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### MOSCOW SHAKE-UP WILL AFFECT JEWS AND ISRAEL, EGYPTIAN RADIO PREDICTS

LONDON, July 8. (JTA) -- The "Jewish aspect" of the political shake-up in Moscow was given today over the Cairo radio in a broadcast in Hebrew in which it was emphasized that the purged Soviet leaders are either Jews or pro-Jewish and that Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet "boss" who directed the purge, "hates the Jews and supports the Arabs against Israel."

The broadcast claimed that not only is Lazar Kaganovitch Jewish, but that the ousted Vyacheslav Molotov is also a Jew. (Mr. Molotov's wife is Jewish but not he). The broadcast also alleged that Dmitri Shepilov, who was instrumental in providing Egypt with Soviet arms, has a Jewish wife and that Georgi Malenkov "is known as pro-Jewish."

"This means," the Egyptian broadcaster asserted, "that this is an anti-Semitic purge designed to eliminate all leaders who are inclined toward Zionism. It is well known that Nikita Khrushchev hates Jews and supports the Arabs against Israel. It will be difficult for Israel when the new Communist leaders begin their open war against Zionism," the broadcast prophesied.

The Cairo radio claimed that Premier David Ben Gurion had recently succeeded in "deceiving several Communist leaders in Poland and Russia" so that they consented to permit Jewish emigration to Israel. "This emigration will stop immediately after the dismissal of these leaders," the Egyptian broadcast said.

An Arab-language Cairo radio broadcast today attacked Arab nations which are being supplied with American arms but predicted that "every Arab soldier who carries arms from any source whatsoever will use these arms against Israel before using them against any other enemy." The broadcast said: "The Arab soldiers who carry American arms will not hesitate to turn these arms against the Americans themselves if the Americans should act against the interests of the Arabs."

### ISRAEL'S DESTROYERS PREPARED FOR ANTI-SUBMARINE ACTION, COMMANDER SAYS

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- Israel's destroyers are prepared for anti-submarine action, Lt. Col. Itzhak Dvir, commander of the destroyer "Haifa," revealed today. Lt. Col. Dvir, whose vessel is the former Egyptian ship Ibrahim el Awal, said that all Israeli destroyers are equipped with anti-submarine weapons and devices and that the navy is carrying out anti-submarine exercises and training.

Israeli sources indicated today there is a growing belief that the question of Israel's freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Akaba and in the Suez Canal ultimately will be turned over to the International Court of Justice at The Hague for a ruling.

Israel's position on such a move remains unchanged, these sources said. Israel contends that the 1951 ruling of the United Nations Security Council, ordering Egypt to halt its Suez blockade against Israel, is specific and of higher authority than a Hague court ruling. The Israel position on Akaba transit is that there is no basis for litigation.

Israeli circles, however, were reportedly becoming convinced that during the coming General Assembly, one of the Western countries, possibly a small one with Great Power backing, may propose that the UN ask The Hague court for an advisory opinion on Israel's rights of the Suez Canal.

(The New York Times reported from Cairo today that Egypt and the Arab states are preparing to argue that Israel has no legal right to the port of Elath or the Gulf of Akaba and therefore, Israel has no legal right to send her ships through the gulf. The Arab contention, Cairo official sources said, will be that Elath is rightfully the property either of Egypt or of Jordan, since it lies between those two countries at a narrow point of the Negev, where it meets the gulf. "The Arab states are preparing to make this point as part of a second round of a joint effort to induce the United States to abandon its support of Israel's claim to the right of free passage through the gulf," the Times report said.)

## IRAQ WILL CONTINUE TO BOYCOTT ISRAEL, BAGHDAD GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES

LONDON, July 8. (JTA) -- Refuting Egyptian allegations that Iraq is softening its attitude toward Israel, the Iraqi radio said today that the Baghdad Government "did not and will not attend any regional conference in which Israel participates, thus complying with its well-known nationalist policy and the unified decision of the Arab League." The broadcast stressed that "the Iraqi Government's decisions and instructions are very decisive and final in this respect."

## ISRAEL REVEALS NAMES OF OFFICIALS WHO CONTACTED ARAB REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- Details of recent meetings between Israeli officials and representatives of Arab refugees which took place in Europe, evidently in Rome, were revealed here today by official circles.

Three weeks ago Ezra Danin, a special adviser on Arab affairs in the Foreign Ministry, returned from Rome after making contact with the Arabs. A week ago, Joseph Palmon, head of the Foreign Ministry's Middle East Division, came back from a second such meeting.

However, the feeling here is that the meetings--not unlike others which have taken place in the past--do not represent a major new development. Most of the leading Arab refugees with whom Israeli officials have met were personal friends before 1948 and what is involved are informal, unofficial contacts rather than negotiations. Observers believe the time is not yet ripe for the Arab governments to permit the representatives of the refugees to negotiate with Israel.

(In London, the Daily Telegraph reported today from Rome that an attempt has been made to keep the Arab-Israel meetings there secret, so as not to compromise them at the outcome, but that the Egyptians had given them wide publicity in an attempt to kill any possibility of an early success in the talks.)

## PLOT TO ASSASSINATE EX-PREMIER SHARETT REVEALED AT TRIAL IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, July 8. (JTA) -- Testimony concerning a bizarre one-man plot to assassinate former Premier Moshe Sharett for having allegedly handed over a Hungarian Jew to the British as a German spy was heard in court here today during the trial of three men charged with the murder of Dr. Israel Kastner, controversial figure in the Jewish community of wartime Hungary.

Ariel Alashvili, a self-styled one-man underground movement and spy for the Israel secret service, testifying as a government witness against Jacob Heruti, one of the defendants, said that he had prepared a bomb to send Mr. Sharett, but was dissuaded from doing so by Mr. Heruti whom he met while en route to the post office to mail his deadly parcel. Alashvili, who later joined the "Fighters for Israel's Kingdom" underground movement, says he made the bomb from a heavy book from which he removed the pages, replacing them with explosives.

## JERUSALEM POLICE ORDERED TO PREVENT TRANSPORTATION ON SABBATH

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem Chief of Police, Levi Abrahami, was ordered today by the Prime Minister's office to prevent the use of unlicensed trucks to transport passengers on the Sabbath from Jerusalem to the beaches and the countryside.

During the summer months parties of hikers and bathers have used trucks for that purpose because buses do not operate on the Sabbath. Such transport has produced demonstrations and disturbances by Orthodox elements.

## TURKEY SEEKS TO INCREASE EXPORTS TO ISRAEL; WANTS TRADE BALANCE

ISTANBUL, July 8. (JTA) -- An agreement has been reached in principle for the export to Israel of \$2,000,000 worth of Turkish agricultural products, which will restore the trade balance in the commerce between the two countries, it was disclosed today.

Israel is trying to buy more from Turkey to permit more sales to Turkey. The latest figures, those for April, show that Israel exported \$1,851,000 worth of products to Turkey, a considerable increase over previous months. The trade balance is now \$2,000,000 in favor of Israel and Turkish importers currently hold import licenses from Israel of about \$4,500,000.

The new Turkish exports to Israel will include fruits, skins and probably cattle. Israel has been selling to Turkey cement, tires, anti-biotics, chemicals, paints, glass and cardboard boxes. Israel's efforts to buy more Turkish products are hampered by the high prices of Turkish goods but trade continues to develop.

## ISRAEL SEEKS TO STIMULATE GERMAN TOURIST TRADE; FACILITATES VISAS

COLOGNE, July 8. (JTA) -- In an effort to attract more German visitors, the Consular Department of the Israel Purchasing Mission here has notified travel agencies throughout the country that the granting of three-month tourist visas to Israel has been facilitated. Applicants must indicate how they fared at the hands of the postwar denazification courts and into which denazification category they were placed by such courts.

### FRANCE TO GRANT \$45,000,000 CREDIT TO ISRAEL; CABINET HEARS REPORT

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- France has agreed to increase her original grant of \$30,000,000 in credit to Israel to \$45,000,000 and on more favorable terms, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol reported last night at the first Cabinet session since his return from the United States. En route home he stopped off in Paris.

The original credit grant required Israel to use \$5,000,000 for consumer goods, \$5,000,000 for semi-finished products and the remainder for development equipment. The new credit may be used entirely for development purposes, including the purchase of port equipment and facilities for the overland transportation of liquid cargo in bulk.

Official Israel circles expressed today their gratification at this latest French move, noting that at a time when the French economy is pressed France has agreed to increase the scope of her aid to the Jewish State.

### SURVIVORS OF NAZI CAMPS OUTSIDE GERMANY TO GET "IMMEDIATE AID"

DUESSELDORF, July 8. (JTA) -- The state of North Rhine Westphalia has issued instructions to pay a \$1,425 "immediate-aid" indemnification allowance to German Jews who were shipped to such Nazi concentration camps outside Germany proper, such as Auschwitz, Theresienstadt or Mauthausen, and who returned to Germany after the war to settle here.

All German states but one have now abandoned the specious reasoning previously employed in this connection. The 1956 version of the Federal Indemnification Law contains a clause providing an "immediate-aid" award to Nazi victims who were former residents of Germany. If they emigrated from Germany due to Nazi persecution, if they were deported or expelled, they are entitled--once they have returned to Germany on a permanent basis--to a \$1,425 allowance, half of which is later deducted from other indemnification grants.

By dint of strained legal argumentation, some German indemnification authorities ruled that Jews whom the Nazis shipped to concentration camps outside Germany, and who returned to Germany after the war, had not been "deported" or expelled within the meaning of the law and therefore had no claim to the "immediate-aid" grant. The state of Rhineland-Palatinate still adheres to this interpretation, and has now appealed to the German Supreme Court against a decision of the Neustadt Superior Court which affirms that a Jewish complainant is entitled to the "immediate-aid" allowance.

### EX-NAZI LEADER, SUSPECTED OF KILLING JEWS, RESIGNS MUNICIPAL SEAT

FRANKFURT, July 8. (JTA) -- Herman Krumej, who is under investigation by the Frankfurt prosecutor on suspicion of being an accessory to the murder of hundreds of thousands of Hungarian Jews, has resigned his seat on the Waldeck County Council to which he was elected as a representative of the rightist BHE Refugee Party.

Krumej, one-time major in the SS, was in charge of "Jewish Affairs" in Hungary in 1944 at the time the Nazis attempted to "trade" 1,000,000 Hungarian Jews for 10,000 heavy trucks and other war materiel. The charges against Krumej stem from his involvement in that scheme and subsequent developments. He was arrested in April and freed, without bail, by the Frankfurt Superior court last month.

### ANTI-NAZI ACTOR HONORED; CHOSE DEATH RATHER THAN ABANDON JEWISH WIFE

FRANKFURT, July 8. (JTA) -- In the lobby of the municipal theater here, a bronze sculpture has been dedicated to Joachim Gottschalk, the German actor who committed suicide in 1941 rather than obey Nazi instructions to divorce his Jewish wife.

Created by sculptor Knud Knudsen, the bust of Gottschalk commemorates a star of stage and screen whose life was portrayed in one of the first films produced in East Germany after the war, "Marriage in the Shadows." As a young and unknown actor, Gottschalk had taken Meta Wolff for his wife in 1931.

To avoid encounters with the Nazi hierarchy, the Gottschalks kept away from social affairs but one day after a triumphant Berlin premiere of a film starring Gottschalk, they attended a party at an artists' club. Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels dropped in and, captivated by Meta Gottschalk, kissed her hand. Upon learning that she was Jewish, he stamped out in a rage and vowed vengeance.

A few days later, Gottschalk was called to the Propaganda Ministry and curtly informed that he would have to obtain a divorce. When he refused, he was told that otherwise his wife and their child would be transported to a concentration camp forthwith. A few days later, the whole family took poison and turned on the gas. Joachim Gottschalk was then 37 years old.

### ORTHODOX JEWS IN TURKEY START PUBLICATION OF NEWSPAPER IN LADINO

ISTANBUL, July 8. (JTA) -- A new Jewish weekly, "El Tiempo," has made its appearance here. It is published in Ladino and carries editorials in Turkish. The newspaper is published by Orthodox Jews.

AMERICAN-ISRAEL TRADE TOTALS \$34, 991, 500 IN FIRST QUARTER OF 1957

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- American-Israel trade totalled \$34, 991, 500 in the first three months of 1957, an increase of more than 10 percent over the parallel period in 1956, the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce reported today.

United States exports to Israel totalled \$30, 300, 000, as compared with \$26, 130, 000 in the first three months of the previous year. American imports from Israel totalled \$4, 700, 000, as compared with \$5, 300, 000 in the same period in 1956. The decrease in imports from Israel was almost entirely due to a decrease in the imports of cut and polished diamonds.

RABBI FRIEDMAN REPORTS ON U. J. A. PLANS AT JEWISH AGENCY SESSION

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- Rabbi Herbert Friedman, executive vice president of the United Jewish Appeal, reported at the plenary session of the Jewish Agency here today on the success of the UJA campaign this year. He also reported on plans to speed the tempo of the 1958 campaign and to inaugurate this September nationwide "goodwill tours" which will, within an eight-day period, bring information teams into 76 major American Jewish communities with the UJA message.

Levi Eshkol, Israel's Finance Minister and head of the Agency's settlement department, reported on his recent visits to the United States and France and his efforts to raise funds for housing needs and immigration costs.

RABBI FREEHOF CONDUCTS ASSEMBLY OF U. S. JEWISH CHAPLAINS IN EUROPE

MUNICH, July 8. (JA) -- Jewish chaplains from Army and Air Force units throughout Europe convened here for an assembly conducted by Rabbi Solomon B. Freehof, of Pittsburgh, who came to Germany on behalf of the Department of Defense and the National Jewish Welfare Board. He is a past president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

After the assembly, Rabbi Freehof will participate in one of the semi-annual Torah convocations held at Berchtesgaden, once Hitler's summer capital. In the former hunting lodge of Nazi Field Marshal Hermann Goering, he will lecture on religious topics to hundreds of servicemen, officers and civilian employes of the Armed Forces, who come from all parts of Europe to seek Jewish inspiration and stimulation.

BRITH ABRAHAM CONVENTION LAUDS Z. O. A.; ELECTS SPOONER AS GRAND MASTER

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- Leo S. Spooner, member of the administrative committee of the American Jewish Congress, was elected grand master of the fraternal order Brith Abraham at the 70th annual convention of the order.

The convention adopted a resolution expressing "identification with the struggle for a secure and strong Israel" and sent greetings to the Zionist Organization of America. The resolution lauded the ZOA for "conducting important tasks on the American scene" in mobilizing support for Israel.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT GRANTS FELLOWSHIPS TO NINE FOREIGN SCHOLARS

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Education announced today the granting of nine fellowships to foreign scholars to study at the Hebrew University and the Israel Institute of Technology.

Recipients of the fellowships, worth 1, 200 to 2, 000 pounds each, include nationals of the United States, India, Poland, Britain, Canada, Greece, Holland, Denmark and France.

ISRAEL CONSUL GENERAL IN CHICAGO TRANSFERRED TO POST IN MOSCOW

JERUSALEM, July 8. (JTA) -- David Teshler has been named consul general of Israel in Chicago, the Foreign Ministry announced here today. He succeeds Simcha Pratt who has been appointed counsellor at the Israel Embassy in Moscow.

GENERALISSIMO TRUJILLO PRESENTED BY ISRAEL WITH HEBREW BIBLE

NEW YORK, July 8. (JTA) -- A Bible printed in Israel was presented to Generalissimo Rafael L. Trujillo today by a representative of the Israeli Government, the Dominican Republic Information Center reported. W. Zev Bairey Bronner, an official of the Israeli Treasury Department, said that the people of Israel were grateful for the friendship and assistance that Generalissimo Trujillo had rendered the new nation on a number of occasions.

PROF. GUSTAV KLAUSNER DIES IN LOS ANGELES; WAS ACTIVE IN J. N. F.

LOS ANGELES, July 8. (JTA) -- Gustav Klausner, life-long worker for the Jewish National Fund and a retired professor of accounting at St. Louis University, died here today at the age of 80. A native of Russia who came to this country in 1905, Prof. Klausner was also involved in communal and Jewish educational activities in St. Louis.