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### DULLES TO RESUME TALKS WITH MOLOTOV IN GENEVA ON EGYPTIAN ARMS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- There is a good likelihood that the Soviet bloc will not send munitions to the Arab states, if major progress is made on other issues at the Geneva meeting this month of the Big Four Foreign Ministers.

This opinion was expressed today in State Department circles. The Geneva agenda does not include any discussion of the Middle East arms situation, but it is assumed that the subject will be pursued privately by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles with Soviet Foreign Minister V. Molotov. Secretary Dulles is definitely expected to continue his pressure on the Soviet Union to call off the Communist arms deal with Egypt.

The general impression here is that the deal by Czechoslovakia to supply arms to Egypt and possibly also to other Arab countries may affect East-West relations in general and especially the forthcoming Geneva parley. American officials see in the Soviet bloc's agreement to arm the Arabs a major test of Soviet intentions.

### JEWISH LEADERS SHARE U. S. CONCERN OVER SOVIET-EGYPTIAN ARMS DEAL

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The presidents of seventeen major American Jewish organizations declared in a joint statement today that they share Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' concern over Egypt's arms agreement with a Communist state and warned that it "can only prejudice peace in the Middle East and have adverse effects on the security of the free world." The statement called on the United States Government to impress "on the Cairo Government and on any other government of like disposition anywhere in the world, that we shall not succumb to pressure on matters of conscience and higher self-interest."

The statement, issued here, reads as follows:

"The profound concern of Secretary Dulles over the Egyptian agreement for the purchase, from Communist sources, of arms vastly in excess of her normal requirements is shared by all Americans. Its implications for the interests of democracy in the Middle East are obvious. This offer of arms to Egypt by a Communist state is particularly shocking to Americans, coming as it does at a time when, with the active leadership of our government, supported by the entire American people, an arms limitation program is given serious consideration by the Big Powers.

"As presidents of major Jewish organizations, we speak for a segment of our citizenry that has followed most closely events in the Middle East and has been continually concerned over the effect of these events on the interests of our people and country, and on the fate of Israel which has carried democracy into a region of the world that can benefit immeasurably from a true application of the principles of freedom and equality of man.

#### Stress Hostile Intent of Egyptian Rulers Toward Israel

"The Egyptian Government's hostile intent with regard to Israel has never been concealed by Cairo's rulers, and it is clear, therefore, that her arms agreement with a Communist government can only prejudice peace in the Middle East and have adverse effects on the security interests of the free world.

"It is our belief and conviction that the Government of the United States, acting courageously and with dispatch, will succeed in impressing on the Cairo Government, and on any other government of like disposition anywhere in the world, that we shall not succumb to pressures on matters of conscience and higher self-interest. As Americans, we pledge our utmost support in the pursuance of such policy to its successful consummation.

"Motivated by these principles, and by our profound kinship as Jews with a people with whom we share a common faith and culture, we have consistently supported the progress and development of Israel. We shall continue this fruitful cooperation so that Israel, whose democratic devotion is organic, not to be bartered or traded, shall ultimately be able to play its role, to the optimum of its ability, in preserving the ideals it shares with our country, our people, and all free nations."

The statement was signed by the following presidents of major Jewish organizations: Joseph S. Barr, Jewish War Veterans of the U. S.; Rabbi Philip Bernstein, American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs; Joseph Breslaw, American Trade Union Council

for Labor Israel; Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Moses I. Feuerstein, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Jewish Agency for Palestine; Dr. Israel Goldstein, American Jewish Congress; Adolph Held, Jewish Labor Committee; Mrs. Moise Kahn, National Council of Jewish Women; Rabbi Max Kirshblum, Mizrahi Organization of America; Philip Klutznick, B'nai B'rith; Mortimer May, Zionist Organization of America; Rabbi Irving Miller, American Zionist Council; Charles Rosenzarten, United Synagogue of America; Dr. Herman Seidel, Central Committee, Labor Zionist Organization of America; Mrs. Rebecca Shulman, Hadassah; Bernard H. Trager, National Community Relations Advisory Council.

#### SHARETT, BEN GURION REPORT ON EGYPTIAN-COMMUNIST ARMS DEAL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Premier Moshe Sharett and Premier-designate David Ben Gurion reported to the Parliamentary Security and Foreign Affairs Committee today on the Egyptian arms situation as well as developments referring to Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal and the entrance to the Gulf of Akaba.

Mr. Ben Gurion, who is Defense Minister, also elaborated on a report on the status of Israel's armaments and its arms industry given earlier this week by Shimon Peress, director general of the Defense Ministry. Mr. Peress, who reported great progress in equipping Israel's armed forces, noted however that Israel must now speed up its equipment program to meet the challenge of the Communist bloc's supplying Egypt with munitions.

#### BRITAIN DECIDES TO KEEP CONTACT WITH U.S. ON EGYPTIAN ARMS ISSUE

LONDON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The British Cabinet was understood today to have decided to maintain the closest contact with the United States Government on the Egyptian arms situation, following the presentation of a report by Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan, who had just returned from Washington where he had conferred with Secretary of State Dulles, French Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay and Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov over the matter.

In the past there have been hints of divergencies between the U.S. and Britain over Middle Eastern policy, particularly over U.S. moves in relation to Egypt without prior consultation with the British Government. This feeling, it is understood, was not altogether erased by last week's joint Dulles-Macmillan statements on the Middle East.

Meanwhile, Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath called today on Foreign Under Secretary Evelyn Shuckburgh who gave Mr. Elath an "explanation" of the recent Foreign Ministers' meeting in the U.S., which he attended. Mr. Elath is believed to have given the British diplomat Israel's views on the Czech-Egyptian arms deal.

#### WASHINGTON ALLEGATIONS ON ISRAEL'S ARMED STRENGTH ARE REFUTED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Israel circles in Washington today refuted allegations by State Department sources that Israel possesses more military equipment than the Arab League combined and that Egypt has told the truth in describing its arms supply as inferior to that of Israel.

State Department sources have told newsmen here that a danger of Israel "preventive war" against Egypt really exists. These sources alleged that the United States Government knows the Israel Army to be stronger than the combined Arab forces and that Egypt has a right to redress the "imbalance." It is felt by these sources, however, that Egypt could have improved its military strength through Western connections rather than resorting to a deal with the Communist bloc.

It has been learned, however, that the Egyptian defense budget is three times as large as that of Israel. Egypt has British jet aircraft numbering between 80 and 100 while Israel has only approximately one-fourth that number. Israel has fewer than one-half of Egypt's 300 Sherman tanks. Egypt is also known to have recently purchased 200 tanks from Belgium. Equipment bought by Egypt from Spain includes mortars and 2,400 heavy and light machineguns.

Thirty-two of 64 British Centurion tanks bought by Egypt from England have already been delivered. Despite Egypt's Communist deal, England will deliver the rest as well as a number of jet fighters now on order. The Centurion is superior to any tank in the Israel armored force. Both Israel and Egypt have been revealed to be negotiating to purchase self-propelled anti-tank guns from France. The French guns are of a new design and pack an unprecedented punch.

Reports have told of Czech intentions to supply Egypt with hundreds of Stalin tanks and 100 MIG jet fighters. Israel feels that the new flow of arms to Egypt will definitely encourage Egyptian aggressive inclinations. She is, therefore, renewing her request for American military aid, a request which has been deferred by the State Department for over three years.

#### POLICE IN TUNIS CHECK LOOTERS OF JEWISH STORES; SEVERAL INJURED

TUNIS, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Several members of a band of Moslems were wounded today when they attempted to loot Jewish stores. The police were compelled to open fire. A number of the looters were arrested.

KNESSET SUMMONED FOR NEXT WEEK; PRESENTATION OF NEW CABINET EXPECTED

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The Parliament of Israel has been called back into session on Wednesday, October 12, it was announced here today. It is believed that Premier-designate David Ben Gurion will have his coalition government ready for presentation to the Knesset by that date.

Meanwhile, a committee representing the five groups who now appear to be ready to form a coalition--the Mapai, Mapam, Achdut Avodah, Progressive and Religious Bloc--met today to attempt to settle various of the differences which still have not been ironed out among them. The "basic divergencies" between the religious group and the other parties include the matter of religious education, "self-determination" for immigrants and the breeding of hogs.

On the last point, no progress toward agreement seems to have been made, but on the immigrant question it has been agreed that newcomers will be permitted to choose the settlement of which they will become members. On the education question, "some progress" has been reported. Mr. Ben Gurion will sum up the remaining differences in writing and will then ask each of the parties to comment on his summation.

ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL ANNOUNCE STAND TOWARD JOHNSTON PLAN

LONDON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministers of Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon will announce in Cairo Saturday whether or not they will accept the American-sponsored Johnston plan for development of the Jordan River. Political circles believe they will reject the Johnston plan because of Israel-Egyptian clashes and Arab resentment over American opposition to the Egyptian-Czechoslovakian arms deal.

Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Near East, disclosed yesterday he revised the Johnston plan to meet suggestions by Arab water experts that, among other things, a reservoir originally planned for the Yarmuk at Wadi Khalel would be built instead at Makarin in Arab territory.

From Tel Aviv it was reported today that Israel will resume work on her own national water development program if, as has been reported, the Arab states reject the Johnston plan for hydroelectric development of the Jordan River.

AUSTRIAN CABINET TO RE-INTRODUCE LAW RESTORING PROPERTY TO NAZIS

VIENNA, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- With the Four Power occupation of Austria at an end, the Austrian Cabinet decided yesterday to re-introduce in Parliament Nazi amnesty laws repeatedly passed by that body but just as often rejected by the Allied Council during the occupation.

At a meeting of the Cabinet, Chancellor Julius Raab and his Minister of Finance, Reinhard Kamitz, were authorized to present to Parliament legislation restoring pension and property rights and the Minister of Interior, Oskar Helmer, was instructed to introduce legislation to amend the constitution and return to citizenship Nazis and other Fascists who were specifically barred by postwar legislation and court action.

Specifically, these measures would restore property to Nazis and Aryanizers which had been transferred to the Austrian Government by People's Courts after the liberation of Austria. It would also restore pensions to civil servants who had been Nazis and as such had been punished by the postwar government. These provisions would apply only to those Nazis who had been amnestied, a process which has been going on for years and which will be speeded up by the new constitutional amendments authorized at the same Cabinet meeting yesterday.

Arguments offered by Austrian political leaders for this position, is that now that Nazi victims are to receive indemnification, "equality" must be established for former Austrian Nazis. The reference to indemnification of Nazi victims is the means used by Austrian political leaders to couple the agreement with the Jewish Claims Committee, with measures to aid former Nazis.

In the constitutional amendments restoring citizenship, provision is made not only for members of the Nazi Party as such, but also for members of the "Austrian Legion" who lost their citizenship under the Schuschnigg regime because they had immigrated to Germany where they formed the core of the movement which was to undermine Austrian sovereignty and pave the way for Hitler's triumphal march into Austria and the "Anschluss." Also to benefit under this measure will be Austrians who participated in Hitler's Munich beer parlor putsch and were subsequently honored by the Nazis as members of the "Order of the Blood."

LAST MINUTE NEWS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador to Israel Edward B. Lawson left Israel suddenly tonight for Beirut, Lebanon, for an urgent meeting with George F. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, who just met in Cairo with Egyptian Premier Nasser in an effort to convince him to cancel the arms deal with Czechoslovakia. The official announcement by the United States Embassy of Mr. Lawson's departure said that the meeting was being held at the request of Mr. Allen.

### COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN HOLDS THREE-DAY MEETING ON WELFARE, EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Developments affecting health, welfare and education in the United States, as well as progress made in the development of educational and social welfare services in Israel and other Jewish communities abroad, were considered here today at the opening session of the three-day meeting of the board of directors of the National Council of Jewish Women.

The Council sponsors more than 800 local health, welfare and educational projects in American communities. Through its overseas services program, the Council offers scholarships for advanced study at American universities to qualified students in fields of social welfare from Jewish communities all over the world; supports the School of Education of Hebrew University in Jerusalem, where Israel's high school teachers are trained; and sends needed materials to children's homes and camps in Israel and North Africa.

### GOVERNOR DEWEY VISITS ISRAEL; IMPRESSED WITH CROPS; MEETS BEN GURION

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York arrived in Israel yesterday for a three-day visit. Mr. Dewey toured Negev sites, including Nachal Oz, an Israel village on the Gaza border, and Heletz, site of Israel's first oil well. He also toured the Lachish development area southwest of Jerusalem and was impressed with the crops growing there. Today he met with Premier Sharett and Mr. Ben Gurion.

Rep. Francis E. Walter, chairman of the House Immigration Subcommittee and author of a plan for United States assistance, through the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration, to North African Jews desiring to go to Israel, is expected here next Sunday. During a nine-day visit, as a guest of the Israel Government, he will study the Jewish State's immigration and absorption program.

### PLAQUE HONORING EMMA LAZARUS UNVEILED AT BATTERY PARK IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- A plaque honoring Emma Lazarus, noted American Jewish poetess whose tribute to America as the refuge of the oppressed is inscribed in part on the Statue of Liberty, was unveiled at Battery Park yesterday.

The plaque was presented by Ida Cook Farber, president of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, to N. Y. Park Commissioner Robert Moses who accepted it in behalf of New York City. The plaque is set in a stone which was a gift of the State of Israel to the Sisterhood of Spanish and Portuguese Synagogues.

### N. Y. SQUARE NAMED "UNITED HIAS SERVICE PLACE"; MARKS FUND DRIVE

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Jewish communal leaders this morning witnessed the changing of the name of Astor Place to United Hias Service Place, as part of the ceremonies for October which has been proclaimed by Mayor Robert F. Wagner as "United Hias Service Month" during which the Jewish international migration agency will conduct a campaign for funds. Officiating at the ceremony were Hulan Jack, Borough President of Manhattan; Ben Touster, president of United Hias; and Rep. Arthur G. Klein.

### WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS HOLDS MEMORIAL IN NEW YORK FOR LATE DR. BAROU

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Western Hemisphere executive of the World Jewish Congress, today paid tribute to the late Dr. Noah Barou of London for his "monumental service" to the Jewish people. Dr. Barou, chairman of the European executive of the World Jewish Congress and one of the founders of the organization, died on September 5. Eulogizing the Jewish leader at a memorial session, Dr. Goldstein said:

"Dr. Barou's last monumental service was in some respects his greatest. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who was credited with having been the leading figure in the negotiations with the Federal German Republic, which resulted in the Luxembourg Agreements, has generously given Dr. Barou the credit for having initiated the idea, having persistently urged its feasibility, in having assiduously promoted initial contacts with the leaders of Western Germany."

### DEWEY STONE ILL; POSTPONES TRIP TO J. D. C. CONFERENCE IN PARIS

BOSTON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the United Israel Appeal, who was scheduled to leave October 8 for a Joint Distribution Committee conference in Paris and a United Jewish Appeal study mission in Israel, has postponed his departure because of illness. He will leave instead by air on October 14.

### DR. MAX WEISER APPOINTED HONORARY CONSUL OF ISRAEL IN ECUADOR

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The appointment of Dr. Max Weiser as Honorary Consul of Israel in Ecuador, was announced here today. Dr. Weiser, who was born in Stanislaw, Poland, in 1912, is an industrialist, a specialist on cooperatives and a community leader. He has represented the Government of Ecuador at an International Conference on Cooperatives and has traveled throughout South America on behalf of the Joint Distribution Committee.