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## DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HINTS MORE ARMS BEING LOADED FOR SAUDI ARABIA

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- The Defense Department confirmed today that a United States freighter was being loaded at Southport, North Carolina, with a cargo that "could include ammunition" for delivery to Saudi Arabia.

Asked about the cargo and destination of the vessel--the 6,700 ton Monterey--the Defense Department pointed out that Saudi Arabia had been buying military supplies from the U.S. since 1952 and that the freighter's cargo was "bought some time ago." "It could include ammunition," the Department agreed. "We don't keep track of what is on the ship. Once the export license and sale is made, we don't keep on top of it that closely."

At Southport, the commander of the Army Transport Corps installation where the cargo was being loaded, Col. William A. McAleer, refused to discuss the contents of the boxes being placed aboard the vessel. The boxes, painted red, white and blue, bore the legend: "From USA for Mutual Defense." Col. McAleer refused to talk on the grounds that "it affects our national security. In New York, officers of T. J. Stevenson Inc., owners of the ship, would give out no details on the cargo."

The vessel appears to be ready for sailing today or tomorrow, but Col. McAleer refused to say when the vessel would leave for Saudi Arabia other than that "it will sail when we get finished." A representative of the Saudi Arabian Government was present, apparently supervising the loading of the munitions. Newsmen were barred from the wharf.

Last February, the United States sent a cargo of Walker "Bull Dog" tanks to Saudi Arabia, in the face of numerous protests from all parts of the country. The outcry was so great that Secretary of State Dulles was forced to come before a Senate committee and explain the State Department's approval of the tank shipment.

## U. N. NOT CONSIDERING IMPOSITION OF EMBARGO ON ARMS TO MIDDLE EAST

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 16. (JTA) -- The United Nations Security Council is not currently considering the imposition by all the major powers of an arms embargo on countries in the Middle East, it was indicated here today by James J. Wadsworth, deputy chairman of the United States delegation here.

"I have not heard of any such plans," Mr. Wadsworth replied when he was asked whether there were plans for bringing before the Security Council a resolution calling for a Middle East arms embargo. He said that in the wake of UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's efforts to ease tensions in the Middle East, it is "imperative that the momentum should not be lost." He made his statement on a television program produced here for broadcast by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Meanwhile, it became evident here that the Security Council will probably not even meet to take any kind of action on the Hammarskjöld report until next month. Some members of the Council, it was understood, were still pressing for a meeting in May. This month's Council president, Dr. Joza Brilej of Yugoslavia, had a conference with Mr. Hammarskjöld today and it is assumed that the scheduling of the next Council meeting was discussed.

## EISENHOWER DISCUSSES ISRAEL'S CONTROVERSIAL WATER DEVELOPMENT PLAN

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- Israel's Bnot Yaacov water development project--which is strongly opposed by Syria--was believed discussed yesterday when President Eisenhower received Ambassador Eric Johnston at the White House for a discussion of the current status of plans for regional development.

Mr. Johnston, who is the President's special envoy, refused to divulge to reporters the specific topics discussed. Nor would he say if he had immediate plans to return to the Middle East. It is known that the President has been informed by the State Department that a resumption of work by Israel at Bnot Yaacov may ignite Arab-Israel warfare.

A board of water experts recently published findings on Israel's own water development plan in which resumption of the Bnot Yaacov project was recommended as consistent with the Johnston Plan. Israel has indicated it will not wait indefinitely for Arab agreement. Syria, meanwhile, has threatened aggressive military measures, if Israel resumes operations at Bnot Yaacov. The State Department has urged Israel to refrain from work on the project.

DR. GOLDMANN DENIES HE PROMISED TO ROTATE ACTING CHAIRMANSHIP FOR N. Y.

JERUSALEM, May 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, made it clear yesterday at a meeting of the world Zionist executive here that he had not promised to rotate the acting chairmanship of the Jewish Agency executive in New York during his absence from the United States.

Dr. Goldmann expressed regret at a statement by Dr. Emanuel Neumann before he left Israel for the United States alleging that Dr. Goldmann had promised that the acting chairmanship of the Jewish Agency executive in New York would be rotated between Mrs. Rose Halprin and him. "The fact is," Dr. Goldmann emphasized, "that I did not promise any rotation, but each time I leave New York, I will appoint an acting chairman at my discretion."

At its meeting yesterday, the executive approved a plan for the housing of 20,000 immigrants in the next four months: Zalman Shragai, a member of the Jewish Agency executive, will leave for France to organize immigration, while Dr. Giora Josephthal, Agency treasurer, will leave for the United States to raise the necessary funds.

The executive, which continued its deliberations on the distribution of portfolios, also heard an announcement by Mr. Shragai that 764 new immigrants had arrived here today aboard the S.S. Jerusalem. Forty-two of the new immigrants are from Eastern Europe. A party of 267 of the new arrivals left the ship immediately for settlement on Hapoel Hamizrachi agricultural settlements. Some 1,500 new immigrants who arrived in Israel Monday and yesterday were immediately taken to new settlements to celebrate their first Shavuot in the Jewish State.

MORDECAI OREN GIVEN ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME UPON HIS RETURN TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- Mordecai Oren, imprisoned for five years by the Czech Government, came home yesterday to be greeted by the cheers of thousands of followers of the Mapam Party, of which he is a leader. He was released from prison a few days ago and arrived here by air, accompanied by his wife and two Mapam officials.

"I carry within my heart a feeling of great protest and resentment against the appearances of decay in the Socialist countries, to which I fell victim. I was not a victim of the regime, but of those who violated the regime," Mr. Oren declared. He embraced his children--an 13-year-old girl now serving in the Israel Army and an 8-year-old boy whom he could hardly recognize.

Then, going to the microphone set up at the airport building, Mr. Oren addressed the crowd who had come to greet him. He asserted that his release was incomplete. "My innocence was not recognized; also the fact that I was not a criminal, but the victim of a crime, the falsity of the charges against other arrested Zionists and against the Zionist constructive progressive movement, were not recognized," he said. "Those who compelled me--by methods which are opposed to both Socialist and humanitarian principles--to confess things which were never true, have not yet confessed to the crime they committed. Therefore, my release is incomplete."

The released Mapam leader stressed that while his personal problem might have come to an end this was only a secondary consideration. The primary one, he said, was the great stain that had been placed on a Socialist regime and had not been cleared off. He stressed his loyalty to his party and to the ideal of Socialist revolution which, he added, would come in the future.

Meir Yaari, Mapam leader who greeted him on behalf of his party, described his trial as anti-Semitic, "like a second Dreyfus trial." Mr. Yaari added that Mr. Oren and another Jew were actually kidnapped on the street, to be used as a small cog in the big Slansky trial which, he charged, had been fabricated by the followers of the late Lavrenti Beria, then chief of the Soviet secret police in Moscow. He promised that he would not be silent until Mr. Oren had been cleared of all charges against him. "Those who send jet bombers to the Arab countries," he concluded, "haven't the courage to confess their mistake in preparing false charges."

Other delegations at the airport included those of the Histadrut, Achdut Avodah and Mapai, as well as a personal representative of Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. Gaily decorated cars and buses joined the convoy of cars to Mr. Oren's home at Kibbutz Mizra, where a "welcome home" party had been arranged. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, sent his congratulations, saying that Mr. Oren's arrest "shocked the entire Zionist movement and Jewish public opinion throughout the world."

SECOND GROUP OF AMERICAN RABBIS PERMITTED TO VISIT SOVIET UNION

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Another group of six American rabbis, representing Reform and Conservative congregations, have been granted Soviet visas, it was announced today. Led by Rabbi Morris Kertzer of New York, director of religious activities of the American Jewish Committee, the group will be permitted to visit the USSR for the purpose of studying Jewish religious life there, the announcement said. Similar permission was given last week to a group of American Orthodox rabbis.

### BERLIN MUNICIPALITY RAISES OLD-AGE PENSIONS FOR NAZI VICTIMS

BERLIN, May 16. (JTA) -- Elderly victims of Nazism resident in West Berlin, and who have little income from other sources, will obtain a somewhat higher monthly pension, it was announced here today.

To qualify, a "recognized victim of Nazism" must be over 65 in the case of men and over 60 in the case of women. Provided outside income comes to less than \$48 a month, or \$71 for married couples, the new pension will be \$52 a month for single people and \$59 for couples. This amount includes the "basic old-age pension," to which all Berliners, not just victims of Nazism, are entitled.

The new pensions, which enter into force this month, are part of a legal amendment to the "Recognition Law for Victims of Nazism" that was passed by the city parliament. The amendment increases the pension rate by about seven dollars and goes further than similar laws in other German states in its definition of who is a "recognized victim of Nazism." Thus, the minimum term of detention at Nazi hands needed to prove eligibility has been reduced from six to three months.

All Jews who left Germany during the Nazi regime and have since returned to Berlin are automatically considered as "recognized Nazi victims." In the past they had to prove that they had left the country under the threat of imminent arrest. Nazi victims who are not German citizens can now be recognized as "persecutees" if they lived in Germany prior to the onset of the persecution and at present maintain a legal residence in West Berlin. DP's are similarly recognized, as long as they qualify as "stateless aliens."

### JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES NEW DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- The deadline date for the filing of applications to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany by organizations, institutions and communities seeking the allocation of funds for the year 1957 is June 30, 1956, the Conference announced today. This is a change in date of the filing deadline from that of preceding years. Applications should be submitted in ten copies to the Conference and should contain a detailed description of the activities for which funds are requested.

The organizations submitting applications should also include precise budgetary data and information on other sources of income which may be available to the applicants for the projects in question. The Claims Conference, by the terms of the agreement it had concluded with the Federal Republic of Germany, is able to allocate funds only for those activities which contribute to the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution, in accordance with the urgency of need.

### BRITISH JEWS SEEK TO RESTORE COOPERATION IN FIELD OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- New moves for the restoration of communal cooperation among Jewish organizations, in the field of foreign affairs were expected here, following the announcement today of a meeting between Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and A. N. Carvalho, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, scheduled for next week.

Various sections of the Anglo-Jewish community were aroused by the multiplicity of approaches to Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Communist Party chief Nikita Khrushchev during their visit here. At that time, the Board of Deputies, the World Jewish Congress and Agudas Israel all made separate representations to the Soviet leaders on the status of Soviet Jewry.

### JEWISH POPULATION GROWS IN AUSTRALIA; SHAPES N COUNTRY'S PROSPERITY

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Australia's Jewish population has tripled in a little over four decades, according to a World Jewish Congress survey published today. From a Jewish population of 17,287 in 1911, the Jewish community of the commonwealth now numbers in excess of 55,000.

The recent statistics, listed in a report by Dr. Isaac Schwarzbart, director of the WJC Organization Department, reveal that 90 percent of these 55,000 Jewish men, women and children live in the two Australian states of Victoria and New South Wales, while the remaining 10 percent is dispersed over the northern, western and remaining southern areas of the commonwealth and in the capital territory, Canberra.

Australia's total population stands at approximately nine million, two-thirds of whom live in Victoria and New South Wales. At the end of 1954, the Jewish population of Australia constituted 0.59 of one percent of the total population, or 59 Jews in every ten thousand of total population. According to the WJC report, Australian Jews have made a significant contribution to the industrialization of the commonwealth and share in the general prosperity and full employment.

The Federal Parliament has no Jewish members at this time, but a Jew is serving as Minister in the Cabinet of the state of New South Wales. "Jews are playing a notable role the cultural life of the country, and at the same time, show a tendency toward greater interest in Jewish life. Mixed marriages have been a matter of deep concern for a long time, but in the state of Victoria," the survey asserts, "mixed marriages have been reduced almost to a negligible percentage."

#### F. B. I. ASKED TO PROBE ANTI-SEMITIC LETTERS SENT TO JEWISH LEADERS

BOSTON, May 16. (JTA) -- The FBI and postal authorities have been asked to investigate anti-Semitic letters sent from California to Jewish community centers, temples and other institutions in Boston and other cities of the United States, it was revealed here by Robert E. Segal, executive director of the Jewish Community Council of this city.

The letters ostensibly come from a Nisei (Japanese-American) organization in Gardena, California. However, Nisei spokesmen in that city deny that they come from Japanese and believe that they are a "deliberate attempt to incense one minority group against another."

#### JEWIS IN GARDEN CITY NOT PERMITTED TO ESTABLISH FIRST SYNAGOGUE

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Jewish community of Garden City, nearby Long Island suburb, were considering today whether to take to court a ruling of the village's zoning board denying the Garden City Jewish Center permission to use its three-story center building and its one and one-third acre plot for a synagogue.

The zoning board's ruling accepted the claims of neighbors of the center that the plot would be quickly outgrown by the synagogue, forcing it to expand and depressing real estate values in the area. The lone dissenter on the six-man village board favoring the center's case, insisted that the board was unjustified in withholding permission for a synagogue on the basis of what might occur in the future. Garden City, until recent years a "restricted" village, now has 1,200 Jewish residents but no synagogue among its nine houses of worship.

#### NON-JEWS ADDRESS PRO-ISRAEL MASS DEMONSTRATION IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, May 16. (JTA) -- A mass demonstration of solidarity with Israel and for peace in the Middle East was held in the principal theatre in La Plata here. More than a thousand persons gathered at the meeting, organized by the Zionist Central Council with the cooperation of the Ezra Society and other Jewish institutions. The meeting was supported by leading non-Jewish personalities.

Speakers included Socialist leader Delia Etcheverre, who praised the Israeli social experiment; Dr. Vicente Solano Lima, Democrat leader and a member of the National Consultative Board--which replaced Parliament under the Provisional Government--who stressed that Israel was a peaceful country since democracies are not aggressive; and Dr. Crisologo Larraalde, chairman of the Provincial Board of the Radical Party--the most important party here--who expressed solidarity with the State of Israel. Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, chairman of the Argentine Zionist Council, was the only Jewish speaker at the rally.

#### U. S. AMBASSADOR RETURNS TO ISRAEL; HONORED BY AMERICAN ZIONISTS

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson, who has been in Washington for consultations with President Eisenhower and the State Department during the past three weeks, was honored here this week at a reception tendered him by the Zionist Organization of America, on the eve of his return to his post in Tel Aviv.

Ambassador Lawson lauded the ZOA for its efforts in the "furtherance of good relations between our country and Israel." He paid particular tribute to the cultural activities conducted through ZOA House in Tel Aviv. "It has done a splendid job of fostering and furthering those relations and in permitting interests among the Israelis in U. S. cultural developments as well as directing to the attention of resident Americans and visiting Americans the abounding cultural activities which now exist in the young nation of Israel," he said. The reception was addressed by Harry Torczyner and Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, ZOA leaders.

#### VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL TO BE ESTABLISHED IN LUBAVITCHER COLONY

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- The cornerstone of a vocational training school at Chabad, a settlement where five boys and a young instructor were murdered by Egyptian fedayeen just 30 days ago, was laid this week by the mothers of the victims, assisted by Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Israel Parliament.

Thousands of guests turned out for the ceremony, including Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, Ministers and deputies in Parliament. Messages were read at the ceremony from Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi and Rabbi Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe. The settlement is one of a number founded in Israel by the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

Charles Passman, head of the Joint Distribution Committee's operations in Israel, pledged that the JDC would provide a printing press and other equipment for the school. The institution will have a capacity of 300 children. The children and the instructor who were murdered by the Egyptian guerrillas were in attendance at an agricultural school in the village.

#### BRONFMAN FUND ESTABLISHED TO STIMULATE TRAINING OF SOCIAL WORKERS

MONTREAL, May 16. (JTA) -- A \$50,000 fund to stimulate the training of professional personnel for Jewish, Catholic and Protestant welfare services in Montreal has been established by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bronfman of this city to mark their 50th wedding anniversary.