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### ISRAEL CABINET MEETS TODAY TO DISCUSS EGYPT'S ARMS MANEUVERS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet will meet in extraordinary session tomorrow to consider the question of Egypt's acquisition of arms from Communist countries.

The Israel Parliament, now in recess, has been summoned for October 10 or 11, a week earlier than scheduled, also to consider the Egyptian arms situation. Meanwhile, the Parliamentary Security and Foreign Affairs Committee will meet Wednesday on that matter.

Today, Premier Moshe Sharett conferred with British Ambassador John W. Nichols over this matter. Mr. Sharett asked the Ambassador to convey to the British Government the Israel Government's anxiety over Egypt's acquisition of arms from the Eastern bloc. Britain has already expressed to Cairo its disquiet over the situation.

Czechoslovakian charge d'affaires M. Jebolnik was called to the Foreign Ministry here this week-end and was asked to clarify the announcement of the Egyptian purchase of Czech arms. Mr. Jebolnik was told by M. Bartzur, head of the Ministry's East European section, that the move to supply the Egyptians with war materiel constituted a danger to the peace of the Middle East.

### U. S. Envoy Mum on His Talks with Egyptian Premier in Cairo

LONDON, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- George V. Allen, United States Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, saw Egyptian Premier Gamel Abdel Nasser this week-end, but later denied that he had threatened that the United States would cut off economic aid to the Arab state if it accepted weapons from the Communist countries. It was reported here in dispatches from Cairo.

Mr. Allen, who precipitously flew to Cairo after the Nasser regime announced that it had concluded an arrangement to obtain arms from Czechoslovakia, declined to say whether he had offered Nasser American munitions as an inducement for Egypt to scrap the deal with Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union. He told newsmen that it was the sovereign right of any country to purchase arms where it pleases.

Reports were published in Cairo newspapers that Mr. Allen had come to Egypt to threaten that if Communist arms were accepted the United States would cease economic support. Mr. Allen said that he had not discussed that matter with Col. Nasser and that he knew nothing about such a development except that he had read about it in some newspapers.

After Mr. Allen saw Col. Nasser, the Egyptian strong man saw the British, French and Soviet Ambassadors in that order. Col. Nasser was supported in the Communist arms deal by the Arab League Council which sent him a message congratulating him on his "strong stand."

Meanwhile, it was reported here that owing to these developments, American military commanders in Europe favor United States participation in the Bagdad alliance as a means of forestalling Soviet penetration of the Middle East region. Concerning Israel, these commanders are said to believe that the United States can make better arrangements in Israel's behalf from within the alliance than in the present situation. The State Department is reported to be opposing such entrance until Iran joins the "northern tier" pact, too.

### Dulles and Macmillan Discuss Egypt's Arms in Washington

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- British Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles discussed here the question of Communist arms supplies to Egypt last night. Mr. Macmillan was a dinner guest of Secretary Dulles.

Late Saturday afternoon, Secretary Dulles received Israel Ambassador Abba Eban for a 15-minute talk. A joint statement later said that "the situation created by the prospective sale of arms by the Soviet bloc to Egypt" was covered during the discussion. Diplomatic sources later reported that the Israel Ambassador was told that the "clarification given him a few days earlier by George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, still held good."

## PRESIDENTS OF U. S. JEWISH GROUPS MEET ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- The presidents of the major Jewish organizations, who have been meeting from time to time for the past two years to consider special Israel problems of concern to the American Jewish community, announced today that they have held a series of consultations in the past few weeks on urgent developments in the Middle East.

The announcement said that the presidents are on call for further consultations should the situation require it. A special subcommittee of the presidents is in close touch with the State Department in this matter, it was emphasized.

## ISRAEL STARTS WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM DEMILITARIZED NIZANA AREA

JERUSALEM, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- The withdrawal of Israel troops from the demilitarized Nizana--El Auja--area began this morning after United Nations truce supervisor Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns and the Israel Foreign Ministry came to agreement on a number of points raised by Israel in relation to the demilitarized zone.

An Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman, explaining the agreement governing the withdrawal, noted that Israel's occupation of the demilitarized zone was a political, not military, move designed to force withdrawal of Egypt's illegal military outposts in the area. The Israel move was successful, he underlined. He gave the following description of the agreement reached:

The Egyptian outposts would be withdrawn and only ten-man squads would be maintained in check-points along the border line. Their armaments would not exceed that of regular squad armament. They would build no permanent fortifications in the demilitarized zone.

Israel police units would guard Israel's section of the demilitarized zone, and the international border would be marked separately by Israel and Egyptian units, each operating on its own side of the border. The exact details of this operation were left to be worked out at another time. Also agreed to, was the limitation of Egyptian personnel to the UN armistice headquarters in zone to six men who would be confined to working inside the building and would not be free to wander around the area at will.

## SEARCH FOR OIL TO BE INTENSIFIED IN ISRAEL; MORE OIL EXPECTED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- The number of heavy oil drilling rigs in Israel will be doubled during the coming half-year and the search for oil will be intensified, it was learned here today in the wake of the recent discovery of Israel's first oil in commercial quantities.

One of the most intensive projects is lined up for the Heletz sector where the Lapidot company brought in its first well and where that will be deepened as a new one is bored nearby in the hopes of opening up a vast underground pool in the strata just below that one in which oil was found. Geologists and prospectors are also very hopeful over drillings halfway between Sdom and Ein Gedi.

## GOVERNMENT-EMPLOYED PHYSICIANS IN ISRAEL WIN INCREASE IN SALARY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- Protracted negotiations between the Israel Government and the physicians it employs, which had involved slowdowns and even strikes by the physicians, ended here this week-end with the signing of an agreement by Minister of Communications Zalman Aranne, representing the government, and Dr. I. Avigdor, of the medical association.

Under the new agreement, physicians employed by the government will receive higher salaries, according to a schedule fixed previously by a Knesset committee. The physicians immediately returned to their normal work schedule.

## NEW JERUSALEM MAYOR ADDRESSES CONVENTION OF MAYORS IN ITALY

ROME, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- Municipal administrators in Israel have the twofold task of building a modern civilization on old foundations and laying the foundations for a new society, according to Gershon Agron, newly elected mayor of Jerusalem. Mr. Agron made the statement to a conference of mayors from all over the world meeting here.

Mr. Agron addressed the closing session of the mayors' conference on behalf of the Israel mayors attending the parley, whose delegation was headed by Mayor Chaim Levanon of Tel Aviv. Mr. Agron, whose speech preceded the closing address of the Mayor of Rome, was introduced by the chairman, who bracketed Rome and Jerusalem as the eternal cities.

## ISRAEL REPAYS 29,000,000 SWISS FRANCS TO CREDITORS IN SWITZERLAND

GENEVA, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- Israel exported 4,700,000 Swiss francs worth of goods to Switzerland during the first seven months of this year, it was announced here today. In addition, Israel repaid 29,000,000 Swiss francs in credit. The Swiss exported 15,000,000 francs worth of goods to Israel.

YOUNG MOSLEM GROUPS CONTINUE ATTACKS ON JEWISH STALLS IN TUNIS

TUNIS, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- Groups of young Moslems today attacked bakeries in the Jewish section of the city and attempted to plunder them. They also attacked Jewish passers-by. Police dispersed them.

A demand that Albert Bessis, the only Jewish member of the new all-Tunisian government, issue a statement condemning Zionism was voiced here this week-end by the Arabic weekly "Frazazou" which supports the Neo-Destour nationalists. Tunisian Jews, the newspaper said, are regarded as the compatriots of all other Tunisians and are being permitted to participate in the construction of the new Tunisia. But an anti-Zionist statement by M. Bessis is necessary, the weekly continued, so that "our brothers of the Orient will know that we are still Arabs and Moslems."

At the same time, the Arabic daily newspaper "Azzohra" has begun publication of a new series of articles against Zionism. The paper says that Palestine is an "Arab and a Moslem land--and it will be reconquered." The paper blames the creation of the State of Israel on international politics and especially on the United States. The daily also deplors the disunity of the Arab countries, and calls for the renewal of close ties in pursuit of the common cause--the "uprooting" of Israel.

MOLOTOV CORRECTS HIMSELF ON OMISSION OF ISRAEL FROM U. N. SPEECH

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 2. (JTA) -- V. M. Molotov, Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union, has corrected himself on what appears to have been an unintended slur against Israel during a major speech before the General Assembly here. In his address in the general debate on Sept. 23, Mr. Molotov, in discussing various countries that have gained independence since World War II, mentioned four members of the Arab League--Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Libya--then referred to Israel by implication only with "et cetera."

Several days later Mr. Molotov told Jewish correspondents here that his failure to mention Israel by name was not intended as a slur and asked the correspondents to include Israel when referring to that speech. The correspondents refused to make such a correction on the grounds that the Soviet Union's Foreign Minister could do so officially if he chose to.

Today it appears that Mr. Molotov, using the Russian news agency, Tass, which is frequently used for official announcements, did make the correction. Copies of Moscow's "Pravda" reaching here, carrying the Tass report of the Molotov speech, included Israel in the Middle East section along with the Arab countries, and eliminated the "et cetera."

HIGH SOVIET OFFICIAL SAYS HE SAW ONLY ONE YIDDISH WRITER IN MOSCOW

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 2. (JTA) -- E. F. Ilichev, head of the Soviet Union Foreign Ministry's information service, who is here now with Foreign Minister V. Molotov, has virtually admitted that Yiddish writers are no longer seen in the Soviet capital.

At one of the numerous cocktail parties given here last week by various delegations, Mr. Ilichev was asked what had become of Peretz Markish, Itzik Feffer and David Bergelson--three noted Yiddish authors who have been reported dead--as well as of other Jewish authors in the USSR. He replied that he knew nothing about any of the others but that he knows that Markish is in Moscow and that he had often met him at the offices of "Pravda," official organ of the Communist Party.

TOYS WITH NAZI SWASTIKA PRODUCED IN U. S. ; GERMANS VOICE PROTEST

BONN, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- American-manufactured toys with Nazi emblems are being sold in West Germany and are bringing complaints, it was revealed here yesterday.

When a Socialist deputy, Emmy Mayer-Laule complained in the Bonn Parliament over the sale in this city of toy aircraft bearing Nazi swastika markings, State Secretary Ludger Westrick announced on behalf of the Ministry for Economics that the toys were made in the United States. He further stated that he had begun discussions with the U.S. Embassy here over the sale of the Nazi toys.

COURT REDUCES SENTENCE OF NAZI CONVICTED FOR MURDER OF JEWS

BERLIN, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- SS Colonel Hans Himpe, who 20 years ago ordered black-shirts under his command to kill four Jews of Hirschberg, in Silesia, had his sentence for being "an accessory to murder" cut from ten to six years by a local German court.

Two days after the so-called "Roehm putsch" of 1934, the four Jews were arrested and, in accordance with the instructions transmitted by Col. Himpe, taken out of town in an automobile. On an open highway the SS men, pretending that the car was stalled, forced their unwilling passengers to leave it, then shot them down in cold blood.

The witnesses for the defense, who sought to show that Col. Himpe's murder order had been "legal," kept referring to "the Fuehrer" and "the Reich Marshall," even after the presiding judge pointedly and repeatedly told them that their meaning would be perfectly clear even if they referred simply to "Hitler" or "Goering." One of these witnesses is presently a high official in the office of the Berlin delegation in Bonn.

## JEWISH CONGRESS PROTESTS DEFERMENT OF SENATE HEARINGS ON RELIGION

NEW YORK, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress expressed its "dis-may" today at the "last-minute decision" of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights to postpone indefinitely hearings on the present state of religious freedom in America that were scheduled to open tomorrow in Washington.

Senator Thomas C. Hennings, chairman of the subcommittee, explained that the postponement had been ordered to give members more time in which to analyze the answers to questionnaires distributed to religious groups. The subcommittee promised to advise prospective witnesses of a new hearing date.

In a telegram to Senator Hennings, Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, asserted that "the announced postponement of this hearing serves to confirm our information that your committee has been subjected to pressure by sectarian groups to cancel or indefinitely postpone the hearings on freedom of religion.

"American democracy," Dr. Goldstein continued, "is based on the assumption that the people can be trusted in a discussion of all public issues and your committee has properly proceeded to act on this basis. It is unthinkable therefore that the committee should now reverse its course and yield to pressures from whatever source to suppress the open consideration of so fundamental a question as religious liberty."

The Jewish community, Dr. Goldstein pointed out, had already endorsed the purpose of the hearings and its religious spokesmen had been invited to testify. "From the outset," he added, "we had applauded the proposed hearings as a means of stimulating healthy public discussion in the American community. We still regard this as a salutary and desirable aim. As a rabbi and as president of the American Jewish Congress, I urge that your committee proceed as expeditiously as possible to reschedule the planned hearings on religious liberty."

## \$5,000,000 HISTADRUT DRIVE LAUNCHED IN U.S. TO AID ISRAEL LABOR

NEW YORK, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- The 32nd annual Israel Histadrut Campaign, seeking \$5,000,000 this year, was launched here today at a meeting of the board of directors of the National Committee for Labor Israel. Funds raised in this campaign are devoted to medical, educational and social service institutions operated in Israel by the Histadrut, its general federation of labor.

Isaac Hamlin, chairman of the executive of the committee, reported on plans prepared by the Histadrut for coping with the anticipated mass migration of Moroccan Jews to Israel. Dr. Dov Beigun, national secretary, reported on the organization's activities for the past year, while Abraham Dickenstein, president of Ampal-American Trading Corporation, analyzed the impact of the recent discovery of oil--by a firm partly financed by Ampal--on Israel's economy.

## SECRETARY OF NAVY LAUDED FOR DECISION TO GRANT COMMISSION TO LANDY

NEW YORK, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress hailed this week-end the action of Navy Secretary Charles S. Thomas in granting a commission in the United States Naval Reserve to Midshipman Eugene Landy who, several months ago, was turned down for a commission on the grounds that his mother had once been a Communist. A message from Dr. Israel Goldstein, AJC president, to Secretary Thomas said that his action, which overruled two Navy investigation boards, "effectively repudiates" the doctrine of guilt by kinship. Mr. Thomas said that he had discussed the case with Vice President Nixon.

Mr. Landy, 21, an honor graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, L. I., was denied a commission after his graduation this past August, although he personally was not involved with any organization or any activity believed to be influenced by Communists. At the time he was turned down, a Navy spokesman said that he had been too close to his mother.

Mr. Landy is now at Yale Law School, where he is studying admiralty law on a scholarship. He was second in his class and won a number of awards including one for excellence in naval science offered by the Daughters of the American Revolution. His appeal was carried forward by Adrian Unger, chairman of the New Jersey Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress.

## SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SPEAKS ON RADIO PROGRAM OF ZIONIST COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Oct. 2. (JTA) -- Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson appeared here tonight on the first of a new series of radio programs being broadcast over a local station with the cooperation of the American Zionist Council. Also present for the first program in the series, known as "The Bible in Action," was Abba Eban, Ambassador of Israel, who thanked the United States for sharing its abundance with Israel. The first program was dedicated to the Succoth festival.