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## ISRAEL IS CANDIDATE FOR U. N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY VICE PRESIDENCY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Israel is a candidate for a vice presidency of the United Nations General Assembly which opened its eighth regular session today. Of the seven vice presidencies, five are reserved for the great powers and two are selected by vote of the General Assembly. Mexico and Pakistan are contesting with Israel for the two open positions. The seven vice presidents sit on the steering committee of the Assembly. Election of the Assembly's vice presidents will be held tomorrow.

## JEWISH PRISONERS REPORTED KILLED IN IRAQI PRISON DISORDERS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Jewish inmates have been killed and wounded in an Iraqi prison disturbance which resulted in 36 casualties, according to a report received here from the Directorate General of Public Propaganda in Baghdad.

The report alleged that at the prison of Kut, "Communist convicts" rioted on behalf of "15 Jewish convicts and obstructed their being taken out from them." It alleged that the inmates "attacked the police force and guards, who were unarmed, with stones and lethal weapons. . . a number of policemen rushed to their barracks for their arms and closed in on the convicts. . . The engagement resulted in the killing and wounding of a number of convicts."

The alleged Communist leaders were identified as Moshe Nvim (Koman), Hezkiel Nahim (Kochman), Muhammed Radi Shubbak, Akram Huseyn and Muhammad Abd Al-Latif. An investigation has been undertaken at the prison, it was reported.

Israel sources have from time to time reported the brutal treatment of Jews in Iraqi prisons. Many Jews have been jailed in Iraq on spurious charges of "Zionist-Communist activities" and similar allegations.

## TO COORDINATE ISRAEL ECONOMIC MISSIONS IN UNITED STATES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Israel's economic and financial missions in the United States will be centralized and placed under supervision of a diplomat of ministerial rank, according to a decision reached by the Cabinet last night.

Reorganization of Israeli economic activities in the United States was among the proposals made by Zeev Sharef, secretary-general of the government, to improve the efficiency of the Foreign Ministry. The new measures, it is understood, will affect the supply mission and the economic advisor in New York, the economic department in Washington and New York and the tourist center.

## GREEK FREIGHTER EXPECTED AT EILAT AFTER RELEASE BY EGYPTIANS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Although press dispatches from Cairo reported that the Egyptian authorities had seized a shipment of asphalt consigned from Haifa to the Israeli port of Eilat aboard the Greek freighter Parnon, a message received today by Traders and Shippers, Ltd., charterers of the vessel, indicated that the ship had left Port Said and was continuing its voyage through the Suez Canal to Eilat with its cargo intact.

The ship, carrying asphalt to Eilat and Israel-assembled American motor cars for East African ports, was detained by the Egyptian authorities on Sept. 2 as it sought entrance to the Suez Canal. A protest against the detention was filed with the United Nations Security Council by the Israel Government on Sept. 9.

Officials of the shipping company flew to Eilat today in anticipation of the freighter's arrival during the course of the day to unload the asphalt. A company spokesman said a second freighter would sail from Haifa through the Suez Canal toward the end of October. He stressed that maintenance of regular shipping schedules through the Suez Canal would open important trade possibilities for Israel, including the marketing of citrus fruit in India and Pakistan.

## THIRTEEN CLASHES WITHIN WEEK REPORTED ON ISRAELI BORDERS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Two Arab infiltrees were killed, two were wounded and ten others were captured in 13 clashes last week between bands of marauding Arabs from the neighboring states and Israeli border patrols, a military spokesman disclosed here today.

## ATTEMPTED ISRAELI JAIL BREAK FOILED BY POLICE

TEL AVIV, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Several prisoners being held for trial on charges of membership in a terrorist underground organization attempted unsuccessfully to break out of the Tel Mond jail last night. Police succeeded in quelling the attempt without casualties.

## ISRAEL MUST RELY ON OWN STRENGTH, KNESSET LEADER DECLARES

LONDON, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- In a world torn by dissension and conflict of interests the best guarantee of Israel's future lies in her own strength, Meir Argov, chairman of the Israel Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, declared here last night at a reception given in his honor by the British Poale Zion party.

Israel's leaders are fully alive to the dangers facing the Jewish State in the current world situation and are keeping the problem of security uppermost in their minds, Mr. Argov declared. He insisted that the state could "tackle its economic difficulties" if peaceful conditions prevailed in the world and in the Middle East.

In an appeal to British Jewry to accept greater responsibility for the fate and future of Israel, Mr. Argov warned against taking the "existence of the State for granted. The battle for survival and progress is as much the responsibility of Diaspora Jewry as that of the people of Israel."

The Knesset leader, who is also general secretary of the Mapai Party, spoke of the Laborites' concern for the problem of Jews outside Israel, but at the same time appealed for a "stream" of Jewish youth from abroad to come to Israel and help build the state.

A message from the British Labor Party to the reception expressed confidence that Mr. Argov's visit to England would help foster better relations between the British and the Israeli Labor parties.

EXTREMIST MOSLEM LEADER IN IRAN TO RESUME POLITICAL ACTIVITY

LONDON, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Ayatullah Kashani, an extremist Moslem leader who urged Iranians to join with the Arab League against Israel and otherwise agitated against Jews, has made known that he will resume political activities shortly under the new government of Premier Zahedi, according to the Teheran radio today.

Kashani made a statement to the Teheran correspondent of the Egyptian newspaper, Al Ahram, in which he "confirmed his determination to resume his political activities following his withdrawal from the political arena in recent months."

In reply to a question as to whether he proposed to reinstitute his candidacy for the office of Speaker of the Majlis (Parliament), Kashani replied that he considered himself above that office. Kashani pointed out that when he was Speaker of the former Majlis he did not attend its sessions and all resolutions were sent to him in his residence for approval.

Kashani endorsed the new government of Premier Zahedi, which he supported in the recent coup d'etat, and condemned the previous administration of Mohammed Mossadegh.

DEMANDS AMNESTY FOR ALL WAR CRIMINALS IN GERMANY

BONN, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- A demand for the immediate and complete amnesty of all war criminals remaining in prison was made today in telegrams dispatched to the three Western High Commissioners by Dr. Friedrich Middlehauve, chairman of the Free Democratic Party in North Rhine Westphalia. Dr. Middlehauve, who won a Bundestag seat in the recent national elections, described as inadequate the "dilatatory procedure of clemency boards" to be established by the Western powers.

AACHEN JEWISH CEMETERY DESECRATED BY VANDALS

COLOGNE, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The Jewish cemetery at Drove, near Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle) has been systematically desecrated, according to information received here today. The Aachen Jewish community has posted a reward for arrest of the vandals.

AMERICAN SOLDIER, NAZI VICTIM, FINDS FATHER'S GRAVE IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Pfc. John Franklin of San Francisco, a former displaced Jew now serving in the United States Army in Germany, has located the grave of his father, who died of beatings, torture and starvation while both of them were prisoners of the Nazis.

Young Franklin, 23, who was born in Wuerzburg, fled to Holland with his family in 1938. When that country was overrun by the German Army two years later, the mother was sent to one Nazi camp and the father and son to another. They survived until the closing days of the war when they found themselves in Bergen-Belsen.

Then the Nazis, attempting to keep the prisoners out of the hands of liberating Allied troops, packed them into cattle cars and shipped them into the interior of Germany. On that nightmarish journey the father succumbed to brutality and starvation and was buried in a mass grave alongside the railroad tracks.

Subsequently the youth and his mother were rescued and migrated to the United States where the boy grew up, was educated and eventually drafted into the Army, which assigned him to Germany. The father's grave was recently discovered by the International Tracing Service and young Franklin journeyed to the grave to recite the traditional Jewish prayers for the dead.

SWEDE NOMINATED TO HEAD BERLIN RESTITUTION COURT

BERLIN, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- The West Berlin City Government has nominated Dr. Anders-Torsten Salen, of Sweden, as presiding judge of the new Berlin Supreme Restitution Court. The seven-man tribunal, consisting of a "neutral" presiding judge, three German judges and an American, a Briton and one Frenchman, will be the final court for appeals on West Berlin restitution matters.

SEEK COURT ACTION TO SECURE RETURN OF KIDNAPPED JEWISH CHILD

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Dr. Isidore Mes, attorney for the family of Anneke Beekman, 12-year-old Jewish girl whose Catholic foster mother refuses to return her, has called on the public prosecutor to act against the Catholic woman.

The foster mother, Miss H. Van Moorst of Hilversum, in whose care the child was left during the Nazi occupation of Holland, has spirited the child away and refuses to divulge her whereabouts to the family. The girl is believed to be in a convent.

Efforts by the Jewish community to obtain support from the Catholic hierarchy in the Netherlands for the return of the child have proved fruitless. Several months ago Dutch Chief Rabbi Justis Tal appealed to the ranking Catholic bishop, but received a reply which held out little hope of assistance.

TWO JEWS ARE ELECTED TO AMSTERDAM CITY COUNCIL

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Two Jews have been elected to the new Amsterdam city council. Both of them are Socialists. They are Dr. A. de Roos, who heads the city Department of Education, and Dr. R. Vanderbergh, head of the Department of Economic Affairs.

In the last council before the war, four of the aldermen were Jewish. The city's Jewish population at that time was 120,000; the present population is 12,000.

PROF. RENE CASSIN HEADS INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE BODY

ISTANBUL, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Prof. Rene Cassin, noted French Jewish leader, was elected president of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences at its world congress here. Prof. Cassin is vice-president of the French State Council and is president of the Alliance Israelite Universelle.

Israel was among the 38 countries represented at the congress.

CHIEF RABBI HERZOG URGES NEW YORKERS TO MARK JERUSALEM ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog, Chief Rabbi of Israel, called upon the Jews of New York today to participate in celebration of Jerusalem's 3,000th anniversary as a means of reaffirming their "faith and devotion to the basic tenets of Judaism."

In a message to the Committee for the Celebration of Jerusalem's 3,000th anniversary, which is sponsoring the salute to Israel's capital in cooperation with the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds at Madison Square Garden on Tuesday, October 20th, Rabbi Herzog described Jerusalem as "the symbol of our new and vibrant Israel." Rabbi Herzog's message, which was sent from Jerusalem, was released here by Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Jerusalem Anniversary Committee.

CALLS ON U. S. JEWS TO INTENSIFY FIGHT AGAINST TOTALITARIANISM

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- A call to American Jews to rededicate themselves in the New Year to upholding the spirit of freedom and aiding all those who resist the forces of totalitarianism, was voiced here tonight on a nationwide radio broadcast by Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee.

In a special Yom Kippur program originating in New York and sponsored by the Committee, Mr. Blaustein asserted that the spirit of freedom in man can never be killed by "corroding propaganda or police techniques of tyranny," citing recent uprisings in East Germany and Czechoslovakia to support his point. He urged Americans to "buttress" the efforts of those who struggle against dictatorships abroad by setting an example of what free men can do in America; by working for equal justice and opportunity for all Americans and by combatting the efforts of those who would "curtail the freedom of their fellow citizens."

"We can give new hope to those resisting tyranny," Mr. Blaustein added, "by our determination to continue fortifying the moral and spiritual outposts of freedom throughout the world; by strengthening our democratic allies; and aiding Israel, democracy's young vigorous bulwark in the Near East, so that she may consolidate her economic and social gains and stand as a force for peace and justice in a strife-ridden area."

SENATOR LEHMAN TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT NCRAC PLENARY SESSION

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Senator Herbert H. Lehman will be the principal speaker at the forthcoming plenary session of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, Irving Kane, NCRAC chairman, announced today. Sen. Lehman will speak on current and emerging social and political trends. These trends and their community relations implications will constitute the theme of the season.

More than 100 delegates representing the six national agencies and 30 local community agencies affiliated with the NCRAC will attend the session which will be held October 10-12 in Chicago.

ADL CONDEMNS AS "HEARSAY" ALLEGATIONS AGAINST WISE, MAGNES, HOLMES

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. (JTA) -- Benjamin Gitlow's testimony that the Rev. John Haynes Holmes and the late Rabbis Stephen S. Wise and Judah L. Magnes were Communist Party followers, was challenged today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith as "simply hearsay."

In a letter to Rep. Harold H. Velde, the League said it was "distressed" that the House Committee on Un-American Activities would make public the secret testimony of the one-time secretary of the Communist Party because "nowhere in his testimony before the Committee does Mr. Gitlow indicate that he had direct knowledge with respect to any of these three religious leaders."

Henry E. Schultz, national chairman of ADL, who signed the letter, pointed out that publication of the Gitlow testimony was "a reckless attack upon the memory of two great religious leaders revered by most Jews and many Americans. The result, too, is a besmirching of the reputation of one of the most honored representatives of the Protestant clergy, Dr. John H. Holmes. We believe that such action can serve only to undermine the great freedoms upon which our democratic system is based."

The League renewed "with urgency" a plea that the House Committee preserve "the American bulwarks of human liberty by rejecting hearsay evidence, conducting painstaking investigation and fair and impartial hearings and by allowing a person the right to confront and cross-examine his accusers."