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### HAMMARSKJOLD AND BEN GURION SETTLE MT. SCOPUS ISSUE; CONVOY TO PROCEED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4, (JTA) -- Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion announced smilingly to the press tonight that "an arrangement has been reached on the convoy" which is to pass through the Jordan lines to the Israeli-held enclave on Mt. Scopus, just outside Jerusalem. The convoy, carrying gasoline, is expected to proceed to Mt. Scopus tomorrow.

Premier Ben Gurion's announcement came at the conclusion of a third meeting during the day. Mr. Ben Gurion, flanked by smiling but brisk-mannered Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld and grim faced UN Truce Chief Col. Byron V. Leary, described the meetings of the last two days as "useful discussions."

A joint communique issued at the end of the day noted that arrangements had been reached for the resumption of convoys to Mt. Scopus and that Mr. Hammarskjöld's attention had been drawn to various concrete questions including: the situation along the Israel-Syrian border, the Egyptian detention of the fishing trawler Doron and its crew of six and the Egyptian removal of an Israeli seaman off a neutral merchant vessel passing through the Suez Canal.

After an early morning two-hour private meeting between the Premier and the Secretary General, Mr. Hammarskjöld flew to Amman for a 90-minute parley with King Hussein, his Foreign Minister and the Jordan Army Chief of Staff. It is understood that Mr. Hammarskjöld and the Jordanians conferred on Jordan's conditions for allowing a convoy with gasoline to pass to Mt. Scopus and Israel's insistence upon an extra convoy going through to make up for the one halted two weeks ago. A UN spokesman said that before Mr. Hammarskjöld leaves the Middle East he and the Jordanian Foreign Minister will exchange letters outlining the agreement on Mt. Scopus.

Mr. Hammarskjöld who was a guest of the Premier at a tea party this afternoon, will stay in Jerusalem tonight. There are conflicting reports whether he will proceed to Damascus, as originally scheduled, or will fly directly back to UN headquarters in New York. UN sources insist he will go on to Syria, but the Amman Radio asserted he would end his tour in Jerusalem and return to New York. The Secretary General paid a courtesy call on President Ben Zvi this afternoon.

### Hammarskjöld's 'Full Confidence' in Col. Leary Reiterated

United Nations circles said tonight that there would be no change in Col. Leary's status "for the time being." The fact that no UN source would make an unconditional statement on Col. Leary's position gave rise to new speculation that the Jordanians had not backed down on their original demand that he be removed. Mr. Hammarskjöld came flying to the Middle East originally after Jordan authorities charged Col. Leary with favoritism toward Israel and refused to deal with him.

At a press conference tonight, Mr. Hammarskjöld's spokesman, George Ivan Smith, reiterated the Secretary General's full confidence in Col. Leary. He drew the correspondents' attention to one of the official communiques issued in Amman after the Jordan-Hammarskjöld talks, which mentioned that Jordan wished to "maintain fullest cooperation" with the UN truce machinery, of which Col. Leary is acting head. Mr. Smith suggested the newsmen take the statement at face value.

Asked whether gasoline would be included among the items the Israeli convoy will be carrying when it next makes its way up Mt. Scopus, the spokesman replied that Mr. Hammarskjöld was not responsible for the composition of the convoy and that this was the job of the UN officer in charge--the chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission--and the inclusion or exclusion of gasoline from the convoy's cargo was at his discretion.

### State Department Sees No War Danger on Israeli-Jordan Frontier

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4, (JTA) -- The main purpose of United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's flying visit to the Middle East is to preserve the UN truce supervisory machinery, official sources said here.

They minimized the war danger on the Israeli-Jordan frontier, saying that Mr. Hammarskjöld was mainly concerned with bolstering the truce apparatus itself.

## SPLIT BETWEEN U.S. AND ARAB BLOC ON PALESTINE REFUGEE ISSUE WIDENS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The wide split between the United States and the Arab bloc on the Palestine Arab refugee problem burst into the open here today after seething behind the scenes for more than a week.

Genoa S. Washington, American delegate to the General Assembly's special political committee, introduced this morning a resolution on the Arab refugee problem after admitting that his delegation had been unable "to reach full agreement with the interested Arab governments" on the disputed draft. It was the first time since the Arab refugee problem has been under consideration here, dating back to 1948, that a resolution was introduced without the consent of the Arab governments.

The resolution calls on the UN to continue support of the UN Relief and Works Agency for the refugees and also asks the Arab countries where the refugee camps are located to cooperate with UNRWA. The resolution further mentions the aim of repatriating or compensating the refugees, but refers also to one other method of solving the problem--reintegration of the refugees in the "host" countries. The draft makes it clear that fundamentally the refugee problem is one that should be solved by Israel and the Arab governments.

Idab Daoudy of Syria complained to the committee today that the resolution introduced by Mr. Washington represents "the views of the co-sponsors only and is not acceptable to us in its present form." America's co-sponsors for the resolution are Britain, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the Philippines.

After hearing from Mr. Daoudy that the Arab bloc is not satisfied with the resolution, the committee adjourned until tomorrow morning, presumably to give the Arab representatives time for further consultation with their home governments.

## BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY REFUSES TO DEBATE ARAB-ISRAEL SITUATION

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd refused today to be drawn into a debate over the Arab-Israel situation in Parliament, asserting that he could make no definite statement while United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold was in the area.

Laborite Arthur Henderson, who asked for a broad statement from the Foreign Secretary was told that it would not be "helpful" to have a statement at this time, though he wished Mr. Hammarskjold every success in his conciliation mission.

When Emanuel Shinwell, last Labor Party Foreign Secretary, suggested the advisability of strengthening the United Nations force in the Middle East in order to help dissipate tension between Israel and her neighbors, the Secretary said he was sure Mr. Hammarskjold had this problem in mind, adding that it was his view that strengthening of the UN Truce Supervision Organization's authority would lead to a reduction of tension.

## TURKEY SEES NO HOPE FOR ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE IN HAMMARSKJOLD'S VISIT

ISTANBUL, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's visit to the Middle East has aroused no hopes here of an Israel-Arab settlement. Turkish opinion, expressed freely in yesterday's press, holds that as long as the Arab states deny Israel's existence there can be no progress towards peace.

The newspaper "Dunya" wrote that "we do not expect positive results from Mr. Hammarskjold's visit because we cannot see any realism in King Hussin." The same publication, referring to Iraqi King Feisal's statement in Parliament calling for the destruction of Israel, noted that "as long as this mentality exists no peace can be achieved."

The daily, "Yenisabah," was also pessimistic over the Secretary General's prospects. It, too, cited King Feisal's words and concluded that the "Arabs should give up the dream of wiping Israel off the map. Only then can the present minor conflicts be solved."

## BRITISH-ISRAEL TRADING SHOWS FAVORABLE BALANCE FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Britain exported some 8,890,000 pounds (\$24,890,000) worth of goods to Israel in the first nine months of this year, the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce reported today. During the same period Britain imported from Israel over 10,100,000 pounds worth of goods and services leaving Israel with a favorable balance of trade amounting to over 1,000,000 pounds sterling.

Comparable figures for the same nine months of 1956 were exports, 7,790,000 pounds and imports, 8,120,000 pounds.

## INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INCREASED IN 1957, MINISTER OF COMMERCE REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Industrial production in Israel increased 15 percent during 1957 to a total of 1,450,000,000 pounds, Minister of Commerce Pinchas Saphir announced yesterday. He told a meeting of the economic committee of the Cabinet that in the past two years the Israel Government had invested another 80,000,000 pounds in industrial enterprises.

## NATO TO STUDY ARAB-ISRAEL SPHERE; WILL NOT MOVE ON MID-EAST PEACE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The NATO structure will not be used in any move for Middle Eastern peace because Arab states regard some NATO members as "colonial-istic" powers, it was indicated here today. United States officials speaking privately about plans for the forthcoming NATO meeting in Paris said the gathering would study developments in the Arab-Israel sphere but would avoid the problem of Arab-Israel differences.

The State Department rules out a NATO approach to the Arab-Israel situation mainly because of Arab emotionalism directed against France, a key NATO member. It was noted that the Arabs also find other NATO nations objectionable and the United States does not want to identify itself with an approach that the Arabs might find unacceptable.

(The Christian Science Monitor, in a cable from Paris today, said that if the NATO conference takes up the Middle East, works out a policy, and then shows it will resist any further Soviet incursions there, then Moscow may be expected to hold down its Middle East expansion. On the other hand, if the summit meeting fails to show that NATO has both a Middle East policy and has redesigned its military machine to take that fully into account, Moscow can interpret that failure as a green light to continue in its Middle East African expansion," the cable said.)

## GERMANY DELIVERS ANOTHER VESSEL TO ISRAEL UNDER REPARATIONS PACT

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Israel shipping company "El-Yam" took delivery in Hamburg today of the vessel "Har Tabor," a cargo ship built by Germany for Israel under the German-Israel Reparations Agreement, it was announced here. The announcement was made by the Maritime Overseas Corporation, managing agents for the "El-Yam."

"El-Yam" ships carry grain from the United States to Israel and coal from the U. S. to the Continent. The company has ordered four additional vessels in Hamburg for delivery in 1960-62, the announcement said.

## JEWS IN GERMANY PROTEST RETURN OF LEADING NAZIS TO PUBLIC POSITIONS

DUSSELDORF, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The Central Council of Jews in Germany blasted last night the return of leading Nazis to public office and high places in West German life. At the concluding session of a two-day meeting, Heinz Galinski, president of the Council's board, urged close watch on the return of former Nazis to public office and wide campaign of publicizing such developments.

The council also urged coordination of restitution procedures among the West German states and West Berlin. Complaints were voiced that this state of affairs had caused delays in implementation of restitution legislation. It was decided to ask Parliament to permit the establishment of an advisory commission on restitution consisting of Jewish community representatives.

Mr. Galinski reported to the parley that there were some 30,000 Jews now living in Germany with about 2,000 returning annually, chiefly from South American countries and Israel. All the Jews live in West Germany, except 1,200 in Berlin and 800 in various cities of East Germany.

## THREE EX-NAZI OFFICIALS TRIED IN POLAND FOR MASS KILLING OF JEWS

VIENNA, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A trial which has already lasted several days is now going on in Wroclaw, Poland, of Sergei Bobko, former commandant of the Nazi annihilation camp at Kolditchew, and two of his assistants. They are charged with torturing and killing Jewish inmates of the camp and with participating in the mass execution of Jews in the ghetto of Nieswicz, Poland.

Many Jewish and non-Jewish witnesses--some of them tortured by the trio--have testified at the trial, which has attracted nationwide attention in Poland, according to Warsaw newspapers received here today. The defendants claim that they served in the camp as members of the White Russian police and acted on orders from Nazi officers. They deny that they participated in mass executions.

## JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN POLAND URGE JEWS TO REGISTER FOR ORT COURSES

VIENNA, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Jewish publications in Poland, arriving here today, carry for the first time community announcements informing the Jewish population of the possibility of studying various trades at special courses being organized by the ORT. The announcements urge Jews in various cities to register for the courses which will enable them to qualify as skilled workers in ten different trades.

## POLISH ENVOY SAYS JEWS IN POLAND ARE TREATED WITH EQUALITY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The new Polish Minister to Israel, Antony Bida, presented his credentials today to President Itzhak Ben Zvi. Foreign Minister Golda Meir was present during the ceremony. M. Bida paid tribute to the heroic Jewish fighters in the Warsaw Ghetto revolt and said that in present day Poland Jews who remained were treated with equality and admiration. Those who wished to leave, he added, were permitted to do so.

## GERARD SWOPE CALLED "GREATEST AMERICAN BENEFACITOR" OF HAIFA TECHNION

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Gerard Swope, former president of the General Electric Company, who left the bulk of his estate to the Haifa Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology, was termed today "the greatest American benefactor of the Technion" by General Yaacov Dori, president of the institution, who is now on a visit to the United States. Mr. Swope's bequest to the Technion was estimated at several million dollars when his will was made known yesterday.

"The officers and governors, the faculties and students of Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, and the officers, directors and members of the American Technion Society are proud and profoundly grateful that Mr. Gerard Swope has made the Technion at Haifa the chief beneficiary of his will," Gen. Dori's statement said. "This is but a continuation of Mr. Swope's deep interest and great benefactions to the Technion, and more especially its students, during the last several years of his life.

"It emphasizes his far-sighted and statesman-like vision of the vital role of the Technion: its scientists, students and research facilities, not only in the economic and technological progress of Israel, but of the entire free world, of which Israel is an integral part. For the scientific and research facilities and services of the Technion have been and are now being availed of, and gladly placed at the disposal of, the defense forces of the United States - especially the Air Force. Mr. Swope is undoubtedly the greatest American benefactor of the Technion," the statement declared.

## N. Y. STATE BODY RULES AGAINST HOTEL CHARGED WITH ANTI-JEWISH BIAS

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The New York State Commission Against Discrimination ruled yesterday that the New York office of The Homestead, a resort in Hot Springs, Va., has violated the New York state law even though the office is closed.

The ruling was issued in the case of Mrs. David Kaplan who charged that a reservation at the hotel was denied her and her husband although another party with a non-Jewish sounding name was readily granted accommodations. The commission rejected the suggestion made by the hotel's counsel "to drop the case" because the establishment shut down its New York reservations office.

## AGUDAS ISRAEL OPPOSES CALLING OF WORLD RABBINICAL CONFERENCE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The ultra-Orthodox Agudas Israel Organization opposes proposals for a world rabbinical conference in Jerusalem next year because such a conference might advance the idea of a new Sanhedrin, delegates to the actions committee of the world organization were told here today.

Rabbi A. Surotzkin said such a conference, scheduled as part of Israel's tenth anniversary celebration, might become a forum for reestablishment of such a supreme Jewish religious legal court. Sessions of the actions committee are closed.

Dr. Yitzhak Levin, American Agudas leader, described the fight of the American branch against anti-Schechitah legislation and against proposals for calendar reform. Harry Goodman of London reported on Jewish developments in Poland and Czechoslovakia which he visited recently.

## HERUT LEADER CALLS FOR PERMANENT ALLIANCE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND FRANCE

GENEVA, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- Israeli Herut leader Menahem Beigin and French deputy Jacques Soustelle called for a full and permanent alliance between Israel and France at a Zionist meeting here today.

Both speakers declared that Israel and France would each gain from such an association which would "stem Arab imperialism" in the Middle East region. M. Soustelle, who referred to Israel as an "island of civilization and culture in a sea of Arab barbarism and ignorance," asserted that many Arabs wanted peace and a Franco-Israeli alliance "would enable those men of goodwill to come into the open and influence the trend of their countries."

## PROGRESSIVE ZIONIST PARTY OF FRANCE VOTES TO CHANGE ITS NAME

PARIS, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- The central committee of the Progressive Zionists of France voted unanimously today to change the name of the party to the "Organization of Independent General Zionists of France."

## AURIOL HEADS FRENCH BODY FOR CELEBRATION OF ISRAEL'S ANNIVERSARY

PARIS, Dec. 4. (JTA) -- A French committee for the celebration of Israel's Tenth Anniversary was formed here today with former French President Vincent Auriol serving as its chairman. Among the leading Frenchmen who have agreed to serve on the committee are the presidents of France's four governmental councils.