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## ISRAEL AND JORDAN SIGN PACT ON WAR PRISONERS; EXCHANGE CAPTIVES

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- Israel and Jordan have signed an agreement providing that prisoner of war status be given to members of each others' armed or police services who are captured, the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization announced here today. Lt. Col. Charles E. Brewster, chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, witnessed the agreement, which conforms to the Geneva prisoner of war convention of 1949.

Later in the day, Israel and Jordan exchanged prisoners affected by the new pact. Jordan set free two Israel hikers captured last month when they accidentally crossed the border. Israel turned over to Jordan one Arab Legionnaire and two Bedouin.

## SENATE BODY TOLD OF U.S. AID TO ISRAEL AND ARABS FOR NEXT YEAR

WASHINGTON, May 10. (JTA) -- The "critical tensions" which exist between the Arab states and Israel were stressed by Harold E. Stassen, director of the United States Foreign Operations Administration, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. However, he said that the U.S. Government is "encouraged by the recent evidence of constructive attitudes towards reaching a solution of the international water problems in the Jordan Valley."

Mr. Stassen said that 73 million dollars of development assistance is requested by the FOA for the Near East and Africa to meet critical economic needs during the coming fiscal year. In addition, 65 million dollars is requested in the budget for foreign aid in the new fiscal year "to provide relief and resettlement assistance for Palestine Arab refugees, if we are convinced that such assistance would result in measurable progress towards the solution of this tragic problem."

While testifying before the committee, Mr. Stassen was questioned critically on the Arab arms issue by Senators Alben W. Barkley, Kentucky Democrat, and William Langer, North Dakota Republican. Sen. Barkley said he had heard complaints that the Arabs were getting military assistance while Israel received none.

Mr. Stassen said no military aid is going to any country which borders on Israel or to Israel itself. He said the U.S. Government is not furnishing military help to either side in the Israel-Arab border disputes. The Middle Eastern states receiving free grant arms, he said, are Iraq, Iran, Turkey, and Pakistan. He pointed out that these countries border on the Soviet Union but not on Israel.

## EBAN AND ALLEN DISCUSS JOHNSTON PLAN FOR JORDAN RIVER DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON, May 10. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban discussed today aspects of Presidential envoy Eric Johnston's regional water development plan, according to informed sources, when he met with George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, to review a number of matters of mutual interest to the United States and Israel.

Mr. Eban said only that he participated in a general exchange on current subject and a continuation of talks on security and Israel-American relations. He was accompanied by Reuven Shiloah, Israel Minister Plenipotentiary.

## U.S. URGED TO ENTER MUTUAL DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- New York State Attorney General Jacob K. Javits tonight called for a mutual defense agreement between the United States and Israel as essential to American interests in view of the troubled situation in the Near East. He spoke at a dinner of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, one of seven important industry and community functions at which \$980,000 in pledges to the 1955 UJA drive were announced.

Mr. Javits noted that the U.S. Government has made no authoritative statement of policy concerning either inclusion of Israel in plans for the defense of the Near East or American aid to Israel in this connection. However, he said, our government apparently considers it indispensable to the security of the U.S. to take the risk of supplying arms to at least one Arab state, even though the Arab attitude is threatening.

# U. N. TRUCE CHIEF CONTINUES EFFORTS TO EASE TENSION IN GAZA AREA

LONDON, May 10. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, left Cairo today for the Gaza strip to continue discussions with the Israelis and Egyptians on measures designed to ease tension in the border area, it was reported here today from the Egyptian capital.

The dispatches said that after an hour of discussions with high Egyptian officials in Cairo, Gen. Burns said that Egypt had accepted "with reservations" his four-point program. However, Col. Salah Gohar, head of the Egyptian War Ministry's Palestine Department, said that Egypt had refused to agree to a local commanders' agreement between the two sides, but had accepted Gen. Burns' suggestions for joint UN-Israeli-Egyptian border patrols, limiting border units to regular troops and erecting barbed wire barricades along the border.

Gen. Burns also told newspapermen in Cairo that he was hopeful that he could persuade Israel to agree to joint patrols, the major point over which Israel has balked. The Israelis maintain, Gen. Burns said, that considerations of national sovereignty forbid the entry of foreign troops into Israel territory.

## ISRAEL TO COMPLETE HUGE NEW DAM IN NEGEV WITH UNITED STATES AID

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- A 550-foot long dam at Mashabei Sadeh, in the Southern Negev, will shortly be completed in the rapidly rising network of dams and reservoirs being constructed in that desert area to trap and use for irrigation flood waters which have heretofore gone to waste, it was announced today by David Fox, director of the Israel Government's soil conservation department.

Mr. Fox pointed out that the water saving project has been undertaken with the assistance of the United States Operations Mission in Israel. Water saved under the reservoir network will be used to irrigate an additional 100,000 dunams (25,000 acres) of land in the Negev.

## NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SOVEREIGN GERMANY

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- Britain will continue to represent German interests in Israel for the next several months until the problem of German-Israel relations is worked out, it was stated here today in the wake of Germany's recovering its sovereignty. Israel's interests in Germany are taken care of by the Israel Purchasing Mission in Cologne.

The possibility of establishing diplomatic relations with Germany has, for the time being, not been discussed here since it is understood that the West German Government will not press Israel for the establishment of such relations and will be satisfied to have Britain continue to take care of Germany's interests.

## JEWISH AGENCY TREASURER PREDICTS U. J. A. INCREASE THIS YEAR

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- An increase of from 10 to 15 percent over 1954 proceeds is expected by the United Jewish Appeal this year, Dr. Giora Josephthal, Jewish Agency treasurer, told the Agency today, after his return from the United States.

Israel's economic progress has strengthened confidence in Israel and has created abroad an appreciation of the Jewish State's growing consolidation. He reported that banks and other financial institutions were more ready to extend credit.

Levi Eshkol, Israel Finance Minister, told the meeting that as a result of his recent trip to Argentina and several other South American countries he was optimistic about the possibilities of increased support. He also reported an increased interest in those countries in Israel investments.

## ISRAEL PARLIAMENT EULOGIZES DR. EINSTEIN; MEMBERS PAY TRIBUTE

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament paid tribute today to the memory of Prof. Albert Einstein by a two-minute period of silence and a five-minute recess, which were preceded by a eulogy delivered by Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset.

The Israel Cabinet met yesterday to discuss demands from top government officials and jurists for a salary increase. The jurists' committee was scheduled to meet today to consider the possibility of a strike if the government refuses the salary hikes.

## ISRAEL COMPANY GETS \$1,000,000 BUILDING CONTRACT IN TURKEY

ISTANBUL, May 10. (JTA) -- The Frishman Construction Company of Haifa signed today a contract to build two hotels and a bungalow development in three Turkish resort towns. The contract came to the equivalent of \$1,000,000. Each hotel will have 36 rooms and there will be 125 rooms in the bungalow project.

The company, meanwhile, has established a local branch in Turkey, with an initial capitalization of the equivalent of \$350,000. It is understood that the latest contract was offered to the company on instructions from Premier Adnan Menderes.

## U.S. JEWS RESPONSIBLE FOR DESTINY OF WORLD JEWRY, DR. GOLDMANN SAYS

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- American Jewry, which has become the leading Jewish community in the world outside of Israel, must face the inescapable responsibility of making the "main decisions for the future development and destiny of the Jewish people as a whole." Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, declared here today at a reception attended by more than 150 prominent civic leaders.

The event was sponsored by the World Jewish Congress as a tribute to the American Jewish community on its tercentenary anniversary. A highlight of the program was the presentation by Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Western Hemisphere Executive of the WJC to Ralph E. Samuel, chairman of the Tercentenary Committee, of two bound volumes containing congratulatory messages to the American Jewish community, from Jewish communities in 57 countries throughout the globe. The greetings, written in a dozen different languages by organizations and communities affiliated with the WJC, came from such far-off areas as India, Finland, Rhodesia, Malta, Japan and Ecuador.

In his remarks, Dr. Goldmann said: "American Jewry has, during the last two decades, become the leading Jewish community in the world. Its life and development will set the tune of Jewish life of the world. After the disappearance of the largest part of European Jewry, it is quite natural that the hegemony of Jewish life and leadership has passed to the community of the United States of America. This imposes great obligations on the American Jewish community and creates responsibilities which this community has not yet begun to discharge fully."

### Likens Functions of American Jewry to U.S. Role in World

The function of the American Jewish community, Dr. Goldmann continued, "is somehow parallel to the role which the U.S.A. has been called upon to play in world policies during this period when the responsibility of world leadership has shifted from Europe to America. Speaking for all those Jewish communities who have sent their greetings to the American Jewish community, I want to express their deep hope that the leadership and the rank and file of the American Jewish community will become more and more aware of the tremendous responsibility which they cannot avoid facing and which has entrusted to them the main decisions for the future development and destiny of the Jewish people as a whole."

In presenting the bound volumes to Mr. Samuel, Dr. Goldstein declared that the messages represent the sentiments of four million Jews scattered in 57 different countries, excluding the Iron Curtain nations, whose Jewish populations "are not permitted to maintain contacts with their fellow Jews in other parts of the world." He recalled that during his recent trip on behalf of the World Jewish Congress to Latin America, he had brought back with him greetings from the oldest Jewish communities in the Western Hemisphere. These are in Recife, Brazil; Surinam and Curacao.

"These messages," Dr. Goldstein said, "constitute living proof of the bond of spiritual kinship which links Jews the world over. The solicitations coupled with high expectations, impose a sense of great responsibility upon the Jewish community of the United States to measure up to the cultural, philanthropic and moral leadership it is expected to provide to the Jewish people of today and tomorrow."

Accepting the greetings, Mr. Samuel noted that the tercentenary observance, which will terminate in less than three weeks, has given American Jewry "a new sense of dignity, height and stature, and a deep and abiding gratitude for the untold blessings of America." The celebration, he added, has demonstrated to the world that "in the American climate of freedom, liberty and democracy, so-called minority groups become continuing and dynamic assets rather than problems or embarrassments."

## 40,000 ATTEND LAG B'OMER FESTIVAL AT MIRON; ARMY IN SALUTE

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- Forty thousand Israelis, led by Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissan and Rabbi M. Goren, Chief Chaplain of the Israel Army, made a pilgrimage to the grave of Rabbi Bar Yochai, author of the "Zohar," at Miron last night as the celebration of the festival of Lag B'Omer began.

The festivities began when a huge procession started from Safed and headed for Miron. When they arrived there, they were greeted by a 21-gun salute by units of the armed forces, who later paraded. Services were then held for the men and women who fell in the War of Liberation. Later, bonfires were lit and thousands of pilgrims danced through the night. Similar festivities took place in this city and in many other cities, towns and villages.

## ISRAEL ORCHESTRA PLAYS IN PARIS; STATESMEN ATTEND CONCERT

PARIS, May 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra last night gave the first of two concerts it has scheduled here on its current 19-concert tour of Europe. The concert was presented under the patronage of French Education Minister A. Berthoin and was attended by diplomats, leaders in the French Government, including Senate President Rene Cassin, and well known figures in the world of music and art.

## BILL BANNING BIAS IN PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT DEFEATED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONCORD, New Hampshire, May 10. (JTA) -- A bill designed to ban discrimination because of race, color or creed in public employment, public accommodations and state service was killed in the state House of Representatives. The vote was 210 to 93. The bill had been sponsored by the New Hampshire Equal Rights Committee.

## CATHOLICS HAIL DR. SALK AS REBUFF TO AMERICAN ANTI-SEMITES

DETROIT, May 10. (JTA) -- The Detroit Parks and Recreation Commission has announced plans for the naming of either a park or a playground for Dr. Jonas Salk, discoverer of the anti-polio vaccine.

Meanwhile, an editorial in the publication "Michigan Catholic" hails Dr. Salk's accomplishments as a reply to professional anti-Semites. "These sick-minded slanderers find in almost every physical or moral evil either a Jewish effort to destroy Christianity or an attempt to advance world domination by the Jewish race," the publication said. "It almost seems providential that the honor of defeating the fearful scourge of polio should have fallen to a member of a group so often, and so unfairly, the butt of hate-laden calumny."

The current issue of the Detroit Labor News carries an editorial in much the same vein, entitled "So You Don't Like the Jews." After retelling Dr. Salk's early history, including his having to work after school in order to complete his education, the newspaper says: "The world pays tribute to Dr. Jonas E. Salk, the young Jewish-American scientist who have his discovery to the suffering world without any intention of ever realizing a single penny of personal profit."

## ISRAEL FIRMS PARTICIPATE IN NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Fifty Israel commercial firms and manufacturers, as well as the government's Tourist Office will exhibit this year at the New York International Trade Fair which opens Monday and runs for one week. Dr. E. Justice-Dayana, director of the Israel Commission for Fairs and Exhibitions, who came here to supervise the exhibit, said today that there is reason to believe Israel exports to the United States may be increased materially as a result of participation in the fair.

Included among the products to be exhibited will be yarns, woollens and knitwear, foods, wine and beer, costume jewelry, phonograph records, arts and crafts, fashions and raincoats. Exhibited for the first time in this country in one of the Israel booths will be a sewing machine manufactured in Israel. Only articles that are likely to have a market in the United States have been included in the exhibit. After the fair here the exhibit will be shown in other cities.

## "CANADA HALL," FIRST BUILDING OF NEW HEBREW UNIVERSITY, DEDICATED

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- Canada Hall, the first building of the new Hebrew University, was dedicated here yesterday at a ceremony at Givat Ram, on the outskirts of Jerusalem and site of the new campus. Present at the ceremony were Premier Moshe Sharett and Edward E. Gelber, president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, as well as members of the Cabinet and the University faculty. Funds for construction of the building were raised by the Canadian Zionist Women's Organization, the Hadassah-WIZO.

The cornerstone for a building for the Hebrew Language Academy will be laid within the next two months. Prof. A. Tursina told a press conference here today. He said that construction of the building, which will be completed within a year, was made possible by a \$50,000 contribution by William Salzman of New York. He also revealed that the Academy will shortly publish vocabulary works in music and anatomy.

## CATHOLICS, PROTESTANTS, JEWS HONOR MAXWELL RABB AT BOSTON DINNER

BOSTON, May 10. (JTA) -- Maxwell Rabb, White House aide and Secretary to the Cabinet, was cited for his contributions to brotherhood at the 18th annual dinner here of the Massachusetts Committee of Catholics, Protestants and Jews. Other citations were given to Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, Maryland Gov. Theodore McKeldin and Jack Benny, the radio and television comedian.

## MAIMONIDES MEETING HELD BY JEWISH AGENCY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- A meeting marking the 750th anniversary of the death of the Jewish philosopher-scientist was held here today under the auspices of the Jewish Agency. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, presided and speakers included: Dr. Israel Goldstein, Prof. Salo Baron, Dr. Simon Federbush and Rabbis Zevi Tabouri and Isaac Stollman.

## REGISTRATION OPENS FOR JEWISH AGENCY'S RELIGIOUS TEACHERS SEMINAR

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Registration opened today for the Jewish Agency's third annual summer seminar for Jewish parochial school teachers, beginning on July 1st. The seminar, of two weeks' duration, is a project of the Agency's Department for Torah Culture and Education.