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## U.S. TO BACK BRITISH OFFER TO MEDIATE ARAB-ISRAEL NEGOTIATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The United States was expected here today to announce the State Department's backing of the "good offices" offer on Israel-Arab issues made to the representatives of eight Arab League states in London yesterday by British Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd.

Such backing when it comes will, however, not originate at the United Nations; rather it will come from Washington. It is expected to be voiced by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles himself. He is scheduled to return to Washington immediately after his major address in the General Assembly's general debate here tomorrow afternoon.

The question of Britain's offer of Israel Arab mediation came up here today in discussions with the American delegation's spokesman. He showed great reluctance to discuss the issue. Later, however, it became apparent that the State Department would prefer to keep that issue to the American governmental level rather than the UN level, giving Washington an opportunity to back Mr. Lloyd as a co-signatory of the tripartite declaration.

### France Expected to Support British Mediation

Following Mr. Dulles' endorsement of Mr. Lloyd's statement it is understood France--the third signatory of the declaration--will also express its approval of the British offer, thus keeping intact the three-power partnership in relation to Israel-Arab questions.

A spokesman of the U.S. delegation here was asked today whether Arab diplomats had an appointment with the State Department to discuss what action they want the Western Powers to take against Israel, as they had done in a collective meeting with British Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd last week. The spokesman said that he did not know of any such appointment at this time.

Meanwhile, it became apparent here today that the Palestine issue will come before the current session of the General Assembly much earlier than expected. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold today placed an item which had been number 18 on the agenda in the number one agenda spot of the Ad Hoc Political Committee of the Assembly. The item is the report of Henry R. Labouisse, director of the UN Relief and Works Agency for the Palestine Refugees.

By placing the Arab refugee item at the top of the Ad Hoc Committee's agenda, the UN Secretariat may have provided an opportunity for breaking open discussion on the Israel-Arab conflict even before Arab League spokesmen address the Assembly itself in general debate.

ISRAEL ENVOY MEETS WITH EDEN ON BRITISH MEDIATION OFFER

LONDON, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Eliahu Elath, Israel's Ambassador to London, met with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden today, presumably to discuss the British offer of "good offices" in the Arab-Israel dispute. It was learned that immediately before conferring with Mr. Elath, Mr. Eden had a long talk with Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill.

The Eden-Elath meeting lasted about 45 minutes. Afterwards, the Israel Minister and embassy spokesmen refused comment on what had transpired at that session. The Foreign Office would say only that the discussion took place at Mr. Elath's request.

DR. GOLDMANN SAYS BRITISH MEDIATION OFFER IS "GOOD OMEN"

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, tonight described as a "good omen" the statement made yesterday by Selwyn Lloyd, Minister of State of the British Foreign Office, who had proposed utilizing the "good offices" of Britain in mediating the Arab-Israel conflict.

Pointing out, however, that mediation "is incompatible with arming Israel's Arab neighbors to the teeth," Dr. Goldmann called for a reconsideration by Great Britain and the United States of their present arms policy in the Middle East. He spoke at a New York metropolitan area conference of the American Zionist Council at the Hotel Astor, which was attended by several hundred persons representing the eight Zionist organizations in this country which are affiliated with the Council.

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Zionist Council, who presided, also hailed the British announcement and expressed the hope that the United States would associate itself with these efforts to bring about lasting peace in the Middle East. Another speaker was Dr. Giora Josephthal, treasurer of the Jewish Agency who described the Jewish situation in North Africa.

Dr. Goldmann pointed out that he was speaking on behalf of Israel's sympathizers throughout the world. He added that he "had no authority to reflect, and did not reflect, any official Israel opinion on the subject, although Israel's long desire for peace talks with the Arabs is a matter of public record. Recent American and British arms policy inadvertently defeated this aim, he pointed out.

"It is unfair to assume that the new American policy is motivated by any hostility to Israel, but this does not necessarily make American policy more palatable and more sound," Dr. Goldmann continued. "America is seeking to fill the vacuum existing in the Near East. It therefore pursues a policy of intensive rapprochement with the Arab states through increasing their military strength.

"What this policy has failed to do is to guard against upsetting the balance in the Middle East and at least to complement the arming of the Arabs with an equally intense effort by the Western Powers to induce them to make peace with Israel and to include Israel with full rights in any program of defense for the Near East. This has not been done to date."

Rabbi Miller, who introduced the speakers, said: "It is encouraging to note that British Minister of State, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, lost no time in rejecting the Arab attempt to brand Israel as an aggressor, and in calling upon the Arab States to enter into direct negotiations with Israel with a view to settlement of outstanding differences. We heartily welcome this move by the British Foreign Office as a statesmanlike step towards relaxation of tensions in the Middle East, and we hope that our own government will speedily associate itself with these efforts now being made to lay the foundations for lasting peace in the area."

## CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE STARTS HEARINGS ON RED ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Congressional hearings on "the persecution of the Jewish people under Communism" were started here today by the House Committee on Communist Aggression headed by Rep. Charles J. Kersten of Wisconsin. The hearings, at which leaders of major Jewish organizations will testify, scheduled to last two days, are being held at the Federal Court House here.

Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, and Henry Edward Schultz, national chairman of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League here, were the first to testify today. They charged that despite the Kremlin's "new look," Soviet authorities continue to sentence many hundreds of Jewish leaders to long prison terms. They will be followed tomorrow by leaders of the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee and other Jewish organizations.

In his testimony today, Mr. Engel charged the Communist countries with reviving anti-Semitism "as an instrument of government policy"; sabotaging restitution to Jewish victims of Nazism in satellite countries by falsely labeling these survivors of concentration camps as "Germans"; destroying all Jewish communal institutions, including those rebuilt by the efforts of the local Jewish population with the help of American welfare organizations.

### American Jewish Committee President Lists Anti-Jewish Acts

The American Jewish Committee president also charged that the Communist governments have destroyed all Jewish religious life in Russia and the satellites, leaving only isolated synagogues for "show" purposes; expropriated Jewish hospitals, orphan asylums, dispensaries and old people's homes, and put them to Communist use; prompted "bloody pogroms" in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Rumania, resulting in the death of hundreds of innocent Jews; imprisoned without charge hundreds of Jewish leaders, leaving them to rot without trial for many years in filthy Communist jails; pauperized the Jewish population in Russia and the satellites, then deported thousands into unsettled areas with no food or means of shelter.

He said that the secret purge trials and sentencing of Jews was continuing up to the present time. At trials in Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Hungary, he added, hundreds of Zionists and other former leaders of Jewish communities--imprisoned since 1948 and 1949--have been sentenced to life or many years in prison "for collecting money for Zionist causes, organizing emigration to Israel, and similar activities--all of which were completely legal and sometimes even encouraged by the authorities at the time they were conducted."

"All this is going on," he charged, "despite the international obligations the governments of Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria undertook in peace treaties and in spite of the guarantees of equality in the constitutions of these enslaved countries." Mr. Engel thanked the Kersten Committee in behalf of the AJC "for the opportunity to help counter the fraudulent Communist propaganda about the alleged respect for human rights in the Soviet empire and to reveal the truth about the totalitarian regimes."

### A. D. L. Leader Describes Persecution of B'nai B'rith

Mr. Schultz in his testimony described the plight of B'nai B'rith lodges and their members behind the Iron Curtain. "While B'nai B'rith never existed in Russia proper, it flourished in Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Austria, as well as Germany, until the outbreak of war," he said. "There were ten B'nai B'rith lodges in prewar Poland; six in Czechoslovakia; five in Bulgaria; and 50 in Austria and Germany.

"Those of our people who survived the Nazis were victimized by a cruel and ironic fate. They were given much to hope for from a war of liberation. But they were liberated from one evil only to be caught in the noose of another. After their

freedom from the Nazi yoke, these B'nai B'rith members labored to form some semblance of a Jewish community, and re-established lodges in Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Bulgaria. During this same period a new lodge was founded in Budapest, numbering about 2,000 members. Its existence, however, was short-lived.

"The Communist regimes, under one pretext or another, arrested the B'nai B'rith leadership, confiscated B'nai B'rith property and and totally wiped out every vestige of B'nai B'rith organizational life," the ADL leader continued. "In Eastern Europe, B'nai B'rith worked hand-in-hand with agencies representing other faiths to help those who needed it, despite their religious affiliation. In Hungary, for example, Catholics and Jews established a joint relief program.

"We labor under severe handicaps in seeking to help our B'nai B'rith members behind the Iron Curtain. Many of them are suffering acutely at the hands of their Communist tormentors. It is well-nigh impossible to get any funds through to help these unfortunates and the Communist authorities block any move to aid them to emigrate," Mr. Schultz declared.

#### Jewish Leaders from Hungary, Rumania, Austria Testify

Another witness at today's session was Dr. Frederic Gerog, leader of the Jews in Hungary who was also the head of the Joint Distribution Committee office in Budapest between 1945 and 1948. He testified that after Communist pressure on the organization, JDC headquarters in New York agreed to give five percent of the total relief expenditures of the JDC in Hungary to non-sectarian relief. He said the organization was infiltrated by spies for the authorities.

Isaac Glickman, now president of the United Rumanian Jews of America, described how the Rumanian Minister of Religion, a non-Jew, appointed the Chief Rabbi of Rumania. Mr. Glickman was head of the Jewish relief committee in Bucharest between 1945 and 1948. Other witnesses were Bronislaw Teichloz, one-time chairman of the International Committee for Jewish Refugees in Vienna, who said that during the war the Russians sent some 50,000 Jews from the Lwow area to Siberia; and Herschel Weinrath, former newspaper editor in Birobidjan, Moscow and Bialystok and once a First Lieutenant in the Red Army.

#### U.S. ASKS ORT TO TRAIN NON-JEWS FLEEING COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

GENEVA, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Non-Jewish escapees from the Communist countries of Europe are being trained by the ORT, Max Broude, European director of the ORT, revealed here today.

Mr. Broude said that this action was taken following a United States Government request that the organization assist in the work of training and rehabilitating hundreds of these refugees from the Communist countries. "More than 1,000 non-Jewish escapees are being equipped for a new life in the Western Hemisphere through the technical facilities offered by our 75-year-old Jewish organization," he declared.

#### JEWS GENERAL APPOINTED CHIEF OF STAFF OF ITALIAN ARMY

ROME, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The Italian Cabinet appointed General Giorgio Liuzzi, a member of one of Italy's most distinguished Jewish families, Chief of Staff of the Italian Army today. Gen. Liuzzi has a long record of active service in the resistance battle against the Nazis and Fascists in Italy.

Gen. Liuzzi, who was decorated many times for bravery in World War I, is a military academy graduate and one of the military leaders who played an important part in the reorganization of Italy's army after the fall of the Fascist regime which he fought. He was appointed brigadier general in 1945 and received a full generalship in 1953.

22,500 PUPILS IN CHICAGO JEWISH SCHOOLS; 18,000 IN PHILADELPHIA

CHICAGO, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- More than 22,500 Jewish children are enrolled in Jewish day schools, Sunday schools, a high school and nurseries of this city for the fall semester.

Some 7,000 children are enrolled in Conservative, Reform and Orthodox Hebrew schools and 14,000 are attending classes in Sunday schools. Some 400 are attending Yiddish schools, 400 are at classes in the High School of Jewish Studies and 750 children are registered in 16 Jewish nurseries.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Some 18,000 boys and girls attended a variety of Jewish schools in Philadelphia last year, it was announced here today as the new school year began.

Congregational schools--Conservative, Reform and Orthodox--had an enrollment of 13,466, while non-congregational communally-supported schools educated 3,139 other children. Unaffiliated schools had an enrollment of 1,102, and pre-school children receiving education in Jewish institutions numbered about 250. The total of 17,557 was a 10 percent increase over enrollment for the year before.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Some 7,000 children are enrolled in Jewish schools in Greater Washington, with enrollment for the new school year almost completed, it was reported here. This is an increase from the 6,560 children in school at the close of last year.

Two new schools have been opened for this academic year, bringing the total to 33 in Metropolitan Washington. One of the 33 schools is an all-day school offering an intensive Hebrew education together with the complete public school curriculum. Twenty-seven of the schools offer from two to five afternoon and Sunday sessions a week, while the remainder have one-day-a-week programs.

MONTREAL, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- A total of 3,288 Jewish children last year attended the seven Jewish day schools operating in the Montreal area, it was reported here at a meeting of the Council of Jewish Educational Institutions of Greater Montreal.

This represented 21.4 percent of all Jewish children attending schools. The remainder, 12,279 attend Protestant schools under the city's system of paying for public education of children in schools of religious denominations. The Jewish schools had a combined deficit of \$447,000 last year.

WORLD OSE LEADER TO RESUME TALKS WITH J. D. C. IN PARIS

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Abel Shaban, chairman of the World OSE executive, left today for Paris to continue negotiations begun some weeks ago for the establishment of closer relations between the OSE and the Joint Distribution Committee in medical work. After concluding his business in Paris, Mr. Shaban will proceed to Latin America where he will speak in behalf of OSE.

JEWISH NEWSPAPER IN BRAZIL CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- More than 2,000 persons attended the celebration here of the 25th anniversary of the "Yiddishe Presse," a Jewish newspaper published in Brazil. The speakers emphasized the role which the paper plays in the communal life of the 120,000 Jews of Brazil. Greetings were received from Jewish personalities and organizations from all parts of the world.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES FOR ISRAEL BONDS HELD IN BOSTON, PITTSBURGH

BOSTON, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- United States Senator Leverett Saltonstall declared yesterday that "peace and stability in the relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors are basic aims of American foreign policy in the Middle East." He spoke at the concluding session of the two-day New England Conference for Israel Bonds at the Hotel Bradford, which was attended by 500 delegates from 50 communities.

Reuven Shiloah, Israel's Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, addressing the conference, declared that "Israel and the United States are in friendly but serious debate today on the methods, not principles, of achieving peace in the Middle East." Other speakers included Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress; Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, president of Hadassah; Dr. Sarah Feder, president of the Pioneer Women of America, Dr. James G. Heller, American Zionist Labor leader, and David Horowitz of Israel.

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PITTSBURGH, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The Israel bond drive is underwritten by the "deep devotion" of the Israel people to their country, Mayor David Lawrence of Pittsburgh told a conference of 150 leaders of 68 Jewish communities in the Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia region, in a report on his recent visit to Israel.

Mayor Lawrence said that what impressed him most in Israel, after the "deep dyed-in-the-wool devotion" of the Israel people for their country, was the high calibre of government and industry personnel. At the tri-state conference, "Guardians" and "Sponsors" of Israel were enrolled.

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NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Ira Guilden, chairman of the board of directors of the Trade Bank and Trust Company and the Title Guaranty and Trust Company, returned yesterday from a study of economic conditions in Israel with a report that the young Middle East nation "offers Americans one of the finest investment opportunities in the world." Mr. Guilden headed an eleven-man commission of New York business and civic leaders in making the survey at the invitation of Prime Minister Moshe Sharett of Israel.

In a statement issued following his arrival, Mr. Guilden, who is chairman of the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds, declared his study convinced him that the development of Israel as a major industrial center in the Middle East "is being carried out on the soundest financial basis."

45 AMERICAN BUSINESS LEADERS RECEIVE WEIZMANN AWARD

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Forty-five leaders in American industry and finance this afternoon received the Weizmann Award of Merit in appreciation of their active sponsorship of the work at the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth, Israel, during the past decade.

Among those singled out for the honor were Benjamin Abrams, president of Emerson Radio and Phonograph Corporation; Jacob Blaustein, head of American Oil Company; Joseph Levy, president of Crawford Clothes; Fredric R. Mann, National Container Corporation; Arthur B. Krim, president of United Artists; Harry Scherman, president of the Book-of-the-Month Club; Rudolf G. Sonneborn and others. The awards were conferred at a luncheon ceremony, under the auspices of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, at the Waldorf Astoria.

PROF. LUDWIG MAYER DIES IN ISRAEL; ONCE HEADED BERLIN HOSPITAL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Prof. Ludwig Mayer, chief advisor to the children's section of the Hadassah Hospital in Tel Aviv, died here today at the age of 75. Once director of the Berlin Children's Hospital, the world famous pediatrician visited the United States in 1947 to lecture at various universities and medical schools.

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