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## CONGRESSMEN SEEK U.S. ACTION ON ABANDONMENT OF SUEZ BLOCKADE

WASHINGTON, July 27. (JTA) -- In the wake of an announcement in Commons today by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden that an Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Suez Canal issue may be signed tonight, nine members of Congress have sent a letter to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles asking protection of maritime rights for nations using the Suez Canal.

The letter asked the State Department to intercede in the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations on the Canal in order to secure an undertaking that Egypt will comply with the United Nations Security Council decision calling on her to abandon her blockade of ships carrying cargo to and from Israel. Recalling the UN Security Council decision of Sept. 1, 1951, the signatories urged U.S. intervention on the following grounds:

1. American ships and American citizens are the victims of discriminatory practices which abridge rights to the freedom of the seas for which the United States has always fought.
2. The U.S. has already taken an active role in the negotiations and is therefore responsible to some degree both for the character of the agreement and for its consequences.
3. The U.S. is a permanent member of the Security Council and therefore obligated to help enforce its decisions.
4. The U.S. is concerned as a friend of both Egypt and Israel to promote a settlement of their differences.

The letter warned that failure to act at this time "may actually cause a deterioration in the situation because it could be interpreted by Egypt as an indication that we do not regard the blockade as a matter of sufficient concern." The signers of the letter included Senators Leverett Saltonstall, Mass., Irving M. Ives, NY, Herbert H. Lehman, NY, and Representatives Emanuel Celler, NY, Jacob K. Javits, NY, Thomas J. Dodd, Conn., James G. Fulton, Pa., Edna F. Kelly, NY, and Thomas M. Pelly, State of Washington.

## STATE DEPT. SAYS NO WESTERN DEFENSE BASE SOUGHT IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, July 27. (JTA) -- State Department sources said today there is no basis to press reports that the United States is studying possible creation of a Western defense base in Israel.

It was further made known that the Department has no information which would tend to confirm that the British are discussing a possible return to Haifa, as mentioned in the reports. The use of Israel as an alternative base after British evacuation of Suez has not even been suggested to the State Department, it was said.

ISRAELI SETTLERS AND JORDANIANS CLASH IN FIVE-HOUR BATTLE

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) -- A five-hour battle between Israeli settlers and border police and Jordanian units took place in the Nevi Halamedhei area late yesterday, it was announced here today. Five Israelis were wounded, one Arab was killed and two other Jordanians were wounded in the engagement.

It was learned this morning that United Nations observers had begun an investigation of the incident on the Jordan side. They have made no inquiry on the Israel side because Israel is not participating in the Mixed Armistice Commission.

At about 1 P. M. yesterday settlers at Netiv Halamedhei were attacked while harvesting. A Jordanian force estimated at about two platoons opened fire on the settlers with automatic weapons and small arms. Two Israelis working on a combine were wounded.

The Jordanians kept up a desultory fire for two more hours, hampering attempts to rescue the wounded men. Then the Israeli border unit arrived and engaged the Arabs. Firing continued until after nightfall.

THREE "STATELESS ISRAELIS" ARRESTED IN EGYPT AS "TERRORISTS"

LONDON, July 27. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Ministry of Interior today announced that three "stateless Israelis" have been arrested on charges of planting incendiary bombs on July 14 in United States Information Agency libraries in Cairo and Alexandria.

An Egyptian communique said three Jews "confessed" also to putting incendiary devices in the Alexandria post office and in theaters in Cairo and Alexandria. The Egyptians notified the United States Embassy that a Jew, Philip H. Nathanson was arrested for possession of fire bomb equipment while two other Jews were implicated, a report from Cairo said.

ISRAEL DISPLAYS JETS FOR FIRST TIME IN AIR MANEUVERS

TEL AVIV, July 27. (JTA) -- Israeli jet planes today participated in Air Force maneuvers for the first time. The jet planes joined other bombers in air-to-ground bombing exercises and were scored very high for precision bombing by the military experts and civilian leaders who witnessed the operations. The air show marked the seventh anniversary of the formation of the Israel Air Force.

The Air Force has made "great progress" in the past year both from an organizational and qualitative-quantitative point of view, Brig. Gen. Dan Tulkovsky, its commander-in-chief, declared. Gen. Tulkovsky, who stressed the progress made by Israeli airmen in the handling of jets, revealed that the Israel Air Force was constantly replacing older, obsolete plane models with newer units. He spoke of the need for further recruiting of air personnel and praised the high level of achievement of graduates of Air Force schools.

STATUS OF JEWISH AGENCY MEMBERS ESTABLISHED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 27. (JTA) -- The ranks granted by the Israel Government to members of the Jewish Agency under the pact signed here yesterday concern only seating arrangements at official functions, it was indicated here today. The chairman of the Jewish Agency executive will be seated next to members of the Cabinet. Other members of the executive will rank with members of the Israel Parliament.

AMERICAN CONSULATE IN GERMANY REFUSES VISA TO DR. SCHACHT

DUSSELDORF, July 27. (JTA) -- United States consular officials have refused to grant visas to enter the United States to Hjalmar Schacht, onetime financial advisor to Hitler, and to Dr. Ernst Achenbach, chairman of the Free Democratic Party in the Ruhr, it was learned here today from usually reliable sources.

State Department officials in Germany refuse to comment on the matter because of a recent directive prohibiting the release of information on visa matters. It is understood, however, that the unfavorable Nazi record of both men was responsible for the rejection of their applications for visas.

Dr. Schacht, internationally known financial wizard, is currently head of two private banks and is a highly respected figure in German economic circles. Dr. Achenbach, a prominent lawyer and close advisor to several Ruhr industrialists, is a power in the Free Democratic Party, one of the mainstays of the Adenauer coalition government. Last month he was re-elected to the North Rhine-Westphalian provincial legislature.

LABOR LEADERS PROTEST PERSECUTION OF JEWS IN IRON CURTAIN LANDS

PARIS, July 27. (JTA) -- A sharp protest against anti-Jewish persecutions in Rumania, and against anti-Semitism elsewhere behind the Iron Curtain, particularly in Hungary and Slovakia, was issued here today by the "Free Trade Unionists in Exile."

The organization, composed of trade union leaders from Soviet and Soviet-satellite countries, recounted the results of three secret trials of Jewish leaders in Rumania this year. Pointing out that the free world has already protested vigorously against renewed Communist persecution of Jews, the statement declares: "The free workers of the world join in these protests against a new racism which is coming from behind the Iron Curtain."

The statement traces the rise of anti-Semitism in Rumania, ascribing the renewed persecutions to the fact that Rumanian Jews, robbed of their livelihood by discriminatory laws, had begun organizing emigration, many of them turning their eyes toward Israel. The government-dominated "Jewish Democratic Committee," led by Jewish Communists, tried to "organize" this emigration effort. But, when the Jews rejected this Communist effort, recognizing it as a ruse, the persecutions, secret trials, and imprisonments resulted, the statement says.

358 DUTCH JEWISH ORPHANS ARE UNDER NON-JEWISH GUARDIANSHIP

THE HAGUE, July 27. (JTA) -- Of the total of 1,056 Jewish war orphans in Holland, 358 are currently under non-Jewish guardianship, 457 are under Jewish guardianship and the remaining 241 are now of age and taking care of themselves, it was reported here today in the 1953 report of the Jewish child care organizations in Holland.

The children under non-Jewish guardianship include 171 boys and 187 girls, of whom eight boys and 15 girls actually live in Jewish institutions or homes although responsibility for their care rests with non-Jewish sources. The children under the care of Jewish organizations include eight boys and 17 girls who live with non-Jewish families or institutions. Among those who are now old enough to assume responsibility for themselves, 146 live in a non-Jewish atmosphere.

DECLINING JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO U. S. CHANGES AID PROGRAMS

NEW YORK, July 27. (JTA) -- The steadily declining rate of Jewish immigration into the United States has caused many communities to consider making changes in their immigrant aid programs, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds says in a report issued here today.

The report summarizes the results of a nationwide survey conducted by the CJFWF in collaboration with the United Service for New Americans with regard to this question. It establishes the following facts:

1. The continued, though reduced rate of Jewish immigration means that some responsibility for immigrant aid by the community will continue. Many of the 7,000 Jewish immigrants expected this year will require some community aid until they can become self-supporting.
2. A substantial number of long-term dependents from previous immigration years, will continue to rely on community assistance. Some of these are "jeopardy" cases where there might be a danger of deportation if they become public charges. Others are aged, sick and families with no breadwinners.
3. Immigration under the Refugee Relief Act, now in effect, is expected to bring in a total of 15,000 Jewish immigrants in the next three years. This figure, even with added regular immigration, is well below the large numbers of immigrants who arrived in the peak post-war immigration years.

Since the Act provides that only families containing employables may be admitted, it is expected that the immigrants who will arrive during the three-year period will make a more rapid adjustment to American life than was previously possible.

Two-Day Conference to Discuss Jewish Health Problems

The CJFWF also announced today that it will hold a two-day conference in Philadelphia in September to discuss integration of hospital and Jewish community medical services with other Jewish agencies in the community. The session will also discuss selected practical problems in the development of in-patient and out-patient services, with special attention to Jewish community responsibility for number of beds and other hospital facilities.

The growing need for effective community planning for health and hospital services was cited at a recent meeting of the CJFWF Social Planning Committee. Special subcommittees were authorized to define the responsibility of the Jewish community for health and welfare needs of the Jewish family and emotionally disturbed Jewish children.

Many Jewish health and educational institutions may be able to obtain valuable and needed equipment at a small fraction of the original cost, according to a report by the Social Planning Department of the CJFWF. The report deals with the availability of surplus government property to health and educational institutions and describes the procedure for these institutions to follow.

Hospitals and clinics and full or part-time Jewish schools, including those connected with child care agencies, are eligible to receive the surplus property. Homes with infirmaries or hospital facilities may also apply but only on the basis of their health programs.

The federal program for distribution of surplus property provides that when a federal hospital, clinic or other facility is discontinued by the government, other federal agencies are notified of the availability of the property. After they have selected what they need the remainder is declared surplus and is made available to health and educational institutions.

EISENHOWER URGED TO CHECK RELIGIOUS BIAS IN HOUSING PROJECTS

WASHINGTON, July 27. (JTA) -- The CIO today urged President Eisenhower to outlaw the use of federal funds in all private or public housing projects which fail to bar religious and racial segregation.

In a letter to the White House the CIO warned that unless steps were taken at once a pattern of segregation in housing "will become crystallized upon such a vast scale as to negate the benefits of recent decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court." The letter was signed jointly by CIO president Walter P. Reuther and CIO vice-president James G. Thimmes.

MAINE RESORTS PRACTICE DISCRIMINATION; STATE LOSSES REVENUE

AUGUSTA, Maine, July 27. (JTA) -- Maine is suffering an "inestimable" loss of revenue due to the discrimination of private resort owners, according to William Cohen, state chairman of the Maine B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League Committee.

Citing his experiences as counsel for the Maine State Equal Opportunities Committee, and a number of letters complaining of anti-Jewish discrimination by resort owners in Maine, Mr. Cohen said that prospective Maine vacationers are staying away "in droves."

Mr. Cohen underlined a statement by Guy P. Butler, executive manager of the state's Publicity Bureau, who said that "unfortunately" there is no law in Maine requiring a resort owner to serve any one. Everett F. Gration, executive director of the Maine Development Commission, has pointed out that such discrimination does not reflect official state policy.

ITALIAN JEWS ANNOUNCE CONTEST FOR WORK ON WARSAW UPRISING

ROME, July 27. (JTA) -- The Union of Jewish Communities in Italy today announced a contest for an historical work dealing with Jews who fought for freedom from the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1943 to the proclamation of the State of Israel in 1948.

The prize offered is 300,000 lire and the Union will publish the work. A prime qualification is the collation of documents and other historical data dealing with the events within the scope of the work.

AMSTERDAM TO PURCHASE RUINS OF ANCIENT SYNAGOGUE FROM JEWS

AMSTERDAM, July 27. (JTA) -- The Amsterdam city council decided today to purchase the ruins of the so-called "New Synagogue," which stands in the heart of the former ghetto area, from the Ashkenazi Jewish community and to erect on the site a museum to serve as a reminder of the once thriving Amsterdam Jewish Community which was destroyed by the Nazis. The ancient synagogue, together with the entire Jewish neighborhood, was razed by the Germans during the occupation.

RICHARD S. RAUH, PITTSBURGH COMMUNAL AND CIVIC LEADER, DIES

PITTSBURGH, July 27. (JTA) -- Richard S. Rauh, president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Pittsburgh, and a leader in many social, cultural, civic and welfare organizations, died at the age of 60.

Mr. Rauh, who was recently re-elected for a second term as head of the Federation, was a director of the national board of the Joint Distribution Committee, served as a vice-president of the National Jewish Hospital at Denver, and was active in over a dozen local welfare and communal organizations including the YM-YWHA. He headed the United Jewish Fund for several years, was a secretary of the Pittsburgh Symphony and was a founder and president of the Pittsburgh Playhouse.