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### ISRAEL CABINET MOVES TO EASE RESTRICTIONS ON ARABS IN BORDER AREAS

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet moved today toward lifting additional restrictions on Arab communities in the border areas.

It named a six-man committee of Ministers to study military government in Arab populated areas. Among them are the Ministers of Justice and of Police.

### EGYPT WARNED AGAINST BRINGING EX-MUFTI TO POWER IN GAZA "REPUBLIC"

TEL AVIV, March 16. (JTA) -- A member of the Israel Cabinet warned today that the enscinement of the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem as the head of a so-called Palestine Government in the Gaza Strip might constitute a "provocation" compelling Israel "to consider the possibility of liberation operations in order to save ourselves in time."

Moshe Carmel, Minister of Communications, speaking to some 3,000 delegates and guests at the national conference of the left-wing Socialist Achdut Avodah Party, asserted that the present constellation of the Arab world poses a threat to Israel, particularly with the continuous flow of arms to the United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria which are intended for use against the Jewish State.

Mr. Carmel called for Israeli non-identification as far as any of the major world power blocs are concerned. He also attacked the concept of Israel's orientation toward a European or Mediterranean treaty organization, insisting that it must integrate itself within its own immediate area.

Earlier, at the opening of the parley, Brig. Yigal Alon, member of the Knesset, rejected Mapai overtures to its Labor partners in the Cabinet to merge into one party. At this stage, he said, the Mapai would only swallow up all the other labor groups and Israel's interests would better be served at this time by the continued independent existence of the various parties. He also asked for complete divorcement of the parties from the country's economic life.

### High-Ranking Israelis Decline Comment on Gaza Strip Developments

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- High-ranking Israeli circles declined today to make any comment on the establishment of a legislative and executive council for the Gaza Strip, generally recognized as the first stage of President Nasser's plan for the establishment of a "Palestine Republic" which would then affiliate with the United Arab Republic.

Two weeks ago, observers in most Middle East capitals expected an immediate proclamation of an "independent" Palestine Arab state based on Gaza, but second thoughts in Cairo have apparently slowed down President Nasser's program. Among other considerations, it has pointed out, is the fact that once a Palestine state merged with the UAR a quarter of a million refugees will be legally free to invade the Cairo and Alexandria labor markets looking for work which they haven't had since they took refuge in the Strip. Indirect warnings from Israel may have been another factor which changed the Gaza timetable.

### U.S. CALLED UPON TO FORESTALL SOVIET-INSPIRED "MUNICH" IN MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- Former U.S. Senator Herbert H. Lehman warned tonight of the possibility of a Soviet-inspired "Munich" settlement in the Middle East at Israel's expense and called upon the United States Government to "take the lead in forestalling and resisting any such fatal undertaking." He spoke at a United Jewish Appeal meeting in Carnegie Hall which was also addressed by Moshe Sharett, former Israel Premier and Foreign Minister.

Mr. Lehman referred to widely circulated reports which ascribe to the Soviet Union an "evil plan" to force Israel to yield up a part of its territory as the price of survival. He expressed a hope that no such proposal will ever be publicly advanced by Russia or any other Power, but said that if current reports reflect realities only a determined stand by the United States will prevent "disaster." (At the time the Bulletin went to press, Mr. Sharett had not yet spoken.)

# DR. NEUMANN DEFENDS RIGHT TO EXPRESS OPINION OF ISRAEL'S AFFAIRS

TEL AVIV, March 16. (JTA) -- Though Israel is a sovereign state, every Zionist in the world must live Israel's life and, therefore, has the right to express his opinion regarding the affairs of the state, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, declared at the opening session here of the conference of the newly-formed World Union of General Zionists. Delegates from 20 countries are attending the conference.

Dr. Neumann, who was designated president of the World Union, in his keynote address dwelt on relations between Israel and Jewish communities abroad. He noted that Israel has a police force and an army and can protect itself against any intervention in its internal affairs by either Jews or Arabs.

The ZOA leader urged the world Zionist movement not to forget the Jewish communities throughout the world. Even if immigration from the free world to Israel were to start in a mass movement, there would always be Jewish communities for whom Zionism would remain the "essential air" for breathing Jewishness, Dr. Neumann declared.

Turning to the split with the General Zionist movement, Dr. Neumann charged that those who demand non-identification with the General Zionists in Israel are actually interested in enabling other parties to spread unhampered over all spheres of life in Israel. He called the London conference of the Reorganized Confederation of General Zionists a "tragic development in the Zionist movement," adding that "we take up the challenge and are ready to prove our ways and methods."

The world General Zionist movement, Dr. Neumann went on, will have to fight on two fronts--against those in Israel who would like to disconnect the ties with world Jewry and against those Jews abroad who want to remain philanthropists but do not regard Israel as their national home. He expressed the hope that this conference would lead ultimately to a strong, united movement which would "bear the torch for the whole Jewish nation."

## Says ZOA Does Not Intend to Deny Connection with Israel Party

At a dinner tendered last night in his honor, Dr. Neumann charged that though the London conference of the Reorganized World Confederation of General Zionists had "pretended" connection with the Progressive Party "it is obvious" that the Progressives were "instrumental" in the formation of the Reorganized Confederation. The ZOA and other delegations at the Tel Aviv parley, he said, did not intend to deny their connections with the Israel General Zionist Party, which was part and parcel of the world General Zionist movement.

Similar statements of solidarity between the Israeli centrists and the new World Union were made by Israeli General Zionist leaders Dr. Peretz Bernstein and Joseph Serlin.

Leon Dulzin, Mexican General Zionist who heads the economic department of the Jewish Agency executive, called for a program of encouragement of middle class immigration to Israel. He noted that by 1962 Israel would be in far deeper economic trouble than now, because individual indemnification payments from West Germany would cease and the first \$60,000,000 in Israel bonds would be due for repayment. Israel will thus be forced to approach world Jewry for even more assistance, the head of the Agency's economic department pointed out.

This he saw as an argument for inviting more cooperation in the Jewish States affairs by Jews from abroad. In criticism of the London conference of General Zionists, he asserted that there had only been two delegates present from Latin America, while at this parley there were 20 delegates representing all the Latin American communities. Jacques Torczyner, ZOA leader, presided at today's session.

## Mrs. Halprin Says U.S. Jews Want no Interference in Israel's Affairs

JERUSALEM, March 16. (JTA) -- The conference in London last week of the Reorganized Confederation of General Zionists was a "turning point" in the history of the Zionist movement, confederation co-chairmen Dr. Israel Goldstein and Mrs. Rose Halprin reported at a press conference here today. The split within the General Zionist movement, they charged, was a reaction to the efforts of the General Zionist Party in Israel to seek closer ties between the world movement and the local party.

Mrs. Halprin, acting chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency executive, stated she expressed the opinion of the majority of American Jews, especially the Zionists among them, when she said that only citizens of the State of Israel have the "right to determine the political, economic and social complexion of their daily lives." She noted that if the General Zionists merged with the Herut, "we would be involved with a party that has a purely political approach--and that is not our job."

## GOLDA MEIR LEAVES GHANA AFTER 10-DAY TRIUMPHAL GOODWILL TOUR

ACCRA, Ghana, March 16. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Mrs. Golda Meir left Ghana this week-end for the French Ivory Coast and Nigeria after a 10-day visit here which turned into a triumphal manifestation of Israeli-Ghanian friendship. She was feted by officialdom and cheered continuously on her frequent public appearances.

### SURVEY SHOWS BIAS AGAINST JEWS AND CATHOLICS IN MEDICAL SCHOOLS

PHILADELPHIA, March 16. (JTA) -- Results of a five-year study conducted here on what happened to pre-medical students enrolled in two Philadelphia colleges when they applied to medical schools throughout the United States were made public here today. They showed that 12 percent of the Jewish and Catholic students with "A" grades were rejected, while 100 percent of Protestant "A" students were accepted.

The same study disclosed that two-thirds of all Jewish "B" students, and more than two-thirds of Catholic "B" students failed to gain acceptance at any medical school in the fall following their graduation. Of the Protestant "B" students, only one-third failed to gain admission.

"Emphasis on the gifted and on developing one's talents to the utmost for the benefit of society sound like mockery to such students," said David L. Ullman, chairman of the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission's Committee on Opportunities for Higher Education, which conducted the study. "Religion plays a significant role in the case of 'A' students and a major role in the case of 'B' and 'B plus' students in determining whether they will be admitted to some medical school. Society needs the best possible physicians as well as engineers and physicists. To block the development of such talents because of race, religion or national origin, is unforgivable in 1958."

The five-year study was based on material gathered by personal interviews with 512 June-graduating seniors, beginning with the 1951 classes at the College of the University of Pennsylvania and the School of Liberal Arts of Temple University, who had filed one or more applications for admission to a medical school, in Philadelphia or elsewhere in the United States. Mr. Ullman emphasized that the study was not of medical schools, but rather of the experiences of pre-medical students applying for admission to medical schools.

### 25 JEWISH GROUPS URGE ENACTMENT OF FAIR SABBATH LAW IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- Twenty-five Jewish organizations, representing almost every major group in the New York Jewish community and a number of national Jewish organizations, today released a statement expressing their unanimous support of the pending legislation in the New York State Legislature to enact a Fair Sabbath Law. They called upon the members of the State Senate and Assembly to take "forthright and affirmative action at this time" and enact the measures relating to Sabbath observance. The statement reads:

"As a nation of people adhering to many different religious faiths, we owe our strength and unity to the universal acceptance of the uniquely American concept that each citizen should have the right to practice his religion without government interference. Basic to this principle is the mandate that no person should be penalized for adhering to his religious beliefs so long as he does not interfere with the rights of others nor endanger the public peace or security.

"The present compulsory Sunday observance law in New York State is a serious violation of this mandate. This law, which designates Sunday as a day of rest or worship for the entire community, compels persons who regularly observe a day other than Sunday as a day of rest or worship to abstain from business activity on two days during the week. Fair-play dictates that a person not be subjected to hardship because of the practice of his faith."

The Jewish organizations pointed out that "the pending legislation would restore the principle of equality for all religions by allowing each citizen to choose the day of rest and worship in accordance with the dictates of his religion." The New York State Council has voted to request the State Legislature to enact this measure," the statement emphasized.

The following organizations joined in the statement: American Jewish Congress; Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Brooklyn Jewish Community Council; Council of Jewish Organizations in Civil Service; Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Commission on Synagogue Activities; Federation of Jewish Philanthropies Education Council; Jewish War Veterans; Mizrahi Women of America; National Council of Young Israel; New York Board of Rabbis; New York Federation of Reform Synagogues.

Also, New York Federation of Temple Brotherhoods; New York Federation of Temple Sisterhoods; New York State Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Rabbinical Assembly of America; Religious Zionists of America; United Synagogue of America; Synagogue Council of America--in behalf of Central Conference of American Rabbis, Rabbinical Assembly of America, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, United Synagogue of America.

### JEWISH NEWSPAPER IN GERMANY ATTACKED BY ORGAN OF WAR VETERANS

BONN, March 16. (JTA) -- An unveiled anti-Semitic threat was made here this week-end by the West German veterans paper "Deutsche Soldaten Zeitung" in an editorial attack on the German Jewish weekly "Algemeine Zeitung." She was answering the Algemeine Zeitung's criticism that the veteran's publication indiscriminately glorified the military victories of Nazism.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM IS ANTI-ZIONIST, NOT ANTI-ISRAEL, PRESIDENT SAYS

HOUSTON, Texas, March 16. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism is anti-Zionist but not anti-Israel, Clarence L. Coleman Jr., president, indicated here last night in an address to the annual national conference of the organization. He said that the issue between the AJC and Zionism is not whether Israel exists, but "what kind of Israel" it will be.

"Because of our insistence upon confining the nationalism of Israel to its own boundaries, the propagandists for 'Jewish' nationalism have created an image of the Council depicted as anti-Israel and unsympathetic to the welfare of our co-religionists living in Israel," Mr. Coleman said. He called this a "distorted image" and stressed that the AJC is dedicated "to extend the fullest philanthropic aid to our co-religionists and to suffering humanity everywhere."

Mr. Coleman attacked the "non-Zionist groups which regularly ally themselves with the Zionists." He claimed that these organizations, as well as the major Zionist groups in the United States, "have committed themselves to the destruction of the American Zionist Council. The non-Zionist organizations were also attacked by Rabbi Elmer Berger, executive vice president of the ACJ, who blamed them for the success of the Zionist movement in the United States.

AMERICAN JEWISH LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL TO SEEK YOUNG JEWS AS MEMBERS

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- The American Jewish League for Israel has become affiliated with the newly-reorganized World Confederation of General Zionists, Ezra Shapiro of Cleveland, president of the League, announced at a press conference here following his return from London where he participated in the reorganization of the Confederation.

The stand of the reorganized Confederation for non-affiliation with any party in Israel reaffirmed the basis on which the League was created two years ago, he said. He added that the League was "addressing itself to the generation of younger American Jews, both leaders and workers in every phase of Jewish communal endeavor, hitherto unaffiliated with any Zionist organization, but clearly devoted to the cause of Israel."

Estimating that no more than one percent of the 300,000 to 400,000 American Jews between the ages of 25 and 45 were affiliated with any Zionist group, Mr. Shapiro said that a large number of the present League membership of about 3,000 were such young Jews. "We have not made resignation from any of the existing American Zionist organizations a condition for membership," he added, explaining that there are League members who had kept their membership in the ZOA, the Labor Zionist Organization and Mizrahi.

REUVEN DAFNI NAMED HEAD OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL OFFICE IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- Reuven Dafni, former Israel Consul in New York, has been appointed director of the Israel office of the United Jewish Appeal, it was announced today by Rabbi Herbert Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the UJA. Mr. Dafni will succeed Shlomo Eisenberg, who has been honorary representative of the United Jewish Appeal in Israel for the past ten years.

The United Jewish Appeal office in Israel serves as liaison with the Jewish Agency which administers immigrant aid programs in Israel financed in greatest part through the UJA. Mr. Eisenberg has asked to be relieved of his UJA responsibilities for personal reasons and so that he could devote himself more fully to his many interests in Israel.

ISRAELI SHIP ARRIVES IN NEW YORK ON MAIDEN TRIP; ANOTHER DUE WEDNESDAY

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- Israel's newest and largest cargo ship, the 15,050 ton motor vessel Ampal, of the Zim Israel Navigation Company, arrives in New York on her maiden voyage tomorrow, it was announced by the American-Israeli Shipping Co., of New York, representative of the Zim Lines in the United States. She will be followed within 48 hours by Zim's new luxury cruise liner, S.S. Theodor Herzl, to set a port of New York record of two maiden arrivals in three days by ships of the same line.

The Ampal loaded a near capacity cargo of grain at Corpus Christi, Texas a few days ago and will "top off" here with a deck cargo of three 50 ton General Motors diesel locomotives. They are being shipped to Israel's railroads in time for what is expected to be the biggest tourist season in that nation's ten year history. The Theodor Herzl sails Thursday on a special Passover voyage to Israel.

N. B. MINKOFF, YIDDISH POET AND EDUCATOR, DEAD; WAS EDITOR OF "ZUKUNFT"

NEW YORK, March 16. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Nachum B. Minkoff, Yiddish poet, critic, editor and educator, who died here this week-end at the age of 64. At the time of his death, Mr. Minkoff was editor of the Yiddish literary monthly, "Zukunft."

In addition to his own volumes of poetry, Mr. Minkoff wrote three books on American Yiddish poetry. He was a member of the faculty of the Academy for Higher Jewish Learning, New School for Social Research and Jewish Teachers Seminary.