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## AUSTRIAN CABINET WILL UNILATERALLY SOLVE JEWISH CLAIMS ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Evidently angered by what he called "well organized" questioning in this country with regard to Austrian Government plans to settle claims of Jewish victims of the Nazi regime in Austria, Chancellor Julius Raab of Austria declared here today that a definite proposal will be made to the Jewish organizations on the heirless property question shortly after he returns to Vienna.

The Chancellor made it clear that in his opinion the restitution problem will be settled by the Cabinet and the Cabinet alone, "without pressure." Asked by reporters if he would identify the source of the "pressure" to which he referred, he declared "pressure can come from any side or various sides." He seemed to be quite firm in asserting that the problem will be solved not by discussion between the Austrian Government and any other group, but unilaterally by the Cabinet itself.

(At a luncheon tendered today to Chancellor Raab by Freedom House, in New York, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt indicated that the people of the United States are interested in seeing Austria settle the Jewish claims. Declaring that the American people sympathize with Austria's demand for independence and will support it, Mrs. Roosevelt said she hopes "Austria will see her way to adjust the claims advanced against her by others." Chancellor Raab, in his speech at the luncheon, refrained from replying to the issue raised by Mrs. Roosevelt. Leaders of Jewish organizations did not attend the luncheon.)

The Chancellor denied newspaper reports that the government had made a specific offer of \$5,285,000 for losses suffered by Jews in Austria under the Nazis. Speaking on his behalf, one of his aides said "no proposal has been made as yet. A proposal will be made in two weeks."

Mr. Raab came to the UN headquarters this morning to pay an official courtesy call on Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, then met for an "informal" session with correspondents. One of the first questions asked him concerned the fact that the Allied Council in Vienna had vetoed the Austrian Parliament's law to return property to former Nazis. In answering that question, the Chancellor, who was speaking German, declared "this questioning on the Jewish problem seems to have been well organized."

## Austrian Jews in England Protest Austria's Stand on Claims

LONDON, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The representatives of some 40,000 Jews now living here who fled the Nazi regimes in Germany and Austria expressed their disappointment today at the failure of the Austrian Government to reach a settlement of Jewish claims and at Germany's failure to implement adequately the pledges contained in its Federal Indemnification Law. Resolutions to this effect were adopted here at a conference of the Association of Jewish Refugees in Great Britain, which was attended by 60 delegates from all parts of England.

SECURITY COUNCIL TO RESUME DISCUSSION OF SUEZ BLOCKADE TUESDAY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 2. (JTA) -- A meeting of the United Nations Security Council to consider Israel's complaint against Egypt's "restrictions on the passage of ships trading with Israel through the Suez Canal" has been set for next Tuesday, December 7.

The meeting was called in response to a letter sent by the chief of Israel's delegation here, Abba S. Eban, who pointed out that the Council has already received a full report on the Bat Galim incident from Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organization. The last two meetings of the Council were adjourned pending receipt of such a report.

U.S. CONSIDERING ISSUANCE OF STATEMENT TO ASSURE ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The State Department is considering the issuance of a statement affirming the United States' determination to do everything within its power to thwart aggression in the Middle East, the New York Times reported today from Washington.

The report said that consideration is being given to issuing such a statement as a result of complaints voiced by Israel and organizations in the United States friendly to Israel that Washington is assuming a one-sided position in the Middle East by planning to supply arms to the Arab countries, whereas no action has been taken on Israel's request for arms, pending since 1952. (In Washington, official sources confirmed the Times report, but added that such consideration has been in process since 1952, when Israel asked military support.)

BRITAIN CONSIDERS INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM IMPOSSIBLE

LONDON, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Britain would welcome any sign from either the Arab states or Israel of a willingness to discuss a settlement of their conflict, Lord Swinton, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, told the House of Lords tonight at the conclusion of a debate which followed presentation of the Queen's message.

The government spokesman told the Lords that it was "impossible to revive" proposals for the internationalization of Jerusalem because both Israel and Jordan have utterly rejected them. He expressed the hope that there was a better chance for providing international control over the Holy Places. The first step in bettering the situation, he said, was to be found in an improved situation along the borders. He insisted that the Tripartite Declaration of 1950 was "very firm and far-reaching and should give a real sense of security."

SYRIAN PREMIER SAYS PALESTINE ISSUE MUST BE SETTLED BY FORCE

LONDON, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- There can be no settlement of the Palestine question except by force, Syrian Premier el Khoury declared in an interview with a correspondent of the Times of London, which was published here today.

The Premier added that another round of warfare in Palestine might be inevitable before the problem was settled. He felt either the Western Powers, the United Nations or the Arabs would have to use force to bring Israel to a "state of reasonableness." He charged that the West had combined to deprive Syria of a large part of her historic territory in Palestine.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY STUDENTS END STRIKE; CLASSES TO RE-OPEN SUNDAY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- A strike of students at the Hebrew University against tuition fees, which has kept classes closed for more than two weeks, appeared virtually ended today as students accepted an offer from the University administration. Classes are due to re-open Sunday.

**NO CHANGE TOWARD JEWS IN SOUTH AFRICA EXPECTED UNDER NEW PREMIER**

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- No change in attitude by the Nationalist Government toward the Jewish community of South Africa is anticipated as a result of the dramatic choice of 61-year-old Johannes G. Strydom to succeed Dr. Daniel F. Malan as head of the party and Premier of the Union.

During their six years in office, the Nationalists have demonstrated that they have decisively turned their back on the World War II period when they were critical of the Jewish community, and tread the same path of friendship to the Jewish community as every other South African Government has done.

Mr. Strydom is not different from other members of the Malan Cabinet in this respect. In fact, it was he who first announced that the Nationalists--then in opposition to the Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts government--would recognize the newly established State of Israel if the party were voted into power.

That was in 1948, before the general election and before Marshal Smuts granted Israel de facto recognition. Some observers believe that Mr. Strydom's announcement forced Marshal Smuts' recognition on the eve of the election. The Nationalists, voted into office in that election, converted the de facto recognition to de jure and from the commencement of their regime followed the previous administration's policy of friendship and aid to the Jewish National Homeland.

Informed circles say that when the Transvaal Nationalist Party in September, 1951, dropped its wartime ban against Jews being accepted as members of the provincial division of the party, Mr. Strydom was largely responsible for the decision. Certainly no such decision could have been taken without his consent, since he was then as now the unquestioned leader of the Transvaal Nationalists.

At last year's celebration of Israel Independence Day at the Israel Legation at Praetoria, Mr. Strydom proposed the toast to Israel, on behalf of the Union Government. Mr. Strydom has always received with courtesy all Jews who have had official business with him, and it is anticipated here that this attitude will prevail in his dealings with the Jewish community.

The South African Jewish Board of Deputies and the Zionist Federation yesterday sent messages of good wishes to retiring Premier Malan. Both organizations expressed their appreciation of his personal, and his government's, friendship for the State of Israel. The Zionists noted particularly that Dr. Malan was the first foreign Premier to visit Israel.

**RABBIS OF TEN COUNTRIES APPEAL AGAINST CALENDAR REFORM PROPOSAL**

LONDON, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- A statement appealing to the governments of the nations of the world to reject a proposal now before the United Nations for a world calendar reform which would unfix the Sabbath, was issued here after a meeting of the Chief Rabbis of ten countries and a representative of a national rabbinical group from the United States.

The statement noted that the rabbis were not opposed to calendar reform as such, but against this particular proposal which would require a "blank day" at the end of the year and would result in the Sabbath falling on a different day of the week in every year. Present at the meeting were: the Chief Rabbis of Israel, Britain, Belgium, Denmark, France, Holland, Holland, Eire, Italy, Luxemburg and Sweden, and a representative of the Rabbinical Council of America.

**STEVENSON URGES "BIG THREE" GUARANTEE ARAB-ISRAEL BORDERS**

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The governments of the United States, Britain and France were asked tonight by Adlai Stevenson "to allay rising apprehensions" in the Middle East by reaffirming their policy, declared in 1950, of preventing possible aggression on the Arab-Israel borders.

Mr. Stevenson, who spoke at the Weizmann Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, also urged the "Big Three" to strengthen their policy "with guarantees." He added that "any general security system in the Middle East must take into account the military potential and the democratic vitality and reliability of Israel." The dinner was attended by more than 1,500 guests each paying \$250 per plate. The proceeds went to the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

"One cannot, in good faith, take issue with the striving of our officials and other Western nations to improve relations, cooperation and confidence in the Arab world," Mr. Stevenson said. "This would be a major goal of any administration in Washington. But one can inquire whether tensions are lessened or accommodations advanced by sending military equipment to Arab states if there is any ambiguity about the purpose of such assistance - which is defense, not offense, peace, not war.

"Perhaps it would help to allay rising apprehensions for Britain, France and the United States to reaffirm their policy, declared in 1950, of preventing aggression in the Middle East and to strengthen it with guarantees. And certainly any general security system in the Middle East must take into account the military potential and the democratic vitality and reliability of Israel," Mr. Stevenson emphasized.

**Sobeloff Says U.S. Seeks to Bring About Arab-Israel Peace**

Simon E. Sobeloff, Solicitor General of the United States, another speaker, said that it is the "unshaken determination" of the U.S. Government to see a just peace established in the Middle East, and that the government is working toward achieving this objective. Mr. Sobeloff's address was authorized by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

"It is to the interest of all of us in the free world that the issues which remain between Israel and her Arab neighbors be resolved and that a just peace be established in the Near East," Mr. Sobeloff stated. "It is the unshaken determination of our government to persevere toward that end. Our friendship towards all the people in the area is firm and our influence will be exerted to bring about peaceful solutions. We have made it abundantly clear that the United States will not tolerate the use of force to resolve these differences.

"We will not seek to increase our friendship with the Arabs at the expense of Israel any more than we would seek to gain favor with Israel at the expense of the Arabs. We are emphasizing this point in our day to day relations with the countries of the Near East and we have reason to believe that our efforts are meeting with some success.

"I am permitted to inform you that Mr. Dulles, our Secretary of State, in accordance with the desires of the President, is actively engaged in the evaluation of our efforts in the Near East with the purpose of hastening progress towards these policy objectives. He has expressed his understanding of the sense of apprehension and isolation which has arisen in Israel and his belief that measures can be taken to allay these feelings. It is gratifying to note that the leaders of Israel have expressed their appreciation for the Secretary's efforts and their readiness to cooperate with us in the formulation of suitable measures," Mr. Sobeloff declared.

Abba Eban, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, responding for the State of Israel, said: "We hope that western statesmanship will manifest its presence in the Middle East, not as the importer of destructive weapons to Arab States, or as the unwitting cause of a wasteful arms race, but rather as the unwearying agent

of political conciliation, economic welfare and scientific progress. Here, I am convinced, is where the generous purposes of the American government and the people can best fulfill themselves in our region during the coming years. The essential goodwill of America to Israel is reflected in the warm words spoken tonight, both on behalf of the Administration and by the eloquent Democratic leader. "

Professor Niels Bohr, of Copenhagen, Nobel Laureate in Physics and Honorary Fellow of the Weizmann Institute, said: "It is science, and not armed conflicts, which can solve many of the grave problems that our contemporary generation faces all over the globe. Dr. Chaim Weizmann envisaged science as a potent ally of his statesmanship. "

One of the highlights of the dinner was the formal opening of the Benjamin Abrams Electronics Laboratories recently established at the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth, Israel. The dedication speeches, on a two-way radio circuit between New York and Israel via RCA facilities, were given by Harry Levine and Benjamin Abrams speaking from New York and Meyer W. Weisgal, chairman of the executive council of the Weizmann Institute, speaking from Israel.

Mr. Stevenson was presented with a citation-award, electing him an Honorary Fellow of the Weizmann Institute of Science. Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the board of directors of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, who made the presentation, said that "Mr. Stevenson has been elected as an American who has distinguished himself not in the field of science, but in the field of humanities and statesmanship. "

Harry Scherman, chairman of the Louis Lipsky Fellowships at the Weizmann Institute of Science, announced the following selections for the year 1955: Professor Sol Spiegelman, Department of Microbiology, University of Illinois, and Associate Professor Herbert Morawetz, Department of Polymer Chemistry, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. Mr. Scherman said that these two distinguished scientists will collaborate in their specific fields with the scientific work of the Weizmann Institute in Israel. Abraham Feinberg, president of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute, was the chairman at the dinner.

#### TIE-UP BETWEEN GERMAN NEO-NAZIS AND U. S. ANTI-SEMITES REPORTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic elements long submerged in Germany are beginning to test their strength in the current German election campaign, Henry Edward Scholtz, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, declared today as he made public a League survey of neo-Nazi propaganda activities. Mr. Scholtz also cited the existence of an organized propaganda tie-up between neo-Nazi leaders in Germany and professional anti-Semites in the United States.

"The evidence gathered in the ADL study," Mr. Scholtz said, "indicates efforts by Nazi-minded elements in Germany, now held in check by the Adenauer government, to acquire support--in particular, American dollars--from nationalist movements and sympathetic ethnic groups in the United States. "

The anti-Semitic pamphlets and literature, the survey revealed, are transmitted on an international scale, with principal centers in the United States, Germany and Argentina. The League identified Frederick Charles Weiss, a German alien living in New York, as the local clearing house for the traffic in neo-Nazi propaganda.

#### CANADIAN JEW NAMED DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF BANK OF CANADA

OTTAWA, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Louis Rasminsky, noted Canadian Jewish financial expert, has been named a Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada. A member of a well-known Toronto Jewish family, Mr. Rasminsky entered the Canadian civil service in 1940 after a distinguished career with the League of Nations at Geneva. He is 46 years old. Mr. Rasminsky has probably served on more public bodies having to do with international finance and economics than anyone else in Canada.

LONG ISLAND SYNAGOGUE BRINGS CHARGES AGAINST LOCAL AUTHORITIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The Community Synagogue of Port Washington, Long Island, has charged the village authorities of suburban Sands Point, L. I., with attempting to abridge freedom of religion, in a new court action aimed at forcing the Sands Point authorities to rescind zoning regulations which have prevented the congregation from using an estate it acquired in the village as a house of worship.

The synagogue charged in an action filed yesterday in the State Supreme Court that the zoning regulations were "calculated to abridge the freedom of worship and religion." The village authorities, acting a week after the synagogue acquired the estate in Sands Point, adopted zoning regulations for houses of worship which the estate could not meet. The synagogue charged the regulations were specifically aimed at it.

GEORGE FLESH, KNESSET MEMBER, CONFERS WITH ADLAI STEVENSON

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- George Flesh, member of the Israel Parliament, and foreign affairs expert of the Israel General Zionist Party, has met with Adlai Stevenson, it was learned here today. They discussed a number of problems relating to the world situation, including several with specific reference to the Middle East.

Mr. Flesh, who has been touring the United States speaking in behalf of the Israel bond drive, has addressed many audiences in this country on the Arab-Israel situation. En route to this country, he conferred with many prominent West European leaders, and in the U.S. he has met with a number of Senators and Congressmen. He was tendered a reception yesterday by the American Jewish Committee.

DETROIT LABOR ZIONIST LEADER MAKES \$60,000 GIFT TO ISRAEL

DETROIT, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- A gift of \$60,000 for the establishment of a project in Israel to honor his wife, Emma, was announced here by Morris Schaver, well known Detroit Labor Zionist leader, at a testimonial dinner given him on the occasion of his 60th birthday. More than 600 persons were present at the affair. Details of the project were not announced.

In announcing the gift, Mr. Schaver followed a precedent he set on his 50th birthday when he announced a \$50,000 gift for Israel. Among the speakers at the affair were Avraham Harmon, Consul General of Israel in New York, Meyer Brown and Baruch Zuckerman, Labor Zionist leaders, and Isaac Hamlin, national secretary of the Histadrut Campaign of America, who presented Mr. Schaver with a plaque testifying to his years of service to the cause of Israel.

JEWS URGED NOT TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE ON FRIDAY NIGHT

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Rabbis and synagogue groups throughout the country are urging Jews not to celebrate New Year's Eve with traditional parties, in violation of the Sabbath. New Year's Eve will fall on a Friday night.

The latest rabbinical group to issue such an appeal was the Board of Rabbis of Essex County, New Jersey, which called for the observance of "self-discipline" and the maintenance of "our high standards of self-respect" by not holding or attending such parties.

REVISIONIST LABOR ORGANIZATION IN ISRAEL OPENS CONVENTION

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The National Labor Organization, Revisionist labor federation, opened its 20th anniversary convention in Acre today. The parley will discuss wage policy and a proposal to join the Histadrut.