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## EMERGENCY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ASKS U. S. TREATY, ARMS FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- A national emergency conference convoked by the presidents of 17 American Jewish organizations to consider the present Israel situation issued a declaration tonight calling for a United States security treaty to safeguard Arab-Israel peace and for the sale of arms to Israel to balance the flow of Communist munitions to Egypt.

The conference, concluding two days of deliberations, went on record as opposing any plan for peace in the Middle East which would involve the territorial dismemberment of the State of Israel, holding that it would have the same catastrophic implications as the sacrifice of Czechoslovakia to Hitler.

In the declaration adopted, the conference urged that "in the forthcoming talks between President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Eden, we urge our Government to make it unequivocally clear that we will not participate in any program which requires the truncation or mutilation of Israel."

The conference also called upon the State Department to inform the Arab diplomats in this country that anti-Jewish propaganda activities aimed at setting American against American would not be tolerated. It protested against Arab boycott operations and the denial of visas to American Jews by certain Arab League states.

### Sen. Sparkman Assails Administration Policy

Sen. John J. Sparkman of Alabama sharply attacked the Middle East policies of the Administration. He said he had not been able to ascertain just what that policy was and expressed hope that "it will not be another daring attempt to bring us to the brink of war. This could indeed be a most daring venture which could easily produce war." He called on Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to put into effect in the Middle East his avowed policy of "impartial friendship."

Addressing the conference at its closing session, the Alabama Senator warned against Soviet penetration of the Middle East as detrimental to American interests, world peace, and Israel's immediate survival. He condemned Egypt's Communist arms deal, saying that Egypt "apparently opposes our efforts to organize the free world defense in that area."

Commenting on President Eisenhower's state of the Union message, Sen. Sparkman referred to the threat of Communist military power and the need to maintain an effective system of collective security. Speaking of the Near East, he said "surely that statement by the President must apply to an area where Communist military power is making new and menacing appearances." He expressed hope the President would move swiftly to implement the State of the Union declaration of intent. He urged the opening of the Suez Canal to Israel maritime traffic.

Philip M. Klutznick, world president of B'nai B'rith, chairman of the dinner tonight, told the conference that the real issue was the determination of Col. Nasser of Egypt and other Arab leaders to destroy Israel. He warned that "we cannot and must not in our own interest permit Egypt or the Arab nations to become so strong in military strength as to be tempted to wipe out" Israel. He said that until the military balance is re-established by military arms supplies and operative agreements, the aim of peace was elusive.

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, chairman of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, told the conference that "the excuses now given for not aiding Israel to survive are reminiscent of wartime explanations of alleged Western geopolitical needs which condemned untold numbers of Jews to a needle-point doom."

He said "the lack of positive, helpful action by the United States weakens the moderates and plays into the hands of the extremists. Every reasonable person is opposed to war, in Israel as here; but sometimes life forces its own logic, sometimes makes people act out of desperation. Time is running out. To meet these dangers I urge wise, early helpful action by the United States Government." He said "the United States should not surrender to blackmail."

Joseph Breslaw, chairman of the American Trade Union Council for Labor Israel, said "we are confident that the powerful voice of 15,000,000 American workers will be heard by our Government" and Israel will be given the opportunity to defend itself against aggression.

## Dr. Goldstein Hits Arab "Export" of Anti-Semitism to U.S.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, told the conference that the effect of Arab policy is not only to discriminate against Jewish American citizens in Arab states but "to export anti-Semitism to the United States." He called on the State Department "to reassert the fundamental rights of American citizens."

Dr. Goldstein said "American Jewish citizens have the right to expect their government to protect their dignity, their good name and their right to travel and to engage in commerce on an equal footing with citizens of other faiths." He accused the Arab League of seeking to build up an international conspiracy against the Jewish people. "Despising the Arab boycott of business firms," he said that as of two months ago 44 American firms were on the Arab League black-list.

## Council for Judaism Asks Dulles to Ignore Conference

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism urged Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today to ignore the conference of 17 major Jewish organizations which has asked the United States to sell military supplies to Israel. The delegation met with Mr. Dulles for 45 minutes and later the group spent time in the office of the Near Eastern Division of the State Department.

Clarence L. Coleman, Jr., ACJ president, said he cautioned Mr. Dulles that "should an American policy eventually be based upon Zionist partisan interests which are committed to Israel and should that policy prove injurious to the long-term interests of our beloved country, serious consequences for American Jews might follow; consequences which we are convinced American Jews are not prepared to risk in behalf of a foreign state."

Asked if he was satisfied with Mr. Dulles' response, Mr. Coleman said "no comment." When asked about Mr. Dulles' reaction, he said he was not free to quote it.

## U. S. ZIONISTS TO GREET EDEN WITH PROTESTS AGAINST "APPEASEMENT"

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Zionist groups in all parts of the country will hold protest meetings and rallies to protest British Prime Minister Eden's proposals to "appease Arab dictators at the expense of Israel's territory" on January 30, the day Sir Anthony arrives in Washington to begin conferences with President Eisenhower, the Zionist Organization of America announced here today.

January 30th has been set aside as a "Day of Mobilization," in a proclamation by Mortimer May, ZOA president, which urges American Jews to rally mass support for security measures for Israel. "Let an appeal go out to the leaders of our country to reject any proposal to despoil Israel of her inheritance, whittle down her strength and leave her to the mercy of her enemies," the proclamation declared. "Let the voice of our people be heard, so that justice be done to the State of Israel and the honor of the United States upheld."

## SECURITY COUNCIL FAILS TO AGREE ON ISRAEL CENSURE RESOLUTION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council failed tonight to secure agreement on the text of a resolution condemning Israel for the Lake Tiberias incident of December 11, despite concessions by the Western Powers to the Soviet Union and other Council members who wanted a more drastic condemnation than the Big Three draft provided. As a result, the Council will go into session again tomorrow morning in an effort to agree on a censure text.

One amendment which Sir Pierson Dixon, of Britain, announced for the Western Powers tonight was the insertion of the words "under the Charter" to describe the action which the Security Council would consider in the event of further acts of aggression by Israel. Arkady A. Sobolev, the Soviet delegate, had challenged the Western Powers to specify the action as invocation of Article 39 of the Charter -- the section which deals with sanctions.

The Western Powers also agreed to take over an Iranian amendment which would have required Israel to release all Syrian military prisoners immediately, but modified this to require Syria, as well as Israel, to arrange with the United Nations truce chief for the release of all military prisoners.

A determined effort by Iran to secure deletion of a section of the Western draft which noted Syrian provocations in the Lake Tiberias region was rejected by the Western Powers. Herve Alphand of France pointed out that a "just balance" had to be maintained and there was a limit to the concessions the West could make.

Submitted to the Council today was a new draft resolution sponsored by Yugoslavia which, though described as a "compromise," between the Western and Soviet positions, accepted in principle the Soviet insistence that Israel's "aggression" entailed the responsibility for paying compensation to Syria.

During an acrimonious debate, Mr. Sobolev accused Israel of having been hostile to its neighbors from the first day of its existence, "repeating the accusation against Israel voiced two weeks ago by Moscow's Communist chief, Nikita Khrushchev. Mr. Alphand inferentially accused the Soviet Union of using the present situation for propaganda purposes by declaring that "the Council should not be used to promote particular interests or as a springboard for facile propaganda."

## LABORITES TO CHALLENGE ENTIRE BRITISH MIDDLE EAST POLICY IN DEBATE

LONDON, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- British Labor Party leaders indicated today they intend to develop next Tuesday's debate in the House of Commons on the Government's White Paper on disposal of war surplus materiel into a wide ranging probe of Britain's Middle East policies, particularly its handling of the Arab conflict.

The White Paper, scheduled to be issued before the end of the week, was approved by the Cabinet yesterday. The paper will report at length on the disposal of tanks and other war equipment, large quantities of which have been reaching Egypt through Belgium. The Eden Government's handling of the surplus tanks issue aroused a storm of protest in the country.

The Laborites are expected to press the government to make a new approach to the Soviet Union for an embargo on arms to the Middle East, or, failing this, to see that Israel gets arms from the West to balance those of the Arab States.

Little hope, however, is held out that the debate will produce positive commitments from the Government. Both Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, and Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Minister, who will bear the brunt of the debate for the government, will leave immediately after the debate for talks in Washington. One of their major objectives is achievement of a common, Anglo-American policy on the Middle East. They are not likely to pledge themselves in advance to any particular course of action.

Eliahu Elath, the Israel Ambassador, will see Mr. Lloyd tomorrow at the Foreign Office by an appointment fixed at the Israeli's request. It is understood the meeting is in connection with the forthcoming Washington talks.

## ISRAEL GENERAL ZIONISTS AND HERUT EXPLORE MERGER POSSIBILITIES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The General Zionist and Herut Parties have each designated three representatives to open negotiations leading to a merger of the two parties, the Jerusalem Post reported here. An invitation to negotiate was extended to the Herut Party by Dr. Peretz Bernstein, president of the General Zionists, after the central committee of his organizations had considered a merger proposal made by Menachem Beigin, the Herut leader.

The General Zionists have named Yosef Saphir and Yosef Serlin, Knesset deputies, and Abraham Krintzi, mayor of Ramat Gan, to meet with the Herut representatives, Mr. Beigin, Yohannan Bader and Arie Ben-Eliezer, the paper reported.

## ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAFLETS FOUND IN ISRAELI CRATES ROUTED TO U. S. S. R.

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Israeli police opened an intensive investigation today of the placing of anti-Communist leaflets, printed in Russian, in cases of oranges being readied here for shipment to the Soviet Union. Informed sources said the leaflets did not originate in Israel. They were found in a Rehovot packing house.

## UNESCO, TECHNION REACH AGREEMENT ON SENDING EXPERTS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- A plan for leading experts in different scientific and technical fields to go to Israel for several months each year for a five-year period as permanent visiting professors at the Israel Institute of Technology has been worked out by the Technion and the United Nations Scientific, Educational and Cultural Organization, it was announced here today by David Rose, president of the American Technion Society.

The visiting professors are expected to help relieve the acute need for highly qualified men in the top academic posts at the Institute and to provide training for junior staff members. The visiting professors will also serve as advisors to government departments and industrial enterprises, according to Mr. Rose.

## ISRAEL NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- A military spokesman charged today that a band of Arab infiltrators entered Israel territory last night, kidnapped an Arab shepherd and stole his flock.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Israel and Italy have agreed to raise the rank of their respective envoys from minister to ambassador.

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- A group of 26 immigrants, the largest group to come here by air from the Soviet Union and satellite territories, arrived at Lydda Airport yesterday in an El Al flight from Vienna. The new arrivals, mostly aged over 50, came from Leningrad, the Ukraine, Lithuania, Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- An Air-India passenger liner carrying 59 passengers from Bombay to Cairo and London made a forced landing at Lydda Airport this morning. The passengers included an Egyptian army major returning from a diplomatic assignment. He was held at the airport hotel while the other passengers toured the country.

## FRENCH GRAND RABBI REFUSES TO CLEAR POUJADE OF ANTI-SEMITIC CHARGES

PARIS, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Jacob Kaplan, the Grand Rabbi of France, said today that he had never received either a letter or visit from Pierre Poujade. French rightist leader, who asserted recently that he had answered to Rabbi Kaplan on charges that the Poujadist movement was anti-Semitic.

"In any case," Rabbi Kaplan declared, "more than any letter or eventual private conversation, it is to the words and acts of the directors of a movement that one must refer in order to be able to say whether such movement is of anti-Semitic tendency."

Critics of the Poujadist movement assert that a large majority of the movement's candidates in the recent French national elections were former fascists.

## AUSTRIAN BODY VOTES COMPENSATION TO NAZI VICTIMS LIVING ABROAD

VIENNA, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The payment of compensation to victims of Nazism and Fascism in Austria who now live abroad moved one step closer to realization today when the Finance Committee of the Austrian Parliament adopted a measure to this effect.

The bill, pushed through by the votes of the two government coalition parties, provides for payment to persons persecuted between 1933 and 1945. It would pay out a total of 550 million schillings over an eleven-year period. An official statement by a government spokesman stressed that the government is not obliged to pay such compensation but wishes to do something positive for needy persecutees who left Austria.

## SIEGFRIED NEULAND RENAMED CHAIRMAN OF MUNICH JEWISH COMMUNITY

MUNICH, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Siegfried Neuland, a member of the Bavarian Senate, has been reelected chairman of the Munich Jewish Community, the largest in Germany. The election was by a 20-member board of trustees of the community, who were voted into office in a one-slate election last week.

## ATTENDANCE IN MONTREAL JEWISH SCHOOLS UP EIGHTFOLD IN 14 YEARS

MONTREAL, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- The number of Jewish children attending Jewish day schools here has increased almost eightfold in a fourteen-year period, it was revealed in the release of data by the Canadian Jewish Congress Research Program. The data also showed a widespread trend toward new areas of settlement in this city.

According to the CJC figures, 426 children attended Jewish day schools in 1941, as against 8,694 Jewish children in attendance at Protestant schools. In 1955, when a total of 17,494 Jewish children were attending school, 3,300 of them were enrolled at Jewish day schools, and the rest attended Protestant schools. Thus, while total Jewish school population was just short of having doubled, the shift to Jewish day schools showed a proportionately much greater increase. The report also made the point that while in 1941 all Jewish day schools were in older areas of settlement, 40.6 percent of Jewish children attending Jewish day schools in 1955 were attending institutions in the newer residential areas.

## NEW HATE GROUP BLANKETS MINNESOTA WITH ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 18. (JTA) -- A new hate group--Americans for Individual Action--is covering Minnesota with mass mailings of an anti-Semitic and racist character. The group, which is self-styled as an "independent political action group for veterans," is headed by A. M. Joyce, of South St. Paul.

The literature, distributed under a Montevideo, Minn., permit, contains anti-Semitic and anti-Israel material, as well as attacks on Negroes and on fair employment practices. The new group is now seeking to incorporate as a non-profit organization.

## WOUK SEES JEWISH EDUCATION, RELIGION ENSURING SURVIVAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- "No other force seems available to ensure our survival but our education and our religion," Herman Wouk, novelist, told 600 Jewish educators here last night. Speaking at the fourth annual dinner of the Jewish Education Committee on behalf of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies \$18,100,000 drive here, Mr. Wouk asserted that Jewish education is no longer a matter for specialists, but had "moved into the first position" as a problem for community leaders.

The dinner, which honored Saul J. Lance, chairman of the JEC's board of directors, also heard former Supreme Court Justice Joseph M. Proskauer, who joined Mr. Wouk in paying tribute to the Federation, which makes an annual grant of \$636,000 to the JEC.

## LOUIS SCHLEIFER, FOUNDER OF BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY, DIES AT 63

NEW YORK, Jan. 18. (JTA) -- Louis Schleifer, a founder of Bar-Ilan University, the American Mizrahi-sponsored school in Tel Aviv, died here yesterday at the age of 63. Mr. Schleifer, active in a number of Jewish organizations, was a charter member of the Albert Einstein Medical College of Yeshiva University and chairman of the board of the United Lubavitcher Yeshivoh. The Hapoel Hamizrachi of America announced several years ago that it would build a \$250,000 religious and educational center, modelled on the plan of an American YM-YWHA, in Tel Aviv in his honor.