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## DEMOCRATS SEEK SENATE STUDY OF ADMINISTRATION'S MIDDLE EAST POLICIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Democratic members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee plan a thorough-going investigation of the Administration's Middle East policies preceding and following the British-French-Israel actions in Egypt, it was learned today.

Senator Hubert Humphrey, member of the committee, disclosed yesterday in a television interview that he had proposed such an investigation. He said there should be a "sensible, systematic interrogation" into events in the Middle East, the results of which should be used in implementing an effective policy there.

The Minnesota Senator sharply criticized the Eisenhower Administration policies in the Middle East. He said it had not been "persistently dedicated" to trying to get the Arab nations and Israel to settle their differences peacefully. He stressed President Eisenhower's great personal influence and said this should be exerted now to bring the Middle East nations into a peace conference.

Sen. Humphrey warned against permitting a reversal of the Middle East situation to what it was before the Anglo-French-Israel actions and stressed the need for positive action now when American prestige was high in the Arab world. He called for a program of extensive economic aid, with priority to the Jordan River development project, and a guarantee against aggression for all the nations involved.

"The sooner we make it clear to Mr. Nasser and to all the other states in the area that Israel is here to stay and that we are against aggression from any source, the better," he said.

### Armstrong to Study U.S. Aid Measures in Middle East

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee announced today that Hamilton Fish Armstrong will make an on-the-spot survey of the effectiveness of U.S. foreign aid programs in Israel, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia. Mr. Armstrong is editor of the publication, "Foreign Affairs." Mr. Armstrong, chosen to survey the six Middle-East countries, is one among nine individuals who collectively will survey most of the countries benefiting from U.S. aid programs.

A Senate foreign relations spokesman said there was no particular significance to the fact that Egypt had been excluded from the list of Middle East countries to be surveyed.

The committee also announced that it has contracts with private organizations for 10 major research projects in connection with its inquiry into the effectiveness of U.S. overseas aid programs.

## ISRAEL DENIES AIR BASE DEAL WITH BRITAIN AND FRANCE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- A Foreign Ministry spokesman categorically denied reports today of an agreement between Israel and Britain and France under which the two powers would establish air bases on Israel territory.

The reports were circulated by the Middle East News Agency which the spokesman termed a propaganda vehicle of the Egyptian Government.

The Israel Cabinet devoted most of its regular meeting yesterday to consideration of the political situation and particularly the question of the Sinai Peninsula but it is understood that it took no decisions altering policy there. The declared Government policy on Sinai is for the withdrawal of Israel troops following agreement with the United Nations for suitable arrangements for United Nations forces to take over the evacuated areas.

## ISRAELIS HALT WORK IN SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATION FOR HUNGARIANS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Workers throughout Israel stopped work for 15 minutes today in a demonstration of sympathy for the workers of Hungary who are on a 48-hour strike in protest against the Janos Kadar government of Hungary.

All public and private transportation halted on the roads of Israel for two minutes today, also in sympathy with the Hungarian people. Both actions were supported by the Histadrut.

## RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES CONTACT IMPRISONED EGYPTIAN JEWS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The International Red Cross has made contact with the Egyptian Rabbinate, has obtained from it lists of interned Egyptian Jews, and Red Cross representatives have already visited some of the imprisoned Jews. Dr. Louis Guillard, a Red Cross representative, announced here last night. Dr. Guillard accompanied a party of 26 wounded Egyptian soldiers who were repatriated through the Red Cross. He returned here via Italy.

The Red Cross, he said, is attempting to meet with Egyptian and Israeli authorities to discuss the prisoner of war situation. The Egyptians unofficially admit to holding only one Israeli prisoner, a pilot named Johanan Elkes, who was wounded. Israel has supplied the Red Cross with a complete list of Egyptian prisoners.

Dr. Guillard revealed that the Egyptians have rejected an Israeli proposal for an exchange of 400 Egyptian Jews for 400 Egyptian civilians held by Israel in the Gaza area. Dr. Guillard revealed that the Red Cross has supplied blankets for many interned Egyptian Jews and has assisted others to leave the country.

## ISRAEL, JEWISH AGENCY CONSULT ON EMERGENCY IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- How to organize immigration into Israel in view of the situation in Egypt and Hungary and how to finance the absorption of a new immigration wave into the Israel economy was discussed today by the joint Government-Jewish Agency coordination committee on immigration which met under the chairmanship of Premier David Ben Gurion.

While the entire committee discussed the political questions involved, a special sub-committee, composed of Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and Peretz Naphtali, Jewish Agency treasurer, was set up to study the financial problems.

These issues will be the main subject of a two-day meeting of the Small Zionist Actions Committee which will open here tomorrow. The meeting was to have opened today but was postponed since arrival of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, was delayed.

Some 1,000 immigrants arrived at Haifa port today. A number of Jewish refugees from Hungary were among the immigrants.

## TELEPHONE SERVICE TIES GAZA INTO ISRAEL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Posts and Communications announced today the opening of telephone land lines to the city of Gaza and the extension of telephone service to that city. The service will be extended soon to Khan Yunis and Raffa in the Gaza Strip.

Earlier it had been announced that mail service had been restored to Gaza. The Bark Leumi has already opened a branch there.

## ISRAEL WILL NOT BAN MUSIC OF "HOSTILE" COMPOSERS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The Government does not intend to ban the music of "hostile" composers but regards performance of their work here as impolitic, Zalman Aranne, the Minister of Education, told the Knesset today.

Replying to an interpellation dealing with a recent concert by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra from which a work by Richard Strauss, a pro-Nazi, was dropped, Mr. Aranne said the ministry had advised against inclusion of the Strauss piece but had not banned it. Asked further whether such performances would not hurt and insult the families of victims of Nazism, Mr. Aranne said that while there is unanimity of feeling over composers who are anti-Semitic or pro-Nazi, there is no sense to a ban on the notes which, once created, have an existence of their own.

## EBAN WARNS AGAINST "TRAGIC FOLLY" OF RESTORING EGYPTIAN STATUS QUO

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba Eban of Israel warned tonight that it would be "tragic folly" if Egyptian belligerency, by land or sea, were restored to Sinai, Gaza, the Gulf of Akaba or the Suez Canal.

The Ambassador, describing world reaction to Israel's efforts in behalf of Middle East peace, declared that his nation "has never known a deeper surge of sympathy" than that now being manifested by the people of the free world.

Mr. Eban was the principal speaker at the second performance of the sixth annual Chanukah Festival for Israel sponsored by Israel Bonds at Madison Square Garden. For the second time within a four-day period a capacity audience of more than 18,000 purchasers of Israel Bonds participated in the celebration to express their support for the young Middle East nation.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Chanukah Festival committee, announced that the festival will be given an unprecedented third performance at Madison Square Garden December 17 to accommodate an additional 18,000 persons who were unable to gain admission tonight. He reported that thus far more than \$4,500,000 in Israel bonds had been purchased by those attending the celebrations.

## ISRAEL WRITERS ASK PUBLIC OPINION TO HALT NASSER PERSECUTION OF JEWS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The writers of Israel, in a special rally here to-night, called on all writers and cultural and spiritual leaders throughout the world to arouse public opinion and compel the Egyptian regime to end its persecution of the Jews. They called on their colleagues throughout the world to act so that the conspiracy of silence over the Hitler extermination camps should not now be repeated. They also urged support of Israel in its just struggle for peace in the Middle East which would help to ensure world peace.

A resolution adopted by the meeting denounced Soviet attacks on Israel as constituting "racial incitement." It warned that a renewed Communist arms supply to the Arab states could not only destroy Israel but the whole world and it cautioned the world to learn the lesson of the blood and terror in Hungary.

### American Editor Urge U.S. Aid for Egyptian Jews

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers, in session here, adopted an urgent plea to President Eisenhower and the State Department, requesting action by the United States Government to protect the Jews of Egypt against expropriation of their possessions and at expulsion from their homes.

The AAEJN appealed to the President and the State Department to act for speedy peace efforts and to effect direct Arab-Israel negotiations in the Middle-East. It urged action through the United Nations. Similar appeals were sent to the United Nations and to the American delegation at the United Nations.

### SWISS DIPLOMAT IS NAMED UNITED NATIONS REFUGEE CHIEF

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Auguste Lindt, permanent observer here for the Government of Switzerland, was elected today by the General Assembly as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. A 51-year-old former newspaperman, he has served Switzerland in a number of important diplomatic posts for the last eleven years.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees is in charge of relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of European refugees, very few of whom are Jews now. However, the number of Jews has increased within the last few weeks due to the Hungarian exodus. It is presumed that some Egyptian Jews being deported by the Cairo Government may also find themselves under the care of the UN commissioner's administration.

### ANTI-SCHECHITA BILL TO COME BEFORE BRITISH PARLIAMENT

LONDON, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- A private bill which would have the effect of banning Jewish ritual slaughter in Britain will be introduced in Parliament Wednesday. The government has already expressed opposition to the measure and it is not expected to achieve passage.

The bill is authored by R. F. Crouch, Conservative member who has introduced similar measures in previous years and who has the support of the Council of Justice to Animals and the Humane Slaughter Association. Mr. Crouch's bill would require that animals be stunned before blood is drawn, a method contrary to shechita.

The backers of the Crouch bill have been on a national propaganda campaign to enlist public support for it and have made representations to members of all parties in the House. The Board of Deputies of British Jews has waged an equally vigorous campaign, publicizing medical and scientific views that shechita is as humane a method of slaughter as any other.

The government's opposition to the bill was made clear last week when G. F. H. Nugent, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, told Commons that it would be wrong to deprive a minority group of its meat supply. He pointed out the safeguards used by ritual slaughterers against avoidable cruelty and suffering to the animals and said the government would not support any bill designed to prohibit the Jewish method of slaughter.

### SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ORDERS RABBI TO LEAVE COUNTRY

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Rabbi Andr. Ungar, who came to this country two years ago to minister to the Reform Congregation of Port Elizabeth, has been informed by the Interior Ministry that he must leave the country by January 15. His temporary residence permit has been withdrawn.

Although no reason was given for the government's action, it is believed due to the attacks by Rabbi Ungar on government policy. The rabbi voiced his opinions from the pulpit, in the press and at public meetings.

Rabbi Ungar had already announced his acceptance of a post abroad and his decision to leave South Africa at the end of January.

## NEWARK COUNCIL SCOUTS INDIVIDUAL ACTION ON SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

NEWARK, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- A statement cautioning against individual action in the case of religious holiday observances or celebrations in the public schools, has been issued by the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Essex County.

The statement warned that religious holiday observances or celebrations in the public schools inject religious sectarianism into public education, and therefore are a threat to the American principle of the separation of church and state. The statement declared that:

"Where a school has had only Christmas programs, we must be mindful that a public frontal attack on the Christmas observances will probably produce more harm than good. However, in instances reported to us in the past, where the school's Christmas program was clearly one of religious indoctrination, the CRC has often been successful in convincing the school authorities that the programs ought to be modified."

The statement pointed out that "Hanukkah celebrations or joint Christmas-Hanukkah celebrations in the public schools are not the solution, and should not be encouraged, since they tend to complicate the problem by introducing more, rather than less, religious observances into the schools and may seem to some to justify Christmas religious activity."

"As believers in the separation of church and state, we have no right to be involved in violation of the separation principle through the introduction of Jewish religious observances and celebrations. Therefore, Jewish parents should not promote or encourage such Hanukkah or joint celebrations in schools where they have not heretofore been the rule." The statement advised that "where a Christmas Chanukah program has heretofore been the regular practice in a school, our effort should be directed toward making sure that the program is not a sectarian or credal observance, but a contribution to teaching the children about various religions." Parents were advised that "where religious holiday observances are held in public schools, Jewish children have a right to refrain from participation. This office will take such action as may be appropriate to safeguard this right of non-participation."

## CANADIAN MIZRACHI AND LABOR MIZRACHI GROUPS MERGE

MONTREAL, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- National conventions of the Canadian Mizrahi Organization and the Haprei Hamizrachi approved last night the merger of the two organizations. The action parallels the merger of the world bodies of the Mizrahi and Labor Mizrahi movements. The 400 delegates from various parts of Canada elected Samuel Drazin of Montreal president of the merged group and Rabbi M. Zamtrowsky, chairman.

## WALTER REUTHER GETS HISTADRUT AWARD AT WEST COAST MEETING

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Walter Reuther, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, was presented yesterday with the Histadrut's 30th anniversary award. The award was made in recognition of Mr. Reuther's efforts to foster understanding between the American and Israeli labor movements.

Addressing the meeting at which the award was made, Mr. Reuther told delegates representing 400 organizations supporting the Israel Histadrut Campaign on the West Coast that American labor pledges to use its influence to persuade the United States Government to take the lead in bringing about Arab-Israel peace negotiations. The objectives of such negotiations, the American labor leader suggested, include guarantees to Israel of full use of the Suez Canal, access to the port of Elath and elimination of military bases from the Sinai Peninsula and the Gaza Strip.

## FIRST WOMEN'S ORT GROUP IS ESTABLISHED IN WEST GERMANY

MUNICH, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- The first Women's ORT Committee in Germany was founded here with the installation of officers headed by chairman Mrs. Else Mayer-Ettlinger. Mrs. Gertrude Kaphan, a past president of the Women's American ORT and a vice-president of the World ORT Union, installed the officers.

## URIEL BIRNBAUM, POET AND PAINTER, DEAD IN HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- Uriel Birnbaum, Jewish poet, author and painter, died here today at the age of 62. Born in Vienna, Mr. Birnbaum lived in Holland since 1939 and during World War II was hidden from the Nazis by Christian friends. He was the son of philosopher-author Dr. Nathan Birnbaum.

## DAVID SHIMONI, LEADER OF ISRAELI WRITERS, DIES AT 70

TEL AVIV, Dec. 10. (JTA) -- David Shimoni, chairman of the Israeli Writers Association, writer, poet and teacher of literature, died here today. He was 70.