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## U. S. FEARS SOVIET VETO OF EFFORT TO EASE ARAB-ISRAEL TENSION

WASHINGTON, April 1. (JTA) -- Problems concerning the tension between the Arab countries and Israel were discussed today at a secret session of the Near Eastern Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. No information was given out on the decisions taken at the meeting nor on the exchange of views that took place. Arthur Z. Gardiner, the State Department's top advisor on Palestine affairs, reported on the Arab-Israel crisis.

The State Department today continued to refrain from making any statement on the discussions now taking place between the United States, Britain and France on the next step to be taken jointly by the Big Three to ease the Arab-Israel tension. It is understood that the U. S. Government is delaying action on bringing the Israel-Jordan issue before the United Nations Security Council because Soviet delegate Andrei Vishinsky is the April chairman of the Security Council and might veto any constructive resolution.

It was learned that pressure has been brought to bear on the Department not only by Israel but by the Arab League as well as the British for immediate UN action.

Israel Minister Plenipotentiary Reuven Shiloah returned to Israel today for consultations at the Foreign Office in connection with the current crisis.

(Despite the heightened tension between Israel and Jordan, particularly in the Jerusalem area, the regular Israeli fortnightly relief and supply convoy made its way through the Arab Jordan lines to the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital grounds atop Mt. Scopus in Jerusalem late yesterday.)

## Britain Says Soviet Veto Must Not Scare Big Three

LONDON, April 1. (JTA) -- Failure of the British and American Governments to reach agreement on a joint approach to the United Nations Security Council on Israel-Jordan tension has delayed the conclusion of the talks among Washington, London and Paris on Israel's appeal that the Big Three bring the problem to the Security Council for urgent consideration, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

(The British Government, it was explained, is not inclined to accept the argument that because of recent Soviet vetoes the Security Council is no longer the place for discussion of Middle East issues. "This would indeed be a conclusion of utmost gravity," an official source told the JTA. It is known that France strongly supports the British view.)

## EISENHOWER NAMES EDWARD B. LAWSON AS AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 1. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today nominated Edward B. Lawson to be the new Ambassador to Israel. Mr. Lawson is at present the American Ambassador to Iceland. He succeeds the late Monnett B. Davis, who died while Ambassador to Israel.

## U.S. JEWISH GROUPS EXPRESS CONCERN OVER ARAB-ISRAEL TENSION

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations in this country today expressed concern over the mounting tension between Israel and the Arab countries and called upon the United States Government to suspend its contemplated program of providing arms to the Arab states.

Statements to this effect were issued by Philip M. Klutznick, president of the B'nai B'rith; Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee; the national executive board of Hadassah; and leaders of the Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrachi of America.

Mr. Klutznick said in his statement: "It is clear that prolongation of the existing tensions is jeopardizing political and economic stability in the Middle East. The armistice system is breaking down, and there is very real danger of war once again. We have heretofore taken the position that measures by our government to supply arms to the Arab states in this atmosphere of unrest and violence is at best questionable. The intransigence of Jordan in refusing to meet with Israel reflects the attitude of the Arab countries toward peace.

Mr. Held, in a cable to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, said that "the United Nations and the United States as its most influential member must do all in their power to prevent such brutal aggressions and safeguard the peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

The Hadassah statement pointed out that "the shaky armistice agreements which govern relations between Israel and the Arab states are crumbling." It charged the Arab governments with refusing to respect their obligations under these agreements, and with resisting every effort to establish a permanent peace.

### Australian Jewry "Profoundly Disturbed" Over Arab Hostility

SYDNEY, April 1. (JTA) -- The Executive Council of Australian Jewry today called upon the Australian Government to institute and support all measures for speedy and effective action by the United Nations and the Great Powers to guarantee that the State of Israel, "established under UN authority, may enjoy liberty and independence."

The Council, in a statement issued here, noted that Australian Jews were "profoundly disturbed" by the mounting tension along Israel's borders and by the hostile activities of the Jewish State's Arab neighbors. It expressed admiration for the restraint shown by Israel under such provocation and appealed to the Israeli people and government to continue to exercise this restraint and pursue their efforts to solve all existing problems.

### Argentine Jewry Worried Over Growing Arab Terror

BUENOS AIRES, April 1. (JTA) -- The concern of Argentine Jewry over the mounting campaign of Arab terror and hostility against Israel was expressed here today in a joint statement issued by the DALA, central representative organization of Argentine Jews, Central Zionist Council and the United Israel Campaign.

The statement underlined the determination of Argentine Jewry to continue its financial, moral and pioneering assistance to Israel in this crisis and expressed its admiration of the restraint shown by the people and Government of Israel in the face of military provocation. It also hit the "weakness" of international organs entrusted with the task of guarding the armistice agreements in the Middle East.

### W. J. C. Expresses Anxiety Over Insecurity of Israel's Borders

LONDON, April 1. (JTA) -- The situation on Israel's borders is so serious that it should be urgently referred to the United Nations Security Council as a threat to the peace, Dr. Noah Barou, chairman of the European executive of the World Jewish Congress, declared here today. Dr. Barou's statement expressed the "grave anxiety" of the WJC over the insecurity of Israel's borders and the "growing menace" of Arab-Israel conflict.

WASHINGTON, April 1. (JTA) -- The Securities and Exchange Commission today announced the filing of registration statements by commercial interests wishing to sell stock to finance the exploration, development and production of oil and gas in Israel.

Pan-Israel Oil Co., of the Republic of Panama, filed a registration statement today seeking registration of American voting trust certificates for 1,000,000 shares of common capital stock, one cent par, to be offered for public sale "as a speculation." The company was organized under the Panama corporation law for the purpose of seeking and developing gas and oil in Israel.

The company has outstanding 4,192,000 shares, of which 3,892,000 shares were issued to the so-called Buckley-Newkirk groups in exchange for the assignment to the company of licenses granted by the Petroleum Commissioner of Israel for the exploration and development of certain petroleum interests in Israel. The Pantepec Oil Company of Caracas, Venezuela, has entered into an agreement with Pan-Israel for drilling operations.

Another registration statement was filed today by the Mediterranean Corp., Inc., of the Republic of Panama, seeking registration of the same number of shares as Pan-Israel and for the same purpose. The Mediterranean Petroleum Corp. has also issued a major portion of its outstanding shares to the so-called Buckley Newkirk groups and has a drilling arrangement with Pantepec of Venezuela.

#### ISRAEL DIPLOMAT REPORTS ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AT U. N. PARLEY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 1. (JTA) -- Israel not only accepts United Nations technical assistance but, in a modest way, makes repayment by providing a number of experts to other countries and plays host to foreign technicians and students who study Israeli methods in a number of fields, Mordecai Kidron, deputy delegate of Israel at the UN, reported here.

Explaining the principles on which Israeli programs for using the technical assistance are based, Mr. Kidron said that the assistance must be integrated in the general economic planning of the country and is devoted to major projects of tested economic importance of a long-term nature.

In addition to UN experts coming to Israel to help, the UN program has provided scholarships and fellowships for about 100 young Israeli officials and executives who have travelled to foreign countries to study and observe modern techniques, Mr. Kidron reported.

#### ISRAEL-TURKISH TRADE PACT INVOLVES \$40,000,000 IN TRANSACTIONS

ISTANBUL, April 1. (JTA) -- The recently concluded agreement for resumption of Israel-Turkish trade, temporarily blocked by an imbalance in exports and imports between the two states, will reach a record total of some \$40,000,000 in the 1954-55 period, it was learned here today.

Details of the pact, which have just become available, reveal that Israel has agreed to purchase 150,000 tons of wheat from Turkey, the first 40,000 tons of which will be delivered next month. In addition, Israel will buy the equivalent of \$600,000 worth of Turkish cotton and \$1,000,000 worth of various other agricultural products including rice, oil cake and oil seed. Israel will pay for these with its own products, some of which are already on order and approved for import by the Turkish authorities.

#### THREE RUSSIAN WOMEN ARRIVE IN ISRAEL TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

TEL AVIV, April 1. (JTA) -- Three Russian women arrived here today from Moscow to attend an Israeli Communist-sponsored "Independent Women's Conference" to be held at Haifa. They were greeted by the wife of the Soviet Minister to Israel and by Israeli Communist women leaders.

## GERMAN PRESS IGNORES TRIAL OF 20 NAZIS WHO KILLED JEWS

DORTMUND, April 1. (JTA) -- The entire German press, with the exception of the local Dortmund newspapers, today ignored the trial and acquittal yesterday of 20 members of the Dortmund police force on charges of murdering numerous Jews in the Nazi Warsaw Ghetto.

The local press reported that witnesses had testified that the policemen, members of a special guard battalion in the ghetto, shot Jews as a sport and tallied the number of their kills on mess hall doors and walls. Several of the defendants had actually confessed before the trial.

A notable feature of the trial was the testimony of policemen and other witnesses who had a remarkable loss of memory in the witness stand, asserting they "could not remember" details which they had included in signed statements two and three years ago. Only one witness, a conscious-stricken and now blind former member of the battalion, testified as he had done previously. The court ruled him incompetent.

One of the major points of the indictment was that these 20 had executed 100 male and 10 female Jews as hostages for the "murder" of one Nazi, a "murder" which it was proved never occurred. It was also noted that the commander of the unit had instructed the men always to shoot to kill when firing at Jews, else it "did not pay to use gasoline" as they rode through the ghetto.

The court, in acquitting the defendants, said that in view of their educational level they were not conscious of the illegality of their acts, nor could the prosecution refute their assertions that it was "customary" to shoot hostages, and that they were under compulsion to participate in such shootings and executions.

## FOUNDER OF "PEACE WITH ISRAEL" MOVEMENT FIRED FROM HAMBURG JOB

HAMBURG, April 1. (JTA) -- Erich Lueth, founder and head of the German "Peace With Israel" movement, was today ousted from his position as press chief of Hamburg. His identification with the Social Democrats was given as the reason for his removal by the new Hamburg administration which is made up of centrist and right parties of the Adenauer coalition.

In 1951, Lueth issued his impassioned appeal, "We Ask Israel for Peace!" Shortly thereafter, he launched the German "Olive Tree Offering" on behalf of Israel. The honesty and fervor of his pleas led to the foundation of the "Peace With Israel" movement. It created the atmosphere in which the negotiations between Israel and Germany at The Hague could be initiated, and which made possible the conclusion of the reparations agreement. Last year, Lueth visited Israel and, upon his return, published enthusiastic accounts of his impressions.

## ANTI-SEMITES IN VIENNA USE NEW TACTICS TO SMEAR JEWS

VIENNA, April 1. (JTA) -- A new form of anti-Semitic provocation has come to the attention of the Austrian police, it was learned here today when the State Prosecutor was given jurisdiction of a case involving a fictitious "want ad" intended to present Jews in an unfavorable light.

Under police questioning, Dr. A. Vogler, a press officer for the People's Party in Lower Austria, admitted that he placed an ad which offered a "pleasant job" with a "Jewish firm." The pleasant job involved chauffering and car maintenance of a "deluxe American car" as well as office boy and gardening work for the same firm, with days off not permitted on the week-end and vacation offered only during the winter months. Dr. Vogler asserted that he had placed the advertisement in retaliation for an "anti-Christian" ad which appeared in the same Vienna newspaper a week earlier.

#### PHILADELPHIA CALLS ON CONGRESS TO MODIFY IMMIGRATION LAW

WASHINGTON, April 1. (JTA) -- Rep. William J. Green, Jr., of Pennsylvania, today called the attention of the House of Representatives to a resolution unanimously adopted by the City Council of Philadelphia calling on Congress to modify the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act. A copy of the City Council resolution was sent to President Eisenhower.

The resolution, introduced by Councilman Victor H. Blanc, criticized the law for failing to provide fair immigration quotas among the nations of the world, for permitting discriminatory practices based on color and religion, and for failing to provide fair hearings or appeals on deportation proceedings.

#### JEWISH GROUPS IN BALTIMORE URGED TO FIGHT JOB DISCRIMINATION

BALTIMORE, April 1. (JTA) -- All Jewish organizations in Baltimore were called on today to join in the fight to secure passage by the Baltimore City Council of a pending bill on equal employment opportunity designed to abolish discrimination in employment.

In a communication addressed to the 750 Jewish organizations and groups in this city, the Baltimore Jewish Council described the pending measure as the most important piece of legislation to confront the Jews of this city.

The council declared that discrimination against Jews seeking employment here constituted a real problem. It said studies had disclosed that as high as 25 percent of job orders placed with some employment agencies here have specified "Gentile only" preference. It expressed belief that this type of discrimination can be outlawed by legislation of the type now before the council. Hearings on the measure in the City Council are scheduled to start in April.

#### ONTARIO GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO OUTLAW BIAS IN PUBLIC PLACES

TORONTO, April 1. (JTA) -- The Government of Ontario has introduced a bill in the provincial legislature aimed at creating a Fair Accommodations Practices Act which would replace a 10-year-old anti-discrimination measure with a procedure of investigation, conciliation and court action, if necessary, to wipe out discrimination in public places.

The measure, introduced by Premier Leslie Frost, provides that "no person shall deny to any person or class of persons the accommodation, services or facilities available in any place to which the public is customarily admitted because of race, ~~creed~~, color, nationality, ancestry or place of origin of such persons or class of persons."

The bill was introduced less than a week after a delegation of civic, labor, religious, Negro and Jewish groups met with the Premier on discriminatory practices in the province. The Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Council of Jewish Women and Jewish Labor Committee of Canada took an active part in the campaign to obtain introduction of a measure to correct and end such abuses.

#### INDUCTION OF JEWISH DRAFTTEES WILL BE DEFERRED DURING PASSOVER

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of the Selective Service System, today announced that all local draft boards have been requested to give "favorable consideration, wherever possible," to requests of registrants of the Jewish faith not to be forwarded for physical examination or induction into the Armed Forces during Passover.

A communication to this effect has been sent to the National Jewish Welfare Board's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy. It says that Jewish registrants scheduled for physical examinations or induction between April 17th and April 25 have the right to request deferment until after Passover. Requests for such deferment should be made directly to local draft boards.

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- The beginning of the 30th year of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, was celebrated today by chapters of the American Friends of the Hebrew University throughout the country, according to an announcement by Dr. George S. Wise, national president of the organization.

The Hebrew University was inaugurated on April 1, 1925 by Lord Arthur Balfour, whose policy statement on behalf of the British Government had formed the basis for Jewish Palestine. The University, with a student body of 3,120 and a faculty of 450, offers research and instruction programs in science, medicine, law, agriculture, liberal arts, education, social science, dentistry and pharmacy.

#### ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AWARDS 93 SCHOLARSHIPS

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- As the first step in the scholarship and loan program of the present academic year, the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, has awarded 93 scholarships, it was announced today by J. W. Wunsch, president of the American Technion Society. The scholarships, total value of which is more than 13,000 Israeli pounds, were awarded to outstanding students in all faculties and departments of Technion.

An additional 85 scholarships are also available under the terms of assistance from the Academic Military Reserve, the Jewish Agency, Ministry of Defense and the Israel Defense Army, among others.

#### INTRODUCTION OF HEBREW IN HIGH SCHOOLS SOUGHT BY JEWISH GROUPS

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Jewish communities in the larger centers in this country were called upon today to cooperate with the Hebrew Culture Service Committee for American High Schools and Colleges in an effort to introduce Hebrew courses into the public secondary schools and colleges.

The call was issued following the adoption last week of a resolution to this effect by the National Conference on Jewish Education held here under the sponsorship of the American Association for Jewish Education in cooperation with 30 major national Jewish organizations and the Jewish Education Committee of New York.

#### MOGEN DOVID ADOM NAMES PLANT IN ISRAEL AFTER COL. MARCUS

TEL AVIV, April 1. (JTA) -- A cornerstone has been laid here for a blood fractionating plant to be named in honor of the late Col. David Marcus, West Point officer who died in Israel's War of Liberation.

Present at the ceremony were Mrs. Vera Weizmann, widow of the late President and head of the Mogen Dovid Adom, which is building the plant, and representatives of the Health Ministry and British and American diplomats. Machinery to be used in the plant was contributed by the American and South African Friends of the Mogen Dovid Adom. Among other uses to which the plant will be put will be the production of gamma globulin, which is used to prevent poliomyelitis.

#### NETHERLANDS QUEEN LENDS ART OBJECTS FOR JEWISH EXHIBITION

THE HAGUE, April 1. (JTA) -- Queen Juliana and Princess Wilhelmina have loaned a number of art objects from their private collection for an exhibition of Jewish ritual objects which is being held in the town of Deventer. The Amsterdam State Museum has loaned the same exhibition Josef Israel's well-known paintings, "The Chupeh;" "Son of Old People;" and "The Torah Scribe."

#### ISRAEL MINISTER PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT OF URUGUAY

MONTEVIDEO, April 1. (JTA) -- Dr. Ariele Kubovy, Israel Minister to Argentina and Uruguay, presented his credentials to Uruguayan President Dr. Andres Martinez Trueba at a ceremony here. Afterwards, Dr. Kubovy laid a wreath before the monument of Artigas, Uruguay's national hero.