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## SECRETARY DULLES ABANDONS PLAN TO VISIT ISRAEL AND ARAB COUNTRIES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The State Department indicated today that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has abandoned previous tentative plans to stop in the Arab-Israel area on his way to the SEATO conference in Karachi, Pakistan. Mr. Dulles, who will leave Washington March 2, has decided to fly over the Arab-Israel trouble zone without stopping. He will return to the United States via the Far East.

Official sources said today that the State Department has no present plans to ask Edward B. Lawson, U.S. Ambassador to Israel, to come to Washington for consultations. The comment on Mr. Lawson was in denial of a published report that Secretary of State Dulles, having gotten a personal report from Henry A. Byroade, U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, desired a similar report from Ambassador Lawson.

## U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; GREETED AT AIRPORT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General of the United Nations, arrived here late today for a 39-hour visit to Israel, as part of his tour of the Middle and Far East.

Mr. Hammarskjold was greeted by Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, who introduced Mr. Hammarskjold to the many members of the diplomatic corps who came to greet him at the airport. Also present were ranking UN officials in Palestine.

The UN Secretary General expressed pleasure at being in Israel and said that in his short visit he would try to see and understand as much as possible. He then left for Jerusalem to attend a government dinner in his honor. Tomorrow, he will confer with Israel Government officials.

An Egyptian broadcast reported today that at a press conference in Cairo yesterday Mr. Hammarskjold said his meeting there with the Egyptian Premier, Gamel Abdel Nasser has confirmed his "continuing optimism" that the Arabs and Israel ultimately will settle their Palestine conflict. He was reported as lauding the wisdom of Premier Nasser and his Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi.

## BRITISH PREMIER GETS REPORT ON U. S. STAND ON ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT

LONDON, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Evelyn Shuckburgh, Deputy Minister of State in the Foreign Office and British Middle East policy adviser, was scheduled to report to Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden today on his talks in Washington last week with George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State, and other American Middle East policy makers. Mr. Shuckburgh returned from Washington yesterday and will sail with Prime Minister Eden and Foreign Secretary Lloyd Wednesday when they leave for Washington to confer with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

Mr. Shuckburgh's mission, official circles state, was to go over the ground to be covered at the top level-parley and to arrive at those issues on which there is Anglo-American agreement and to outline the areas of disagreement. These same circles believe that there is no agreed plan on an Arab-Israel settlement. There is every indication that the British will propose that Israel be pressed for concessions as the best path to peace. However, official circles discount a report yesterday that an Anglo-American force to intervene in any possible Israel-Arab conflict will be suggested by Britain.

## Debate in Commons Today; Jews in England Criticize Government

LONDON, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The concern of the Anglo-Jewish community over the political and security position of Israel was expressed in a statement by the Board of Deputies of British Jews distributed today to Members of Parliament in advance of tomorrow's debate on British war surpluses reaching the Middle East.

The Board statement chides the government for supplying tanks and jet planes to the Arab states and refusing such arms to Israel, despite its obligations under the Tripartite Declaration of 1950 to maintain a fair balance between Israel and the Arab states. This kind of treatment encourages the Arab states in their hostility toward Israel and in their refusal either to make peace with Israel or to meet with the Israelis to discuss peace.

## ISRAEL SUBMITS COMPLAINT TO U. N. AGAINST EGYPT; SEEKS NO ACTION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Israel today took the offensive again in its diplomatic campaign against Egypt, following Israel's censure last week by the Security Council as a result of a Syrian complaint.

Timing its action with the visit of United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld, who arrived in Jerusalem today during his visit to the Middle East capitals, Israel complained to the Security Council that Egypt has misrepresented the situation in the Nitzana-El Auja area where the UN offered a plan for easing tensions last November. That plan has since been accepted by Israel, but practically rejected by Egypt.

In the letter to the Council today, Israel recapitulated the disputes it has been having with Egypt over the demilitarized zone in the Nitzana-El Auja area since 1950. According to the Israeli letter, signed by Merdecai R. Kidron, deputy chief of the delegation, Egypt has communicated to the Council "a number of inaccuracies."

The letter shows that for more than five years Egypt has been harrasing Israel in the Nitzana-El Auja area by sending in armed Bedouin infiltrators to attack Israeli settlements there, to fight against permissible Israeli police forces, and to commit sabotage. The letter does not request any particular action by the Council at this time, but merely asks the Council president to circulate the contents to the members of the Council.

## CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PLACES BAN ON ARMS SHIPMENT TO MIDDLE EAST

OTTAWA, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Canadian Government has placed a ban on all arms shipments to the Middle East pending a decision by Parliament on the matter, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent announced. A Commons debate on Middle East policy will be opened with a statement by Lester B. Pearson, Minister for External Affairs, probably tomorrow.

Before the Prime Minister's announcement, it became known that Israel had received an export permit for some \$30,000 worth of 25-pounder ammunition--about 1,700 rounds. Last week, the Canadian Government confirmed a report that it had shipped 15 Harvard trainer planes to Egypt.

The Canadian press has been exercised over the reported loading of an Egyptian freighter, Star of Assuan, at Halifax with Canadian naval-type guns and army trucks. The 32 cannon and the 40 trucks are supposedly bound for Turkey, under a NATO consignment, but dockworkers insist that mountings for the guns and the trucks have already been put aboard the freighter and draped with Egyptian flags.

## SWISS GOVERNMENT BARS HOLDING OF JEWISH PARLEY ON MIDDLE EAST

GENEVA, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Plans are under way to shift to Britain a conference of West European Jews to rally support for Israel's cause, which was scheduled to be held in Switzerland in the first week of February, it was learned here today. The site of the conference will be Brighton, but the time has not yet been fixed.

The reason for the shift is the Swiss Government's position that the conference will hear political speeches criticizing foreign states, which the Swiss Government feels would violate its traditional neutrality. The sponsors of the parley, for their part, cannot accept the condition that speakers refrain from criticizing foreign states.

## PLAN FOR EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION IN ISRAEL APPROVED BY MAPAI

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The political committee of the Mapai Party, Israel's leading government coalition group, approved today the Lavon Plan for mobilizing Israel's manpower and economic resources for an expected Arab invasion. The committee, which drafted the "preparedness" plan, under the chairmanship of former Defense Minister Pinchas Lavon--was instructed to work out the problem of putting the plan into effect.

The proposal suggests that the government proclaim a "state of preparedness," set up a National Defense Council composed of citizens representing all parties in Israel including the far right Herut, classify manpower now for call by the army and defense industry when the need arises, restrict the movement out of the country of military age men and women, prepare air raid warning and protection services and shelters, reduce government spending and tighten the economy, and institute a special taxation program to meet the costs of the preparedness program.

## DENMARK WANTS SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES TO MEDIATE ARAB-ISRAEL DISPUTE

LONDON, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Scandinavian countries may offer themselves as mediators between Israel and the Arab states, the Times of London reported today in a dispatch from Copenhagen. The report said that Premier H. Hansen of Denmark is understood to have promised the Danish Parliament's Foreign Policy Committee to raise the question at a meeting next March of the Nordic Foreign Ministers.

## AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENTARY BODY REINSTATES EX-NAZIS TO FULL RIGHTS

VIENNA, Jan. 23: (JTA) -- Measures providing for the liquidation of all laws restricting the civil rights of former Nazis were adopted today by the main committee of the Austrian Parliament. According to the proposed bill, which is identical to a measure vetoed by the Allied Control Council when it was passed in 1954, all civil service employees who had lost their jobs through such disability from 1933 to 1945, will receive full pensions.

The committee also approved a bill which would permit former Nazis who fled to other countries to regain their Austrian citizenship. In addition, provisions would be made for the return of confiscated property to the former Nazis by way of a special Parliamentary amnesty.

A number of Austrian war criminals recently released by the Soviet Union, including some who had participated in the massacre of Polish Jews, have formed a "Protective Organization for Late Returners," with branches in Vienna and Salzburg. Those who were former civil service employees or policemen have demanded re-employment in consideration for their years of Soviet imprisonment.

## MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT ABOLISHES SPECIAL OFFICE FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS

RABAT, Morocco, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Moroccan Government has dissolved the "Inspectorate of Jewish Institutions," an office created by the old French administration in this country to deal with matters affecting Moroccan Jews. Its director was Maurice Borbol. In recent months a number of Moroccan Jewish nationalists had attacked the "Inspectorate" as a servant of the French administration.

Moroccan Government circles here noted that the dissolution should be regarded as a further implementation of the new government's policy of non-differentiation between Jews and Moslems here. The Council for the Beth Din (religious court), which was formerly a department within the "Inspectorate" will now come under the jurisdiction of the Justice Department, while Jewish community committees will be supervised by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The appointment of a Moroccan Jewish businessman as "Directeur de Cabinet," or head of the departmental staff, has been announced here today by Moroccan Finance Minister Abdelkarim ben Zalloun. Nominated for the new post was Sami ben Zeraf.

## JEWS IN TUNISIA FACE ELECTION PROBLEM; FEAR TO ANTAGONIZE CANDIDATES

TUNIS, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The forthcoming national elections, ordered by the Bey of Tunis, pose a serious problem for the Jews of Tunisia inasmuch as they fear to antagonize the candidates of competing parties.

The Neo-Destour Nationalist party has reiterated its position that Tunisian Jews are to be treated as fully equal Tunisian citizens--and it treats them as such. For their part, Jews here wish to retain their ethnic and cultural identity, and do not wish to become "lost" in the Moslem community. They take note of the fact that Tunisia does not consider Zionism to be "subversive" as do other Arab states and no interference with immigration to Israel has been noted.

However, Tunisian Jews are disturbed by differences between Neo-Destour leader Habib Bourguiba and his opponent, Salah Ben Youssef. In general, Jews here favor M. Bourguiba, who has dealt with them sincerely and in a democratic spirit. But they fear that supporters of Ben Youssef will turn on them if they vote for Bourguiba candidates.

Meanwhile, figures released here showed a considerable reduction in the Jewish population of Southern districts of Tunisia due to emigration. The Isle of Djerba, which had 4,250 Jews in 1946 now has some 2,700--a drop of 45 percent. In the same period the Jewish population of Gabes fell from 3,663 to 1,200, while that of Gafsa was reduced from 796 to 400. The extreme southern territories showed similar losses of Jewish population.

## U. N. BODY DECIDES TO CONDUCT SURVEY OF ANTI-RELIGIOUS BIAS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The first global survey of discrimination in religious rights and practices, proposed by Justice Philip Halpern, United States' expert on the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, was authorized by the Subcommittee here. Arco Krishnaswami, of India, will conduct the special survey.

Decision on making the study of discrimination in the religious field was voted by the full Subcommittee at the closing session of a three-week series of meetings. Two other global studies already undertaken by the Subcommittee deal with discrimination in employment and discrimination in education. The group also voted that still another study, on discrimination in political rights and practices, shall be undertaken next year.

"The violation of the human right to freedom of religion," Justice Halpern told the Subcommittee, "is widespread and apparently increasing. Not only do these violations prevent the full development of the spiritual values, which are an essential part of the human personality, but they frequently involve violation of other human rights as well, including the right to security of person and the right to life itself. Whatever is done to re-establish religious freedom will help to recapture other freedoms as well."

## INTERMARRIAGE BETWEEN JEWS AND NON-JEWS IN ENGLAND REPORTED GROWING

LONDON, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Some ten to twelve and a half percent of all Jews marrying in Britain take non-Jewish mates, Dr. I. W. Slotki, a demographic scholar, asserted today in an article in the Manchester Guardian. He based his figures on applications for marriage licenses, discussions with rabbinical authorities and social workers. This figure does not include marriages solemnized in civil services and in Liberal and Reform synagogues, he stressed.

Dr. Slotki quotes one well informed social worker as estimating that there is hardly a Jewish family in Britain in which a near or distant relative has not married out of the Jewish faith. Citing other authoritative sources, including rabbis, he expresses the opinion that intermarriage is on the increase in Britain.

## PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA RECEIVES JEWISH DELEGATION

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Argentine Jewish Cultural Institute were received here in an audience by Provisional President Pedro Aramburu. The delegation consisted of seven members, headed by Simon Mirelman and Dr. Mario Scheingart.

During the interview, which was described as most cordial, the delegation asked that the Argentine Government ratify the UN Genocide Convention, maintain a constitutional clause condemning discrimination and make provision in the penal code for such violations. They also urged the maintenance of lay teachers in the Argentinian schools.

## ISRAEL MINISTER OF LABOR LEAVES U.S.; HELPED LAUNCH U.J.A. DRIVE

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Myerson, Minister of Labor in the Government of Israel, departed today for Jerusalem after completing an emergency five-week visit in behalf of the nationwide United Jewish Appeal.

Meeting with campaign leaders and addressing large audiences in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Miami, St. Louis, Washington, Atlanta, St. Paul and other cities, Mrs. Myerson played a key role in stimulating support for UJA's regular and emergency special fund campaigns.

## DR. SYNGALOWSKI RETURNS TO GENEVA; CONCLUDED AGREEMENT WITH J. D. C.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Dr. A. Syngalowski, chairman of the executive of the World ORT Union, returned to Geneva today following the completion of an agreement with the Joint Distribution Committee. Details of the agreement will be made public this week.

Dr. Syngalowski lauded the JDC leaders for their wholehearted cooperation. He emphasized that the ORT Union budget for 1956 is \$4,000,000. The organization, he said, is now embarking upon a new project of training skilled foremen for Israeli industrial enterprises. He also pointed out that the ORT budget for Israel has considerably increased in view of the increase in salaries voted in Israel for intellectual workers including staff members of the ORT institutions.

## U.S. ZIONIST-REVISIONISTS CRITICIZES AMERICAN MIDDLE EAST POLICY

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- An attack on American foreign policy in the Middle East was voiced here today in a resolution adopted by the national council of the United Zionists-Revisionists of America, which asserted that United States policy "forlornly flounders after the British, whose blunders and designs have once again spelled disaster to the course of democracy in this vital area."

The resolution opposed "clamor" for an American mutual security pact with Israel as "both unrealistic and undignified" and demanded American arming of Israel so that the Jewish State would be in a position to see to its own defense. It scored the Israel Government's current policy as encouraging Arab aggression and asserted that "only a timely and bold initiative" on the part of Israel can frustrate the "Arab-Communist unholy alliance."

## U.S. STUDENTS CAN REGISTER FOR ONE-YEAR COURSE IN HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Applications from American college students who desire to take a special one-year course at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem will be accepted from today until March 15, it was announced by Prof. Oscar I. Janowsky, chairman of the academic council of the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The program, conducted in cooperation with the Jewish Agency, is open to both graduate and undergraduate students from U.S. and Canadian colleges and universities. The curriculum is designed for those who desire to acquire an extensive knowledge of Hebrew and to study the history, literature and philosophy of the people of the Middle East.

## JEWISH MEMBERS OF CHILEAN PARLIAMENT VOTED "BEST PARLIAMENTARIANS"

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The two Jewish members of the Chilean Parliament, Senator Angel Faivovich and Congressman Jacobo Schaulsohn, were voted today "the best parliamentarians of the year" by reporters covering the legislature.