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**U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL STARTS DEBATE ON ISRAEL-ARAB ISSUES TODAY**

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council will start its discussion tomorrow on "the Palestine Question." The morning session will be devoted to hearing Syria's complaint against Israel for allegedly trying to divert the course of the Jordan River in the demilitarized zone between the two countries. The afternoon session will hear a report from Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, U. N. truce supervisor, about the acts of violence on the Jordan-Israel frontier.

Meanwhile, Jewish and non-Jewish groups today continued to criticize the United States Government for pre-judging the issues against Israel by withholding American financial aid for Israel. Among the Jewish groups insisting on the immediate restoration of U. S. aid to the Jewish State were the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Workmen's Circle, the Zionist-Revisionists of America.

Gen. Vagn Bennike's report was released here today by the U. N. Secretary General. The U. N. truce chief takes issue in his report with Israel's contention that his decision was "at marked variance" with the position so far maintained by competent organs of the United Nations. Gen. Vagn Bennike maintains that his decision ordering a halt on the Israeli hydroelectric project was consistent with UN decisions.

**JEWISH DELEGATION CALLS ON DULLES; ASKS RESTORATION OF AID TO ISRAEL**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- A delegation of prominent Jewish leaders today called on Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and expressed to him their concern over the recent actions of the State Department regarding Israel. The delegation was organized and accompanied by Senator Irving M. Ives and Rep. Jacob K. Javits, both Republicans of New York.

The delegation urged upon the Secretary of State the necessity of maintaining Israel as a secure bastion for freedom and peace in the Near East in the interests of the United States and the whole free world. It asked, therefore, that the United States should re-examine with the Government of Israel the policy of delaying allocation to Israel of a share in the special economic aid voted by the Congress which is required as a basis for the operation and development of Israel's economy.

The delegation referred to the economic boycott of Israel openly carried on by the Arab states and their disregard of UN decisions and the categorical refusal of the Arab states even to undertake negotiations with Israel for a peace treaty.

The delegation expressed to the Secretary profound regret and sympathy for the victims of the deplorable and tragic incidents on the Israel-Jordan frontier which have cost the lives of so many innocent people on both sides, and urged the U. S.

Government to address itself most vigorously to the problem of Arab-Isaeel peace on the occasion of the Security Council's consideration--starting tomorrow--of these incidents.

The delegation also stressed that development in Israel should not be impeded or delayed by opposition of any Arab state to Israel's development or by the refusal of any Arab state to cooperate in regional development - "in short, that Arab hostility to Israel should not be permitted to veto Near East development which is now part of the fundamental foreign policy of the United States."

The delegation concluded: "We believe that the armistice agreements between Israel and the Arab states can and must be transformed into honorable and just peace treaties as quickly as possible, that this is in the vital security interest of the United States and the entire free world and that the enormous prestige of the United States can be used in the present situation to make Arab-Israel peace the central objective in the current discussions before the United Nations Security Council."

The delegation included Matthew Brown, member of the administrative committee of the American Jewish Committee; Mrs. Samuel Halprin, vice-chairman of the American Zionist Council; Maxwell Abbell, president of the United Synagogue of America; Philip M. Klutznick, president of the B'nai B'rith; Louis Lipsky, chairman of the American Zionist Council; William Rosenwald, vice-president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; Bernard Trager, chairman of the NCRAC, and Bernard Katzen who accompanied Sen. Ives and Rep. Javits.

#### Eisenhower Confers with Secretary General of Arab League

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today heard Secretary General Abdel Hassouna of the Arab League ask for the continuation of the suspension of American aid to Israel at a meeting at the White House today at the same time Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was conferring with a Jewish delegation which called at the State Department to ask for resumption of aid.

The Arab League Secretary General described Mr. Eisenhower as sympathetic and said he had brought to him the Arab League's expression of "goodwill and friendship." At first he would not say specifically if he had discussed the Israel aid question with Mr. Eisenhower but later made known that he had. The Arab leader said he had discussed current problems confronting the Arab states but declined to be specific. He was accompanied by Under-Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith and John Jernegan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, accompanied by Minister Reuven Shiloah, called on Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, this afternoon to discuss matters bearing on the question to be brought before the United Nations Security Council tomorrow.

#### Statement Authorized by Dulles Predicts Renewal of Aid to Israel

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The conviction that the dispute between the State Department and the Israel Government will soon be resolved and that "full American economic aid will be given to Israel" was expressed in a statement here today by Harold Riegelman, Republican candidate in the New York mayoralty race, following a conference with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. The conference, which lasted more than an hour, was also attended by Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and John Jernegan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. Mr. Riegelman's statement was issued with the approval of the State Department.

## ISRAEL PRESENTS SEVEN-YEAR PLAN TO WORLD JEWISH LEADERS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- A wide range of military, political and economic problems were brought today to the attention of the approximately 150 Jewish leaders from various countries abroad who assembled here for a five-day conference to map plans for increased economic aid to Israel. A 300-page plan calling for the development and expansion of Israel's agriculture, industry, communications and housing over the next seven years was presented to the conference today. It visualizes the population of Israel reaching 2,000,000 Jews by 1960 and proposes reducing the foreign exchange gap by increasing exports and decreasing imports.

Today's session was presided over by Premier David Ben Gurion, who last night outlined Israel's problems to the conferees in general terms in a speech delivered at a dinner arranged in honor of the guests. At today's session a high-ranking army officer reviewed for the Jewish leaders--more than 100 of whom are from the United States--the structure and tasks of Israel's army. Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett reported at great length on the political situation and dealt especially with the problem of concluding peace with the Arab countries.

Last night, Mr. Ben Gurion reviewed the historic partnership between world Jewry and the Jewish community of Israel, pointing out that this partnership had enabled the infant state to expel six invading Arab armies against whom no nation in the world had demanded the imposition of sanctions for aggression and who then and since have broken United Nations decisions and agreements with impunity.

Commenting on the transfer of Israel's capital from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, the Premier pointed out that when the Jews took over the city it was a shell battered "by Moslem soldiers and British officers who consider this the holiest city in the world." It is "unimaginable" and "sheer nonsense" that Israel's capital should not be in Jerusalem, he added.

Mr. Ben Gurion also told his listeners that "there are world forces which cannot be reconciled with Jewish independence and with national equality for the Jewish people." He continued: "The world does not accept us as we are, as equals to equals. Things which are natural and elementary with other peoples are not linked or not understood among Jews."

### Ben Gurion Outlines Future Tasks of Israel

Reviewing the task of bringing in and absorbing the immigrants to Israel, the Premier detailed the difficulties facing the state throughout its short life, but stressed that while the Israelis knew the dangers of mass immigration, "we also knew our responsibility to our people and to history. We knew in what danger Yemen, Iraqi, Lebanese and Egyptian Jews were." He added that efforts must still be made to bring the Jews out of Libya and Morocco and out of the East European countries to Israel.

Turning to the future tasks of the Jewish State, he maintained that "we must use all our energy and science" to "enrich and develop this country which the Arabs did not cultivate because they did not consider it theirs, and to convert it to a country flowing with milk and honey. For this we must have power and water," he stressed, "for this goal we drained the Huleh swamp and began the Jordan works, but (UN truce chief) General Bennike says it will give the Jews a military advantage.

"We are not looking for any military advantage," the Premier cried. "We look for peace, we want peace, we love peace, which is one of the basic elements of the restored Israel."

In conclusion, Mr. Ben Gurion said "we are small, we are poor but," he promised, "with the assistance of the Jewish nation we will upbuild Israel and make it a state where every Jew will be able to live as a man, as a Jew."

U.S. BANKERS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TO EVALUATE JEWISH AGENCY'S WORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Four leading New York banks have accepted an invitation from the Jewish Agency to send senior officials to Israel to evaluate the Agency's activities and advise on the formulation of its financial policy, it was announced here today.

George T. Newell, vice-president of the Manufacturers Trust Company, and Harold W. Rasmussen, vice-president of the Marine Midland Trust Company, members of the group, left today aboard the S. S. Nieuw Amsterdam accompanied by Gottlieb Hammer, executive director of the Jewish Agency. In Rome they will be joined by H. Harold Whitman, vice-president of the National City Bank and Max E. Gevers, assistant vice-president of the Bankers Trust Company. The group will arrive in Israel by air on November 4. Mr. Hammer made the following statement just before the group's departure:

"The four banks that have accepted our invitation to send senior officers on a tour of Israel have worked in close cooperation with the Jewish Agency. In the course of the past eight years, these banks have extended to the Jewish Agency loans and credits in the aggregate amount of many tens of millions of dollars which helped the great humanitarian effort of resettling in Israel some 750,000 refugees from persecution and in developing the Agency's extensive colonization and construction program in that country.

"Formulation of the Jewish Agency's plans for its immediate and long-term programs requires the best financial counsel and guidance we can obtain. We are most grateful, therefore, to the Manufacturers Trust Company, the National City Bank, the Marine Midland Trust Company and the Bankers Trust Company for assisting us in reviewing our work in Israel, evaluating the scope of our program for the immediate future, and advising us in formulating a financial policy for the Jewish Agency in 1954.

"Our group will spend three weeks in Israel, visiting the various undertakings of the Jewish Agency and touring the country. We have a heavy schedule on our hands. We are hopeful that the recommendations of this group of financial experts on completion of this tour will contribute greatly towards our efforts."

POLAND SEEKS TRADE WITH ISRAEL; RUSSIAN OIL ARRIVES IN HAIFA

TEL AVIV, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Apparently taking its lead from the Soviet Union, Poland has made inquiries here about the sale of 100,000 cases of citrus fruit. There is every expectation here that a deal will be completed since in the past Poland has purchased quantities of Israeli citrus products.

Meanwhile, two barrels of Russian crude oil have arrived for testing at the Haifa distilleries. An Israeli oil specialist has been added to a three-man citrus growers delegation which will shortly leave for Moscow to negotiate a barter deal whereby the Soviet Union would receive citrus fruit in return for wheat, possibly oil and other products.

It is understood here that Israel is also negotiating a barter agreement with Argentina for 30,000 tons of wheat and 10,000 tons of barley. Fifty percent of the total purchase price would be paid in cash and the remaining half would be paid for with Israeli products such as cement, tires, textiles, and other commodities.

U.S. JEW, SUING GERMAN TRUST, TELLS COURT OF NAZI TORTURES

HEIDELBERG, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- For the second time since he brought suit against the IG Farben chemical trust for \$200,000 in back pay and damages, Pfc. Rudolf Wachsmann of the United States Army, described to an American court the tortures he underwent as a prisoner of the Nazis and a slave laborer at IG Farben's synthetic rubber plant at Monowitz, adjoining the notorious Oswiecim concentration camp.

In a seven-hour session in the witness chair in the U.S. High Commission Court at Mannheim, Pfc. Wachsmann showed the scars on his body from continuous torture and beatings, as well as the camp number tattooed on his arm by the Nazis. He testified that he was hung from the wrists at least 20 times and that he weighed 72 pounds when he was liberated.

Counsel for IG Farben, which included three of Germany's outstanding defenders of major war criminals, cross-examined Pfc. Wachsmann throughout the seven hours of testimony. Under questioning he said that he had not been tortured by IG Farben employees but insisted that the punishment resulted from complaints by IG Farben straw bosses to the Nazi guards at the camp.

In response to questions of why, if he had suffered such severe injuries, he had not remained in the camp hospital for longer periods than the records showed, he pointed out that the inmates knew that as a rule any prisoner who spent more than two weeks in the hospital, regardless of the cause, was sent to the gas chambers. He said that in order to spend more time in the hospital he had assumed, for various periods, the identity of prisoners who had died.

The lawyers then suggested that he could not have suffered so severely in body and mind, as he claimed, if the U.S. Army had drafted him. Pfc. Wachsmann produced Army records to show that he had been found fit for limited duty only and that he had suffered constant headaches after exertion and that he had also been excused from wearing a steel helmet because of the suffering it caused him.

SUPREME RESTITUTION COURT STARTS FUNCTIONING TOMORROW IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- When the new Supreme Restitution Court of West Berlin officially begins its work Wednesday it will have on its calendar an initial group of 450 cases involving claims by victims of the Nazis--mostly Jews now living abroad--for the return of real estate, businesses and personal property. The court is composed of one judge each from the three Western occupying powers, three German judges and one "neutral" presiding justice from Sweden.

Since the West Berlin restitution statute went into effect, some 127,000 claims have been filed, 55,000 of them by the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization on behalf of the Jewish community in cases involving Jews who died heirless. Roughly half of the individual claims have been disposed of by the Berlin municipality and about 12 percent of the JRSO's claims have been settled. Property compensated for thus far amounted to about \$40,000,000.

Many of the cases which are now before the court--on appeal from the decisions of the West Berlin courts--hinge on the fact that the Soviet authorities have not participated in the restitution program and property lost in the Eastern zone or in East Berlin cannot be recovered through West Berlin. In some instances bank accounts were confiscated from banks which now have branches in the Western zone and their main offices in the Soviet sector, a factor which led the West Berlin lower courts to rule against the claimants.

CANADIAN JEWS HAIL COURT RULING ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION

MONTREAL, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- The overall effect of a recent decision by the Canadian Supreme Court ruling a civic by-law invalid when it interferes with the exercise of freedom of religion, was underlined here by the Canadian Jewish Congress which has publicized the decision. The ruling was hailed by leading Canadian newspapers.

The case involved an appeal by a member of the sect of Jehovah's Witnesses who was arrested in Quebec for distributing religious tracts published by the sect, without having first obtained a permit. The court, in a five to four decision, upheld the appeal, although it did not abrogate the 20-year-old Quebec statute.

W. J. C. STUDY SHOWS JEWISH CULTURE WIPED OUT IN USSR

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Although Soviet Russia professes to allow all nationalities in the USSR to use their own mother tongue in the press and literature, Jewish writers have been deprived since at least 1948 of the privilege of using Yiddish and Hebrew, and of otherwise fostering a Jewish cultural life in Russia, according to a study issued by the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress.

The newly-published appraisal, written by Dr. Wolf Blattberg, discloses that with the discontinuation of the last-remaining Yiddish newspaper in Russia, Einikeit, in 1948, Jewish writers have completely disappeared. No word has reached the outside world of their fate. With these men, the remnants of all existing Jewish cultural life have also vanished from sight.

A. D. L. ASKS COURT ACTION AGAINST RESORT PRACTICING BIAS

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- Prosecution by Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies of a leading Pocono resort hotel for discriminating against Jews was asked today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith,

In a letter to Acting Attorney-General Harrington Adams, Fred Grossman, ADL regional director for the state, accused the High Point Inn, a Mt. Pocono resort, of having "mailed to various residents of Pennsylvania and of at least two other states" cards stating that the hotel caters "to a young Gentile clientele between 20 to 35 years of age."

Mr. Grossman argued that the discriminatory language violated Pennsylvania law which makes it a misdemeanor for any place of public accommodation to send out communications "intended or calculated to discriminate against any religious sect, creed, class, denomination, or nationality."

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ADOPTS \$676,000 BUDGET

NEW YORK, Oct. 26. (JTA) -- A 1953-54 budget of \$676,000 was adopted by the board of directors of the National Council of Jewish Women at a meeting here this week-end, it was announced by Mrs. Irving M. Engel, president. Mrs. Engel revealed that the program of the Council's 245 local sections is at a peak level in the NCJW's 66-year history with some 800 local projects under way.