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## ARABS MEET WITH DULLES; SEEK CHANGE IN U.S. STAND ON JORDAN WATERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today met for three-quarters of an hour with two Arab ambassadors who, according to authoritative diplomatic sources, sought to prevail on the United States Government to change its stand on the Big Three draft resolution on the Israel-Syrian dispute submitted at the United Nations on December 16.

The Arab bloc is seeking to bring about revision of the resolution to provide Syria with veto power over Israel projects in the demilitarized zone. The U. N. Security Council is scheduled to resume discussion on the resolution tomorrow.

After talking to Mr. Dulles, Syrian Ambassador Farid Zeineddine and Lebanese Ambassador Charles Malik told newspapermen that they enjoyed "a very delightful talk." The Ambassadors declined to discuss details of the talk and refused even to say whether United Nations matters were discussed.

Diplomatic officials informed on Near Eastern matters viewed the meetings as a last-minute Arab attempt to get Henry Cabot Lodge, Chief American delegate at the United Nations, to favorably consider Arab proposals for modifying the three-power draft. The resolution in question arises from the Syrian-Israel dispute over the Bnot Yaacov hydroelectric project which has been the subject of controversy for some time.

Arab diplomats said here today that there has been no change in the situation since the Council met last week, but made known that they are hopeful the conference with Secretary Dulles this morning would clear the way for the action sought by the Arab League bloc.

## U. S. DELEGATES DISCUSS ZIONIST ISSUES AT ACTIONS COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Expressing what appeared to be the opinion of the majority of the members of the American delegation at the session of the Zionist Actions Committee now being held here, Mrs. Rose Halprin, Hadassah leader and member of the Jewish Agency executive, took issue today with David Ben Gurion, retired Premier of Israel, who implied in his letter yesterday to the Actions Committee that immigration to Israel is a major obligation of Zionists.

Mrs. Halprin said that Jewish youth in the United States must first be made to feel Jewish and it must be educated in Judaism and in Zionism. "You, in Israel,

must become the ethical force to which the Jewish youth in countries outside of Israel can look for inspiration," she declared. In the course of her speech, she severely criticized the Kibya incident.

Dr. Israel Goldstein told the session that he opposed the proposal to broaden the Zionist Organization so as to give non-Zionists the opportunity to participate in activities affecting the Zionist movement. He said any plan to broaden the organization would result in weakening the existing Zionist movement. He suggested instead, that Jewish education activities be increased. Opposition to the broadening of the Zionist Organization was also expressed at today's session by Rabbi Mordecai Nark and Rabbi Zeev Gold, leaders of the world Mizrahi movement, and by Rabbi R. Zambrowsky of the Canadian Mizrahi.

Mrs. Judith Epstein of Hadassah told the session that the financial support given to Israel by American Jewry should not be ascribed to purely philanthropic feelings. The aid which the Jews in the United States give to Israel emanates from deep-rooted bonds between American Jewry and the Jewish State, she said. However, it must be admitted that assimilation exists in the ranks of American Jewry and, therefore, more attention must be paid to Jewish education, she declared.

Rabbi M. Kirshblum, leader of the American Mizrahi, said that the Zionist leaders in Israel do not have the right conception of the meaning of the words "unity of the Jewish nation." He charged that hundreds of thousands of Jews in Israel do not understand the rest of Jewry. In speaking of American Jewry, Rabbi Kirshblum urged that the American Zionist movement be organized on a territorial basis. He also suggested that re-emigration of Jews from Israel should be combatted.

Dr. S. Margoshes, speaking for American General Zionists, told the session that the world Zionist movement should rely more on the American Zionists. "Let not Israel's political leaders think that they know more and understand everything better than American Jewry," he said. He expressed the belief that American Jewry will find its own way of self-organization.

#### Dr. Goldmann Says Non-Zionist Cooperation Is Needed

Winding up the debate, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, said that the world Zionist movement must create a framework that will draw to the Zionist Organization those elements which are now beginning to become Zionists. He advocated the broadening of the Zionist Organization, but said that such expansion should not be made at a price of weakening the Zionist movement.

Pointing out that it is essential to continue the work of upbuilding Israel and simultaneously to create a militant Zionist organization, Dr. Goldmann stated that in upbuilding Israel, maximum cooperation is needed from non-Zionist elements.

Dr. Goldmann also advocated voluntary immigration of Jews from the democratic countries to Israel. "The American Jew," he said, "can feel himself part and parcel of the United States; nevertheless, we should try to get some American Jews to settle in Israel. This should not be done through negative propaganda - not through propaganda of alleged anti-Semitism or inequality - but through education of the youth.

Following today's debate, the Actions Committee adjourned its plenary session till Wednesday in order to give its committees time to prepare resolutions on the various subjects discussed, including the Jewish Agency budget of 117 million Israeli pounds submitted by Dr. G. Josephthal, treasurer.

ISRAEL ORDERS ANOTHER 15,000 TONS OF CRUDE OIL FROM SOVIET RUSSIA

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Israel ordered another 15,000 tons of crude oil from Soviet Russia, after having made sure that this supply will not contain the salts which prevented a previous delivery from being refined at the Haifa refineries, it was reported here today. A first shipment of 10,000 tons of the same saltless quality is en route from Russia to Israel on an Italian tanker.

ISRAEL FROZEN OUT OF ASIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has protested to the International Telephone Consultative Committee, whose subcommittee met in Lahore, Pakistan, earlier this month, against the failure of the group to insure Israeli representation at the meeting or transfer of the meeting elsewhere to make Israel's participation possible.

In its protest, the Israel Government pointed out that its representative to the subcommittee meeting was refused a visa to enter Pakistan. In view of this situation, the protest said, it was "irregular" not to cancel or transfer the session. It added that Israel reserves the right to supply data on its needs in the future and to request modification of any plan adopted in the absence of its representative. The session worked out an integrated plan for telecommunications for the Middle East and South East Asia.

ISRAEL-BELGIAN AIR AGREEMENT RATIFIED; FRIENDSHIP REINFORCED

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- An exchange of instruments of ratification of a new air services agreement between Belgium and Israel took place here today at a ceremony in the Belgian Foreign Office. Belgian Foreign Minister Paul Van Zeeland represented the Belgian Government, while Israel's Minister to Belgium, Joseph Ariel, represented the Jewish State.

Following the formal part of the ceremony, the Foreign Minister and the Israeli envoy exchanged toasts, both expressing satisfaction with the conclusion of the agreement and emphasizing that the pact will reinforce the friendly relations existing between Israel and Belgium.

DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER DEFENDS ISRAEL POSITION ON ARAB REFUGEES

THE HAGUE, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Defense of Israel's position on the Arab refugees was voiced in the Netherlands Parliament as the Foreign Minister replied to questions during a foreign policy debate.

The Minister, Dr. Josef Luns, said that Israel is too small a state to readmit the Palestine refugees. He also stated that Holland could do nothing about this situation and that "time alone will bring a solution."

ISRAEL'S NEW ENVOY PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT OF CHILE

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A. L. Kubovy, Israel's new Minister to Chile, presented his credentials here to President Ibanez in a solemn ceremony at which the President declared his friendship for Israel and lauded the democratic principles upon which the Jewish State is built.

The Israel envoy was given an enthusiastic reception by the Jewish population here. A banquet in his honor, arranged by the Jewish community, was attended by numerous high government officials and leading Chilean personalities.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN BAVARIA TO SEND THEIR ARCHIVES TO ISRAEL

MUNICH, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- All Jewish archives recovered in the state of Bavaria since the end of the war will be handed over to the Government of Israel, it was announced here today by the Association of Jewish Communities of Bavaria.

The first archives to be transferred to Israel will be those covering the period up to 1850. Later records, dealing with the more recent history of the Jewish communities in Bavaria, will be retained by the Association for the time being, but will eventually be sent to Israel.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN ITALY TO PRESERVE THEIR ART TREASURES

ROME, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Council of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities has taken measures intended to save the cultural, ritual and artistic patrimony of Italian Jewry in the face of a rapidly deteriorating situation, especially in the smaller Italian cities where Jewish communities are fast disappearing.

The Council set up a five-member commission, including Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff, to undertake a survey of artistic treasures and religious objects now in the possession of all Italian Jewish communities and in the hands of private individuals and organizations. The commission, which will act as liaison agent between the Union and individuals and private organizations, will seek to prevent further dispersion and sales of Jewish religious objects of value.

The Council also decided to put all communities on formal notice to protect their art objects and historical material. Jewish community leaders will be warned against actions which might tend to rob the community of its historical treasures. Such material is often lost to Italian Jewry because of the inability of individual small communities to pay the cost of maintaining them.

RABBINATE IN TURKEY DECIDES TO ESTABLISH RELIGIOUS SEMINARY

ISTANBUL, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A decision to establish a religious seminary, to meet the shortage of Jewish spiritual leaders in Turkey, was adopted here by the Grand Rabbinate. The seminary will enjoy the status of a school of higher learning and its graduates will find immediate employment after completing their courses. Their salaries will be set by the Grand Rabbinate.

The Jewish community of Turkey, which in the past produced many noted rabbis, is today in great need of religious leaders as a result of the ban on religious education in schools which existed in the country for many years. The ban was lifted only a few years ago.

70,000 CASES OF ISRAEL WINE SOLD IN U.S. FOR FORTHCOMING PASSOVER

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- More than 70,000 cases of Israel wine, valued at \$250,000, have already been sold in the United States this year for the forthcoming Passover, through the Palestine Economic Corporation, it was announced at a press conference today by Robert Szold, chairman of the PEC Board.

Mr. Szold is sailing on Wednesday for an extended trip to Israel to inspect the site of the projected \$1,000,000 industrial center bearing his name. He will also visit the new experimental Community Health Center near Jerusalem established earlier this year by Hadassah in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Szold.

**JEWISH EDUCATION REPORTED IMPERILED; TEACHERS ABANDON PROFESSION**

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- "The entire program of Jewish religious education in the United States is being imperiled by the headlong abandonment of the teaching profession by its members seeking greater security of working conditions and salary standards," Dr. Pinchos Churgin, dean of the Teachers Institute of Yeshiva University, declared last night.

Addressing the Annual Assembly of the Mizrahi National Education Committee at Yeshiva University, Dr. Churgin said that "substantial progress has been recorded in the last decade in Jewish education at the day elementary and day secondary levels." However, the noted Jewish educator, who is president-designate of Bar-Ilan University in Israel, told the 100 delegates that "the record of progress was darkened by several shortcomings."

Dr. Churgin warned that "the fact that some 50 percent of all Jewish children receiving some kind of a Jewish education are to be found in Sunday school classes marks a dangerous decline in the sense of Jewish responsibility of their parents. The Sunday School program has been clearly demonstrated to be totally inadequate even by the most eager standards of what basic information the child needs to discharge his religious obligations as a Jewish adult."

"Similar danger signals appear in any examination of the status of the Jewish teacher," he said. "On the one hand, notable progress has been recorded in the training of religious school teachers and the number of such teachers annually being graduated from the various teachers institutes has been increasing steadily. Nevertheless, there is a growing shortage of Jewish teachers, not alone because of the expansion in schools and enrollment but also because of an unprecedented professional mortality of Jewish teachers," he declared.

Rabbi Joseph Lookstein, retiring president of the Mizrahi National Education Committee, told the delegates that Jewish education in the United States "should be of as much concern to Zionists today as the establishment of a Jewish State was yesterday. The Zionists of America will have to realize, if they have not already done so, that the political phase of Zionism cannot any longer constitute the major part of Zionist activity," he added.

Isidor Margolis, executive director of the education agency, reported that there are at present in the United States and Canada at least 160 Jewish day schools, from the kindergarten through the high school level.

Mr. Margolis added that registration in elementary day schools has been increasing steadily during the past five years and that during "this school year to date there has been an 11 percent increase in registration in such schools over the corresponding period in the previous school year."

**CONSERVATIVE JEWISH YOUTH STARTS THREE-DAY NATIONAL CONVENTION**

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 delegates representing 200 congregations from all parts of the country are participating in the three-day national convention of the United Synagogue which opened today at the Hotel Ambassador here.

United Synagogue Youth is the national teen-age organization of the United Synagogue of America, central body of the Conservative synagogues in the United States and Canada. The convention will be devoted to discussions on Jewish religious life and on increased Jewish education.

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