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### ISRAEL COURT HEARS MORE DETAILS ON PLOT TO BOMB SOVIET EMBASSY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The chief of Israel's intelligence service, whose name is being withheld, today continued his testimony on the plan of the underground group "Sarafand" to blow up the Soviet embassy in Tel Aviv. He said that the leaders of the terrorist group planned to carry out their plot immediately after Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin sent a harsh letter of warning to Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion in connection with the Sinai operation.

As soon as the intelligence service learned about the plot, it warned known members of the underground group, the chief of the secret service told the court today. He was pleading against the release under bail of Yaacov Herouti, charged with leadership of the underground movement. The prosecution asserts that Mr. Herouti is the head of the terrorist group that assassinated Dr. Rudolf Kastner last March.

The intelligence official also testified that his organization knew about underground plans to assassinate British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd early in 1956. He also said the intelligence service learned about the plans to kill Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special Ambassador on Middle East irrigation plans, late in 1956 when a former underground member, identified only as Elishvili, confessed that plan. The intelligence chief stated that Elishvili said he was prevented by Herouti from sending a bombtrap to the then Prime Minister Moshe Sharett.

Police contacted all persons who had been convicted of membership in the "Sarafand" underground group who were known still to be active and warned them that all of their plans were known, the head of the secret service declared. He asserted that the release of Herouti would be a public danger since he might seek to carry out the thwarted plot.

He revealed that Premier Ben Gurion had been asked to invoke anti-terrorist regulations permitting arrests of underground members without court orders. The request had been made because the intelligence service lacked legalistic evidence for such arrests, but it was rejected by the Premier, the official testified.

### MOSCOW FORBIDS ISRAEL DELEGATION TO DISTRIBUTE JEWISH CALENDARS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The head of the Komsomol, Communist Youth Organization in the Soviet Union threatened to expel the Israeli delegation from the World Youth Festival now taking place in Moscow, unless it stopped distributing material printed in Israel, it was reported here today from Moscow.

The Israeli youth delegation was forced to accept the warning and decided to discontinue its distribution despite the fact that permission had been granted earlier for distribution of Israeli calendars and Israeli song booklets, a cable from Moscow to the evening paper, Maariv, said.

The non-Communist section of the delegation had been handing out factual material about Israeli youth printed in Russian and English in addition to the calendars and songs. The Festival management banned the distribution of the printed matter only, however.

The Komsomol head went further and ruled that the Israeli delegation could not distribute anything. His ruling cancelled the previous management permission covering the other material as well, the Moscow cable stated.

### BRITISH CHEMICAL FIRM INDICATES IT INTENDS TO REMAIN IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Sources close to the Imperial Chemical Industries, chief source of Israel's chemical imports, said today that despite recently renewed heavy Arab pressures to stop operations in Israel, the company is continuing business in the Jewish State and the Israeli branch had no reason to expect a change in policy.

These sources revealed that Arab pressure on the big chemical firm was first applied two years ago but that after top-level talks in London involving Eliahu Elath,

Israeli Ambassador to England, and British Foreign Office officials, it was agreed that ICI operations should continue unchanged. The decision was reaffirmed when Arab pressure was renewed in 1955, these sources asserted.

ICI sells about eight million Israeli pounds worth of chemicals in Israel annually and has invested nearly half a million pounds sterling in Haifa chemicals and fertilizers.

#### ISRAEL TO PROMOTE JOINT ARAB-ISRAEL INDUSTRIES; WILL GRANT LOANS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Israeli Ministry of Commerce today established a committee to expedite a series of industrial enterprises with joint Arab-Jewish capital in the latest Government-sponsored move to speed the integration of Israel's Arab minority.

The committee was set up after a study of plans submitted by Arab and Government officials and the projects to be fostered include canning plants for fruits and vegetables and a textile factory in the Arab-populated Samaria district known as "The Little Triangle."

These plans received a vigorous push after a meeting between Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and representatives of Israeli Arabs last month. In a follow-up to that meeting, Fares Hamdan, Arabian member of the Israel Parliament, discussed details of the project with Pinhas Saphir, Commerce Minister. The Government was expected to provide easy long-term loans to enable the project builders to capitalize such enterprises soundly.

#### ISRAEL AND GERMANY TO ACT ON ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Governments of Israel and West Germany will act next month to set a specific date for the establishment of diplomatic relations on the Ambassadorial level in the near future, it was learned from informed sources here today. These sources said names of proposed ambassadors will be exchanged at the same time and the announcement of the appointments will take place after the September elections in the Bonn Republic.

It was reported also that Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will hold off on the formal announcement until after the elections to make certain that if the Arab states carry out their threat to retaliate with diplomatic recognition of the puppet East German Communist regime, the West German opposition parties will not be able to use it as a campaign issue.

While the right-wing Herut party was expected to object, a number of factors were listed by these observers as likely to diminish popular resistance to the establishment of diplomatic relations. These were described as West Germany's "exemplary resistance" to the Arab boycott efforts, well publicized by the Israel Government; a considerable improvement in the general attitude of Israeli's toward the Bonn Republic and the long preparations by the Israel Government for acceptance of the step.

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE APPROVES \$3,500,000 FOR ISRAELI CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The House Appropriations Committee today approved a bill releasing more than \$3,500,000 in Israeli pounds sterling for distribution among scores of Israeli cultural organizations.

The fund has been accumulating for five years in payments for books and magazines as well as other educational materials exported from America. The exporters were paid in U.S. dollars by the American Government under the foreign aid program.

To enable the International Cooperation Administration in Jerusalem to release the foreign exchange, Congress must pass an appropriation bill. In the last Congress such a measure was snagged for technical and parliamentary reasons.

Rep. John Rooney, of Brooklyn, N. Y., included the item in a big supplemental appropriations bill which was reported out of committee this morning and on which the House began working this afternoon. Rep. Rooney told the J. T. A. he was confident of House passage this week.

#### EBAN CONFERS WITH SECRETARY DULLES; HOLDS TALKS WITH HAMMARSKJOLD

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today called at the State Department to confer with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles before departing this week-end for Jerusalem for consultations. Mr. Eban will remain in Israel until shortly before the opening of the United Nations General Assembly next month.

Last night, Ambassador Eban conferred at the United Nations headquarters with UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. He will hold his final talks with Mr. Hammarskjold at the end of the week prior to his departure for Jerusalem. The talks are ranging over the entire Middle East situation as it affects Israel. They are intended to provide the Israeli envoy with Mr. Hammarskjold's views for relay to Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion.

## JEWS IN POLAND CHARGE COURTS WITH "TOLERATING" ANTI-SEMITISM

VIENNA, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Reports reaching here from Warsaw indicate that although the campaign initiated by the Polish Government against anti-Semitism has had its effect to a certain extent upon the population, it had no effect upon the courts.

One of the reports, which finds its reflection also in the latest issue of the Warsaw Jewish newspaper "Folksstimme," charges the courts in Poland with "tolerating anti-Jewish developments" and with giving suspended sentences only to those found guilty of anti-Semitic acts.

"Several months ago," the Warsaw Jewish organ writes, "when anti-Semitism was raging all over the country, and when the entire press in Poland -- official and unofficial -- was full of facts which were severely condemned by public opinion, the courts remained blind on both eyes even at that time. They could not find any punishable acts of anti-Semitism. And when the supreme councils of the government ordered strict punishment for those committing acts of discrimination against national minorities, the courts merely issued ineffective suspended sentences. This is the situation also today, despite the attitude of the press."

At the same time, Jewish leaders in Warsaw indicate that the problem of finding dwellings for Jews repatriated from the Soviet Union into Poland is now gradually being solved. Reports which they received from a number of towns in Lower Silesia -- to which the Jewish repatriates are being sent -- state that the local municipalities have changed their attitude and are providing housing for the newcomers, although not to the extent required. Some Jewish repatriates are still without housing.

Different is the situation with regard to providing the Jewish repatriates with employment. According to the reports from Warsaw, only about 50 percent of the Jewish repatriates have found work in some of the cities. This is explained by the fact that a large number of repatriates are not qualified workers and many of them do not master properly the Polish language.

The Folksstimme reports that among the Jewish repatriates there are also invalids and aged who are no longer able to work. The paper says that they are in a very difficult situation and urges that they should be given an opportunity to emigrate and join their families in other countries. "A number of Jewish leaders have expressed this opinion during official talks with government representatives and it is to be expected that the problem will be dealt with sympathetic understanding by the authorities," the paper reports.

## U. S. JEWS TO BE ASSISTED IN FILING PROPERTY CLAIMS AGAINST POLAND

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Club of Polish Jews here today announced that it will assist Jewish claimants of Polish origin to register claims with the United States Government against Poland arising out of the nationalization of their property in Poland.

The announcement, made by Maximilian Friede, president of the organization of Polish Jews in New York, followed the request by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the U. S. that American citizens should register such claims with the Commission. The registration must be filed not later than October 1, 1957. The Club of Polish Jews will assist the claimants in completing the required forms.

The Governments of the U. S. and Poland recently agreed to hold discussions for the purpose of arriving at a lump sum settlement of certain claims arising out of the nationalization or other taking by the Polish authorities of the property, directly or indirectly owned by U. S. nationals. All claims of this type should therefore be registered with the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission by potential claimants.

The information is to be submitted on special forms issued by the Commission. It will be used in the preparation of statistical reports which will form the basis for further discussion with respect to such claims. The registration by submission of these forms does not constitute at this time a formal claim for compensation. However, failure to apply for registration of a claim may prejudice the right to possible compensation in the future. Documents need not be submitted with this form.

## SIX EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS SEEK GERMAN COMPENSATION FOR NAZI VICTIMS

BONN, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The governments of six nations have joined Norway and Holland in strongly-worded notes protesting the West German Republic's refusal to extend indemnification benefits to Nazi victims who were neither citizens nor residents of Nazi Germany, it was learned here today.

The victims on whose behalf the protests were made by England, France, Denmark, Belgium, Luxemburg and Greece are former political prisoners who are not beneficiaries of West German allocations to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

The eight countries more than a year ago called to the attention of the Bonn Government the fact that many of their nationals or residents thrown into Nazi jails or

concentration camps were not eligible for compensation. The eight countries proposed formation of a joint committee, made up of representatives of all countries involved, to study means of providing adequate compensation for such special cases.

The Bonn Government rejected the proposal last February, ruling out an expansion of the compensation framework and expressing a willingness only to discuss "charitable measures" for aiding indigent and needy Nazi victims now excluded from benefits. The rejection was criticized strongly in the eight countries.

The eight powers recently resumed talks on the problem, leading to separate but largely identical notes being handed to the German Foreign Office. It was reported that the Bonn Government will soon send the protesting governments interim replies pending more detailed elaboration of the official West German viewpoint to be submitted later through diplomatic channels.

#### ST. LOUIS COURT RULES AGAINST ATTEMPT TO BAN ERECTION OF SYNAGOGUE

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- An attempt by a St. Louis suburb to prevent a Reform congregation from erecting a temple was ruled unconstitutional yesterday by a circuit court judge in a decision hailed as a major victory in the struggle of religious congregations against restrictive zoning ordinances.

The ruling was made by Judge Raymond Ladriere in a suit against the City of Creve Coeur by Temple Israel, oldest Reform congregation in St. Louis, which asked the court to declare "discriminatory and unconstitutional" an action of the Creve Coeur board of aldermen who amended a zoning ordinance to prohibit the Temple from building on property it had purchased three years ago.

The local Catholic Archdiocese and the Protestant Metropolitan Church Federation filed briefs as friend of the court in support of Temple Israel. Leaders of all faiths described the decision as another legal precedent for the argument that constitutional freedom of worship includes freedom to build a house of worship. Similar decisions were made last year in cases of a Catholic parochial school in Brighton Township, a suburb of Rochester, N. Y., and the Community Synagogue of Sands Point, L. I.

#### GRAVESTONE UNVEILED FOR EL AL PASSENGERS SHOT DOWN BY BULGARIA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Government of Bulgaria was sharply criticized today during unveiling ceremonies for a gravestone for the 58 El Al passengers killed when the aircraft was shot down over Bulgaria two years ago by Bulgarian fighter planes.

Interior Minister Bar Yehuda, representing the Israel Government, said it was "painful" that a government which admitted responsibility for the destruction of the plane had still not paid compensation to the families of the victims. While compensation cannot revive the dead, he said, it may help those who depended on the victims.

The gravestone is a marble square with all names of the victims inscribed on it. Hundreds of relatives, many of whom made special trips to Israel for the ceremony, took part. The rites were conducted jointly by Chief Rabbi Jacob Toledano of Tel Aviv and an Anglican priest and a Catholic Abbe. The relatives jointly recited Kaddish.

#### TISHA B'AV OBSERVED IN ISRAEL; RESTAURANTS AND CINEMAS CLOSED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Hundreds of government employees were absent from work today to take part in observance of Tisha B'av which began at dusk yesterday as all cinemas and eating places closed while worshippers streamed into synagogues.

Thousands made the pilgrimage to Mount Zion, the nearest spot to the Wailing Wall in the old city of Jerusalem, to commemorate the date of the destruction of the first and second Temples in Israel's ancient capital. The Wailing Wall, the only remnant of the Temple, remains inaccessible to Israeli Jews for the tenth year, despite a provision of the Israeli-Jordanian Mixed Armistice Agreement permitting visits to holy places in Jordan-held Old Jerusalem.

Numerous Jews maintained a nightlong vigil with chanting of Lamentations and Psalms. During the day the pilgrimages to Mount Zion continued and Jerusalem shops remained closed.

The Fast of Tisha B'av was ushered in at the "Rock of Destruction" a mountain near Eshtaol, a West Jerusalem village where mass readings of Lamentations took place. According to tradition, the Rock was being brought to Jerusalem when porters saw the smoke of the burning Temple and left the Rock at that spot.

#### DR. BETTAN, PRESIDENT OF ORGANIZATION OF REFORM RABBIS, DEAD

CINCINNATI, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Bettan, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and Professor Emeritus of Homiletics and Midrash at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, died here. He was 68.

Born in Kaunas, Lithuania and educated in the United States, Dr. Bettan had served as a rabbi and World War I chaplain overseas. He is the author of a number of books on Jewish preaching and post-Biblical Judaism.