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## ARAB REVOLTS BRING BEN GURION TO TEL AVIV; CONFERS ON SECURITY

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- David Ben Gurion, former Premier of Israel, today left his place of retreat in the Negev and came to Tel Aviv to confer with Defense Minister Pinhas Lavon on problems of Israel's security arising from the revolutions which took place in Egypt and Syria during the last few days. This was the first time that Mr. Ben Gurion left his home in Sdeh Boker to come to Tel Aviv since his retirement.

Last night Minister Lavon and leaders of Israel's armed forces emphasized in public statements that the Israel Army is prepared to guard the borders of the country against any danger that might flare up as a result of the instability of the neighboring Arab countries.

The Defense Minister said that in the present unstable situation, adventurers among the Arab leaders might be encouraged to attempt to attack Israel. He underlined the fact that giving arms to such states is "like giving matches to pyromaniacs" and added that the Arab regimes were as unstable as "paper houses which collapse in the slightest breeze."

The Arab League, Mr. Lavon declared, is only an "artificial name" which means nothing but hatred for foreigners and for Israel. The League has proved its inability to solve even internal Arab problems. He contrasted this situation with that in Israel where democracy exists and the "Premier nominates the Army Chief of Staff and not vice versa" as in the Arab countries.

## New Egyptian Premier Seeks Destruction of Israel

Besides outlining the army's defense potentialities, Mr. Lavon asserted that its greatest task was in helping the integration of many youngsters and new immigrants into Israeli life. Through its pioneering corps, he said, the army was preparing thousands of farmers and settlers.

Gen. Moshe Dayan, Army Chief of Staff, told a public meeting that Col. Gamel Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Army officer who unseated Gen. Naguib as Premier and who remains as Premier even with Naguib's return to the Presidency, sought, among his various aims, the destruction of Israel. Gen. Dayan said that the Israel Army would take care to prevent the realization of Col. Nasser's goal in this instance.

Presenting a quick review of the problems facing the Israel armed service, the Chief of Staff said that the army must re-equip itself, at a cost of millions of Israeli

pounds. He stressed the fact that Israel gets no arms from any source unless it pays for them. He added that even if Israel could get arms grants, it would not accept them at the cost of its independence.

Col. Itzhak Rabin, chief of the Israel army training command, reported that the army's major accomplishment in the past year was to train 15,000 new officers.

The palace revolt in Egypt and the Army revolution in Syria continue to be the chief topic of discussion here. While the Israel authorities continue watching events to the South and North closely, no special movements of Israeli security forces have been reported. On the financial exchanges, the Israeli pound was reported to have made gains against dollars and gold following news of the two Arab revolts.

Among the Druzes settled in the north of Israel, there was rejoicing over the downfall of Col. Shishakly whose regime had employed repressive measures against the Jebel Druze and who had used bloody measures to suppress a Jebel Druze revolt only a few weeks ago. The Israeli Druze reported that Sultan Pasha al Altrash, Jebel Druze leader who took refuge in Jordan with 35 of his followers following suppression of their revolt, will now be able to return home to Syria.

#### ISRAEL LIFTS MORE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED UPON ARAB RESIDENTS

TELAVIV, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Israel today lifted more restrictions imposed on Arabs living in Israel in the northern border areas. This is the second step in recent weeks toward the lifting of all restrictions imposed on Israeli Arabs in sensitive areas of the country since the War of Liberation. The recent liberalization moves have centered about the movement of Arabs in the areas under military control.

An Israeli civilian plane spraying insecticides over fields in northern Israel was today fired upon by Syrian troops stationed near Hatzbani. Israel immediately protested the incident to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

#### U.S. ASKED TO ACT ON RELEASE OF ISRAELIS ARRESTED IN IRAQ

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Sen. Lehman has written Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to use the United States Government's diplomatic resources to the fullest extent in bringing about the freedom of three Israelis whom the Iraq Government has kept in prison since early last month.

The New York Senator said the detention of three individuals who inadvertently found themselves on Iraqi soil when a British plane on a flight from Cyprus to Iran made a forced landing at Bagdad, was a matter of deep and proper concern to the United States and all governments which abide by traditional standards of decency with respect to the treatment of travelers encountering adverse conditions whether on the high seas or in the air.

(In The Hague, the Netherlands Government made known this week-end that it had intervened, unsuccessfully thus far, in behalf of Mrs. Minnie Barnes-Gruenfeld, one of the three Israelis jailed by the Iraqi authorities. Her husband is a Dutch national. It is understood that Holland is still pressing its intervention in the case.)

#### U.S. AIDED ISRAEL WITH \$348,000,000 SINCE STATE'S ESTABLISHMENT

TELAVIV, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The United States has made available to Israel in grants, loans and technical assistance, the total of \$348,000,000 since the state was organized, it was reported by Bruce McDaniel, American director in Israel of the American Technical Cooperation Administration. The report was prepared on the eve of the third anniversary, March 3, of the signing of the original TCA agreement between Israel and the U. S.

Mr. McDaniel's report also noted that Israel has matched American aid with 123,000,000 pounds--worth \$344,400,000 under the currency arrangement contained in the TCA agreement. He disclosed that thus far the United States has supplied Israel with 99 technical experts, each of whom trains a "counterpart technician in his speciality" before departing.

GERMANY EXTENDS PERMIT FOR "RETURNEES" TO REMAIN IN FOEHRENWALD

MUNICH, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The 450 "illegal" returnees from Israel and elsewhere who have been living at the Jewish DP camp at Foehrenwald since last August under an agreement whereby they were required to emigrate from Germany within six months, were this week-end granted a few more months in which to leave or make arrangements for emigration.

The new agreement was worked out at a meeting between representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee, HIAS and Israel purchasing mission, on one side, and representatives of various Bonn Government departments, on the other.

Originally, some 700 "illegal" returnees registered with the German authorities last Summer. Since then about 250 have managed to find new countries of permanent settlement and have left. The remainder include 260 who have already made arrangements for leaving and were granted until July, at the German-Jewish conference. The remaining 190 must either leave by March 15 or be able to show that they have an arrangement for leaving for another country within a few months.

When the 700 registered last summer, the Jewish organizations aiding refugees in Germany were convinced they could find homes for them abroad in six months. However, the arrival of more Jewish refugees without German visas and residence permits, coupled with German arrests of several hundred such "illegals," forced the organizations to give priority in emigration arrangements to the newest arrivals. The result has been the backlog of the 450.

During this week-end's conference, the German representatives acknowledged that the JDC and HIAS had made "significant efforts" to help the refugees leave Germany for permanent homes. The majority of the "illegal" returnees--both old and new groups--is composed of people who went to Israel but could not adjust either to climatic or to economic conditions. These people come to Germany because they view it as a springboard for transmigration to countries of the Western Hemisphere.

Dr. Chaim Yachil, deputy head of the Israel purchasing mission, which also has some diplomatic functions, reaffirmed his government's readiness to accept any of the returnees who desire to be repatriated to Israel. It is understood that in recent months about a dozen persons have taken advantage of this offer.

Jewish DP Children Welcomed by Official of Bavarian State

MUNICH, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Forty children from the Foehrenwald camp Jewish school today entertained Jewish and non-Jewish inmates of old age homes gathered at Bierderstein, near Munich. The event was organized by the "Bavarian Organization for the Aid of Victims of the Nuremberg Racial Laws."

State Secretary Walter Stein, speaking in the name of the Bavarian Ministry of Refugees, welcomed the children and other Jewish guests. He stressed that the inhabitants of Foehrenwald--last remaining Jewish DP camp in Germany--should not regard themselves as displaced persons but as guests and welcome inhabitants of the German State.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT ASKED TO IMPLEMENT INDEMNIFICATION LAW

MUNICH, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- A meeting of the Bavarian Council for Freedom and Justice, attended by several deputies of the Bavarian State Parliament, has protested the fact that the Federal Government has not yet enacted implementation regulations for the indemnification law which was brought into force six months ago.

The meeting was told that the position of aged and ill victims of Nazism was "desperate" and that immediate steps for implementation of the indemnification law were necessary if their position was to be ameliorated.

**RABBI IRVING MILLER ELECTED HEAD OF AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL**

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, was elected chairman of the American Zionist Council at a meeting of the plenum--the governing body--of the Council at the Astor Hotel. He succeeds to the post vacated by Louis Lipsky, who served as chairman of the Council since 1949. Mr. Lipsky announced some months ago his intention to withdraw from the chairmanship at the end of his term of office.

The plenary meeting was attended by representatives of the Council's eight constituent organizations with a total membership of 750,000. These organizations are: Zionist Organization of America, Hadassah, Hapoel Hamizrachi, Mizrahi Organization of America, Labor Zionist Organization of America-Poale Zion, Zionists-Revisionists of America, Progressive Zionist League (Hashomer Hatzair) and United Zionist Labor Party (Achdut Avodah-Poale Zion).

The meeting elected Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and Mr. Lipsky honorary chairmen. Other officers elected were: vice-chairmen--Rabbi James G. Heller, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America, and Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America; treasurer--Charles Bick, former president of Hapoel Hamizrachi and incumbent treasurer of the American Zionist Council; secretary--Paul Goldman, general secretary of the United Zionist Labor Party.

Rabbi Miller's election coincides with plans to enlarge the scope of activities of the American Zionist Council. These plans were approved at a meeting of the first American Zionist Assembly held in New York City early in December, 1953. The scope of the Council's new program includes the fostering of Jewish culture and Hebrew language in American Jewish life, the intensification of Zionist youth work and greater Zionist participation in American Jewish communal affairs.

**J.D.C. AIDING 35,000 JEWS IN ISRAEL, LEAVITT REPORTS UPON RETURN**

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, who returned from a two-month survey tour of the agency's activities in Israel and Europe, today reported that JDC is currently assisting more than 35,000 men, women and children yearly in the Jewish State. Mr. Leavitt was elected chairman of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service during his absence abroad.

As a result of the expansion of the special JDC welfare program in Israel, known as Malben, Mr. Leavitt indicated, the once-critical situation with regard to tuberculosis sufferers in the Jewish State has now been brought under control. Some 1,165 TB sufferers are now receiving care in a network of Malben hospitals, sanatoria and other installations throughout the Jewish State.

Other aspects of the Malben program, the JDC leader indicated, include care for the aged, custodial care, the provision of out-patient care and prosthesis, the establishment of 18 sheltered workshops where physically handicapped individuals are enabled to support themselves, and a system of rehabilitation loans which have aided nearly 10,000 persons to integrate themselves into the economic life of their new homeland.

"Everywhere I went in Israel," Mr. Leavitt said, "I was struck not only with the accomplishments of the Malben program, but with the deep gratitude of Israelis in all walks of life for Malben's contributions. Government officials were particularly grateful for the fact that Malben has taken this tremendous burden of care from the government's shoulders. As for the patients, it is amazing to contrast their helplessness upon their arrival in Israel with their present vitality and good spirits as a result of the extraordinary care which they have received."

## HADASSAH ANNOUNCES NEW PLANS FOR WORK IN ISRAEL AND UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Plans for Hadassah work in Israel and the United States will be mapped out at the four-day annual mid-winter conference of the organization which opened here tonight at the Park Sheraton Hotel. The conference, attended by Hadassah leaders from all sections of the country, will hear reports on the political, economic, social and educational problems confronting Israel today.

At the opening session tonight Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, national president of the organization, submitted a presidential report in which she called upon 300,000 members to take the initiative in implementing a new program which provides for: the fostering of a creative Jewish life in America; the deepening of a sense of identification with Israel through strongly-knit spiritual and cultural ties; personal participation in the development of Israel as a democratic stronghold in the Middle East; and the study of Hebrew.

Mrs. Shulman reported that Hadassah has initiated a two-year study by leading educators and sociologists of the basic values in Jewish culture and traditions to indicate how these concepts have influenced and shaped Jewish life throughout the centuries, what has been their effect on civilization, and how they have exerted universal influence. The findings of the study will be published in book form. The sum of \$25,000 has been allocated for this project.

### Hadassah Members to Study Hebrew; 5,000 to Visit Israel

Mrs. Shulman announced that Hadassah's national board of 120 members, as well as the boards of each of Hadassah's 1,200 chapters throughout the country, have voluntarily undertaken to learn Hebrew in the coming year. She added that the board members have pledged themselves to learn 1,000 Hebrew words - the linguistic goal of all new immigrants in Israel. Hadassah has been working with prominent educators to devise special study courses, both for beginners and advanced students, for its membership.

Simultaneously with the promotion of the study of Hebrew, Hadassah will encourage American Jewish parents to visit Israel themselves, and to send their children to that country for one year's study following their high school or college graduation, Mr. Shulman reported. "In this area, too, Hadassah will take the initiative and will send as many of its leaders as possible to Israel to study at first hand economic, social and political conditions in that country," she said. The first group of 22 national Hadassah leaders will depart for Israel on March 3. Mrs. Shulman estimated that 5,000 Hadassah members would visit Israel before the end of the year.

On the question of immigration of American Jews to Israel, Mrs. Shulman said: "It is our hope that through all these means, through the deepening of Jewish life and the preservation of our Jewish heritage, that there will be those who will find their personal fulfillment in immigration to Israel."

Mrs. Shulman emphasized that the new program which Hadassah will henceforth pursue is in addition to the organization's present programs in Israel and the United States. Hadassah currently maintains comprehensive medical, social welfare, youth rehabilitation, vocational education and land redemption programs in Israel, and projects designed to preserve Jewish education, traditions and scholarship, and to preserve the American way of life, in this country. Hadassah spends more than \$9,000,000 annually on its programs.

At the concluding session on Wednesday, the Henrietta Szold Award for Distinguished Humanitarian Service will be conferred posthumously upon Monnett B. Davis, United States Ambassador to Israel until his death last December. Previous recipients of the award, named in honor of the founder of Hadassah, were former President Harry S. Truman, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Prof. Selman Waksman, Senator Herbert H. Lehman and Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

AMERICA-ISRAEL SOCIETY OPENS HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- The America-Israel Society, formed last month by leaders in all walks of American life to further cultural relations and goodwill between the people of the United States and Israel, today opened its national headquarters in the Hotel Willard here. The Society, of which Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland is president, plans to open local chapters in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and other cities.

Among the projects eventually to be undertaken by the Society will be exchange fellowships and professorships for scholars, teachers and scientists as well as artists. In a formal statement marking the opening of the headquarters here, F. Joseph Donohue, chairman of the Society's board of directors, declared:

"The America-Israel Society has been brought into being by a group of American leaders of all faiths and in many lines of endeavor who believe that there is need for a non-sectarian, non-political, all-inclusive American organization to work for the fullest interchange of ideas and cultural materials between the oldest and the youngest of the world's present-day democracies.

"Our two countries are bound together by a similar historic experience and by a common devotion to democracy. Both nations uphold three great and basic principles--individual morality, social justice and universal peace.

"We hope that the Society will help Americans to a fuller appreciation of the culture of Israel, and encourage the people of that nation to a better understanding of America and its way of life. The Society will seek to interpret the spiritual tradition and democratic heritage that bind the two nations together to give added meaning to the unity of purpose that characterizes freedom-loving peoples.

"Friendship between the peoples of the two countries is firmly based in their common traditions, pioneering experience and democratic aspirations. Now that Israel is firmly established and is engaged in molding its democratic way of life, it is more important than ever to promote increased understanding and cultural exchange on a permanent basis. For Americans there will be a rewarding experience in reviving the roots of an ancient culture in which our own civilization is founded."

DAVID IGNATOFF, NOTED JEWISH AUTHOR, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Funeral services for David Ignatoff, well-known Yiddish novelist who died at his home here last Thursday, were held today. Arrangements for the funeral were made by the World Congress for Jewish Culture, Jewish PEN Club, Jewish Writers Union and other cultural organizations. He was buried at the Mount Carmel cemetery of the Workmen's Circle, Jewish fraternal order.

Born in 1885 in Brusilov, in the Ukraine, Mr. Ignatoff came to the United States at the age of 21 and soon became one of the most prominent Jewish authors. He wrote numerous novels, short stories and plays and was also the editor of "Shriften," literary quarterly around which all modern Jewish writers in the United States were centered. He was a member of the staff of HIAS for the last 40 years.

FRANK SAMUEL, PRESIDENT OF UNITED SYNAGOGUE IN ENGLAND, DEAD

LONDON, Feb. 28. (JTA) -- Frank Samuel, president of the United Synagogue, central body of Ashkenazi Jewish congregations, died here this week-end at the age of 65. Mr. Samuel was also a member of the Council of the Anglo-Jewish Association and was connected with other aspects of Jewish communal life in Britain. The Council of the United Synagogue today issued a statement of mourning in which it noted his devoted service to the organization for the past 29 years.