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## STATE DEPT. STARTS PREPARATIONS FOR EISENHOWER-EDEN MID-EAST TALKS

— WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. (JTA) — Internal consultations on the Arab-Israel situation were held at the State Department today with Henry A. Byroade, American Ambassador to Egypt, participating. The staff talks were in preparation for the arrival here of Evelyn Shuckburgh, chief policy adviser on Middle Eastern affairs of the British Foreign Office.

British and American specialists on the Middle East will meet here on Wednesday immediately following Mr. Shuckburgh's arrival in Washington. They will prepare information on Middle East problems that might be needed in the course of the talks between President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden which are to open here on January 30.

State Department and British sources agree that the question of Arab-Israel peace will be discussed on Wednesday but indicate that no concrete plans have yet been advanced toward this end by either the United States or the United Kingdom. Both nations have ideas that might contribute toward Middle East peace, it was said. Definite proposals, however, will only emerge from the top-level meeting itself, according to sources representing both governments.

A reliable source has reported that Ambassador Byroade, who is in Washington for consultations, will see President Eisenhower in the near future to report on Middle East conditions. Mr. Byroade, according to this source, is urging that the United States either reject Israel's arms list or postpone action on it. His view is said to be that a supply of American arms to Israel would upset American efforts to woo Egypt away from Communist influence and would increase chances of regional warfare.

British diplomatic sources here, meanwhile, disparaged reports of Arab-Israel peace plan to be effected within six months and allegations that Britain would seek American pressure on Israel aimed at securing Israel concessions. These sources maintained that such reports were "wholly fictional" or speculative at best. It was claimed that such matters are questions of high policy that will not emerge until Prime Minister Eden actually meets with President Eisenhower.

## ISRAEL PARLIAMENT VOTES SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT'S SECURITY POLICY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) — The present security policy of the Israel Government, as well as its foreign affairs policy, was approved today in the Knesset by a substantial majority. Three separate opposition motions of non-confidence were defeated. They were introduced separately by the Communist, Herut and General Zionist factions. The vote came at the close of a debate which has been adjourned from last week.

Winding up the debate, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett pledged that Israel will do everything possible to save the peace. He deprecated the trend to panic "in certain circles," but warned that Israel would fight, if necessary, "as no other nation" would.

He told the House that Israel wanted a security pact with the United States, but that this would not substitute for arms which must, because of the acquisition of new weapons by Egypt, be given priority. He said that such a pact was under consideration, adding that during his recent talks in Washington he had said that a pact in itself was not enough.

Referring to the Johnston Plan for regional development of the Jordan Valley, he reported that the Israel Government had agreed to it in principle. He said the Arabs had withheld their reply and are now on the verge of rejecting the Johnston Plan. Telling the House of the resolution on Israel adopted at the merger convention of the AFL-CIO, he praised both George Meany and Walther Reuther.

Mr. Sharett rejected any suggestion that Israel accept the return of the Arab refugees, insisting that the Israel Government does not regard this as a contribution to a solution of the problem. He referred to the government's policy of reuniting families separated by the War of Liberation and intimated this would be broadened, but stated flatly that the government would not accept responsibility for resettling the refugees.

## SHIP CARRYING BRITISH WEAPONS FOR EGYPT LEAVES ENGLISH PORT

LONDON, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- An Egyptian freighter sailed from Liverpool for Alexandria last night with a cargo of 1,000 tons of British weapons supplied to the Cairo regime by the British Government.

Mrs. Elizabeth Braddock, an MP from Liverpool, addressing a Zionist meeting in that city yesterday, charged that there was a "racket" in the Ministry of Supply involving arms for Egypt, and expressed the hope that the matter would be brought to the attention of the public. A resolution adopted at the meeting welcomed the government's decision to publish a White Paper on arms shipments to the Middle East and hoped that the outcome would be measures to guarantee Israel's security and the establishment of peace in the Middle East.

Middle East problems, specifically the British supply of tanks to that area, continued as a dominant theme in the editorials of the press today. Meanwhile, it is understood that the government White Paper on arms shipments to Middle East states will be limited to the "surplus" sales through which many Valentine (light) tanks have reached Egypt and not to the government-to-government shipments which involve the Centurion (heavy) tanks which have considerably more military significance than the lighter vehicles.

## ISRAELI ARABS COOPERATE WITH ARAB GANGS FROM SURROUNDING COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- A special investigating committee appointed by Premier David Ben Gurion to inquire into the activities of Arab gangs from nearby countries which operate in Israel has heard testimony that these gangs have the close cooperation of some Israeli Arabs, it was learned today. The committee, which began its hearings several weeks ago, has another two or three weeks of work before it reports to Mr. Ben Gurion.

Thus far, the committee has heard testimony from a variety of Israelis, Jews and Arabs alike. Among those who testified were Interior Minister Israel Bar Yehuda, Development Minister Mordecai Bentov, Arab deputies in Parliament and other Arab representatives. The witnesses have given information of smuggling activities, thefts and several cases of murder of Israel citizens. The report, it is understood, will contain the names of some of the Israeli Arabs who cooperated and the specific times and places of such collaboration.

## EGYPTIAN ESPIONAGE GROUP INTERCEPTED BY ISRAELIS; TWO SPIES KILLED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The fifth Egyptian espionage group in a month was intercepted by an Israeli patrol north of the Gaza strip yesterday and the two Egyptians were killed in a running gun duel with the Israeli soldiers. The two were found to be armed with Sten guns and to have in their possession lists of Israeli military vehicular movements along roads in southern Israel.

Several days before, another "scouting" group of three Egyptians was intercepted and two were killed in a fight with the patrol. The third member, captured alive, freely admitted that they had been sent into Israel by Egyptian military authorities in the Gaza strip to spy out Israeli Army vehicle movements.

Late yesterday, a twin-engine Dakota plane with Egyptian markings flew over the Eilat area at a height of about 5,000 feet. The plane violated Israel air space at midday.

## U. N. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL IN 1956

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Increased Israel contributions to the United Nations technical assistance program and an expansion of the UN assistance program in Israel was announced here today by Dr. Hart Shaaf, resident representative of the UN Technical Assistance Bureau.

For 1956, he said, 42 experts from abroad will visit Israel to assist in many fields and with a variety of programs, while 41 Israeli fellows will go abroad to aid other countries. This contrasts with 32 experts coming here last year and 39 Israelis going abroad. The program for 1956 will cost some \$401,000, he said, as compared to the \$286,000 spent last year.

The program is financed by voluntary contributions from participating countries, 22 of whom increased their pledges this year. Israel will increase its contribution by 80 percent this year, the largest percentage increase of any participating country.

## ISRAEL GREET'S SUDAN'S INDEPENDENCE; SUDAN MAY JOIN ARAB LEAGUE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett has cabled his government's felicitation to the newly-independent state of Sudan, it was announced today.

(From Cairo it was reported that Premier Ismail el Azhari of Sudan today indicated that his newly independent nation will soon join the Arab League alignment against Israel. He said that he and his ministers have agreed that Sudan, an Arab state, must join the League and will do so as soon as the chief of the new state is elected.)

The ruler of Bahrain was reported here today as having issued a decree prohibiting his subjects from trading with Israel. He took this step in connection with Arab League endeavors to prevent oil from Bahrain from reaching the Haifa refinery.

## GERMAN ASSUMES CONTROL OVER CONCENTRATION CAMP ARCHIVES

BONN, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- For the first time, a German has assumed control of the International Tracing Service at Arolsen, where ten million documents and twenty million index cards pertaining to concentration camp prisoners are stored and catalogued for reference purposes.

The archives are located in the North Hesse town of Arolsen, where a staff of more than 200 answers some 10,000 queries a month concerned with the reunion of families separated by Nazi persecution, with questions of personal status and with indemnification matters. Founded by UNRRA shortly after the war and then continued by the Allied High Commission, the Tracing Service is now under the custody of the International Red Cross and administered by an international commission consisting of nine countries, Israel as well as West Germany among them. The commission chairmanship rotates quarterly.

From January through March, the chairman is Dr. Hardo Brueckner, a German civil servant taken over by the Foreign Office from the financial administration. The other two German members of the commission are Professor H. Grewe and Counsellor W. Hergt. Since Israel follows Germany in the alphabetical listing of participating nations, Dr. Brueckner's successor as chairman of the international commission will be Yeshayahu Anug, chief of the Consular Section of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Cologne.

## Z. O. A. DISCUSSES PROBLEMS FACING FORTHCOMING WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Problems facing the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, which is scheduled to be held in April in Jerusalem, were discussed here yesterday at a meeting of the national executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America. Jacques Torczyner, who led the discussion, claimed that calling the World Zionist Congress under extraordinary circumstances and at an earlier date than originally planned creates many problems.

"While it is a wonderful opportunity to express the solidarity of world Jewry with the State of Israel, the congress will be overshadowed by Israel's political and security problems," Mr. Torczyner stated. "The 24th Zionist Congress meets five years after the preceding one and many things have happened since then which have neither strengthened the movement nor increased its influence."

"What is really needed," he continued, "is a congress that could devote itself less to organizational and structural questions and more to the framing of a program of action and activity the world over: an increase of cultural and educational activity in the communities of the Diaspora, the creation of instruments to integrate Jews all over the world into a Movement that believes in Jewish survival as a people. We wonder if there will be time for such discussions and if the congress will not be used, instead, only as a propaganda platform, dominated by Israel's external and internal problems."

Rabbi I. Usher of Kirshblum, national ZOA membership chairman, reported an upswing in membership since September. He announced that as of January 1 the organization was ahead by some 6,000 members as compared with the same date of the previous year. For the past three months over 50,000 members were enrolled including 5,602 brand new members.

Dr. Sidney Marks, ZOA executive director, presented an organizational report indicating marked progress in the activities and achievements of all departments of the organization. He reported that the newly established ZOA committee to study the fundamental problems confronting American Zionism under the chairmanship of Rabbi Joseph P. Sternstein of Dayton, Ohio, will shortly present a basic statement to the full committee meeting in New York on February 22.

### British Zionists Seek Delay on Date of World Zionist Congress

LONDON, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The World Zionist Executive was urged today, by the Zionist Federation of Britain, to delay its decision on the date of the forthcoming World Zionist Congress until the executive's next meeting January 25. If that is not possible, the British group said, then it would abide by the majority decision to hold the Congress in April.

The Federation, in a statement published today, said that the solidarity of Jews abroad with Israel was such that there was no need to hold a congress to rally it, nor to inform world Jewry of something it already knows: that Israel's security situation is grave. But, the statement continues, the congress must allow ample time to consider the problems of the world Zionist movement and cannot put off consideration of them for another four years, as it did in 1951; nor can these problems be given cursory treatment "sandwiched between speeches" on Israel's security.

Finally, the statement suggested that an emergency meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee would serve very well to consider the immediate needs of Israel and would thus allow the convening of the world congress at its "proper time and to fulfill its proper tasks."

## ISRAELI PHYSICIANS FIND METHOD TO DETERMINE SEX OF UNBORN CHILDREN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- A method for determining the sex of unborn children has been developed by three doctors working at the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem; it was revealed in a report to both institutions published today.

The method depends upon the examination of the type of cells present in the amniotic fluid, the fluid surrounding the embryo. The percentage of certain specialized cells given off by the embryo and found in this fluid differs for each sex. An examination of the fluid in 20 cases resulted in accurate predictions every time. The investigation is being extended to include examination of the fluid at every stage of pregnancy.

The doctors who carried through the research, all between 27 and 31 years of age, are: Dr. David Serr, of Leeds, England, now connected with the Hadassah; Dr. Leo Sachs, of Cambridge, England, now with the Weizmann Institute, and Dr. Mathilde Danon of Geneva University, now at the Weizmann Institute.

## CHICAGO NON-JEWISH WAITER BEQUEATHS \$40,000 TO STATE OF ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- A Chicago waiter, a non-Jew, has made the State of Israel his beneficiary for a bequest of \$40,000, it was revealed here today when the Israel Government reported on contributions it has received from abroad, many from non-Jews.

The government refused to divulge the name of the waiter because he is still alive. The Treasury has been told that he still works two or three days a week so as to earn enough to live on without having to touch the \$40,000.

## NEW YORK STATE COMMISSION AGAINST BIAS URGED TO START OWN PROBES

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- A proposal that the State Commission Against Discrimination should initiate its own investigations of bias in employment, possibly on an industry-wide basis where conditions indicate discrimination, was made here last night by Charles Abrams, chairman of the commission. Mr. Abrams, who has held his post for only three weeks, spoke at the Workmen's Circle Division of the Jewish Labor Committee.

He also suggested that complaints where violations occur should be encouraged. The Commission receives only 350 complaints a year. Mr. Abrams proposed further that the commission should cooperate with city agencies and city-sponsored programs aimed at improving human relations, and that it should assume responsibility for all facets of minority problems, even where it has no power to act, to publicize violations so they can be corrected.

## JEWS IN U.S., CANADA, PANAMA SEND FUNDS FOR FLOODED SYNAGOGUES

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Individuals and synagogues in various parts of the United States and in Canada and Panama have contributed to a fund for the restoration of synagogues damaged by floods in Connecticut last year, it was announced here today by Louis Feinmark, president of the Connecticut Community Relations Council, which administers the fund.

Funds received in response to appeals in behalf of the damaged synagogues in Winsted, Putnam and Ansonia have reached \$12,000. With what the congregations of the damaged buildings have contributed themselves, the reconstruction fund now stands at some \$30,000. The estimate of damage to the structures comes to \$60,000.

## ARGENTINE JEWISH LEADERS VISIT BRITISH AND FRENCH ENVOYS ON ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- A delegation of top Argentine Jewish leaders visited the British and French Ambassadors here yesterday to seek the assistance of their governments in ending fission and bringing peace to the Middle East. The delegation consisted of members of the DAIA, Argentine Jewry's central representative organization, and the Zionist Central Council.

The delegation first called on British Ambassador Sir Francis Evans to express concern over the sale of armaments to Arab countries. The second call was on French Ambassador Philip Baudet to ask that Paris intervene with both parties in behalf of direct peace talks. Both interviews were very cordial, the delegation members reported. The Argentine press, meanwhile, has expressed sympathy for Israel's cause and for its efforts in behalf of peace.

The four principal Argentinian non-Zionist and Zionist organizations have issued a statement here strongly criticizing the anti-Israel remarks made by Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev in an address before the Supreme Soviet. At a press conference here, the organizations declared their hope that the democratic conscience of the free world would mobilize against what they termed "this new historical forgery."