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## SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS WEDNESDAY ON ISRAEL'S SUEZ COMPLAINT

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Security Council has been convened to meet Wednesday morning, at Israel's "urgent" request, to consider again Israel's old complaint against Egypt's illegal blockade of the Suez Canal. And as preparations were being made for that session, a distinct possibility was seen here that the United Nations may be ready to dig deeply, at last, into all the standing conflicts between Israel and the Arab countries.

A suggestion that the Security Council stop "burying its head in the sand" on the Israel-Arab issues was made at the last meeting of the Council, October 14, by Dr. Francisco Urrutia, chief of the Colombian delegation here, currently a member of the Council. "I wonder," Dr. Urrutia said, "whether the time has not come for the Security Council to consider the problem fully." At that time--as at the session to be convened Wednesday--the immediate issue was Egypt's seizure, on September 28, of the Israeli freighter "Bat Galim," and the arrest of the "Bat Galim" captain and crew of nine Jewish sailors.

The Council on October 14 voted to postpone action on the matter until the Egypt-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission had completed its report on the "Bat Galim" incident. Egypt has charged that the Israeli ship had fired at two Egyptian fishing boats, causing the death of two Egyptians. Abba Eban, head of Israel's delegation here, denounced that accusation as "fiction," as an "invention" and as a "frivolous" effort to introduce "detective literature" into international relations.

Now it is well known here that United Nations investigators established facts showing that the "Bat Galim" did not attack any Egyptian boats or cause the loss of any Egyptian lives. Delegates know that the "Bat Galim" carried only one pistol - the gun belonging to the vessel's captain - and that even that single pistol had not been fired.

Wednesday's meeting of the Council on an Israel-Arab issue will be the forty-seventh of that nature in one year. The General Assembly currently has before it the Security Council's report of activities between July 16, 1953 and July 15, 1954, showing how serious the Israeli-Arab conflict is. During that year of Security meetings, exactly 45, or almost three-quarters, had been devoted entirely to what the Council calls "The Palestine Question."

It is high time, a number of diplomats here feel with Dr. Urrutia, that full exploration of the Israel-Arab issues is needed. Some delegates are hoping that Britain's efforts to use its "good offices" to resolve Arab-Israel conflicts may produce some concrete results. Others have a feeling that Canada might act as mediator between Israel and the Arab countries. The Acting Chief of Canada's delegation here, Paul Martin, has been asked whether his country would now be willing to mediate between the Israelis and the Arabs. He replied that Canada would

always be willing to act in the best interest of the United Nations aims toward peace. This is precisely the answer Canada gave before, when reluctantly, it consented to act with Poland and India in the three-nation commission which tackled the Indo-China problem. Thus, Martin's answer on Israel-Arab mediation takes on greater significance than some here have attributed to it.

Another possibility is that Colombia, as a Latin American neutral in the Arab-Israel conflict, might be given the job of trying to end the tensions in the Middle East. The fact is recognized, however, that no matter which nation is given the job, someone has to make a start toward bringing together the Arab nations and Israel.

### THREE ARABS KILLED IN JORDAN RAID ON ISRAEL; CATTLE STOLEN

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Israel demanded last night a meeting of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission to deal with a new raid by infiltrators from Jordan who made off with a flock of lambs and a herd of camels stolen from Israeli Bedouin in the Negev. An Israeli military unit in the area, which encountered the thieves, killed three and wounded and captured a fourth, but were unable to prevent the remainder of the gang from escaping with their loot.

Earlier this week-end, the MAC accepted an Israeli proposal that some 1,500 complaints and cross-complaints of both parties dealing with the seven-month period when Israel boycotted the MAC's work should be handed over to a special sub-committee. This plan was accepted as the only alternative to bogging down the MAC in a welter of detail and old cases. An earlier proposal by Israel to drop all but three of its complaints and that those three be handled by an emergency meeting of the MAC was vetoed by MAC chairman Col. Charles F. Brewster who ruled that the complaints should have been lodged earlier if they were to be handled on an emergency basis.

### SHARETT ASKS GENERAL ZIONISTS FOR POLITICAL "CEASE FIRE"

JERUSALEM, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Premier Moshe Sharett appealed to General Zionist ministers to "cease fire" at a cabinet meeting today, at least for the next few months, in order to prevent disorganization of the Cabinet's work. His appeal followed mutual accusations about Cabinet members creating a pre-election atmosphere at public meetings.

Pointing out that the next Knesset elections are still ten months away, the Premier asked that the ministers refrain from making any public statements that might undermine the Cabinet's unity.

### ORENSTEIN BACK IN ISRAEL AFTER 34 MONTHS IN CZECH PRISON

TEL AVIV, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Shimon Orenstein, Israeli businessman who was imprisoned in Czechoslovakia for 34 months of a life sentence on charges of being a "Zionist spy working in the service of the imperialists," is back in his two-room flat in Haifa today with his wife and son.

Orenstein was a key witness in the famous Slansky trial in which he allegedly "confessed" that he was an "agent of the Morgenthau plan" under which the Zionist movement was supposed to have been acting as "agents" for "American imperialists." Another Israeli, Mapam leader Mordechai Oren, is still in prison in Czechoslovakia under similar charges.

All Orenstein would say when he deplaned at Lydda this week-end, was: "I am happy to be back with my family and in my country." He would not discuss his alleged "confession," pleading that he was very tired. In addition to his family, which met him at the airport, he was greeted by Shimon Furmand, who was arrested by the Czechs with Orenstein near the Austrian border but released after one year's imprisonment.

JEWS DP'S IN GERMANY OFFERED HOMES IN ISRAEL BY JEWISH AGENCY

MUNICH, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Residents of Foehrenwald, the last Jewish DP camp in Germany, who want to settle in Israel can by-pass reception centers and transit camps in Israel and can acquire a home in the Jewish State even before they leave their camp dwellings, under a plan worked out here by the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee.

Camp residents were advised today that the Agency has reserved a number of housing units in eight different localities in Israel for DP immigrants who wish to purchase them with grants furnished by the JDC and the German Government. In addition, 25 percent of the JDC grants to immigrants willing to leave Germany, can be obtained for the purchase in Germany of tools and other equipment.

The immigrants have been warned that they must decide within 30 days whether they will take up the Agency offer because the JDC grants to speed evacuation of Germany by Jewish DP's will be withdrawn at the end of 1954. The funds have been made available to the JDC for this purpose by the Jewish Claims Committee from German reparations.

J.D.C. DIRECTORS OPEN PARLEY IN PARIS; U.S. ENVOY SPEAKS

PARIS, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador C. Douglas Dillon today deplored the fact that the services of the Joint Distribution Committee were no longer available to Jews in the Communist countries, despite the great need which exists in those countries. His statements were made in the course of an address to the opening session of the five-day ninth annual JDC country directors conference at UNESCO House here.

"It is a reflection of the closed totalitarian mind," Mr. Dillon said, "that the JDC was obliged to leave Rumania, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary although your workers studiously refrained from any political activities." The conference will hear reports by the directors of JDC welfare programs in 21 countries of Europe, North Africa, Asia and South America and will set plans for next year's activities.

Z. O. A. HITS EGYPTIAN EMBASSY FOR INTERFERING IN U.S. INTERNAL AFFAIRS

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Embassy in Washington was charged today with "flagrant violation of diplomatic proprieties" for its action in issuing a public statement last Thursday, in which the Embassy accused American Zionists of trying to "discredit" the U.S. Government and defended the Administration's current policy of furnishing arms to Arab states as "impartial."

Addressing a meeting of the national executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America here, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of that body, termed the Egyptian Embassy's action "a public attack against a large body of Americans who are currently exercising their rights, as citizens, in criticizing certain policies of their government which they regard as mistaken and harmful to America's true interests." The Zionist leader called upon the U.S. Government to "inform the Egyptian Embassy that it will not tolerate such unwarranted interference in the democratic life of our country." Dr. Neumann's statement was endorsed by the entire executive.

Noting that the executive's meeting today is being held on the eve of elections "when partisan feeling runs high," Dr. Neumann underscored the need of clarifying the American Zionist position "beyond the possibility of misinterpretation." Dr. Neumann, who is also a member of the American section of the Jewish Agency executive, said:

"In recent months we have publicly criticized the policy of arming the Arab states despite their threatening posture toward Israel. If our protests have been voiced during this pre-election period the coincidence and 'timing' were not of our making. We were impelled to react to ill-timed acts or pronouncements of the State Department, conceived in error and fraught with grave consequences."

315 CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES HIT U.S. POLICY OF ARMING ARAB STATES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30. (JTA) -- Some 315 candidates for the United States Congress, representing 36 states and including 25 nominees for the Senate, have declared their opposition to the sending of arms to the Arab states under present conditions, it was announced here this week-end by the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs.

Of the 315 candidates who made their views public, a total of 239 joined in signing a declaration opposing the grant of arms unless the Arab states declare their readiness to join in the defense of the free world and agree to negotiate a peace settlement with Israel. Seventy-six others issued their own statements expressing general agreement with the joint declaration or otherwise expressing reservations about the current arms policy in the Middle East. The list includes 151 members of the present Congress.

Louis Lipsky, chairman of the Zionist Committee, said "the response is a gratifying demonstration of the fact that this issue commands the concern and active interest of both major parties, as it always has in the past, and that it transcends partisan politics." Mr. Lipsky said that "in view of this expression of wide public concern, it is our hope that the problems arising out of the proposals to arm the Arab states will soon be equitably and fairly resolved in the best interests of our country, of the peoples directly concerned, and of world peace."

The committee said the list of signatories as released was incomplete, since replies from a number of Congressional districts had not yet been received. An additional tabulation will be released later. Of the 315 candidates, the division by party affiliation is: 162 Democrats, 110 Republicans, 26 Democrat-Liberals, 9 Democrat-Farmer-Labor, 3 Liberals, 2 Republican-Democrats, 2 Independents, and 1 American Labor.

(In an advertisement in the New York papers this week-end, the American Friends of the Middle East, of which Dorothy Thompson is president, urged "all candidates for election to Congress to refrain from making either pro-Arab or pro-Israeli commitments during the campaign and, if elected, to vote and work only for the best interests of the United States in any matter relating to our Middle Eastern policy.")

Christian Palestine Committee Asks U.S. to Press Arab-Israel Peace

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Eisenhower Administration was urged this week-end to "press for the conclusion of peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab states in order that we might move more rapidly toward a strong Middle East mutual defense arrangement that will include Israel."

In an open letter to President Eisenhower published in the New York press, Dean Alfange, chairman of the American Christian Palestine Committee of Greater New York, congratulated President Eisenhower on his Middle East policy statement at the American Jewish Tercentenary dinner and credited the Administration for having used its good offices to bring about the German reparations pact with Israel; having reaffirmed the tripartite declaration; having sent Eric Johnston to the Near East to seek a solution of the water resources problem, and supporting Israel in the Security Council in matters referring to the Arab states.

Speaking to a New Jersey State Conference of the Jewish National Fund, Dr. Harris J. Levine, JNF president, today criticized Secretary of State John Foster Dulles for his silence on the memorandum handed him by a delegation composed of the heads of 16 national Jewish organizations, urging the stoppage of the shipment of American arms to the Arab states. Stating that Mr. Dulles' silence "will be like a thunderbolt in the ears of all friends of Israel in the United States," Dr. Levine called upon the State Department to make its reply before Election Day.

## ALLIES RECEIVE GERMANY'S PLEDGE ON INDEMNITY TO NAZI VICTIMS

BONN, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- England, France and the United States have received a formal pledge from Western Germany that Germany will abide by its obligations to indemnify victims of Nazi persecution. That was revealed here today with publication of letters and protocols exchanged at the end of the recent Paris conference among the three Western Powers and Germany.

In identical letters to German Chancellor Adenauer, the high commissioners of the three Western nations wrote that their governments had "noted assurances" that Germany would carry out the obligations it had undertaken two years ago in an agreement with Britain, France and the United States. The letters to Adenauer, however, make it clear that, now, those German obligations will be undertaken "voluntarily." They also note Germany's agreement to permit Allied observers to check the progress of indemnification for non-German nationals and residents of countries other than Germany.

## GERMAN PARLIAMENT APPROVES PENSION MEASURE FOR NAZI VICTIMS

BONN, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The Federal Council, upper house of the German parliament, today approved with some minor modifications a government regulation dealing with compensation for Jews and other victims of Hitlerism who were crippled under Nazi torture in concentration camps and jails. The new measure is expected to go into force by the end of this year.

Under the new law, benefits are limited to those who suffered as a direct consequence of Nazi persecution and only if their injuries reduced their earning capacity by more than 30 percent. The pension will vary from the equivalent of \$24 minimum to the equivalent of \$59.50 maximum. This is the second regulation implementing the Federal Indemnification Law to be approved in the 15 months since the act was passed.

## BERLIN PARLIAMENT OUSTS RIGHTIST LEADER FOR BIAS AGAINST JEW

BERLIN, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- In an unprecedented move, the West Berlin House of Delegates--the parliamentary body of this city-state--today ousted Dr. Conrad Potent, deputy mayor and leader of the nationalistic, right-wing Free Democratic Party, for having lied to the city parliament about a Jewish druggist's application for a license.

According to the charges against Conrad, who had been in charge of the health department, the deputy mayor refused to grant a license to operate a drug store to Norbert Brandt, 51. The latter, a Jew, had been manager of a pharmacy until 1936, when his license was revoked by the Nazis. Conrad not only refused to grant a license to Brandt, but gave a license instead to a former Nazi, then, allegedly, lied in his report to the parliament on the matter.

## GOLDMANN GIVES RECEPTION FOR ADENAUER; JEWISH LEADERS ATTEND

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of the West German Republic met with the leaders of major American Jewish organizations and other notables at a reception given in his honor by Dr. Nahum Goldmann at his home here yesterday. The German leader reiterated his conviction that it was his country's moral obligation to redress the wrongs committed under Nazism.

Among the other guests attending the reception were Bernard M. Baruch, Prof. Walter Hallstein, Undersecretary of the German Foreign Ministry, Dr. Heinz Krekeler, German Ambassador to the United States, Maurice Fisher, Israel Ambassador to Turkey, and Abraham Harman, Israel Consul General in New York.

Welcoming the Chancellor, Dr. Goldmann expressed satisfaction with the smooth operations of the Bonn-Israel reparations agreement, but informed the Chancellor that a serious lag in implementing West Germany's Indemnification Law was creating hardships for thousands of claimants, and urged that steps be taken to speed up the carrying out of important provisions of the law.

PLANS MADE FOR PLACING ORT SCHOOL GRADUATES IN TUNISIAN INDUSTRY

TUNIS, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- A plan for the establishment of special sponsorship committees of employers to aid in the placement of ORT school graduates in Tunis was set up here following talks between Dr. Aron Syngalowski, president of the World ORT Union, and General Boyer de la Tour, Resident General of Tunis and Prime Minister H. E. Tahar Ben Amar.

In these discussions Dr. Syngalowski pointed out that the effectiveness of the Tunisian ORT schools would only be proved by careful placement of its graduates and noted that a tendency toward emigration would be encouraged under conditions where trained craftsmen are unemployed. Dr. Syngalowski also met with the Minister of Education and Elie Nataf, president of ORT in Tunis.

Discussions of ORT plans for 1955 also took place between Dr. Syngalowski and representatives of the Joint Distribution Committee, Alliance Israelite, Jewish Agency, and local Jewish community leaders. Enrollment in ORT schools is now at 580.

U. J. A. STUDY MISSION MEETS WITH J. D. C. COUNTRY DIRECTORS IN PARIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Members of the United Jewish Appeal study mission which will report on conditions in Israel and among Jewish recipients of UJA assistance in Europe were scheduled to confer today with Joint Distribution Committee country directors in Paris. The group, which left here Friday, consists of 34 Jewish leaders from all parts of the U. S. Samuel Gingold of New Haven, Connecticut, who was scheduled to be a member of the group, did not go.

JWB INCREASED NEEDS CITED FOR 1955; GROUP'S FACILITIES INCREASED

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Welfare Board will need substantially increased allocations from community fund-raising bodies throughout the nation, the annual meeting of the JWB's fund-raising division was told this week-end by Solomon Litt, chairman of its budget and finance committee. He said bigger grants are needed "to meet adequately the demands of the Military Establishment for greater religious, morale and welfare services to Jews in the Armed Forces and in Veterans Administration hospitals and the mounting requests for help from Jewish Community Centers which are expanding their facilities, programs and staffs at a record-breaking pace."

WAKSMAN TO GET SPECIAL AWARD FROM AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Dr. Selman A. Waksman, Nobel Prize winner and director of the Institute of Microbiology at Rutgers University, will get a special award from the American Jewish Congress for his services to mankind, it was announced today by Dr. Israel Goldstein, AJC president. The award to the discoverer of streptomycin will be made at a dinner to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here November 10.

JOSEPH CHERNER NAMED TO EINSTEIN MEDICAL COLLEGE BOARD

NEW YORK, Oct. 31. (JTA) -- Joseph Cherner, Jewish community leader of Washington, has been appointed to the Board of Overseers of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University, it was announced today by Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein, board chairman. Mr. Cherner has served as national campaign chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, national treasurer of the Bonds for Israel Organization, and national vice-chairman of the Einstein College of Medicine building fund.