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## BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY DEDICATED IN ISRAEL; GREETED BY EISENHOWER

RAMAT GAN, Israel, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Ceremonies marking the dedication of Bar-Ilan University, the first Jewish Orthodox university in Israel, were held here today in the presence of more than 2,000 guests, including Premier Moshe Sharett, members of the Israel Cabinet and Parliament, representatives of 50 universities from all parts of the world and the entire diplomatic corps.

Edward B. Lawson, United States Ambassador to Israel, hailed those who had initiated and executed it is "great plan" for Bar-llan University. He expressed his gratitude at being invited to join those who "breathed life into these structures which will rise to shelter the future great scholars of Israel and the world." He then read to the assemblage a message of greeting from President Eisenhower.

"On the occasion of the dedication of Bar-Ilan University," the President's message said, "please extend to all associated with this American-sponsored institution my sincere best wishes for its success and growth. I hope this new university will follow the example of its sister Jewish institutions in the United States and that the name Bar-Ilan will come to stand for the highest traditions of academic learning in Israel," the message concluded.

Bar-lan University, which is named after Rabbi Meir Berlin, late leader of the world Mizrachi movement, will open on September 20 as a liberal arts college offering undergraduate courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Sciences. Professor Pinchas Churgin, who left New York to settle permanently in Israel, is the first president of the new university.

#### 150 Students Registered; American Teaching Methods to be Used

Addressing the audience today, Prof. Churgin said that more than 150 students, including 30 from the United States, Britain and Canada, have registered for the first academic year. A team of teachers who have experience with American methods of higher education constitutes the backbone of the faculty, he stressed.

Admissions requirements, Prof. Churgin declared, are the same as of American colleges, but the students must have in addition, a working knowledge of Hebrew. American English as well as American civilization and history will receive special attention in the university program, he stated. The university will train a new generation of scholars with loyalty to Jewish traditions and will also contribute to raising new American Jewish leaders with strong ties with Israel, he emphasized.

Dr. Peyton N. Rhodes, president of Southwestern College of Memphis, Tenn., addressed the audience as a representative of the Association of American Colleges. "Israel," he said, "is unusual and unparalleled in history. As a state it is one of the youngest, yet one of the oldest. From the matrix of this land have come three great religions of the world: Judaism, Christianity and Mohammedism. This land has seen development of the highest moral and spiritual concepts. It is therefore pre-eminently fitting that this university should begin its significant role in this the seventh year of the history of the revived State of Israel."

# BULGARIAN REPLY TO BRITISH PROTEST ON EL AL INCIDENT DUE TODAY

LONDON. Aug. 7. (17A) -- The British Government expects to receive a reply tomorrow from the Bulgarian Government to its formal protest over the shooting down of the Israel passenger plane ten days ago and to its demand for compensation to families of British, Canadian and South African passengers who were among the 58 victims when the plane was brought down in flames.

It was indicated here today that Britain expects Bulgaria to pay full compensation for the lives lost. It was also emphasized that the matter of compensation, as far as the British claim is concerned, will not be left to the decision of the Bulgarian Government but will be pressed in bi-lateral talks between Britain and Bulgaria.

#### U. N. CHIEF REVIEWS ARAB-ISRAEL SITUATION; MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The Middle East is losing out on technical assistance from the United Nations because it is snarled in political disputes which hamper UN efforts to ameliorate social and economic problems, Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold declared today.

"It is with great regret", Mr. Hammarskjold stated, "that I have to record that the lack of any improvement in the political situation in the Middle East has continued to prevent the United Nations from assisting countries in that region in the way in which it should do so."

Mr. Hammarskjold made that statement in connection with the tenth annual Secretary General's report to the General Assembly, which he made public today in a long introduction to the annual report, he refers to the Middle East in two separate sections, each time reminding all the countries in the region--without naming either Israel or the Arab states--that they must get together to ease political tensions with the help of the United Nations.

"During the past year," the UN Secretariat chief informs the Assembly, "the situation in Palestine has continued to be a major concern of the United Nations. After a period of relative quiet, a succession of serious incidents in the Gaza Strip caused grave concern to the Security Council, the Secretary General and the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

"The Security Council unanimously endorsed proposals of the Chief of Staff for easing the tension and for making more effective the administration of the armistice regime along the demarcation lines," the report continues. "I regert to report that, despite the efforts of the Secretary General and the Chief of Staff, these proposals had not yet been put into effect when this report was written, but I most earnestly hope that a more positive report of progress can be made before long."

# Outlines U. N. Objectives on the Palestine Issue for the Coming Year

"The armistice regime, "Mr. Hammarskjold insists," must be maintained and strengthened so long as the goal of real peace in the Palestine area, unfortunately, must be recognized as not yet within reach. It should be one of the principal objectives of the United Nations in the coming year so to influence conditions in the area as to create a basis on which the parties may find it possible to consider a more lasting settlement.

"The fate of the Palestine refugees has been far too long upon our conscience," the U. N. Secretary General stresses. "The security, and the economic and social progress of all the nations in the area depend upon the outcome. Even a partial solution of the problems of the refugees might well be the beginning of a general stabilization of conditions in the area. Projects such as those for the development of the Jordan River for power and irrigation are in this respect of the greatest interest to all, as they may provide a better basis for such a solution than so far has been available."

The Middle East tensions, according to the Secretary General, have produced an interplay between political conflicts on the one hand and socio-economic differences on the other. Thus he sees an accumulation of economic and social problems while these very inbalances have "an immediate bearing also on political conditions."

"Under existing conditions," he tells the General Assembly, "some of the means of economic and social development which have proved most effective in other regions are denied to this area." He expresses the "hope that in the coming year it may prove possible to find some remedy for this state of affairs" in the Middle East.

### ISRAEL CAPTURES SYRIAN SHIP; WILL RELEASE U. N. CARGO TO ARAB REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has offered to release some 50 tons of United Nations medical supplies and drugs intended for Arab refugees in the Gaza strip which was aboard a Syrian vessel apprehended in Israel territorial waters last week.

The ship was seized Thursday with a crew of four aboard. When Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce chief, informed the Israelis that the cargo was meant for the refugees, the Israelis immediately offered to deliver the drugs by an overland route rather than wait for the formalities involved in the release of the forty-foot schooner.

Announcing that the vessel and crew would remain in custody for the time being, an Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman indicated that they would be held hostage against the eventual release of four Israel soldiers captured by Syria last December 8. Earlier this year the crew of another Syrian ship apprehended in Israel waters was released on the understanding that this would facilitate the release of the Israel soldiers. However, the Israelis are still in prison. despite UN efforts to effect their release.

#### FLYING OF GERMAN FLAG PERMITTED IN ISRAEL PORT FOR FIRST TIME

HAIFA, Aug. 7. (1TA) -- For the first time since German ships have been permitted to enter an Israel harbor to deliver reparations goods, a German vessel was this weekend permitted to fly her German ensign while in Haifa harbor. The vessel was the Pergamon. German crews are now permitted to disembark and tour Israel, something they were not previously allowed.

#### FORMER NAZI LEADERS WILL REMAIN OWNERS OF HUGE LOOTED FORTUNES

LONDON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Huge fortunes running into the hundreds of millions of dollars will be saved for Nazi leaders and their relatives when denazification is halted at the end of the year, the Sunday Chronicle reported today from Bonn.

Important Nazis who have not been prosecuted by year's end will escape all legal consequences of their deeds during the Hitler regime, including confiscation of their ill-gotten wealth. Although the Allied authorities have uncovered large sums and many assets hidden by the important Nazis in mountain hide-outs, the British newspaper said, much of this loot still remains hidden and after the end of derazification, will be brought out of hiding.

## A. J. C. DISPUTES SOVIET STATEMENT ON JEWISH RELIGION IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today issued an analysis of the statement on Jewish religion in the Soviet Union made public here last month by the Soviet delegation to the United Nations.

"Analysis by AJC specialists showed that references to the Soviet law in this document were carefully culled from a few permissive sections of a sweeping antireligious decree issued by the Soviets twenty-six years ago," the American Jewish Committee pointed out. It stresses the fact that the Soviet statement made no attempt to deal with "documented evidence that Jewish cultural and religious institutions in the USSR have been systematically liquidated; nor did the Soviet disclaimer mention the fate of 'missing' Jewish writers in Russia, or what happened to extinguish Jewish communal life in Birobidjan which was proclaimed a Jewish autonomous region more than twenty-five years ago."

The AJC emphasizes that although the recent Geneva Conference gave hope to the world that the "cold war" may be eased, a large part of "the acid test will be whether Communist policies change significantly to demonstrate respect for human rights and the sanctity of the individual."

"Elementary justice demands that the Soviet Union release all Jewish leaders jailed because of their communal activities; return deported Jews to their homes; permit freedom of religious worship and education allow Jewish religious communities and cultural institutions to administer their affairs freely; allow emigration to those Jews who wish to do so, " the American Jewish Committee says; referring to a resolution which it adopted to this effect last January.

## WARSAW RADIO REPORTS JEWISH CULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN FOLAND

LONDON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The extent to which Jewish cultural life has been rebuilt in Poland since the end of the war was described in an interview broadcast by Radio Warsaw and monitored here today. The broadcast, in Yiddish, featured A. Hurwitz, vice-chairman of the Cultural and Social Union of Polish Jews.

Mr. Hurwitz declared that after the catastrophe which overtook Polish Jewry at the hands of the Nazi, the Jews still left in Poland had built up again a "full blooded, colorful and creative Jewish cultural life in Poland." There are scores of Jewish Peoples Clubs in cities such as Lodz, Wroclaw, Warsaw, Cracow and Lignica. he said He asserted that Yiddish books are published in editions of 6,000 to 7,000 by the Jewish Publishing House.

#### ANOTHER GROUP OF ELDERLY SOVIET JEWS ARRIVI : IN ISRAEL BY PLANE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Eight elderly Jewish men and women, between the ages of 61 and 80, arrived here from the Soviet Union today. The eight, who travelled by air via Vienna, came from territory annexed by the USSR since the second Wo<sup>-1</sup>d War.

Among the eight was 80-year-old Bathya Scjer, who at the last minute changed her mind and reduced to board the ill-fated El Al airliner shot down by the Bulgarians ten days ago.

# VICE PRESIDENT NIXON TO VISIT ISRAEL AND ARAB COUNTRIES THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- Vice President Richard M. Nixon will visit Israel and the Arab countries on a goodwill tour late this Fall, it was learned here today.

It is understood that the Vice President's tour was suggested by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and approved by President Eisenhower. During his visits, the Vice President will attempt to strengthen ties between the United States and Israel, on one hand, and the United States and the Arab states, on the other. It is understood he will tell both parties that the U.S. favors the development of each but will not support one at the expense of the other.

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., of New York sailed this weekend for the Middle East where he will make an unofficial offer to act as a mediator between Isral and the Arab states. He will seek, the Congressman said,to persuade Egypt to invite Israel to attend the second meeting of the Asian-African conference which will be held at Cairo.

# CHICAGO MUNICIPALITY ASKED TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN HOSPITALS

CHICAGO, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The Chicago City Council was asked this weekend by the American Jewish Congress to pass a pending ordinance to prohibit discriminatory admission practices of hospitals here. The pending ordinance amends the City Code governing hospitals and prohibits bias by hospitals in the admission or equality of care of the use of the hospital's facilities to any person because of race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry.

In a communication to the City Council, Rabbi Ahron Opher, president of the Chicago division of the American Jewish Congress, sfated: "Incredible as it sounds, it is a fact that residents of Chicago are too often denied emergency treatment in some hospitals because they belong to certain races or denominations. There have been cases where the delay in causing the patient to be taken to a more distant hospital proved fatal."

Rabbi Opher also called attention to the fact that the present Illinois Statute does not outlaw discrimination based on race, creed or color in cases of emergencies caused by illness. "The present Illinois statute dealing with emergency medical treatment requires hospitals to give such treatment only in the case of accident or injury," he pointed out.

#### W. J. C. PROPOSES A "HAGADDAH" ON JEWISH UPRISING IN WARSAW GHETTO

NEW YORK, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The publication of a new Haggadah telling the heroic story of the Warsaw Chetto uprising has been proposed by Dr. Isaac I. Schwarzbart, director of the World Jewish Congress' Organization Department, as a method of immortalizing the epic event and of making the observance of its anniversary a perpetual Memorial Day for world Jewry. The projected Haggadah would be read in Jewish homes, schools and at commemorative ceremonies throughout the globe on the anniversary of the uprising-the 27th day of Nisan-in the same manner that the Passover Haggadah is read each year by Jews everywhere to signalize the Exodus from Egypt.

In announcing the proposal, Dr. Schwarzbart disclosed that he has approached four central institutions—Israel's Ministry for Culture and Education, Israel's Chief Rabbinate, the Hebrew University at Jerusalem, and the Synagogue Council of America—with the suggestion that a joint committee be organized to prepare such a Haggadah. He is currently preparing the first draft of a "Haggadah of Warsaw" that might serve as a basis for the committee's work.

Dr. Schwarzbart expressed the opinion that the effort to include in the Passover Haggadah a "ritual of remembrance" for the six million dead is not in consonance with the Passover spirit. "There is no common denominator between the Haggadah devoted to the joyous celebration of liberation and freedom and the commemoration of the destruction of one-third of our people," he said.

#### JEWISH SERVICES HELD AT INTERFAITH CATHEDRAL IN NEW HAM PSHIRE

BOSTON, Aug. 7. (JTA) -- The ninth annual Jewish service was held today at the Cathedral of the Pines, an inter-faith chapel at Rindge, New Hampshire, dedicated to the memory of American civilians and military personnel who died in United States wars. The Cathedral has been host to 36 religious denominations, each worshipping in its own fashion.

At the service today, a pair of bronze menorah's flanking an ark were dedicated. Rabbi Albert Yanow of Brookline, Mass, conducted the service while the sermon was delivered by Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn of Boston.