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## U. S. GOVERNMENT CONDEMNS MASS ARRESTS OF JEWS IN RUMANIA

WASHINGTON, June 3. (JTA) -- The United States Government today condemned the mass arrests of Jewish leaders in Rumania and termed the arrests not only a violation of the provisions of the peace treaty with Rumania but also a crime against "the dictates of justice and humanity."

A statement to this effect was issued by Deputy Undersecretary of State Robert Murphy following a visit to the State Department by a delegation of the American Jewish Committee headed by Jacob Blaustein and Prof. Herman A. Gray. It reads:

"In recent months the Rumanian Communist regime has brought to trial and sentenced to long prison terms scores of Rumanian Jews. Many of these recently sentenced have been held in prison without trial for several years, their only crime being that the regime considers them undesirable. The fate of the victims of this widespread persecution is cause for deep concern on the part of the Department of State as well as the American Jewish Committee.

"The conduct of the Rumanian Government in this instance is but one more example of its callous disregard for human rights and fundamental freedoms. In order to instill fear in the hearts of the 250,000 Jews in Rumania that government has found it necessary to sentence leaders of the Jewish community so that they might be held as hostages. Such conduct is not only in violation of the provisions of the treaty of peace with Rumania but also ignores the dictates of justice and humanity.

"I am deeply moved by the tragic plight of these unfortunate Jewish leaders and sympathize with the feelings expressed by members of the delegation from the American Jewish Committee."

### Jewish Committee Hails State Department's Statement

The American Jewish Committee hailed the State Department's condemnation of recent Communist trials of Rumanian Jews "as a beacon of hope to Jews and other minorities trapped behind the Iron Curtain signalling that the free world is gravely concerned over their plight."

"The U. S. Government's action today," the AJC declared, "strips away the Communist propaganda facade to reveal the ugly reality of persecution for any group in Russia and its satellites that refuses to conform to the Communist mold." It pointed out that the recent Rumanian trials were the culmination of "a systematic attempt to destroy the Jewish community that began with a large scale deportation and disappearance, probably to Siberia, of tens of thousands of Rumanian Jews in September, 1949."

"Only the sharpest protests from democratic nations can possibly check the continued savagery of the Communist rulers," the AJC stated. "These Hitler-like actions are part of the Communist master plan to crush all minorities and all possible centers of dissidence. Just as under Hitler, the pitiless treatment of the Jewish scapegoat is exploited as a deterrent against the very idea of a non-conformism or resistance."

### ISRAEL'S \$470, 000, 000 PLAN EXCEEDS U. S. PROJECT FOR JORDAN WATERS

JERUSALEM, June 3. (JTA) -- Details of Israel's plan for the development of the Jordan water sources and adjoining areas, presented this week in Washington to Ambassador Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special representative to the Near East, were revealed here today. The Israel plan, which provides for almost immediate settlement of the Arab refugees, is far more comprehensive than the Jordan Valley Authority plan prepared by the United States.

It is understood that the Israeli plan--known as the Cotton Plan--visualizes a construction program extending over 25 years and costing in total \$470, 000, 000, and provides for the marshalling of the resources of the Jordan River in Israel and Jordan, the Litani River basin in Lebanon and the Yarmuk River basin in Syria and Jordan.

The Cotton Plan proposes fullest irrigation of all lands that need it in Jordan, Southern Lebanon and the Yarmuk basin of Syria, with excess water which cannot then be used in these areas being allocated to Israel which, by contrast, has far more land in need of irrigation than water available for the purpose.

Where the plan drafted by American experts and pressed by Ambassador Eric Johnston--who is scheduled to visit the Near East next week--provides for the irrigation of 30, 000 dunams (four dunams equal one acre) of land in Syria, nothing for Lebanon, 490, 000 dunams for Jordan and 420, 000 dunams for Israel, the Cotton Plan calls for:

The irrigation of 30, 000 dunams for Syria, 350, 000 dunams for Lebanon, 430, 000 dunams for Jordan and 1, 790, 000 dunams for Israel. The amount for Jordan in the Israeli plan is the same as the amount in the American plan, but does not include in its specifications the area taken up by roads and built up areas which are not actually used for agricultural purposes. The Israeli plan also provides for the production of 1,400,000,000 kilowatt hours of electric power annually and would make it available early in the project rather than at the last stages, as does the Johnston JVA plan.

The Cotton Plan provides for the development program to be built in four stages. The first stage in Israel would include the diversion of the Jordan River for power generation purposes below Lake Huleh and the diversion of the major flow of the river into the main storage reservoir. In Jordan, the first stage would include diversion of a major part of the Yarmuk's summer flow.

### GOLDMANN SEES ISRAEL'S DESTINY IN ITS CULTURAL QUALITY

JERUSALEM, June 3. (JTA) -- Leaders of American Jewry as well as of other Jewish communities throughout the world are beginning to realize that the time has come to show much keener interest in the advancement of higher studies in Israel and to place the Hebrew University on stable financial foundations, Dr. Nahum Goldmann declared here yesterday, addressing the ceremony at which ground was broken for the Hebrew University's new campus.

Jews all over the world, Dr. Goldmann said, have become increasingly aware that the destiny of Israel is bound up primarily with the quality of its cultural creations and with the impression that its cultural stature will make upon world Jewry and upon the world in general.

Israel's strength, Dr. Goldmann continued, will not lie in quantity and size but in quality. This is especially true now when gigantic powers determine the fate of the world and of the era. Jewish leaders throughout the world are, therefore, aware of the need to make an all-out effort to solve the problem of higher education in Israel as a prerequisite for the state's cultural future which will undoubtedly be very different from that of other small states in the Middle East and other regions, the Jewish Agency chairman stated.

BRITAIN RENEWS ACTION ON IRAQ'S BAN ON JEWISH AIR PASSENGERS

LONDON, June 3. (JTA) -- The British Government was again asked today to intervene with Iraq to obtain the end of discriminatory treatment of British Jews who desire to fly to Iraq or pass through it to any other point in the Near East.

Barnett Janner, Laborite, asked Foreign Undersecretary Anthony Nutting whether he had intervened with the Iraq Government to remove discriminatory regulations which required special visas for Jews and which have never been granted to Jews. As a result of this requirement the British Overseas Airways Corporation refuses to take Jewish passengers to or through Iraq.

Mr. Nutting recalled that in November, 1950 the British Ambassador in Bagdad had sent a note to the Iraqi Government requesting modification of the regulations so as to guarantee British Jews the same treatment as other British subjects, but no reply had been received. The Ambassador had been instructed to renew his application, Mr. Nutting revealed.

Mr. Janner then suggested that Britain seek the assistance of the United Nations on this matter. Mr. Nutting said he preferred to reserve judgment on the suggestion, stating that he would rather deal with the matter through diplomatic channels and that the representations to Iraq had been renewed.

ISRAEL WALKS OUT OF ARMISTICE COMMISSION IN DISPUTE WITH SYRIA

TEL AVIV, June 3. (JTA) -- Israel walked out of a meeting of the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission yesterday after the Syrian delegation insisted upon discussing an incident which the Israelis held to be outside the jurisdiction of the commission. However, the Israelis made it clear that the walk-out was only from the meeting, not from the MAC, and that they would leave future meetings also if matters outside the jurisdiction of the mixed group were discussed.

The incident involved the killing in an exchange of fire of two Syrians last April who crossed into Israel territory in the demilitarized zone from Syria to give cover to a party of Arab peasants illegally harvesting fields in the demilitarized zone.

The Israel delegation insisted that under the terms of Article V, paragraph 6 of the Israel-Syrian armistice pact only the chairman of the MAC is responsible for assuring full implementation of the conditions of the armistice pact in the demilitarized zone. After the Israelis left the meeting, it was learned, the Syrian resolution censuring Israel in the shooting was adopted. The chairman abstained on the motion, which left only the Syrians voting.

USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY TO CUT CANAL FROM GAZA TO EILATH URGED

LONDON, June 3. (JTA) -- The suggestion that atomic energy could be used to level the high mountainous country between the Mediterranean coast and the Gulf of Aqaba and cut a sea passage between the Mediterranean Sea at Gaza and the Gulf of Eilath was made here today by Lord Leslie Hore-Belisha.

Speaking at an "Institute of Atomic Information for the Layman," Sir Leslie proposed that such a canal be used as an alternate route to the Suez Canal. He warned that transportation of the oil so necessary to the economy of Western Europe and which comes from the Middle East must not remain dependent on the Suez Canal. He offered a route for the new cut to follow the present Israel-Egyptian border from the Gaza strip to Eilath.

ISRAEL PREMIER EXPLAINS RAID ON MIZRACHI QUARTERS TO DELEGATION

JERUSALEM, June 3. (JTA) -- A delegation of the World Mizrahi Organization today visited Premier Moshe Sharett in connection with the police raid which was carried out recently on the Mizrahi headquarters here. The Premier assured the delegation that the raid was not aimed at the Mizrahi organization but that the police had to investigate the activities of one suspected person. The delegation indicated that it considers the Premier's statement unsatisfactory.

AUSTRIA DISCUSSES RESTORATION OF PENSIONS TO JEWISH CIVIL SERVANTS

VIENNA, June 3. (JTA) -- The Austro-Jewish talks on Jewish claims for restitution, indemnification and heirless property, which began here Tuesday, continued today in two separate meetings.

In one session, Jewish negotiators met with a delegation from the Austrian Finance Ministry to discuss legislation designed to restore the pensions of former Jewish civil servants, and other social legislation. Another committee discussed compensation payments for confiscated apartments and homes and for the destruction of synagogues. The latter discussion was held with representatives of the Social Ministry.

20 SECRET NEO-NAZI GROUPS REPORTED ACTIVE IN GERMANY

BONN, June 3. (JTA) -- The West German Government's Office for the Protection of the Constitution today reported the existence in this country of 20 secret neo-Nazi organizations.

The existence of similar non-German organizations in this country were highlighted at a press conference today by Zachariah Schuster, European director of the American Jewish Committee, who revealed that there were at least a dozen anti-Jewish and anti-democratic groups of East European refugees operating in West Germany. Mr. Schuster said that these organizations were spreading Nazi-like ideas among fellow emigres, among the Germans and even to the United States and Britain.

He revealed that the AJC was studying the international ramifications of these groups in Europe, the United States and South America. He called it "inconceivable" that such organizations should be allowed to use West Germany as a platform for the dissemination of Jew-baiting and anti-democratic propaganda.

SHECHITA IS NOT BANNED IN WEST GERMANY, JEWS OFFICIALLY INFORMED

LONDON, June 3. (JTA) -- There is no restriction on Jewish ritual slaughter in Germany, the West German diplomatic mission to this country announced today in reply to a query from the Agudas Israel world executive. The mission added that German authorities expect no change in the situation.

After the Bonn mission's statement was made, the Agudah issued a statement to the effect that this expression of the official German view had allayed concern felt in many Jewish quarters over the possibility of the West German Government limiting the right of shechita.

GERMAN-ISRAEL EXCHANGE OF GOODWILL MESSAGES REVEALED IN BONN

BONN, June 3. (JTA) -- An exchange of goodwill messages between the heads of state of West Germany and Israel took place for the first time last month on the occasion of Israel's sixth Independence Day May 6, it was revealed here today.

The exchange, interpreted here as another step in the direction of establishing normal diplomatic relations between the two countries, was initiated by West German President Theodor Heuss who cabled Israel President Ben Zvi his "sincere good wishes for the welfare of Israel." Mr. Ben Zvi replied, in French, thanking Prof. Heuss for his greetings.

Israel Avoids Raising of German Flag at Music Festival

HAIFA, June 3. (JTA) -- When the International Festival of Contemporary Music opened in this city two nights ago only the Israeli flag was flown and no foreign banners were hoisted, in order to avoid the necessity of raising the German flag in Israel.

This was learned here today when it was also disclosed that Hans Joachim, previously listed as a delegate from Austria, was actually a representative of the German Society for Contemporary Music. He is a known anti-Nazi.

LEBANESE PRESIDENT SAYS JEWS IN LEBANON ARE GOOD CITIZENS

BUENOS AIRES, June 3. (JTA) -- Lebanese President Camille Chamoun told a delegation of Sephardic Jews residing in Argentina that he considers the Jews of Lebanon good citizens of his country who deserve the same treatment given other citizens in accordance with genuine democratic traditions, it was learned here today.

It was revealed that during his recent visit to this country, the Lebanese President received a group of Sephardic Jews who came to this country from Lebanon and Syria. The group was headed by Ezra Teubal and Jacques Mizrachi, two leaders of the local Sephardic community, and included representatives of many institutions of Arab-speaking Jews in Argentina.

Mr. Teubal told President Chamoun that Arab-speaking Jews of Argentina follow with intense interest all aspects of political, cultural and business life in Lebanon and were pleased with the liberal and humanitarian treatment accorded the Jews of Lebanon. Mr. Teubal added that the Sephardic Jews hope that peace will soon be established between the Arab states, including Lebanon, and Israel. He stressed that Jews throughout the world have bonds of spiritual solidarity with Israel.

PRESIDENT OF LEBANON GREETED WITH HATIKVAH IN SAO PAULO

SAC PAULO, Brazil, June 3. (JTA) -- Lebanese President Camille Chamoun was greeted with Hatikvah, the Israel national anthem, when he arrived here for a visit.

As the President and his party stepped out of a plane, they were greeted by the Provincial Governor and high officials of his administration. Shortly afterwards the party snapped to attention as a military band began playing what the musicians thought was the Lebanese anthem. President Chamoun remained at attention until the last chord of Hatikvah was sounded, then he quickly stepped into a waiting limousine and was driven to a hotel suite.

Afterwards, the band leader called on the President to apologize for his error. He explained that he had mistakenly distributed the wrong music sheets to members of the band.

U. S. BUSINESSMEN URGED TO MAINTAIN CLOSER TIES WITH ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 3. (JTA) -- Israel's business and investment possibilities are a challenge to American business and hold not only a material reward but also a spiritual satisfaction given by pioneering, Abraham Goodman, noted American Jewish industrialist, declared today, addressing more than 100 American business leaders at a luncheon of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce at the Hotel Roosevelt. Mr. Goodman called for closer ties between American businessmen and their counterparts in Israel.

S. Hoofien, chairman of the Israel National Bank, who is now visiting the United States, revealed at the luncheon that the bank, which is Israel's currency issuing bank, is establishing in this country a special financial organization to take care of increasing needs of Israeli exporters for financing of raw and packing materials. He said that Israel's newly-acquired productive capacity and growing foreign markets make imperative the creation of adequate credit to finance purchases of materials.

WORLD CSE TO OFFER GRANTS FOR STUDIES IN MEDICINE

PARIS, June 3. (JTA) -- The World CSE Union today announced that it would offer grants for studies in medicine and associated fields to persons now working in Jewish institutions or intending to work in them. Studies may be carried on in France or abroad in the fields of social medicine, public hygiene and social service.

ELLIS ISLAND MAY BE ABANDONED AS IMMIGRATION STATION

NEW YORK, June 3. (JTA) -- Ellis Island, the gateway for millions of Jewish immigrants entering the United States, may shortly be abandoned, it was indicated today by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The service is considering giving up the station on Ellis Island which has processed millions of immigrants since it became the most important immigrant entrance or departure station in 1892. In its hey-day, the Ellis Island station processed up to 5,000 immigrants daily. Now it rarely houses more than a few hundred persons at a time. As a result, the authorities are looking for a center which would be more economical to maintain.

A picnic area in Colonial times, the island passed into the hands of Samuel Ellis, from whom it takes its name, and was later acquired by the State of New York. In 1808, the state ceded it to the Federal Government for an arsenal and the island has since served in that capacity, as an immigrant processing center and as a base for Coast Guard port security forces.

SCHOOL FOR CANTORS TO OFFER MASTER'S DEGREE IN JEWISH MUSIC

NEW YORK, June 3. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Union School of Sacred Music, training center for synagogue cantors, will offer a new graduate course leading to the Master of Sacred Music degree effective next fall, Dr. Abraham N. Franzblau, dean of the school, announced last night.

He made the announcement at the fourth commencement of the School of Sacred Music, held at the School. Six men who completed the school's three-year course were graduated as cantor-educators and two of them qualified for the Bachelor of Music degree.

ISRAEL MINISTER OF HEALTH ARRIVES IN BRAZIL TO OPEN DRIVE

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 3. (JTA) -- Joseph Serlin, Israel Minister of Health, arrived here to inaugurate the Brazilian United Israel Campaign. Mr. Serlin is on a tour of Latin American countries in behalf of the Israel drive.

At a press conference, Mr. Serlin declared that the economic situation in Israel had improved recently. He said that Israel was now producing all agricultural products which it needed in adequate quantities, except wheat.

BRAZILIAN JEWRY CONDEMNS MASS ARRESTS OF JEWS IN RUMANIA

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 3. (JTA) -- The Confederation of Jewish institutions in Brazil, central body of Brazilian Jewry, today made public a protest against the mass arrests of Jewish leaders in Rumania. The text of the protest was communicated to the Rumanian legation in Argentina since Brazil does not maintain diplomatic relations with the Communist regime of Rumania.

DR. YAVNOZON, PRESIDENT OF OSE OF MEXICO, HONORED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Jacob Yavnozov, president of the OSE of Mexico, was honored here by the American OSE Committee at a luncheon in his honor at the Essex House at which he was presented with a Scroll of Honor noting the inscription of his name in the Golden Book of the Jewish National Fund. The Mexican OSE conducts a large medical center and convalescent home in Mexico and also provides funds for OSE work abroad.

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BECAUSE OF SHAVUOTH THE NEXT BULLETIN WILL APPEAR ON TUESDAY

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