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## ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER PLEADS AT UNITED NATIONS FOR FREEDOM OF HUNGARY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 20. (JTA) -- A moving plea for the cessation of persecutions directed against Hungarian freedom fighters and for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Hungary was made in the General Assembly here today by Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister of Israel. It was Mrs. Meir's maiden speech before the United Nations and it drew a burst of applause from the delegates.

"We," Mrs. Meir said, referring to the Israel delegation, "have had such an intimate knowledge of boxcars and of deportations to unknown destinations that we cannot be silent. Is it really asking too much for a people to want to decide its own fate, to demand that it alone shall choose how and by whom it shall be governed, that its young people if they rise against what they believe is wrong shall not be deported from their home and country?"

Mrs. Meir asked the General Assembly to give the privilege of addressing the UN to Mrs. Anna Kethley, Hungarian Social Democratic leader who was briefly a member of the late Imre Nagy government. Declaring that she had heard Mrs. Kethley's "tragic story," Mrs. Meir said "one cannot listen to this woman without being convinced of the truth of her portrayal, with the understatement of details and with the modesty of her requests."

"It is the tragedy of our generation," Mrs. Meir told the Assembly, "that small nations have not yet gained the security of exercising their natural right--namely that of being masters of their own destiny."

"There are and probably will be for a long time ideological differences as to which is the right and desired form of society and government," Mrs. Meir continued. "There is no great harm in this important discussion, as long as it is not held to the accompaniment of tanks and guns--as long as the dignity of the human being and the integrity of each nation, large and small, are respected; as long as the advantage of size or territory, number of inhabitants, military strength are not used to force small nations to act and live against their convictions."

Turning to the denials by the Soviet and Hungarian delegations of the deportation reports which they brand as "vicious propaganda," Mrs. Meir told the Assembly "we all know that reports of suffering and martyrdom in Europe which were once labelled propaganda turned out to be tragically true."

"The Israel delegation," Mrs. Meir concluded, "fervently hopes that the voice of the world's conscience will be heeded; that the suffering of the Hungarian people will be brought to an end; that these deportations will cease; and that Soviet forces will leave Hungary, and allow its people to build their own future in freedom and peace."

### 24 Jews from Hungary Among Escapees Reaching U.S. Today

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- Twenty-four Hungarian Jews will be among the first plane load of 60 Hungarian escapees scheduled to arrive tomorrow morning at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. This figure was made known by State Department officials today.

Government officials and representatives of religious welfare groups will welcome the first of 5,000 Hungarian refugees to be admitted under the emergency refugee program. United Hias Service has cooperated with the State Department in handling the program for Hungarian Jews wishing to come to this country.

## EGYPT REPORTED INSISTING ON STATIONING U. N. FORCE IN ISRAEL TERRITORY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The United Nations General Assembly is expected to discuss tomorrow the proposals agreed upon between UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld and Egypt with regard to the deployment of the UN Emergency Force in Egypt.

It was learned here today that Egypt wants the force to be stationed along the Israel-Egyptian armistice line be placed on Israeli as well as on Egyptian territory. This cannot be achieved since Israel has refused to withdraw from the Gaza strip. There is a possibility Israel may not find the arrangements concerning the UN force "satisfactory." It was pointed out today that Israel's agreement to withdraw from the Sinai Peninsula was conditioned upon the prior conclusion of "satisfactory arrangements" about the UN force.

# FRANCE DENIES REPORT THAT FRENCH PILOTS AIDED ISRAEL IN SINAI

LONDON, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- French aircraft, flown by French pilots in French uniform, played an important and even decisive part in the Israeli operation in the Sinai Peninsula, the Manchester Guardian reports today in a dispatch from its special correspondent James Morris. (The French Government said this afternoon that the report is "absolutely" false.)

Mr. Morris went to Cyprus to file the story and evade Israeli censorship. He charged that censorship has "stifled" the story of French cooperation with Israel. Although the Israel Army's Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, denied any French rôle in the action, the Manchester Guardian dispatch says that there is "no doubt at all that French fighter pilots took part in the battle and it is suggested that the accuracy of their napalm bombing was one of the most important factors in the rout of the Egyptian Army."

Until a few days ago, Mr. Morris writes, a line of Mystere jet fighters bearing French markings could be seen tucked away in a corner of Lydda Airfield. It is said, however, that the French markings on the French Mysteres which went into action were covered.

"One French officer talked to me very freely about his part in the campaign," reports Mr. Morris. "He said there was very little opposition except flak. Most of our aircraft came back with a few flak holes in them, but for myself I saw only four MIG's and they ran away." This was before the British and French attacked Egyptian airfields, he said, and he could not understand why the Egyptians had not put up a better fight," the Guardian correspondent adds.

Morris comments that anyone who has wandered about the Sinai battlefield during the past week or two "must have been struck by the vast numbers of Egyptian lorries, tanks and half-tracks disintegrated by the impact of napalm bombs. More often than not the bombs seem to have struck them smack in the middle, immediately pulverizing everything combustible. It is possible that the Israelis themselves have supplies of napalm bombs, but it is said that most of this ghastly accuracy was the work of French flyers," the correspondent continues.

He agrees that it was possible that some of the French aircraft used in the Sinai battle had been technically handed over to the Israelis. "Certainly the French pilots whom I met were waiting to be transported home in two French troop carrying aircraft standing at Lydda airport, which suggests that they were leaving their Mysteres behind. But it is irrefutable," Morris concludes, "that French service pilots took part in the action from the beginning."

## No French Pilots Participated in Israeli Offensive, Paris Says

PARIS, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- A French Defense Ministry spokesman today "most emphatically" denied the Manchester Guardian report that French Air Force personnel and planes served with the Israel forces in the Sinai campaign.

The spokesman said: "This is absolutely untrue. Not a single French pilot, whether in uniform or not, did take part in the Israel offensive or did fly planes from Israel bases."

A spokesman for the French Air Ministry said it was possible former French pilots who chose to live in Israel years ago now belong to the Israel Air Force. "But they do not belong any more to the French Army. None of our pilots operated from or for Israel."

## British War Secretary Calls Report "Worthless Gossip"

LONDON, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The British Government had no information about a Manchester Guardian report that French fighter pilots flying French Mysteres had cooperated with Israel in the Sinai Peninsula operations, a British Foreign spokesman said here today. He emphasized that Britain's action in the Suez area was separate from that of the Israeli attack.

In Commons today, War Secretary John Hare declared that his department "had received no advance information of the Israeli attack." Replying to questions referring to the details contained in this morning's Manchester Guardian report of French cooperation with Israel, Mr. Hare advised his Laborite questioners that they were "merely repeating worthless gossip." In reply to other questions, the War Secretary admitted that a portion of the Egyptian arms captured at Port Said had been supplied by Britain.

## ISRAELIS SEARCH SINAI FOR SIGNS OF ISRAELITES' WANDERINGS IN DESERT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- An archaeological expedition, under the leadership of Abraham Dotan, deputy director of the Israel Department of Antiquities, left for Sinai today. The expedition will search for the site of the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai and other evidence of the Israelites' 40 years of wandering in the desert.

#### LIFE RETURNING TO NORMALCY IN GAZA AND EL ARISH; TRAINS RUNNING

TEL AVIV, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- Israel's declared intention of evacuating Egyptian territory has caused unrest among the residents of Gaza, with hostile elements inciting the other Arabs to oppose the Israeli regime.

However, life is becoming more normal in Gaza as shops open and people work in the fields and groves. There has been little response to the Israeli call for an exchange of Egyptian currency for Israeli, chiefly because many people believe the Egyptians will return. The schools remain closed because the teachers, most of whom were Egyptian, fled with the army.

Normalcy is also returning to El Arish, railway terminus where many of the inhabitants have been employed by Israeli authorities to work on the road. Three trains arrive and depart daily from El Arish, bringing UNRWA relief supplies. The refugees remain under UNRWA care.

#### 46,262 IMMIGRANTS ENTERED ISRAEL SINCE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR

JERUSALEM, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- A total of 8,500 immigrants arrived in Israel in October, some of them being taken from ship to shore at the height of the Israeli mobilization in advance of the Sinai jump-off.

The number of immigrants to arrive in Israel since the beginning of the year, it was revealed, was 46,262. This compares with 26,866 during the same period last year and 37,000 for all of 1955. Some 4,900 left Israel during the first ten months of the year, about the same rate as last year.

#### GERMAN REPARATIONS SHIPMENTS NOT AFFECTED BY MID-EAST CRISIS

COLOGNE, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The present Middle East conflict has given rise to no modifications in the placement of reparations orders nor has it effected reparations shipments, Dr. F.E. Shinnar, head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Germany, declared in an interview here.

Replying to a question about warnings which had been issued to vessels bound for the Eastern Mediterranean, Dr. Shinnar described the maritime situation as improved and said it was not necessary to cancel a single shipment of reparations goods. Revealing that ten freighters were unloaded at Haifa this week, he predicted that ship traffic to Israel ports will soon be back to normal.

The kind and quantity of reparations goods to be made available by West Germany in the course of each fiscal year--from April 1 to March 31--have always been determined on the basis of negotiations conducted at the end of the calendar year by economic experts who make up the German-Israel Mixed Commission. In accordance with the practice followed during the past three years, such negotiations with respect to the 1957-58 fiscal year will open next month, Dr. Shinnar disclosed. He expects that they will be completed by February or March.

Israel will ask no major changes in the schedule of commodities and services, it was stated by Dr. Shinnar, who has been in charge of the Israel Purchasing Mission since its inception. On the other hand, Israel will demand that West Germany earmark for reparations purchases in the 1957-58 fiscal year the normal annual rate of payment stipulated in the Reparations Agreement--\$73,000,000. In every year so far, the Federal Republic has unilaterally made use of an emergency escape clause in order to lower the annual instalment to the allowable minimum of \$59,500,000. This time, Israel intends to draw particular attention to the steady rise in prices, on the German industrial market, Dr. Shinnar said, and it will for that reason seek an increase in the appropriated amount to the \$73,000,000 level which Germany agreed to in the reparations negotiations at The Hague.

At the close of the interview, the representative of a German economic news service asked Dr. Shinnar's views on the prospects of German-Israel economic relations after the ending of the reparations program some time between 1964 and 1966. The head of the Israel Purchasing Mission pointed to the rising volume of Israel citrus fruit exports to Germany, outside of reparations channels, and further indicated that replacement parts for industrial machinery now furnished to Israel under the reparations pact would be in demand for a long time to come. Taking this into account, so Dr. Shinnar concluded, the outlook for future trade relations between the two states is not unfavorable.

#### Turkish-Israel Trade Relations Not Affected by Middle East Crisis

ISTANBUL, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- Israel-Turkish trade relations continued good all through the recent Israel-Egyptian fighting and the diplomatic furor which followed. Turkish importers have just placed an order for \$500,000 tires from Israel, a move which had to have Turkish Government approval.

## HIGH U. S. OFFICIAL TO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST POLICY AT J. D. C. MEETING

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The United States policy in the Middle East will be outlined by Robert D. Murphy, U.S. Deputy Under Secretary of State, at the annual dinner of the Joint Distribution Committee which will be held next Thursday, it was announced here today by Edward M. M. Warburg, JDC chairman.

The dinner will be held in connection with the JDC's 42nd annual meeting which will be attended by delegates from Jewish communities throughout the country. The delegates will also be addressed by Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman, who recently returned from a tour of Europe and Israel, where he made a survey of the health and welfare needs of the Jews living there.

The plans and the budget of the JDC for 1957 will be presented at the meeting for approval. Last year, the JDC provided health, welfare, emigration, cultural and religious facilities and services to 166,900 men, women and children in 25 countries of Europe, North Africa and the Near East, including Israel. JDC's programs are financed with funds raised in the annual, nationwide campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal.

## RENEWAL OF FULL AMERICAN-ISRAEL ECONOMIC COOPERATION PREDICTED

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The belief that the "little clouds" now seen in American-Israel economic relations "will soon blow over" was expressed by Aryeh Manor, director of the Supply Mission of the Israel Government in this country, at a luncheon of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce here.

Calling for the "renewal of full economic cooperation" between the United States and Israel, the high Israeli official at the same time praised the American business community - suppliers, bankers, shipping and airlines and communications services - for their "most helpful and friendly attitude over the past two weeks." This, he said, has enabled the continued flow of trade and business relations between the two countries without interruption.

Claiming that Israel has done a service to the free world in upsetting the timetables of aggression in the Middle East, Mr. Manor said Israel sees in these recent events a chance for development and economic progress in the whole area, providing the following is achieved and assured: peace, freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal and the Red Sea, and an end to the Arab boycott.

"Insofar as Israel is concerned, the attainment of these objectives would herald a new industrial and commercial upsurge, coupled with considerable savings to Israel on transportation and in other fields," he said. He stressed the role that American businessmen could play in such positive developments. The meeting was attended by over 100 industrialists, bankers and businessmen.

## COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM HOLDS TWO-DAY PARLEY; ANNOUNCES ITS VIEWS

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism, at the conclusion of a two-day session of its national advisory board held here, issued a statement today emphasizing that it speaks only for its own members on matters concerning Jews and that it is "committed to the universal truths of Prophetic Judaism--entirely free of qualifications by the national interests of any foreign state."

"We have an abiding sympathy for all of our co-religionists who are in want or distress regardless of their country of residence--including Israel," the statement says. "This is solely a humanitarian interest and is an attribute which is shared by our fellow citizens. Our attitude to foreign nations is purely and simply that of any American. We have no entangling alliance with or allegiance, explicit or implied, to any foreign country."

"We advocate no foreign policy, as Jews, since foreign policy problems are the concern of all Americans regardless of faith. All that we ask is that the foreign policy of our government be formed in the best interests of all the citizens of the United States--without consideration of special pleading by partisan pressure groups."

"We endorse the lofty moral declaration of President Eisenhower of 'one law of justice' applicable to foes and friends alike. We applaud his great efforts to settle the vital and difficult Middle Eastern problems by peaceful means through the good offices of the United Nations. We pledge ourselves to use our best efforts to assist in any way which may beopen to us in the solution of these problems," the ACJ statement declares.

## PRESIDENT OF FUERTH JEWISH COMMUNITY DECORATED BY GERMANY

FUERTH, Bavaria, Nov. 20. (JTA) -- The Federal Cross of Merit, First Class, has been conferred on the president of the local Jewish Community, Jean Mandel, in recognition of his work on behalf of Christian-Jewish cooperation and in rebuilding Jewish life here.

The Fuerth Jewish community, now about 300 strong, has a larger proportion of children than any other city in Germany and its spiritual leader, Rabbi David Spitz of Warsaw, is considered the outstanding Chassidic personality in the country. Mandel, who was born in this city, is only 45, an unusually young age to receive the high Bonn -- award that has been bestowed upon him.