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## KNESSET TO DEBATE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION CENSURING ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- A full-fledged debate on Israel's foreign policy will be held in the Israel Parliament next week in the light of the resolution adopted this week by the United Nations Security Council censuring the Jewish State for the Kibya raid, it was announced today by Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of Parliament.

The debate will also touch upon Israel's request for direct talks with Jordan under Article XII of the armistice agreement which Israel invoked this week during the discussion on the Palestine question at the Security Council. It is understood that Israel intends to raise the question of implementing the armistice provision guaranteeing it freedom of access to the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital atop Mt. Scopus.

(At the United Nations it was indicated today that chances for direct Israel-Jordan talks on the armistice pact have been dimmed by the fact that Jordan has so far not replied to the request for such talks transmitted by U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold to the Jordan Government. Also, by the fact that Lebanese delegate Dr. Charles Malik, the only Arab member of the Security Council, hinted that the Arab states are not willing to enter into direct discussion with Israel concerning the armistice agreements.)

## U.S. Justifies Israel's Demand for Direct Talks with Jordan

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Israel's invocation of Article XII of the armistice agreement with a view to bring about direct talks with Jordan is favored by the U.S. Government, it was indicated here today by a highly-placed State Department source.

It is felt here that Jordan has no choice but to agree to the face-to-face meeting with Israel since this is provided by the specific article of the Israel-Jordan armistice agreement invoked by Israel at the U.N. Security Council session this week. It is also felt here that some good results may come from such a meeting.

The State Department source said that the Department is closely following developments at the United Nations involving Israel and feels that the Jewish State was within its rights in invoking Article XII of the Israel-Jordan armistice pact.

Sen. John F. Kennedy, of Massachusetts, has expressed concern to the State Department over United States support of the United Nations resolution censuring Israel for the Kibya attack. In a letter to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles,

Sen. Kennedy urged this government to seek a United Nations resolution calling for permanent peace negotiations and settlements in the Near East.

The Senator said he was "very much concerned with this nation's position in the United Nations with respect to the censuring of Israel regarding the Kibya incident." Stating that such incidents as Kibya were deplorable on either side and that the United Nations must prevent such violations of the truce, Sen. Kennedy asked: "But, more important, does not this incident present the United Nations and the United States with an opportunity to urge more vigorously a more effective and permanent peace in the Near East."

### Zionists in U.S., Britain, Canada, Assail U.N. Resolution on Israel

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Zionist groups in the United States, Britain and Canada today criticized the U.N. Security Council for adopting the resolution censuring Israel, while the New York Times, in an editorial, urged the Security Council to see to it that Israel's request for a direct meeting with Jordan is acted upon.

"The United Nations must do what it can to force the two peoples together and to place the blame where it belongs if its summons to negotiations is disregarded," the Times said. Statements against the resolution of censure were issued by the United Zionist-Revisionists of America, the United Zionist Council of Canada, the Zionist Federation of Great Britain and other Zionist groups in various countries.

### MAPAI CONFIRMS SHARETT AS PREMIER; NEW CABINET TO BE FORMED

TEL AVIV, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- With retiring Premier David Ben Gurion participating, the central council of the Mapai Party yesterday unanimously confirmed Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett as its candidate to succeed Mr. Ben Gurion as Premier. Mr. Sharett's name will now be sent to President Ben Zvi who is empowered to call upon any member of the Knesset to form a government, after he receives notice of the resignation of the Premier.

The central council also confirmed the decision of its political committee to keep Mr. Sharett in his present post as Foreign Minister, as well as Premier. It confirmed the appointment of Pinchas Lavon as Defense Minister and Zalman Aranne as Minister without portfolio.

### MAPAM PRESENTS CONDITIONS FOR JOINING NEW ISRAEL CABINET

TEL AVIV, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The left-wing Socialist Mapam Party outlined today the conditions under which it would be prepared to negotiate with the Mapai Party for entrance into a coalition government. The conditions were announced following a Mapai invitation to the Mapam to discuss joining a broad Cabinet coalition.

The Mapam demanded that any government in which it accepted responsibility should: be absolutely independent; be truly neutral; not participate in any military or political treaty of one world bloc against another and be "truly loyal" to the cause of world peace; increase the country's defense potential; permit the participation of all pioneering elements in the army; strengthen the people's defense system as well as the defense of the border and agricultural settlement. Also, renew immigration and constructive integration of the immigrants; distribute taxes justly and wage war on unemployment; strengthen freedom, progress and democracy in domestic affairs; and, grant equal rights to the Arab minority.

Meanwhile, it was learned that L'Achdut Avoda, the dissident faction which split from the Mapam a year ago, is ready to join the government coalition.

DR. GOLDMANN CONDEMNS RUMANIA FOR SENTENCING JEWISH LEADERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, today condemned the action of a Rumanian military court in sentencing to long prison terms two World Jewish Congress communal leaders, Jean Littmann and Mrs. Susanne Benvenisti. He called upon the Rumanian Government to quash the charges and release them.

In urging the Rumanian Government to free Mr. Littmann, former head of the Bucharest branch of the World Jewish Congress, and Mrs. Benvenisti, wife of the former president of the Rumanian Branch of the World Jewish Congress, Dr. Goldmann emphasized the "patent innocence" of the two leaders who were convicted on the "fantastic" basis that they had communicated with the World Jewish Congress and Zionist organizations in foreign countries and that they distributed funds supplied by the Israel legation in Bucharest.

"In view of the patent innocence of Mr. Littman and Mrs. Benvenisti," Dr. Goldmann declared, and all who have been condemned in secret trials for similar alleged offenses, the only decent course open to Rumania is to quash the charges and release them. Until this is done," he added, "it will be Rumania and not these innocent people, which will stand convicted in the eyes of the world."

EX-NAZI MAY BECOME HEAD OF ARCHIVES ON MISSING JEWS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Fear that the archives of the International Tracing Service will be turned over to the German authorities by the Allies, who now administer them, was expressed in the Knesset last night. Mapam deputy Aharon Zisling said that he had learned that the archives would be handed over to Bonn shortly and that they would be operated by a former Nazi. In view of this he said he was concerned that the Germans might destroy evidence of the Nazi murder of millions of Jews.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett reported that the Israel mission now in Germany in connection with reparations payments was in touch with the situation and that its present information was that the ITS would not be transferred until after a peace treaty had been signed by the Western Powers and Germany. He said the tracing service would then be operated as a seven nation commission, of which Israel might eventually become a member.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO BAN PRO-NAZI PUBLICATIONS

BONN, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The West German Cabinet will introduce "as soon as possible" a measure banning "publications of all kinds designed to revive National Socialist ideas and aims," it was revealed here. It is planned that the ban will include pro-Nazi newspapers and films.

It is understood that the immediate cause of the proposed ban is the recent documentary film depicting the life and regime of Hitler. That film was banned by the Federal Government and the Ministries of Interior of the nine constituent states of West Germany.

CENTRAL JEWISH BODY IN FRANCE CONDEMNS GERMANY'S REARMAMENT

PARIS, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The Representative Council of French Jewry - CRIF - today condemned the "rearmament of Western and Eastern Germany in all its forms." The resolution called rearmament a danger for the Jewish community and an "affront to the memory of our dead and to all the victims of Nazism."

## B'NAI B'RITH ADOPTS \$4,500,000 BUDGET FOR 1954 ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Budgets totalling \$4,500,000 for B'nai B'rith activities in 1954 were adopted by the board of governors of B'nai B'rith at its closing session here, president Philip M. Klutznick announced today.

Resolutions adopted by the board included one calling upon the U. S. Senate to ratify the United Nations Genocide Convention. It urged that information about the Convention be given the widest possible circulation among the American people although U.S. delegate Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., recently served notice that the United States would not welcome "propaganda" in the United States on behalf of Senate ratification of the Genocide pact.

Dr. William Haber, vice-chairman of the Hillel Commission, reported that about 60 percent of the Jewish students on college campuses where Hillel foundations exist have registered with those foundations. Bernard Roman, national membership chairman, reported that the drive for new members in 53 cities in the United States and Canada, a drive which was begun last month, was nearing its goal of 46,000 men.

A highlight of the two-day session was the report of the B'nai B'rith Israel Committee which has returned from the Jewish State. Morris Alexander, chairman of the committee, told the board of governors that the B'nai B'rith rehabilitation center for Israel veterans at Tel Hashomer, near Tel Aviv, will be completely equipped with electro-therapy, hydrotherapy and occupational therapy facilities within six months. The committee also reported that the Moledeth B'nai B'rith, a colony founded by the organization in 1936, is today considered one of the finest agricultural settlements in Israel.

## FOUR-DAY CONGRESS FOR LABOR ISRAEL OPENS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The 30th anniversary of the Congress for Labor Israel opened here tonight, marking the launching of a \$5,000,000 Histadrut campaign. The four-day parley is being attended by delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada, as well as from Latin American countries.

Today's session was devoted to a discussion of the relations between American Jewry and Israel. Messages of greetings from Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi and retiring Prime Minister David Ben Gurion were read at the session. Both Israeli statesmen expressed Israel's gratitude to its supporters in the United States.

## JUNIOR HADASSAH OPENS FOUR-DAY CONVENTION IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- A four-day annual convention of the Junior Hadassah opened here last night with 500 delegates from all over the country attending. The convention will hear reports from members who spent the summer studying and working in Israel. Plans will be made to send other members on similar trips to Israel next summer.

Miss Gloria Rubin, national president of Junior Hadassah, called on the delegates to work for Near Eastern peace by increasing membership and activating new interest among American Jewish youth. By so doing, said Miss Rubin, "we will be helping to defend American-Israeli friendship from the attacks of those who would undermine it. We can also help to see that our government takes steps towards assuring that the existing armistice agreements between Israel and the Arab states will be replaced by permanent peace treaties."

The convention received greetings from President Eisenhower, Israel President Ben Zvi, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, chairman Louis Lipsky of the American Zionist Council, and others. An exhibit at the parley shows the work done in Israel at the children's village of Meier Shfeyah.

### CANADIAN MP CHARGED WITH USING MAIL TO SPREAD ANTI-SEMITISM

OTTAWA, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The Federal Government is investigating the use of the office of a member of Parliament, including the franking privilege, for the distribution of anti-Semitic literature, it was revealed here today. The action arose from the disclosure that anti-Semitic pamphlets have been sent from the office of J.H. Blackmore, Social Credit deputy for Lethbridge, Alberta.

Miss Doris A. Moore, the M.P.'s secretary, had admitted that she mailed the literature in question. Mr. Blackmore does not deny that he gave Miss Moore authority to use his frank. Of the material she sent out, he says: "I wouldn't disagree. I won't say I would have sent the material out, but she did. I'll take a neutral attitude." But, he challenged: "If you tell the truth about Jews, are you anti-Semitic?" The Social Credit Party has long labored under accusations of anti-Semitism against some of its members.

It was also revealed here today that three months ago, invitations were sent from Mr. Blackmore's box to a meeting in Ottawa to be addressed by Ron Rostick of Flesherton, Ont., a notorious anti-Semite. In the same envelope was a copy of an article from an obscure British publication identifying Bolshevism with Judaism.

### FRATERNITY CLAIMS IT DOES NOT PRACTICE RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

UTICA, N. Y., Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Sigma Tau Gamma, a national fraternity, filed suit in a United States District Court here yesterday to restrain the State University of New York from banning national fraternities and sororities from colleges and universities under its administration.

The fraternity's petition claimed that the group had no religious test for membership and did not discriminate against applicants for membership on religious, racial or color grounds. It called the action of the president and trustees of the State University "discriminatory and capricious." The action of the State University was announced October 8 and will not be effective for a number of years.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BANS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- The government of the District of Columbia yesterday issued an order terminating segregation and discrimination in most phases of municipal employment. The order specifies that there should be no discrimination because of "race, religion, color, ancestry or national origin" in the use of District public buildings or administration of District government functions.

### YESHIVA UNIVERSITY ALLOCATES \$455,294 FOR AID TO STUDENTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 26. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University will spend \$455,294 during the academic year 1953-54, the largest amount in the institution's history, to provide scholarship and maintenance aid for 1,625 students or 85 percent of its enrollment, Dr. Samuel Belkin, president, announced today.

The financial aid is to be allocated in the form of tuition, dormitory, and maintenance scholarships for residents of 24 states, the District of Columbia, and 17 foreign countries.