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## ISRAEL IS NOT CONSIDERING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GERMANY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- There is no proposal before the Israel Cabinet concerning future diplomatic relations between the Jewish State and Germany, Premier Moshe Sharett told Parliament last night at the conclusion of its foreign policy debate. At the same time, the Premier expressed satisfaction with the way the German reparations pact was working out.

Replying to criticism from the rightist Herut and the left Socialist Mapam over the government's granting five German social scientists entry into the country to attend an international social security conference, the Premier pointed out that Israel must either be prepared to participate in all world conferences and must in its turn play host to delegations from all countries, or must choose the path of the Arab nations who stay out of many international gatherings because they will not admit Jewish delegates to conferences held on their soil.

To criticism from the left against the government's recent refusal to permit a delegation from the Soviet Union to enter Israel to participate in a pro-Soviet congress, Mr. Sharett pointed out that the only Israelis allowed into the USSR were official guests of the government. Israel, he said, followed a similar policy with regard to Soviet citizens and therefore would not allow this group, which had not been invited by the government, to enter.

### Moscow Mum on Israel's Offer of Cultural Exchange

He reported that an official Russian delegation had been invited to visit Israel as guests of the government, but no reply had been received. He disclosed that a proposal for the establishment of a cultural exchange had also not been answered by Moscow.

Returning to the problems raised by the network of pacts being built up with and among the Arab states surrounding Israel, the Premier stated that Israel had no desire to force its way into an alliance with unwilling partners. He said Israel, conscious of its uniqueness in the Middle East, had no desire to be swallowed up in the present network of alliances. He said that even peace with the Arab States will not end this uniqueness.

Mr. Sharett stressed, however, that Israel was interested in reaching an understanding with the world powers who have a deep influence in the Middle East and who have a "deep community of ideas" in common with Israel, on the question of Israel's security and status in the region and the responsibilities devolving upon those powers in this respect.

In reply to criticism of the government's release of frozen Arab assets in Israel without prior arrangement for release of Jewish accounts in Arab countries, the Premier said Israel is preparing a detailed account of all monies and securities frozen in Iraq and is taking steps to collect this account.

ISRAEL EXPECTS TO RECEIVE \$40,000,000 GRANT FROM U.S. SHORTLY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Israel will shortly receive a grant of \$40,000,000 from the United States, Pinchas Saphir, director of the Israel Treasury, announced at a press conference here today. Fifteen million dollars of the grant, he said, will be used to acquire food from American surpluses.

CREW OF SEIZED ISRAEL VESSEL IS IN FINE SPIRITS, EGYPT REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The crew of the Bat Galim, Israel vessel seized by the Egyptians in Suez waters, is in good physical shape and in fine spirits, Egypt's representative to the Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission told the MAC, it was reported here today. The Egyptian representative denied a statement on Radio Damascus that one of the crewmen had committed suicide.

During his recent visit to Cairo, it was learned here, Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce chief, arranged for the members of the Bat Galim crew to receive newspapers through the International Red Cross. However, UN observers were not allowed to visit the imprisoned men who have been behind bars for six weeks.

STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE IN TEL AVIV; DEMAND DECREASE IN TUITION FEES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Some 800 students at the Hebrew University, Israel Institute of Technology at Haifa and the High School of Economic Studies in Tel Aviv held demonstrations today to demand a decrease in tuition fees.

So far studies have been held up at all three institutions without any of the administrations agreeing to lower fees. Hebrew University president Prof. Benjamin Mazar promised to increase scholarship fees for poor students and for students at the medical school, but the students have not yet returned to classes.

U.N. TRUCE CHIEF SUBMITS REPORT ON ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN TENSION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Tension between Egypt and Israel have been one of the "main preoccupations" of Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce chief in Palestine, according to a report he presented today to UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold.

A total of 119 complaints were filed by both sides during September and October with the Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission. Sixty-four of the grievances were voiced by Israel. Egypt in turn, made 55 accusations against Israel in the same period. These 119 cases did not include the Bat Galim incident.

For a while in October, Gen. Burns reported, the situation along the Israel-Egypt borders seemed quieter. However, in the last week of that month there was a "recrudescence of incidents," indicating in Gen. Burns' view, "vigilance should not be relaxed."

In order to try to decrease incidents between the Israelis and the Egyptians, Gen. Burns reported, he has made these suggestions to both sides: 1. Patrolling sensitive sections of the demarcation line by joint patrols consisting of military vehicles from each party and from the UN; 2. Negotiation of a local commander's agreement; 3. Construction of a double apron barbed wire fence along certain positions of the demarcation line; 4. Manning of all outposts and patrols by regular Egyptian and Israeli troops.

DELEGATION OF ARAB DIPLOMATS MEETS WITH BYROADE IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- An Arab League diplomatic delegation headed by Syrian Ambassador Farid Zeineddine today met for an hour with Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, and later told reporters that questions of common interest involving the United States and the Arabs had been discussed, but that the subjects covered did not concern Israel or aid.

## AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR UNLIKELY TO MEET WITH JEWS ON REPARATIONS

VIENNA, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Austrian Vice Chancellor Adolf Schaerf, leader of the Social Democratic Party, has withdrawn his demand that Socialists persecuted by the Dolfuss and Schuschnig regimes, from 1933 to 1938, be compensated under the same program as Jews and other Nazi victims, it was learned from responsible Socialist sources today.

This demand had held up an Austrian Government proposal to the world Jewish organizations because the Peoples Party would not agree to putting the Nazi and pre-Anschluss regimes in the same category. However, Jewish quarters have already indicated that the offer, drafted by Finance Minister Reinhardt, was unacceptable, even "distressing and shameful."

A government spokesman announced that the Cabinet, at its meeting yesterday, had not discussed the proposal to the Jewish organizations. Under these circumstances, observers here believe that it is highly unlikely that talks with the Jewish organizations can be resumed before Chancellor Julius Raab's American trip later this month.

## U.S. RESTITUTION COURT IN GERMANY AWARDS PROPERTY TO JEWISH GROUP

NUREMBERG, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The American Court of Restitutions Appeals, highest tribunal in matters affecting the restoration of Jewish property in the United States zone of Germany, has awarded to the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization (JRSO) the disputed property of the pre-Hitler congregation in the Bavarian city of Augsburg.

This decision, handed down after almost a year's deliberation, reverses the findings of three German bodies - the Bavarian Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Augsburg Restitution Chamber and the Munich Superior Court - that the small contemporary Augsburg Jewish community is identical with the pre-Hitler congregation of that city and therefore entitled to its assets. At stake is revenue-producing real estate worth \$200,000, but the controversy is considered a test case with far-reaching ramifications.

The JRSO is incorporated in New York and was set up in 1948 by 12 major international Jewish bodies, with the sanction and support of the U. S. Military Government, for the specific purpose of acquiring title to the assets of dissolved Jewish organizations. It holds that the few score Jews living in Augsburg today, only some 15 of whom are old-time Augsburgers, have less of a moral claim to the resources accumulated by the pre-Hitler congregation, with its 1,100 members, than does the JRSO, which serves as trustee for the Jewish people as a whole. Funds accruing to the JRSO are allocated mainly to the Jewish Agency and to the Joint Distribution Committee for purposes of relief and rehabilitation.

## FRENCH PREMIER RECEIVES DELEGATION OF CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS

MONTREAL, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- French Premier Pierre Mendez-France received yesterday a delegation from the Canadian Jewish Congress which presented him with a scroll paying tribute to his leadership abilities. The Premier, during the conversation, mentioned his familial relationship with Abraham Gradis, who helped lay the foundation of the Jewish community in the early days of French Canada.

The scroll given M. Mendez-France termed him "a leader, in the tradition of Disraeli and Leon Blum, whose statecraft has endowed the Quai d'Orsay with a new dynamism and has brought to the councils of the continents, more persuasive than ever, the voice and grandeur of France."

RACIST LEADER ATTACKS JEWS IN FLORIDA; CRITICIZES EISENHOWER

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Bryant W. Bowles, militant leader of the campaign against racial integration in the public schools and national head of the "National Association for the Advancement of White People," attacked Jews in a speech here last night.

Bowles also criticized President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon, Supreme Court Justices Warren and Frankfurter, the Anti-Defamation League and B'nai B'rith, Attorney General Brownell, Jacksonville Mayor Haydon Burns and several others.

N. Y. ATTORNEY GENERAL BOYCOTTS PHOENIX HOTEL FOR BARRING JEWS

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- New York's Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein served notice today upon the National Association of Attorney Generals that he has refused accommodations at the hotel selected for its annual convention next month in protest against that establishment's discriminatory guest policy.

Mr. Goldstein is scheduled to preside at a panel on juvenile delinquency when the convention opens December 8th at Camelback Inn in Phoenix, Arizona. He wrote Attorney General Eugene Cook of Georgia, association president, that while he would attend the convention, he would not register or live at Camelback because "I could not retain my self-respect as an American and as an individual if I condoned this apparently hypocritical policy." Instead, Mr. Goldstein will seek accommodations in another Phoenix hotel.

His charge of a "hypocritical policy" was a reference to conflicting statements from Camelback's management. The hotel first promised Attorney General Ross Jones of Arizona "a change in our policy." Later, it advised the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith that "our policy in guest selection will remain the same as it has been in the past."

U. J. A. "GROUP SHOCKED BY LIVING CONDITIONS OF JEWS IN MOROCCO"

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Nine women leaders of the United Jewish Appeal returned here this afternoon after a three-week fact-finding tour of Israel and North Africa shocked at the hopeless living conditions of women and children in Morocco.

Mrs. Hal Horne of New York, National Women's Division chairman and spokesman for the group, said she had been appalled to find vast numbers of Jews in Morocco, living in a medieval setting of poverty, ill-health, and lack of opportunity. "In marked contrast to the misery we saw in Morocco," Mrs. Horne said, "was the condition of friends and relatives of these same Jews who had gone to Israel and who had already been living there for three or four years. These families are really living in the twentieth century with good housing, schooling, and sanitation plus the opportunity to progress and grow with the country."

ASSOCIATION OF ENGLISH-JEWISH NEWSPAPERS HONORS SLOMOVITZ

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers has presented to Philip Slomovitz, editor and publisher of the Jewish News of Detroit, a bronze plaque in recognition of his leading role in organization of the association and his services as its president over the first ten years of its existence.

Mr. Slomovitz retired as president of the Association last May. The presentation was made by Fred K. Schochet, of Miami, president of the group; Abraham Slabct, of New Orleans, and Ben Neustadt, of Columbus, at a luncheon at the Hotel McAlpin here during the winter meeting of the Association's executive committee.

ANTI-JEWISH BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT DISCUSSED; EVIDENCE PRESENTED

BOSTON, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Evidence that many of the largest firms in the United States, including some holding Federal Government contracts--which officially ban bias--are practicing discrimination against Jewish workers, was presented here today at a conference of officials of public anti-discrimination agencies and private Jewish organizations from all parts of the nation. The conference reached the following conclusions:

1. While gains have been made as a result of laws and general education, employment discrimination against Jews is more widespread than revealed by complaints and other available evidence.
2. Subtleties with which discrimination against Jews is practiced make it more difficult to detect and deal with than discrimination against other groups.
3. Problem merits additional attention by both Jewish organization and public agencies.

Federal, state and municipal governmental agencies represented at the conference, included the President's Committee on Government Contracts, commissions against discrimination in Connecticut, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island and municipal commissions in Gary, Minneapolis, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. The conference, believed to be the first of its kind, was sponsored by the National Community Relations Advisory Council's committee on employment discrimination.

Figures reported by the governmental agencies showed that about one-eighth of all complaints of discrimination lodged with them were on the basis of religion, and that more than eight out of every ten cases of religious discrimination involved Jewish workers. The conference agreed with Louis Feinmark of New Haven, chairman of the committee on Employment Discrimination, that the extent of discrimination against Jews in employment could not be measured by the volume of complaints coming to the agencies.

List of Discriminatory Firms Reads Like Who's Who of U.S. Industry

Mr. Feinmark said a study by the Chicago Bureau on Jewish Employment Problems showed that out of about 19,000 job-orders filed with commercial employment agencies in that city between March, 1953, and September, 1954, nearly one-quarter were closed to Jews by employers' discriminatory specifications. Nine out of ten of the jobs covered were in routine clerical work, and there was an acute shortage of clerical help in the area during the period studied.

The list of discriminatory firms, Mr. Feinmark said, "reads like a Who's Who of American industry. Many operate in cities and states which provide protection of fair employment practices legislation; approximately 150 have been identified as government contractors." Mr. Feinmark said he believed the findings of the Chicago investigation would be duplicated in other cities, if similar studies were made.

Employment agencies were charged with discriminatory practices in a relatively large proportion of Jewish cases filed with state and municipal agencies. Jewish complaints involved clerical workers to a far larger extent than skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled industrial workers. Complaints of discrimination by finance, insurance and real estate firms were twice as large among Jewish cases as among all others.

Failure of Jewish workers to file complaints in a larger proportion of cases were ascribed to ignorance of the legal recourse available, to a feeling that complaints will prove futile, to a fear of jeopardizing other job opportunities, and to the fact that the majority eventually find employment, it was established at the conference.

## C. J. F. W. F. ASSEMBLY OPENS TODAY; TO ACT ON COMMUNAL PROBLEMS

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- Concrete action to meet major problems facing American Jewry in 1955 will be mapped at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which opens here tomorrow at the Ambassador Hotel with the participation of 500 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the country.

The Assembly, which will be in session for four days, will develop positive proposals for strengthening Jewish community organization, raising maximum funds to meet the increased needs in 1955, spending those funds most wisely for philanthropic priorities, dealing with the problem of multiple appeals, and stimulating the development of young leaders.

As a factual background for the discussions, the delegates will hear on-the-scene reports on the changing needs in Israel, North Africa, Europe and at home. Herbert R. Abeles of Newark, chairman of the executive committee of the CJFWF, and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-president of the United Jewish Appeal, who returned this week from overseas surveying conditions in areas receiving major American Jewish philanthropic aid, will report their findings to the Assembly.

Charles I. Schottland, Commissioner of Social Security for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, will review trends and changes in domestic social services. Julian Freeman, Indianapolis, CJFWF president, will outline the key problems confronting the communities in meeting their worldwide responsibilities. Other major speakers will be Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, president of the City College of New York; Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis University; Isidore Sobeloff, executive director of the Detroit Jewish Welfare Federation, and Dr. Oscar I. Janowsky, Professor at the City College of New York.

## MIZRACHI CONVENTION OPENS IN ATLANTIC CITY; 800 DELEGATES ATTEND

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- The 34th annual convention of the Mizrahi Organization of America opened here today with more than 800 delegates from all parts of the country participating. The convention, which will last four days, will mark the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the American Mizrahi movement.

Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, national president of the Orthodox Zionist organization, said in his opening address that the role of the United States in the Middle East is "disturbing." He charged that the assurances given by Washington that the Arabs will not use arms received from the United States against Israel are nothing but "paper reassurances."

The convention received a message of greetings from President Eisenhower in which the delegates were congratulated on the "completion of the 40th year of spiritual educational and civic endeavors." The gathering will be addressed by Dr. Joseph Burg, Israel Minister of Posts and Telegraph; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, and other leading personalities.

## JEWISH WOMEN IN U.S. PROTEST SENDING OF ARMS TO ARAB STATES

NEW YORK, Nov. 17. (JTA) -- More than 1,000,000 Jewish women in all parts of the nation, acting through the Conference Committee of National Jewish Women's Organizations, today protested the U.S. Government's plans to send arms to the Arab states, pointing out that military aid to these states under present circumstances "will not contribute to peace and stability."

A resolution to this effect was sent to President Eisenhower, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, and to the chairmen of the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committees. The Conference Committee represents the members of 11 national Jewish women's organizations.