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## BEN GURION CAUTIONS JORDAN; ISRAEL WARNS SYRIA ON CAPTURED ISRAELIS

JERUSALEM, March 4, (JTA) -- Israel Premier David Ben Gurion warned King Hussein of Jordan today that any attempt by Jordan to attack Israel "would be met appropriately." He sounded this warning after the Jordan radio announced that the King had dismissed Britain's General John Glubb -- the famed Glubb Pasha -- as commander of Jordan's Arab Legion because he had defied a royal demand to reorganize the Arab Legion "to meet the danger" of Israel.

At the same time, Israel warned Syria today that if the Syrians do not cease firing on Israel fishing boats at Lake Tiberias and do not return a captured Israel boat together with four wounded Israelis, then Israel would have no other choice but to silence the fire itself and rescue the wounded.

The warning to Jordan was voiced by the Israel Premier at a meeting of young Mapai members at Kfar Vitkin. The warning to Syria was delivered by Israel's Foreign Office through the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. An Israel spokesman said that the boat fired upon today by the Syrians was on a routine patrol at the northern edge and was grounded at dawn. A second boat went to its rescue at nine o'clock in the morning and was attacked by Syrians who directed their fire on the grounded boat as well. Four policemen were wounded, whereupon the Syrians crossed the border and dragged the wounded policemen into Syrian territory. Later, they returned the bodies of two of the men.

The entire Israel press, commenting on the ejection of Glubb Pasha from Jordan, expressed the opinion that the situation on the Jordan-Israel border will become worse. The papers quoted from the Jordan radio broadcast a sentence to the effect that "in the face of increasing rumors of an impending war with Israel, King Hussein repeated his demands for reorganizing the Jordan army, but instead Glubb insisted that many young Arab officers be dismissed."

The bulk of the Cabinet's meeting today was devoted to a discussion of Israel's position in reference to the Glubb Pasha affair and the forthcoming visit of British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd to Israel. Meanwhile, the UN Truce Supervision Organization revealed that its chief, Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, is leaving for Cairo Tuesday to attempt to obtain a cessation of Egyptian firing on Israel patrols and vehicles moving inside Israel territory in the vicinity of Egyptian frontiers.

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett had urged Gen. Burns to take some action on this matter. He is also known to have protested to Gen. Burns that the Egyptians had stationed more troops in the Nitzana-El Auja area than allowed under the recent agreement worked out by Gen. Burns. This matter is also expected to have a prominent place in the talks between Gen. Burns and the Egyptians.

## U. S. CONSIDERS JETS FOR SAUDI ARABIA; BALKS SALE OF FRENCH JETS TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, March 4, (JTA) -- State Department officials revealed today they are giving consideration to a Saudi Arabian request to buy a number of military jet planes and 18 additional tanks from the United States. The new tanks sought are of the Patton type, about twice as heavy as the Walker "Bulldog" tanks recently shipped to Saudi Arabia.

The number of jet planes under application was not disclosed. Officials said that \$7,000,000 worth of U. S. munitions were authorized for shipment to Saudi Arabia in the last six months. Saudi Arabia received in addition to the Walker "Bulldogs" a number of B-26 bombing planes and other equipment.

At the same time, the State Department caused the postponement yesterday of a meeting of representatives of the Western Powers on the proposed sale of 12 French Mystere jet planes to Israel. State Department officials said that Acting Secretary of State Herbert Hoover, Jr., found it "inconvenient" to meet yesterday with the French and British Ambassadors on this question. The consultations will probably take place early this week.

In Paris, French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau, in response to questions on the sale of arms to Israel, said this weekend that France had accepted the contracts to sell Israel 12 "Mystere IV" jet fighter planes and that this contract would be respected. However, before executing that contract the French Government has asked that this be made

a tripartite agreement, he said. In case the United States and Britain do not accept jointly to share in the responsibility for sending Israel the jet planes France will take the responsibility alone, he indicated.

State Department press officer Lincoln White stated that the sale of the Mystere jets is "a political decision for the French to make for themselves." He refused to say whether the U.S. had been consulted by France about the transaction or whether it had approved the deal. He also refused to say whether the U.S. wanted tripartite consultation on the deal.

Prior to his leaving last Friday for the SEATO conference at Karachi, Pakistan, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles summoned Israel Ambassador Abba Eban to the State Department for a 50-minute talk. After the meeting, a State Department spokesman said that no definite answer on Israel's request for American arms had been given to Mr. Eban. The spokesman indicated that "no change" has taken place in the State Department's attitude toward Israel's arms application. Ambassador Eban said after the meeting that he now has "a very clear and precise knowledge" of Mr. Dulles' thinking. He declined to indicate what Mr. Dulles had told him.

#### U.S. PACT DOES NOT BAR SENDING JEWS TO DHAHRAN AIR BASE, TRUMAN SAYS

NEW YORK, March 4. (JTA) -- There was never any intention of barring American Jews from an air base in Saudi Arabia when the United States signed a pact with the Arab state in 1951 for use of the Dhahran base, former President Truman declared yesterday. President Truman asserted that the treaty provided, as do all such agreements, that Saudi Arabia might object to any individual entering or remaining in the country, but that no religious or other bar was intended.

Mr. Truman was commenting on Secretary of State Dulles' testimony that the U.S. did not assign American Jewish servicemen to Saudi Arabia because of the 1951 pact. Under fire for this statement by Sens. Herbert H. Lehman and Hubert Humphrey, Sec. Dulles had pointed out that the pact was signed before the Eisenhower Administration took office. The Pentagon, meanwhile, stated that Saudi Arabia had never formally objected to Jews being sent to Dhahran, but that the Defense Department on its own initiative had never assigned Jews or people with Jewish sounding names to the Saudi Arabian base.

#### Z. O. A. APPEALS TO EISENHOWER TO DEAL WITH ARAB-ISRAEL PROBLEM

NEW YORK, March 4. (JTA) -- An appeal to President Eisenhower to take a hand in the present crisis in the Middle East, and to appoint a special committee to investigate the State Department's policy on the Arab-Israel issue, was made here today in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the National Zionist Administrative Council, ruling body of the Zionist Organization of America between conventions. Several hundred Zionist leaders from all parts of the country attended the meeting which was held at the Hotel Statler.

"The scandal of the recent shipment of tanks to the slave-hunting kingdom of Saudi Arabia is only one more symptom of the vacillation, wavering and zig-zagging which calls for a thorough examination of the workings of the Department of State and for a serious re-appraisal of the United States policy in the Middle East," the resolution said. "Recent events in Jordan deal another blow to the appeasement policies pursued by the United States and the United Kingdom in the Near East. The foreign policy followed in the Near East seems to prefer calamity to the bolstering of our true allies."

"The time has come to stop this policy which has brought us and our allies to the very brink of disaster. We, therefore, urge the President of the United States to assist a special committee to investigate the Department of State and to report to him. The investigation should probe any links which might exist between the officials of the Department of State and private commercial concerns interested in that area and their influence in official policy."

"The continued arming of Egypt and of other countries by the Communists and their parallel arming by the United Kingdom and the United States is being accompanied by the obstinate refusal to sell the necessary defensive military equipment to surrounded and threatened Israel. The events of these last hours have exposed the immorality, folly and short-sightedness of a foreign policy which is contributing immeasurably to the growth and strength of the world Communist conspiracy. The Arab leaders have demonstrated conclusively their friendship for the Kremlin and their inherent aversion and hostility towards the West."

"Only a firm policy based upon justice and our true national interest could lead the peoples of the Middle East away from the dangerous paths of Communist intrigue. We reject emphatically the dangerous error that the appeasement of the Arab states at the expense of Israel would ever turn them into allies of the democracies or strengthen the position of the Free World. We put the case of the American-Israel relations before the people of the United States, trusting the sense of fairness of this great nation," the resolution declared.

## ISRAEL GENERAL PLEADS FOR AMERICAN AID; WILL TOUR U. S. FOR U. J. A. DRIVE

NEW YORK, March 4. (JTA) -- A strong Israel, equipped with qualitative parity in modern arms, is the one real guarantee of peace in the Middle East, Yigal Allon, who rose to the rank of Brigadier General in Israel's Army during the War of Independence in 1948 and now is a member of Israel's Parliament, told a press conference at the national headquarters of the United Jewish Appeal this week-end.

Gen. Allon, acclaimed by his countrymen as the "Liberator of the Negev," arrived in New York to start a month-long speaking tour of key cities on behalf of the UJA's 1956 nationwide campaign. A second generation Israeli, he grew up in a settlement which had many Arab neighbors and he is fluent in Arabic. During his youth he often served as a mediator in blood feuds between Arab families.

"Continuation of the present arms situation is explosively dangerous," Gen. Allon warned. "Modern offensive armaments are going to the dictatorial Arab powers while the democracy of Israel is denied weapons of equivalent quality for self-protection. This is building up a grave disparity in military force. If the military imbalance is allowed to develop further, it will embolden an aggressor to strike."

"There are statesmen," he added, "who tell us that they are not giving us arms in order to prevent an arms race. But in fact, as everyone can see for himself, the race continues, with only one horse allowed in the field. That kind of race can end only one way. The arming of the Arabs only makes the renewal of large-scale war almost inevitable."

Gen. Allon said that Israel was under great pressure to accept "a peace based on blackmail -- the surrender of the Negev." Israel's people, he declared, will never give up the Negev or make any other territorial sacrifice. "The Negev is our Texas. It is the future of Israel. Without the Negev, Israel would be no more than a city-state and I think we can agree that the days of the city-state are passed. Such a state would not exist one month."

Gen. Allon made it clear, however, that his present mission in the United States had nothing to do with Israel's military or political problems. "I am here on a humanitarian mission," he said. "Israel's people will do whatever they must to defend themselves. But we are also concerned with the problem of a new mass immigration of Jewish refugees from tense North Africa. It is beyond our financial means to properly absorb these thousands of newcomers. We are calling upon the American Jewish community to make available through the UJA the urgently needed funds that can help provide homes, agricultural training and constructive lives for the immigrants we are welcoming."

### PROBLEM OF ISRAEL CONCERNS THE WHOLE WORLD, MRS. ROOSEVELT SAYS

NEW YORK, March 4. (JTA) -- The problem of Israel is not just an Arab-Israeli problem but one that concerns the whole free world, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt told over 3,000 participants in the 17th annual conference of the Council of Organizations of the United Jewish Appeal, meeting today in the Manhattan Center grand ballroom.

This is because "Israel is the only area in the Middle East in which a democratic form of government is understood by the existing government, and the people have a feeling that life is being built and made worth while," Mrs. Roosevelt explained. She urged that the United States government be asked to "move there in cooperation with Great Britain and France, or all of them through the United Nations should move, to guarantee existing borders in that area of the world and thus lead eventually to a peaceful solution of the difficulties."

Louis Lipsky, Zionist leader who also addressed the conference, said that the overtones of this year's UJA campaign are "burdened with feverish anxieties and fears" because of the political unrest in the Middle East. "Never before in Israel's short life has it been threatened by such a situation," he added. "Preparations for war are quite evident and the savage boasts of revenge by a chorus of Arab states are greeted in silence by the world." Other speakers included Nathan Chavin, general secretary of the Workman's Circle, largest Jewish labor fraternal organization; and Louis Segal, head of the Farband-Labor Zionist order.

### ISRAEL MAKES \$3,139,937 PAYMENT ON U. S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK LOAN

WASHINGTON, March 4. (JTA) -- Israel made its fourteenth semi-annual payment this week-end to the U. S. Export-Import Bank on a development loan received in 1949 and 1950. The payment amounted to \$3,139,937, bringing the total payments by Israel to date up to \$35,800,000. Of this amount, nearly \$21,000,000 was on account of interest and \$15,000,000 on account of principal.

Meir Sherman, Israel Economic Minister to the United States, commented on the latest payment, saying that "it sparked considerably larger investments in all areas of Israel's economic life, and thus contributed beyond measure of its dollar value to the remarkable progress of the country."

## ARGENTINE JEWS ASK GOVERNMENT TO ACT ON ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLICATION

BUENOS AIRES, March 4. (JTA) -- A delegation representing the Argentine Jewish community called on Minister of the Interior Dr. Eduardo Busso this weekend and presented him with a memorandum calling his attention to anti-Semitic propaganda being spread in the Argentine by the German-language magazine "Der Weg."

The delegation pointed out that the monthly, which originates in this country, is banned from West Germany, Switzerland, Sweden and a number of other countries because of its slanderous attacks on Jews. The memorandum further urged liberalization of immigration for Jews and the right to speak Yiddish at public meetings without prior police permission. Dr. Busso promised to discuss the memorandum with President Gen. Pedro Aramburu.

The delegation, which also explained to Dr. Busso the purpose of the Pan-American meeting which began in Montevideo yesterday to express Latin American Jewry's solidarity with Israel, consisted of: Dr. Moises Goldmann, president of the DAIA; Dr. Leon Lapaco, secretary of the DAIA; Dr. Abraham Mibashan, president of the Buenos Aires community, and Alfredo Korn, president of the United Israel Campaign.

## ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY GREETES JEWS IN ENGLAND ON THEIR TERCENTENARY

LONDON, March 4. (JTA) -- The Archbishop of Canterbury today headed a list of prominent British Christian church leaders who greeted the Anglo-Jewish community on the occasion of the tercentenary of the return of the Jews to England. The Archbishop's greetings and those of the other church leaders, including the Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, which encompasses 23,000 churches in England and Wales, and the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, were published in "Common Ground," publication of the Council of Christians and Jews.

The Archbishop hailed the "association of the Jew and the English" as having brought great benefits to both, but warned that the danger of anti-Semitism "still lurks" ready to strike at the first opportunity. At the same time, he called attention to the existence of the Council of Christians and Jews to ward off such danger and to reaffirm the positive religious values of both faiths.

## 131 RABBIS ORDAINED AT YESHIVA UNIVERSITY; LARGEST GROUP IN HISTORY

NEW YORK, March 4. (JTA) -- One hundred and thirty-one rabbis were ordained by Yeshiva University today at the largest rabbinical convocation in Jewish history. The rabbis, graduates of the University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, received "Semicha," the highest degree in Jewish theological learning from Dr. Samuel Belkin, president. The graduating class included rabbis from 15 states and 7 foreign countries. Fourteen chaplains in service with armed forces in this country and abroad were also included in the group. For the first time, four South Americans from Brazil, Argentina, Peru and Chile were ordained by the institution.

The program opened with an address by Dr. Belkin, followed by the presentation of the candidates by Dr. Samuel L. Sar, Dean of Men. The principal address was given by Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik, Professor of Talmud and Jewish Philosophy at the University, and a member of the Ordination Board.

The "Semicha" exercises, held every three years, also marked the sixtieth anniversary of the Seminary, founded in 1896 and named in honor of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Spector, recognized as the greatest religious authority and leader of the 19th century. In accordance with tradition, the exercises are being held on the 21st of Adar, corresponding this year to March 4, the anniversary of the death of Rabbi Spector (1817 - 1896).

## ITALIAN CHIEF RABBI BROADCASTS GREETINGS TO POPE ON 80TH BIRTHDAY

ROME, March 4. (JTA) -- The best wishes of Italian Jewry to Pope Pius XII on the occasion of his 80th birthday were voiced here this weekend by Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff in a specially-arranged nationwide broadcast.

Eugene Zolli, former Chief Rabbi of Rome, who converted to Catholicism in 1945, died here Friday. He was 75 years old. Born Israel Zolli, in Poland, he changed his first name to Eugene, in honor of Pope Pius XII, at the time of his conversion. Zolli, who was first a rabbi in Trieste, was named chief rabbi here in 1940, and taught Hebrew at the University of Rome at that time.

## MEMORIAL FOR CZECH JEWS MURDERED BY NAZIS HELD IN PRAGUE SYNAGOGUE

LONDON, March 4. (JTA) -- A memorial meeting was held in the old synagogue in Prague to commemorate 5,000 Czech Jews murdered by the Nazis on the night of March 8, 1944 at the Birkenau concentration camp, according to a Prague radio broadcast. Rabbi Emil Davidovic officiated.