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## EBAN PRESENTS ISRAEL'S VIEWS ON ARAB MERGERS TO SECRETARY DULLES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- A full picture of implications of the new Arab federations directly affecting Israel was provided to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban.

Mr. Eban said this was the "major theme" of his talk with Mr. Dulles which lasted approximately 45 minutes. The discussion covered both Arab unions--Egypt-Syria and Iraq-Jordan.

Mr. Eban said there were no new developments on the old question of the 1947 boundaries and that, therefore, this matter was not discussed. The policy of the two governments on this issue is known and established, the Ambassador said.

It is believed that pending U.S. mutual security aid for Israel and a pending application for a \$75,000,000 Export-Import Bank were also taken up in today's meeting.

Director James H. Smith, Jr., of the U.S. International Cooperation Administration reported today that Soviet exploitation of the Arab-Israel issue has "paved the way" for Soviet involvement in the area.

He said exploitation of the Arab-Israel tensions "not only increased Soviet influence and prestige, especially in Egypt and Syria, but has paved the way for Soviet involvement in the entire Middle East area." His remarks were contained in the 10th semi-annual report to Congress on the Battle Act.

## ORTHODOX EXTREMISTS RENEW DEMONSTRATIONS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Once again today police reinforcements were called out in Jerusalem to halt a crowd of Neturei Karta demonstrators protesting the building of a swimming pool with facilities for mixed bathing in an area adjoining the section where the ultra-Orthodox Jews live.

After an open air meeting in the religious quarter, at which psalms were sung and speakers attacked the government and Zionists, hundreds of Neturei Karta members marched into the main street of the southern portion of this city. They carried banners and picket signs denouncing the pool as an "abomination."

As they approached the vicinity of the nearly completed pool, they were halted by a police barrier. Disregarding police instructions to disperse, leaders attempted to cross the barrier and clashed with police. Fists flew, water hoses sprayed and finally the crowd broke under police pressure. Several policemen were reported injured and a score of the demonstrators were arrested.

The Israel Supreme Court, meanwhile, upheld the right of the Tel Aviv city government to ban the sale of pork products and the raising of hogs, in line with a recent national law giving local governments this authority. The law had been challenged by a Christian Arab butcher.

## SWEDISH COLONEL NAMED CHIEF OF U.N. TRUCE ORGANIZATION IN PALESTINE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Feb. 27. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld has chosen Col. Carl von Horn, commander of the Malmö defense area of Sweden, to be the next chief of staff of the UN Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine, it was announced here yesterday. Formal announcement of the appointment will wait until next month when Col. von Horn is scheduled to be promoted to Major General and released by Sweden for UN duty.

Col. von Horn will succeed Lt. Gen. E.L.M. Burns, currently commander of the UN Emergency Force in Gaza and chief of UNTSO. The acting chief of staff of UNTSO is Col. Byron V. Leary, an American Marine Corps officer. (In Jerusalem today, the Foreign Ministry announced that it had already been informed of the appointment of Col. von Horn to succeed Gen. Burns.)

SEVEN-POINT PROGRAM PROPOSED IN U.S. FOR EASING MIDDLE EAST TENSIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 27, (JTA) -- A seven-point program for easing tensions in the Middle East was proposed at a luncheon here today by Governor W. Averell Harriman, former United States Senators Herbert H. Lehman and William Benton, and Mayor Robert F. Wagner. The luncheon marked the first meeting of the American Committee for Israel's Tenth Anniversary Celebration. The program called for:

1. American sponsorship of a "pilot disarmament program" in the Middle East as a challenge to the Soviet Union's aggressive thrust in that area, and as a way "that points to peace and security" for the entire world.
2. The convocation of a Middle East States "summit conference" by President Eisenhower, to include Israel as well as all the Arab states.
3. American and Western power guarantees of Israel's territorial integrity and frontiers.
4. Abandonment of the American policy of "impartiality" in the Middle East and the substitution of a policy that would convince the Arab states that any "destructive" movement against Israel would "fail because we are going to see that it fails."
5. Creation of a United Nations committee to meet with all the Middle Eastern states, including Israel, "privately or collectively, openly or even secretly," in an effort to attain peaceful existence between the Arab states and Israel.
6. A challenge to the newly-federated kingdoms of Jordan and Iraq to resettle Arab refugees from land-hungry Jordan to manpower-hungry Iraq, where the refugees could find abundant lands and work on needed developments.
7. A Middle East regional development plan that would benefit Arabs and Israelis alike economically and socially.

In his address Governor Harriman, who praised Israel for having established "a record for all the world to be proud of," declared that a number of factors must be taken into account in evaluating the situation in the Middle East today. One of "the ingredients in the mortar of Arab nationalism," he warned, "is a determination to drive Israel into the Sea."

"Instead of trying to convince Arab leaders," the Governor said, "that our great country is 'impartial' as between them and those they seek to destroy, we must seek to convince them that any movement that has destructive purpose at its core is bound to fail because we are going to see that it fails." On the other hand, Governor Harriman held that the United States must offer the Arab States "our hand in friendship and help if they will work together for human progress and live with Israel in peace."

Iraq Urged to Resettle Palestine refugees Encamped in Jordan

"One of the early indications of Arab purposes," Governor Harriman continued, "will appear in the attitude taken toward the Palestine refugees. If the union between Jordan and Iraq is to have constructive meaning, surely Iraq, which needs new settlers in its underpopulated lands, will move to aid Jordan solve its Number One political and social problem by resettling several hundreds of thousands of the refugees now encamped there."

Senator Lehman called attention to the "explosive" situation in the Middle East which, he held, could "threaten the extinction of civilization," and accused the Soviet Union of "capitalizing" on the region's hostilities. "We face the fact," he said, "that Russia has become a mighty power and influence--for evil--in this region." In the Middle East today, Mr. Lehman cautioned, "the Soviet Union is calling the time." He expressed the hope that the United States and the rest of the world will not "continue to dance" to the Soviet tune.

Mayor Wagner told the Committee that the Arab States must be "made to understand" that peaceful life between Arabs and Jews in Israel is possible, and that the entire world would benefit from "peace and progress" in the area. "The burden of this educational program," he said, "devolves naturally upon the United Nations, with the United States as the sponsoring nation giving impetus to this drive."

Mr. Benton, who is an honorary co-chairman of the Committee, proposed that, after proper preparations, the President of the United States join with the heads of the Western Powers in calling a conference of Middle East nations, including Israel, to chart a course that will speed economic development and strengthen the idea of freedom and democracy in that region. "We must seek patiently and persistently to persuade the Arab world that the State of Israel is a great and irrevocable historic fact, and that the fortunes of the Jew and the Arab in the Middle East are inextricably intertwined," he added.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, as chairman of the Committee, announced that General Moshe Dayan, former Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, will come to New York to present Israel's plans, for its second decade of Statehood at a mass rally, organized as a "Salute to Israel," to be held at the Polo Grounds on April 27. Another event announced by Dr. Goldstein was a solemn ceremony to be held at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, on Israel's Tenth Anniversary, next April 24. Among the principal participants will be former President Harry S. Truman and Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Abba Eban.

## ISRAEL'S AIR FORCE COMMANDER ARRIVES IN U.S.; REVIEWS SECURITY PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- The capabilities of the Israel Air Force to fight a modern war are under constant review to assure that the quality of its equipment is adequate for any challenge, Brig. Gen. Dan Tolkowsky, commander of the air arm, declared today.

Speaking at a press conference prior to the start of a four-week tour for the United Jewish Appeal, Gen. Tolkowsky said that Russia had "poured tremendous quantities of warplanes into Syria and Egypt and the Arab states have made a considerable effort in this field since the Sinai campaign."

Asked about Israel's general ability to withstand an Arab onslaught, Gen. Tolkowsky said: "We have always felt we have the strength to stand up to any sensible challenge, but there is always a limit to it. We sincerely hope that this rearmament race will not degenerate into a wholesale dumping of arms into the Middle East with Russia arming the Syrians and Egypt and the West arming Iraq and Jordan, up to a state of complete chaos."

"At present, Israel's borders are reasonably quiet but we are well aware of the ceaseless military activity going on in the Arab countries, in particular the large quantities of modern military aircraft which continue to pour into these countries," the Israel military leader continued. He said Israel faced the compelling necessity of keeping our armed forces intact, well equipped and continually on the alert. "We would be taking suicidal risks if we neglected to do so," he declared.

Discussing Israel's major tasks, the Air Force commander said: "We have to maintain the flow of immigrants in search of a true home and consolidate industry and agriculture with particular emphasis on exports. We must also maintain a high state of defensive military preparedness, coupled with a constant readiness for peace and cooperation with our as yet hostile neighbors."

## UNITED JEWISH APPEAL LAUNCHES ITS 1958 DRIVE AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 top Jewish communal leaders from all sections of the country arrived here today to participate in the National Inaugural Conference of the United Jewish Appeal, which will climax in a public dinner Sunday evening at the Fontainebleau Hotel, officially launching the 20th annual life-saving campaign of the UJA.

The Inaugural Conference this year for the first time will also serve to honor one of the UJA's founders and outstanding leaders, William Rosenwald, general chairman of the successful campaigns in 1955, 1956 and 1957. It will be addressed by Brigadier General Dan Tolkowsky, commander of the Israel Air Force.

In the past 19 years, UJA funds have provided relief to more than 2,600,000 Jewish men, women and children. Of these, 1,300,000 were rescued and resettled in free lands, 1,000,000 in Israel. In 1958, the United Jewish Appeal seeks a \$100,000,000 rescue fund for the needs of approximately 80,000 migrant Jews, of whom an estimated 70,000 will settle in Israel, and the rest in the United States and other free lands. At the same time the UJA's regular campaign must support programs providing welfare, medical, rehabilitation and resettlement services for an additional 535,000 persons throughout the world.

## RECESSION MAY BRING DISCRIMINATION, HARRIMAN TELLS A. J. COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- "Continuation and worsening of the current economic recession" may bring a "sharp increase" in discrimination and group tensions, New York's Governor Harriman warned here today. He spoke at the groundbreaking ceremony for the American Jewish Committee's Institute of Human Relations, which will serve as the Committee's headquarters. The eight story building, due for completion in the spring of 1959, is expected to cost \$2,000,000.

Irving M. Engel, president of the AJC, told the gathering that the Institute would be "dedicated to improving man's understanding of his fellow man and removing the roadblocks of ignorance and bigotry which stand in the way of such understanding." A. M. Sonabend, chairman of the AJC Institute development program, said that more than \$1,200,000 had already been raised from private sources for the Institute.

The Institute will serve as a hub for research and practical application, it was announced at the ceremony. Scholars and graduate students will utilize the Institute's modern scientific facilities for pursuing studies in intergroup and human relations. The Institute will include a library equipped for the study of civil rights, civil liberties, intergroup relations; and a social science research division. It will also include a Jewish Community Service Center, the basic functions of which will be to make available special services for Jewish community needs.

## JEWS IN MEXICO PROTEST LIQUIDATION OF JEWISH CULTURE IN SOVIET RUSSIA

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 26. (JTA) -- A resolution protesting the liquidation of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union was adopted here at a large Jewish protest meeting. Speakers included Zionists and non-Zionists.

## AMERICAN RESIDENTS IN ISRAEL SEEK TO INCREASE IMMIGRATION FROM U. S.

TEL AVIV, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Seventy delegates representing some 5,000 Americans and Canadians who have settled in Israel met at ZOA House here today to confer on efforts to attract more settlers from North America.

Avraham Harman, member of the Jewish Agency executive and former Israeli diplomat who served in both Canada and the United States, called on American and Canadian Jewry to help defray the cost of immigration of North American Jews. He warned that though Israel has a great need of American skilled immigrants, that Israel cannot match the high standards to which these people have been accustomed.

## REORGANIZED CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS TO HOLD WORLD PARLEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Delegates from countries throughout the world will convene in London March 9th and 10th, for a World Conference of the re-organized Confederation of General Zionists on a Diaspora basis, it was announced here today by Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose Halprin, co-chairman, in New York. Attending will be representatives from the United States, Canada, England, India, from 12 Central American countries and from 16 European and North African countries.

"The gathering will be the first world parley of the Confederation since it was re-organized in Jerusalem last July as an independent Diaspora Zionist Organization, unaffiliated with any political parties in Israel. The conference will review and evaluate recent developments in the Zionist movement, adopt a platform and formulate plans for activities in branches of the organization throughout the Diaspora," the announcement said. Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose Halprin, in a joint statement on the aims of the conference, declared:

"General Zionism--a Zionism unattached to any political party in Israel--has always appealed to vast numbers of the Jewish people in the Diaspora. It has nurtured Zionist idealism and it has implemented these ideals with practical constructive work. General Zionism, not identified with political parties in Israel, is the current embodiment of classical Zionism.

"Today, this non-party concept of independent Zionism is more vital than ever before for the millions of Jews outside of Israel for whom Israeli partisan conflicts are remote, and for whom the well-being of Israel as a whole and of the Jewish people as a whole, is the primary concern. General Zionism holds the center of gravity in the World Zionist movement. It should be the central force in the new era of Zionism which began with the establishment of Medinat Israel in 1948.

"Our goal has always been the promotion of liberal, democratic Zionism that is not linked in any way with Israel's internal political affairs. This is the only kind of Zionism that can have meaning for new generations of Jews in the Diaspora. It is the only Zionism that can encourage creative initiative in the Diaspora and benefit both Israel, the nation, and the Jewish people living outside of Israel. It can best promote knowledge, understanding and support of Israel's culture and national institutions as a whole.

"The problems confronting Israel and the Jewish people have become increasingly acute. We must keep pace with the swift changes in today's world; this we can do successfully only if we maintain a strong Zionist organization that can appeal to a majority of the Jews in the Diaspora and act unhampered by entangling political alliances. General Zionism has always played an important, indeed a major role, in the World Zionist Movement and today it is more essential than ever before to have such a strong independent General Zionist bulwark, able to maintain a balance of power and give leadership and direction, within the orbit of world Zionism."

## LEADING AMERICAN CONDUCTORS AND SOLOISTS TO PERFORM IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Dimitri Mitropoulos, Izler Solomon, Claudio Arrau, Richard Tucker and Nathan Milstein, will head a notable list of guest artists performing this spring and summer with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in celebration of Israel's Tenth Anniversary, the America-Israel Cultural Foundation announced today.

The orchestra's participation in the Tenth Anniversary Celebration will begin on March 15, when, in the new 3,000-seat Frederic R. Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, Carlo Guilini will lead the La Scala singers in a concert version of the Barber of Seville. The opera-concert will be performed until April 15, when the Covent Garden Opera Company will sing the chorale of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Orchestra under the baton of Rafael Kubelik. In May--when the actual date of Israel's statehood is celebrated--Izler Solomon will conduct the Orchestra and Nathan Milstein violinist, will be the soloist. The other American guest conductors, singers and soloists will appear during the month of June.

## ISRAEL NAMES FIRST MINISTER TO JAPAN; WILL LEAVE FOR TOKYO NEXT WEEK

JERUSALEM, Feb. 27. (JTA) -- Emile Najar was today named Israel's first Minister to Japan. Mr. Najar is expected to leave for Tokyo next month. Now assistant director of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Najar came to Israel from France after the Jewish State was established. Before that he headed the Jewish Agency office in Paris.