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### U. S. REITERATES OPPOSITION TO PLACING ISRAEL ISSUE ON NATO AGENDA

PARIS, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the American delegation at the NATO summit conference, now taking place here, reiterated today that the United States will oppose any decisions at the conference concerning the Arab-Israel conflict.

The U. S. statement was made while the Turkish delegation continued its behind the scenes efforts to get the question of Israel's boundaries on the agenda of the NATO conference. Members of the Turkish delegation contended that the territory Israel gained under the 1948 Arab-Israel armistice agreements was not included in the boundaries set by the United Nations partition decision. They insisted that Israel must withdraw to the 1947 border lines.

France made it known yesterday that she would oppose any such frontier revision and fully supports the U. S. stand that the question of Israel's frontiers must not be dealt with at the NATO parley. However, the Turkish delegates were said today to have prepared a comprehensive argument to support their request for a discussion of Israel's boundaries.

Meanwhile, the Turkish delegation to the NATO parley distributed today the text of a statement by Premier Adnan Menders warning against Soviet penetration of the Middle East which, he said, would result in outflanking Europe. The statement reviewed Soviet moves in relation to Egypt and Syria over the past two years.

### ISRAEL CABINET CRISIS "POSTPONED"; SPLIT CAUSED BY ISSUE OF GERMANY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A Cabinet crisis, which threatened to break up the government coalition, was "postponed" from today to Sunday, following a decision by Premier David Ben Gurion not to send a leading Israeli personality to Germany allegedly to secure Germany's support for international guarantees of Israel's security. The issue is expected to have its reverberations at the Cabinet meeting next Sunday.

The Cabinet decision to send such an emissary to Germany was revealed today in Lamerchav, official organ of the Achdut Avoda party, which is represented in the Cabinet. The paper published fierce objections by Achdut Avoda to this decision and claimed that it would "endanger Israel's very existence."

Premier Ben Gurion reportedly felt that publication of the news had greatly, if not entirely, impaired the usefulness of the projected visit. He therefore decided to call it off. Following Mr. Ben Gurion's decision, the Achdut Avoda party withdrew its demand for a special Cabinet meeting to discuss the subject.

Withdrawal of the demand for a Cabinet meeting does not solve the Cabinet crisis, because the Mapai ministers view Achdut Avoda's publication of the Cabinet decision as a grave infraction of Cabinet secrecy and a breach of coalition discipline which demands that after the Cabinet makes a decision no party should try to alter it through publicity. The Mapai, therefore, is likely to demand a discussion of this infraction at next Sunday's Cabinet meeting.

The Achdut Avoda statement claimed today that the Cabinet decision was taken by "a small majority." The precise nature of the decision was not disclosed in the statement, but leaders of the Achdut Avoda privately claimed that the visit of a top Israeli personality to Germany would put Israel on Germany's side politically and militarily.

Although the identity of the courier was kept hidden, it was learned he was to visit West Germany en route to Burma in acceptance of an invitation from that country. Meanwhile, Dr. Giora Josephthal, general secretary of Mapai, who returned from a visit to Bonn, said today he had met with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and that the two discussed problems of mutual interest.

Dr. F. Shinnar, head of the Israel reparations mission in West Germany, accompanied Dr. Josephthal. Dr. Shinnar, who was present at the Josephthal-Adenauer talks, declined to add anything to the Mapai official's statement.

## JORDAN RESUMES COOPERATION WITH COL. LEARY; TRUCE CHIEF VISITS JORDAN

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Without fanfare or public notice, the Jordan authorities have begun dealing again with Col. Byron V. Leary, Acting Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, UN sources indicated here today.

The Jordanian announcement that they would not cooperate with Col. Leary created a crisis in Jordan-UN affairs and brought Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold on a flying visit to the Middle East several weeks ago. He left without any public indication of Amman's views on Col. Leary.

UN sources said today that Col. Leary was again visiting Jordan. They termed his relations with the Jordan authorities as "normal and very good." It was also disclosed that Dr. Francisco Urrutia, of Colombia, named Mr. Hammarskjold's personal representative to settle the Israel-Jordan dispute over Mt. Scopus, would arrive in Jerusalem next week.

Meanwhile, United Nations truce chief Col. Leary inspected the Israel-Syrian border today following reports that Syria was building a chain of fortifications along the demarcation line. Last week, the Syrians broke off cooperation with the UN-chaired Mixed Armistice Commission over their demand that the MAC discuss the status of the demilitarized zone along the Israel-Syrian border. Israel again forestalled a discussion noting that the area, all on Israeli soil, was outside the scope of MAC authority.

United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold will fly tomorrow to Stockholm and from there to Cairo Sunday, it was announced here today at UN headquarters. Yesterday, Mr. Hammarskjold told a news conference that he would discuss with Egyptian Government leaders all questions outstanding between Egypt and the UN.)

## BUDGET OF 1,160,000,000 POUNDS PRESENTED BY ESHKOL TO CABINET

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The budget of the State of Israel will pass the one billion pound mark for the first time in the country's history next year, it was learned here today when Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister, presented the draft of the 1957-58 document to the Cabinet.

The budget, which is predicated on an expenditure of 1,160,000,000 pounds in the next fiscal year, provides for new taxes on services--taxi fares, restaurant meals, electricity, etc. It also extends the coverage of sales tax.

The budget, which is about 190,000,000 pounds higher than last year's, provides for a five percent increase to most ministries to meet the rise in the cost of living.

## COLORFUL TORCHLIGHT PARADES MARK CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Young people in this city and other cities and large towns of Israel staged colorful Chanukah eve torchlight parades tonight as Jews throughout the world ushered in the eight-day festival marking the victory of the tiny Maccabean force against the Graeco-Syrian occupation of Palestine, 2,000 years ago.

The main feature of Jerusalem's parade was a torch lit at Modiin, site of the original uprising of the Maccabees. The flame was carried by relay teams of Boy Scouts to this city.

Another feature of Jerusalem's celebration tonight was the lighting of 50 candelabra brought from various parts of the world to Mt. Zion here where their kindling signified the beginning of the festival. The guards on Mt. Scopus, so recently beleaguered under a Jordan blockade of their supply convoys, lit a huge menorah to remind the inhabitants of this city that they were still on duty. A huge electric candelabra was hung over the front of the festooned Knesset building.

## ISRAEL TO SEND TECHNICIANS TO GHANA TO ASSIST IN IRRIGATION PROGRAM

ACCRA, Ghana, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- P.H. Doron, top Israeli water planning specialist, left Accra today for Israel via Nigeria, after having completed a study of Ghana's water needs and supply which took him back and forth across 3,600 miles of the country.

Mr. Doron said that Israel would be able to send technicians to assist Ghana in a well-digging, water supply and irrigation program which it needed. He recommended the provision of sanitary drinking water, supplies for cattle and irrigation for arid areas in a report to the Government of Ghana.

## 10,000 TOURISTS REMAINED IN ISRAEL AS IMMIGRANTS; 700 ARE NON-JEWS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Of more than 10,000 tourists who remained as immigrants since the establishment of the State, some 700 were non-Jews. This was revealed today in the latest Bulletin of Statistics which shows a progressive increase in the number of settlers of such category.

## SEVERE DECLINE OF JEWISH POPULATION IN FAR EAST AND ASIA REPORTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress is considering calling a conference of representatives of the tiny and far-flung Jewish communities of eight Far Eastern and Southeast Asian countries, it was announced here today by Dr. I. Schwartzbart, director of the WJC organization department. A proposal to call such a conference has been made by the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

Since 1933, when the combined Jewish population of the eight countries totalled 34,000, the Jewish population of the region has dwindled. Today it stands at 2,900. Since 1939, when the second World War broke out, 89 percent of the Jewish population has emigrated from the area.

The decline in Jewish population by countries follows: China, 25,000 in 1939, 397 in 1957; Japan, 2,000 in 1939, 650 in 1957; Hong Kong, remained constant at 200; the Philippines, 1,200 in 1939, 250 in 1957; Burma, 2,150 in 1939, 100 in 1957; Thailand, 125 in 1939, 30 in 1957; Singapore, 1,500 in 1939, 800 in 1957, and Indonesia, 2,000 in 1939, 450 in 1957.

With the current difficulties in Indonesia, where the Jews as Europeans may have been identified by Indonesians with the Dutch, there is a likelihood that Jews will be forced to leave the country. The Executive Council of Australian Jewry has already pledged assistance, including temporary accommodations, for any Jews forced to leave Indonesia.

The small size of the individual communities, scattered across vast distances, makes the convening of a conference such as is contemplated by the World Jewish Congress a difficult undertaking. Several years ago, a plan was under consideration to invite the small communities to a South Pacific Conference, but unstable conditions in the area prevented the implementation of the project.

The WJC report asserted that since the conclusion of the late World War the Congress has been the "source of Jewish self-assertion for these remote and isolated communities, giving them a growing sense of identification with Jewish interests and an increasing awareness of the unity of the Jewish people."

The report also noted the profound changes which occurred in the political, social and economic physiognomy of the area since the end of the war, declaring that this caused most of the Jews to seek opportunities in other lands. Though Israel occupied a "significant" place in the goals of emigrants, they scattered to many lands.

## LIBERALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION POLICIES SOUGHT IN SO. AMERICAN LANDS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Significant moves are under way in a number of South American countries, especially in Brazil, to liberalize immigration policies. Members of Parliament in Brazil have made strong presentations in favor of admitting refugees fleeing political, religious and racial persecution.

These developments may well be related to a recent eloquent statement by Pope Pius XII deploring discrimination of all kinds, including anti-Semitism, and urging the countries of the world to provide safe havens for victims of persecution. The Pope's statement was made to a delegation of American Jewish Committee leaders.

The growing ground swell in South America in favor of freer immigration policies has been given effective impetus by a number of liberal Latin newspapers. Prominent among them is "O Globo," of Rio de Janeiro, an independent paper with a long history of service to the cause of democracy and humanity. When dictator Getulio Vargas sought to bring his country into alignment with the Nazis, "O Globo" sounded the first energetic warnings, thus contributing, in large measure, to the fact that Brazil fought shoulder to shoulder with the Allies.

## IRANIAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS PLEDGE SUPPORT TO ORT WORK IN IRAN

GENEVA, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The continued support of the Iranian Government to the work of the ORT in Iran was pledged by two members of the cabinet following a tour of ORT schools in Teheran, according to word received by the World ORT Union here today.

Hussein Allah, Minister of the Imperial Court, and Dr. Mahmoud Mehran, Minister of National Education, toured the ORT installations and spoke highly of the organization's work. More than a thousand boys and girls are enrolled in the 11 schools, nine workshops and several primary manual training centers in the three main cities of Iran.

## LEADING CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS JOIN SWISS-ISRAELI LEAGUE

ZURICH, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A Swiss-Israeli Friendship League was set up here yesterday by a group of eminent Jewish and non-Jewish leaders of Switzerland's political and cultural life.

Besides leading Protestant and Catholic laymen, the 20-member committee of the league includes Bethold Neidhard, president of the Zurich Supreme Court, Max Gurny, Judge Advocate of the Court of Appeals, former Cabinet member Albert Picot and Prof. J. Vogt, pastor of the Swiss Reform Church and Prof. M. Haag, head of the Catholic University at Lucerne.

## TWO-DAY PARLEY EXAMINES LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES FOR JEWISH AGED

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A two-day meeting of Jewish community workers dealing with older people in all parts of the country, called by the National Jewish Welfare Board, closed here today.

The sessions were devoted to an examination of current practices and techniques in leisure time activities for elderly men and women. Miss Ollie Randall, a leading authority on services to the aging, was the major speaker.

## PONTIAC JEWISH FEDERATION INTEGRATED WITH DETROIT; DRIVES MERGED

DETROIT, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Integration of the Jewish Federation and Council of Pontiac with the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit was announced here by Dr. Harry Arnkoff and Judge Theodore Levin, president of the two organizations. Members of the 200 Jewish families in Pontiac will participate in the 1958 Allied Jewish Campaign as residents of the Greater Detroit area served by the Jewish Welfare Federation and its 13 local member agencies.

Full integration of the Jewish Federation and Council of Pontiac and the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit followed a year of experimental cooperation in fund-raising and in exploration of the extensive range of Detroit local services to Pontiac Jewry. These local services included those of two Detroit Jewish camps, the Jewish Community Center, a family and children's social service, a home for the aged and the Hebrew Free Loan society.

Officials of the two agencies noted that the integration recognized that the movement of Jewish population has redefined the area of the organized Jewish community beyond formal municipal boundary lines.

## JEWISH CENTER LOSES SUIT IN SEEKING RIGHT TO BUILD A SYNAGOGUE

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Supreme Court Justice Samuel W. Eager has dismissed a suit brought by the Pelham Jewish Center for the right to use a building in a residence zone of Pelham Manor as a synagogue.

The suit asked court review of the action of the Pelham Manor Board of Trustees in refusing a request of the congregation to rezone the property for which use as a synagogue was sought. The court held that it could not review legislative acts. In dismissing the action, however, the court suggested other types of proceedings in which a challenge of the board's activities could legally be made and redress sought.

## ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE VOTES ITS 1957 AWARD TO U.S. CONGRESS

MIAMI BEACH, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, at the concluding session of its 44th annual national meeting here, voted last night its 1957 America's Democratic Legacy Award to the 85th Congress for enacting the first Federal civil rights law in 82 years. The award, a silver medallion, will be presented at a dinner in Washington next spring.

Benjamin Greenberg of New York was elected treasurer of the ADL to succeed the late Jacob Alson. Bernard Nath of Chicago was reelected chairman of the executive committee. Paul H. Sampliner of New York was elected vice-chairman.

## WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY INTRODUCES CORRESPONDENCE COURSE IN HEBREW

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A correspondence course in Hebrew has been organized by the University of Wisconsin Extension Division to meet demands from college, high school and theological students and adult study groups. The four-credit course was written and will be taught by Prof. Menahem Mansor, chairman of the UW department of Hebrew and Semitic studies, and is identical with the first semester course which he teaches in residence at the university.

The course is the first of its kind ever offered in the United States. The 40 lessons are designed to enable a student to master a working knowledge of Hebrew grammar, become acquainted with the essential vocabulary used most frequently in Biblical and post-Biblical Hebrew (including modern Hebrew), understand simple excerpts from the Bible, and facilitate the use of the dictionary through emphasis on the roots of verbs and nouns.

The course is divided into two parts. The first contains all the essential vocabulary and grammatical rules. The second part consists of easy passages from the Bible, medieval literature and modern Hebrew. The first five lessons are devoted to the reading and writing of Hebrew. A tape or disc covering the first 10 lessons of the course is available, the university announced.

## NICARAGUA TO UTILIZE ISRAELI SKILLS FOR ADVANCING ITS INDUSTRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Nicaraguan diplomatic sources here today made known that steps have been taken to advance Nicaraguan-Israeli trade and utilize Israeli skills and technical know-how for the benefit of Nicaraguan industry.