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## ISRAELI TANKS CALLED INTO ACTION ON SYRIAN BORDER; CABINET HEARS REPORT

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- The Cabinet of Israel heard a special report by Premier David Ben Gurion today on the deteriorating situation along the Syrian border as Israeli tanks were called into action to halt the latest Syrian attacks on Israeli civilian workers on Israeli territory. At the same time, Israel complained to the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission. Two Israelis were wounded today.

The fighting began early this morning when Syrian troops entrenched on the other side of the border opened fire on Israelis in the field of Israeli territory adjoining, but not in the demilitarized zone, which is also Israeli territory. The work involves the drainage of the Huleh swamp.

The Israeli military escort returned the fire and the Syrians subsided. The quiet lasted for a short while and was broken again by Syrian fire, this time from automatic weapons and was directed at the workers. This time Israeli tanks replied, sweeping Syrian pill-boxes with shells. The Syrians then used mortars against the workers, their escort and a small settlement in the area.

Finally, United Nations observers in the region prevailed on both sides to quit firing and a formal ceasefire agreement went into effect at 2:30 in the afternoon. Syrian casualties were seen being evacuated subsequently.

## ESHKOL TO SEEK ADDITIONAL \$50,000,000 CONSOLIDATION LOAN IN U.S.

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol will leave for the United States April 8 to ask the American Jewish communities to seek an additional consolidation loan for \$50,000,000 for Israel, a Ministry spokesman revealed today.

In 1954 the communities obtained a \$75,000,000 loan for Israel which they underwrote and repaid from United Jewish Appeal revenues. Subsequently, they were able to obtain similar loans and now there is about \$50,000,000 outstanding. Mr. Eshkol will ask an increase to the \$100,000,000 figure.

While in this country, the Finance Minister will also confer with United States government officials in Washington and with Israel Bond Organization leaders.

## ISRAEL CABINET MEMBERS DIFFER ON LEGAL DEFINITION OF "JEW"

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- A sharp difference of opinion developed among Ministers participating in today's Cabinet session over the legal definition of a Jew. The matter arose over the Ministry of Interior's instructions to its staff to accept at face value the statement of any applicant for an identity card that he is Jewish. This was disputed by representatives of the religious groups.

Israel Bar Yehuda, Minister for Interior, asserted that his staff is unable to investigate the intricacies of religious affiliation and must, therefore, accept the applicant's statement. The religious representatives insist that whether a man is a Jew or not can be decided according to the qualifications outlined in Jewish law. They add that an individual's religious affiliation is as important in such matters as verifying his correct age or other personal data, since the country's laws affecting personal status are the same as those of the Jewish religion.

The discussion was suspended when Premier David Ben Gurion named a Ministerial Committee to study the legal aspects of the Ministry of Interior directive. In effect, this action will hold up the Ministry order with regard to the identity cards and, it is believed, put the whole matter into abeyance until after the next national elections.

## ITALIAN GOVT. URGED TO CANCEL INVITATION TO NASSER TO VISIT ROME

ROME, March 30. (JTA) -- The Italian Foreign Minister was urged today to annul the invitation extended by the Italian Government to Egyptian President Col. Nasser to visit Rome, in view of the latter's intended visit to Moscow. The suggestion was voiced by the leading Italian newspaper *Il Messaggero*, which stated that Nasser's trip to Moscow is against the interests of Italy as a NATO country.

#### DR. GOLDMANN STRESSES NEW FINANCIAL PROJECT FOR ISRAEL BY ZIONISTS

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, closed the session of the Zionist Actions Committee with an address devoted chiefly to the new financial instrument which the Committee decided to organize to channel Zionist participation in Israel's upbuilding, in addition to the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel bond drive.

One of the chief reasons for the crisis in the Zionist movement, Dr. Goldmann told the 100-member committee, is that except for ideological debates there is today no large-scale pro-Israel activity which is exclusively conducted by Zionists. Fund-raising, investment and public educational work in Israel's behalf is also carried on by non-Zionists.

As a result, the WZO president continued, Zionists are only members of a general orchestra of Jewish pro-Israel activity. What Zionism needs is a chance to act also as a soloist and the new financial instrument should enable the Zionists to engage in some special activity for Israel.

He stressed that the new instrument--whose form will be worked out in the next two months--will not compete with existing organizations like the UJA and bond organization, but will be different, will be directed only by Zionists and will be conducted within the framework of the Zionist groups.

If this new instrument fails, he warned his listeners, the Zionists will have only themselves to blame--not Israel or the Jewish people. If it succeeds, he said, it will not only aid Israel but will revitalize the Zionist organizations.

#### U.S. Zionist Leaders Report on Actions Committee Session

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council which represents all Zionist groups in the United States, and Rabbi Israel Goldstein, member of the Jewish Agency executive, returned this week-end from Israel where they attended the sessions of the Zionist Actions Committee.

Reporting his impressions, Rabbi Miller underscored the "staggering proportions" of the financial problems confronting the Jewish Agency and the Israel Government in the absorption of new scores of thousands of immigrants. Outlining the obligations reposing upon the Jews in this country, he said that "Jewish communities everywhere must provide Israel with the material aid and know-how in industry, business, agriculture, engineering and social welfare. There is hardly an aspect of life to which American techniques and American outlook cannot make a valuable contribution."

Dr. Goldstein reported that "the people of Israel realize that there may be a lurking danger in the fact that all of the Arab states have expressed hostility to Israel. At the same time, they are not lacking in confidence. There is a feeling among the people that they can successfully resist attempted attacks provided the Arab states do not have the military backing of a world power."

#### ISRAEL DETERMINED TO HELP NEW AFRICAN STATES, GOLDA MEIR DECLARES

PARIS, March 30. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, left here by plane today for Israel after paying a courtesy call on French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau. She described her African journey to her French counterpart.

Earlier, at a press conference, Mrs. Meir reiterated Israel's determination to assist the new African states in their economic development and said Israeli experts would soon be at work on such projects. She expressed great admiration for the peoples she had visited this month and urged all the nations of the world to assist them with their developmental problems.

Ambassador Yaacov Tsur, who accompanied Mrs. Meir on her African tour, told newsmen that a number of African Ministers in the French territories had been invited to visit Israel. He described the popularity of Mrs. Meir with the people of French West Africa, the largest portion of whom are Moslems.

#### ISRAEL AND ARABS REPRESENTED AT INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION PARLEY

GENEVA, March 30. (JTA) -- Israel is represented together with a number of Arab states at a working session of the Inter Parliamentary Union which is taking place here to prepare for the forthcoming 47th conference of the IPU to be held at Rio de Janeiro next July.

The session here will break up into study groups to prepare reports on a variety of problems, including atomic weapons; an international police force, investment of capital in underdeveloped countries, freedom of the press and other legal and economic questions. The Israel Knesset delegation consists of deputies David Hacohen and Nahum Bader and Parliamentary clerk Maurice Rosette.

### BONN STARTS STUDY TO DETERMINE EXACT NUMBER OF JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS

BONN, March 30. (JTA) -- The Ministry of the Interior of the West German Republic has commissioned the Institute of Current History to determine the exact number of Jews murdered during the Nazi regime. Officials said that at least a year would be required for the study because of the extensive documentary research needed.

The Ministry acted in response to a request from the Grunwalder Kreis, an organization of writers and journalists, who declared in a petition that neo-Nazi circles had started a campaign to minimize the number of Jewish victims of the Nazi era. The petition declared no legal action could be taken against such propaganda because the documentary material available for disproof was fragmentary and unofficial.

The petition was supported by the Central Council of German Jews, the United Restoration Organization and the German Societies of Christians and Jews.

### GERMAN JEWS MARK 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF NAZI-ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN

LONDON, March 30. (JTA) -- The Council of Jews from Germany marked the 25th anniversary of the initiation of the Nazi campaign against the German Jews with the issuance of a statement today calling on German and world public opinion to recall the Nazi crimes and take care that they may never be allowed to recur.

Noting that on April 1, 1933, the National Socialist regime "gave the signal for the violent exclusion of the Jews from the German body politic," the Council pointed out that in many quarters German compensation to the victims of Nazism is regarded as an arithmetical problem rather than a moral obligation. It also pointed to the fact that there is also a desire among some people to forget the Nazi crimes against the Jews.

### RIGHTISTS START CAMPAIGN ON GERMAN DEPUTY WHO HONORED JEWISH MARTYRS

BONN, March 30. (JTA) -- Rightist deputies and the Bonn Minister for Refugees, a onetime Nazi leader, have rounded off in Parliament an attack on Prof. Carlo Schmid, Social Democratic deputy who recently visited Warsaw and placed a wreath before the monument commemorating the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Most vociferous of Prof. Schmid's critics was German Party deputy Herbert Schneider who charged that the Socialist had "dishonored" the German people by his action and by his willingness to deal with the "Eastern people." Schneider was one of the chief spokesmen for a Bundestag group which recently called for a "review" of the compensation law for victims of the Nazis.

Another attacker of Prof. Schmid was Theodor Oberlaender, Minister for Refugees, who called the Social Democrat's willingness to negotiate with the Poles a "crime" against Germany and Europe. During the war, the East Prussian was a Nazi security police leader and later an official in occupied Prague. It was in that period that Oberlaender wrote of the Jews that they were "always inclined toward Communism."

### J. D. C. SENDING ISRAELI MATZOTH TO 30 JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN EUROPE

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee is sending ten tons of matzohs baked here to the Jews of Lodz, Poland, at the request of Israel Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog. It is also sending Israeli matzohs and wine to 30 Jewish communities in East and West Europe.

The Agudas Israel World Organization has shipped 100,000 Haggadahs to Jews in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Yugoslavia, it announced today. Haggadahs have been sent to the Jewish communities of Warsaw, Lodz, Cracow, Katowice and others. They have also been sent to the Chief Rabbinate of Prague, Bratislava and Kosice in Czechoslovakia, as well as to the Jewish communities in Budapest and Belgrade.

### REFORM JUDAISM TO OBSERVE 85TH ANNIVERSARY IN THE UNITED STATES

CHICAGO, March 30. (JTA) -- The beginning of a three-month special drive aimed at focusing national and international attention on the forthcoming 85th anniversary of the Reform Judaism movement in the United States was marked here tonight at a dinner arranged by the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. More than 1,200 leaders of the campaign attended the affair.

The dinner also marked the culmination of a "Reform Judaism Week" proclaimed in Chicago by Mayor Daley. Principal speaker was Mayor Nathan Phillips of Toronto, Canada, who is a member of a Reform temple in that city. The affair inaugurated the final quarter of the nationwide Combined Campaign for \$2,619,000 and served also to launch its drive in Chicago for the raising of \$240,000 toward the nationwide goal.

The 85th year of organized Reform Judaism dates from the establishment of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations on July 8, 1873. The observance of the 85th year of the Reform movement will also embrace the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, which was founded shortly after the creation of the UAHC.

#### CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS EXPLAINS STATUS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CANADA

MONTREAL, March 30. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress today issued a denial of a report that public schools in the Province of Quebec are not owned or administered by the public or governmental bodies, but by the churches.

"No public schools in Canada are owned or administered by churches," the statement by the Canadian Jewish Congress said. "All Canadian public schools, including those in the Province of Quebec, are owned and administered by public school boards and financed by school taxes levied by those public school boards and collected by the cities or other municipal councils as part of city taxes."

The statement points out that there is no provision in Canada's Constitution which prohibits the teaching of religion or religious exercises in tax-supported schools. "In Canada, as in the United States, each provincial legislature--corresponding to a state legislature--has control over the public school system within that province," the statement adds.

#### Rights of Jewish Children in Quebec Schools Outlined

Explaining that in the Province of Quebec local legislation provides also for a public school system administered by public school boards elected or appointed by local governmental bodies, and financed by taxes, the statement of the Canadian Jewish Congress says:

"The Quebec public school system, however, makes no provision for an undenominational school system, but for two parallel public school systems, one for Catholics and the other for Protestants. Neither of these two parallel public school systems are owned or administered by any denominational or church body. They are owned and administered by Catholic and Protestant school boards and are controlled by the provincial government. In other words, there are two parallel public school systems in the Province of Quebec, both of which are denominational, one Catholic and the other Protestant, and there is no provision under provincial legislation as it exists at present for an undenominational public school system.

"This," the statement continues, "results from the fact that the overwhelming majority of the population and the electors of Quebec are Roman Catholic, and this majority is opposed in principle to undenominational schools. In addition to these two parallel public school systems in Quebec, Catholic and Protestant, there are also some Catholic parochial schools, particularly high schools, which are owned and administered by the Catholic Church and which are not supported by public tax monies.

"In all provinces except Quebec, Jews have the right to be elected or appointed as members of the undenominational public school boards, and their children have the right to attend the undenominational public schools," the CJC statement states. "In the Province of Quebec, where there are no undenominational public schools, provincial legislation provides that all school taxes paid by Jews must be paid to the Protestant school board and Jewish children have the right to attend public schools and are exempted from attendance on Jewish holidays or participation in Christian religious instruction, but only Protestants may be appointed or elected as members of these Protestant school boards."

The Canadian Jewish Congress has always been opposed to the inclusion of religious education in the public schools of any province in Canada and has made it stand clear to the various provincial governments. The representations against religious instruction in the public schools made to local school boards are made by the local Jewish communities in consultation and cooperation with the Canadian Jewish Congress.

#### NEW YORK LAWYER BECOMES CHAIRMAN OF UNION BANK IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- Julius Weiss, of New Rochelle, has been elected chairman of the board of directors of Union Bank of Israel, Ltd., the fourth largest banking institution in Israel, with resources of nearly \$40,000,000, it was announced here today.

Mr. Weiss, an attorney with offices in New York City, has just returned from one of his trips to Israel. During this visit Union Bank acquired the I.L. Feuchtwanger Bank in Israel. Mr. Weiss has been actively associated with investments in Israel since 1926, when he became counsel of the Palestine Economic Corporation, a post he still holds. Born in New York, Mr. Weiss served for many years as president of the Board of Education of New Rochelle.

#### DEAD SEA SCROLLS INDEXED WITH THE AID OF ELECTRONIC COMPUTER

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- Interpretation of the Dead Sea Scrolls was moved up a notch here this week-end with the announcement here that a complete index of the major portion of the ancient manuscript has been indexed with the aid of an IBM electronic computer.

Since the 2,000 year old document has deteriorated and many words are left only in part, with phrases, sentences and larger portions missing, the nearly 30,000 words found in the parchment were indexed by use of the computer. With these references ready, scholars will be able to check the use of fragments, words or portions of words against every possible interpretation.