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## UNITED STATES, FRANCE ANNOUNCE RECOGNITION OF UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The State Department today announced diplomatic recognition of the United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria. The United States expressed its "good wishes" to the new political entity. The text of the announcement read:

"The United States Government has been officially informed of the proclamation of the United Arab Republic following the plebiscite conducted in Egypt and Syria on February 21. The United States Government, having taken note of the assurances of the United Arab Republic that it intends to respect and observe its international obligations, including the obligations of Egypt and Syria, respectively, existing at the time of the formation of the United Arab Republic, extended recognition to the Government of the United Arab Republic with the expression of its good wishes."

(In Paris, a government spokesman announced France's recognition of the United Arab Republic, but added that this does not mean diplomatic relations would be established immediately.)

The White House announced today that President Eisenhower will nominate Raymond A. Hare, present U.S. Ambassador to Egypt, to be Ambassador to the new United Arab Republic. The U.S. Embassy in Damascus will become a consulate.

The question of recognition of the Iraqi-Jordan Federation is still under study.

### United Arab Republic to Have Only One Seat in United Nations

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Omar Loutfi, who has been head of the Egyptian delegation to the United Nations, officially informed Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold today that the name of the Egyptian-Syrian federation is the United Arab Republic. However, M. Loutfi did not present new credentials to the Secretary General.

It is all but official that the United Arab Republic will have one seat and one vote in the United Nations. The spokesman for the Egyptian delegation, Abdul Mawgoud Hassan, now spokesman for the UAR, who acted on the subject until after the plebiscite in Egypt and Syria, now says "it is clear" that there will be a single mission.

Spokesmen for the Secretary General say that so far as the Secretariat is concerned there is still nothing official on this point. However, it was learned that some fine legal points are being studied concerning the way to handle merged missions which will reduce the number of member states from 82 to 81.

The most important questions to be decided are those concerning memberships in various commissions and councils. Elected to these are states, not personalities. It is Egypt's contention, it is learned, that all posts held by Egypt and Syria should be assured as a matter of right by the UAR.

While there is an inclination on the part of the Secretariat to agree with this in principle, the matter is not so simple. It could mean that the UAR would have much wider representation in councils and commissions than other states of similar size and even considerably larger. It is pointed out that in some instances, the UAR might outnumber members such as Britain and France in the number of chairmanships, vice chairmanships and seats in UN organs.

### Iraqi-Jordan Constitution to Forbid All Trade with Israel

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- A joint Iraqi-Jordan committee writing a new constitution for the newly merged state has decided to include a clause forbidding all trade with Israel, it was reported here today from Amman.

The report added that the drafting committee was deciding whether to offer a reward to anyone who informed of the existence in the State of Israel or other blacklisted articles.

The Jordanian press reports that the King of Jordan has made it clear that the merger with Iraq will in no way affect his intentions to fight for the "liberation of Palestine." At the same time, the Cairo Radio indicated that Col. Nasser intends to declare the Gaza area an integral part of the United Arab Republic.

## ISRAEL GOVERNMENT INCREASES ITS BUDGET BY 20,000,000 POUNDS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament gave approval today to the first reading of the government's 1,183,630,000 pound regular and development budget for the fiscal year beginning April. The document was then sent back to committee for further discussion before being presented to the House for its second and third readings.

In the committee, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol announced that the budget would have to be boosted another 20,000,000 pounds because the government is assuming a larger share of immigration and absorption expenses. He said that the additional funds would come from higher customs and travel taxes, adding that the higher budget was essential to avert a drastic cut in settlement programs hitherto handled by the Jewish Agency.

The Government's allocation for the Jewish Agency's settlement budget during 1958-1959 will be double that of the previous year, he reported, because the Agency was unable to maintain the share of colonization activity it had originally assumed.

A proposal for a fee for issuance of an exit visit, shelved by the Israel Treasury several months ago when Israelis assailed it as an "exit tax" and an infringement of the right to freedom of movement, is again scheduled to be introduced in Knesset by the hard-pressed Treasury. When the Treasury first tried to introduce the "tax" in the form of an \$85 visa charge, the Ministry of the Interior, which is in charge of immigration matters, declined to cooperate.

It was also disclosed that there will be further difficulties for Israelis to leave the country. The Ministry of Finance has decided to raise substantially the present 33 per cent tax on ship and airline tickets. The exact size of the increase was not announced.

## JEWISH AGENCY EXPECTS 50,000 IMMIGRANTS TO ENTER ISRAEL THIS YEAR

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Somewhere between 40,000 and 50,000 immigrants are expected to arrive in Israel during the coming fiscal year, which begins in April, it was estimated today at a meeting here of the Jewish Agency executive. The estimates include both those able and willing to leave their present countries of residence or birth and come to Israel.

The Agency executive, however, was warned that the 50,000 figure might not hold if an emergency situation suddenly blew up in any Jewish community or if a country which now restricts the emigration of its Jewish citizens suddenly liberalizes its policies.

A meeting of the full Agency executive, including American members, has been scheduled here for March 12. At that session the final draft budget will be prepared for presentation to the Zionist Actions Committee, policy-making body of the world Zionist movement between sessions.

## ISRAEL STARTS EXTENSION OF OIL PIPELINE FROM ASHDOT TO HAIFA REFINERIES

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Work was begun recently on the extension of the oil pipeline from Ashdot to the refineries in Haifa and more than six miles of pipe has already been laid in place and welded, it was announced here today.

The 9,000,000 pound project is expected to be ready for operation in June. On this section of the line the oil would flow by gravity and as a result would save about 250,000 pounds a month in transportation costs.

Meanwhile, a 50-mile-long pipeline bringing refined oil products to Tel Aviv where huge reservoirs are being built is expected to be completed in May. The entire line, with a 600,000 ton capacity and pumping equipment and storage facilities is expected to cost 8,500,000 pounds.

## ISRAEL TO SEEK ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT SHIPPING LINE WITH LIBERIA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- An expansion of Israel-Liberian diplomatic and trade relations will be discussed by Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir when she reaches Monrovia, the Liberian capital, it was revealed here today.

She will discuss: the opening of a Liberian embassy in Jerusalem; the establishment of a joint Israel-Liberian shipping line, and the possibility of Israel purchasing diamonds from Liberia for her diamond polishing industry.

## ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO LONDON WITHDRAWS REQUEST TO LEAVE FOREIGN SERVICE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Eliahu Elath, Israel's Minister to London, has withdrawn his request to be relieved of foreign service, the Foreign Ministry announced here tonight.

A communique revealed that Mr. Elath's latest decision was influenced by Foreign Minister Golda Meir when they conferred in Paris yesterday. Mr. Elath was Israel's first diplomatic envoy to the United States.

### BRITAIN IS OPPOSED TO INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING IN GULF OF AKABA

GENEVA, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Britain is opposed to any extension of territorial waters in the Gulf of Akaba or any other interference with shipping or the right of innocent passage through the strait, it was indicated here today by Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, Britain's Attorney General and head of its delegation to the 80-nation conference on the freedom of the seas here.

Sir Reginald, in a lengthy exposition of the British position, noted that extension by individual nations of the limits of territorial waters involved a restriction of the freedom of other nations and leads to friction among nations. Asked whether his views could be applied to the Gulf of Akaba, where Saudi Arabia has announced an extension of its territorial limits in an attempt to hamstring Israeli use of the waterway, the British Attorney General said: "Yes."

### NEW ISRAELI SHIP TO BE LAUNCHED IN GERMANY; WILL CARRY FREIGHT TO U.S.

COLOGNE, Germany, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Another Israeli freighter, the Negba, will be launched in a Bremen shipyard March 20, it was announced here today. The Negba, second of a line being built by a Bremen yard for Zim Navigation Line, is a 15,000 ton cargo vessel.

Both the Negba and its sister ship, Ampal, which a few days ago set sail on its maiden voyage to the United States, will ply between American ports, Europe and Israel. The ships are capable of 16 knots and are equipped with the most modern loading and navigational devices.

### JEWISH LEADER NAMED HEAD OF COMMITTEE TO COMBAT NAZISM IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- A Jewish community leader and a former Socialist mayor of Offenburg was named here today to head a new "Committee to Combat the Enemies of Democracy" which was just formed here.

The group will expose Nazi doctrine still prevalent in Germany and will concentrate its major energies toward educating the German youth along democratic lines. The new co-chairmen of the committee are Moritz Siegel, one-time director of the Frankfurt Jewish Community, and ex-Mayor Johannes Rebholz.

### FORMER MEMBER OF NAZI POLICE WHO KILLED JEWS ARRESTED IN POLAND

VIENNA, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Polish police have arrested Napoleon Piasecki, former assistant chairman of the district People's Council of Posen, on charges of having participated in the murder of Jews during the Nazi occupation of Poland, it was reported here today.

Piasecki was charged with being a member of the German police in the town of Pleszczanica where he shot and tortured Polish Jews.

### URUGUAYAN JEWISH LEADER APPEALS FOR SCHOLARS FROM THE UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- An appeal for cultural exchange between the Jewries of North and South America was made by Dr. Fritz Winter, of Montevideo, in the course of a luncheon in his honor by the World Jewish Congress in New York. Dr. Winter, a member of the WJC presidium in Uruguay, gave a detailed account of the activities of Uruguayan Jewry.

Urging the development of what he called "Jewish Pan-Americanism," Dr. Winter appealed for Jewish lecturers and scholars from the United States to visit Uruguay and all Latin American communities, and he sought American Jewry's aid for scholarships enabling Jewish teachers, communal personnel and youth to spend six months studying in American Jewish institutions.

Dr. Winter, who is the rabbi of the 5,000-member German-speaking community in Montevideo, said there was a shortage not only of professional personnel in his and all Latin American communities, but also of Jewish textbooks and pedagogic materials in Spanish. Although there is a great deal of Jewish content in the life of Uruguayan Jewry, Rabbi Winter said there were the beginnings of inter-marriage. He spoke warmly of the freedom accorded to all sectors of the Uruguayan population, irrespective of race or religion.

### CHICAGO PARLEY URGES ISRAEL'S INTEGRATION INTO WESTERN SECURITY PACT

CHICAGO, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The full integration of Israel into a Western security arrangement as a logical answer to the Arab mergers of recent weeks was urged here today at a meeting of mid-western leaders of the Zionist Organization of America. A similar proposal was voiced at a luncheon symposium here of leading university educators of the Chicago area.

## EBAN ADDRESSES CHRISTIAN CLERGY IN WASHINGTON ON ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The great powers could not force Arab-Israel peace, but could provide guarantees that would promote stability, Israel Ambassador Abba Eban told a gathering of Christian clergymen here today. He spoke at the annual Institute on Judaism for the Christian Clergy arranged by the Washington Hebrew Congregation.

Mr. Eban predicted that the next decade will bring a scientific revolution ushering in the space age of deep significance for Israel. He saw a great challenge and opportunity for Israel in the next ten years.

Describing the international situation, he said the Soviet Union now possesses centers and footholds in Cairo and Damascus. He said the military dictatorships of Egypt and Syria had "unhappily" become a "pattern" in the emergence of Arab nationalist authoritarianism.

## ROLE OF HEBREW STRESSED AT HERZLIAH INSTITUTE DINNER; \$82,000 RAISED

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- The rebirth of Hebrew as a language and its role as a spiritual link between the State of Israel and the Jewish communities throughout the rest of the world was emphasized last night by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, in an address at a dinner sponsored by Herzliyah Hebrew Teachers' Institute of New York in cooperation with the ZOA at the Hotel Plaza.

The dinner, attended by some 600 leaders representing educational groups and ZOA districts, was tendered in honor of Abraham Goodman of New York, on the occasion of his election as chairman of the Herzliyah Institute's Board of Trustees. Mr. Goodman is chairman of the National Executive Council of the ZOA. It was announced that \$82,000 in contributions and pledges were raised at the dinner for the Herzliyah Institute towards a goal of \$250,000.

Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, in a message sent to the gathering, asserted that "the revival of Hebrew as a language of speech and life towers above every other achievement of Israel in the intellectual domain. It builds a bridge between modern Israel and the ancient Hebrew kingdoms which gave mankind the authentic message of its own salvation. And it creates a common meeting place of the spirit between Israel in its homeland and her Jewish kinsmen throughout the world."

Dr. Neumann, in his address, underscored the role of the Hebrew language "to assure the perpetuation of our cultural heritage" and warned that "to abandon it is to invite assimilation and spiritual death." He voiced astonishment that "despite the rise of the State of Israel and since that event there should be some in our midst, even among the Rabbinate, who would reduce the role and place of Hebrew in the religious education of our young."

## FOUR MAJOR PROBLEMS FACING JEWISH EDUCATION IN U.S. CITED BY LEADERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 25. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders interested in promoting Jewish education in this country were urged to concentrate on the following four vital problems requiring immediate attention: Hebrew high school education; school accreditation; teacher welfare; summer study. The call was issued by Nathan A. Levine, newly-elected president of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, in his inaugural address.

"The jugular vein in Jewish education is the afternoon Hebrew high school," Mr. Levine said. "We must not sever the child's schooling at this point. We are obligated to create a proper atmosphere, design materials and a fresh curriculum, develop local responsibility, and coordinate the efforts of all Hebrew high schools. We are also duty bound to certify only such schools as meet our high standards. A school testing program to ascertain how well we teach, and how effective our work is, becomes of paramount importance."

Analyzing the teacher situation, Mr. Levine indicated that it was in a "sinister" condition. He proposed that the JEC appoint a special committee to work in liaison with teacher training schools. He stressed the growing need for good teachers, for the establishment of fringe benefits such as group insurance and pension in order to attract first-rate teaching personnel. "To encourage young people to accept the call of teaching Torah, we must make the profession an attractive one."

In urging the utilization of the summer months for Jewish educational experience, Mr. Levine said: "The summer was for two generations a total loss to Jewish schools. Today it is fast becoming a tremendous asset to Jewish education. The JEC must begin to make summer camps, both in and out of town, Jewish education institutions of the first magnitude. Mr. Levine also stressed the need for fostering the growth of yeshivot or all day schools.