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## DULLES CONFERS WITH HAMMARSKJOLD TODAY ON NEW U.S. MIDDLE EAST PLAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles flew to New York today to meet with United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld tomorrow on a new plan under which President Eisenhower will ask Congress for authority to use political, economic and, if necessary, military force to oppose any Soviet aggression in the Middle East.

The plan will be presented by President Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles to Congressional leaders on Tuesday, with a view to securing from both Houses of Congress a joint declaration emphasizing determination on the part of the United States to oppose any armed aggression by the Soviet Union against the Middle East, and to grant increased economic aid to Middle East countries. American diplomats in Britain and France were instructed today to inform the governments of these two countries of what would be proposed to the Congressional leaders Tuesday.

The State Department today stressed the fact that the planned request by President Eisenhower for Congressional authority to use United States armed forces as he deems necessary to maintain peace in the Middle East is aimed primarily at preventing Soviet penetration in the area, and not at settling Arab-Israel disputes.

### Arab-Israel Disputes Left to U.N.; Aid to Israel Made Conditional

Officials of the State Department made it clear that the United States will leave the Arab-Israel disputes and the Suez Canal issue to the United Nations. Israel would be affected under the new plan only if it is directly attacked by Soviet forces, they said.

Similarly, it is envisaged here that economic aid under the new plan is, principally, conceived as a means of ousting Soviet economic penetration from the Arab states. The United States also wishes to begin supplying arms to Egypt and other Arab states in order to replace the Soviet Union as the armory for the Arab states.

The United States, in this connection, envisages extensive aid to Jordan, to prevent that nation from moving further toward the Soviet orbit. But economic aid for Israel seems questionable, as State Department sources today indicated that the resumption of the currently suspended U.S. aid program for Israel hinges on Israel's compliance with steps the U.S. feels should take for regional peace. Included in such steps is withdrawal of Israel troops from territory occupied by its forces.

It is being pointed out by State Department sources that Israel is not considered as deserving of special consideration at this juncture, because Israel "aggression" is said to have created the situation which the new plan is designed to remedy.

Israel's Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, had a 90-minute meeting with Secretary Dulles Friday, at the State Department. She said later that the meeting was devoted to a general review of many aspects of Israel-American relations. In reply to questions, she confirmed that recent resumption of fedayeen activities by Egypt, and questions of Israel's troop withdrawals from Egyptian territory, were among the wide range of topics discussed.

## ISRAELIS IRRITATED OVER ARAB COMMANDO ATTACKS; WANT U.N. TO ACT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Continued attacks inside Israel by Egyptian-trained fedayeen commandos is "open repudiation" of the United Nations resolution of November 2 which called for cessation of "all hostilities," the Foreign Ministry declared here tonight.

The attacks have been occurring almost daily since Radio Cairo announced the new fedayeen campaign on December 2. More than 20 such attacks have taken place. Last night, a water pipe was blown up under a bridge on the Tel Aviv Highway, only about 15 miles from this city. Fortunately, the bridge was not damaged.

"Israel still considers herself bound by the United Nations' resolution," said the Foreign Ministry spokesman. However, he stated, Egypt is violating both the letter and the spirit of that resolution which, among other things, called for a cease-fire.

While the Foreign Office spokesman was reiterating Israel's continued adherence to its commitment in regard to the United Nations, ever-widening circles here were critical of this country's "unilateral compliance" with a resolution being flaunted increasingly by

Egypt. Newspaper editorials and resolutions by various organizations were demanding to know why the government continues to insist on observation of the very UN resolution which Egypt is violating, not only through the increasing fedayeen raids but also through an open declaration that it intends to continue its naval blockade of Israel's port of Elath.

The Foreign Ministry has declined to discuss this phase of Egypt's violation of the UN resolutions. However, a number of Israeli newspapers have demanded that the troop withdrawal from the Sinai be delayed until guarantees are obtained through the United Nations that Egypt will not be permitted again to blockade the Gulf of Akaba.

Resolutions calling on the government not to withdraw its troops from the Gaza Strip, and to insist on the establishment of a buffer zone between Israel and Egypt in the Sinai Peninsula were adopted here today at a special meeting of the united executive committee of the Mizrachi and Hapoel Haimizrachi. Another resolution demanded that the government bar any reestablishment of Egyptian military bases in the southern portion of Sinai overlooking the Gulf of Akaba channel from Elath to the Red Sea.

#### SOVIET AMBASSADOR RETURNS TO ISRAEL; WAS RECALLED DURING SINAI CRISIS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry confirmed today reports that the Soviet Union is sending back its Ambassador, Alexander Abramov, who was recalled from Israel during the height of the Sinai-Suez crisis to underscore the Kremlin's dissatisfaction with Israel's part in that series of actions. Mr. Abramov is expected here during the first week in January.

Political observers believe that Abramov's return will be the precursor of a new Middle East "peace offensive" to be undertaken by the Soviet Union. The "peace offensive" is likely to be launched in the United Nations General Assembly, and is expected to be based on the United Nations' 1947 resolution which had called for partition of Palestine. Under that scheme, Israel would be truncated, much of its present territory being allotted to the Arab states.

Abramov's return is also regarded here as possibly a warning to Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser against tightening his relations with the United States. Reports that Abramov's return might also bring a resumption by the Soviet Union of oil shipments to Israel were regarded here as premature. The Kremlin stopped all oil shipments to Israel during the crisis in November, as another sign of its displeasure with Israel's campaign in the Sinai.

#### FRANCE WILLING TO SELL LATEST MODELS OF JET PLANES TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Israel could purchase French Mystere-4-B jet planes, which are superior to the Mystere-4 fighters this country bought from France recently, it was stated here today by Pierre Montel, chairman of the French National Assembly's defense committee.

M. Montel made his statement here just before departing for home after a five-day visit. He said all Israel needs do to get the Mystere-4-B planes is to ask for them.

The French legislator expressed himself as satisfied with Israel's appreciation of the help she received from France earlier in the form of jet planes and tanks. He advised Israel to use the "bargaining power" it acquired through the recent military operations in an effort to obtain satisfactory guarantees against further border raids by Arab elements, and against resumption of the Arab blockade against Israel.

M. Montel, who expects to go to the United States, said he will explain the situation here to Americans so that they might understand Israel's position more clearly. He expressed the hope that Americans as a whole, and especially President Eisenhower, might soon "reach a more realistic understanding of Israel's fears."

#### ISRAEL NEWSPAPER FINED FOR REVEALING NAME OF CONVICTED U. S. WOMAN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The daily newspaper Maariv today was fined 100 Israeli pounds (\$55) for publishing, against government censorship orders, the name of Mary Frances Hagan, an American woman convicted here in October for espionage.

Last week, the pro-government newspaper Davar was fined 450 pounds (\$248) for the same violation. The court held that Maariv's offense was not as grave as that of Davar. The latter newspaper, a morning daily, was first to publish the woman's identity, with Maariv, an evening newspaper, following. Three other newspapers have been indicted on the same charges, but their trial has been ordered by the court postponed pending appeals to the higher courts by Davar and Maariv.

#### ISRAEL PRESIDENT ISSUES NEW YEAR GREETING TO CHRISTIAN POPULATION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- President Itzhak Ben Zvi expressed the hope tonight that the year 1957 "may see further strengthening of bonds of friendship between nations and between all sections of our population." His hope was contained in a New Year statement he issued to the heads of the Christian communities in Israel on the eve of their New Year celebrations.

# 1,000 HUNGARIAN JEWISH REFUGEES ARRIVE IN ISRAEL; 1,000 MORE DUE SOON

TEL AVIV, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency today denied press reports that only 900 of 14,000 Jewish refugees who fled from Hungary to Austria in the last two months are willing to settle in Israel. "More than 1,000 Hungarian Jews have already arrived in Israel, and the Jewish Agency is planning now to charter ships for the transfer of an additional 1,000 refugees who have already been approved in Vienna for emigration to Israel," Shlomo Zalman Shragai, head of the Agency's immigration department, stated. He expressed the belief that half of all the Hungarian Jewish refugees in Vienna will proceed to Israel.

The Jewish Agency also received reports today that more than 2,000 Jews have left Egypt since the start of the latest anti-Jewish persecutions there. The reports show that a large majority of the Jewish refugees from Egypt will migrate to Israel. Of 148 Jews who arrived in Athens from Egypt last week, almost all will go on to this country. Other refugees have gone, by themselves or in groups, to Italy, France, England, and other points in Europe. But most of these stops are not regarded as ultimate destinations but only as stop-overs to straighten out personal or family business before proceeding to Israel.

## American Jewish Organizations Intensify Aid to Jews from Hungary

VIENNA, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee, United Hias, and Agudath Israel are stepping up their activities here on behalf of Jewish refugees from Hungary. About 14,000 Jews are among the escapees from Hungary. Of the total, more than 2,900 have been helped by United Hias to emigrate to other countries.

Theodore Feder, JDC director for Germany, is here now in charge of the JDC's emergency program for Hungarian Jews in Austria. A veteran in work on behalf of refugees, who has headed JDC operations both here and in Germany, Mr. Feder is now coordinating his organization's emergency activities here, with a staff recruited from various European countries.

Special attention is being given under the JDC program to Orthodox Jews among the refugees. Orthodox Jewry has also been assured more care by the arrival of Michael G. Tress, president of Agudath Israel of America, who brought with him \$30,000 raised for Hungarian-Jewish relief by members of his organization.

Agudath Israel has rented the 104-room former Continental Hotel, where it has established living quarters for 500 Jews who, until now, have been sleeping on floors or benches in local synagogues or Hebrew schools. The organization has also established three kindergartens for children of the Jewish refugees from Hungary. Additionally, three kosher meals are being provided daily to about 1,000 of the refugees.

## 10 Percent of the Hungarian Jewish Refugees Seek U. S. Visas

VIENNA, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Michael G. Tress, president of Agudath Israel of America, who is now in Vienna organizing aid to Orthodox Jewish refugees from Hungary, has been refused visas by the Hungarian and Rumanian governments. No reason for denials of Mr. Tress' plans to visit those countries was given by the consulates of either government.

Approximately 10 percent of the Jewish refugees from Hungary would like to emigrate to the United States, Mr. Tress today told the United States Ambassador, with whom he conferred. The Agudath Israel leader urged the American Embassy to increase the number of American visas being issued to the Jewish refugees.

## 750 Jewish Refugees from Hungary Due to Arrive in Australia

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A total of 750 Jewish refugees from Hungary are scheduled to arrive in Australia by January 15, according to Sydney Einfeld, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, in a report to the World Jewish Congress here.

Mr. Einfeld, who departed for North Africa today to screen prospective emigrants to Australia, told a meeting sponsored by the World Jewish Congress that more than 1,500 Hungarian Jewish refugees are registered to migrate to Australia. Admission of the 1,000 refugees poses a great problem for the tiny Australian Jewish community of 56,000 persons, he said.

## U. J. A. Executive Head to Study Situation of Jewish Refugees

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, is leaving this week for a 10-day survey of chief points in Europe where the stream of Jewish refugees from Hungary and Egypt is constantly growing.

"The most important purpose of my mission," he said, "is to bring back to the American Jewish community a first-hand, thorough and factual account of the greatest refugee crisis since the Nazi terror and the chaos following World War II. It is hoped that this report will provide local community efforts, which support the nationwide UJA, with the basis for campaigns of the necessary scope to meet our greatest humanitarian responsibility of this decade."

## U.S. INVESTORS IN ISRAEL ENTERPRISES IGNORE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Not a single American investor in the Ampal-American Israel Corporation--which is the largest group of private American investors in Israeli enterprises, has requested to have his holdings sold when the Middle East crisis developed, Abraham Dickenstein, president of the corporation, reported today at the 94th regular meeting of Ampal's board of directors.

The report, which dealt with the impact of Israel's entrance into Sinai, and the subsequent developments in the Middle East, also stressed the fact that sales of securities in the Ampal corporation's affiliates since the beginning of the crisis have equalled and, in some instances, have even surpassed those of any comparable period during the last twelve months. It also revealed the following facts:

1. Financing in excess of \$5,500,000 for its Israel clients was undertaken by the Ampal corporation and its affiliates since the start of hostilities.
2. The newly-formed Israel American Industrial Development Bank of Tel Aviv, owned 50 percent by Ampal, began functioning October 1, a month before the Sinai Campaign. Since then it has already approved loans in the amount of 1,000,000 Israel pounds.
3. Over \$500,000 was invested by the corporation's affiliates to finance further oil drillings in the recently discovered "Heletz" field, since the closure of the Suez Canal. The field is currently yielding approximately 900 barrels a day from six producing wells.

Mr. Dickenstein also reported that export-import activities continued at a "brisk pace" throughout the crisis, with another Ampal affiliate, Israel Purchasing Service, Inc., exporting goods, spare parts and machinery amounting to over \$400,000 to Israel. Imports from Israel exceeded \$100,000 since November 1. Mr. Dickenstein also emphasized that the importance of the role of ZIM, Israel Navigation Company Ltd., an Ampal-financed affiliate, was dramatically highlighted by the Middle Eastern crisis when ships of this company assured the continued flow of vital supplies to Israel.

## SO. AFRICAN JEWS REPUDIATE ANTI-GOVERNMENT CHARGES BY DEPORTED RABBI

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A charge by Rabbi Andre Ungar, of the Port Elizabeth Reform Congregation, that the government's order that he leave the Union of South Africa had been intended to intimidate Jewish citizens, was repudiated today by the Eastern Province Committee of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies.

Dr. Ungar, an American citizen, had been ordered by Interior Minister Danges to leave the country, after he had criticized the government's policy on segregation of colored people. He then alleged that the order was intended to intimidate Jewish citizens and keep them from voicing criticism of the government.

A statement issued by the committee today declared that the Jewish community in South Africa, in common with other sections of the population, includes individuals of all shades of opinion. Some Jews have sharply criticized the government, the statement declared, while government spokesmen have exercised their right of reply.

"Such reactions," the committee stated, "were never construed as intimidation directed against the Jewish community." Rabbi Ungar's case, the committee statement continued, is no exception. "Dr. Ungar," declared the committee, "spoke entirely as an individual, neither for his congregation nor for South African Jewry as a whole. Despite his suggestion, the withdrawal of his residence permit is not regarded by the Jewish community as a government attempt at intimidation of Jewish citizens who may be critical of the government policy."

## B'NAI B'RITH TO ESTABLISH STUDENT CENTERS AT OXFORD AND LEEDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith plans to establish student centers at Oxford University and the University of Leeds in England, and the University of Delft in Holland, it was announced today, in an expansion of the Hillel Foundations overseas program.

The plans were reported by Dr. William Haber of Ann Arbor, Mich., who was re-elected national chairman of the Hillel Commission for a second one-year term. The two additional British University Hillel centers will be added to one now in operation at the University of London.

## JAMES P. RICE NAMED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNITED HIAS SERVICE

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- James P. Rice, veteran social service administrator, was named today executive director of the United Hias Service. He has been holding the post of acting executive director of the organization since last February.

As chief administrator of United Hias, Mr. Rice will supervise the organizations programs in some 40 countries throughout the world, including the agency's current emergency projects of emigrating Hungarian refugees, and other Jews leaving Egypt and North Africa.