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### TENSION ON SYRIAN-ISRAEL BORDER CONTINUES; MOSCOW INFLUENCE SEEN

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 11. (JTA) -- Tension on the Syrian-Israel border continued today, provoking concern at the United Nations that there is a plot between Syria and Egypt, stimulated by Moscow, to prevent action at the forthcoming session of the UN General Assembly to bring about a better understanding not only for the solution of the Arab refugee problem but also for the need of an Arab-Israel peace settlement.

Andrew Cordier, executive assistant to UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, was known here today to be watching developments pertaining to Syrian-Israel border situation with utmost attention. He was visited this evening by Mordecai Kidron, acting head of the Israel delegation during Ambassador Abba Eban's vacation, who asked Mr. Cordier for measures to prevent further Syrian provocations on the Israel border. A 15-minute machine-gunning by Syrians of Israel border settlements was reported today following the 10-hour border skirmish Tuesday. The Israel diplomat reportedly declared that Israel takes a serious view of the situation.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Lincoln White said today the United States takes "a very dim view" of Israeli-Arab border incidents which increase tensions in the Middle East. He said this when asked about U. S. efforts to minimize the current Syrian-Israel friction.

(Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir cut her stay in France short today and returned to Jerusalem because of the current situation along the Israel-Syrian frontier. Meanwhile, Joseph Tekoah, head of Israel's Foreign Ministry's armistice affairs division, conferred today with Col. Byron V. Leary, Acting Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, on matters concerning Israel's armistice pacts with Syria and Jordan. It is assumed that the two men discussed Tuesday's 10-hour battle along the Israel-Syrian border and the general situation in the demilitarized zone between Israel and Syria.)

### Moscow Radio Defends Syria; Says U. S. Providing Israel with Arms

LONDON, July 11. (JTA) -- The allegation that the United States has provided Israel with destroyers, military aircraft, tanks and other munitions was made today in an Arab-language broadcast from Moscow where anti-Israel propaganda has been stepped up during the last few days.

The broadcast said that the United States is "plotting" with Israel to use the Israeli army in an attack on Syria, in order to bring Syria under American domination. "Israeli troops are constantly committing provocative attacks on the Syrian frontier posts in accordance with plans worked out in Washington," the broadcast asserted.

The Soviet radio told the Arab world that the U. S. Sixth Fleet is based off the Syrian coast and "has received an order from Washington to be ready for an immediate intervention in the event of a military clash between Israel and Syria." The broadcast said that the United States is resorting to "the most impudent lies against Syria and Egypt."

### U. S. TO START TALKS WITH JORDAN TOMORROW ON SENDING MUNITIONS

WASHINGTON, July 11. (JTA) -- U. S. authorities will begin detailed talks with Jordan on Saturday on types of munitions to be furnished that Kingdom despite recent Jordanian statements reiterating hostility against Israel.

Extreme anti-Israel expressions by King Hussein and Gen. Habes el Majali, Jordanian Chief of Staff, have been enunciated in the last few days. But Washington officials tend to dismiss them as designed for "internal consumption" and representative of no immediate danger to Israel.

Word was received here that Jordanian Army Chief of Staff Majali said publicly in Amman that "once complete and permanent stability exists among the Arabs and as soon as it becomes possible for our Armed Forces to prepare themselves, Jaffa and Haifa will be in our pocket."

### Pakistan Premier Discusses Arab-Israel Situation with Eisenhower

WASHINGTON, July 11. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Hussein Suhrawardy of Pakistan is discussing the Arab-Israel situation among other Middle Eastern issues with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles, informed sources said. The talks opened today.

HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FAVORS INCREASED U.S. AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, July 11. (JTA) -- The House Foreign Affairs Committee said today it may be advisable to increase U.S. aid to Israel because of the sudden upsurge in immigration of the last few months.

Reporting on pending foreign aid legislation, the Committee indicated a favorable view of boosting the amount of assistance to Israel in the new fiscal year. The report said: "It is anticipated that consideration will be given to the fact that our aid program to Israel has helped that country to expand its industrial and agricultural output and to meet the costs of resettling refugees who found a haven."

In the last few years, the committee noted, "allocations (for Israel) were cut from a high of \$73, 000, 000 in 1952 to \$25, 000, 000 in 1956--as immigration tapered off and as the country strengthened its economy." In view of the anticipated arrival of approximately 100, 000 refugees this year, the Committee said "it may be advisable to increase assistance" to Israel in the legislation now before Congress.

GOLDMANN SAYS ISRAEL GOVT. MUST COOPERATE FULLY WITH ZIONISTS

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, charged the Israel Government last night with failure to cooperate on broad matters of policy with the Zionist movement.

Speaking at the Zionist Actions Committee session, he said that while there is cooperation between the government and the Zionist movement on "small, day-to-day matters," there is no progress on improving cooperation on a high level--"joint planning, joint consultations about major problems facing the state."

Without "such fundamental cooperation," he continued, "it is hard to regain the necessary prestige and authority of the world Zionist movement. The responsibility for this situation," Dr. Goldmann told Zionist leaders from many countries, "lies with the leaders of Israel and the representatives of parties who do not implement their pledges of loyalty to the Zionist movement."

On the question of establishing Zionist territorial federations, he told the leaders of the world Zionist movement that the discussions of this Actions Committee meeting would be a test of whether the Zionist parties throughout the world "mean to implement or sabotage decisions of the World Zionist Congress on reorganization."

Emphasizing that within the organizational sphere of the world Zionist movement "not much has changed and little has been achieved" since the last World Zionist Congress, he blamed this state of affairs on the Sinai campaign which required the full-time attention of Zionist groups abroad, the reluctance of Zionist groups and parties to change the movement's organizational structure, and the Israel Government's failure to enhance the Zionist organization's prestige by making it more of a partner on major problems facing the Jewish State.

Stresses Danger of Assimilation; Wants Non-Zionists in Jewish Agency

Jewish problems in the world at large, Dr. Goldmann declared, are not primarily those of physical and political security, but that of "safeguarding Jewish identity." As the political and economic situation of Jews abroad improved, he warned, the internal danger of assimilation increased.

The essential work of preventing assimilation, the Zionist leader continued, must be done by the Zionist movement and through a deepening of ties between Israel and Jews abroad. While the majority of the world's Jews have a deep feeling of solidarity with Israel, this feeling must be cultivated, he said.

"This central issue of Israel's public relations is more important than the problem of relations with foreign powers," Dr. Goldmann stressed. He also said that the enlargement of the Jewish Agency executive through the inclusion of non-Zionists is "vital" to the insurance of continued Jewish solidarity.

Dr. Goldmann had kind words for the governments of Morocco and Tunisia which, he pointed out, had kept their promises of protecting their Jewish citizens from attack and of treating them as equal citizens. However, he reported, there are thousands of Jews who want to emigrate from these countries for religious or other reasons and because of the economic situation but who are in fact "prevented from doing so."

Premier David Ben Gurion, in a message outlining the momentous developments in Israel during the 15 months since the Actions Committee last met, said that it would be a delusion--as events along the Israel-Syrian border demonstrate--to believe that complete tranquillity will prevail. However, he said, as a result of the Sinai victory, Israel will be able to devote a considerable part of her energy to constructive absorption and development.

Mr. Ben Gurion's message provoked considerable criticism among the members of the Actions Committee who noted that the Premier failed completely to mention the word "Zionist" in his letter. They also noted that the Premier referred to the Actions

Committee as "representatives of the Jewish people" instead of "representatives of the Zionist movement" or of the World Zionist Organization.

Another development that caused a stir among the members of the Actions Committee was the fact that Israel's radio broadcast, in summarizing Dr. Goldmann's speech, dealt exclusively with the positive aspects of the address but omitted all reference to the severe criticism levelled by Dr. Goldmann against the Israel Government for the relationships between the State of Israel and the Zionist movement.

As the general debate developed today, speakers representing various groups within the Zionist movement failed to offer support to Dr. Goldmann's proposals that non-Zionists be included in the Jewish Agency executive and that the Zionist movement be re-organized through the establishment of territorial federations. Most of the speakers demanded that the world Zionist movement should concentrate its energies on emigration to Israel.

#### FRENCH MINISTER PLEDGES AID TO ISRAEL; GOLDA MEIR LEAVES FRANCE

PARIS, July 11. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir left for home today after conferring with French Government leaders and Paul-Henri Spaak, secretary general of NATO. Mrs. Meir met today with Premier Maurice Bourges-Maunoury and yesterday with Foreign Minister Christian Pineau.

Although no official statement was released on the talks, it is believed that the conversations touched, among other matters, on the treaties which France has just signed accepting the European market and other Western economic plans. Although these matters have no direct bearing on Israel, it is understood that Mrs Meir was interested in Israel's economic relations with France in terms of the new arrangements.

At a luncheon yesterday given in Mrs. Meir's honor by the France-Israel Committee of the National Assembly, M. Pineau expressed satisfaction with the recent intensification of French-Israel relations and pledged that Israel would always find France at her side to aid her in moments of danger and to help her find a road toward peace. He expressed the hope that Israel's future would be less fraught with danger than her past.

#### A. J. C. PRESIDENT REPORTS IN NEW YORK ON HIS TALK WITH VATICAN

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee, said at a press conference here today, that in his special audience with Pope Pius XII, he was "encouraged to believe that the Pope is vitally concerned with a constructive program in the Middle East designed to lead to a durable peace in that troubled part of the world."

At the same time, Mr. Engel reported on the basis of his conferences with Vatican dignitaries, that high Roman Catholic officials are interested in achieving a "practical" rather than a "legalistic" solution to the problem of free access and protection of the Holy Places in Israel and Jordan. He stressed that "the Papal attitude of sympathetic understanding toward Israel may well serve as a constructive force for the achievement of a just and durable peace in the Middle East."

Mr. Engel said he was assured by high Roman dignitaries in the Vatican, "of a decided attitude to combat the age-old problem of discrimination against Jews as well as of a view full of sympathy and understanding with respect to Israel." He hailed the Pope's statement which deplored all types of discrimination, including anti-Semitism and his "eloquent words urging the countries of the world to provide safe haven for victims of persecution."

Mr. Engel emphasized the American Jewish Committee's view that the problem of the Holy Places "could be solved, with full retention of sovereignty, by the creation of an international commission to supervise the Holy Places, preferably under the aegis of the United Nations."

#### Impressed by Israel's Orientation towards Western Democracies

In reference to his visit to Israel, Mr. Engel announced that his delegation had received Premier David Ben Gurion's "vigorous affirmation of the fact and principle that the Government of Israel speaks only in behalf of her own citizens and in no way represents Jews in other countries." Mr. Engel stressed the significance of the Premier's statement because "it refuted allegations by unfriendly propagandists based on occasional sentiments voiced by Israelis concerning relations between Jews throughout the world, including the United States, to Israel."

The Committee delegation, Mr. Engel said, was particularly impressed in Israel by three factors: "1. The overwhelming desire for peace; 2. The astonishing economic and cultural development of the country, with striking advances in industry, agriculture and education; and 3. The strong Israeli orientation towards the Western democracies, especially the United States--an orientation that prevails not only in government circles but throughout the population."

Regarding the Arab refugees, Mr. Engel said that "there is a great desire on the part of Israel to help solve this serious problem provided the Arab countries evince a

willingness to assist in its solution." He reported that the Premier had re-emphasized the desire to meet face-to-face with Arab leaders on this and other outstanding issues.'

On the minorities in Israel--Christian and Moslem--Mr. Engel reported that they had freedom of religion and expression but that the movement of some living in military designated areas was "limited for security reasons often with harmful economic consequences." Mr. Engel said that the situation had been discussed with Premier Ben Gurion and expressed gratification about recent announcements concerning the Israel Government's easing of security curbs and travel restrictions.

In Morocco and Tunisia, Mr. Engel reported a strong trend toward full acceptance of the Jews in those countries--about 200,000 in Morocco and 85,000 in Tunisia. He said that fears for the safety of Jewish inhabitants after these countries had achieved independence "have proved unwarranted." He warned, however, that substandard economic conditions and bleak prospects for the future will intensify the great pressure toward emigration.

The Tunisian Premier, Habib Bourguiba, had stressed his "country's determination to demonstrate that the Jews of Tunisia can live in equality and harmony in an overwhelmingly Moslem land," Mr. Engel said. The Tunisian Premier advised the AJC delegation that Jews were free to emigrate from his country if they wished.

#### JEWISH CONGRESS URGES AMERICANS TO FILE CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POLAND

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- Americans whose property in Poland was nationalized or otherwise taken should file registration forms with the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission in Washington as soon as possible, it was urged today by spokesmen of the American and World Jewish Congresses. Information about possible claims against Poland is urgently needed by the Commission in preparation for imminent discussions between the U.S. and Poland, it was stressed.

In recommending immediate action by U.S. citizens who have property in Poland, Dr. Nehemiah Robinson, director of the WJC Institute of Jewish Affairs, pointed out that the submission of registration forms does not constitute a formal claim for compensation. However, failure to apply for registration of a claim may prejudice the claimant's right to possible compensation in the future. The deadline for filing the registration forms expires on October 1, 1957.

Data on American property claims are now being compiled by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission as a basis for future negotiations with Poland. According to an agreement reached between the U.S. and Poland in June, the Polish Government pledged that it would begin negotiations on U.S. property claims at an early date.

#### INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON JEWISH STUDIES TO BE HELD IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- An International Congress of Jewish Studies will take place here under the joint auspices of the Ministry of Education and the Hebrew University from July 28th to August 4th. The opening session will be addressed by President Itzhak Ben Zvi. A substantial part of the discussions will be devoted to the Dead Sea Scrolls.

More than 100 scholars from abroad, including several from Eastern Europe, have accepted invitations to attend. They will be joined by some 350 local scholars, including leading experts of the University's Institute of Jewish Studies. Prominent foreign participants will include Prof. A. Dupont-Sommer and Dr. S. Stern, (Sorbonne); Prof. Cecil Roth, (Oxford); Prof. G. Ryckmans, (Louvain); Prof. G. Widengren, (Uppsala); Prof. S. Ameisenova, (Cracow); Prof. S. Baron, (Columbia); Prof. E. R. Goodenough, (Yale); and Prof. S. Speiser, (Pennsylvania); H. Lévik, (New York.)

#### PRESIDENT, PREMIER OF FRANCE ATTEND CEREMONY HONORING JEWISH MARTYRS

PARIS, July 11. (JTA) -- The 14th anniversary of the Nazi dragnet operation which scooped up thousands of Parisian Jews for imprisonment, deportation and death in 1943 was marked here today with services before the tomb of the Unknown Jewish Martyr.

Present at the services were French President Rene Coty, Premier Maurice Bourges-Maunoury, former Premier Guy Mollet and numerous French officials and Jewish communal and religious leaders.

#### FUNERAL SERVICES FOR SHOLEM ASCH TODAY; WILL BE BURIED IN LONDON

LONDON, July 11. (JTA) -- Funeral services for Sholem Asch, world celebrated Jewish writer who died yesterday at the age of 77, will be held tomorrow. Burial will take place in the Golder's Green Jewish Cemetery after services at the Liberal West London Synagogue.

Members of the Association of Jewish Journalists and Authors, of which Mr. Asch was a co-founder here, will mount a guard of honor at the bier. Mr. Asch had frequently expressed his gratitude that when he was unable to obtain a public platform to defend certain of his writings which had stirred up controversy in the Jewish community, it was the association which called a public meeting to give him this opportunity.