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## U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL INSISTS ON DIRECT ISRAEL-JORDAN TALKS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 10. (JTA) -- UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold warned Jordan today that if it did not reply soon to his message convoking a conference with Israel, he would have to set a date for this meeting.

"My own feeling," Mr. Hammarskjold said, "is that we should not let April pass without a meeting." He added that he felt that the Israel-Jordan conference should be started during the first half of April.

The Secretary General said that he had received "no word from Amman yet." In reply to a question, Mr. Hammarskjold said that if Jordan did not turn up at the conference then Israel had the right to bring the matter up before the Security Council.

The UN Secretary General, in the course of his regular bi-weekly press conference, announced that UN water experts arrived in Palestine yesterday to make an on-the-spot study of Palestine waters. He indicated that these men would act as technical advisors not only to the Bunche committee which he has set up to aid him but also to Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, the chief of staff of the UN truce supervision organization in Palestine.

Mr. Hammarskjold agreed that it would be a "dangerous development" if members disregard Security Council decisions. He made this comment in reply to a question about the fact that Egypt considered itself right in refusing to comply with the Security Council decision ordering it to desist from interfering with Israel-bound shipping in the Suez Canal. Mr. Hammarskjold said it was a "basic misfortune" if a country failed in its duties to the United Nations, but he did not see any great danger of this as far as the international organization was concerned.

## Direct Israel-Egyptian Talks Considered Doubtful

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 10. (JTA) -- A report stating that the Western Powers are pressing the Egyptian Government to start private talks with Israel over the Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal against Israel-bound ships was discounted today in well-informed circles here.

The report said that the pressure on the part of the Big Three aims at making unnecessary any action on the part of the United Nation Security Council with regard to Israel's complaint against Egypt now pending before the Council. A resolution on this complaint is expected to be presented at the Security Council meeting on Friday.

Egyptian circles here have been spreading rumors during the last few days to the effect that Egypt may settle the Suez blockade issue with Israel without the interference of the Security Council. However, these rumors are not being taken seriously in UN circles.

BROOKINGS INSTITUTE WARNS U. S. AGAINST ARMING ARAB STATES

WASHINGTON, March 10. (JTA) -- "The Arab quarrel with Israel makes the arming of the Arab states a dangerous project, since it could lead not to improved regional defense but to an attack on Israel," the Brookings Institute warned in a report published today.

The report, dealing with major problems of U. S. foreign policy, said that the Arabs are probably less inclined than ever to join a regional defense organization "in view of the latest Soviet peace offensive." The Arabs, the report stated, indicate "a marked lack of awareness of any menace from the Soviet Union." Israel, however, was portrayed as a reliable friend of the West.

"The pressing need to create a position of strength in the immediate future implies reliance upon and support of existing (Arab) regimes," the report stated. "Yet there is little reassuring evidence that these (Arab) regimes are capable of improvement or modernization, or of transmitting any benefits received to the population at large. Consequently, a military aid program might work at cross purposes with the ends sought by programs of economic and technical assistance."

The report pointed out that "although there is a vague desire for some sort of joint action, the Arab states find it difficult to accept the idea that they must join the West in a pact directed essentially against the Soviet Union while the Western Powers are at one in backing Great Britain and France and in supporting the local threat of Israel."

Brookings studies are widely used by government officials, political scientists, universities, and other individuals and institutions concerned with appraising international affairs. The Institute's international program is aided by the Carnegie Corporation and the Rockefeller Foundation. The preparation of the current volume was aided financially by the Rockefeller Foundation.

FRANCE ANNOUNCES OPPOSITION TO FORMATION OF ARAB FEDERATION

PARIS, March 10. (JTA) -- France will oppose any change of frontiers in the Middle East executed by force and it will oppose any "anschluss" among Iraq, Syria and Jordan, a spokesman for the French Foreign Ministry declared today.

The spokesman revealed that France had proposed to Washington and London a three-power meeting to discuss the tripartite declaration of 1950 in which the frontiers of the present Middle East states were guaranteed against aggression. He said that the French opposition to an "anschluss" had been made clear to both the United States and British Governments.

EGYPTIAN MARAUDERS CONTINUE TO ATTACK ISRAELI BEDOUIN

TEL AVIV, March 10. (JTA) -- Continued attacks by Egyptian Bedouin in the Gaza area on Israeli Bedouin and the stealing of cattle from the Israeli Arab citizens was reported today by a military spokesman here. The latest incident, he said, occurred yesterday when Egyptians attacked Israeli Bedouin in the demilitarized zone at Auja el Hafir and stole some of their camels. There were no casualties.

The Egyptian authorities in the Gaza strip today reneged on a pledge to return to Israel a flock of 210 sheep stolen by Arab marauders some weeks ago. After the intercession of United Nations truce observers, the Egyptians promised to return the stolen sheep. However, when Israeli authorities arrived at the spot where the transfer was to be made they were informed by an Egyptian officer that his instructions had been changed and he would not return the sheep.

AUSTRIA'S NEW OFFER ON JEWISH CLAIMS CONSIDERED UNACCEPTABLE

VIENNA, March 10. (JTA) -- An offer by Chancellor Julius Raab of Austria to pay 30,000,000 schillings (\$1,200,000) to the Vienna Jewish Community on account of the Jewish claims for restitution and heirless Jewish property was regarded in Jewish circles here today as a sign of goodwill but as unacceptable in the present circumstances.

Chancellor Raab announced his offer last night at a Cabinet meeting. He said it had been made to the Committee on Jewish Claims on Austria as an advance installment on world Jewish claims--to be used to support aged and needy members of the Jewish community in Austria--pending a final settlement.

Austrian Government sources today stated that the Chancellor's letter addressed to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, head of the Jewish claims committee, said that the Austrian Government would add to this whatever further value might be agreed to in a final settlement. On the other hand, a government spokesman said, the government rejects Jewish demands for compensation on other Jewish losses which cannot be restored. (In New York, Dr. Goldmann stated today that the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria had not as yet received the interim offer from the Austrian Chancellor.)

It was considered doubtful that the world Jewish organizations banded together in the claims committee would accept the offer. They had stipulated an advance payment of 50,000,000 schillings on a lump sum settlement of heirless property and the additional sum of 100,000,000 schillings as compensation for other losses which cannot be restored. The Vienna Jewish Community, whose relations with the claims committee are of the best, is considered certain to declare Chancellor Raab's offer unacceptable.

Chancellor Raab offered to release the 30,000,000 schillings to the Vienna Jewish Community over a period of two years. The offer provided that the Vienna Community would use the money in a manner agreed to between it and the claims committee. It was pointed out that one of the reasons the offer to the Vienna Community would be considered unacceptable was that the Vienna organization represents only about 10 percent of the total number of former Austrian Jews, whose claims are included in the world organizations' demands.

The Austrian Government's latest proposal, foreign observers believe, is a result of the government's uncertainty over what the next move of the Jewish claims committee will be and as a result of diplomatic intervention by the Israel Government which has called for an early settlement of the Jewish claims.

Chancellor Raab, in his letter to Dr. Goldmann, said that the Austro-Jewish negotiations had already produced some noteworthy results, such as the removal of discrimination against Nazi victims in the field of civil service and in welfare regulations. Furthermore, the Chancellor declared, a draft amendment to the Austrian social insurance law submitted to Parliament extends the benefits of Austrian social insurance to persons who left the country. This amendment, the Chancellor noted, fulfills one of the essential demands of the Jewish committee.

TOMBSTONES SMASHED IN FRANKFURT JEWISH CEMETERY; CHILDREN BLAMED

FRANKFURT, March 10. (JTA) -- A number of tombstones in the Frankfurt Jewish cemetery have been overturned and smashed and the affair has been blamed on children. The local police, who are still continuing their investigation, have urged parents to teach their children reverence for the dead.

AUSTRALIAN JEWRY SENDS LEADER TO PARLEY ON GERMAN REPARATIONS

SYDNEY, March 10. (JTA) -- M. Einfeld, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, left this morning by air for New York to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. At that meeting, Mr. Einfeld will outline the role of Australian Jewry in aiding and resettling Nazi victims, who are coming to this country in large numbers.

Mr. Einfeld will also confer with officials of the Joint Distribution Committee, HIAS and Jewish Colonization Association. In London he will meet with officers of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and with the United Restitution Office. In Paris and Munich he will meet with Jewish leaders to help plan the evacuation of Jewish DP's from the Fochrenwald camp in Germany. In Geneva, he will confer with OSE leaders and will afterwards visit Israel, en route home.

U. N. URGED TO REJECT FORMER NAZI AS GERMANY'S REPRESENTATIVE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish Labor Committee and the Jewish religious labor organization Poale Agudath Israel of America yesterday called on United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold to reject the West German nomination of Peter Pfeiffer as its observer-representative at the UN because Pfeiffer had been a Nazi Party member and aided the Hitler cause.

The JLC pointed out to Mr. Hammarskjold that the appointment of an ex-Nazi ran counter to the very ideals on which the UN was based. It called Bonn's appointment "shocking."

UN officials here, meanwhile, said that they had not yet received Pfeiffer's credentials. The German appointee had served as Hitler's consul general in Algiers until shortly after the Allied landing in North Africa when he was captured.

SEN. MORSE URGES MORE AID TO ISRAEL; HITS ANTI-ISRAEL FORCES IN U. S.

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Democratic Israel assumed a moral obligation for every American, but America has not yet begun to repay the moral debt that she owes to Israel, Senator Wayne Morse charged last night at a dinner held here under the auspices of the National Committee for Labor Israel.

"Israel is a nation surrounded by the economic system of feudalism of the Middle East, a nation that is practising the personal dignity of man, a nation that recognizes that it is the individual who counts" the Senator said. "Yet there are forces in America that seem to think that this freedom can be traded for Arab oil at a bargain price."

"Americans have a stake in the freedom of Israel because it is a stake also in the freedom of every American," the Senator pointed out. "Yet whenever a proposed grant-in-aid to Israel comes up, the movement in the Senate cloakrooms is to cut it down. You must not give them cause to cut it down or they will eliminate it entirely. And you will give them cause if you fail to keep faith with the principle of supporting Israel to the best of your ability."

ZALMAN SHAZAR, JEWISH AGENCY MEMBER, HONORED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Leaders in American Jewish cultural life last night attended a reception tendered by the American section of the Jewish Agency to Zalman Shazar, member of the Agency executive, upon his arrival to this country to head the Agency's cultural department.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Agency, introducing the guest to the distinguished group of Yiddish and Hebrew writers and educators, pointed to Mr. Shazar's record as leader of the world Zionist movement and to his deep interest in Jewish culture. Mr. Shazar, who was Israel's first Minister of Education, analyzed the Jewish cultural situation in the United States and outlined plans for wide educational activities which the Jewish Agency intends to conduct in this country.

DISCOVERED HEBREW SCROLLS PROVIDE MATERIAL FOR 50 YEARS OF STUDY

LONDON, March 10. (JTA) -- The publication of the fragments of the ancient manuscript of the Book of Isaiah discovered five years ago in a cave near the Dead Sea will provide material for 50 years of study by Biblical scholars, according to Prof. H. H. Rowley.

Writing for the Manchester Guardian, Prof. Rowley said today that more than 600 articles or books dealing with the fragments, only part of which have already been published, have come into his hands during the five years since they were made known to the world. The manuscripts were found by Bedosins who sold them to the late Prof. Eliezer Sukenik, Israel's outstanding archaeologist.

JEWISH EDUCATION CONFERENCE DISCUSSES TERCENTENARY PLANS

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Educational aspects of the American Jewish Tercentenary were mapped here today by 75 leaders in education in Jewish schools, community centers, temples and synagogues, at a national education conference of the Tercentenary Committee on Religious and Educational Participation at the Hotel Roosevelt.

The conference considered specific program suggestions for Jewish schools. Harry Starr, president of the American Association for Jewish Education, told the conference that "Jewish educators throughout the country have both an opportunity and a responsibility to utilize the American Jewish Tercentenary as a means of creating an awareness on the part of their students of the role young people must play in American life today."

The American Jewish Tercentenary, which marks the 300th anniversary of Jewish settlement in the United States, will be launched officially on September 12th and will be brought to a close in May, 1955.

ARGENTINE ZIONISTS SHUN IDENTIFICATION WITH ISRAELI PARTIES

BUENOS AIRES, March 10. (JTA) -- The 23rd national conference of the Zionist Federation of Argentina closed here last night following the adoption of a resolution in which the organization stated its decision not to identify itself with any Israeli political party.

The Federation is basically composed of General Zionists and Progressives, with the former composing the majority. The new officers of the organization are: Samuel Rabinovich and Isaac Kaplan, honorary presidents; Egon Gluecksmann, president; Herzl Gesang, secretary general; and Max Starkman and Jacob Bronfman, vice-presidents.

DUTCH LEADER HEADS CAMPAIGN FOR ISRAEL BONDS IN HOLLAND

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Eduard Spier, noted Dutch Jewish leader who is chairman of the Board of Deputies of the Jewish Community of Holland, has assumed the chairmanship of the State of Israel Bond drive for that country. It was announced today by Rudolf G. Sonneborn, president of the Israel Bond Organization. Mr. Spier is one of Holland's outstanding attorneys.

FOUNDER OF JEWISH PUBLISHING HOUSE DIES IN STOCKHOLM

STOCKHOLM, March 10. (JTA) -- Leon Lapidus, veteran Zionist and founder of the Heralla Publishing Company, who died at the age of 71 was buried here yesterday. Representatives of all Jewish organizations and of the Israel Legation here attended the funeral.

Mr. Lapidus, whose firm published a Swedish translation of the late Dr. Weizmann's autobiography, was a co-founder of the Zionist organization in this country, was a vice-president of the Swedish section of the World Jewish Congress and a leader in the OSE and B'nai B'rith.