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## EBAN PRESENTS ISRAEL'S VIEWS ON U.S. AID TO STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, June 17. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today sought clarification from Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, of reports of a pending declaration reaffirming and expanding the Tripartite Declaration of 1950.

The Ambassador after a 90-minute meeting with Mr. Byroade said that this was one of the matters discussed in some detail and that he would communicate his findings to Israel. Asked about reported plans of the State Department to suspend aid to Near Eastern countries found guilty by the United Nations truce supervision organization of major violations, Ambassador Eban said: "It is premature for me to say anything."

Mr. Byroade was informed by Mr. Eban of Israel's views on the Mutual Security Act for the coming fiscal year. Mr. Eban talked previously about this matter with Harold E. Stassen, director of the Foreign Operations Administration. Mr. Byroade recommended during testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee that aid to Israel be reduced.

The Israel Ambassador informed Mr. Byroade today that Israel's basic position is that favorable economic developments in Israel in the past fiscal year, such as they are, are not yet stable enough to justify a decreased level of aid. This thesis was analyzed in detail and Mr. Eban made known that Israel is trying to reach an agreement with the Administration on thinking on this question.

Some political and security problems in the Near East were discussed in the area of Arab-Israel relations, Mr. Eban said. He made known that Israel's view on American armament of Iraq was again stressed. He was accompanied by Meir Sherman, Economic Minister of the Embassy, and Reuven Shiloah, Minister Plenipotentiary.

The Defense and State Departments are expediting plans to strengthen Iraq militarily and it was learned today that top-ranking Iraqi officers have been invited to the United States. Major General Muhammed Rafiq Arif, Chief of Staff of the Iraqi Army, and Brigadier Abbas Ali Ghalib, commanding general of the 1st Iraqi Division, have accepted invitations, the Department of the Army confirmed today.

## U.S. Envoy Arrives in Israel Today for Talks on Jordan Valley

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's personal envoy to the Near East, will arrive here tomorrow from Jordan via the Mandelbaum Gate to discuss with top Israeli leaders the American-sponsored plan for regional development of the Jordan Valley and Arab and Israel proposals for such a scheme. Premier Moshe Sharett, Trade and Industry Minister Peretz Bernstein and Defense Minister Peretz Naphtali will confer with Ambassador Johnston.

ISRAEL AND SOVIET UNION AGREE TO RAISE RANK OF THEIR ENVOYS

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- Israel and the Soviet Union have agreed to raise the rank of their envoys to each other's governments from minister to ambassador, it was announced here last night.

This move means that now all of the Big Four powers are represented in Israel by ambassadors. The announcement came one month after a Soviet-Egyptian agreement to raise their envoys to the rank of ambassador. With the change in states both Shmuel Eliashiv, Israel Minister in Moscow, and Alexander Abramov, his Soviet counterpart in Israel, will have to present new credentials to the heads of the states to which they are accredited.

It is understood that Israel and the USSR are now negotiating for an exchange of visits of prominent figures in the arts and in sports.

I.L.O. ASKED TO WORK TOWARD ARAB-ISRAEL RAPPROCHEMENT

GENEVA, June 17. (JTA) -- A call to the International Labor Organization to bend all its efforts toward a rapprochement between Israel and the Arab states in the interest of improved economic conditions which would follow a stable peace in the Middle East, was voiced here today at the 37th session of the ILO by S. Moriel, a representative of Israeli employer groups.

Mr. Moriel also told the parley that the greatest economic problem facing Israel today was the attraction of large capital investments. He said that relations between Israel employers and labor were generally satisfactory and he reviewed employers' efforts to teach "work hygiene" and safety practices.

He revealed Israeli employers' pre-occupation with the problem of housing, noting that they were interested in increasing available housing for workers. He said Israel was unable to keep up with the demand for additional housing because of the overwhelming mass of immigrants which has engulfed the country.

OPINION IN ISRAEL SPLIT ON ADMISSION OF 50 GERMAN TECHNICIANS

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- The anticipated arrival in Israel next Fall of some 50 German technicians to assemble a gigantic floating dry dock to be sent to this country as German reparations payment has brought into sharp focus a split in Israeli opinion over whether to admit Germans to the country.

The split extends from the level of the ordinary citizen through the Cabinet and leaders of public institutions. Those who favor the admission of the German experts argue that Israel cannot remain forever cut off from Germany, and particularly not now when German reparations goods are arriving in the country. Their opponents insist that the matter of accepting the technicians is more political than economic and that the mood in Israel does not yet permit the admission of Germans.

ISRAEL AND POLAND SIGN TRADE AGREEMENT IN WARSAW

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- Israel and Poland have signed a one-year \$250,000 trade agreement in Warsaw, it was announced here today. Poland will export sugar, timber, yarn and other products to Israel in return for citrus fruit, shoes, artificial teeth, razor blades and phosphates.

ISRAELI NAVAL FLOTILLA STARTS TRAINING TOUR; WILL VISIT GREECE

TEL AVIV, June 17. (JTA) -- An Israeli naval flotilla left today for a training tour which will include calls at Greek ports. The flotilla was described as the largest unit to engage in a single training-mission.

ANTI-JEWISH BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT IS STRONG, N. C. R. A. C. REPORTS

ATLANTIC CITY, June 17. (JTA) -- Employment discrimination against Jews is more widespread than is generally recognized, even in periods when jobs are plentiful, it was reported here today at the opening session of the four-day annual conference of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, the coordinating body of six national and 32 local Jewish groups engaged in combatting anti-Semitism.

The report presented to the conference pointed out that anti-Jewish bias in employment, which is still strong, frequently goes unnoticed because of the high level of employment among Jewish workers. It recommended that the problem of employment discrimination receive much greater attention from Jewish community relations agencies and Jewish vocational services than it is getting. It also advanced a number of recommendations for dealing with the problem effectively.

Bernard H. Trager of Bridgeport, NCRAC chairman, said the report is based on the proceedings of a two-day conference of representatives of Jewish community relations agencies and Jewish vocational agencies held some time ago in New York. It was presented to the session by Louis Feinmark, president of the New Haven Jewish Community Council, who is chairman of the NCRAC Committee on Employment Discrimination.

The report stresses the need for Jewish agencies to interpret the problem of Jewish employment discrimination to the public employment service and to the public agencies responsible for the administration of fair employment laws and government regulations against employment discrimination.

Subtle Ways of Discrimination Cited; Opposition Urged

The urgency of the problem of discrimination in employment against Jews is not recognized, the report says, because at the present time almost all Jewish workers are gainfully employed. "Jews are employed by Jews, they are found in government, in civic agencies, in their own businesses, or are self-employed in professions. This has tended to obscure the fact that employment discrimination against Jews may be continuing with only little improvement."

The report stresses that discrimination on any grounds must be opposed. It points out, at the same time, that discrimination against Jews in employment is manifested in special ways and that the ways in which such discrimination is practiced are frequently very subtle. As a consequence, the report says, "many leaders in the fight against employment discrimination appear almost totally unaware of the extent to which Jews are denied equality of employment opportunity." Among the major recommendations advanced in the report are the following:

1. An intensification and expansion of research to produce reliable data about Jewish occupational distribution and about the extent and areas of discrimination against Jews. The report emphasizes that most important is a "continuing program of fact finding, that would involve on a routine basis the systematic compilation of information from all available sources, including employers, trade unions, schools, employment agencies and members of Jewish community organizations."

2. Establishment and maintenance of a clearance system between vocational service agencies and community relations agencies; establishment of a permanent joint national committee of the Jewish Occupational Council, representing the vocational service agencies and the NCRAC, to formulate procedures and develop a coordinated and cooperative program.

3. The assumption of responsibility by Jewish agencies for interpreting the subtleties and special characteristics of discrimination against Jews to government agencies, for providing those agencies with information about specific cases of employment discrimination against Jews, and for helping those agencies develop methods for investigating and handling cases involving discrimination against Jews.

4. Conducting a nation-wide program for finding, documenting, and interpreting cases of discrimination in employment against Jews. This, it is recommended,

should include a) cooperation with employment agencies and employment counsellors; b) the compilation of a list of members of Jewish community organizations who could furnish information about Jewish employment in specific plants and industries, the policies of management, the attitudes of individual officials and department heads; c) routine questioning of all applicants who use vocational agencies regarding their employment experience.

### Parley Hears Report on Religion in Public Schools

The session today also discussed the problem of religion in public education and the stand which Jewish groups should take on such issues as "released-time" in the public schools and prayer recitation in schools. Dr. Rolfe Lanier Hunt, executive director of the Department of Religion and Public Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., said that the American public school "is itself an expression of a religious faith. As an institution, it grows out of a belief in human personality which has religious wellsprings common to Judaism and the Christianity. This fact is perhaps more important than the particular role we assign the institution in the religious education of children."

Mortimer Brenner, of the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council, who is co-chairman of the Joint Advisory Committee on Religion and the Public Schools of the NCRAC and the Synagogue Council, spoke on the work of the Joint Committee. Dr. Ira Eisenstein was chairman of the session.

The groups affiliated with the National Community Relations Advisory Council are: American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, United Synagogue of America; regional, state, and county-wide Jewish Community Councils in the Southwest Region, in the States of Connecticut, Indiana and Minnesota, in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, California and in Camden County and Essex County, N.J.; and local Jewish Community Councils in the following cities: Akron, Baltimore, Boston, Bridgeport, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Elizabeth, Hartford, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, New Haven, Norfolk, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Rochester, St. Louis, San Diego, San Francisco, Toledo, Washington, and Youngstown.

### U.S. HEBREW CULTURE CONVENTION ANNOUNCES OPENING OF ACADEMY

ATLANTIC CITY, June 17. (JTA) -- The founding of a Hebrew Academy in the United States was announced here tonight at the opening session of the annual convention of the Histadruth Ivrit of America, Hebrew language and culture association. More than 300 delegates are attending the parley which closes Sunday.

One of the major problems facing the convention is a proposal to form a Hebrew Youth Council which would plan and coordinate activities looking toward the vitalizing of spoken and written Hebrew among young Jews in this country. Discussion of the proposal will be preceded by a symposium on the matter and will be followed by the introduction of resolutions at the convention to achieve this purpose.

### U. J. A. TO LAUNCH SPECIAL DRIVE FOR \$25,000,000 IN CASH

JERUSALEM, June 17. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal's 1954 campaign will be launched on September 1, a special four-month drive aimed at raising at least \$25,000,000 in cash. Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz and Morris Berinstein, executive vice-chairman and national campaign chairman, respectively, of the UJA, announced at a press conference here today.

The UJA leaders asserted that Israel can become invulnerable to Arab attack if it can be helped to capitalize on the productive powers of its recent immigrants and on the economic gains it has made in the past few years. They will return to the United States after a whirlwind five-day visit during which they conferred with Premier Moshe Sharett, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and Jewish Agency leaders on problems facing the UJA campaign.

ISRAEL INSTITUTIONS ASKED FOR VIEWS ON JOINT DRIVE IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- The Israel Government and the Jewish Agency have requested the Hebrew University, the Haifa Technion and the Weizmann Institute to submit, within three weeks, their views on five basic conditions for unification of fund-raising in the United States for the three institutions of higher learning, it was revealed here today by Meyer W. Weisgal, chairman of the executive council of the Weizmann Institute, following his arrival from Israel.

"Fund-raising unification for Israel's three institutions of higher learning is inevitable and imperative in the interest of the State of Israel, as well as for the benefit of American Jewry, Mr. Weisgal stated. He reported that he had projected a unification plan in a 15,000-word memorandum which was circulated to the top Jewish leadership in the United States and Israel.

In this evaluation, Mr. Weisgal made 12 cardinal recommendations, among them: 1. That a budget of \$8,000,000 for the three institutions be covered by the welfare funds, the Jewish Agency, the Israel Government and contributions from countries outside the United States; 2. That no separate campaign be undertaken by the University-Institute-Technion except at the request of the Jewish Agency; 3. That one central office with separate departments for each institution be established in New York; and 4. That an independent commission be set up to study measures leading toward increased cooperation and, if feasible, eventual unification of the three institutions in Israel. The "Royal" commission, as he calls it, is also charged with the task of determining the maintenance budget and capital expenditures of the three institutions.

Mr. Weisgal, who is also executive vice-chairman of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute, indicated that broad areas of agreement on the implementation of the plan had been staked out at his recent conference and conversations in Israel with members of the Cabinet, leaders of the Agency and representatives of the three institutions. Before leaving Israel, Mr. Weisgal appointed Harold Goldenberg, treasurer and acting chairman of the administrative committee of the Weizmann Institute, and Dr. Benjamin Block, administrative director, to represent the Institute at subsequent meetings.

Referring to a JTA dispatch that Dr. George Wise, chairman of the Hebrew University's board of governors, had submitted the University's proposals for unification to the Israel Government and to the Jewish Agency, Mr. Weisgal greeted Dr. Wise's response to the plan with deep satisfaction. "Although they do not go far enough, Dr. Wise's proposals provide a basis for discussions on the implementation of the plan," he added.

Mr. Weisgal revealed also that he had received word from Israel that the committee on unification, composed of representatives of the Israeli Government, the Jewish Agency and the three institutions, was making good progress. He said that he was especially pleased to learn that Dr. Joseph Schwartz, executive head of the U. J. A., now in Israel, is participating in the discussions.

TWO ISRAELIS WIN JEWISH CONGRESS AWARDS FOR HISTORY TEXTS

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress' Cultural Department announced today that two Jewish scholars, Moshe Catane and Dr. Shimshon Leib Kirshenbaum, both Israeli residents, are the winners of its international competition for new textbooks on recent Jewish history. Mr. Catane won a prize of \$750, and Dr. Kirshenbaum won \$500 in the contest for new history texts which was originally announced in 1949.

U.S. MILITARY TO COOPERATE ON JEWISH TRICENTENARY CELEBRATION

WASHINGTON, June 17. (JTA) -- The Defense Department will cooperate in plans for the 300th anniversary celebration of Jewish settlement in this country, Lt. Col. Thomas Corrigan, speaking for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, declared here at a conference of the Tricentenary Committee on Military Participation.

Tricentenary committees on military participation will be organized in communities across the country, and the national committee will prepare a program with specific suggestions on how local committees can participate in local celebrations. The committee is considering the preparation of a special military exhibit, and will call upon historical societies for mementos, letters, citations, medals and military paintings and photographs relating to Jewish participation in the country's military history. Historical records will also be reviewed for names of Jews who took part in outstanding military events.

RABBINICAL ALLIANCE OF AMERICA OPENS CONVENTION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 17. (JTA) -- Plans to strengthen the religious and democratic way of life will feature the discussions of the 12th annual convention of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, which opened here last night. More than 400 Orthodox rabbis are attending the two-day meeting.

The delegates also issued a call to Jews throughout the world to protest the persecution of Rumanian Jewish leaders and to mobilize world public opinion in a move to free the imprisoned leaders. It was also voted to send a commission headed by four rabbinical leaders to survey the religious and cultural situation in Israel and to confer with Israeli government and civil leaders in an effort to strengthen ties between Orthodox Jews in Israel and in this country.

BALTIMORE JEWISH COUNCIL INVESTIGATES ACT OF VANDALISM

BALTIMORE, June 17. (JTA) -- Baltimore officials have promised to do everything they can to apprehend a gang of hoodlums who this week defaced and broke a sign announcing ground-breaking for a synagogue, Jewish center and Hebrew school to be built on a site in this city.

The pledge was given after a complaint by Nathan Klein, president of the Liberty Jewish Center, following the defacement of signs for the eighth time in the past year. In 1953 the Baltimore Jewish Council investigated the incidents and turned up several possible suspects, but nothing further was done by the authorities.

ISRAEL ENVOY TO MEXICO NAMED MINISTER TO CENTRAL AMERICAN LANDS

MEXICO CITY, June 17. (JTA) -- Dr. Youssef Kessary, Israel Minister to Mexico, has also been named envoy to Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, San Salvador, Costa Rica, Santa Domingo and Cuba, it was revealed here today. Dr. Kessary will shortly make a tour of the capitals of the countries to which he is accredited, after which he will return here where he will maintain his residence. He will visit the other Latin American countries only when he has a specific mission to perform.

FRENCH NATIONAL RADIO DEVOTES PROGRAM TO ALLIANCE ISRAELITE

PARIS, June 17. (JTA) -- The French National Radio today devoted 40 minutes of its popular program "The Parade of the Children of France" to the Alliance Israelite Universelle. The program featured interviews with 20 pupils from an Alliance school in Paris.