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## POSSIBILITY OF BEN GURION'S RETIREMENT RUMORED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Rumors that David Ben Gurion intends to take a long leave of absence as Prime Minister of Israel were published in the press here today, causing much speculation.

The Davar, leading pro-government newspaper, in an editorial today reproaches the editors of other newspapers for reporting the rumors in a sensational manner. The paper points out that even were there any truth in these rumors, such a delicate matter should be handled with maximum caution.

"Suppose it is true that the Prime Minister intends to interrupt his political activity for a year or two?" the editorial says. "Suppose he has psychological and physical reasons--fatigue after six years of over-strenuous work--why should the press make such a fuss?"

The Davar appeals to the Israelis to avoid public discussions until a final clarification of the situation is available. Everybody should be interested in solving such a serious question without added complication, the paper emphasizes.

### May Settle in Negev to Direct Development, Reports Say

The evening paper "Maariv" and the Agudah Laborite organ "Sharim," reporting the rumors about Mr. Ben Gurion, added that after his retirement, the Prime Minister intends to settle for a long period in the Negev and dedicate himself primarily to the development of that section of the country - where oil prospecting is being conducted and in whose mineral possibilities Israel is pinning great hopes.

Some newspapers today stated that the Mapai, Israel's Labor Party, of which Mr. Ben Gurion is the leader, is already discussing the question of a successor who will be acceptable as Premier to the other parties in the government coalition.

General Zionist sources indicated that the General Zionist members of the Cabinet intend to press Mr. Ben Gurion for a confirmation or denial of the press reports. They made it clear that should he confirm the reports about his alleged intention to seek a long leave of absence, the General Zionists will ask him to state what he intends to do about the Cabinet, since his long absence would disturb the present equilibrium in the coalition government.

The General Zionists, who have four members in the Cabinet, indicated that in their opinion, a long absence by the Prime Minister would be "politically unhealthy and Constitutionally irregular."

ISRAEL'S STAND ON MOROCCAN ISSUE OUTLINED AT U. N. MEETING

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Israel's stand on the problem of Morocco which is now under discussion at the United Nations was outlined before the U. N. by Emile Najjar, member of the Israel delegation.

Addressing the First Committee, where the problem is being discussed, Najjar said that the Israel delegation is aware of the existence of "a real and legitimate interest" in the U. N. General Assembly for the aspirations of the people of Morocco. As a newly independent state, Israel is particularly sensitive to the aspirations of other peoples to independence, he pointed out.

At the same time, he advised the U. N. not to engage in an "impatient and unrealistic" attitude. He expressed the belief that there were "tangible hopes" for a settlement of the Moroccan situation. The time now was for "negotiation and conciliation," he declared. This consideration would guide the Israel delegation in its attitude toward any resolution before the United Nations, he stated. He also drew attention to the fact that "tens of thousands of Moroccan Jews had come to live in Israel."

ISRAEL PRESENTS ITS VIEW ON REFUGEE PROBLEM TO UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Menahem Kahane, member of the Israel delegation at the U. N., told the Social Committee of the United Nations General Assembly today that the "most practicable" solution of the refugee problem in the world today was "by integration." Unfortunately, he said, repatriation and settlement was only of a "very secondary and accessory nature."

The Israeli delegate said it was "imperative to continue the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees for a further period of five years as recommended by the Economic and Social Council." Mr. Kahane described the problem of the refugees as being "without any doubt one of the most serious of our times." He said that a permanent solution would be a vital contribution to maintenance of world peace.

The Israeli delegate referred to the fact that his country was one of the members of the High Commissioner's advisory committee on refugees. There were valid reasons, he continued, for Israel's being on this committee: 1. "The long and tragic experience of the Jewish people during its millenary history;" 2. The fact that Israel had succeeded in absorbing so quickly great numbers of immigrants.

As a member of the committee the Israeli delegation had had an opportunity to follow closely the work of the High Commissioner's Office and to appreciate what had been done, he asserted.

JEWISH AGENCY ALLOCATES FUNDS FOR KINDERGARTENS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency executive has allocated 750,000 pounds to cover the budgets for kindergartens maintained in the immigrant work villages, it was reported here today at a meeting of the executive.

Moshe Kol, member of the executive in charge of the Youth Aliyah movement, reported that the Minister of Education had agreed that parents of children in the care of Youth Aliyah would, in the future, be able to choose the type of school their children would attend. Yesterday, Mr. Kol reported that 7,000,000 pounds had been allocated for youth immigration, 70 percent of it from Oriental countries.

## ISRAEL'S VIEWS ON SYRIA AND EGYPT PRESENTED AT WASHINGTON PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Mr. Ishar Harari, a member of Israel's delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union, told the Union at its session today that Parliamentary representative government by the people does not exist in Egypt and Syria and that he thought the Union should put more stress on the control of foreign policy by parliaments as a factor for peace.

He pointed out that in a totalitarian state a single dictator can decide on war unilaterally without consulting representatives of the people. He said Israel was particularly conscious of this because of the presence of Egypt and Syria on her frontiers.

Emile Bustani, a member of the Lebanese delegation, told the Union that the United States must "atone" for past "wrong deeds" in the Near East. He called attention to the Arab refugee situation and sought to give the impression that the Arabs were potentially very friendly to the United States, but were alienated through American support of Israel.

## SYRIAN DELEGATE AT UNITED NATIONS VOICES CHARGES AGAINST ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Rafik Asha, Syrian permanent representative, charged here today that the Israeli authorities had expelled 18 Arabs from their homes in Israel and from a demilitarized area near Syria in two actions this month. He made his charges at a press conference.

He said that 11 Arabs, settlers in the demilitarized zone between Israel and Syria, had been driven out of the area on October 1 and their property had been confiscated. On October 9, he asserted, seven Arabs had been expelled from the village of Rihania, near Safad. These included men, women and children, he added.

Mr. Asha claimed that these two incidents were "flagrant violations" of the armistice agreement. He also said his government considers them as "naked aggression." "The more Arabs they can uproot," Mr. Asha said, "the more political advantage they can gain."

The Syrian representative announced that he had received instructions from his government to refer the question of Israel's canal project to the Security Council if Israel did not comply with Gen. Bennike's order to stop work on the project which, he said, would affect Syria.

## Peace with Israel Depends on Refugee Issue, Egyptian Says

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The prerequisite for any negotiations with Israel is a settlement of the Palestine refugee question, Dr. Hilmi Badawi, chairman of the Egyptian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, said at a luncheon here today given in his honor by the United Nations Correspondents Association.

He made it clear that there would be no improvement in the economic relations between Israel and Egypt until this matter had been settled on a fair basis. In a further elaboration, however, he seemed to indicate that even if there were a settlement of the refugee question, it would not necessarily mean that Egypt would agree to a peace conference on Palestine.

### ISRAEL MISSION IN GERMANY ORDERED GOODS FOR 110,000,000 MARKS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The Israel purchasing mission in Germany has already ordered German goods for 110,000,000 marks, the bulk of which has been sold to Israeli merchants and manufacturers, it was reported here today by Hillel Dan, manager of Shilumim, the corporation set up by the Israel Government to handle German reparations goods.

Mr. Dan also reported that negotiations were currently taking place in Germany for changes in the list of goods which Germany will supply as reparations. He also expressed the opinion that funds realized from reparations payments would be the most important factor in balancing Israel's foreign currency deficit in the next ten years.

### JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN HUNGARY SEEK AID FROM JEWS ABROAD

LONDON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The Central Council of Jewish Communities in Hungary has informed the Agudas Israel executive in London that it will cooperate in relief activities for Jews, particularly in the distribution of such medical supplies as are unobtainable locally. The council also informed the Agudah that the Hungarian Red Cross will render such assistance as may be necessary.

The Agudah announced that it has shipped Hebrew textbooks to Hungary for use in classes in Jewish religion which are given in Budapest and in the provinces. The Agudah said that despite some difficulties Jewish religious life is being maintained in the provinces.

### TWO TRIALS OF NAZI CAMP COMMANDERS OPEN IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The trial of a one-time SS man and assistant block leader in Buchenwald concentration camp, Heinrich Emde, started in Kassel today. He is charged with having murdered numerous Jewish, Russian and Austrian inmates. According to witnesses, he shot 21 Jews out of hand in the camp's stables. Emde, who now works as a plumber, protested his complete innocence.

In Bremen, a trial opened of the former commander of Golleschau concentration camp, Mirbeth, and two of his lieutenants, all of whom are charged with the brutal and cold-blooded killing of Jewish inmates. Golleschau, a sub-camp of Auschwitz, held Jewish intellectuals for the most part, who were put to work under inhuman conditions in a stone quarry. At the trial, which is expected to last four weeks, a number of Jewish inmates now residing abroad will testify.

### CENTRAL JEWISH BODY IN GERMANY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

BREMEN, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Committees were set up to work out a cultural program for German Jewry and to revise statutes governing organizational structure of Jewish institutions in Germany as the Central Council of Jews of Germany went into the second day of its current meeting here. The council also elected a new six-member directorate. The new directors are:

Dr. Ewald Allschoff of Frankfurt, in the U.S. zone; Carl Katz of Bremen, in the British zone; Leonard Baer of Koblenz, in the French zone; Heinz Galinski of West Berlin; Maurice Weinberger of Munich, in the U.S. zone; and Dr. Hendrik G. Van Dam, the council's secretary general.

## LEHMAN TO SEEK EISENHOWER'S AID ON IMMIGRATION LAW CHANGES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Sen. Herbert H. Lehman said last night in a statement to the press that he has noted that President Eisenhower indicated at a recent press conference that he apparently has not yet decided to include revision of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act on the legislative "must list." The Senator expressed hope that the President would "give this matter further consideration."

"I have not yet had a reply from the President himself to my letter to him of August 13th urging his consideration of a bill, which I and 31 other members of Congress introduced in the waning days of the last session to replace the McCarran-Walter Act," Sen. Lehman stated.

"Within the next few weeks," said Mr. Lehman, "I shall renew my representations to the President to adopt our bill or any substantial portions of it, or at least to engage in discussions with some of us in regard to the most effective strategy to secure revision of this act as repeatedly urged and pledged by President Eisenhower. I hope the President will, as a minimum, take the lead in urging hearings on all proposals for the revision of the McCarran-Walter Act."

The Senator said he noticed "with great satisfaction" on his return from a recent trip to Europe "the increasing interest and activity on the part of many groups of citizens in the many sections of the country on behalf of drastically remedying our present immigration and citizenship laws."

## B'NAI B'RITH CELEBRATES ITS 110TH ANNIVERSARY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Ceremonies celebrating the 110th anniversary of B'nai B'rith and its New York Lodge No. 1 were held here last night at the Hotel Plaza. The lodge was founded on Essex Street, in New York's Lower East Side, on October 13, 1843, by a group of 12 young men headed by Henry Jones.

Reviewing the growth of B'nai B'rith to its present position, Philip M. Klutznick, national president, said: "Because of its democratic organization, B'nai B'rith has been able to provide strong, decisive leadership for the American Jewish community. Its ability to recognize a need and to respond with prompt remedial action rests upon its sensitiveness to the will of American Jewry. It is an organization in which every man can make his voice heard, his influence felt."

## PRESIDENT OF SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA ARRIVES IN GERMANY

BONN, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Norman Salit, president of the Synagogue Council of America, arrived here today on a month-long survey of Jewish life in Germany and a number of other questions connected with Jews. Dr. Salit is one of a party of nine American clergymen of all faiths to accept an invitation from the Bonn Government to visit West Germany and study conditions in the country.

## MEXICAN ZIONIST GROUPS SECURE \$1,000,000 LOAN FOR ISRAEL

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- A \$1,000,000 loan for the State of Israel has been negotiated here by the newly formed union of all Mexican Zionist groups and parties, it was announced here today. It was also revealed that the money has already been transmitted to Jerusalem.

### NEW YORK JEWISH HOSPITAL DEVELOPS NEW METHOD IN HEART SURGERY

NEW YORK, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- New methods in heart surgery, developed at the Maimonides Hospital here under the supervision of Dr. Charles B. Ripstein, director of Surgical Services at the hospital, were described today by Dr. Ripstein at a luncheon on behalf of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

The new method enables the correction of formerly fatal congenital heart defects. The Maimonides work in heart surgery was described October 5th in a leading presentation at the 39th annual meeting in Chicago of the American College of Surgeons.

### NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO PROCLAIM "HEBREW UNIVERSITY MONTH"

NEW YORK, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon Mayor Vincent R. Impelleri to proclaim November as "Hebrew University Month," in honor of Israel's university, was adopted yesterday by the City Council. The vote was unanimous. The resolution was introduced jointly by majority leader Joseph T. Sharkey and minority leader Stanley M. Isaacs.

The resolution declared that the University is "the sole general institution of higher learning in the State of Israel, having the purpose of serving the people of that country and the entire Near East and Middle East in the fields of science, medicine, public health, social science, agriculture, law, education and other fields of scholarship and endeavor."

### JEWISH STUDENTS WELCOME COSTA RICA'S PRESIDENT-ELECT

BOGOTA, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Costa Rica's President-elect, Jose Figueres, who is now touring the continent on a good will trip prior to his inauguration on November 7, was welcomed at the Bogota airport by the students of the Hebrew College and the representative of the Jewish Agency, Dr. Salvador Rozental.

"El Tiempo" published an article by Mr. Figueres, "Not To Have Dreamed In Vain," in which the future President of Costa Rica, reminiscing about his visit to Israel, calls Israel "a spiritual country" which has produced a society "more just and more pure" than any other.

Mr. Figueres tendered a dinner to the members of the Colombian Christian Pro-Palestine Committee, at which was present a friend of Max Nordau, Baldomero Sanin Cano, who is legendary throughout Latin America. Mr. Figueres, who was President of Costa Rica in 1948, visited Israel in 1950 as a guest of the Government. He toured the United States in 1951 as a speaker for the Israel Bond Drive.

### ISRAELIS LAY WREATH ON GRAVE OF GEN. WINGATE AT ARLINGTON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The Israel delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union today laid a wreath on the grave of British Gen. Orde Wingate, an outstanding supporter of Zionism, at Arlington National Cemetery. The group was accompanied by Lt. Col. Daniel Gelmond, assistant military attache of the Israel Embassy.

### PRESIDENT OF ASHKENAZI JEWISH COMMUNITY IN TURKEY DIES

ISTANBUL, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- Isidore Schnitter, president of the Ashkenazi community of Turkey, died here after a lengthy illness. He was 74. For many years Mr. Schnitter was a member of the Lay Council of the Turkish Grand Rabbinate and served as vice-president of the coordinating commission for ten Jewish welfare institutions.