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### WASHINGTON STIRRED BY EGYPT'S ARMS DEALS WITH POLAND AND RED CHINA

WASHINGTON, May 20. (JTA) -- Grave concern was felt in government circles today following an announcement in Cairo that the Egyptian Government has concluded an arms deal with Poland similar to the one reached recently with Czechoslovakia. The announcement came on the heels of a report that Egypt is also negotiating an arms deal with Communist China.

Some Administration leaders are reportedly pressing for a blunt warning to Egyptian Premier Nasser that unless he ends his arms deals with the Communist states he can expect no more aid of any kind from the United States. This view is said to compliment that of the British Government which is reported to favor an economic boycott of Egypt.

Other circles within the Administration favor a more easy-going policy in reference to the Egyptians, arguing that since the United States cannot--for political reasons--give the Arab states arms, the Egyptian Premier cannot be blamed for going to other sources.

Washington views the possible Cairo-Peking rapprochement as an attempt by Col. Nasser to evade what appears to be a forthcoming United Nations-initiated arms embargo on the states of the Middle East. Communist China is not a member of the UN and would not be bound by such a prohibition.

Until recently, it was the official American view that Col. Nasser's deal with Czechoslovakia was a "one shot" affair and that when Egypt achieved a certain level of armaments it would halt further shipments and turn its attention to economic development rather than to pan-Arabism as opposed to Western friendship and to war against Israel.

The Soviet Union was reported here yesterday to have delivered to Egypt this week-end 21 large jet aircraft suitable for use by paratroopers. It was also reported here that as Egypt receives modern military aircraft, she sells her obsolescent planes to Saudi Arabia or other Arab states, thus spreading war materiel all over the Middle East.

### U. N. TRUCE CHIEF SUMMONED TO N. Y. TO REPORT ON ARAB-ISRAEL SITUATION

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce chief, will depart for New York Wednesday to report to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold on the results of Gen. Burns' latest talks with the heads of the various governments over agreements negotiated with them by Mr. Hammarskjold and Gen. Burns during the former's visit to the Middle East. Gen. Burns will also attend the Security Council meeting on Mr. Hammarskjold's report of his mission.

Yesterday, the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission condemned Jordan in severe tones for the ambushing Tuesday night of two Israeli civilians on a road near Wadi Ara, some 15 miles southeast of Haifa. The MAC, with the American chairman, Commander Elmer Terrill, voting with the Israelis, charged that a "team of armed aggressors" had crossed the Israel-Jordan demarcation line and attacked the Israelis.

Some 80 Arabs from the village of Zalaffeh, near the Jordanian border were detained by Israel authorities for investigation this week-end, after the village was placed under curfew for several hours and a search was carried out. Earlier investigation had shown that the Arab marauders who had carried out an ambush on the Wadi Ara road had passed the village during daylight and it could, therefore, be assumed that the villagers had knowledge of the contemplated ambush.

### ISRAEL RETURNS HALF-TRACKS DETAINED BY CUSTOMS; WILL BUY PARTS

WASHINGTON, May 20. (JTA) -- The Israel Embassy here announced yesterday that it had turned back to an arms dealer the 21 surplus army half-tracks whose shipment to Israel had been forbidden by customs officials in New York, even as reports were circulating that the State Department might yet give Israel permission to ship the armored vehicles.

The Israel Embassy stated yesterday that when it was brought to the attention of the Israelis that the export license for spare parts did not validly cover the assembled vehicles, the latter had been ordered returned to the dealer. The dealer has since been asked to supply \$150,000 worth of spare parts which would be sanctioned under the license.

# OREN REPORTS HOW HE WAS TORTURED IN CZECH JAIL; KEPT WITHOUT SLEEP

TEL AVIV, May 20. (JTA) -- Mordecai Oren, who came home to Israel last week after four-and-a-half years in Czech prisons, today told a meeting of the secretariat of the left-wing Mapam Party of the "Gestapo-like inquisition" which had induced him to confess to crimes he never committed. The secretariat meeting was held in Oren's home at the Mizra collective settlement.

Mr. Oren began his story by describing his last mission in Czechoslovakia--intervention on behalf of arrested Socialists. He was taken into custody aboard a train bound for Vienna, from where he had intended to return to Israel. The immediate pretext for his arrest was an expired entry visa. Later, he said, he was questioned as to why he had intervened on behalf of the jailed Socialists. Then, he felt, he was probably chosen to become a cog in the huge machinery constructed to try the late Rudolf Slansky--Czech Communist leader who was executed for treason--and his associates. The Slansky trial, in which Mr. Oren was involved, heard Czech Government charges that Slansky had, among other things, been implicated in an international Zionist conspiracy to betray the state.

Mr. Oren revealed that he had been interrogated for days on end--in one instance he went without sleep for three weeks and was given only coffee and cigarettes in order to keep him awake, with fresh interrogators taking over the questioning every few hours. As he was nearing collapse, he related, he came to understand that no one in Israel would know his fate and he, therefore, requested permission to write. This request was not granted, he said, until a high official told him he could write home, but only on condition that he say in his letter that he really was a traitor and asked an apology of the Czech people for the crimes he had committed against them.

He wrote that letter--he added--in order that those at home would know he was still alive and with the hope that they would understand that his self-description as a "traitor" was false. The Mapam leader then went on to say that he had been turned into an object through which Zionism, Mapam and Jewry could be attacked. "Had they really wanted the truth," he said, "they would have completed my investigation in 22 minutes, but they wanted the opposite and that took them 22 months until they made me confess to everything they wanted." They succeeded in this aim, he charged, through Gestapo measures--nearly no food, no water and no sleep.

Another episode described by the returned Mapam leader to the meeting was his trial. It was a secret military trial and he was denied every possibility of making an adequate defense--no lawyers of his own, no documents and no defense witnesses. The lawyer furnished him, he added, was only another prosecutor, who asked the court that Mr. Oren be meted out a just punishment. The epilogue to this episode, according to Mr. Oren, was even more ironic--he was supposed to pay defense counsel 600 kronen for that defense.

The Mapam leader stressed that he did not sign a charge sheet in which he was to have confessed that Mapam was not a workers' party and that it was anti-Socialist. "In all the charges and confessions I signed," he concluded, "there was only one true thing, and that was my name. All the other things were lies, fabricated by those who desecrate Socialist ideals and Socialist regimes."

## MOSCOW TO HAVE KOSHER MEAT AND KOSHER RESTAURANTS, RABBI ANNOUNCES

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- Soviet meat shops in Jewish neighborhoods will soon be selling kosher meat in Moscow and the government will open kosher restaurants, Moscow's Chief Rabbi, M. Schliffer, announced at a Shevuoth service last Thursday, according to a cable to the New York Times.

The dispatch from Moscow said that Rabbi Schliffer had declared that the kosher meat shops would sell kosher meat at regular prices and that the Jewish community would be required to pay the difference in cost. He also said that the government plans to permit the opening of a new Jewish theological seminary. There has been talk lately of the Government's reopening theatres for Jewish performances and publishing new papers in the Yiddish language. These reports are unconfirmed, the Times said.

## ISRAEL GOVT., JEWISH AGENCY DENY SECRET BROADCASTING TO SOVIET UNION

JERUSALEM, May 20. (JTA) -- Both the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency today denied a report to the effect that a "secret Zionist" broadcasting station beamed to the Soviet Union had been established. There is no such station in existence, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, world president of the Jewish Agency, said, and there are no plans to establish such a facility.

Dr. Walter Eytan, director general of the Israel Foreign Ministry, left here today for a six-week tour of Eastern European countries. His itinerary includes stops at Moscow, Prague, Budapest and Bucharest.

(A report from Moscow today said that Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin last night told Israel Ambassador Joseph Avidar that "we believe that you want peace." Marshal Bulganin talked with Ambassador Avidar at a reception in the French Embassy in Moscow.)

ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION HOLDS EMERGENCY SESSION; ADOPTS \$30, 000, 000 GOAL

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- A maximum goal of \$30, 000, 000 in Israel bond sales, to be reached by June 30, was adopted here today at an emergency session of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization.

Dr. Giora Josephthal, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, and Shimon Peres, director-general of the Ministry of Defense, came to this country at the request of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion to address the Board of Governors meeting. Israel Ambassador A. Ja Eban also spoke at today's emergency session. Colonel Shlomo Shamir, founder of Israel's Navy and Air Force, and director-general of Israel Phosphates Corporation, will tour American cities in behalf of the bond drive.

Reporting on campaign results so far this year, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, told the meeting that 1956 Israel bond sales are showing an increase of 31 percent over the same period in 1955. He reported that 342 Trustees--purchasers of \$10, 000 or more--had enrolled so far in 1956, an increase of 35 percent over the same period in 1955, and 3, 738 Guardians of Israel and National Sponsors--purchasers of \$1, 000 or more--an increase of 11 percent over the same period in 1955.

Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, called for an intensified bond campaign effort. "During the five years since the Israel bond drive was launched," Mr. Feinberg said, "every sector of Israel's economy has moved forward. Industrial production has increased from \$356, 000, 000 to \$760, 000, 000 per year; agricultural production has risen from \$98, 800, 000 to \$180, 000, 000 per year; potash, phosphates, oil and other natural resources are being exploited, irrigation is being extended, roads, harbors and railways are being built."

In a message cabled to the meeting, Levi Eshkol, Israel's Minister of Finance, termed Israel bonds "a mighty instrument in our economic development." "At this time of danger," the Finance Minister said, "we look to you for redoubled success in giving us the means to carry through our mission." He stressed that strengthening Israel's economic position "largely depends on your extra efforts in the special Israel bond drive in these coming weeks."

MCLEOD URGES U. S. LEGISLATION TO ADMIT SICK, AGED, INFIRM REFUGEES

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- The passage of legislation which would permit the admission of "a limited number of sick, aged and infirm" refugees to the United States was urged today by Scott McLeod, administrator of the U. S. Refugee Relief Act program and head of the State Department's Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs. He spoke before a gathering at United Hias Service headquarters marking the 10th anniversary of the arrival of the first DP ship in this country.

Some 200 of the 800 persons who arrived aboard the ship--S. S. Marine Flasher--heard Murray I. Gurfein, president of the United Hias Service, review the ten-year period of post-war immigration into the United States. He revealed that a survey made by United Hias on the integration of 102 Jewish refugees who came here as adults aboard the Marine Flasher ten years ago has established that they settled in 19 states and that 98 of them had become American citizens; of the remaining four, three had died and "one could not take his exams because he had become blind."

The survey further showed that of the 56 who had arrived unmarried, 48 are now married, and that a total of 88 children has been born to the group of 102 included in the survey. As for the integration of the first DP's, Mr. Gurfein stated that the United Hias survey revealed that of the 99 initial DP's still living a total of 49 are self-employed and the rest are either employees, housewives or dependents. Their average earnings are about \$100 per week, and some earn \$150 to \$200 or more. The group present, all of them former victims of Nazi persecution who were resettled in the United States by the predecessor agencies of United Hias Service, included carpenters, physicians, dentists, teachers, salesmen, merchants, manufacturers, entertainers, musicians, managers, purchasing agents and the like, Mr. Gurfein reported.

Commemoration certificates attesting to the "fine integration and citizenship" of the first DP's were presented to the celebrants by Abner Bregman, chairman of the United Hias executive committee, who has been active on the immigration and resettlement scene for 21 years. "I have been associated with the refugee and DP immigration programs since their inception and I want to say to you that never, in all that time, have we had the slightest reason to be sorry that the gates of our country have been opened to those who came from the Old World seeking peace and security," he told the assemblage.

The ceremony was also attended by Ugo Carusi, former U. S. Immigration Commissioner who organized the first shipload of DP's under the President's Directive of 1945 to give visa preference to DP's; George L. Warren, State Department Advisor on Refugees and Displaced Persons; Edward J. Shaughnessy, New York district director for the Immigration Service, who admitted the first DP's in the U. S., and James P. Rice, acting executive director of United Hias.

## SOCIETY TO FOSTER JEWISH-CHRISTIAN-MOSLEM RELATIONS FORMED IN LONDON

LONDON, May 20. (JTA) -- A "Jewish-Christian-Moslem Society," dedicated to the improvement of relations among the three groups was set up here today as a result of a series of letters to the British press urging the formation of such a group. The society is to be non-political and open to all who are interested in fostering better relations among the three faiths.

The main speaker of the first meeting was an Australian Moslem, Dr. Salah Ad-Diem, who is in England in the course of a "transworld tour," following a lifetime of preparation and study for brotherhood work. Dr. Ad-Diem, who opened the meeting by asking the 30 persons present to "smile," said that this was the first time that "the three Semitic faiths" had gotten together. He represented, he said, "the largest organization in the world -- the human family." He was elected a president.

The inaugural meeting was chaired by A. I. Polack, educational officer of the Council of Christians and Jews here, who expressed the belief that the Jewish community would wholeheartedly subscribe to the objects of the Society. If the three faiths could combine to bring some spiritual impact to the situation in which religious ideals are being negated, he added, they would be doing something really significant.

Excerpts from letters expressing support and interest were circulated at the meeting. Lord Samuel, first High Commissioner of Palestine, wrote that he was "in full accord with the purposes of the Society." The private secretary of Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath conveyed Mr. Elath's best wishes and asked that he be kept informed of further developments. Other letters were from Moslems in this country. It was agreed to invite Edwin Samuel to become a president of the Society.

## WORKMEN'S CIRCLE CELEBRATES 56TH ANNIVERSARY; HAS 70,000 MEMBERS

NEW YORK, May 20. (JTA) -- The Workmen's Circle, largest Jewish labor fraternal organization, which has more than 70,000 members, a third of whom are American-born, celebrated its 56th anniversary last night at Carnegie Hall.

Jacob T. Zukerman, president of the organization, and Nathan Chanan, general secretary, emphasized in their addresses that the organization has been opposed to Communism. They pointed out that the American rabbis who have just been given permission to visit the Soviet Union, will find synagogues in the USSR but not a single Jewish school since Jewish culture has been liquidated.

President Eisenhower, in a message to the gathering, hailed the Workmen's Circle for its "efforts to advance human welfare." The organization has 700 chapters throughout the United States and Canada and maintains a network of 100 Jewish schools and nine camps. It also administers a system of insurance benefits for its members.

## CONGRESS OF CITRUS GROWERS OPENS IN ISRAEL; 25 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATE

TEL AVIV, May 20. (JTA) -- Some 300 delegates representing 25 countries gathered here to participate in the fourth International Congress of Mediterranean Citrus Growers, which opened today. At the same time, a special citrus exhibition opened near here, designed to illustrate all aspects of citrus growing and marketing -- including such aspects as essential oils, general citrus products, and equipment and machinery.

Participating countries include Spain, France, Tunisia, Morocco, and Algeria. Importing countries, including the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union, Switzerland and Sweden, have sent observers. Also participating are two non-Mediterranean exporting countries -- New Zealand and Brazil. The British delegation includes an official representative of the Board of Trade.

## HUGE SPORTS DISPLAY MARKS CONCLUSION OF WEEK-LONG "HAPOEL" CONVENTION

TEL AVIV, May 20. (JTA) -- The thirtieth anniversary convention of Hapoel-Israel sports organization -- came to a close this week-end with a mass gymnastic performance in the Ramat-Gan Stadium. More than 6,000 members of Hapoel who had participated in the week-long activities were joined at the final ceremony by President Itzhak Ben Zvi, Cabinet members, members of the Knesset and foreign diplomats.

The final celebration saw various gymnastic feats performed by members of Hapoel's 300 Israeli branches. Halfa members performed naval gymnastics, while those from Jerusalem presented ceremonies designed to symbolize Israel's current situation -- "one hand working while the other holds a spear." Prizes were awarded to athletes who had distinguished themselves in various activities during the week.

## DR. NISSAN, FORMER ISRAEL MINISTER TO SCANDINAVIA, DIES IN TEL-AVIV

TEL AVIV, May 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham Nissan, former Israel Minister to the Scandinavian countries, died yesterday after a prolonged illness. He was 68. A physician, Dr. Nissan had served as an executive member of the Jewish National Council during the British administration of Palestine and was a member of the Provisional State when Israel was established. He was a member of the Israel delegation at the United Nations prior to taking up the Scandinavian post in 1950. Dr. Nissan was buried in Jerusalem. He was eulogized by President Itzhak Ben Zvi and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.