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## ISRAEL TO MAKE NEW PROTEST TO UNITED NATIONS ON EGYPTIAN BLOCKADE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has instructed its delegation at the United Nations to submit a complaint to the Security Council without delay against the Egyptian blockade of vessels carrying cargo bound for Israel ports, Premier and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett announced in Parliament today.

Mr. Sharett reviewed the course of Israel's complaints against the Egyptian blockade and the Security Council resolution of 1951 which called on Egypt to desist from interference with Israel-bound shipping. He said that in view of the mounting gravity of the situation in recent weeks, the Government had decided to submit a new complaint to the Security Council immediately after discussion of the Jordan River development project. Instructions have been sent to the Israel delegation at the United Nations, he said, to submit the complaint without delay.

(The Israel delegation to the United Nations disclosed today that, in compliance with instructions from Jerusalem, Ambassador Abba S. Eban will ask the President of the Security Council to inscribe on its agenda the question of Egyptian violation of the Security Council resolution of September 1951, and continuation of its illegal blockade practices in violation of the armistice agreement.

(Mr. Eban said a memorandum outlining formal basis for the new complaint and detailing Egyptian violations will be submitted to the Security Council on Friday. Informed circles at the United Nations, however, saw little possibility of Security Council action before a week or more. On February 1, Lesli Munro, of New Zealand, will replace Dr. Charles Malik of The Lebanon as President of the Security Council.)

## EBAN CONFERS WITH STATE DEPT. AIDE ON JORDAN RIVER PROJECT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba S. Eban conferred today for an hour and a quarter with Acting Under-Secretary of State Robert Murphy on a number of questions involving the Middle East. When he emerged from the State Department, he told reporters in reply to questions that "there will be developments soon" on Israel's Jordan River development project.

Mr. Eban, who was accompanied to the meeting by Reuven Shiloah, Israel Minister, said that "we discussed various matters concerning the Middle East, notably

the situation with respect to the Bnot Yaakov canal project. We exchanged views on future procedure in a very friendly spirit.

"I raised a discussion of how the United States and Israel could continue to work together toward the objective which they jointly upheld in the Security Council in finding conditions to solve the problem affecting completion of the canal project," he reported.

Mr. Eban also disclosed that he had reviewed with Mr. Murphy Israel-Jordan and Israel-Egypt armistice matters and the attempt by the United Nations Secretary-General to convene the Jordan-Israel armistice meeting following Israel's invocation of Article XII of the armistice agreement.

The diplomats also discussed the "recent intensification" by Egypt of its blockade of Israel-bound shipping at the Suez Canal and at the port of Elath, Mr. Eban said. Mr. Murphy was understood to have assured Mr. Eban that the United States stood firm in support of the Security Council's 1951 resolution against the Egyptian blockade.

Later, Mr. Eban had a conference with Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs, with whom he discussed political and economic questions arising in the Middle East, including some of the issues he had previously gone over with Mr. Murphy. The meeting lasted 35 minutes.

#### BRITISH EXPERTS STUDYING LEGAL ASPECTS OF SUEZ CANAL BLOCKADE

LONDON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- British experts in international law are now engaged in making a thorough study of the Suez Canal Convention and all other international agreements having a bearing on the question of free passage of the canal, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

The study, it is understood, is in connection with the consideration now being given by the Foreign Office to the possibility of international action to be taken over Egypt's extension of the blockade of Israel-bound cargo at the canal. Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State, admitted in Parliament earlier this week that more than 40 British ships had been stopped at the canal by the Egyptians.

The influential London Daily Telegraph declared today that the Egyptian interference with shipping had become a matter of "international concern." It commented editorially that "Egypt now presumes to declare contraband foodstuffs and all other commodities likely to strengthen the war potential of the Zionists in Palestine in any way whatever" and cargoes of meat and clothing, in fact, have been stopped."

Referring to the Egyptian demands for British evacuation of the Canal Zone, the editorial asked, "what reliance could be placed on a government which already denies the Security Council's resolution on the freedom of the canal?"

The diplomatic correspondent of the Manchester Guardian reported today that Egypt had posted two frigates off the Gulf of Akaba to tighten the blockade of the Israeli port of Elath.

#### 150 RABBIS TO HIT ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ARAB STATES

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- More than 150 Orthodox rabbis in New York City will preach sermons this Saturday urging protests to Washington against proposed American arms shipments to Arab states, the Poale Agudas Israel announced today. The Orthodox Laborite group has proclaimed the Hebrew month of Adar, which starts Saturday, as a month of protest against the proposed arms shipments.

U.N. COMMISSION TO MEET ON MURDER OF ISRAELI POLICEMAN BY ARABS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission will meet in emergency session tomorrow morning, at the request of the Israel Government, to act on the murder of an Israeli policeman last night by Jordanians.

A joint Israeli-Jordan investigation today confirmed that the policeman was murdered on Israeli soil, at least 100 yards inside the Israeli lines. He was hit when a unit of steel helmeted Jordan troops suddenly opened fire on an Israeli police patrol in the northern part of Jerusalem. The investigators today found four submachine gun cartridges inside Israel, at the scene of the killing.

SHARETT PLEDGES ISRAEL WILL OFFER "SAFE HOME" TO ALL JEWS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Premier Moshe Sharett, in a message to the Jewish people through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, issued late last night after he had formally presented his new cabinet to President Bzhak Ben Zvi, pledged that Israel will offer "a safe home" to every Jew who may ever need it.

"I am happy to give the Jewish people the news that there is a government in Zion commanding the confidence of a large and stable majority in the Knesset," Mr. Sharett declared. "The new coalition government was sworn in this evening and I have had the privilege to present my colleagues to the President."

"It has been a long effort but it has borne good fruit. The former coalition has been almost completely reconstituted and there is every hope that the still missing part--the Progressives--will find it possible to take their due place in our councils."

"Our greetings go out at this solemn moment to all Jews in every country and in every corner of the world. May their solidarity and devotion never fail us in the discharge of the supreme task which Israel has undertaken. What we created here, are still trying to consolidate and are determined to defend, is destined to offer a safe home to every Jew who may ever be in need of it and to serve as the focus of the unity and pride of our entire people."

EISENHOWER RECEIVES JEWISH REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN WORKERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- A group of more than 50 Jewish Republican Party leaders, active in the Presidential campaign, were today received by President Eisenhower who thanked them for their services during the campaign. They were presented to Mr. Eisenhower by Leonard W. Hall, Republican National Chairman, and Bernard Katzen, consultant to the Republican National Committee.

Later, the group held a conference at the Hotel Statler at which it decided to organize on a permanent year-round basis to work within the party. They were addressed by Vice President Nixon, who spoke of the Administration's anti-discrimination and civil rights programs and who told the Jewish leaders that this aspect of the Administration program had the "whole-hearted" support of the President. Mr. Nixon described the Administration's work in these fields as "quiet but effective."

ROBERT SZOLD ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO STUDY PEC ACTIVITIES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Robert Szold, head of the Palestine Economic Corporation, arrived here to study the company's activities in Israel and plans for the new industrial development sponsored by the P. E. C. which will bear his name.

He told reporters that the aim of the Palestine Economic Corporation is to strengthen Israel's economic position. The company, he said, had already invested \$10,000,000 in Israel industries, of which \$4,000,000 was in new paper mills. The company, he said, has also become affiliated with an oil company which has received a government concession for drilling here.

ISRAEL NEWS BRIEFS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- President Itzhak Ben Zvi visited ex-Premier David Ben Gurion today at Sdeh Boker, the Negev settlement where the Ben Gurions now make their home.

TEL AVIV, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The newspaper Hador asserted today that Israeli-manufactured arms and ammunition to the value of \$1,000,000 had been sold to a country in Western Europe. The first shipment has already been delivered and found to be satisfactory, the paper said.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry has turned down repeated requests by Israel for the release of Mordechai Oren, Mapam leader, and Shmuel Orenstein, employee of the Israel Legation in Prague, who are serving long prison terms as "espionage" agents. A sole concession has been to permit the Israeli authorities to send money to the two imprisoned men.

HAIFA, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- A grant of 20,000 Israel pounds has been made by the Edmund de Rothschild Foundation to the Haifa Technion for its newly-established agricultural engineering department. The foundation is sponsored by the Palestine Jewish Colonization Association. This was its second grant to the Technion.

TEL AVIV, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Settlement possibilities in the Beisan Valley were given a remarkable boost today when a spring, long dry, suddenly resumed its flow of water. The spring has an output of 60 cubic meters of water per hour.

TEL AVIV, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Goods to the value of nearly 300,000,000 deutschmarks will be brought into Israel under the West German-Israeli reparations agreement during the current year, Hillel Dan, head of the reparations corporation set up by the Israel Government, reported today. Of this amount, some 95,000,000 marks will be in the form of fuel.

LONDON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Gen. Mohammed Naguib, head of the Egyptian Government, told a delegation of three members of the British Parliament visiting Cairo that any arms supplied by Britain to Israel would not be used to attack Israel, the Manchester Guardian reported from Cairo. "We shall not fight anyone who does not first attack us," Gen. Naguib was quoted as declaring. "On the other hand, we shall never make peace with Israel until the Palestine Arab refugees are repatriated and compensated."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The State Department made known today that the chiefs of U.S. diplomatic missions in Israel and the Arab states will hold a "routine" meeting in Amman, Jordan, on January 28 and 29. The purpose of the meeting was characterized here as a discussion of regional economic matters.

U.N. UNIT NAMES THREE TO MAKE STUDIES OF DISCRIMINATION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities today appointed three of its members to prepare proposals on the carrying out of three contemplated studies of discrimination.

Hernan Santa Cruz of Chile was appointed to find the best procedure for investigating discrimination in the exercise of the political rights proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Judge Philip Halpern of the U.S. was asked to consider means of investigating discrimination in religious practices. Jose Ingles of the Philippines will be responsible for suggesting ways to study discrimination in emigration, immigration and travel.

The three members will work out their proposals between now and next year's session of the Subcommittee, when the group will decide in the light of the preliminary work done which of the studies should be pursued in 1955.

TERMINATION OF DENAZIFICATION PROCEDURES SOUGHT IN BAVARIA

MUNICH, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- A bill seeking termination of all denazification procedures in Bavaria has been introduced in the Bavarian Parliament by Herr Simmel, chairman of the Parliamentary German Refugee (B.H.E.) Party.

The bill calls for dissolution of the Bavarian Ministry for Political Liberation by March 31 and transfer of pending matters to the Ministry of Justice. It would halt initiation of new proceedings and the immediate halting of pending proceedings.

The bill would also establish the principle of equality between ordinary citizens and those classed by denazification courts as major or minor Nazis. Discrimination against the latter groups would no longer be permitted.

Herr Simmel announced he would introduce a new bill to indemnify persons who suffered "injustices" in denazification proceedings.

Dr. Wilhelm Hoegner, Bavarian Minister of the Interior, told newsmen today he believed all persons arrested after the war on the unfounded suspicion of being Nazis should receive compensation for their imprisonment.

The Minister asserted that the Bavarian Office for Protection of the Constitution was keeping a close watch on the activities of radical groups in Bavaria which had gone underground after the September elections. He said the extreme rightwing groups were so badly in debt as a result of their election outlays that they had been forced practically to cease all political activities.

900TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF RASHI TO BE COMMEMORATED

PARIS, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- The nine hundredth anniversary of the birth of Rashi (Rabbi Solomon Ben Isaac), the great Biblical and Talmudical commentator and expounder, will be marked this year by special celebrations in the city of Troyes, where he was born, it was announced today.

M. Berg, head of the consistory of Troyes, disclosed plans to honor the great teacher's memory in his birthplace. He pointed out that the anniversary should have been celebrated in 1940 but it was impossible to do so then owing to the war.

Rashi was born in Troyes in 1040 and died there in 1105.

EISENHOWER PRAISES AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE CIVIL RIGHTS ROLE

NEW YORK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today praised the record of the American Jewish Committee in fighting to protect the civil and religious rights of Jews, in a message to the 47th annual meeting of the Committee, which opens here Friday. The three-day parley will be attended by some 500 Jewish leaders from all parts of the United States.

Mr. Eisenhower's message, which also paid tribute to AJC president Jacob Blaustein, declared:

"All Americans can be grateful for the services performed by the American Jewish Committee during almost half a century. In striving to protect the civil and religious rights of Jews, you have made these rights more secure for all Americans. As those civil and religious liberties are made more secure, the entire nation gains strength, and, to the extent that these rights are observed in our country, the forces of freedom throughout the world take new courage."

MAJOR JEWISH GROUPS URGE EARLY ACTION ON CIVIL RIGHTS MEASURES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Early and vigorous action on civil rights legislation was urged here today by Sidney Hollander, vice-president of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, acting as spokesman for six major national Jewish organizations and 30 local community councils in various parts of the country.

In testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Civil Rights, Mr. Hollander asked that two bills--presented by Sen. Everett Dirksen and by Sen. Hubert Humphrey--be sent to the floor of the Senate at the earliest date and kept on the floor "until a vote will have been taken." He insisted that "it is high time that the Senate have an opportunity, long denied it by the filibuster, to vote on the vital purposes embodied in these bills."

Mr. Hollander said the Jewish organizations favored the creation of a federal civil rights commission and the payment of grants to the states to set up similar bodies--provided in the Dirksen Bill--but criticized the fair employment practices provisions of that measure for lacking enforcement features which the NCRAC groups favor. He urged amendment of the Dirksen Bill to conform with the Ives-Humphrey Bill which has the support of all the Jewish organizations.

The major Jewish groups for which the NCRAC official spoke are: American Jewish Congress; Jewish War Veterans; Jewish Labor Committee; Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and United Synagogue of America.

MRS. KESSLER NAMED CHAIRMAN OF NEW JERSEY UTILITIES COMMISSION

NEWARK, Jan. 27. (JTA) -- Mrs. Hortense Fuld Kessler of Orange, N.J., has been named president of the New Jersey Public Utilities Commission by Gov. Robert Meyner.

Mrs. Kessler, a lawyer, has been a member of the Commission since 1949, and has served as chairman of the Governor's Committee on Youth and as a referee of the Essex County Domestic Relations and Juvenile Court. Active in Jewish affairs, she has been a leader of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal of Essex County, a member of the executive of the women's division of the National Jewish Welfare Board and an active worker in numerous local Jewish groups.