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### DULLES SAYS SITUATION IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO SPEEDY MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today that the situation is not conducive to an early Arab-Israel settlement but that the United States would continue its efforts along the lines of the policy declaration he made on Aug. 26, 1955.

At the same time, an Administration spokesman, Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams, in a letter made public today, expressed the belief that positive steps may "soon" be taken to end political conflict in the Middle East.

Mr. Dulles told his press conference that the United States had certainly hoped for a settlement of the economic, refugee and other problems in the Near Eastern area. The United States position today, he said, remains the same as he expressed it in August, 1955. At that time, he proposed that the United States would "join in formal treaty engagements to guarantee the borders of Israel and the Arab States, given a solution to related problems." He noted that such a guarantee would require the formal fixing of borders and noted that the then current frontiers were the product of the armistice agreements of 1949, and hence, not necessarily the permanent borders.

Mr. Dulles also indicated that an international loan might be made to Israel to finance payment of compensation to Arab refugees, with "substantial participation by the United States." He also stressed the need to review the status of Jerusalem.

Commenting on current Arab-Israel peace prospects, Mr. Dulles said that events had led to deferment of America's hopes. The situation, he said, is presently not conducive to a settlement at an early date. He added that efforts would be continued along the lines of last year's proposals.

### Troop Withdrawals May Make Positive Steps Possible, Adams Says

Mr. Adams, in a letter to B'nai B'rith, said that the withdrawal of British, French and Israel troops from Egyptian territory offered hope for settling their disputes with the Arab states.

Mr. Adams said, "although the United States Government opposed the resort to force in the Near East by Britain, France, and Israel, this did not impair our basic friendship with these nations nor our determination to retain and to strengthen the bonds among us.

"With the announced intention of Britain, France and Israel to withdraw their forces from Egyptian territory, we feel the way may soon be open to take positive steps designed to eliminate the sources of tension in the Near East."

Mr. Adams wrote Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, that "United States foreign policy seeks the friendship of Israel and the other states in the Near East."

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, chairman of the American Zionist Council for Public Affairs, in a meeting today with William Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, urged the United States to press for an early Arab-Israel peace settlement. He expressed concern over recent anti-Israel statements by Pakistan and Iraq and urged the Government to continue efforts to halt persecution of the Jews in Egypt.

### BRITISH REVEAL PLEDGE FROM ISRAEL NOT TO ATTACK KINGDOM OF JORDAN

LONDON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Israel gave Britain assurances on October 29 that it would not attack the Kingdom of Jordan, W.D. Ormsby-Gore, the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, disclosed in Parliament today. Asked by Philip Noel-Baker, a Laborite, what reply Britain had given the Israelis to these assurances, the Government spokesman replied, "none."

Mr. Ormsby-Gore told the Commons in a written reply that for some time prior to the Israel action in the Sinai Peninsula, the British Government had held the view that the Tripartite Declaration was not applicable in Egypt's defense. He said this view was stated in the course of meetings with the representatives of the United States and France on October 29 and "there was general agreement with this view."

# ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM GAZA STRIP 'POLITICAL MATTER,' BURNS SAYS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 18. (JTA) -- In a statement issued at his headquarters at El Ballah, Egypt, Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of the United Nations Emergency Force, said that Israel's withdrawal or failure to withdraw its troops from the Gaza Strip was "a political matter" over which he had no direct responsibility. He announced that Israel troops in the Sinai Peninsula would be withdrawn a further 25 kilometers (about 25 miles) today and Yugoslav elements of the UN force would take over the evacuated zone.

## LONDON DAILY TELLS ISRAEL TO KEEP GAZA STRIP

LONDON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Lord Beaverbrook's London Daily Express strongly warned Israel today to refuse to quit the Gaza Strip. The paper said "it would be madness" for the Israelis to allow the Egyptians to return to Gaza and "it would or should be unthinkable for other nations to become parties to so wrongful an act."

The conservative daily said that Israel should resist any proposal to quit the Gaza Strip to which, it said, the Egyptians do not have "the slightest claim in history or justice." The paper said the Egyptians "grabbed it in 1948. They have held it since as a threat against the life of Israel and an arsenal for Russian arms."

## LIFE BECOMING NORMAL IN GAZA STRIP, SURVEY SHOWS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Normalization of life in the previously Egyptian-occupied Gaza Strip is progressing on both the administrative and economic fields, according to surveys disclosed here today.

All health services have been reactivated in the area. District and magistrates' courts are reopening this week. Schools were reopened last week. The Israeli authorities have restored to his former post of chairman of the Gaza Municipal Council Rushdy Shawa who was Mayor of the city from 1939 until his arrest by the Egyptian military authorities in 1952. A municipal council has also been set up in Khan Yunis and a town council will be established in Dir el Ballah within the next few days.

The Israeli marketing companies have agreed to market Gaza farm produce, including oranges for export. Since the prices in the Gaza area are considerably lower than in Israel proper, the difference is being paid into a special fund devoted to financing public and social services for the Gaza Strip inhabitants.

## ISRAEL TO LAUNCH CHILDREN'S ANTI-POLIO INOCULATION PROGRAM NEXT MONTH

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- A nationwide campaign to inoculate Israel's 120,000 children between the ages of six months and three years with Salk vaccine against poliomyelitis will start on January 1.

Between 400 and 500 inoculation stations will be set up in hospitals, clinics and schools throughout the country. Fifty to sixty physicians each aided by one or two nurses and two volunteer clerks will administer the vaccine, some of which will be imported from the United States and some locally produced. The second treatment will be given in February.

The inoculation program will be continued until April so that infants reaching the age of six months by that time can be inoculated before the start of the polio season here, which is usually May.

## ISRAELI YOUTH CONTRIBUTE FRUIT JUICE TO HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Two thousand cans of fruit juice were shipped by air to Vienna today, the gift of the Youth Aliyah to Hungarian child refugees now in Austria, made in response to a UNICEF call for aid.

El Al, the Israel airline, announced it had reduced freight rates on aid shipments to Hungary and for Hungarian refugees.

## ISRAEL MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE SUBMITS \$472 MILLION BUDGET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- The Ministerial Economic Committee submitted to the Israeli Cabinet today a draft budget for 1956-57 totalling 850 million pounds (about \$472 million), as compared to 790 million pounds for the past year. The budget will be submitted to the Knesset, probably next month, after it receives Cabinet approval.

Actually, the new draft budget calls for less than the current total, since the current budget was increased, by an undisclosed amount, through additional expenditures for defense purposes. The proposed budget includes development expenditures, the financing of which is partially dependent on the availability of funds from abroad.

## SEVENTY-NINE EGYPTIAN EXILES WARMLY WELCOMED ON ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL

LYDDA AIRPORT, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Seventy-nine men, women and children - the first large group of exiles from Egypt to reach Israel - arrived here today (Tuesday) by way of Athens. Many of them were moved to tears as they alit from the El Al airliner onto an airfield basking in a brilliant morning sun. As they assembled on Israel soil, they broke into the Israel national anthem, Hatikvah, but chanting the old words used before the establishment of the State.

The arrivals were welcomed at the airport by Israel Government officials who told them that "here is a place in which the Jews can live without fear." A huge crowd of Israelis was present at the airport to welcome the newcomers, many of them friends and relatives, others seeking information about relatives remaining in Egypt.

Many of the arrivals carried French, Italian, Turkish and Greek passports. The Egyptian nationals, who were denied passports by the Egyptian authorities, carried laissez passer documents. In all cases, the papers of the refugees had been stamped by the Egyptian police, "left for good."

### Refugees Describe Police Warnings to Clear Out of Egypt

Most of the group had left Egypt during the first week of December. They described here how the Egyptian police had knocked at their doors by night and had ordered them to get out of Egypt. Although most of them were well dressed, they carried only hand luggage containing personal belongings - the only possessions the Egyptians permitted them to take.

Some of the new arrivals will join relatives here but the majority will go to the Jewish Agency's immigrant villages near the major cities and towns.

The first written evidence confirming the official nature of the expulsion of the Jews from Egypt was brought here by Joseph Avigdor, one of the group of 29. He succeeded in smuggling through the Egyptian customs the order served on him for his expulsion. The document is signed by Mahmoud Ibrahim, director of the Egyptian Passport Department. It ordered Avigdor to leave Egypt within seven days.

## DOING ALL POSSIBLE TO MEET SITUATION, LODGE ASSERTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., head of the United States delegation to the United Nations, described today the plight of the Jews in Egypt as "one of the shocking results of the whole tragic situation in the Near East."

Replying to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which had asked him to introduce a resolution in the General Assembly for the dispatch of UN observers to Egypt to investigate the treatment of the Jews, Mr. Lodge said:

"I share your concern about the reports of the plight of the Jews in Egypt. The State Department, to clarify the many conflicting assertions on this matter, is endeavoring through the United States Embassy in Cairo to ascertain the facts. Our Ambassador in Cairo has already expressed the concern of the United States Government regarding these reports."

### Illinois Groups Bid Eisenhower Act to Protect Jews in Egypt

CHICAGO, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- An appeal to President Eisenhower for emergency action to rescue the Jews of Egypt was voiced here by the Illinois Conference of Jewish Organizations.

After detailing the persecutions already suffered by Jews in Egypt and highlighting the direction in which a "reign of terror and oppression" is leading, the conference, which represents 36 groups, asked the President to instruct the United States delegation at the United Nations to call upon the UN to: dispatch UN observers to Egypt to investigate the plight of the Jews; have the observers report their findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, and take whatever action is deemed necessary to bring the anti-Jewish campaign to a halt.

## DR. GOLDMANN BEGINS CONFERENCES WITH U.S. ZIONIST LEADERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, has returned here from the recent meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee in Jerusalem, and has begun a series of conferences with Zionist leaders on the present situation.

## EARTH TREMOR FELT THROUGHOUT ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Large areas of Israel felt an earth tremor tonight at 7.55 P.M. local time (12.55 P.M. New York time). The shock lasted for five seconds and was felt with most severity in Western Galilee. No damage was reported tonight nor were there any casualties.

## FRANCE, BRITAIN LAUNCH U. N. ACTION AGAINST EGYPTIAN EXPULSIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 18. (JTA) -- France and Britain late today started their threatened drive against Egyptian mistreatment of their nationals before the General Assembly here. Israel, in a separate action, has brought to the attention of the Assembly President, Prince Wan Waithaykon, and Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld the maltreatment of Jews by the Cairo Government.

Like Israel, both France and Britain accused Egypt of violating the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Geneva Convention of 1949 which guarantees the safety of civilian foreigners in a country at war.

France informed the Assembly that 3,762 of its nationals have been expelled, while Britain stated that 2,550 of its subjects had been ordered by Cairo to depart by Dec. 10.

Egypt's Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi denied the Franco-British accusations, accusing them, instead, of infractions of the UN Charter. Several Arab League spokesmen, including the representatives of Sudan, Iraq and Syria, upheld the Egyptian viewpoint.

## WARSAW COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER BECOMES 'COMMUNITY ORGAN'

LONDON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Folkshimme, the Yiddish-language Warsaw daily which for the past ten years has been an official organ of the central committee of the Communist Party in Poland, announced in an issue received here today that, henceforth, it will be an organ representing the views and interests of the entire Jewish community of Poland.

In a front-page statement, the editors of the newspaper said that "in this historical moment of great changes in Poland and in the life of the Jewish population," the paper must serve the entire community, representing the thoughts and feelings of all the Jewish people and serving as the tribune of the Jewish community.

Last week, the newspaper caused something of a sensation when it published an editorial expressing solidarity with Israel and demanding an end to the persecution of the Jews in Egypt.

## UNITED STATES YIELDS LANDSBERG PRISON TO GERMANS

MUNICH, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- With only 28 hard-core former Nazis remaining in American custody, United States authorities have turned back to the German Government possession of most of the famous Landsberg Prison.

The 28 Nazis convicted of war crimes still imprisoned by the Americans are being held in one small wing of the prison which, for 11 years, had housed thousands of indicted or convicted war criminals. The Germans have refused to accept custody of the "hard-core" cases.

Landsberg was the scene of the hanging of 270 war criminals sentenced to death by the United States military tribunals between 1945 and 1950.

## BAVARIA HOLDS FIRST EXAMINATIONS FOR HEBREW TRANSLATORS

MUNICH, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- State examinations for officially-recognized Hebrew interpreters and translators were held here today, for the first time in the history of the Bavarian Ministry of Education. A six-hour test was given, requiring applicants to translate from German into modern Hebrew and vice versa.

## WARNS OF EFFECT OF BIAS ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

BOSTON, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Manifestations of "undemocratic human relations" in the United States are jeopardizing this country's prestige abroad, affecting particularly the attitude of Asians and Africans toward America, Prof. William Van Til, of George Peabody College, Nashville, said here.

Prof. Van Til was one of the principal speakers at the week-long New England Conference on Human Relations Education, held at Magnolia under the sponsorship of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Tufts Civic Education Center and the Commissioners of Education in New England.

## NEW YORK FEDERATION ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF TWO NEW TRUSTEES

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. (JTA) -- Rabbi Israel Goldstein and Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein have been elected unanimously as trustees-at-large of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, it was announced by Salim L. Lewis, president of the Federation.

Rabbi Goldstein is the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun and is president of the American Jewish Congress. Rabbi Lookstein is the spiritual leader of Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun. They are both former presidents of the New York Board of Rabbis.