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### PRO-SOVIET ARAB COUNTRIES WILL GET NO AMERICAN AID, DULLES INDICATES

WASHINGTON, March 12. (JTA) -- Secretary John Foster Dulles, addressing a closed meeting of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, expressed the belief that the Soviet Union is pursuing a plan aimed at controlling the merged Egyptian-Syrian Arab Republic, according to details officially disclosed here today.

"Control of Syria and Egypt," Secretary Dulles stated, "would give them control of the two principal means whereby the oil in the Middle East goes to Europe, and if they are in a position to control that they would be able to turn the faucet off and Europe could be paralyzed."

Mr. Dulles indicated that the United Arab Republic, of which Egypt and Syria is composed, cannot expect aid from the United States as long as the merged Arab state is not "adequately concerned about the Soviet menace."

"We give quite a lot of help to people who deal with the Soviet Union," he said. "We don't make it a prerequisite that they should not deal with them. We deal with India, Yugoslavia, Poland, with Finland, and a lot of other countries. But we do expect and want one thing: That is that the country with which we deal and which we help and which takes help from the Soviet Union should be at least alive to the danger and not blind to the danger."

### U. S. Report Justifies Sending Arms to Anti-Soviet Arab Countries

The remainder of Mr. Dulles' views on this matter was deleted--for security reasons--from the text of the record made public today. At the same time, a report published today by the U.S. International Cooperation Administration, the State Department and the Defense Department said that last year "Russia upset the delicate balance of power in the Middle East by the introduction into Syria of large quantities of military equipment and training personnel, accompanied by vigorous efforts at subversion and a storm of fabricated charges directed at Syria's neighbors." However, the report added that expedited arms deliveries to Syria's Arab neighbors "restored their self-confidence and determination to retain their freedom."

"Without this evidence that they were not standing alone against increased Soviet pressures, such countries might well have been stampeded into a retreat from free world orientation with all its dire implications for the peace of this troubled area and of the free world itself," the report stated.

Dealing with the obstacles to advancement of mutual interests in the Middle East, the report said: "The Arab-Israeli conflict is a divisive and harsh regional problem. Almost a million Palestine refugees await its solution, in uneasy misery and distress, while national relationships remain distorted and the flow of commerce and normal contacts between Israel and her neighbors remain blocked."

### ISRAEL INFORMS JORDAN OF PLANS FOR MILITARY PARADE IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- Some 5,000 troops will participate in the main Independence Day Parade in this city April 24, an Israeli Army spokesman announced today. The parade will include armored units, but no Air Force planes because it would be exceedingly difficult for the craft to perform complicated maneuvers and stunts without flying over Jordanian air space.

The Jordanians have already been informed that Israel will bring into the city for the parade forces in excess of armistice limitations. However, no difficulties are anticipated, since Israel has never objected when informed that Jordanian forces outnumbering armistice limitations are to be brought into Jerusalem for short periods.

If people start meddling in this matter, it only makes it more difficult, the Army spokesman said. He was obviously referring to reports that American and British diplomats had unofficially raised the question of heavy arms in this city.

The spokesman also revealed that the armed forces will put on an air show over Beersheba, a night drill and exercise in Tel Aviv and a naval exercise off Haifa on Independence Day. He indicated that military personalities from abroad will be invited to observe the military displays.

### ISRAEL DEFENDS HER RIGHTS IN GULF OF AKABA AT GENEVA CONFERENCE

GENEVA, March 12. (JTA) -- Israel rejected today Arab claims that the Gulf of Akaba was an "inland Arab waterway" and warned that Arab assertion of the right of blockade and suspension of international law under the cloak of a "state of war" claim threatened world anarchy.

Speaking at the international maritime conference here being attended by the representatives of 80-odd nations, Michael Comay, deputy director general of the Israel Foreign Ministry, said that international law recognizes neither Arab waters, nor Slavic waters nor Anglo-Saxon waters. "International law, as we understand it, deals with relations between states," he said, calling Arab claims to the Gulf of Akaba "wishful thinking."

Mr. Comay noted that four independent states are littoral to the gulf--Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia--and this is described officially in the conference documents. Turning to Arab claims that the waterway was Arab from "time immemorial," the Israeli noted that first mention in a historical document of the Gulf, in the Old Testament, speaks of its use by ships of King Solomon 3,000 years ago.

The Israeli representative took special pains to point out that acceptance of the Arab claim of belligerency rights to blockade Israel's water access was specifically barred in the United Nations Security Council resolution of September 1, 1951. He also noted that the UN Charter forbids one member being in a state of war with another.

### STRIKE OF HAIFA DOCKWORKERS ENDS; STRIKERS DEMANDED LOWER INCOME TAX

HAIFA, March 12. (JTA) -- An unauthorized two-day slow-down strike by Haifa dockworkers in support of demands for a reduction of their income taxes, which had severely hampered loading of citrus fruits at the peak of the season, was ended today.

Four ships in Haifa and two in Jaffa were loading citrus for export while more ships waited in the harbor to be loaded. Streams of loaded trucks and freight cars jammed the roads and rails leading to the ports. Officials reported that up to the present time, more than 5,500,000 cases of citrus have been exported and that Israel expects to export about 8,000,000 cases this season.

### DROUGHT CAUSED SEVERE DAMAGE TO NEGEV CROP, MINISTER REPORTS

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- Premature ending of the rainy season in Israel has caused severe damage to nearly 70,000 acres of crops in the Negev, most of it on Bedouin land, Kaddish Luz, Israel Minister of Agriculture, told the Knesset today. Unless there is some additional rainfall in the immediate future another 7,500 acres of crops will be burned up, he noted. Mr. Luz pledged government assistance to all drought-hit farmers.

At the same time, Israel's wandering Bedouin tribes hunted feverishly today for new pastures for their camel, sheep and cattle flocks as continuing fine weather intensified water shortages in the Negev and southern areas. Most of the Bedouin were unable to emulate other herdsmen who stepped up irrigation efforts to save pasture crops. The Bedouin sent urgent petitions to the Israel Government for help in saving their livestock.

### KNESSET REJECTS AGUDIST MOTION TO DEBATE THE "SWIMMING POOL" ISSUE

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- The Parliament of Israel again turned down a motion to hold a debate on the construction of a swimming pool at which mixed bathing will be permitted in an area of Jerusalem chiefly inhabited by Orthodox Jews.

In recent weeks there have been numerous demonstrations by the ultra Orthodox residents of Jerusalem and frequent clashes between police and the demonstrators. A number of citizens and policemen have been injured and some of the demonstrators have been hauled off to jail.

Replying to a motion for the debate, introduced by Agudist deputy Kalman Kahane, Minister of the Interior Israel Bar Yehuda asserted that while observant Jews were given every opportunity to live according to their views, the government could not countenance their forcing their views on others. The builders of the pool, he said, were completely within the law and the government would not intervene. He also hit the Agudah for identifying itself with the Neturei Karta's anti-government "smear" campaign.

### JORDAN COMPLAINS TO ARMISTICE COMMISSION AGAINST ISRAELI POLICEMEN

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- Jordan today submitted a complaint to the Mixed Armistice Commission charging that six Israeli policemen from the Mt. Scopus enclave had invaded the Jordan village of Issawiya, on the same height, and had fired on civilians there.

Armed Syrians accompanying a flock of sheep penetrated Israel yesterday near the Dan Settlement in Upper Galilee and opened fire on Israel guards who approached to investigate. United Nations observers who left a nearby UN post to investigate the shooting were fired upon from Syrian gunposts across the border.

### BONN GOVERNMENT SETS 1,300,000,000 MARKS FOR PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS

BONN, March 12. (JTA) -- An estimated 1,300,000,000 deutschmarks has been earmarked for compensation to Nazi victims in the West German Federal budget being prepared for the next fiscal year, Finance Minister Franz Etzel announced. This is about 33 percent higher than last year's payments. The overall German budget will be over 39,000,000,000 marks.

Prof. Carlo Schmid, Vice President of the West German Parliament, today laid a wreath before the monument in Warsaw commemorating the martyrs of the Warsaw Ghetto, it was reported from the Polish capital. Prof. Schmid is visiting Warsaw to lecture at its university.

(In Vienna, the Austrian Parliament yesterday commemorated the country's occupation by the Nazis with a five-minute pause in its session and the House hoisted the Austrian flag at half-mast. A memorial stone to the victims of Nazism was unveiled in Vienna's Heldenplatz. Provincial governments also held commemorative sessions.)

### JEWISH GROUPS WARN U.N. COMMISSION NOT TO RELAX ON HUMAN RIGHTS WORK

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 12. (JTA) -- "The United Nations has not made such progress on human rights that it can relax its vigilance now," Moses Moskowitz of the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, warned the UN Human Rights Commission today.

Mr. Moskowitz spoke during the debate on a proposal to reduce the frequency of the meetings of the Commission on Human Rights yearly to a bi-annual basis. The Consultative Council represents the American Jewish Committee, Anglo-Jewish Association of England and the Alliance Universelle Israelite of France. Gerhardt Jacoby, representative of the World Jewish Congress, made similar representations.

Most of the non-governmental organizations accredited to the 14th session of the Human Rights Commission are opposed to the plan. Like the Jewish groups, they are afraid that the proposal to reduce the frequency of meetings, which comes from higher UN echelons and the larger member states, is part of an overall plan to de-emphasize the entire human rights subject. The Jewish organizations, which to a great extent have carried the fight for human rights, assert that the matter is so deeply rooted in the UN Charter that it should not be given stepchild status.

The opposition to human rights activities stems from two diametrically opposed sources: governments known for their lack of human rights which do not want interference from anyone; and states which, while having excellent records in most or all areas of human rights, fear that the commission's work carries with it a danger to national sovereignty.

Mr. Moskowitz said: "The founding session at San Francisco had intended to make human rights the major political force or international relations, and until human rights have been made into a force of independent vigor, the commission has not fulfilled its task."

### U.S. FINDS ISRAEL FIRST AMONG 19 NEW STATES IN PER CAPITA INCOME

WASHINGTON, March 12. (JTA) -- Israel enjoys a considerably greater per capita income than any of the 19 other new, independent states that have emerged since World War II, according to a summary presentation on the Mutual Security Program published here today by the U. S. Government. Israel is listed as having a per capita income of \$510 annually. The next highest per capita income for a new state is \$310 annually for Malaya.

Israel's gross national product is estimated by official U.S. economists at \$722 for 1957. That figure is almost twice as much as the next highest gross national product of a Near Eastern state; Lebanon's gross national product is listed as \$372. The Israeli gross national product is more than twice as high as that of either Greece or Turkey.

A number of national Jewish leaders were named today among 200 leading citizens who have accepted sponsorship of the Committee for International Economic Growth, it was announced by Eric Johnston, chairman of the committee. The committee will function as a private, non-partisan group to coordinate and channel information about the Mutual Security Program to national organizations and the general public.

Among those named were Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, president of the Synagogue Council of America; Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith; Rabbi Max D. Davidson, Perth Amboy, N. J.; Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman, Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. Moise Cahn, president of the National Council of Jewish Women; Rabbi Julius Mark, New York; Rabbi Aaron Blumenthal, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Rabbi Solomon Sharfman, New York, and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Cleveland.

# 6,000 JEWS REPORTED LIVING IN BULGARIA; 2,000 SEEK TO EMIGRATE

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- A report on the situation of the Jews in Bulgaria was issued here today by the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress. The report estimates that there are about 6,000 Jews today in Bulgaria, living in Sofia and eleven other localities. They are mostly elderly people, the younger Jews having emigrated to Israel after the last war.

Of the 6,000, about 2,000 have registered for emigration to Israel, but emigration was suspended last July "for the time being," the report states. It quotes Menahem Cohen, a member of the Central Jewish Consistory of Sofia, as stating that Bulgarian Jews are employed in factories, cooperatives, state enterprises, in the liberal professions, universities, public office, and as journalists and artists.

"The Central Consistory, the executive organ of the Jewish religious communities, does not deal any more with social welfare affairs which have been taken over by the State," the report says. "In 1957, the sixth conference of the Jewish communities--the first since 1952--took place. The meeting was critical of the work of the Consistory. It is not clear, although it could be inferred from the reports that this was due, at least in part, to the principles which guided the cultural work of the Consistory. Its work was described as "part of the activity of our government and our party," the approach to Jewish problems being based on the "guiding light of Marxism-Leninism."

"The Conference decided to form a Cultural Association of Bulgarian Jews with branches in Sofia and the provinces," the WJC report continues. "The Consistory has the leading part in the Association. In addition to this new body, there exists the cultural body "Cituliste," which also has branches in Sofia and the provinces. It cooperates with the Consistory. Upon the establishment of the Cultural Association, the communities held constituent assemblies of the branch associations in Sofia and a number of other cities. The branches are apparently not large: the meeting in Sofia was attended by 250 persons."

According to the Chief Rabbi in Sofia, he is the only rabbi in the country; in addition, there are a number of cantors who officiate at services in the various synagogues, the WJC report states.

## CARLOS ISRAELS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF UNITED HIAS; GURFEIN IS CHAIRMAN

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Carlos L. Israels, a leader in Jewish philanthropic work for 25 years, has been elected president of United Hias Service, it was announced today. He fills the postleft vacant June 10, 1957 through the death of Abner Bregman. In the interim, Murray I. Gurfein, prominent New York attorney and a past president of United Hias, acted as head of the global migration agency. He will continue as chairman of the agency's executive committee for the coming year.

A member of numerous civic, professional, and philanthropic organizations, Mr. Israels is a "founder" and director of the New York UJA; a member of the National Council of JDC; and a director and assistant treasurer of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Mr. Israels was graduated from Columbia Law School where he was editor of the Columbia Law Review in 1928. He is a member of the New York law firm of Berlack, Israels and Liberman.

Sol Satinsky, a president of The Allied Jewish Appeal of Philadelphia, was elected a vice president of United Hias. Others, re-elected, include: vice presidents: Solomon Dingol, Adrian M. Easton, Louis Gallack, Herbert C. Kranzer, Hugo E. Rogers, William Rosenwald, Saul Seidman; treasurer: Max Ornstein. James P. Rice was re-elected director.

## JEWISH BRAILLE INSTITUTE AWARDS PRIZES TO 28 LITERARY WINNERS

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Twenty-eight winners in the Ninth International Literary Competition for the Blind were announced last night at a dinner sponsored by the Jewish Braille Institute of America. A total of \$1,000 in prizes was awarded.

More than 600 contestants from 39 countries submitted manuscripts in 27 different languages, many in Braille, in the contest which is open to blind persons throughout the world, regardless of race, religion or nationality, Mrs. Louis J. Bieber, president of the Institute, told the dinner guests.

Representatives of embassies of India, Japan, Poland, Italy, Greece, Canada and Turkey accepted the awards for prize winners from their countries who could not attend the dinner.

The grand prize of \$100 for poetry was awarded to Aldemaro Mannei of Florence, Italy. Second and third grand prize winners in poetry went to Manolis Kefakis of Athens, Greece, and Carmelite Javier of New Orleans. The grand prize in fiction prose was won by Ryuhei Kimura of Tanabe City, Japan. The grand prize winner in non-fiction was captured by Pietro Pestelli of Florence, Italy.

The best foreign language entries in poetry were those of Salih Tuzun of Ankara, Turkey; Crimea Gambini of Asti, Italy; Karl-Heinz Haber of Hamburg, Germany, and B. R. Bhatt of Benares, India.