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### ISRAEL CHIEF OF STAFF AND U. N. COMMANDER MEET ON SECURITY PROBLEMS

TEL AVIV, June 10. (JTA) -- Israel Army Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan and United Nations Emergency Force commander Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns met today to consider means of strengthening UNEF defenses against infiltration from the Gaza Strip and landmining of Israeli vehicles. A number of Israeli civilians and soldiers have been wounded in a recent series of landmining incidents along the Gaza demarcation line.

A communique issued after the meeting, the first between the two commanders in three months, noted that among the means discussed for checking the movement of infiltrators across the border was a mined, barbed wire security fence. No decision was reached, however. The meeting took place in a heavily guarded hotel in Ascalon. Both commanders were accompanied by aides.

After the 75-minute conference, Gen. Burns held a press conference where he revealed the nature of the discussion and said that UNEF was "very concerned" over the mining of Israeli roads. He revealed that a number of UNEF vehicles and personnel had fallen victim to such ambushes, particularly in the Rafah area. The discussion of the security fence, he labelled "inconclusive," and noted that although the proposal for a buffer zone to be created on both Israel and Egyptian territory was not raised today it had not been abandoned.

UNEF patrols are active all along the demarcation line, day and night, Gen. Burns insisted. He refused, however, to state whether UN troops were under orders to fire on infiltrators. Although he said UNEF was cooperating with Egyptian police in its campaign against infiltration, he did not specify the nature of the cooperation.

### U. N. Forces Will Attempt to Prevent Arab Infiltration

The major point under discussion at today's meeting, it was learned, was a decision by UNEF to divert the majority of its forces to night patrols. This would require coordination with Israeli Army units near the demarcation line, in order to head off accidental collision of patrols. It was also learned that UNEF was getting additional equipment, including mobile searchlights, in an attempt to cut down infiltration.

Israel Foreign Ministry circles declined comment today on reports that Gen. Burns had been told that Israel would refuse to permit the security zone to extend to Israel territory--a position Israel is known to hold. These circles claimed that Israel was under the impression that the security area, about 2900 feet wide, would be all inside the Gaza Strip, with UNEF being given increased authority to prevent infiltration.

An attempt by infiltrators from the Gaza Strip to break into the Beeri settlement, near the border, was foiled last night, a military spokesman announced here today. Settlement watchmen spotted the raiders and opened fire on them before they even reached Beeri's perimeter. The Arabs fled.

### U. S. URGES ISRAEL TO APPLY "PROGRESSIVE TESTING" TO SUEZ CANAL BLOCKADE

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet spent the major portion of yesterday's meeting discussing the decision to first test Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal by sending goods to and from Israel through the waterway in foreign bottoms, it was learned here today.

It is known that the United States Government has been urging Israel to follow such a course of "progressive blockade testing" and that top United Nations circles hold similar views. It is believed that cargoes will be shipped in ships of Western nations.

Meanwhile, it was learned today that Israeli naval units have conducted intensive maneuvers off Greek waters. Other naval units engaged in exercises off the Israeli shore. A military spokesman referred to the naval games as routine, annual exercises.

(In London, the Daily Mail reported today that a small Israeli freighter has become the first vessel flying the Israeli flag to pass through the Gulf of Akaba since the Arab-Israeli war of 1948. The report said that the vessel, believed to be the 1,554-ton Atlit, had docked at Elath, Israel's port at the head of the Gulf. The newspaper said the ship sailed up the Red Sea from the French Somaliland port of Djibouti.)

## ISRAEL DENIES SAUDI ARABIA'S COMPLAINTS TO UNITED NATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., June 10. (JTA) -- Taking note of four complaints made recently by Saudi Arabia alleging that Israel naval units have violated her territorial waters, Ambassador Abba Eban, Israel representative to the United Nations, in a letter to the President of the Security Council, today denied "these allegations categorically."

"The incidents alleged have never taken place," the letter stated. "Israel's naval forces are under strict instructions not to violate the territorial waters of Saudi Arabia and not under any circumstances to attack other vessels or coastal positions. Similarly, all Israel aircraft are under strict orders to respect the air space of all other countries. Israel's policy, as repeatedly affirmed, is to contribute to the fullest extent to the maintenance of peace and tranquillity in these international waters."

"The Government of Israel regrets particularly that the Government of Saudi Arabia should have seen fit to inject a religious issue by stating that the 'location' of the 'aggressive acts' which it alleges had occurred 'engulf the traditional land and sea routes of Moslem sea pilgrimages' to Mecca," the letter continued. "The Government of Israel, so far from interfering in any way with the traditional pilgrimage, has declared its desire to place all possible facilities at its disposal. A full statement to this effect was recently made by the Israel Minister for Foreign Affairs. Never on a single occasion has Israel prejudiced the Mecca pilgrimage in any way, nor has she any intention of doing so."

"It is the honest hope of the Government of Israel that all littoral states of the Gulf of Akaba will do everything in their power to ensure the continuance of the present peace and tranquillity of the Gulf," the letter concludes.

## ISRAEL GOVT. SENDS MESSAGE OF ASSURANCE TO KING OF SAUDI ARABIA

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has sent a message to King Saud of Saudi Arabia, through a third government friendly to both the Jewish and the Arab state, it was announced here today.

The Israeli message informed the King that Israel had the deepest respect for the safety of Moslems making the pilgrimage to Mecca, and expressed the hope that Israeli Arabs would be permitted to participate in the pilgrimages. In the past Israel's Arab citizens have been barred by different Arab states from crossing through their territory en route to the Moslem Holy City.

The Israeli note, like a radio broadcast last week by Foreign Minister Golda Meir, was occasioned by public statements by the Saudi Arabia Government that it feared for the safety of Moslems pilgrims because of Israel's use of the Gulf of Akaba.

## ISRAEL SEEKS TO ORGANIZE WORLD-WIDE RESISTANCE TO ARAB BOYCOTT

TEL AVIV, June 10. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel is trying to organize world-wide resistance of chambers of commerce and similar business groups against the intensification of the Arab anti-Israel boycott, Moshe Leshem, Foreign Ministry spokesman, said today.

"The Jewish people have taught the world that discrimination never stops with a single group," he stated. "Once you tolerate it against anyone, the way is opened for continuing discrimination against others. This is true of Egypt's Suez Canal blockade and trade as well."

Declaring that the problem would not be solved until the six-point Security Council resolution of last October on operation of the Suez Canal was implemented, he added that "for the time being," Israel was thinking in terms of use of diplomatic channels to fight the Arab boycott rather than more direct action.

## ISRAEL CAN PRODUCE LIGHT WEAPONS; MUST IMPORT ARMOR, HEAVY EQUIPMENT

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- Israel can produce all light weapons but must import armor, warplanes and other heavy equipment, Giora Josephthal, secretary general of the Mapai, said today at a party rally in defense of the Government's endorsement of the principles of the Eisenhower Doctrine.

Discussing Israel's needs for foreign economic aid, he said the creation of one job in the Timnah copper mines requires an investment of 80,000 pounds.

## WORLD CONVENTION OF REVISIONIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION OPENS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 10. (JTA) -- The world convention of Betar, the Revisionist youth group, opened here tonight with 71 delegates from the United States, South Africa, Belgium, and other countries. Among the delegates and guests are Australian, Mexican and Argentinian youths who are visiting or have settled in Israel.

♫ In a massing of flags which formally opened the convention were represented the banners of Betar organizations in countries where Jewry and its institutions had been exterminated by the Nazis.

GERMANY'S BUDGET APPROVED; INCLUDES \$200,000,000 FOR JEWISH CLAIMS

BONN, June 10. (JTA) -- The federal budget for 1957-58, which sets aside \$60,000,000 for Israel reparations and more than twice that amount as compensation, restitution or pension payments for Jewish victims of Nazism, received final approval today from the West German parliament.

After allowance is made for the benefits devolving upon non-Jewish applicants, well-informed observers consider it likely that the individual Jewish victims of Nazism, the Conference on Jewish Material Claims and the State of Israel will together receive between 175 and 200 million dollars from the West German Treasury in the coming year.

This is the first time that indemnification payments from the Bonn Treasury will outrank reparations and all other categories for Jewish claims, without even taking into account the funds which Germany's individual states are obliged to contribute for indemnification purposes.

With regard to reparations to Israel, the Federal Republic is for the fourth time in succession resorting to an escape clause in the reparations pact permitting her to restrict payments for reparations shipments to the contractual minimum, which is \$60,000,000 per year. The \$74,000,000 designated in the Reparations Agreement as the "normal" rate has never been made available, Germany's unprecedented economic prosperity notwithstanding.

In the last two budgets, large amounts were provided for the restitution of identifiable Jewish property confiscated by the former German Reich. Although duly appropriated, these funds were in fact hardly touched, the necessary legislative frame of reference having been delayed for many years. Now that the Federal Restitution Law has been passed by the Bundestag and is expected to enter into force in July, the \$35,700,000 allotted for this category will soon be exhausted. By 1962, a total of \$357,000,000 is required.

The Federal Republic some time ago assumed liability for the pensions due to nearly 3,000 former German rabbis or erstwhile officials of Jewish communities, institutions and organizations. The 1957-58 budget allocates \$6,800,000 for this purpose, as compared to \$7,600,000 last year. The pertinent lump-sum back payments show a sizeable drop, since only a few hundred new applications are still pending.

A residual \$50,000 have been allotted to crippled victims of Nazi medical experiments who, because of technical or legalistic reasons, are deemed ineligible for regular compensation. Further, the International Tracing Service (ITS), which maintains the Arolsen concentration camp archives on behalf of the International Red Cross, will receive \$420,000. The aggregate total of payments appropriated for all categories of the indemnification, restitution and reparations program is \$245,000,000.

BNAI ZION CONVENTION ADOPTS RESOLUTION ENDORSING EISENHOWER DOCTRINE

MONTICELLO, N. Y., June 10. (JTA) -- The 48th annual convention of the Bnai Zion, Zionist fraternal order, concluded here today with a resolution endorsing the Eisenhower Doctrine. The resolution expressed "deep satisfaction that at long last the United States has recognized the menace of Communist aggression in the Middle East. "The resolution expressed the view that "the Middle East area including the State of Israel, can be the beneficiary of enforcement and implementation of such doctrine if it is fairly and diligently applied."

The convention called on the American Government to start immediate peace negotiations between the Arab states and Israel; to resist resumption of Egyptian civilian or military control over the Strait of Tiran or the Gaza Strip; and to oppose efforts to station UN troops on Israel's soil. Nathaniel S. Rothenberg, New York lawyer, was unanimously re-elected national president of B'nai Zion.

ABNER BREGMAN, PRESIDENT OF UNITED HIAS SERVICE, DIES; WAS 53

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- Abner Bregman, 53, president of United Hias Service, died today at his home in White Plains following a short illness.

Mr. Bregman was a world leader in Jewish relief, rescue and resettlement work. On May 14 he was presented with a scroll of honor at a testimonial dinner in recognition of his more than two decades of outstanding service to United HIAS, Joint Distribution Committee and United Jewish Appeal.

In 1935 when events in Germany presented world Jewry with a challenging refugee problem, Mr. Bregman joined the board of directors of JDC. He was elected associate treasurer of JDC in 1937. Later, he was one of the founders of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. In 1950 he was elected to the board of United Service for New Americans. In 1954 when USNA was merged with Hias and the immigration department of JDC to form United Hias, he joined the board of directors. Last February, he was elected president of United Hias.

A major in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II, Mr. Bregman was considered a top leader in Jewish philanthropic endeavors. Until the last day of his life Mr. Bregman continued to guide the agency, despite his illness.

# CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS SEEKS PROPERTY PROTECTION FOR EGYPTIAN JEWS

MONTREAL, June 10. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress has called on the Dominion Government to intervene with the United Nations High Commissioner to protect the property rights of Egyptian Jews exiled or fleeing from that country, the CJC announced here today.

In a memorandum to Lester B. Pearson, Minister for External Affairs, the Congress cited the High Commissioner's assumption of jurisdiction over Egyptian Jews who had no nationality or had been stripped of it by the Nasser regime. It further spelled out the High Commissioner's rights and duties in relation to protecting the property rights of refugees within his jurisdiction.

## ANTI-SHECHITA FEELINGS REPORTED STRONG IN RURAL COUNCILS IN BRITAIN

GLASGOW, June 10. (JTA) -- More than one-third of rural and borough councils throughout Britain to which resolutions on shechita were submitted during the first three months of this year voted against the Jewish ritual slaughter practice, Dr. I. E. Burton stated today at a meeting of the Glasgow Jewish Representative Council.

Reporting on the continuing need for a strong fight against well-financed foes of shechita, who maintain constant agitation against the ritual practice, Dr. Burton said that out of a total of 1,823 resolutions put before the local councils in the three months, only 13 councils voted favorably. He said no action had yet been taken by 1,079 of the local government units and 549 anti-shechita resolutions were approved. Results in 182 cases were not known, he reported.

## COMMUNITY SUPERVISION OF KASHRUTH URGED FOLLOWING TWO-YEAR STUDY

NEWARK, N. J., June 10. (JTA) -- Community supervision of kashruth in Jewish butcher shops was recommended here at the conclusion of a two-year study by the Jewish Community Council of Essex County, New Jersey. The program, as recommended by the council, would be administered by a broadly representative communal organization, but kashruth control regulations would be in the hands of a rabbinical commission consisting exclusively of unpaid Orthodox rabbis.

Judge Philip Singer of Orange, N. J., who headed the study commission, reported that numerous rabbis, retailers, wholesalers and consumers had testified before his unit in favor of community supervision. Hundreds of petitions from kashruth observers urging community supervision were also received.

## U.S. URGED TO START "PEACE OFFENSIVE" IN ISRAEL AND ARAB COUNTRIES

MONTICELLO, N. Y., June 10. (JTA) -- The State Department "is again missing the boat" by failing to insist on peace between Israel and the Arab states, Rep. Abraham J. Multer, Democrat of New York, declared here last night at the 48th annual convention of Bnai Zion, the Zionist fraternal order. Rep. Multer called for a "peace offensive" noting that "we have a price to offer in the form of economic aid and technical assistance and financing the cost of the resettlement of Arab refugees among their Arab brethren.

Mendel Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America, told the 500 delegates from a dozen states that as of the end of 1956, 600 rural settlements had been established on JNF land in Israel, 83,000 housing units had been erected on the land and more than 27,000,000 trees planted. Max Varon, Israel consul in New York, told the convention that the "leading democrats must guide the pro-Western Arab rulers to a peaceful co-existence with Israel."

## Z. O. A. HONORS FORMER DIRECTOR OF U.S. AID MISSION IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Lincoln B. Hale, former director of the United States Operations Mission to Israel was honored by the Zionist Organization of America here at a reception tendered him today. Dr. Hale returned to this country last month after spending almost three years in Israel as head of the U.S. Aid Mission there. In this capacity, he supervised the implementation of the U.S. Economic and Technical Aid Program to Israel under which Israel received financial and technical aid and advice.

In behalf of the national ZOA administration, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the ZOA, presented a scroll to Dr. Hale in which tribute was paid to him as "a builder of democracy as educator, religious leader, and administrator of a creative program of American assistance in the development of the State of Israel." The tribute further emphasized that "under his direction the U.S. Operations Mission during the years 1954-1957 contributed notably and lastingly to Israel's progress, through the expansion of industry, the development of mining, and the exploitation of mineral resources."

## DR. LOWDERMILK HONORED BY ISRAEL ENGINEERS; RETURNS TO U.S.

TEL AVIV, June 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, American soil conservation expert, was made an honorary member of the Israel Engineers Federation last night at a farewell function before his departure for home. Dr. Lowdermilk, long-time friend of Israel and chief architect of its water development network, hailed Israel's achievements and admonished Israeli planners to take special soil conservation precautions with the establishment of each new settlement.