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#### SECURITY COUNCIL SEEKS TO BIND JORDAN TO ITS DECISIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 12, (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council today discussed the demand of Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel that Jordan, as a non-member state of the UN, should agree in advance to carry out any decisions which the Council may make on the cross-complaints by Israel and Jordan which are now before the Council.

The session adjourned after 30 minutes following a report by Sir Pierson Dixon, president of the Council, who said that research had established that there was no precedent involving a case brought on behalf of a non-member state by a member of the Council, as was the case with the Jordanian charges against Israel which have been brought by Lebanon. However, Sir Pierson pointed out that there were a number of instances in which non-member states had submitted statements accepting in advance the obligations of pacific settlement provided in the UN Charter.

Sir Pierson told the Security Council that Article 32 could be applied in the present case. This article of the UN Charter provides that the Council "shall lay down such conditions as it deems just for the participation of a state which is not a member of the United Nations." At the sametime, he did not exclude the possibility of applying Article 32 (2), as requested by Ambassador Eban.

French delegate Henri Hoppenot said the members of the Council ought to have time to reflect on the matter and consult their governments. At his suggestion the Council decided to adjourn, leaving it to the president to fix a date for the next meeting.

# Eban Charges Jordan With Murdering Wounded Israelis

Meanwhile, Ambassador Eban today submitted a letter to the Security Council charging Jordan with the killing this Sunday of two Israeli policemen, who after being wounded by rifle fire and dragged into Jordan, "were murdered in cold blood by elements of the armed forces of Jordan who had penetrated into Israel territory,"

Mr. Eban requested that his letter be circulated among all members of the United Nations. He pointed out that "it is especially urgent that the true facts concerning this Jordanian act of aggression leading to Israel casualties should be made known, in view of the distorted evidence presented by Jordan to the United Nations authorities."

(Maj. Gen. Vagn Bennike, head of the UN truce observation corps in Palestine, in a letter to Premier Moshe Sharett made public in Jerusalem yesterday, urged Israel to return to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission. Israel, which walked out of the MAC in March over its failure to pin responsibility for the Scorpion Pass murders on Jordan, is understood to be studying Gen. Bennike's note.)

# U. N. ARMISTICE COMMISSION CONDEMNS ISRAEL AND JORDAN

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commissica, which Israel has boycotted since March, yesterday adopted a resolution strongly condemning Israel for entering Jordan territory near the village of Khirbet Illan last Sunday when two Israeli border policemen were killed by Jordanians forces. The UN unit also condemned Israel for endangering the lives of two UN observers on the scene by firing mortar shells which burst near the observers.

The Israeli version of the incident stated that the two policemen had been wounded inside Israel by Jordanian infiltrees. The Israelis further charged that the wounded men had been dragged across the border and then murdered. The UN report of the incident said that the two Israelis had been killed inside Jordan and their bodies had not been mutilated. Jewish physicians who examined the bodies after they were returned to Israel said the bodies had been mutilated and stabled after death. The MAC also condemned Jordan for replying to Israeli fire.

An Israeli spokesman today rejected the UN observers' charge that the Israelis had fired on them and endangered their lives. He said the Israeli guners held their fire as soon as they spotted the observers. But, he added, the Jordanians continued to shell the Israeli unit so it had to reply to protect itself.

#### OPPOSITION TO AMERICAN ARMING OF ARABS GROWS IN BRITAIN

LONDON, May 12. (JTA) -- Reflecting the growing opposition in Britain to American arming of the Arab states, Britain's two leading newspapers -- the Times of London and the Manchester Guardian -- today published editorials expressing concern over the United States decision to ship arms to Iraq.

The Times asserted that the American decision "has led the Arab states to think that Israel can no longer reckon on American support, In this they are no doubt completely mistaken, but the effect has been to encourage them to rally behind Jordan in her dispute with Israel."

The editorial warned that the "prevailing mood in Israel is dangerous," following Assistant Secretary of State Henry Byroade's recent speeches, "because it may harden into desperation."

The Guardian called upon the United States not to supply arms to Iraq without strings attached, one of which should be the conclusion of a formal peace with Israel. Israel's case against the supplying of arms to Iraq "has not been overstated, the newspaper declared. It noted that at this moment, the Arab states including Iraq are still defying the United Nations Security Council by refusing to honor the terms of their armistice agreements with Israel.

# BRITISH PARTY SAYS ISRAEL MUST BE PROTECTED AGAINST AGGR ESGION

LONDON, May 12, (JTA) -- Any agreement which Britain makes with Egypt over the Suez Canal area must contain safeguards that the Canal base and its weapons will not be used in aggression against Israel, the British Labor Party advocates, it was revealed here with the publication of an official party handbook for speakers.

The publication, designed to give party speakers the views of the Labor Party on this and other issues, also calls for an agreement with Egypt providing that it keep the Suez Canal open as an international waterway. It notes that Egypt has blockaded the Canal -- against Israel -- in violation of the United Nations.

The handbook asserts that peace and prosperity in the Middle East depends on cooperation between Israel and the Arab states and calls on the British Government, with its great influence in the area, to try to bring about peace and cooperation between the parties. It declares that Israel's success in the development of a "democratic socialism" can have a great influence on the area,

# AMERICAN-ISRAEL FRIENDSHIP HELPS WORLD PEACE, EISENHOWER SAYS

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower, in a message to the America-Israel Society dinner here last night, made it clear that friendship between the United States and Israel should be fostered in this country "In the interest of international peace." The message, addressed to Governor Theodore R. McKeldin, president of the Society, said:

"To all members of the Society go my warm greetings on its recent establishment. The fostering of better understanding between peoples of the United States and Israel is clearly in the interest of international peace, and in this pursuit, I wish to the Society every success."

### STATUS OF JEWISH AGENCY IN U.S. OUTLINED; ACTIVITIES CITED

NEW YCRK, May 12. (JTA) -- Full details on the status of the Jewish Agency in the United States were given today in a statement by Gottlieb Hammer, the Agency's executive director, published in the New York Times. Taking issue with the American Council for Judaism, which adopted a resolution stating that the Jewish Agency was registered as an agent of the Israel Government, Mr. Hammer said:

"The Jewish Agency in this country is registered as a branch of the Jewish Agency for Palestine in Jerusalem, a non-governmental humanitarian organization. The registration of the Jewish Agency for Palestine with the Department of Justice is a matter of record. Nowhere does that registration state or imply that the Jewish Agency for Palestine is -- nor is it in fact -- an agent or spokesman for the Israeli Government.

"The Jewish Agency's status was recognized in Article IV of the British Palestine Mandate which stated that 'a proper Jewish agency shall \*\*\* assist and take part in the development of Palestine and 'secure the cooperation of all Jews who are willing to assist in the establishment of the Jewish national home.'

"Since the establishment of Israel, Article IV of the Mandate which set forth the relationship of the British mandatory and the Jewish Agency for Palestine has been replaced by the Israel Parliament's Bill on Status under which the Jewish Agency for Palestine is to 'continue to work in the State of Israel for the development and the colonization of the country, for the absorption of immigrants from the Diaspora and for the coordination of the activities in Israel of Jewish institutions and associations operating in these fields.'

"The funds contributed by the United Jewish Appeal have been employed solely toward these ends -- relief and rehabilitation of refugees, immigrants, immigrant-absorption and colonization, medical and health program, and educational projects. The main purpose and objective of this work has been to assist the people of Israel, and not the Government. The Jewish Agency conducts its activities in consultation with the Government of Israel, just as all voluntary aid organizations of a similar nature conduct their activities in consultation with the Governments of the countries in which their operations center."

# HEAD OF U.S. ECONOMIC MISSION CONFIDENT OF ISRAEL'S FUTURE

TEL AVIV, May 12. (JTA) -- Bruce McDaniel, retiring head of the United States economic aid mission to Israel, last night expressed confidence in Israel's future as well as in the enduring strength of Israel-American friendship.

Addressing a symposium, together with his immediate aides, Mr. McDaniel described the work of his mission as: technical assistance, economic aid and counterpart funds. He revealed that in the last named category, the U.S. supplied \$180,000,000 while Israel matched it with the equivalent of \$137,000,000.

# WORLDWIDE PROTEST AGAINST PERSECUTION OF JEWS IN RUMANIA SOUGHT

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- An appeal to Jews throughout the world and to enlightened public opinion, intellectuals and peace-lovers in all parts of the world to raise their voices in protest against the persecution of Zionist and Jewish leaders in Rumania, was published here today by the Jewish Agency.

Signed by Berl Locker, Agency chairman in Jerusalem, the appeal, noted that reports have been received from Rumania of new trials of Zionist and former Jewish leaders, and stressed that hundreds and thousands of Zionist and public leaders have been in jails and concentration camps in that country for the last five years. Only now, the statement pointed out, are some of them being brought to trial.

"If in the past the Rumanian authorities charged their victims with fantastic and ridiculous charges, they are being tried now simply because they want to remain Jews, and for their former Zionist activities," Mr. Locker stated. "These trials are now conducted in camera, ending in the imposition of hard jail and concentration camp sentences.

"Every honest man must see that such trials gravely effect elementary human rights and abuse the elementary principles of justice. The purposes of the trials," the statement continued, "is the physical and spiritual liquidation of the intelligentsia of the Rumanian Jewish community, which numbers 200,000 people.

"The Jewish nation and the world's enlightened public opinion, the leaders of mankind, scientists, authors, journalists, the moulders of public opinion and the lovers of peace and freedom are challenged to raise their voices against this crusade of oppression and persecution," the statement declared.

"When Rumanian Jews had the chance to express their own opinion, seventy percent of them desired to go to Israel, despite the threats of the Rumanian authorities. One hundred and twenty thousand came to Israel until the Rumanian Government prohibited immigration in 1951."

"The only solution for the Rumanian Jewish community," the statement stressed, "is immigration to Israel. Let the gates of Rumania be opened for them. Let the thousands of Zionists be released from prisons and concentration camps and be allowed to immigrate to Israel. The Rumanian Jewish community is not hostile to the existing regime, its only 'sin' is its longing for its homeland."

The appeal concluded with the Zionist movement's "warm blessings for the persecuted, for their devotion to their nation and for their courageous behaviour in their critical trials. The Zionist movement, the Jewish nation and the world's progressive public opinion will not rest until their wrongs are righted by the Rumanian authorities." the statement said.

# JDC, HIAS, USNA MEGRATION OFFICES IN EUROPE MERGED

PARIS, May 12. (JTA) -- The merger of the migration department of the Joint Distribution Committee with the immigration services of HIAS and United Service for New Americans was announced here today by Moses W. Beckelman, JDC director of overseas operations, Ben Touster, HIAS president, and Edwin Rosenberg, USNA head.

It was also announced that the new agency -- United HIAS Service -- will begin operating from its Paris headquarters this July 1. Its major task will be assisting some 20,000 Jews who have already indicated their desire to leave Europe. In addition, Mr. Touster said, the agency would address itself to the problem of the "honorable repatriation of Israeli returnees."

The new director of the organization will be announced in New York after Mssrs. Touster and Rosenberg return there.

WASHINGTON, May 12. (JTA) -- A suggestion to investigate Facts Forum, a tax-exempt organization which sponsors a weekly radio and television discussion program long a subject of controversy, was made here yesterday at a public hearing conducted by the House Committee to Investigate Tax-Exempt Foundations. The recommendation was made by Rep. Wayne L. Hayes of Ohio, a committee member.

INVESTIGATION OF "FACTS FORUM" URGED; SPCNSOR DENIES ANTI-SEMITISM

H. L. Hunt, Texas oil millionaire and supporter of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, who sponsors Facts Forum, recently denied charges that it was anti-Semitic, pro-Fascist, anti-Catholic, anti-Negro and anti-l abor. He said the organization was established three years ago "to promote and preserve freedom" and enjoys tax exemption as a non-profit national educational group. Five radio and television programs of news discussions are now sponsored by Facts Forum.

The Anti-Defamation League of Binai Birith has been listed among groups accused of attempting to control education in this country by Norman Dodd, staff research director of the committee. The other groups named are the Progressive Education Association, the American Historical Association, the League for Industrial Democracy, and the John Dewey Society,

# TWO ARRESTED IN DALLAS FOR ATTEMPT TO EXTORT \$200,000 FROM JEWS

DALLAS, Texas, May 12. (JTA) -- The FBI, in cooperation with two Jewish brothers of this city, last night cracked an attempt by two extortioners -- also brothers -- to collect \$200,000 from 20 Jewish families in Dallas.

After two weeks of long-distance negotiations between the alleged extortioners, James H. Jones and his brother Ralph F. Jones, and the two Jewish brothers, Julius and George Schepps, the FBI trapped the Jones brothers when one of them attempted to collect a package which was supposed to contain the \$200,000.

The FBI charged that on April 29, 20 prominent Jewish families received letters which began: "You Jews to pay \$200,000. How many you Jews be dead before you pay. Acid-dynamite-fire-guns will make you pay, "

Julius Schepps was chosen by the Jones brothers, FBI agents said, to act as the collector for the money to be obtained from the other 19 families and from his family. Instead, Mr. Schepps notified the FBI and the trap was laid for the extortioners. George Schepps made contact with the Jones brothers and finally received instructions on where to leave the money yesterday. He did this and then sped away in his car, while the FBI agents closed in.

#### VISA PROBLEMS FOR REFUGEES ARE BEING REMEDIED, OFFICIAL SAYS

ATLANTIC CITY, May 12. (JTA) -- Voluntary social agencies can help implement the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, Frank L. Auerbach, Special Assistant to the Director of the State Department Visa Office, said today in an address before the National Council on Naturalization and Citizenship. Mr. Auerbach said that administrative difficulties have prevented the act from functioning smoothly, but indicated that these problems were being remedied.

The present immigration law was termed here a piece of "legislative madness" by Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, leader of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States, addressing the 81st annual forum of the National Conference of Social Work

#### U.N. COMMITTEE ISSUES REPORT ON FIGHT AGAINST BIG CTRY IN U.S.

PARIS, May 12. (JTA) -- The fight against racial discrimination in the United States through legislation is described in a new volume just published here by the United Nations Educational Social and Cultural Organization. The volume, entitled "Racial Equality and the Law," was written for UNESCO by Prof. Monroe Berger of Princeton University, a former member of the AJC staff.

#### ISRAEL PLANTS MEMORIAL FOREST FOR FALLEN U.S. JEWISH YOUTHS

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- A memorial forest for American Jewish youths who died in the Israel War of Liberation was planted yesterday in the Judean Hills overlooking the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road. Mrs. Golda Myerson, Labor Minister who lived for many years in the United States, and Ivan B. White, American Charge d'Affaires, planted the first saplings in the forest,

Mrs. Myerson, speaking at the ceremony, recalled the enthusiasm and devotion with which American Jewry sent "its best sons" to fight for Israel's independence. Brig. Gen. Dan Tolkovsky, commander of the Israel Air Force, told the gathering that American volunteers made possible the creation of the Israel Air Force,

Funds for the forest were raised in the United States by the American Veterans of Israel. (A memorial service was held in New York yesterday by the organization in connection with the Israel tree-planting ceremony.) It is estimated that between 25 and 50 of the 800 Americans in the Israel armed services died in action.

#### CITY OF MANCHESTER GETS TITLE TO SECTION IN JERUSALEM AREA

MANCHESTER, May 12. (JTA) -- The City of Manchester was yesterday presended with title to a section in the Jerusalem corridor area named for Sir Simon Marks, British Jewish philanthropist, which includes a village named Manchester.

The presentation was made in connection with the opening here of an exhibit on Israel and Manchester entitled; "A City's Contribution to the Birth of a State." The exhibit celebrates the sixth anniversary of Israel's independence and the 50th anniversary of the arrival in Manchester of the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann, first President of Israel, who spent much of his adult life living and working in Manchester.

#### HENRY MORGENTHAU HONORED FOR SERVICE TO ISRAEL'S DEVELOPMENT

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- A special tribute to former Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. for his record of communal leadership and of service to the development of the State of Israel was held yesterday at a luncheon at the Delmonico Hotel here. The luncheon celebrated Mr. Morgenthau's sixty-third birthday, and his acceptance of the post of chairman of the International Committee for State of Israel Bonds.

Rudolf G, Sonneborn, president of the Israel Bond Crganization, presided at the luncheon at which prominent American and Israeli personalities expressed appreciation for Mr. Morgenthau's outstanding record of service as general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal from 1947 through 1950, and as chairman of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization starting in 1951. An Israelmade copper plate bearing engraved silver emblems of the twelve tribes of Israel was presented to Mr. Morgenthau.

#### B'NAI B'RITH HILLEL FOUNDATION DEDICATED AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, May 12. (JTA) -- The Binai Birith Hillel Foundation at the Hebrew University here was dedicated last night by Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, director of the Hillel Foundation. Present at the ceremony were Premier Moshe Sharett, Education Minister Ben Zion Dinur and Prof. Benjamin Mazur, president of the University.

# ORT ESTABLISHES FIRST ELECTRO-PLATING SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 12. (JTA) -- With the cooperation of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration and Israel's Ministry of Trade and Industry, the first school in electro-plating in the entire Middle East has been organized at the Givatayim ORT Vocational Center, it was announced by Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation. "This latest addition to the ORT system of trade schools in Israel is recognized as a development of great practical importance to the young state's economy, "Dr. Haber said.