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## BIG THREE RESOLUTION ON SYRIAN COMPLAINT SLATED TO PASS TODAY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Security Council failed today in its 15th meeting since it took up the issue on October 27, to reach a decision on the Syrian complaint against Israel over the Bnot Yaakov hydroelectric project.

It adjourned until tomorrow afternoon when Dr. Charles Malik of the Lebanon is scheduled to wind up the general debate after which a part-by-part vote is to be taken on the amended resolution introduced by the United States, Britain and France.

Strong objection to key sections of this resolution were voiced in the debate today by the Soviet Union and The Lebanon. Brazil announced that it would abstain from voting on the two key, operative paragraphs of the draft resolution.

Despite this, backers of the measure were hopeful that it would secure passage tomorrow, receiving the seven votes necessary from its three sponsors and Turkey, New Zealand, Denmark and Colombia.

Dr. Malik, who took the unusual course of ceding his chairmanship of the session to the New Zealand delegate because his country was an "interested party," made a last-minute effort to sidetrack the three-power resolution. He introduced a new resolution requesting Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, the UN truce chief, to explore the possibilities of reconciling the two parties to the dispute and to report back to the Council within 90 days. Meanwhile, the Council would "remain seized" with the item and Israel would thus not be permitted to resume work on the project.

### Soviet Delegate Blasts Amended Draft

In speaking for the amended resolution, the American delegate stressed that it gave Gen. Bennike no more power than he had under the armistice agreement. The Soviet and Lebanese delegates, however, protested that the resolution gave him too much authority. The Russian delegate blasted the amended text for failing to require the consent of both parties in the dispute and objected to leaving decisions to the chief of staff. He thus, in effect, supported the Syrian claim to a veto right over development of the demilitarized zone.

In another move to block passage of the three-power resolution, Lebanon invoked a provision requiring part-by-part vote on the resolution rather than a vote on the whole. The Soviet Union supported it in this demand.

## POWERS GET ISRAEL VIEWS ON BERLIN CONFERENCE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Israel diplomatic representatives in Moscow, Paris and London have handed to the governments to which they are accredited copies of an Israeli aide memoire outlining Israel's interests in the forthcoming Berlin conference of Big Four Foreign Ministers on the future of Germany, it was announced here today. A similar move by Israeli representatives in Washington is expected momentarily.

In Moscow, it was stated, Israeli Minister Shmuel Eliashiv called on Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister A. Zorin and, besides giving him the memorandum on Israeli claims for reparations from East Germany and its interest in seeing the Bonn reparations payments continue in the event Germany is unified, informed him that Israel had assigned an observer to Berlin to present Israel's views to the Big Four Foreign Ministers. Mr. Zorin expressed no opposition to the idea of an Israeli observer and promised to study the aide memoire.

In various Western capitals it was reported unofficially that the Big Powers are inclined to support Israel's claims. No official reaction was available anywhere.

## EISENHOWER BUDGET PROVIDES ECONOMIC AID FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today revealed the contents of the United States budget for the fiscal year of 1955 announcing that "with respect to the Near East the budget provides for helping relieve the plight of Arab refugees through contributions to the United Nations Refugee Agency, and for technical assistance and supplementary economic development in the Arab states, Israel, and Iran."

This definite commitment to technical and economic assistance to Israel was not supplemented in either the President's message or the budget itself in any way which would indicate the amount of such assistance Israel might expect. The budget is more definite with regard to the Arab refugees and states that additional appropriations will be required for U.S. contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. However, no figures are provided for the Arabs.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Operations Administration announced today authorizations totaling \$280,000 for Israel. This sum includes equipment and supplies for a health project costing \$200,000.

## LOCKER TAKES ISSUE WITH BEN GURION ON IMMIGRATION OF ZIONISTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- As long as the majority of the Jews does not live in Israel there is need for a strong World Zionist Organization, Berl Locker, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, declared last night at a meeting of the Israel Shekel Committee.

Taking issue with a "certain person"--undoubtedly former Premier David Ben Gurion--Mr. Locker said he does not agree that any one who fails to immigrate to Israel is not a Zionist, but declared that no movement is Zionist which does not work in behalf of immigration to Israel. Zionists outside Israel must work constantly for immigration and world Jewry must be educated not to "lend philanthropic aid" but to participate actively in building up Israel.

It was reported at the meeting that more than 500,000 shekels--symbolic token of membership in the Zionist movement--had been sold last year in 600 settlements and towns in Israel.

ARAB LEAGUE REPORTED OPPOSING INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM

LONDON, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The Arab League opposes the internationalization of Jerusalem except under certain specific conditions, among which is the repatriation of the Palestine Arab refugees, it was reported here today from Cairo, where the Arab League Council is meeting. The conditions were outlined in a memorandum prepared by the League's Secretariat.

The League also approved a proposal drawn up by Arab specialists for the development of the River Jordan and its tributaries. The plan is aimed at replacing the regional development scheme offered by Eric M. Johnston, President Eisenhower's personal envoy. The Arab scheme, which would eliminate Israel participation in regional development, was called beneficial to the Arabs and was said to "preserve" their rights.

BEVAN URGES ARABS TO ABANDON THEIR BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

LONDON, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- "The sooner the Arab states realize that their economic boycott of Israel is a blunt weapon, the better it will be for the people of the Middle East," Aneurin Bevan, leftwing Labor MP, declared today in an article in the Daily Herald recounting his experiences and reporting his conclusions on his recent trip through the Middle East, including Israel.

Writing of the refugee problem--the refugees coming into Israel as well as the Arab refugees from Palestine--Mr. Bevan said there is no comparison in the manner in which they are greeted. "In Israel they are welcome and hectic efforts are made to assimilate them into the life of the country," he pointed out. "In the Arab states," he continued, "they are resented except by the merchants and shopkeepers who profit from the funds sent in by the United Nations and private agencies."

Mr. Bevan underscored the fact that the refugee problem is a source of political unrest and an obstacle to the resumption of friendly relations between Israel and its neighbors. However, he reported that Israel is ready to make a contribution to solving the problem, but the Arabs refuse to meet with the Israelis. "It is difficult to escape the conclusion that the Arab states are more interested in the refugees as a source of propaganda than as a cause for pity and alleviation," he concluded.

INDIAN JEWS ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; COCHIN JEWS TO COME BY PLANE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- A group of 48 Indian Jews arrived here last night on a plane chartered by the Jewish Agency.

It was announced that the first planeload of Cochin Jews will arrive here February 7 and that a regular ferrying service for Cochin Jewish immigrants will be inaugurated in March, with three planes arriving monthly until all Cochin Jews who desire to come to Israel have been brought here.

ISRAEL TO EXTEND TRADE PACT WITH FINLAND; TALKS STARTED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Negotiations for the extension of the current Israel-Finnish trade pact began here today amid indications that Israel's new paper industry will play a major role in supplying the Israel newsprint market.

With the printing of Israel publications on newsprint produced in Israel already begun, it is expected that Israel will need 40 percent less newsprint from Finland this year. Nevertheless, it is expected that trade between the two countries will increase beyond the \$6,000,000 of the past year when Israel bought paper and timber from Finland and sold it cars, textiles and citrus fruit.

U.N. BODY STARTS DISCUSSION ON PROTECTION OF NATIONAL MINORITIES

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 21, (JTA) -- The United Nations Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, which is now in session here, today began a debate on the question of securing special measures for the protection of national minorities.

Richard Hiscocks, British delegate, pointed out that a clear distinction must be made between "victims of discrimination" and "minorities." The former require nothing more than equal treatment -- they were the individuals catered to by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; on the other hand, minorities were groups of people who because of history and fate found themselves in certain countries, most often where they did not want to be. Minorities needed not only equal treatment but special protection and privileges such as their own schools, he said. He declared that "every different minority presents a specific problem" and that therefore any universal recommendations would have to be very flexible.

M. Serensen of Denmark, chairman of the group, agreed that it was impossible to give a uniform answer to the question of what protection minorities should have. Minority problems could only be solved by judging each particular case on its own merits, he declared.

Earlier today the Subcommission adopted by a vote of five to four with one abstention a resolution deciding to suspend for the time being further examination of "measures to be taken for the cessation of any advocacy of national racial or religious hostility that constitutes an incitement to hatred and violence jointly or separately."

At the same time, however, the resolution "invites the Secretariat to study the legislative and judicial practices of various countries, by collecting information concerning the effects of the national legislation in force in these countries on the solution of the problem, so as to enable the Subcommission, at its seventh session, to consider the formulation of practical recommendations on the problem." Members voting against it were Chile, the Philippines, Poland and the USSR. The United Kingdom abstained.

The Subcommission also rejected by a vote of two in favor to five against, with two abstentions a draft resolution submitted by the USSR which would have recommended that the General Assembly condemn propaganda of "racial and national exclusiveness, hatred and contempt" and call "upon governments to take without delay legislative and other action to put a stop to such propaganda."

U.N. ASKED TO SEEK RELEASE OF THREE ISRAELIS HELD IN BAGDAD

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 21, (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel called upon the Secretary General today and asked him to use his good offices to effect the release of three Israeli citizens now being held by police authorities in Bagdad.

The three citizens are: Mrs. Melanie Barnes, 31, of Tel Aviv, Mr. and Mrs. Yacov Ben Zaria, both 64 of Givat Shimon. They were taken into custody when their plane, which was en route from Cyprus to Teheran, made an emergency landing in Bagdad.

Mr. Eban pointed out to the Secretary General that such arbitrary arrest and detention of passengers in transit is a "flagrant violation of accepted international practice."

NON-SECTARIAN AMERICA-ISRAEL SOCIETY FOUNDED; PLANS ANNOUNCED

**ANNAPOLIS, Maryland, Jan. 21. (JTA) --** Formation of the America-Israel Society, a non-sectarian national organization founded by leaders of various faiths and all walks of American life, was announced tonight at a dinner given by Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland. Two other Governors, Christian Herter of Massachusetts, and Robert B. Meyner of New Jersey were among those present at the founders' dinner, held in the Governor's mansion at Annapolis.

Others who accepted invitations to the dinner include Senators Homer Ferguson and Irving M. Ives; Ralph Damon, president of Trans World Airlines; F. Joseph Donohue, former U. S. Commissioner of the District of Columbia; George T. Newell, vice-president of the Manufacturers Trust Co., New York; Dr. Howard M. Le Sourd of Boston University; Dr. Allan Nevins of Columbia University; Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, of Cleveland; Dr. Howard Mumford Jones of Harvard University; and Oscar Chapman, former Secretary of Interior.

In addition to those attending the dinner, founders of the new society include other leaders in the fields of politics, religion, education, literature and art, business and labor. Members pointed out that the new organization is unique in that it is the only group devoted to America-Israel friendship which is inter-faith and representative of all sections of the country and all fields of endeavor.

It is expected that Gov. McKeldin will be elected president of the new society and former U.S. Commissioner Donohue will be chairman of the board of directors. The Society will seek to promote cultural relations and goodwill between the United States and Israel. It plans to establish local chapters throughout the country. The program includes various forms of interchange of ideas and creative art, assistance in the exchange of professors, students, writers, lecturers, and development of a library of cultural materials relating to America-Israel relations.

The society also plans to publish a bulletin devoted to improvement of understanding between the Israel and American peoples, and to promote "hospitality tours" in each of the countries by citizens of the other. It will seek to supplement, not duplicate, the work of other organizations, and will cooperate with all who are concerned with furthering close Israel-America relations.

Gov. McKeldin announced that the founders, in addition to those at the dinner, also include Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan, Senators Paul Douglas, Herbert Lehman, Hubert Humphrey, Estes Kefauver, Bishop Bernard J. Sheil of Chicago, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, Louis Bromfield, Dr. Henry Steele Commager, John Cowles of the Cowles Publications, Justice Felix Frankfurter, Fanny Hurst, Archibald Macleish, George Meany, Charles Munch, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Dr. Daniel Polling, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Robert Sherwood, Herbert Bayard Swope, Chancellor William P. Tolley, and Dr. W. Lindsay Young of Los Angeles.

Ambassador Abba Eban, in his remarks at the dinner, said that present difficulties of Israel are similar to those overcome by the founding fathers of the United States. He hailed the formation of the society and described it as a "heartening" milestone.

HADASSAH PRESIDENT HONORED IN ISRAEL; INSPECTS INSTITUTIONS

**JERUSALEM, Jan. 21. (JTA) --** Rebecca Shulman, president of the Hadassah, was honored at a reception here today after a tour of Hadassah institutions in various parts of the country. She returns to the United States Sunday.

IMPROVEMENT IN SITUATION OF MOROCCAN JEWRY PREDICTED

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- Improvement in the situation of Moroccan Jewry was seen here today by Jules Braunschvig, vice-president of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, addressing the annual meeting of the American Friends of the Alliance, at which Sen. Herbert H. Lehman was re-elected honorary president. Marcel Franco was elected president and Alan M. Stroock, chairman of the board of directors.

Mr. Braunschvig hailed the recent admission of the first Jews to the school of special legal studies in French Morocco, which will ultimately lead to their appointment as judges. He expressed the opinion that reforms recently introduced in Morocco would gradually improve the legal condition of the country's Jewish population.

At the same time, he stressed the fact that although there were now 50,000 students in the Alliance schools, there were still thousands of Jewish children in North Africa and the Middle East deprived of an elementary education because of the lack of space in Alliance schools.

CANADIAN ZIONIST ORGANIZATION STARTS FOUR-DAY CONVENTION TODAY

MONTREAL, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- More than 700 delegates from all parts of Canada will participate in a four-day national convention of the Zionist Organization of Canada which opens here tomorrow to discuss various aspects of the Zionist movement and new methods of raising funds for Israel.

The convention will also deal with plans for broadening the participation of Canadian Jews in private enterprise, and with accelerating investment through the purchase of bonds for the State of Israel. Among the highlights of the sessions will be proposals to encourage and assist Canadian Jewish young men and women with technical training and ability to spend a few years in Israel. The enrichment of the cultural life of Canadian Jewry through the existing structure of the Zionist movement will come in for major consideration by the delegates.

NETHERLANDS ART COMMISSION URGES RESTORATION OF OLD SYNAGOGUE

THE HAGUE, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- A commission of art experts has informed the Netherlands Ministry of Art that restoration of a 17th century Sephardic synagogue in Amsterdam is "most urgent." The synagogue, which now serves some 500 people, was miraculously saved from destruction during the war and the Nazi occupation and is one of the national monuments "protected" by the government, which will also share the cost of its restoration.

AMSTERDAM CHIEF OF POLICE TO LEAD "PASSOVER PILGRIMAGE" TO ISRAEL

THE HAGUE, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- L. A. Cohen, Chief of Police of Amsterdam, will lead a "Passover Pilgrimage" to Israel which is being organized this year by The Hague Travel Association, Holland's largest tourist organization. Mr. Cohen was in Israel last, two years ago when he went there to study Tel Aviv's traffic problems.

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION STARTS BIBLE ESSAY CONTEST FOR YOUTHS

NEW YORK, Jan. 21. (JTA) -- The opening of the second annual world-wide Bible Essay Contest for students between the ages of 13 and 22, was announced here today by the World Zionist Organization. The contest, sponsored by the WZO's Department for Torah Culture and Education, offers a free round trip to Israel as first prize for the best essay on any one of 20 designated subjects relating to the Bible and the land of Israel.