant had placed the explosives which blasted the Soviet Legation in Israel last February.

### FOREIGN INVESTMENTS RISE IN ISRAEL; REACH MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Foreign investments in Israel, declining since 1951, began to pick up again in July of this year, according to statistics released here today by the Ministry of Trade.

Total investments from abroad between the state's establishment in May, 1948, and July of this year, totalled \$177,000,000 and 81,400,000 pounds. Of this total, American and Canadian investments have accounted for 37 percent.

### ISRAEL "UNFREEZES" 1,200 ARAB ACCOUNTS, U. N. OFFICIAL REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The number of Arab refugee applications for accounts blocked in Israel rose from 900 at the end of May to about 2,750 as of last week, a liaison representative of the Palestine Conciliation Commission, who recently arrived here, announced today.

The U. N. official said that to date, the Israel Custodian for Absentee Property has approved 1,200 applications. The rate of transfer will be 50 pounds sterling monthly.

### JEWISH AGENCY STUDIES EXPANSION OF ZIONIST EDUCATION IN EUROPE

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Zalman Shazar, deputy chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, arrived here today on the first leg of a trip to study the possibilities of expanding Zionist educational work in Europe.

Mr. Shazar plans to visit Holland and France during the next two weeks. He will also discuss with the London office of the Agency a number of problems which will be considered at the meeting of the World Zionist Actions Committee scheduled to be held in Jerusalem in the middle of December.

### ISRAEL REFUSES TO GRANT TOURIST VISAS TO GERMAN STUDENTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Ministry of the Interior today refused to grant visa requests made by an Austrian and three German students now touring the Old City who wished to enter Israel. The applications were submitted through the American consulate in the Old City.

### HISTADRUT REJECTS COMMUNIST INVITATION TO VIENNA CONFERENCE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Histadrut executive has turned down an invitation from the Communist-controlled World Federation of Trade Unions to attend an international trade union conference at Vienna, it was announced here today.

**ISRAEL SENDS NEGEV IRON ORE TO GERMANY FOR LABORATORY TESTS**

TEL AVIV, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Some 200 tons of iron ore from the Negev was shipped to Germany this week for laboratory tests to determine the percentage of available iron in the ore, it was learned here today.

**JORDAN FIRMS ASK GERMANY TO RESTRICT GOODS SENT TO ISRAEL**

DUSSELDORF, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Jordan firms dealing with German plants have begun asking that goods exported to Jordan be accompanied by certificates stating that they were not of the type being supplied to Israel as part of German reparations, it was learned here today.

The certificates are required to be countersigned by a representative of an Arab League member state and, in some cases, by a German Chamber of Commerce. German businessmen are not certain of the exact reason for the requests for the certificates.

**JEWISH "RETURNEES" FROM ISRAEL LEAVE AUSTRIA; EIGHT DETAINED**

VIENNA, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Most of the displaced Jews who returned here from Israel and asked the Joint Distribution Committee to assist them in obtaining permanent settlement elsewhere have already left Austria, it was learned here today. However, their destinations have not been made public.

Meanwhile, eight returnees are temporarily being detained by the Austrian authorities pending their deportation to Israel. They were part of a group which recently crossed the Austro-German frontier without the requisite documents and were arrested by the Germans who sent them back to Austria.

**CANADA INTERVENES WITH AUSTRIA ON JEWISH REPARATIONS CLAIMS**

MONTREAL, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Canadian Charge d'Affairs in Vienna has expressed the Canadian Government's concern and interest in the negotiations between world Jewish organizations and the Austrian Government for restitution and reparations payments, the Canadian Jewish Congress announced today.

The Congress, which asked the Canadian Government to intervene in behalf of the Jewish organizations, was informed of the Canadian diplomat's action by representatives of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The Conference added that the Jewish delegation in Vienna found the Canadian Government's intervention "timely and helpful."

**IMPROVEMENTS IN GERMAN INDEMNIFICATION LAW REQUESTED BY JEWS**

LONDON, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- A statement issued here by the Council of Jews from Germany welcomes the passage of the German Federal indemnification law but points out that amendments and alterations are necessary to make the measure adequate.

The Council says that provisions will have to be made whereby special levies and flight taxes imposed by the Nazis on Jews are returned under the law. As the measure now stands, settlement of this matter may, under certain circumstances, be held over until the passage of another law, which the Council states has not even been drafted.

SEVEN OIL COMPANIES PREPARE TO DRILL IN ISRAEL, AGENCY REPORTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- Seven oil companies from the U.S., Canada, Panama and Israel are poised to commence drilling operations near the Dead Sea and in other sections of Israel, it was reported today by the Jewish Agency's economic department here.

The seven companies are: The Husky Oil Company, of Cody, Wyoming; The New Continental Oil Company, of Calgary, Canada; The Pan-Israel Oil Company, Inc., and Israel Oil Licenses, Inc., both registered in Panama; and the Lapidoth-Israel Petroleum Company, Ltd., the Jordan Exploration Company, Ltd., and Israel Oil Prospectors, Ltd., all registered in Israel.

The three latter companies hold joint licenses in the Dead Sea area and plan to start drilling immediately. Lapidoth, which will conduct operations for all three, has made a contract with Kerr-McGee Oil Industries, Inc., of Oklahoma City, to be Lapidoth's exclusive oil-drilling contractor. A field camp is being set up near Sdom, at the southern end of the Dead Sea.

The Husky Oil Company is presently carrying out geological and geophysical exploration in the coastal region of Israel, and has obtained the services of the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth for gravity work in that area. Louis Franklin, of Houston, Texas, an independent operator and geologist with previous experience in Israel, is manager of operations, and J. C. Gilbert, of the Husky Oil Company, is serving in an advisory capacity.

The Weizmann Institute is also making geological surveys in the Negev in behalf of The New Continental Oil Company. A team of the Institute's experts, headed by Professor C. L. Pekeris, has been active since July 1st and is expected to complete its work by the end of next month. Wayne Phares, of Calgary, resident geophysicist of The New Continental Company, is presently in Israel supervising the work of the company's field team.

The two Panamanian companies, founded by independent oil men headed by William F. Buckley of New York, are now engaged in field work to determine the best drilling locations in areas for which they hold licenses. Sidney Schafer, a Houston geophysicist, is directing the work and G. H. Brodie, petroleum geologist from Denver, Colorado, is one of the consultants in connection with the exploration program.

80 ISRAEL FIRMS REPRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL FAIR IN TURKEY

ISTANBUL, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- More than 80 Israeli firms are represented in the Israel exhibit at the Izmir International Fair, some of them offering products never before offered on the Turkish market by Israeli firms. The Israeli pavilion this year is three times as large as it was at last year's trade fair.

Turkish President Djelal Bayar visited the Israeli pavilion on opening day at the fair and expressed deep interest in the industrial development of Israel. A number of high Turkish officials, including Minister of Trade Fethi Celikbas, have expressed admiration for the rapid progress of Israeli industry as mirrored in the fair exhibits.

200,000 ACRES OF LAND IN NEGEV RECEIVING WATER FOR IRRIGATION

TEL AVIV, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The Negev Water Project, designed to supply water for drinking and irrigation purposes to settlements in Israel's southern desert region, is now supplying 35,000,000 cubic meters of water annually to these settlements. N. Lifshitz, manager of the project, reported today. He revealed that 800,000 dunams (200,000 acres) are being irrigated in the Negev by the Mekroth Water Company and the project.

JEWISH YOUTH CONFERENCE TOLD TO BUILD JEWISH CULTURE IN U.S.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Sept. 1. (JTA) -- "The overwhelming majority of Jewish young people in this country will spend their lives in the United States; here there is the challenge both of America and of Jewry," Dr. Emanuel Gamoran, education director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, told the 6th annual assembly of the National Jewish Youth Conference which is being held at Cejwin Camps, near here.

"On the American scene," Dr. Gamoran said, "the Jewish young people wish to participate with their fellow citizens in helping all Americans to live the good life; on the Jewish scene they wish to enable their fellow beings as well as themselves to be happy men and women. It becomes their task to help build an indigenous Jewish culture in America. The development of an American Jewish life that is worthy, that is full of dignity and nobility, is one of the primary tasks of young people."

Seldon M. Kruger, chairman of the National Jewish Youth Conference, told the assembly that Communism and McCarthyism are "twin foes of freedom." The methods used by both the Communists and McCarthyites are identical, he said. "They drape themselves in the cloak of freedom," he asserted, "but they cynically destroy the soul and spirit of the freedom whose name they invoke. They show respect for religion, but stamp ruthlessly underfoot all standards of morality; they threaten to subject to their inquisitions even the clergy. They are, in short, the arrogant and the absolute, who sit in solemn judgment on the loyalty and morality of their fellow citizens, all unhumiliated by the sheer effrontery of such a usurpation of conscience and God."

The Conference today voted to reorganize itself into a nation-wide youth body of more than 300 local and regional Jewish youth and young adult councils. The Conference, which is sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board, has for the past five years represented not only the local and regional councils, but also ten national Jewish youth organizations.

The reason for the move, which becomes effective October 1, 1953, is that the JWB, sole sponsor of the Conference since its beginning in 1948, felt that representative national adult Jewish organization with youth programs should co-sponsor such an all-inclusive body. Since these national organizations did not agree to co-sponsor the Conference at this time and JWB was financially unable to continue sole sponsorship of a conference including both youth councils and national organizations, it suggested that the Conference re-constitute itself.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS CONVENTION OPENS TODAY IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Sept. 1. (JTA) -- The 58th annual national convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States will open here tomorrow with more than 1,500 delegates expected. The conference will end Sunday.

A report distributed today among the delegates calls attention to resurgent Nazi and Fascist movements in Germany and Italy and urges "extreme caution" in the extension of American aid to "countries menaced by Nazism, Fascism and Communism." The delegates are expected to call for enactment of Federal FEPC legislation and revision of the McCarran Immigration Act.