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## BRITISH JEWRY PROTESTS AGAINST MASS ARRESTS OF JEWS IN RUMANIA

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- British Jews today voiced their protest against the arrests and trials of Jewish and Zionist leaders in Rumania and called upon the Rumanian Government to release the prisoners.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews adopted a resolution declaring that British Jewry had been "deeply stirred by the reports of the trials and heavy prison sentences imposed on considerable numbers of Jewish people in Rumania charged with Zionist activities."

Expressing its protest "against this cruel and unjustifiable persecution of Zionists who are concerned only with the realization of the age-long aspirations of the Jewish people," the Board called for a halt to the persecutions, noting that they violated the Rumanian peace treaty of 1947, and appealed for the release of the "Zionist prisoners."

## Communities in British Commonwealth to Hold Conference

Dr. Abraham Cohen, Board president, reported that a conference of Jewish communities in the British Commonwealth will open in London on June 20. Jewish representative bodies in the following countries have already named their delegates to the parley: South Africa, Australia, Canada, Southern Rhodesia and India. A number of smaller communities are considering the matter at present, Dr. Cohen said.

The main agenda items, Dr. Cohen reported, are: the State of Israel and its relations with the Jewish communities in the Commonwealth; foreign affairs; Christian-Jewish relations and anti-defamation; welfare and charitable effort, and fund-raising; means of maintaining contact and collaboration among the Commonwealth communities on questions of common interest.

Anxiety was expressed at the Board's meeting today over the United States decision to ship arms to Iraq. It was emphasized that the Board was watching the action of American Jews on this matter.

## U.S. TOP MILITARY LEADER MEETS WITH ISRAEL'S CHIEF OF STAFF

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- U.S. Army Assistant Chief of Staff Gen. Trudeau today called upon Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israel Chief of Staff, and later visited a border settlement. Gen. Trudeau limited his visit to Israel to 24 hours.

An announcement concerning his arrival in this country said that he came from Damascus on a routine visit to the American military attache in Tel Aviv. Top Israeli military leaders, including Gen. Dayan, attended a reception given by the American embassy in honor of Gen. Trudeau.

TURKEY REFUSES TO BE INFLUENCED BY IRAQ AGAINST ISRAEL

ISTANBUL, May 16. (JTA) -- Turkey is unwilling to intervene in the Palestine situation as the price of Iraq's joining the Pakistan-Turkish military pact, it was learned today in the wake of the four-day meeting here of American diplomatic envoys from 13 Middle Eastern countries which concluded yesterday.

It became known that the Iraqi have said that they would be more prepared to join the Ankara-Karachi alliance if Turkey used its influence with Israel and the Western powers to obtain a settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict favorable to the Arabs. American diplomats were pictured as optimistic that Iraq would join the alliance if it could be diverted from the Israeli problem.

During the American conference here strong support was voiced for the issuance of a new form of the tripartite declaration, one which would go farther toward guaranteeing the borders of the Arab states and Israel by pledging the use of force to prevent aggression by one side against the other in the current Israel-Arab conflict.

Although this did not emerge from the conference as a definite program, it is understood that Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade, who presided at the parley, is convinced that some bold step, together with London and Paris, is needed to save the Middle East situation.

It is felt that such a guarantee of specific action to prevent aggression would quiet Israel's fears over American arms shipments to Iraq and alleged Arab fears of Israeli aggression. U.S. diplomats were pictured as believing that the failure of the original tripartite declaration to spell out the action to be taken in the event of aggression by either side, had contributed a powerful weapon to Arab politicians' maneuvering to prevent an Arab-Israel peace settlement.

ERECTION OF "ELECTRIC CURTAIN" BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN SUGGESTED

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- The erection of a "high voltage electric curtain" along the Israel-Jordan frontier as a method of halting infiltration and cross-border incidents was proposed here by the newspaper Economist. The paper visualized protests against the scheme by those who preferred to keep the situation "fluid" in the hope of a favorable coup.

Independent experts here, however, feel the scheme--while "new and novel"--is "impossibly impractical." They told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the expense of erecting such a fence was enormous, that the area lacked the equipment for generating enough power to keep the lines at high voltage and would not prevent rifle or mortar fire over or through the barrier at people working in the fields or at police and military patrols.

DR. SILVER CONFERS WITH NIXON AND DULLES ON ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver held separate conferences with Vice President Richard M. Nixon and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles last Tuesday, it was reported here today. The conversation between Dr. Silver and Mr. Dulles covered a wide range of subjects related to American policy on Israel.

ISRAEL OPENS NEW ROAD THROUGH CENTRAL NEGEV

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- A new road to Eilat which opens the Central Negev to tourists and makes possible the exploitation of the desert's mineral resources was opened today. Construction was started on the road two years ago. This route is an alternate to the present Araba road to Eilat.

The business center of the new city of Ashkelon was dedicated today at a ceremony attended by President Ben Zvi, several Cabinet Ministers and hundreds of Jewish tourists from South Africa. The area was constructed with half-a-million pounds invested by South African Jews.

### GERMANY'S BUDGET INCLUDES \$92,800,000 FOR JEWISH CLAIMS

BONN, May 16. (JTA) -- Detailed figures published here today reveal that a total of \$92,800,000 for Jewish claims of all categories are included in the \$6,430,000,000 West German budget for the 1954-55 fiscal year, which the Bundestag has approved by a large majority.

The largest item for Jewish purposes is the \$60,000,000 earmarked for deliveries under the reparations agreement with Israel. The agreement actually stipulated that the "normal" rate would be \$74,000,000 per annum, but West Germany is taking advantage of an escape clause permitting her, at her own discretion, to restrict payments to the minimum of \$60,000,000. This clause was inserted so as to give Germany some leeway if she should find herself hard pressed economically. In fact, however, the German economy is enjoying an unprecedented boom.

In addition to the 1954-55 allocation for Israel reparations, the budget lists \$14,000,000 to cover certain Israel purchases in the fiscal year that ended last March 31, and for which no appropriations had previously been asked. Similarly, \$1,500,000 are intended as budgetary sanction for pensions, already paid in the past fiscal year, to former German rabbis and employees of Jewish communities. The same amount is made available for the current year, together with \$120,000 for the victims of Nazi medical experiments.

The new budget lists only a relatively paltry \$15,900,000 for payments to individual victims of Nazism, both Jews and Germans, under the terms of the Federal Indemnification Law adopted nearly a year ago, and for which not a single one of the indispensable implementation regulations has yet been issued. West Germany's constituent states will themselves continue to satisfy a limited number of compensation claims, it is true, but the close-fistedness of the Federal allocation foreshadows the dashing of the hopes of a large majority of Jewish victims of Nazism in the coming year.

### TWO LEADERS OF NEO-NAZI ANTI-SEMITIC GROUP INDICTED IN GERMANY

HAMBURG, May 16. (JTA) -- Two head men of a neo-Nazi movement, Hermann Lamp and Eberhard Hawranke, have been indicted by the West German Attorney General for conspiracy and for leading a secret, subversive organization.

The organization, which was disbanded by the Bonn Government last year, is the "Free Corps Germany." It adheres to the 25-point "revised program" of the Nazi Party, advocates anti-Semitism and preaches the other standard Nazi doctrines. Estimates of its North German membership range from 1,000 to 2,000, dedicated and militant Nazis all.

### GALINSKI ELECTED HEAD OF CENTRAL COUNCIL OF JEWS IN GERMANY

DUESSELDORF, May 16. (JTA) -- Heinz Galinski, president of the West Berlin Jewish Community, was elected chairman of the Central Council of the Jews in Germany. He succeeds Carl Katz of Bremen.

The meeting of the Council at which the elections took place was held jointly with the executive committee of the Council's Central Welfare Agency. The session formulated an integrated social welfare and relief program for West Germany as a whole, to be financed with the \$450,000 allotted by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims. It was resolved that the Central Welfare Agency will open branch offices in Berlin, Munich and Frankfurt, and at a later date move its main offices from Hamburg to Frankfurt.

## JEWISH CONGRESS SURVEY ANALYZES CHANCES FOR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) --A four-year study of the experiences of over 1,300 New York State scholarship winners in seeking admission to college reveals that Catholic and Protestant high school graduates have a higher acceptance rate than Jewish students and that such discrimination could not be explained by any differences in grades, extra-curricular activity, residence, or other factors, the American Jewish Congress announced today.

These latest findings, based on two separate surveys conducted by the American Jewish Congress among 1347 scholarship winners of 1950 and 1952, show that the combined acceptance rates for 1950 and 1952 were 97.6 percent for Catholic applicants; 97.0 percent for Protestant applicants and 84.7 percent for Jewish applicants.

A significant finding of the study was that in 1950 and in 1952, the public colleges operated by New York City accepted all applicants in the scholarship group, regardless of religion or ancestry. On the other hand, the evidence suggests that the admissions practices of New York City and State private colleges--denominational and non-denominational--do not yet match those of the city's public colleges.

The acceptance rate by New York City's private non-denominational colleges in 1950 was 100 percent for both Catholic and Protestant male applicants. The rate for Jewish males was only 87.2 percent. In 1952, the acceptance rate for these same colleges was 100 percent for Catholic and Protestant males, and 88.7 percent for Jewish male scholarship winner.

In up-state New York private non-denominational colleges, the 1950 and 1952 combined acceptance rate was 100 percent for Protestant scholarship winners; 85.7 percent for Catholic students; and 82 percent for Jewish winners.

Religious discrimination was revealed particularly in the statistics relating to student admissions to the colleges of their first choice. In 1950, the study shows, 98.4 percent of the Protestant and 97.3 percent of the Catholic applicants were admitted to their first-choice college; while only 85.7 percent of the Jewish applicants were successful in obtaining admission to their school of first preference.

In 1952, comparable data show that 97.6 percent of the Protestant applicants were admitted to the college of their first-choice; Catholics had an even higher rate of first-choice admissions, 100 percent; while 89.5 percent of the Jewish respondents were admitted, a gain of 3.8 percent over 1950.

"In summary," the study declares, "Jewish high school graduates, even those who won state scholarships, are less likely to obtain admission to the school of their first choice than Protestant or Catholic graduates." The study was conducted by Will Maslow, AJC director of the Commission on Law and Social Action.

Although the study points to a fairly high rate of acceptance of Jewish scholarship winners by particular colleges or groups of colleges, Mr. Maslow emphasized, "it by no means follows that Jewish applicants who were not scholarship winners were accepted at a similar high rate. The high acceptance rate of scholarship winners cannot be viewed as indicating that colleges and universities are accepting a high proportion of all Jewish applicants," he said.

## EXTREMISTS DEMONSTRATE IN NEW YORK AGAINST KNESSET LEADER

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- A group of Neturei Karta supporters yesterday staged a half-hour demonstration in a Brooklyn synagogue against Benjamin Mintz, Deputy Speaker of the Israel Parliament, who is currently visiting in this country. Mr. Mintz is also a leader of the Poale Agudah in Israel.

The demonstrators interrupted a speech Mr. Mintz was making to shout that the laws of the State of Israel were not in accordance with the Torah. After the demonstrators were ejected from the synagogue, Mr. Mintz continued his address.

## CONFERENCE OF JEWISH SOCIAL WORKERS DISCUSSES COMMUNAL PROBLEMS

PHILADELPHIA, May 16. (JTA) -- Plans for promoting greater interest in Jewish communal work were discussed here today at the 56th annual meeting of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service which is being attended by more than 1,000 Jewish social workers from all parts of the country.

A report on the professional status of Jewish community services on which tens of millions of dollars are being spent annually in hundreds of Jewish communities throughout the United States was presented by Maurice Bernstein, executive director of the United Jewish Fund of Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Judah Pilch, of New York, executive director of the American Association for Jewish Education, was elected president of the National Conference for the next year, succeeding Philip Bernstein, associate director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in New York.

Addressing the opening session last night, Dr. Abraham A. Neuman, president of Dropsie College, said that "the momentum of our major campaigns with which the maintenance and the functioning of our local community institutions are also involved, will for some time to come be supplied by the critical situation in Israel." He pointed out that "American Jewry cannot and will not let Israel down."

## JEWISH PUBLISHERS URGE MAIL BAN ON ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- Resolutions calling for the barring of anti-Semitic literature from the mails, and urging the U.S. Government to reconsider its decision to send arms to Iraq were adopted here by the American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers at its annual convention this week-end.

A delegation representing the Association was received at the White House by Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams, who accepted on behalf of President Eisenhower a Bible presented by the Association. A message from President Eisenhower lauded the members of the Association for "zealously" guarding the civil, political and religious rights of the American people. One of the principal speakers at the convention was Maxwell D. Rabb, Cabinet operations officer, who spoke on civil rights and American-Israel relations.

Fred Shochet, publisher of the Jewish Floridian, of Miami, was elected president of the Association. He succeeds Philip Slomovitz, publisher of the Jewish News of Detroit, who has served since the Association's founding, but who declined when an attempt was made to renominate him this year. A resolution honoring Mr. Slomovitz for his service was unanimously adopted.

The convention also unanimously adopted a resolution expressing "its sense of appreciation for the work of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and for the vast improvements shown in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency service in the past year."

In a message to the convention, Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith noted that in the past he had been critical of "the extent and character of the coverage of the English Jewish press" and, more so, "of the community which did not awaken to make it reach the calibre and the standard and the extent of usefulness that the hour demanded." He expressed the hope that "communal leaders and organizational leaders will recognize how indispensable a great press is to a live and virile Jewish community."

Other officers elected at the convention include Jack Fishbein, of Chicago, Leo H. Frisch, Minneapolis, and Albert W. Golomb, Pittsburgh, vice-presidents; A. Slabot, New Orleans, treasurer; Adolph Rosenberg, Atlanta, secretary, and Mrs. M. Milton Singer, Atlantic City, corresponding secretary.

ISRAEL BOND CAMPAIGN INAUGURATED IN NINETY MAJOR COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Leaders of 90 major communities in the United States were linked by telephone conference today with headquarters of the Israel Bond Organization where they were addressed by Henry Morgenthau, chairman of the International Committee for Israel Bonds, Joseph Saphir, Israel Minister of Communications, and Henry Montor executive officer of the bond organization.

The telephone conference marked official inauguration of the bond drive and celebrated the sixth anniversary of Israel's independence. Mr. Morgenthau explained to the bond leaders the great need for funds in Israel, while Mr. Saphir reported in detail how the funds derived from earlier bond sales had been put to use in Israel.

PERON RECEIVES MRS. WEIZMANN; CONFIDENT OF ISRAEL'S FUTURE

BUENOS AIRES, May 16. (JTA) -- President Juan Peron this week-end received Mrs. Vera Weizmann, widow of Israel's first President, in an audience which lasted half an hour. Mrs. Weizmann, who was accompanied by Israel Minister Arie H. Kubovici and a representative of the local Jewish community, presented the President with a handsomely bound copy of Dr. Weizmann's autobiography.

Gen. Peron expressed his conviction that Israel would contribute much to the development of the Near East, because of its "spirit and experience." As a sign of the Jews' capabilities in the field of agriculture he pointed to the success of the Jewish agricultural colonies in Argentina. He also expressed the hope that Israel would succeed in gaining the confidence of the Arabs in the Near East and in achieving peace with them.

MEXICAN PRESIDENT HAILS ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY

MEXICO CITY, May 16. (JTA) -- President Adolfo Ruiz of Mexico sent congratulations to Israel President Isaac Ben Zvi on the occasion of Israel's sixth Independence Day, it was announced here.

It was also revealed that the Mexican Foreign Minister, Dr. Luis Padilla Nervo, sent a similar cable to Moshe Sharett, Premier and Foreign Minister of Israel. The Israel Minister here, Yosef Kessary, marked the occasion with a formal reception and garden party while the local Jewish community held a mass meeting.

At a meeting here of the Inter-American Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations accredited to the United Nations the establishment of Israel was hailed as one of the great achievements of the UN. The delegates also adopted unanimously a resolution calling for the outlawing of genocide and racial hatred.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION REPORTS \$500,000 NET PROFIT

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- The Palestine Economic Corporation earned \$500,000 in profits last year, after taxes, Dr. H. Gruenbaum, executive vice-president of PEC in Israel, announced today. He revealed that PEC would pay a four percent dividend on the basis of these earnings.

NAHUM BOMZE, YIDDISH POET, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 46

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Nahum Bomze, well-known Yiddish poet who died suddenly Thursday night. Mr. Bomze, author of five volumes, was 46.

Born in Galicia, Poland, Mr. Bomze was caught up in the war and was sent by the Russians to the interior of the Soviet Union. He was repatriated to Poland in 1945, but, after searching unsuccessfully for possible surviving members of his family, Mr. Bomze went to Sweden, then Paris and finally New York, in 1948.