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## PROJECTED ISRAEL-JORDAN TALKS NOT CANCELLED, U. N. STATEMENT SAYS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 28. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold today indicated that he does not consider the projected Israel-Jordan direct talks in Jerusalem on armistice problems as cancelled.

Mr. Hammarskjold issued a statement emphasizing that he considers that Article XII of the Israel-Jordan armistice agreement--according to which a party to the agreement may call upon him to convoke a conference--is mandatory upon him. The statement explained that Mr. Hammarskjold's decision not to pursue the matter for the present "has only the immediate significance that he has found present circumstances would not warrant his fixing a date for the conference to which he has already invited Israel and Jordan."

This decision, the statement stressed, does not bar a follow-up on the part of the UN Secretary General of previous contacts, if he should consider that a change of the situation would warrant such a step. The statement was issued to counteract a report from Jordan to the effect that the stand taken by Mr. Hammarskjold on the proposed Israel-Jordan conference in Jerusalem implies that he considers the attitude adopted by the Jordanian Government as "correct."

Mr. Hammarskjold makes it clear in his statement that his decision not to pursue the matter for the present "in no way reflects concurrence with the reasons given by the Jordanian Government" in rejecting the UN invitation to attend the planned talks in Jerusalem.

(Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, speaking today in Washington at the International Planning Conference for Israel Bonds, said that he was "gratified" to have received word from United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold that he cannot concur with Jordan's reasons for refusing to attend the proposed Jerusalem parley with Israel and that he continues to maintain the obligatory character of Article XII of the Israel-Jordan armistice. Mr. Eban said his government is now considering its course of action "in the light of this clear Jordanian violation.")

## Israel-Syrian Problems Discussed by U. N. Truce Chief

TEL AVIV, March 28. (JTA) -- Israel Army Chief of Staff General Moshe Dayan received Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, United Nations truce supervisor, this morning at the latter's request.

The two men discussed implementation of the decision of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission of March 16 which condemned both sides for exchanging fire on Lake Tiberias, but which upheld Israel's claim to sovereignty over all of the lake and a ten-meter wide strip along its northeastern bank.

## INTERNATIONAL JEWISH PARLEY IN WASHINGTON CALLS FOR AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, March 28. (JTA) -- Jews throughout the free world were asked here today to help Israel meet "the gravest challenge" which the Jewish State has faced "since its War of Liberation" by fulfilling their obligations to mobilize the maximum response to Israel Bonds "as a channel of financial assistance that has already become the most vital instrument in the growth of every phase of the country's industrial and agricultural life."

A resolution to this effect was adopted at the concluding session today of the First International Planning Conference for Israel which was called to plan the strengthening of Israel's economic defenses through the inauguration on a world-wide scale of a \$350,000,000 bond issue for industrial and agricultural development of the country. The sum of \$75,000,000 is to be raised in 1954.

Henry Morgenthau, Jr., former Secretary of the Treasury, was named chairman of an International Committee for Israel Bonds which was created today to stimulate the sale of Israel Bonds overseas. Mr. Morgenthau, who was chairman of the Board of Governors of the first Israel Bond issue, has shifted to the International Committee to help assure the most effective launching of the new Development Bond campaign in Western Europe and other parts of the free world. It is expected that he will visit a number of countries in the near future to confer with local leaders on the most effective methods for conducting the Israel Bond campaign in their respective countries.

Samuel Rothberg, noted Jewish leader, of Peoria, Ill., was named to the newly created post of national chairman of the campaign in the United States. Among the officers who will continue with their present posts are Rudolf G. Sonneborn, president of the Bond Organization, Julian B. Venezky, chairman of the executive committee, and Henry Montor, chief executive officer.

### Delegates Announce Quotas for their Communities

Responding to the urgent need for Israel Bond funds, leaders from communities throughout the country announced the decisions of their cities to set quotas in the drive for this year. Among those making such announcements were: Los Angeles, \$3,500,000; Chicago, \$2,500,000; Philadelphia, \$2,000,000; Boston, \$2,000,000; Newark, \$1,500,000; Cleveland, \$1,250,000; St. Louis, \$1,000,000; Pittsburgh, \$1,000,000; Baltimore, \$1,000,000; Miami, \$750,000; Wilkes Barre, \$350,000; Passaic, \$250,000, and Camden, \$200,000.

Philip Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, announcing a decision of his organization to undertake \$7,500,000 in bond sales, emphasized that the Arabs' "one hope" lies in the possibility that the friends of Israel might abandon it "in its superb struggle to convert an austere and deficit economy to a sound and livable basis." He drew a parallel between the hopes of the Arabs for an Israel economic collapse and the desire of enemies of America for a similar collapse in this country. He expressed the firm determination of his organization to support Israel's economy and referred to the decisive importance of the Bond Drive.

### Eban Scores U. N. Armistice Commission on Negev Massacre

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, addressing the conference, said the United Nations Mixed Armistice Commission attitude toward the Scorpion Pass massacre was "marked by silence and indifference" that has led to the impression that the United Nations flag was pulled down under fire. The United Nations, he stated cannot remain in silence without discrediting its prestige.

The Ambassador pointed out that the "problem before us is not the absence of peace" but is "the growth of Arab hostility and the human limits of our capacity to avoid legitimate response." He stressed that "it is to the growth of the Arab

hostility rather than to the absence of Arab-Israel peace that the United Nations should apply its available resources of influence and action."

"Has the international community?" he asked, "nothing to say against such murderous outrages as that committed in Scorpion Pass; against acts of blockade and assertions of belligerency; against interference with air traffic; against violent threats to destroy a neighboring state; against organized boycott imposing the Arab will on the commercial policies of sovereign states and private companies; against refusal to cooperate with the Secretary General of the United Nations in convening a meeting on armistice problems? Are there no armistice problems?"

Mr. Eban said favorable developments were few but listed as "most of important of all" the strengthening of the fraternal links between Israel and the Jewish communities of the Western world. "The action of American Jewry in relieving Israel's burden of short term indebtedness has already illuminated the scene with radiance and warmth," he declared. "The inauguration of the new bond issue at this time, with such broad international and American support, is of the utmost importance to our political strength and security." He said the conference spelled "the doom of the Arab boycott and the frustration of Arab hostility" and signified the strengthening of Jewish unity.

Mr. Eban said also that a few favorable symptoms might be seen in the backing of Israel on the Suez issue by some governments and the sympathy of enlightened opinion for Israel's views on American plans to arm the Arab states at the climax of their hostility toward Israel.

#### Dov Joseph Says United States Is Appeasing the Arabs

Dov Joseph, member of the Israel Cabinet who arrived here to address the conference, told the 900 delegates that the impression prevailing in Israel is that the United States is appeasing the Arabs and thereby encouraging them "in their refusal to make peace with Israel." "If the attacks by Arab infiltrators over the Israel border continue much longer, those behind this organized campaign of murder and looting may well regret their acts," he warned.

Dr. Joseph stressed that "Israel is anxious to make peace with her Arab neighbors but Arab politicians find it convenient to use the hatred of Israel as a red herring to cover up the weakness, dictatorial methods and instability in their states." He said the Western appeasement policy arose from the "painfully illusory notion" that the Arabs would support the West against Communism. "Any arms given to the Arab states will be used not in the defense of democracy which doesn't exist in any Arab country, They will be used only to attack Israel," he warned.

In a major statement on American policy in the Near East, Senator Herbert H. Lehman described the Republican Administration's policy of "impartiality" in the Israel-Arab area as an "empty dish." He called for a "truly new look--for the benefit of the entire area." Referring to the Scorpion Pass bus massacre, Sen. Lehman said:

"We must be as quick to condemn outrages by Jordanians as we recently were to censure violence by Israelis. But we should not limit ourselves to denouncing, with fine impartiality, overt actions of violence by either side. We must seek the root of the evil and strive to eliminate it. The root-evil is the unwillingness of the Arab governments to accept the simple fact of Israel's existence, and the continuing conspiracy to destroy her. We must put forward a positive policy designed to overcome this evil."

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council and president of the Zionist Organization of America, urged the United States Government to issue "a straightforward answer with respect to its policy in the Middle East." Other speakers included Senator Homer Ferguson, chairman of the Republican Policy Committee; Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, Hadassah president; Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal; Julian Freeman, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; Barnett Janner, British MP.

JORDANIANS PROVOKE NEW INCIDENTS ALONG ISRAEL'S FRONTIER

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- A Jewish watchman at the village of Kissalon, near here, was murdered this week-end by Arab infiltrators from Jordan, Israeli authorities announced.

The watchman, Moshe Elon, 50, was killed when a tommygun burst, fired from a short distance away, hit him. The marauders stole his rifle but took nothing else. These circumstances, including the use of tommyguns, were similar to those of the Negev bus massacre, Israeli authorities noted.

A second incident was reported from the Samaria district, where an Israel patrol was brought under automatic fire by Jordanians. Official sources coupled the two incidents and stressed that the United Nations truce supervisory machinery was becoming less efficient.

A third incident occurred in the Gaza strip where a strong Egyptian military unit, encountering a numerically inferior Israeli patrol, attacked it, wounding one soldier and kidnapping a second. The Israeli authorities immediately protested the incident to the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission and demanded the return of the abducted soldier. The incident occurred near the American settlement of Kisufim.

U.N. OFFICIAL DENIES THAT ISRAEL DELEGATE HINTED RETALIATIONS

JERUSALEM, March 28. (JTA) -- Commander Elmo Hutchison, U.S. Navy, chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, has denied reports published abroad that when the Israeli delegation left the commission over the vote on the Negev bus massacre resolution offered by Israel, the Israeli senior delegate said that Israel could not prevent retaliations.

A spokesman for Commander Hutchison, who made the denial on his behalf, also denied allegations that the Israeli delegate said the chairman's abstention on the vote meant the end of UN supervision of the truce in Palestine. (In United Nations circles in New York it was stated that Commander Hutchison had also denied that he had been threatened.)

U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESUMES DISCUSSION TODAY OF SUEZ BLOCKADE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 28. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council will meet tomorrow afternoon to resume discussion of the New Zealand resolution dealing with Israel's complaint against the Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal and the Gulf of Akaba against Israel-bound shipping. The resolution is backed by the Western Powers.

Although the New Zealand resolution refers the Israeli complaint on Egyptian interference with shipping in the Gulf of Akaba to the Israel-Egyptian Armistice Commission in the first instance, the sponsors of the resolution made it abundantly clear in the debate that they consider the principles enunciated by the Security Council resolution of September 1, 1951 enjoining Egypt from blockade practices in the Suez Canal applies to the Gulf of Akaba as well.

American delegate Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., made this point in a direct statement last Thursday when he declared that the MAC, in considering the complaint of the Gulf of Akaba must be bound not only by the provisions of the armistice agreement but also by the 1951 Security Council resolution.

Sir Pierson Dixon, the British delegate, speaking on the resolution, also insisted that the same principle was involved in both blockades. Since the MAC has not considered the Gulf of Akaba situation, the New Zealand resolution refers the complaint on this matter to the MAC.

U.S. CHANGES POLICY ON WAR CRIMINALS; SEEKS RELEASE OF TOP NAZIS

BONN, March 28. (JTA) -- The release of high ranking Nazi war criminals by the American authorities in Germany will be possible from now on without revealing their names under a new policy announced here by the American High Commissioner.

In announcing the new policy, the American High Commission disclosed that 84 German war criminals have been released on parole since last fall from Landesberg prison, in the American zone. It was also disclosed that the Western Powers have proposed to the Soviet authorities in Germany that seven top Nazis to be released from Spandau prison in Berlin, which is controlled by the Big Four Powers.

In asking the Soviet authorities to consider the release of the seven Nazis who were Hitler's right-hand men, the Western Powers acted in response to an appeal from West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, it was stated. The seven top Nazis were sentenced in 1946 by the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg. They include Baron Konstantin von Neurath, former Nazi Foreign Minister and "protector" of Czechoslovakia; Erich Raeder, former Grand Admiral; Rudolf Hess, former Deputy Fuehrer; Walther Funk, Reichsbank president; Albert Speer, Munitions Minister; Hitler Youth leader Baldur von Schirach; and former Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz.

ONLY SIX REFUGEES ADMITTED TO U. S. UNDER 1953 EMERGENCY ACT

WASHINGTON, March 28. (JTA) -- Members of both the Republican and Democratic parties have joined to take the Administration to task because only six persons have been admitted to this country under the Emergency Refugee Act of 1953.

Proposed by President Eisenhower and enacted last August, the program was designed to admit 209,000 refugees in three years. R. W. Scott McLeod, State Department security chief who administers the program, has blamed the lag on unforeseen red tape problems. But Rep. J. Vaughan Gray, Virginia Democrat, said that some \$672,000 has already been spent and suggested Congress should repeal the Act if the Administration cannot implement it.

Rep. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, said the program is becoming a "national scandal" and promised to attempt to learn if McLeod is administering the Act as Congress intended. Another Republican, Rep. H. R. Gross, of Iowa, said the situation is "unbelievable" and that "if the Act is repealed forthwith, it can't be too soon."

DARTMOUTH STUDENTS VOTE TO OUTLAW FRATERNITY DISCRIMINATION

HANOVER, New Hampshire, March 28. (JTA) -- The students of Dartmouth College voted this week-end to outlaw fraternity discrimination on grounds of race, religion or national origin. The vote, in which 85 percent of the student body participated, was 1,128 to 1,120 in favor of the anti-discrimination clause.

The student governing council will request the college trustees to make a ban on fraternity discrimination effective April 1, 1960, giving fraternities six years to eliminate discriminatory practices. Beyond that date discrimination will cause a fraternity to be expelled from the campus.

LEADERS OF D. A. R. DISAVOW MEMBER'S SPEECH ON KOSHER FOOD

ATLANTIC CITY, March 28. (JTA) -- Seven members of the nine-member board of governors of the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution yesterday joined the growing wave of criticism of a speaker at a recent state convention of the DAR who attacked the Jews on charges of inflicting their religion and practices on the American people through kosher labelling of certain food products.

The seven leaders held Mrs. Thomas Reeves, state regent of the DAR, responsible for the speech of Mrs. Henry D. Strack, which has been disowned by the national DAR. Mrs. Reeves yesterday accepted full responsibility for permitting Mrs. Strack to speak, adding that she had no prior knowledge of what Mrs. Strack intended to say.

LEHMAN, LOWDERMILK NAMED RECIPIENTS OF 1953 STEPHEN WISE AWARDS

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, noted soil conservationist and agricultural expert; Senator Herbert Lehman; the Youth Aliyah, world-wide youth rescue and rehabilitation movement; and the Jewish Publication Society of America have been named winners of the Stephen Wise Awards for 1953, it was announced today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, which makes the annual awards.

Dr. Lowdermilk received the award for his pioneering and creative contributions to the development of Israel; Senator Lehman for his defense of civil liberties in the United States; the Youth Aliyah for its record of 20 years in rescuing and bringing to Israel 5,000 Jewish children from 72 countries; and the Jewish Publication Society for its work in the field of Jewish culture.

The recipients were chosen by a committee consisting of leaders in American intellectual, business and public affairs, headed by James N. Rosenberg, prominent attorney and communal leader. Each award bears a cash value of \$1,000.

The Stephen Wise Awards, established by the American Jewish Congress in 1949 to mark the 75th birthday of the late Stephen Wise, are granted annually for outstanding contribution in four major fields of activity to which Dr. Wise had dedicated his life--the growth and development of Israel; the extension of civil rights and civil liberties in the United States; the advancement of Jewish education and culture, and the welfare of Jews throughout the world.

ROSE L. HALPRIN NAMED ACTING CHAIRMAN OF JEWISH AGENCY

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose L. Halprin will be acting chairman of the Jewish Agency during the absence of the chairman, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who left for Europe and Israel last week.

Two members of the Jerusalem executive are presently meeting with American executive members in New York. They are Dr. Giora Josephthal, Jewish Agency treasurer who is on a UJA mission in this country and Zalman Shazar who is here to launch several projects of the Department for Education and Culture which he now heads. This department was formerly headed by the late Dr. Hayim Greenberg.

NEW YORK FEDERATION EXPECTS TO RAISE \$15,100,000 THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York announced this week-end that it expects to raise a record total of approximately \$15,100,000 in contributions and pledges before the end of its fiscal year on September 30. Although this amount will total \$600,000 more than that raised in last year's campaign, the campaign proceeds are expected to fall \$1,000,000 short of the allotments made to its member institutions.

This was announced by Milton Weill, retiring president of the Federation, in his report at the Federation's annual meeting. Mr. Weill completes his third one-year term on April 12.

OBSERVANCE OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY WEEK SET FOR MAY

NEW YORK, March 28. (JTA) -- American Jewish History Week will this year be observed from May 1st to May 7th, it was announced here today by Prof. Salo W. Baron, president of the American Jewish Historical Society. "During the past five years American Jewish History Week has been accepted by hundreds of congregations and Jewish community centers as an essential part of their program," Prof. Baron pointed out.