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## ISRAEL CABINET APPROVES TEXT OF REPLY TO SOVIET PREMIER BULGANIN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today approved the text of a reply to be sent by Premier David Ben Gurion to Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin who last month addressed a note to Israel.

It is understood that the Israel Premier will, in his reply, welcome part of Bulganin's statement. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that the Israel Government found "great interest" in some of Bulganin's views, especially in the stress he laid on territorial integrity of the Middle Eastern countries.

The spokesman also welcomed the call by the Soviet Premier for a worldwide cessation of hostile propaganda. He emphasized that the Israel Government believes such action is needed in the Middle East.

It was learned here today that the Soviet Government has inquired of the Government of Israel whether the new Soviet Ambassador to Israel is acceptable. The new envoy, Michael Bodorov, had served as Soviet Ambassador in Bulgaria in 1953 and at that time was Moscow's contact man with the Israel Charge d'Affaires in Sofia for the restoration of Soviet-Israeli diplomatic relations. Relations had been broken off following an explosion of a bomb in the Soviet embassy building in Tel Aviv.

### American Ambassador Confers with Ben Gurion on Bulganin's Note

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- On instructions from President Eisenhower, United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson interrupted his Sunday rest and called today on Premier David Ben Gurion on Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin's note, the American Embassy announced tonight. The text of the Embassy statement read:

"Today, at the request of President Eisenhower, Ambassador Edward B. Lawson called on Premier David Ben Gurion to convey personally a copy of President Eisenhower's reply to Soviet Premier Bulganin who last month proposed a 'new summit' meeting. The Prime Minister and Ambassador Lawson discussed the major points of the latter for one hour and a quarter."

Ambassador Lawson also conferred today with Premier Ben Gurion in connection with Jordan's complaint to the United Nations Security Council against Israel's afforestation project in the no-man's land area outside Jerusalem. The complaint may be taken up this Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the Israel delegation at the UN has been instructed to move at the Security Council session for dismissal of the Jordan complaint as "frivolous." The Israelis maintain that the planting of trees is a normal civilian activity and cannot be described as a "threat to peace" which the Council should debate.

Observers here believe that the Jordanian authorities have revived the afforestation complaint only to strengthen its position among the Arab countries and to picture itself as taking a tough stand with Israel. They noted that Israel has never attempted to interfere with civilian activities in the Jordan half of the area, including the construction of a road between that district and Bethlehem.

When Jordan originally filed the complaint with the Council, Israel cross-complained that Jordan had not lived up to the section of the armistice agreement guaranteeing Israelis access to the Holy Places under Jordanian control. There is no information available here whether Israel will press that complaint, although it is presumed that if the Council rules against Israel on the afforestation issue the Jewish State will move ahead with prosecution of its own grievance.

## ISRAEL CABINET APPROVES BUDGET OF 1,166,000,000 POUNDS FOR 1958

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet approved today a budget of 1,166,000,000 pounds for the 1958-59 fiscal year. Premier David Ben Gurion also reported to the Ministers on the Mt. Scopus agreement negotiated by Dr. Francisco Urrutia. Mr. Ben Gurion conferred with the UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's representative, before the Colombian diplomat departed for New York.

U.N. REPORTS MT. SCOPUS CONFLICT SETTLED; JORDAN FOLLOWS WITH COMPLAINT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Francisco Urrutia, special representative of United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, today released the text of an agreement reached between Israel and Jordan settling the Mt. Scopus conflict.

The agreement includes a statement from both parties expressing willingness to implement the 1948 pact on the demilitarization of the Mt. Scopus area. Both parties also undertake not to erect any fortifications in the future, and to remove and destroy all military installations which are contrary to the 1948 pact.

The ink had hardly dried on the Mt. Scopus agreement when Jordan made its first complaint under the Urrutia arrangement. Jordan charged that Israeli guards had interfered with Arab farmers at Ussafuya village on the height and that the Israelis were seen digging trenches and laying barbed wire fence. The Jordan radio said that UN observers had gone to investigate.

The agreement provides that the United Nations shall assume the exclusive responsibility for ensuring that the convoy arrangements are in conformity with the Mt. Scopus agreement of 1948 and the existing plan for the convoys. The Jordan Government will ensure the protection of the convoys during the crossing of Jordanian-controlled territory. The United Nations shall be responsible for ascertaining the need and ultimate use of items included in the convoy manifests.

Dr. Urrutia also released the text of a letter he addressed to Israel's Premier David Ben Gurion informing him that United Nations representatives will see to it that the fortnightly convoys which Israel sends to Mt. Scopus are to proceed under the following regulations:

1. The yearly quota for unprohibited items--other than food, fuel and water--may not exceed the average of the last three years. (Unprohibited items are articles which are not arms, ammunition, military equipment of any kind, mail, maps or diagrams that can be in any way construed as containing military information.) The yearly quota will be distributed in the convoys in quantities to be agreed upon with the United Nations.

2. When items not taken up in the past or items in greater quantities than the above average are included in the convoy manifest, transport will take place after United Nations representatives will have satisfied themselves as to their need. They shall have the authority to check their ultimate use.

3. As regards fuel, the yearly quota will be based on the weekly average which was agreed upon in 1954. Within this limit the quota for benzine was determined last month by the United Nations observer responsible for Mt. Scopus. With regard to water, the United Nations will ensure the needed supply of water, without limitation.

4. The checking of the convoy at Mandelbaum Square will be carried out exclusively by United Nations officers in the presence of representatives of the parties.

5. Books, scientific and cultural collections and other similar items may be removed from the building of Mt. Scopus and the United Nations will make the appropriate arrangements for their transport to the Israel sector of Jerusalem.

ISRAEL COURT EXONERATES KASTNER; FINDS HIS ACCUSER GUILTY OF LIBEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- By a four to one vote the Supreme Court of Israel this week-end exonerated the late Dr. Israel Kastner of charges of having collaborated with the Nazis in war-time Hungary and found 75-year-old pamphleteer Malkiel Gruenwald guilty of having libelled the former leader of the Hungarian Jewish community. The court gave Mr. Gruenwald a sentence of one year and suspended it on account of his age, placed him on probation for three years during which he was forbidden to write further on the Kastner case, and ordered him to pay 500 pounds in court costs.

The majority found that although Dr. Kastner had dealt with the Nazis his motive was an ill-starred attempt to save thousands of Hungarian Jews. The only charge by Mr. Gruenwald which the court upheld was that Dr. Kastner's testimony during the Nuremberg International War Crimes trials had saved the life of stormtrooper Kurt Becher. Dr. Kastner had denied giving testimony.

The majority decision overruled a district court's vindication of Mr. Gruenwald and his castigation of Dr. Kastner as a man who had "sold his soul to the devil" in order to save 600 Hungarian Jewish leaders and members of his own family. Last March, three men assassinated Dr. Kastner near his home.

ISRAEL'S TRADE MINISTER TO TOUR JAPAN, BURMA, THAILAND, CEYLON

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Trade Minister Pinchas Saphir will leave for a six-week tour of Japan, Burma, Thailand, Ceylon and possibly other Far Eastern countries early next month, it was announced here today. He will be accompanied by several aides.

Mr. Saphir hopes to negotiate either a trade pact or a payments agreement with Japan as a means of encouraging trade between the two countries. He also expects to expand Israel's trade with the other Asian countries.

### POLAND EXEMPTS EMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL FROM INCREASED TAXES ON PASSPORTS

VIENNA, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Polish Government has announced that recent increases of taxes on passports do not apply to emigrants to Israel and Germany, according to information received here today.

The announcement reported that while a passport valid to European countries costs 3,000 zlotys and one valid for non-European countries is 5,000 zlotys but passports to Israel or Germany are only 300 zlotys.

### GERMAN MINISTER ENDS HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST JEWISH RESTITUTION

FRANKFURT, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Bonn Justice Minister Fritz Schaeffer, who created a furor in West Germany with his public proposal that restitution to Jewish victims of the Nazis be limited to payments of 9,000 deutschemarks annually, now considers the matter closed, it was revealed here today.

In a letter from his personal assistant to Dr. H. G. van Dam, secretary general of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, the Minister was represented as having withdrawn his objections to continued payment in full of restitution claims by Jewish victims because Chancellor Adenauer had recently stated the compensation policy would not be changed.

Dr. Adenauer, at his recent birthday reception, called aside several leaders of a Nazi victims organization, said he was disturbed by Herr Schaeffer's statements and gave his assurances that no new limits would be placed on compensation payments.

### JEWISH LEADERS URGED TO BE ON GUARD ON CLAIMS PAYMENTS IN GERMANY

LONDON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The attack on compensation claims by Jews made by Bonn Minister of Justice Fritz Schaeffer "must have been welcome to all anti-Semites," Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said at a board meeting today.

Mr. Janner noted that "in view of Herr Schaeffer's past it would be wrong to attribute anti-Semitic motives to him." But he warned that "while the danger may have passed over for the moment, it will be necessary to remain watchful, for Herr Schaeffer is an important person of great influence."

### GERMAN TEACHERS BODY SEEKS ACTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC TEACHER

FRANKFURT, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The League of German Teachers, a 100,000 member association, condemned today the anti-Semitic statements of a teacher in an Offenburg high school, demanded he be prosecuted for war crimes and asked what the local school authorities had done about his teaching the next generation of schoolchildren.

The teachers' protest, addressed to the Federal and provincial governments and the Bonn Parliament, was aimed at Ludwig Zind. The teacher had stated that "not enough Jews were gassed" by the Nazis and had boasted that he had a hand in the killing of hundreds of Jews during the war.

The teachers league said it was "ashamed" that Zind was a teacher and that it had been "shocked and revolted" by his statements. It declared that only in the "Germany of yesterday" could somebody like Zind be a teacher and that such people as he "threaten the German Republic." Meanwhile, after an earlier series of protests, Zind was suspended from his post.

### Action Against Teacher Started, Premier of German State Says

STUTTGART, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Gebhard Mueller, Minister President of Baden-Wuerttemberg, revealed today that legal action has finally been started against Ludwig Zind, an Offenburg high school teacher who publicly declared several months ago that "not enough Jews were gassed" during the Nazi regime.

Following protests by the Council of Jews of Baden to the Ministry of Education, disciplinary proceedings were started against the teacher, who failed to appear at the first hearing on December 30, claiming illness. The Ministry of Education thereupon suspended Zind from his teaching position.

Dr. Mueller said that the Government of Wurttemberg-Baden would use all means at its disposal against the offense but that no definite stand would be taken before the disciplinary and legal proceedings were concluded.

### NAZI WAR CRIMINAL WHO KILLED JEWS IS RELEASED UNDER AUSTRIAN AMNESTY

VIENNA, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Josef Poell, considered one of the most savage Nazi war criminals ever tried in an Austrian court, was free today on presidential amnesty after serving only four months of a 20-year sentence. He was sentenced on conviction of charges he had personally murdered Polish Jews at Boryslaw and acted as an assistant in the shooting of Jews there.

# JAILED "NORDIC" YOUTHS WANTED JEWS AND NEGROES DEPORTED FROM U.S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Seven youths, members of a group which organized itself under the name "United Nordic Confederation" for the purpose of emulating Hitler's racial theories--and whose leader preached the deportation of all American Jews to Israel and all Negroes to Africa--were in jail here today unable to raise bail and facing heavy prison sentences on a variety of charges. They were arrested after it was established that they planned to rob a New York bank to raise a \$40,000 treasury.

Police were hunting today for "hundreds" of other alleged members of the two-month old organization formed to "unite and purify all the Nordic peoples of the race." George Leggett, 21-year-old leader of the gang, boasted that there were more members at large and that they would carry on. Leggett used the Prussian alias of George von Lictor in the organization which he commanded.

When police rounded up the nine gang members during the week-end they also picked up an arsenal of three 22 caliber rifles and 18 knives, bayonets and daggers, including one official Nazi dagger with a swastika on the hilt. They also found a detailed map of the Kew Gardens branch of the Chase National Bank which the gang was planning to hold up. The money was to be used to open a Nazi-like camp "upstate somewhere."

By the time the seven older members of the United Nordic Confederation were arraigned yesterday, they were facing a variety of charges including violation of the Sullivan Law for possession of the weapons, burglary charges for breaking into an apartment which they used as a headquarters, felonious assault of several members who broke away from the gang and conspiracy to rob the bank. In the absence of \$2,000 to \$9,000 in bail, the seven were sent to jail. Two 15-year-olds will be arraigned in Children's Court tomorrow. Most of the gang members were students at Forest Hills School in Queens, N.Y.

All members of the United Nordic Confederation were required to sign an oath dedicating their lives to racial purification and the restoration of the "moral strength, spiritual greatness and physical perfection which make up the true Nordic." The members pledged to "be superior in all things beginning with Christianity, humanity, philosophy and science." Leggett also had stamps printed with such slogans as "The Nordics Over All" and "For the Cause."

## CANADIAN CLUB IN NEW YORK CENSURED IN CANADA FOR BARRING JEWS

OTTAWA, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Canadian Club in New York came under heavy criticism in the Canadian press this week-end for its barring of Jews from membership. Testimony revealing the anti-Jewish discrimination policy practiced by the Canadian Club in New York was given before the Parliamentary Committee on External Affairs here this week-end by Ray Lawson, former Canadian Consul General in New York. He added, however, that "the Canadian Club of New York is not a Canadian club."

(In New York, John H. Clough, president of the club, refused to say whether the club had Jewish members, or to name any that it had. He said the club was a "pure membership club" which has about 1,600 members who were Canadians by birth, sons and daughters of Canadians, or persons with "clearly identified Canadian association." The club's headquarters are at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.)

Mr. Lawson was asked at the meeting of the parliamentary committee by Allister Stewart, Socialist member of the Canadian Parliament, whether the Canadian Club barred Jews as members. The former Consul General replied: "Yes, absolutely." Whereupon Leon Crestohl, Jewish member of the Parliament, asked: "Would I as a Jewish member of Parliament be barred?" Mr. Lawson replied that he thought so. His reply provoked cries of "shame" from the committee members, one of whom commented that "no truly Canadian club would have the racial discrimination this club has."

## JOSEPH MAZER NAMED HEAD OF SPECIAL U. J. A. DRIVE FOR \$100,000,000 FUND

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Joseph M. Mazer of New York, nationally prominent leader in Jewish philanthropic and communal organizations, has been named chairman of the United Jewish Appeal's special 1958 drive for a \$100,000,000 rescue fund, it was announced today by Morris W. Bernstein, UJA general chairman. The rescue fund drive seeks extra gifts above contributions to the Appeal's regular nationwide campaign exclusively to finance the migration and resettlement of 80,000 Jewish refugees during this year.

In accepting the rescue fund chairmanship, Mr. Mazer said he was "confident that the Jews of America will respond in most generous measure to meet this imperative task of helping thousands of uprooted Jewish men, women and children overseas get an eagerly sought chance to build lives of freedom and dignity."

Mr. Mazer has for many years been a member of the UJA National Campaign Cabinet, the Appeal's top planning body, and served as co-chairman of the Appeal's 1957 emergency rescue fund. He is a former associate chairman of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York and continues to serve on its board of directors. He has visited Israel many times and has conferred frequently with government leaders on the acute problems connected with integration of immigrants.