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### MOSCOW'S UNFRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL SCORED BY GOLDA MEIR

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Israel has done nothing to warrant the unfriendly attitude displayed by the Soviet Union lately, Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister of Israel, declared today at a luncheon in her honor tendered by the Foreign Press Association.

Asked by the correspondent of Tass, the official Soviet news agency, whether Israel desired to improve her relations with the USSR, Mrs. Meir said that Israel was willing to listen and receive advice on how to improve relations with Moscow. "We are not clever enough to think up more steps than we have already taken," she said, and added that Israel was willing to repeat everything she had already done in this matter.

Mrs. Meir accented Israel's policy of seeking friendship with all countries irrespective of their internal regimes. Israel sees no reason for the Soviet Union's unfriendly attitude, she said. "We regret it and hope it may change in the future."

Asked whether Israel's adherence to the Eisenhower Doctrine had strengthened peace in the Middle East, Mrs. Meir answered: "I am afraid I cannot tell you. We still hope it will." The Foreign Minister asserted that it was "only natural" that Israel have closer relations with countries which allow Jewish cultural, national and religious life within their borders, as well as those which permit their Jewish nationals to emigrate or visit Israel.

To a query by the correspondent of Radio Warsaw about Israel's likely position in the event the USSR proposed an arms embargo for the Middle East, Mrs. Meir replied that the idea would be fine if made at the right time. However, she emphasized, if such a proposal were made after large arms deliveries to Egypt and now Syria, "we could not accept it as a bonafide proposal." If made under conditions which made Israel feel safe from Arab attack, she indicated, such a proposal would receive Israel's favor.

### Says Israel Extremely Anxious About Flow of Soviet Arms to Syria

Israel feels extreme anxiety about the stream of Soviet arms to Syria not only because the receiver has been preaching the destruction of Israel for the past ten years, but also because the supplier is one of the great powers which, by radio and press, has displayed hostility toward Israel, Mrs. Meir said. Asked whether Israel would like to receive arms from the United States, she replied: "Any objective observer would understand that Israel cannot remain weak in the face of the rapidly growing strength of her neighbors."

Asked why Israel's arms demands today were not voiced with the same insistence as two years ago, at the time of the Czech-Egyptian arms deal, the Foreign Minister said: "Maybe because we learned in 1955 that nations did not queue up to send us weapons." She noted that Israel had strengthened herself in the last two years--both as a result of arms received from friendly nations and by arms "acquired" during the Sinai campaign.

The Israeli stateswoman told the newsmen that Israel holds by its position that the Arab refugees should be resettled in the "present host countries"--the Arab states in which they are now living--where there are no difficulties such as differing languages, religion or way of life. She indicated that Israel would have the backing on this matter of many nations which understand that the refugee question could have been solved had not Arab leaders been using the refugees as a political weapon for their own aims.

The greatest needs of the Middle East, she reiterated, are freedom from poverty and disease. She suggested that competition among the great powers in the Middle East concentrate on supplying tractors and irrigation equipment rather than munitions.

### ISRAEL TO COMPLETE HULEH DRAINAGE PROJECT; SYRIA MASSES TROOPS IN AREA

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Heavy Syrian troop concentrations were seen today opposite the demilitarized zone in the Lake Huleh area where Israel began this week-end the final stage of the Huleh drainage project.

Israel's work in the demilitarized zone--Israeli territory--has been challenged by Syria in two protests to the United Nations. Both times the UN truce staff has rejected Syria's charges that completion of the swamp reclamation work would give Israel a military advantage in the demilitarized zone. At Israel's invitation, UN observers are now accompanying work crews into the area.

## SOVIET ARMING OF SYRIA IS "DISQUIETING" TO ISRAEL, CHIEF OF STAFF SAYS

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, Sept. 2, (JTA) -- Russia's arming of Syria is 'disquieting' to Israel, Brig. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff of Israel's Army, declared at a press conference here today. He hesitated to answer political questions and pointed out that he was 'a soldier, not a politician.' However, when asked about the recent developments in Syria, he stated:

"The press reports seem to sum up the situation very well. The Russians are there, and we don't like it. It is not only a question of Communism, but of Russian arms being supplied to Syria. The fact that an Arab state on our border gets all these arms from Russia is disquieting to us."

"When you give an Arab state arms and more arms," he continued, "while speeches hostile to Israel are being made in this same Arab state, the result is likely to be unfortunate. Instead of getting peace talks between Arab states and Israel, the trend is likely to go the other way."

Asked whether there was any truth to some press reports about supposed secret peace talks between some of the Arab states and Israel, "somewhere in Europe," the Israeli army chief replied: "If there are such talks, they must be secret indeed. I know nothing about them. All I know is what is being done openly across our borders. There are concentrations of new arms in Arab countries on our borders, and new airfields are being built there. That I know."

Replying to further questions, Gen. Dayan stated that the situation on the Egyptian, Jordanian and Lebanese borders is "better." Fedayeen raids have practically ceased, he said. Sabotage, however, is still being practiced inside Israel, chiefly by gangs coming to the Jordanian and Lebanese borders. "We believe that, today, these gangs are being directed mainly from Syria," he stated.

## ISRAEL INCREASES PRODUCTION OF ANTI-TANK WEAPONS AND ROCKETS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2, (JTA) -- The armament industry in this country increased production during the last year by 150 percent, by comparison with the preceding year. Principal items manufactured in quantity were anti-tank weapons and rockets.

This information was made public here today in figures prepared for the government's Year Book which will be published before the Jewish New Year. In spite of its pre-occupation with furnishing arms and munitions for the Sinai campaign, the industry, according to the report, also filled many orders from abroad, especially from European countries, for various arms and munitions, especially the well-known "Uzi" submachine gun.

## ISRAELI ARMY OFFICER SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS FOR SELLING ARMS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2, (JTA) -- A former major in the Israeli Army today was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and expulsion from the Army for "selling Israeli arms into unauthorized hands." The officer's name was not disclosed by the military tribunal which heard the charges and imposed the sentence. Another officer, an army captain, is on trial at present on a charge of selling 30 rifles and a large quantity of ammunition to Arabs. His name, too, is being kept secret.

The major was convicted of selling six rifles, a pistol and ammunition to a merchant in Petach Tikvah who, in turn, sold the armaments to Arabs in the Negev Desert. The Arabs who bought the armaments were sentenced last week to 10 year's imprisonment. The civilians connected with both cases will be tried in civilian courts next week.

## ARAB BOYS, JEWISH YOUTH SENTENCED FOR GIVING INFORMATION TO ARABS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2, (JTA) -- Two Arab boys, and one 16-year-old Jewish boy, have been imprisoned for crossing Arab borders and delivering information to Arab intelligence. The case of the Arab boys and the Jewish youth are not connected.

The Arab boys were accused of having been recruited by a 20-year-old Arab youth in the village Tirah, who had graduated from a Hebrew high school. The Tirah youth is said to have headed up a ring of Arab boys whom he sent out to collect information which they would then deliver to Jordanians across the border. The two boys caught working with the youth from Tirah have been fined 500 pounds each (\$302.50). The ring leader has been tried by a military court, and his sentence will be announced later this week.

In the case of the Jewish boy, a magistrate at Tiberias ordered him imprisoned for 15 days. This boy said he had crossed the border into Syria after a quarrel with his 'girl friend' in a northern settlement. Once over the border, the boy is said to have confessed, he delivered military information to the Syrians, who had captured him and told him they would kidnap his 'girl friend' and bring her into Syria. Meanwhile, the Syrians ordered the boy to re-cross the border and gather more information for them.

ISRAEL REPAYS TODAY \$7,800,000 TO U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Israel will make tomorrow her regular semi-annual payment to the U.S. Government Export-Import Bank, in an amount of \$7,800,000 consisting of \$5,800,000 on account of principal and \$2,000,000 interest. This payment will bring the amount repaid by Israel in 1957 to a total of \$15,500,000 of which four million dollars was interest.

To date, Israel has paid the Export-Import Bank a total of \$54,500,000 of which \$27,000,000 was principal and \$26,800,000 interest. These payments are made on account of the \$135,000,000 loan extended by the Export-Import Bank to the State of Israel in 1949 and 1950. The proceeds of the U.S. loan were invested in carefully prepared and approved projects in agriculture and irrigation, industry and public utilities, including electricity, transportation and port facilities, telecommunications and housing.

A mission of the Bank has recently returned from Israel where it had occasion to observe the effective use which Israel had made of this eight-year-old loan. The outstanding achievement of this Export-Import Bank development loan is that it sparked considerably larger investments in all areas of Israel's economic life, and thus contributed beyond the measure of its dollar value to the progress of the country.

ANTI-SEMITIC SLOGANS PAINTED IN BRITISH RESORT; POLICE INVESTIGATING

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Holidaying Britons at Brighton on the southern seacoast were greeted yesterday and today with a series of anti-Semitic and pro-Fascist slogans daubed in tar on public places in the residential town.

A tall stone marker on the town boundary was defaced with the slogan: "Jews Out! To the Brighton Ghetto." The companion marker on the other side of the road served as a blackboard for: "To British and German Dead in 1939-1945." Elsewhere in town were to be found slogans like "Hitler was Right" and a number of swastikas and Fascist symbols. Some were discovered yesterday and new ones were found this morning.

Police investigating the vandalisms have not yet been able to turn up any one who saw the slogans being painted. The road into and out of the city is rarely empty and the seaside promenade on which one slogan was painted is thronged with people except in the dead of night.

SOVIET JEWISH ATHLETES NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN MACCABIAH

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The Soviet Olympic Committee has rejected an Israeli plea to permit Jewish athletes from the USSF to participate in the Fifth World Maccabiah which opens here September 15, the Israel Olympic Committee announced today.

The Israeli unit released an exchange of letters in which Yoseph Yekutiel, a member of the Israeli committee, asked the Russian group to assist Jewish athletes to visit Israel to participate in the all-Jewish games. In a brief reply, the Russians regretted they would be unable to permit such participation.

TWO MEMBERS OF SOVIET EMBASSY STAFF KILLED IN CRASH IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Two members of the Soviet Embassy staff here were killed this week-end and two others injured in an automobile crash. The dead are Victor Smirnov, Second Secretary of the Embassy, and his wife. The crash occurred when a tire blew out and the driver lost control. The car crashed into a building.

BRITISH ZIONISTS WELCOME REORGANIZATION OF WORLD CONFEDERATION

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The British General Zionists aligned themselves this week-end with the faction of the World Confederation of General Zionists which opposes any identification of the centrist movement with Israeli political parties.

In a resolution which passed with but one opposition vote, the General Zionist Administrative Committee of the Zionist Federation of Britain and Ireland welcomed the recent reorganization of the confederation and hailed its new joint chairmen, Mrs. Rose Halprin and Dr. Israel Goldstein.

"The decision to exclude Israel political parties from the World Confederation of General Zionists coincides with the policy consistently advocated by British General Zionism since the last Zionist Congress," the resolution said. "This committee, therefore, declares its solidarity in support of the reorganized World Confederation of General Zionists."

MAX STORK, JEWISH BUSINESSMAN, NAMED CHILEAN CONSUL IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Max Stork, a Jewish businessman who lived for many years in Santiago de Chile, has been appointed Chilean Consul here.

### COMBINED REFORM JEWISH CAMPAIGN RAISED \$1, 901, 000 IN YEAR'S DRIVE

NEW YORK, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism has raised the record sum of \$1, 901, 000 during its 1956-57 fiscal year, which is \$150, 000 more than was raised in the previous year, it was reported by Irving S. Schneider, executive vice-chairman of the drive.

"Despite the record \$1, 901, 000 in Campaign income, the Reform community's national religious institutions are confronted today by serious and even critical financial deficits as they seek to meet the needs of the fastest growing religious denomination in American Jewry, the Reform branch of Judaism," Mr. Schneider reported.

The institutions benefitting from the Combined Campaign are the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, parent body of Reform Jewish houses of worship in the United States and Canada now numbering close to 550 temples, and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the oldest Jewish divinity school in the western hemisphere. Funds raised through the Combined Campaign are divided equally between the central congregational body and the rabbinical school.

"The two institutions," Mr. Schneider reported, "which head a religious movement numbering over 1, 000, 000 men, women and children but will be seriously hampered in meeting their educational, youth, social service and worship obligations as a result of a fund shortage amounting to some \$250, 000." Although the Combined Campaign had a greater number of contributors in 1956-57 than in any other year, and produced more than any other campaign for Jewish religious institutions of national scope," he declared, "the growth of the Reform movement is so fast that the present rate of income is insufficient to keep pace with spiralling needs."

### CANADIAN JEWISH LEADERS HOLD FIRST MEETING WITH NEW PRIME MINISTER

MONTREAL, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Representatives of Canadian Jewry met with Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker for his first interview with Canadian Jewish leaders since he assumed office this summer, and urged him to support the Middle East policies he had advocated as foreign affairs spokesman when his party was in opposition.

Led by Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and Michael Garber, president of the Zionist Council, the joint delegation discussed with the Prime Minister in a "very friendly" exchange of views on "the interest and concern of all Canadians in the Middle Eastern problem."

The delegation hailed the Prime Minister's contribution in recent years "toward a better understanding in Canada of Middle Eastern affairs and toward a strong Canadian policy that would bring peace with justice to Israel and her neighbors." Referring to statements he had made during the Suez-Sinai crisis, the delegation said these statements had "strongly reassured friends of Israel that the Progressive Conservative party sought solutions consistent with the preservation of the State and the people of Israel."

The Jewish leaders submitted several proposals for consideration by Mr. Diefenbaker who serves also as Secretary of State for External Affairs. He was urged to consider a recommendation that the Canadian Government join with other states "in a constructive program for the resettlement of the Arab refugees among their kinsmen in the Arab lands," and another that Canada continue her role in the United Nations Emergency Force.

The Jewish leaders also urged continued Canadian support for Israel rights in the Gulf of Akaba and the Suez Canal; "for open and public discouragement of the Arab boycott and its methods"; for an expression of "international disapproval of Egypt's persistent claim to belligerent rights"; and for maintaining Israel's military strength in the face of the continuing and provocative large scale shipments by the Soviet bloc of formidable and modern weapons of war to Syria and Egypt."

### BARON ROTHSCHILD TO DISCUSS PLANS IN EUROPE FOR ISRAEL BONDS SALE

NEW YORK, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Baron Edmond de Rothschild, grandson of the great Jewish philanthropist who established the first Jewish agricultural settlements in Palestine, left the United States for his home in Paris following a visit in New York during which he conferred with leaders of the Israel bond drive on the sale of Israel bonds in European countries.

M. de Rothschild stated that he will discuss with other European leaders plans for an intensified sale of Israel bonds. He reported that a total of \$3, 633, 450 has been raised in Europe through the sale of Israel bonds since 1954. "The increase in the results during the current year reflects a growing confidence in the economic development of Israel and its future as a stronghold of democracy," he said.

In acknowledging Baron de Rothschild's leadership in behalf of Israel bonds, Dr. Joseph Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization, recalled that the baron's grandfather, whose name he bears, had been responsible for the establishment of the first agricultural settlements in Israel more than 75 years ago and had founded its wine industry at Bishon Le Zion.