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## U. N. ASSEMBLY TO START SHOWDOWN SESSION TODAY ON GAZA-AKABA ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The United Nations General Assembly was tentatively summoned today for a showdown session tomorrow and Saturday in anticipation of settling the deadlock over Israel's conditions for the withdrawal of its troops from the Gaza and Akaba areas.

Meanwhile, behind-the-scenes negotiations were going on today as it became clear that Canada is lining up against a combination of the United States and India in regard to the type of a resolution which would meet at least some of Israel's demands for "simultaneous and related measures" in connection with the proposed withdrawal of Israeli troops from the two disputed areas.

United States delegate Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., backed by India's V.K. Krishna Menon, was reportedly holding out against the insistence of Canada's Minister for External Affairs Lester B. Pearson, who wants a resolution that would give the United Nations Emergency Force administrative duties in the Gaza Strip following Israel's withdrawal. Mr. Lodge and Mr. Krishna Menon are reportedly insisting that a resolution with such a provision will not muster the necessary two-thirds majority in the Assembly.

While it appeared that there will be two resolutions--the first calling for Israel's troop withdrawals and the second tackling the situation beyond that phase--a spokesman for the U.S. conceded that as matters stand now there is no certainty that the second resolution would pass the Assembly after the troop withdrawal measure had been reaffirmed.

Israel and its friends among diplomats here fear exactly that kind of a possibility and are therefore pushing for either a single resolution embodying both points or a firm commitment from the Afro-Asian group that it will support resolution number two just as it is willing to support the first measure.

### U.S. Stand Unacceptable to Israel; Eban Confers with U.S. Delegate

The American delegation seemed to be content in connection with the second resolution merely to state general principles about giving full effect to the 1949 Israel-Egypt armistice agreement. On the other hand the United States is still insisting on the need for stationing the UN Emergency Force on both sides of the Israel-Egypt frontier in El Auja as well as along the Gaza Strip.

Such a decision, it is believed here, would meet with Israel's firm opposition and would only lead to a continuation of the deadlock since even the Americans agree that stationing of UNEF on Israel's side of the borders would have to have consent from Israel.

Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban conferred with Mr. Lodge today and presumably heard the latest word on the American plans for resolution number two. While neither the American nor the Israeli diplomat would discuss the subject of their talk, it was understood that Mr. Eban made it clear that mere vague formulations of goodwill will not suffice for Israel at this point.

The least that Israel wants from resolution number two is a definite promise that the United Nations will see to it that Israel has freedom of passage for its shipping through the Akaba waterway and that Egypt will be ordered specifically to end the state of belligerency toward Israel along the frontiers between the two countries.

The possibility that the compliance resolution, which is certain to get an overwhelming vote here, will not insure the same kind of a vote for resolution number two apparently does not elicit particular concern among the Israelis. The procedural plan as it stands now is to introduce both resolutions and to discuss both simultaneously. It seems to be clearly understood among Western and Latin American delegations here that if resolution number two is not carried or if resolution number two is watered down to a repetition of "goodwill" then Israel cannot be expected to comply with resolution number one and the deadlock will continue.

In a conference yesterday with Ambassador Lodge, Jacob Blaustein, American Jewish Committee leader, reviewed the critical situation in the Middle East and Egyptian acts against its Jewish and its British and French residents.

# EIGHT SENATORS SEEK U. S. GUARANTEES AGAINST ANTI-ISRAEL BLOCKADE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- A resolution requesting that the United States seek guarantees in the United Nations against "a resumption of border raids and blockades of international waterways" in the Middle East was introduced today in the Senate by eight Republican and Democratic Senators. Two other resolutions asking the U. S. to give immediate concern to the Arab-Israel problem were introduced in the Senate yesterday by Sen. Mike Mansfield, Montana Democrat, and Sen. William Fullbright, Arkansas Democrat.

The eight Senators who joined in introducing today's resolution include Jacob Javits (R., N. Y.), J. Glenn Beall (R., Md.), Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.), Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.), Irving Ives (R., N. Y.), William Langer (R., N. D.), Richard H. Neuberger (D., Ore.) and John Sparkman (D., Ala.).

Senator Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) said that the Mansfield resolution "does not even scratch the surface" of the Arab-Israel problem. The Mansfield resolution, among other things, would call on the President to recommend to Congress an economic program to facilitate an Arab-Israel settlement. It would also seek to regulate the arms traffic to the Middle East through the establishment of a special United Nations Committee.

Sen. Morse said the Mansfield resolution contains some "fine-sounding language in it about what it is proposed to do after the fact. "But," Sen. Morse continued, "Israel has had enough experience with after-the-fact action by the United States and the United Nations. She would like to see a little delivering before the fact."

The Oregon Senator emphasized that before he would vote for any Middle East Plan, he would insist that the Arabs and Israelis accept a buffer zone between them and manned by a United Nations police force. He said that previous U. S. policies have not protected Israel because "powerful reactionary forces" in this country have not wanted to do so. Criticizing the U. S. stand at the United Nations demanding Israel withdrawal without assurances against establishing the status quo ante, Sen. Morse said if he were an Israeli he would be "just a wee bit skeptical of all the high-sounding pronouncements by American spokesmen who have been so inadequate in delivering."

The Senator said that he could not condone the Israeli invasion of Egypt, "but I can understand her response to provocation." Concerning the Arab refugees, Sen. Morse said the problem is no longer one for Israel and the Arab states alone. He recommended that before a resolution is passed the U. S. seek commitments on the part of the principle nations concerned to submit the Arab refugee problem to the United Nations for determination. A commitment from greater powers that they will assume a share of economic burden should also be sought, he suggested.

# U. S. INVESTIGATES CHARGES THAT NAZIS LEAD EGYPT'S ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The State Department has directed the American Embassy in Cairo to investigate a report submitted by B'nai B'rith that former Nazi officers are leading Egypt's anti-Jewish persecutions, it was reported here today.

William M. Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, told B'nai B'rith president Philip M. Klutznick that the Cairo Embassy had been asked to "investigate and comment" on the matter.

The B'nai B'rith report told of thousands of former Nazi officers now working under Arabic aliases and holding Egyptian passports. It asserted that ex-Nazis are directing Nasser's "program of terror" against Egyptian Jews. It said that more than 4,000 Jews had been imprisoned by a Nazi-run government security agency and that Egypt had begun establishment of five concentration camps large enough to hold Egypt's native Jewish population.

# BEN GURION RECOVERS FROM PNEUMONIA; ADVISED TO REMAIN IN BED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion has recovered from a case of pneumonia and will remain in bed for another few days on the advice of his physicians, it was learned here today.

Pneumonia set in after the Premier left his bed last week despite a heavy cold in order to participate in the Cabinet discussion and a Parliamentary debate on the question of Israel troop withdrawals from the Gaza and Akaba areas. It is possible that Mr. Ben Gurion will remain in bed through Sunday when the next regular weekly meeting of the Cabinet will be held.

# ISRAEL EXPERTS LEAVE FOR BURMA TO ADVISE ON AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Four Israel agricultural experts left for Burma today to advise on test sowings of experimental tracts within a 1,000,000 acre area of Central Burma being developed jointly by Israel and Burma. Several months ago Israel soil conservation experts conducted the primary survey of the region.

## NUMBER OF POLES SENTENCED IN POLAND FOR ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA

VIENNA, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- A number of Poles were sentenced today in the Polish city of Wroclaw for spreading anti-Jewish propaganda, the Warsaw radio reported. The sentences ranged from three to six months.

Polish newspapers reaching here from Warsaw continue to carry articles calling upon the population not to fall under the influence of anti-Jewish elements and warning anti-Semitic agitators of the government policy to deal firmly with persons conducting propaganda against Jews. At the same time, the government-controlled Polish press calls upon the Jews of the country "not to fall into despair" because of the efforts of "some reactionary groups" to sow dissension among the population.

## GERMAN EXPERTS TO HELP PROCESS CLAIMS OF NAZI VICTIMS IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Two German experts on compensation and indemnification problems have been assigned to the German Embassy here to process complaints of people, most of whom are Jews, who have not yet received satisfaction of claims against the West German Government.

Meanwhile, nearly 1,000 former German nationals, the vast majority Jews, packed a meeting here to hear Joachim Lipschitz, Minister of Interior in the municipal administration of West Berlin. Herr Lipschitz, a half-Jew, reported that 50 Jewish families a month were returning to take up life in Berlin. He said they were "very welcome."

Commenting on the attitude of the East Berlin administration toward Jews, Herr Lipschitz charged that the "Communists have learned much from Hitler. They play the old tune that Jews are capitalists. It finds an echo among the sad and discontented population. There is no attempt to make amends for the horrors of the past among the rulers of East Germany, and no compensation."

## EISENHOWER ASKS CONGRESS TO LIBERALIZE IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower asked Congress today for liberalizing changes in the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act. His recommendations would allow more Southern European and Mediterranean peoples to immigrate to this country. The President also called for permanent legislation to give haven to refugees "who have fled or in the future flee" Communist persecution.

In a message to Congress, the President said that the application of the McCarran-Walter Act has demonstrated that "certain provisions operate inequitably and others are outmoded in the world of today." He called for a re-examination of the national origins quota system and expressed faith that Congress will continue to "study" the system with a view towards its change.

He asked immediately, however, that "interim measures" be acted upon. He called for a general revision of the law to allow about 65,000 more immigrants to come to this country each year. This would be made possible by basing the quota on the 1950 census of population rather than the 1920 census which allows a maximum of 154,857 immigrants each year. He also asked for a redistribution of immigrant quotas "in proportion to the actual immigration" to the U.S. from 1924 to 1955. This would benefit Southern and Eastern Europeans since practically immigration from these areas have been heaviest.

The President called for a "pooling" of unused quotas by areas--Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Pacific Oceanic area--to be distributed on a "first come, first serve basis without regard to country of birth within the area." If this measure were passed Southern and Eastern Europeans would also benefit by this provision since unused quota numbers from Northern European countries would be redistributed to Southern and Eastern European countries. In the past, countries like England and Ireland have used only a small percentage of the total quota number allotted.

The President also called for the elimination of "mortgages" on quotas resulting under the now defunct Displaced Persons Act and for special provisions to admit orphans into the country.

## U. J. A. STARTS ITS NATIONWIDE 1957 CAMPAIGN TOMORROW IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal will initiate the opening phases of its \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund and its regular 1957 campaign this Saturday with a dinner honoring Samuel D. Leidesdorf, veteran Jewish leader, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. It is expected that contributions at the dinner will set the pattern for a campaign of the magnitude of the 1957 Appeal.

The \$100,000,000 Emergency Rescue Fund is to be used to save, transport and resettle in Israel, the United States and other free world countries about 100,000 new Jewish refugees coming primarily from Egypt and Hungary. The regular 1957 campaign will seek to raise the funds needed to carry out the regular programs affecting the well-being of 525,000 Jewish men, women and children in various parts of the world, including Israel. Newly-elected United States Senator Jacob K. Javits will be the principal speaker at the dinner, at which awards will also be made to leaders of the successful 1956 UJA campaign.

#### EISENHOWER ISSUES "BROTHERHOOD WEEK" DECLARATION; CALLS FOR UNITY

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- A declaration by President Eisenhower stressing the fact that the United States is "a people of many races, colors and creeds" but at the same time "one nation" and must seek "a stouter unity" among its people, was released here today by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The declaration was issued by the President in connection with Brotherhood Week which will be observed February 17-24. President Eisenhower is serving as honorary chairman of the Brotherhood Week.

"We are a people of many races, colors and creeds, but we are one nation, one country," the President said in his declaration. "The rich variety of American life invigorates the entire Republic, our economy, our culture, our dedication to freedom and justice. America is a great and dynamic expression of equality among men. But America must forever seek a stouter unity among its people, a sharper understanding that none of us can stand alone; that working together all of us shall prosper in the human goods of body and mind and spirit."

#### NEW YORK RABBIS OPPOSE TEACHING OF RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- A resolution declaring that sectarian religious instruction in the public schools is an "invasion" of the principle of the separation of church and state was adopted here yesterday at the 76th annual meeting of the New York Board of Rabbis. The Board, which represents the spiritual leaders of some 700 Orthodox, Conservative and Reform synagogues in this city, elected Rabbi Joseph Miller of Congregation Shaare Torah president for 1957.

The rabbis urged the city council to ask the state legislature for legislation permitting Saturday Sabbath observers to keep their stores open on Sundays. On the national scene the Board deplored efforts to circumvent the Supreme Court ruling outlawing segregation in the public schools.

The Board pressed President Eisenhower to call a meeting between Israeli and Arab leaders to settle their differences and endorsed the United Nations decision to send a police force to Egypt and recommended it remain there until a permanent peace is established between Israel and Egypt. Another resolution expressed "dismay" at King Saud's visit to the White House, while still another resolution hailed the U.S. Government's admission of Hungarian refugees under the "parole" system and urged that this facilitation of the admission of refugees be extended to all refugees, including Egyptian Jewish victims of the Nasser regime.

#### CAMPAIGN FOR REFORM JUDAISM STARTS DRIVE FOR \$1,000,000 IN CASH

NEW YORK, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism moved today into the second half of its 1956-57 nationwide drive with the opening of a special effort for the raising by May 1 of an additional \$1,000,000 in cash to help its beneficiary institutions meet a rising need for religious guidance, trained rabbis and skilled teachers. The Campaign raises funds for the activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

A.B. Polinsky of Duluth, Minn., general chairman of Combined Campaign, in announcing the three-month special cash drive, made known at the same time that the current effort has raised \$1,100,000 since its inception in mid-September. He emphasized that raising of the second million dollar sum by May 1 would put the Campaign within \$500,000 of its 1956-57 goal, with two full months remaining before its official close on June 30.

Irving S. Schneider, executive vice-chairman of the Campaign, in a detailed report to leaders of the nationwide drive, said that "continued support at the present rate could make this the biggest year in the history of American Reform Judaism." He told the Campaign leaders that "thousands of Jewish families numbering tens of thousands of men, women and children have indicated a desire to affiliate with Reform Judaism and need help in establishing congregations, and in securing trained rabbis, cantors and religious school teachers."

#### TRUMAN TO ADDRESS COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL DINNER IN MIAMI BEACH

MIAMI BEACH, Jan. 31. (JTA) -- Former President Harry S. Truman will address the Combined Jewish Appeal at a "Climax Campaign Dinner" February 12th at the Algiers Hotel here, it was announced today by John Serbin, campaign chairman, and Howard Kane, president of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. The former President is scheduled to deliver a significant address expressing his views on the tense Middle East situation.

The Combined Jewish Appeal last week launched its fund drive to raise \$1,468,000 for local, national and overseas needs, and an additional Emergency Rescue Fund of \$1,500,000 to save the lives of 100,000 Jews fleeing oppression in North Africa, many satellite countries, and Egypt.