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### ARMY CHIEFS OF EGYPT AND SYRIA GATHER IN MOSCOW; U.S. WATCHES MOVE

WASHINGTON, July 29, (JTA) -- The United States today is seeking to evaluate reports that the Soviet Union is organizing military assistance pacts with Egypt and Syria as an answer to the Eisenhower Doctrine.

U.S. officials are studying information that the Defense Ministers and army chiefs of Syria and Egypt are gathering in Moscow at the personal invitation of Soviet Defense Minister Marshal Zhukov. Last week Syrian Defense Minister Khaled el Azem suddenly flew to Moscow. His delegation included Syrian Army Chief of Staff Gen. Tewfik Nizam el Din and other top officers. Marshal Zhukov met them personally at the Moscow Airport.

Today it was confirmed in Cairo that Marshal Zhukov sent a personal invitation to Maj. Gen. Abdel Hakim Amer, Egyptian War Minister and Army Commander in Chief, to fly to Moscow. Amer accepted. An increased flow of Soviet warplanes and heavy weapons have arrived in Syria and Egypt in July.

### SYRIA REFUSES TO CHECK INCURSIONS INTO ISRAEL; VIOLENCE CONTINUES

TEL AVIV, July 29, (JTA) -- Acts of violence and sabotage continued along the Israeli-Syrian border today as the Syrian authorities reportedly rejected an Israeli demand through the United Nations staff that they check continued incursions of Syrian villagers into Israeli territory.

A pall of smoke covered the entire area around the Jewish settlement of Tel Azaziat this morning, the result of hundreds of brush fires set by infiltrators during the course of the night. Infiltrators crossed into Israeli territory last night at Kfar Giladi, where the Syrian, Lebanese and Israeli frontiers meet, and sabotaged the pumping station. Tracks made by the infiltrators indicated that they had come from Syrian territory.

### BRITISH GOVERNMENT DISAVOWS RESPONSIBILITY FOR OIL STOPPAGE TO ISRAEL

LONDON, July 29, (JTA) -- Britain's Foreign Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd, disavowed in Parliament today any responsibility for the decision of Shell Oil and British Petroleum to sell their marketing interests in Israel. Replying to a question posed by Laborite D. Healey, the Foreign Secretary said the British Government "had no prior knowledge whatever of the recent announced decision."

He insisted, that despite the fact that the British Government held a majority of the shares in Shell Oil, it followed a policy established in 1914 when the government acquired a majority interest in what was then the Anglo-Persian Oil Company of not interfering in commercial decisions by the company. "It is not government policy to restrict the operations of British oil companies in any country," Mr. Lloyd added.

In response to a query by E. W. Short, Labor MP, on what considerations govern Britain's supply of arms to Israel in view of the changing situation in the Middle East, Mr. Lloyd said: "The main consideration governing the supply of arms to Israel and her neighbors is the government's desire to promote and maintain peace and stability in the area and avoid an arms race."

### Housewives in Israel Assured of Sufficient Oil for Cooking

TEL AVIV, July 29, (JTA) -- Oil dealers in Israel took steps today to assure their patrons that even if the Shell Oil Company withdraws from operations in this country, housewives will not be left without kerosene for their kitchen ranges and hot-water heaters.

Kerosene dealers took large ads in the newspapers today to assure worried housewives that even if Shell quits, the supply will not be affected. They announced that they were prepared to take on new customers now.

Another Shell subsidiary, Shell Chemicals, which manufactures insecticides needed in Israeli agriculture, was reported today to be considering the transfer of the enterprise to its employees on a cooperative basis.

## HEAD OF COPTIC CHURCH IN ISRAEL FOUND GUILTY OF SPYING FOR EGYPT

JERUSALEM, July 29, (JTA) -- The Jerusalem District Court today found the Rev. Joakhim el Anthony, head of the Coptic Church in Israel, guilty of two counts of espionage in behalf of Egypt. Sentence will be pronounced tomorrow or Wednesday.

In a 30-page verdict, the court found that the prosecution had proved that Anthony gathered information on Israel military dispositions of value to the enemy. When he was arrested last October as he prepared to cross the Israel border into Jordan, Anthony was found to have notes on military positions in his wallet, as well as the cards of two top Egyptian intelligence officers.

The churchman claimed that he had gathered the material for a book on Israel he intended writing. Israeli intelligence officers, testifying for the prosecution, said that Arab agents had been seeking just the information which Anthony had in his possession. When the section of the verdict pertaining to security matters was read, the courtroom was cleared of spectators, for security reasons.

## SOVIET DEPUTY PREMIER VISUALIZES NO ARAB-ISRAEL IMPROVEMENT

JERUSALEM, July 29, (JTA) -- Not even the Soviet Union could influence the Arabs now to improve their relations with Israel, Anastasias Mikoyan, a Deputy Premier of the USSR, told Rabbi Solomon Freilich of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., the rabbi said here today.

Rabbi Freilich, who is now touring Israel, visited Moscow earlier in the month, as well as Poland and Czechoslovakia. Mr. Mikoyan said that an improvement in Israel-Arab relations would be a long time in coming.

Reporting on a visit to the recently-opened yeshiva in Moscow, Rabbi Freilich said that 20 students were enrolled when he visited and another 12 were due to enter next month. A large number of youngsters have applied for entrance, he added.

## U. S. MAY SUPPORT LEBANON FOR PRESIDENCY OF U. N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WASHINGTON, July 29, (JTA) -- The United States may support the candidacy of Foreign Minister Charles Malik of Lebanon for the presidency of the United Nations General Assembly when the assembly meets in September.

The question of backing Malik is being weighed here with a view to advancing the American position in the Arab world and with the Afro-Asian bloc. Lebanon has moved toward the United States since the Suez Crisis and has adhered to the Eisenhower Doctrine.

Sir Leslie Munro, Ambassador of New Zealand, had previously announced his candidacy for the General Assembly presidency. He is favored by Israel.

## FRANCE TO START SUPPLYING ISRAEL WITH INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT

TEL AVIV, July 29, (JTA) -- French trucks, tractors, agricultural machinery and industrial equipment will soon be seen in Israel as a result of the \$30,000,000 credit recently extended to this country by France, I. Baquier, the French commercial attache, said here today. He announced that Israel will participate for the first time in the famed Marseilles International Fair.

In an interview here, M. Baquier said that there was a good market in French Africa for Israeli exports. Israeli products were well-received there, he said, especially vehicles assembled in Israel. Meanwhile, dairies in Israel prepared to export canned milk to French Equatorial Africa. If they can produce milk at prices competitive with the Dutch industry, it was said here, there is a market which could absorb their production surpluses.

## U. S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK DELEGATION COMPLETES ITS STUDY IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 29, (JTA) -- The United States Export-Import Bank delegation which is touring Israel will complete its study of the Israeli economy tomorrow with consultations with Israeli officials and experts on the projects for which Israel hopes to obtain a \$75,000,000 loan.

The experts have toured the proposed irrigation project sites. The bank is expected to base its final decision on the size and terms of the loan on the report of the delegation.

## 90,000 PUPILS IN GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 29, (JTA) -- There are some 90,000 children studying in Israel Government-supported religious schools this year as compared to 60,000 in 1953, before the government took over responsibility for elementary education, Yehuda Kil, supervisor of religious education reported today.

### HISTADRUT SEEKS TO BREAK DEADLOCK IN TEXTILE STRIKE; SUMMONS PARLEY

TEL AVIV, July 29, (JTA) -- An extraordinary session of the plenary executive of the Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, has been summoned by the Histadrut's executive bureau in an effort to break the deadlock in the strike against the ATA textile firm, Israel's largest textile enterprise.

The strike has been in progress since May 10. Last week, Premier David Ben Gurion made an attempt to arbitrate the conflict but withdrew when management objected to concessions he had promised in an effort to secure acceptance by the strikers of his arbitration.

Secretary General Pinchas Lavon, who reported on the strike situation to the Histadrut bureau yesterday, accused the leaders of the Haifa Labor Council of responsibility for the failure of the Ben Gurion mediation attempt. He also charged them with failure to consult Histadrut's trade union department on the conduct of the strike. Mr. Lavon disclosed that Histadrut's treasury had already allotted 220,000 pounds (\$122,000) to strike funds, matching a similar grant from the Haifa Labor Council.

A sharp party struggle has arisen around the ATA strike. Although most of the strike leaders are members of Premier Ben Gurion's Mapai Party, they are being supported by the opposition Labor parties - Mapam and Achdut Avodah - while the Mapai central bodies are putting pressure on them to abate their demands and reach a settlement of the strike.

### BULGARIA SUSPENDS EMIGRATION OF JEWS; 2,000 SEEK EXIT PERMITS

TEL AVIV, July 29, (JTA) -- The Bulgarian authorities have halted, "for the time being," the granting of exit visas to Jews wishing to emigrate from Bulgaria to Israel, the Bulgarian Chief Rabbi, Dr. Hananel, disclosed on his arrival here to attend the Jewish scientific congress in Jerusalem.

Of the 6,000 Jews left in Bulgaria, he said, 2,000 have registered for emigration. The authorities, he said, do issue a limited number of visas for tourists wishing to visit Israel.

### \$92,000,000 PAID BY BAVARIA IN INDEMNIFICATION TO NAZI VICTIMS

MUNICH, July 29, (JTA) -- The Bavarian State Indemnification Agency reported today that during its existence it has paid out the equivalent of \$92,000,000 in compensation to Nazi victims. Of this sum, more than \$28,000,000 was paid out last year.

The report was published by Heinz Meir, vice president of the Indemnification Agency, who is also chairman of the Association of Jewish Communities in Bavaria. He said that about one-third of the 300,000 indemnification claims filed with the agency by 160,000 individual Nazi victims have so far been settled, one way or another. Payments were made partly from Bavarian state funds and partly from federal funds.

### GERMAN PROVINCE HALTS PAYMENTS OF RESTITUTION TO RUMANIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, July 29, (JTA) -- Robert M. W. Kempner, former American deputy chief prosecutor at the Nuremberg War Crimes Trial, took issue here today with a ruling by the provincial office for restitution in the Rhineland-Palatinate ordering temporary halting of all applications for restitution from persecutees who suffered damages in Rumania. The order affects a large number of Rumanian Jews.

In issuing this order, the restitution office said that it was acting on the basis of a decision by the Stuttgart District Court that it could not be proved that the persecution of Jews in Rumania was initiated by the Nazi authorities during their presence in Rumania.

Mr. Kempner pointed out that he investigated the persecution of Rumanian Jews and that in his judgment -- which is based on official documents -- there is no doubt that the Nazi authorities were instrumental in organizing anti-Jewish acts in Rumania. He expressed the hope that the decision of the Stuttgart court will soon be overruled by a higher court in Germany.

### EGYPT CHARGED AT UNITED NATIONS BODY WITH NAZI-LIKE ANTI-SEMITISM

GENEVA, July 29, (JTA) -- Israel accused Egypt today of instituting an official campaign of anti-Semitism, persecution and expulsion of Jews reminiscent of the Nazi actions against the Jews. The accusation was made by Dr. Menahem Kahany, Israeli representative at the meeting here of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, during a discussion of the report of the UN High Commissioner on Refugees.

Dr. Kahane declared that since 1956 "the situation of Egyptian Jewry has gravely deteriorated after administrative measures taken by the Egyptian Government against them and a virulent anti-Semitic campaign conducted against them -- a campaign which reminds us of another which took place not so long ago on another continent but on the same pattern and led by the same people who have found friendly asylum in Egypt."

#### OSE RESUMES WORK IN ISRAEL; WILL BE FINANCED FROM SOUTH AFRICA

TEL AVIV, July 29, (JTA) -- OSE, the Jewish medical society, is resuming operations in Israel and is opening a special home for children convalescing from rheumatic fever, of which there are 2,000 infant sufferers in Israel, and nurseries in the work camps and new immigrant settlements.

Dr. N. Wolf, director of OSE in Israel, and Moshe Erem, member of the Knesset and president of the Israel OSE, said that although agreement had not been reached with the American Joint Distribution Committee, funds will be received from OSE in South Africa and from the Latin American branches which direct all their income to Israel. Dr. Cyrus Weiler, president of the South African OSE, expressed hope for increased OSE activities among new immigrants.

#### 90,000,000 POUND ISRAELI ESTATE GOES TO AGED JEW IN LONDON

HAIFA, July 29, (JTA) -- Judge Moshe Etzion of the Haifa District Court has awarded an estate of 90,000,000 Israeli pounds to Mathwei Ginzburg of London, 70, nephew of the testator, Michael Pollack, who died a bachelor in 1954 past the age of 90. The will had been contested by another nephew and a niece.

The decision recalls the career of Mr. Pollack who, together with a brother and their father, became pioneers in oil distillation in Baku, Russia, and later sold his interest in the Russian oil facilities to Shell Oil for Shell stocks. In 1920, Mr. Pollack came to Palestine to live, though he claimed he was no Zionist. He founded Neshet Cement Works, then the largest industry in Israel, and invested in hotels, industry and real estate.

Although he lived simply and was reticent about his philanthropies, Mr. Pollack gave the Neshet Works to the Palestine Jewish Colonization Association and made substantial contributions to the Hebrew University, Technion, hospitals and other national institutions. He set up a "Humanitarian Trust" for the benefit of national institutions in Israel with an endowment of 1,250,000 pounds sterling.

#### P. I. C. A. TRANSFERS ITS LAND TO THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND IN ISRAEL

LONDON, July 29, (JTA) -- The Jewish National Fund office here announced today receipt of a cable from the Palestine Jewish Colonization Association to the effect that PICA had transferred to the JNF 130,000 dunams (42,500 acres) of land it held. The PICA action was in conformance with the desire of the late James de Rothschild, president of PICA. Some of the land is unoccupied, and the remainder is tenanted.

Premier David Ben Gurion this weekend invited the widow of Mr. Rothschild to spend a few weeks in Israel next fall. The invitation was included in a communication thanking Mrs. Rothschild for informing him of Mr. Rothschild's decision to leave PICA's 6,000,000 pounds in assets for the building of a new Parliament building in Jerusalem.

#### ABRAHAM MAZER BUILDING DEDICATED ON CAMPUS OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, July 29, (JTA) -- The Abraham Mazer Building which will house the Institute of Jewish Studies on the campus of the Hebrew University here was dedicated last night, in conjunction with the opening of the Second World Congress on Jewish Studies. Except for the opening session, the congress meetings will be held in the Mazer Building.

Present at the dedicatory exercises were President Itzhak Ben Zvi and leading members of the government and Israel and foreign scholars. Joseph Mazer of New York represented his family, which contributed the funds for the building.

At the Congress' opening session last night, Premier David Ben Gurion told the 500 delegates and guests that Jewry is greatly indebted to the flourishing Jewish communities of Islamic countries for its present cultural state. He expressed the opinion that immigrants from Arab countries would quickly integrate themselves culturally in Israel and speedily regain their prominence in Jewish studies.

#### ROGER W. STRAUS, INDUSTRIALIST, DIES; WAS ACTIVE IN JEWISH AFFAIRS

LIBERTY, N. Y., July 29, (JTA) -- Roger W. Straus, nationally prominent in brotherhood work and a leader in civic activities and business, died here yesterday. He was 65.

A founder and for years co-chairman of the National Conference on Christians and Jews, Mr. Straus served as general chairman of Brotherhood Week in 1953. He was also honorary president of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods and a member of the executive boards of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the American Jewish Committee and the board of governors of the Israel bond drive. He was also honorary vice chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.