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### EISENHOWER URGES MORE U.S. AID TO FOREIGN LANDS; MUM ON IMMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower told Congress today in his State of the Union message that the United States "must continue to strengthen" its mutual security efforts and make economic aid more effective. While he did not mention the Middle East specifically, he urged "greater use of repayable loans, through the Development Loan Fund, through funds generated by sale of surplus farm products, and through the Export-Import Bank."

The President failed to include in his message a call for revision of the frequently criticized immigration law. In his previous messages to Congress he delineated inequities in the law and called for revision, but the basic defects were never corrected by Congress. It is possible that he may send a separate message on immigration law revisions to Congress later this session.

While efforts to bring about basic changes in the immigration legislation during the last session of the Congress were not successful, a law which provides some measure of relief for the remaining refugees in Europe and other countries was passed and became effective last September. Aiming its other provisions, the new law eliminates the mortgaging of quotas under the former Displaced Persons Act and Refugee Relief Act, and it authorizes the issuance of 18,656 special non-quota immigrants visas which remained unused under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 when that Act expired at the end of 1956.

It is hoped that thousands of Jewish individuals who have been waiting to come to the United States, including some of the new refugees from Egypt, will be able to benefit from this legislation. It is estimated that about 6,000 Jewish immigrants will arrive in this country during 1958 under the new law and under the basic immigration law.

New York's two Senators, Irving M. Ives and Jacob K. Javits, made it clear today that they will fight in the Senate for an overhauling of immigration laws. There is a serious need, the Senators contended, for a study by a commission of members of Congress and the public. They will propose in a bill that the President select four members and that the other four be picked by the Vice President, as presiding officer of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House.

Such a commission, they said, would be assigned to adjust immigration to "the present national interest" by studying "the operation and effects" of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952. This act was enacted over President Truman's veto.

### ISRAELI EDITORS OPPOSE BEN GURION'S PROPOSED BILL ON STATE SECRETS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Editors of all daily newspapers in Israel met tonight to formulate a joint campaign of opposition to the proposed "state secrets bill" which Premier David Ben Gurion told Parliament this week would be introduced soon to safeguard Cabinet secrets. The bill was Mr. Ben Gurion's answer to "leaks" such as the one by Achdut Avoda which upset a mission to purchase arms from West Germany and led to the fall of the last government here.

In a statement published in every Israeli newspaper today, the editors made known their belief that there is no necessity for a bill limiting freedom of the press. The statement said that in a meeting with the Premier it was he, not they, who suggested they be consulted in the drafting of such legislation. The Premier had indicated in Parliament that the editors were willing to cooperate in such a task.

Although today's meeting of editors brought forth no concrete plan of opposition to the proposed "state secrets bill" a plan of action is expected by next week. The majority of the editors were vehement in their determination to fight the measure.

As of February 1, all foreign-language newspapers in Israel will be required to publish at least one column in the Hebrew language in every issue, according to a ruling announced here by the Ministry of the Interior.

The regulation applies to newspapers which publish three or more times each week and will affect newspapers in Yiddish, English, French, Polish, Hungarian, German, Rumanian and Bulgarian.

MISSION OF U. N. ENVOY IS LIMITED TO MT. SCOPUS ONLY, JORDAN ASSERTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Francisco Urrutia of Colombia, Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's personal representative on the Mt. Scopus dispute between Israel and Jordan, is not in the area for the purpose of rectifying the demarcation lines between Israel and Jordan, according to a statement issued here today by Dr. Yusef Haikal, head of the Jordanian delegation here.

The Jordanian diplomat said that Dr. Urrutia's discussions with the Jordan Government are limited to "the practical implementation" of the special agreement made between Israel and Jordan regarding Mt. Scopus in 1948. He alleged that Israel has been fortifying and planting mines in the area and preventing the Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization from inspecting the demilitarized zone on the height.

Dr. Haikal took issue with the warning reportedly given by Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir to Western diplomats that if Jordan's complaint regarding Mt. Scopus were to be debated in the Security Council, Israel would insist that a debate be held also on its charges that Jordan is regarding Israel free access to the zone. "We would like to point out that it is customary for Israel automatically to bring forth some unfounded complaint of her own each time that a well substantiated charge is brought by an Arab Government," he said in his statement.

Regarding the Jordan-Israel dispute over Israel's afforestation work south of Jerusalem, Dr. Haikal said that "Jordan is most anxious to proceed with the case and insure that the Arab rights in the area be properly safeguarded." A spokesman for the Israel delegation said "the report upon which the Ambassador of Jordan bases his statement is entirely untrue and the Israel delegation has no comments to make on it."

ISRAEL COMPLETES TODAY PACT ON GRANTING \$20,000,000 CREDIT TO GHANA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The broad outlines of an agreement under which Israel would grant Ghana \$20,000,000 worth of credits over a four-year period are slated for completion here tomorrow. Afterwards, the pact will be returned to Accra where the final details will be worked out and the document signed.

The pact will grant the joint Israel-Ghana Construction and Development \$5,000,000 a year in credits for the purchase of construction materials and other Israeli products for use in the new African republic. Israel is already cooperating with Ghana in a number of other economic fields, including a joint maritime venture, the training of Ghanians as technicians in Israel and the assignment of Israeli water resource and other specialists.

It was disclosed here too today that Ghana and Liberia will shortly open embassies in Jerusalem. The Ghanaian envoy is said to have been chosen already and the Liberian will be named soon.

EI AL TURBOPROP PLANE CRACKS WORLD RECORD FOR TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHTS

LONDON, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- An EI Al Bristol Britannia today again cracked the world record for transatlantic flights by commercial passenger aircraft. An EI Al "whispering giant," piloted by Capt. Sam Goldstein and carrying a payload of 51 passengers and one and a half tons of freight and mail, made the New York to London run in seven hours, 44 minutes.

The new record clipped 13 minutes off one set a few days ago by a British Overseas Airways Corporation Britannia, and thus returned the crown to Israel. The British plane had made the trip in seven hours, 57 minutes which bettered a week's-old EI Al record of eight hours three minutes.

ISRAELI AIRMEN COMPLETE FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK ACROSS ARTIC CIRCLE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Two Israel airmen landed at Lydda Airport last night to complete a 7,000-mile flight from New York in two tiny twin-engined planes purchased in the United States for Israel's Arkia Airlines.

Leo Gardner, Arkia chief pilot, and Gordon Levett drove the planes across the Arctic circle in just over 41 hours on a route which took them across Labrador, Goosebay Iceland, Scotland, London, Lyons, Rome and Athens.

Although this was not the first time planes have flown this route, the flight to Israel was considered notable because it was made during winter in a fight against the Northern winter night and heavy snowstorms.

BLAUSTEIN CONFERS WITH U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Questions concerning the Middle East were discussed here yesterday by Jacob Blaustein, noted Jewish leader, with United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, it was learned today.

### MCSCOW LINKS BAN ON JEWISH EMIGRATION WITH ISRAEL'S "EXPANSION"

PARIS, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- For the first time since the Soviet Union began its current anti-Israel propaganda campaign, a Communist publication today directly linked Soviet restrictions on emigration to Israel with alleged Israel "expansion policies."

The new line appeared in a new attack published in the latest issue of the "Mezhdunarodnaia Zhizn," official Soviet organ devoted to foreign affairs, which reached Paris today. The article charged that "Israel ambitions were to occupy the entire area between the Suez Canal and the Persian Gulf."

Severely condemning these alleged ambitions, the publication asserted that the Soviet Union would discourage Israel from action to achieve these "ambitions" by all possible means, including "restrictions on the emigration of Jews to Israel." The article quoted a number of alleged letters from immigrants who found themselves disappointed with Israel conditions.

In another aspect of the campaign, the Soviet Radio for the first time in years broadcast a talk on racial discrimination in the Soviet Union. The broadcast admitted that "certain discriminations have existed among the uncultured masses" but that these discriminations were now under control.

### \$1,500,000,000 PAID BY GERMANY AS RESTITUTION DURING FIVE YEARS

BONN, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The West German Government has paid out the equivalent of \$1,500,000,000 in the five years since it initiated its restitution program, according to Finance Ministry officials here. They include in the overall restitution picture the reparations paid to Israel under the terms of the Luxembourg Pact and restitution to non-Jewish victims of the Nazis as well as Jewish claimants.

On this overall basis, the Finance Ministry estimates that the restitution-reparations programs will eventually cost Germany \$6,000,000,000, though they concede that hard and fast figures cannot be gathered until the deadline for filing claims is passed, this March 31. Other estimates of the cost of the restitution program range down to a low of \$3,000,000,000 and a high of \$5,000,000,000.

Dr. Georg Blessin, chief of the Ministry's restitution division, estimated a total of about 18,000,000,000 deutschmarks (\$4,290,000,000). (In Vienna yesterday, Bonn Finance Minister Franz Etzel gave the same estimate to a press conference. Herr Etzel also called "fantastic" an earlier estimate by Justice Minister Fritz Schaeffer that restitution to Jews alone would amount to the equivalent of \$6,000,000,000.)

### AUSTRIA STUDIES DEMANDS OF NAZI VICTIMS FOR RESTITUTION PAYMENTS

VIENNA, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- A committee of the coalition parties in the Austria Government has decided to set up a special committee to coordinate the restitution demands of war victims, including victims of the Nazi regime in Austria, it was disclosed today.

The special committee, composed of three Socialists and three Peoples Party members, also will investigate how much will be needed for payments and survey the financial possibility of setting up such a program. Finance Minister Karritz will head the special committee.

### JEWS IN U.S. WARNED ON ANTI-SHECHITAH BILL DUE IN CONGRESS THIS MONTH

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Orthodox Jewish leaders today alerted American Jews to the danger of possible passage by Congress of a bill which may affect shechitah. A warning to this effect was issued today by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada and by Dr. Isaac Lewin, leader of the Agudath Israel of America.

The bill, introduced during the first half of the 85th Congressional session, is scheduled to come up before the House of Representatives late this month. It favors compulsory stunning of animals prior to slaughter and prescribes special handling procedures. Shechitah calls for the killing of an animal with a quick thrust of a knife.

Dr. Lewin, who is professor of Jewish history at Yeshiva University and often appears before the United Nations on matters dealing with human rights, termed the situation regarding Congressional legislation affecting shechitah "dangerous and extremely delicate." He cited the opposition of the Department of Agriculture to humane slaughter bills as strong evidence that they are not meant to foster humaneness to animals.

In support of this assertion, the Agudah leader quotes testimony of Dr. M. R. Clarkson, deputy administrator of the Agricultural-Research Service of the Department of Agriculture, before a Congressional committee studying humane slaughter bills.

According to Dr. Clarkson, "no one, to our knowledge, has authoritatively evaluated the effects of this procedure (stunning) from the standpoint of humane treatment of the animal. In many cases of electrical stunning, undesirable hemorrhaging occurs in the muscular portion of the carcass. With the present state of our knowledge I don't see how we could say that subjection of an animal to CO<sub>2</sub> gas is any more humane than the use of the knife with its quick thrust."

#### ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION TO START TWO-DAY NATIONAL PARLEY TOMORROW

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The role of American support in the economic development of the State of Israel will be considered at a two-day National Leadership Conference which will open at the Shoreham Hotel here on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the State of Israel Bond Organization. More than 300 key leaders from the United States and Canada will attend the conference, which will review the results of the 1957 Israel bond drive, and develop plans and set a quota for the 1958 campaign.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization, announced that more than \$300,000,000 had been made available for the expansion of agriculture and industry in Israel since 1951 as a result of the sale of State of Israel bonds in the United States and other parts of the free world.

#### AMERICAN ORT TO HOLD NATIONAL CONFERENCE SUNDAY; WILL DISCUSS BUDGET

NEW YORK, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- The American ORT, which claims a membership of 75,000 in the United States, will hold its annual conference here this Sunday to consider overseas problems and discuss the adoption of an increased budget for 1958.

A statement issued today by Dr. William Haber, president of the organization, said that 400 trade schools and workshops of the ORT in 20 countries require additional aid in view of critical conditions for Jews in a number of countries. The establishment of emergency vocational training programs in Poland among the 10,000 Jewish repatriates from the Soviet Union is one aspect of a generally grim situation in many overseas communities, Dr. Haber declared.

"The external threat to Israel makes it more mandatory than ever that her inner strength be assured by a growing economy capable of absorbing the flood-tide of new immigrants," urged Dr. Haber, who is a professor of economics at the University of Michigan. "That challenge places new responsibilities on ORT for intensifying vocational training activities."

Keynote speaker at the annual conference will be Gen. Yaacov Dori, head of the Israel Institute of Technology, and one of his country's top specialists in technical education. American support for ORT overseas operations is derived from United Jewish Appeal funds, through an agreement with the JDC, and from membership in ORT groups throughout the U. S.

#### \$2,000,000 APARTMENT HOUSE FOR JEWISH AGED TO BE BUILT IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 9. (JTA) -- A proposal to build an 11-story \$2,000,000 apartment house exclusively for the aged on grounds adjacent to the Home for the Jewish Aged here has been approved by the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia. The project, designed to attract healthy elders and leave the 303 bed capacity of the Home increasingly for the chronically ill, will cost the Federation only the land grant.

It will be financed under the terms of a Federal Housing Act which provides for mortgages to non-profit agencies with experience in care for the aged. Once constructed, the apartment house will be self-supporting.

The 206 apartments, each with its own kitchenette, will be equipped with the latest in safety and convenience for older tenants. The building is being placed next to the home so as to be able to draw on the latter's facilities for medical and recreational services, housekeeping and two meals a day.

#### LOCAL RESIDENTS SEEK TO BAR JEWISH CENTER ACTIVITIES IN NORWALK SUBURB

NORWALK, Conn., Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Residents of the waterfront suburb of Shorehaven have applied for an injunction to bar the Norwalk Jewish Center from establishing recreational facilities at the recently acquired center building, a large mansion.

The center plans to convert the mansion into a meeting place and club house, with the addition of a large parking field, baseball field and tennis court. It proposes to enclose for winter use an outdoor swimming pool which is now on the estate.

The Shorehaven Association, which applied for the injunction, alleges that the center will create traffic hazards and depreciate the value of property in the neighborhood. A hearing on the injunction plea will take place in the Court of Common Pleas next week.

#### JEWISH LEADER NAMED CHAIRMAN OF CITY'S COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

ELIZABETH, N. J., Jan. 9. (JTA) -- Mayor Stephen J. Bercik announced today the designation of Milton Levin, local Jewish leader, as chairman of the newly-created Elizabeth's Mayor's Commission on Human Relations. The Commission is an outgrowth of the 1949 New Jersey State law providing for the creation of mayor's commissions to promote better inter-group understanding.

Mr. Levin, who is vice chairman of the Jewish Council, has served for the past three years as the general chairman of the Elizabeth Good Neighbor Council, a voluntary organization for the improvement of community relations. He is also a member of the advisory committee of the Rutgers University human relations workshop.