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## ISRAEL CALLS FOR DESTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN NOTE TO KHRUSHCHEV

JERUSALEM, April 28. (JTA) -- Israel called for the destruction of stocks of all nuclear weapons in a note by Premier David Ben Gurion to Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, it was learned here today. This view was expressed in a note handed the Kremlin by Joseph Avidar, Israel's Ambassador in Moscow, last Friday in reply to a communication from Mr. Khrushchev April 4.

Agreeing with the Soviet Premier on the dangers of the arms race, nuclear armaments and testing of atomic and hydrogen bombs, the Ben Gurion note called for a permanent end to A-bomb and H-bomb tests. Noting that the Jewish people had lost six million dead in the last war, Mr. Ben Gurion said no nation in the world was more interested than Israel in securing world peace. Although Israel is a "small and modest" country, he continued, it will do everything possible to eliminate the "nightmare of atomic and hydrogen war and secure world order and peace."

## JACKSONVILLE JEWISH CENTER BOMBED; COMMUNITY MEETS TODAY ON ACTION

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 28. (JTA) -- A bomb blasted the stillness of the night at 12:30 this morning and blew down the doors and left a crater in the entrance to the Jacksonville Jewish Center. A few minutes later, another cache of explosives damaged an all-Negro elementary school.

Though homes in the vicinity of both buildings were damaged and many windows were smashed by shock waves, no one was injured. Anonymous telephone callers later identified themselves as members of a so-called "Confederate Union" and accepted responsibility for the deeds. One caller declared: "Every segregationist must be set free. Jews must be driven out of Florida except Miami Beach. Jews outside Miami Beach will die."

The Jacksonville Jewish Community Council, meanwhile, scheduled a meeting for tomorrow to take stock of the situation and to plan action to prevent further attacks. Jewish groups in the city, as well as national organizations which have contacted the community council, have agreed that all statements and action will emanate through the community council where decisions will be arrived at jointly. Jews in the city were calm and there was no visible excitement as they continued about their business.

The local press has given considerable prominence to news of the blasts and non-Jewish forces in the community are expected to rally shortly to disown the "Confederate Underground." Jewish sources in this city said the police authorities had been "very cooperative" and were bending every effort to clearing up the affair.

Recently, in one night, bombs blasted a Jewish center in Nashville and a synagogue in Miami. An anonymous caller after the Nashville night bombing also identified himself as a member of the "Confederate Underground."

One of the calls in Jacksonville this morning was to the Florida Times Union where a reporter asked whether the bombers were connected with the Ku Klux Klan. He was told: "We're in touch with every organization fighting for segregation--all over the state and in the South." Among the people called by the "underground" were three rabbis, including Rabbi Sanders Tofield, spiritual leader of the center which was bombed.

## F. B. I. Urged to Start Investigation into Synagogue Bombings

WASHINGTON, April 28. (JTA) -- The Department of Justice is awaiting reports from the F. B. I. and the U. S. Attorney's office to determine if any violation of Federal law occurred in the Jacksonville bombing of the Jewish center and a Negro school.

U. S. Attorney General William P. Rogers, was urged today to take immediate and effective action by launching a full-scale F. B. I. investigation into the "spate of lawlessness and bombings which have erupted in the South." The American Jewish Committee, in a wire to the Attorney General, stressed that the "series of bombings" clearly indicates a concerted course of criminal action on an interstate scale and "points to the existence of a conspiracy which warrants an immediate investigation by the F. B. I."

Irving M. Engel, president of the A. J. C., in the wire, underscored that in recent months there have been "five bombings or attempted bombings of school and synagogues."

# INTERNATIONAL MARITIME PARLEY UPHOLDS ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO USE OF AKABA

GENEVA, April 28, (JTA) -- The 87-nation international maritime conference concluded its conference early this morning following the adoption of a regulation which upheld, in effect, Israel's right to use the Strait of Tiran and the Gulf of Akaba which give its port of Elath access to the Red Sea.

By a vote of 62 to 1, with the Arab states abstaining and Haifa apparently voting against the regulation by mistake, the conference permitted innocent passage of shipping through straits connecting the high seas with national or international waters. The regulation was worded in general terms and did not mention the Akaba situation.

Immediately after the vote an Israeli spokesman called it a "clearcut decision" affecting access to Elath. On the other hand, an Arab spokesman, Ahmed Shukaairy of Saudi Arabia, said that the Arab states would not recognize the legality of the rule which he charged had been "tailored" by Britain and the United States to fit a specific case.

The conference adjourned without having taken any action on the breadth of the territorial sea, a measure which might have affected Israel's rights to fish in rich coastal waters in the Mediterranean Sea. The Arabs have also attempted to force recognition of a 12-mile limit of the territorial sea and thus bar the entire narrow Gulf of Akaba to Israeli-bound shipping.

## BRITAIN'S POSITION ON INTERNATIONALIZATION OF JERUSALEM UNCHANGED

LONDON, April 28, (JTA) -- The British Government has not changed its position on the internationalization of Jerusalem but is taking no steps to secure implementation of the United Nations resolution on that subject, a Government spokesman told the House of Commons.

W. D. Ormsby-Gore, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told the House that the Government rejected the demand by Major E. A. H. Legge-Bourke, a Conservative, that it press for internationalization of Jerusalem "in view of the continued brutalities exercised by the Zionist police in the Holy City against devout Jews."

Mr. Ormsby-Gore noted that the question referred to the dispute in Jerusalem over a municipal mixed bathing pool and commented that "a mixed bathing pool in a foreign country is not a matter in which the Government should wish to get involved."

Major Legge-Bourke termed it "highly undesirable" from the viewpoint of preservation of the Holy Places that incidents such as the pool demonstrations continue and asked if the Government "could not do something with the Israel Government 'could not do something with the Israel Government to see if it could be avoided.'" Mr. Ormsby-Gore said it was not for the British Government to intervene.

## STATE DEPARTMENT MOVES TO IMPROVE U.S. RELATIONS WITH NASSER

WASHINGTON, April 28, (JTA) -- The State Department is expediting plans to release blocked Egyptian assets and other moves to improve relations with President Nasser of the United Arab Republic. The Department is closely observing the departure of Nasser for Moscow. Nasser leaves tomorrow for the Soviet capital.

It is hoped by Secretary of State Dulles that U.S. peace overtures will leave Nasser an escape route in his Kremlin negotiations by helping the UAR leader demonstrate that he is not entirely dependent on the Soviet bloc. Nasser will spend eight days in Moscow.

## HEBREW UNIVERSITY GETS \$200,000 FROM U.S. GROUP FOR A DENTAL SCHOOL

JERUSALEM, April 28, (JTA) -- A dental school will soon be constructed at the Hebrew University with the assistance of American and Canadian dentists, University president Prof. Benjamin Mazar announced here last night at ceremonies formally inaugurating the University's new 175-acre campus. Dr. J. Sherman, president of Alpha Omega Fraternity, the American and Canadian dental fraternity, presented a \$200,000 check to Dr. Mazar.

Premier David Ben Gurion, who addressed the ceremonies, announced that unless the United Nations Secretariat and the State Department and British Foreign Office, which had recently pressed Israel in relation to the Independence Day parade in Jerusalem, made some progress with Jordan to implement the Israel-Jordan agreement on the University and Hadassah Hospital Israel would act on its own to re-open the institutions.

## GERMANY STARTS TRIAL OF GESTAPO MEN CHARGED WITH KILLING 5,000 JEWS

ULM, West Germany, April 28, (JTA) -- Ten former Gestapo members charged with the murder of at least 5,000 Jews in Memel, Lithuania, in 1941 went on trial here today. The trial is expected to last three months.

Bernhard Fischer-Schweder, former Nazi police chief of Memel, is one of the chief defendants. He was uncovered hiding in a refugee camp two years ago when he complained about being dismissed from the post of head of the camp. Some 200 witnesses are expected to be heard in the proceedings.

## JEWISH STAND ON SEGREGATION ISSUE DISCUSSED AT RABBINICAL CONVENTION

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., April 28. (JTA) -- The position to be taken by the Conservative rabbinate in this country--particularly by rabbis and congregations in the South--on the issue of desegregation of Negroes was outlined here today at the 58th annual national convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America, central body of the Conservative rabbinate. Some 600 delegates are attending the parley.

In a report to the convention, Rabbi Harry Halpern, chairman of the Assembly's commission on social action, said that Conservative Judaism is not concerned with the appropriate pace at which the desegregation process should be realized, but Jews "must not remain silent in the face of denial of equality to a segment of the American people and have a moral duty to speak out against the injustice meted out" to Negroes.

Insisting that this injunction applied for American Jews and their rabbis wherever they lived, the rabbinical leader added: "We recognize the dilemma in which our Jews in Southern communities find themselves and fully understand the uniqueness of their position in communities where they constitute a small minority." He said that it could not be expected of Jews in Southern communities "that they should speak out alone when their economic security, social standing or, who knows, even their well-being may be placed in jeopardy."

While agreeing that leaders of national organizations should consult with Jews in Southern communities "whenever we issue any pronouncements and take counsel with them before enunciating any resolutions," Rabbi Halpern insisted that Southern Jewry "should work jointly with others who, like them, abhor the injustice being done to those whose pigmentation alone is deemed sole justification for their treatment."

## NEW YORK BANKS SEND A STUDY MISSION TO ISRAEL; COOPERATED WITH U. J. A.

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- Officials representing six banks in the New York area left Israel today to participate in the 1958 Bankers' Study Mission, it was announced here by Gottlieb Hammer, executive director of the Jewish Agency, who organized the group. The present mission is part of a continuing program begun in 1949.

The group which is visiting Israel at the invitation of the Jewish Agency will study the country's economic and industrial development as well as its immigration and colonization program. During their stay, members of the mission will be given the opportunity to observe the operations of the Jewish Agency in the fields of rehabilitation, housing and agricultural development and to study problems facing the Agency. All banks represented in this year's study mission have cooperated with the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

The following will participate in the 1958 Bankers' Study Mission: John J. Kubach, vice president of the Bankers Trust Company; Philip H. Milner, vice president of the Manufacturers Trust Company; George B. Moran, vice president of the Hanover Bank; William S. Renchard, executive vice president of the Chemical Corn Exchange Bank; George C. Scott, vice president of the First National City Bank; Joseph M. Walsh, vice president of the Chase Manhattan Bank.

## 4, 729 JEWISH REFUGEE FAMILIES AIDED BY N. Y. A. N. A. DURING PAST YEAR

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- The New York Association for New Americans, a beneficiary agency of the United Jewish Appeal, aided 4,729 Jewish refugee families, the equivalent of 14,000 people, during 1957, it was reported here today at a dinner honoring Richard W. Dammann, outgoing president of the Association. It was announced at the dinner that Lester Ginsburg, prominent civic leader, has been elected president of the agency for 1958.

The total expenditures made by NYANA during 1957 amounted to \$1,326,704, according to the annual report of the agency presented at the dinner. During the first two months of the year, the agency exceeded its entire year's expected caseload due to the Hungarian emergency which necessitated an overnight expansion in order to deal with the heavy influx of people requiring help. Expenditures were doubled, and the staff augmented to more than twice its original size. Of the 1,300 Hungarian families serviced by NYANA, only 200 required assistance at the end of the year.

The agency's vocational services department, through which newcomers were screened, trained and placed in industry, served 3,555 clients during the year, of whom 2,100 secured jobs; provided training for 223 newcomers and obtained 4,127 job openings through extensive solicitation. During the emergency, Mr. Dammann said, employers and labor unions were highly cooperative when approached by the department in behalf of the Hungarians.

Placement at the agency's sheltered workshop was given to 43 additional aged and handicapped clients in 1957, making a total of 111 clients who have worked there since the shop was formed in 1955. A total of \$8,894 was granted by the Association's business and loan department to certain newcomers in order that they might secure small businesses or purchase tools.

# CELEBRATIONS OF ISRAEL'S ANNIVERSARY HELD THROUGHOUT U.S. AND WORLD

WASHINGTON, April 28. (JTA) -- Celebrations honoring Israel's tenth anniversary are continuing throughout the United States.

The Governors of Nebraska, Illinois, Texas, Oklahoma, and Minnesota have issued special proclamations honoring Israel. Mayors of such cities as Chicago and Omaha have made similar official expressions.

At a meeting of the City Council of Los Angeles, the Mayor greeted Israel Consul General A. Biran. The Israeli flag was flown over Los Angeles City Hall as a tribute.

In Chicago, 20,000 blue and white Israeli flowers were distributed. Special prayers were recited this week-end in Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jewish congregations expressing thanksgiving for Israel's success.

Leaders of the general community in civic and cultural fields attended receptions honoring Israel in a number of cities. Expressions of congratulation have been received by the Israel Embassy in Washington and consulates around the country from many sources.

NEW YORK, April 28. (JTA) -- A resolution passed by both houses of the New York State Legislature congratulating the State of Israel on the occasion of its tenth anniversary, was presented this morning to Israel's Consul General Simcha Pratt.

The resolution, the first such declaration concerning a foreign nation passed by the New York Legislature in more than 50 years, was presented to the Consul General by Assemblyman Samuel Bonom and Kings County Clerk Joseph Whitty.

The Legislature, in passing the resolution, noted that the State of Israel represented "the one solid bastion of democracy in an area of the world in which feudalism and dictatorship are rampant."

Mr. Pratt expressed the gratitude of Israel's people for the friendship and support of their American friends and told the representatives of the law making body that the inscribed resolution would be transmitted to President Itzhak Ben Zvi in Jerusalem.

ROME, April 28. (JTA) -- Italy's former President Luigi Einaudi was one of the many Italians prominent in the world of politics, the arts and sciences who attended a tenth anniversary reception tendered by Israel's Ambassador to Italy, Eliahu Sasson.

GENEVA, April 28. (JTA) -- Diplomats from the four corners of the world, with the exclusion only of the Arab statesmen, assembled here this week-end at the local Jewish Center to mark Israel's entrance into its second decade of independent life. The function was called by the Jewish community of Geneva. One of the speakers was Dr. Menachem Kahani, Israel's envoy to the United Nations here.

AMSTERDAM, April 28. (JTA) -- More than 800 guests were present at Scheveningen Palace here for the largest reception ever given by an Israel envoy here when Ambassador Chanan Cidor marked Israel's tenth anniversary this week-end. Among the prominent Netherlands present was Premier Willem Drees.

JOHANNESBURG, April 28. (JTA) -- More than 12,000 people jammed into Wembley Stadium here last night for a great torchlight pageant celebrating Israel's tenth anniversary. The eventful decade of Israel's history was presented in a series of colorful tableaux in which 800 members of Zionist youth groups participated. In Capetown, a similar program drew 9,000 people.

HELSINKI, April 28. (JTA) -- Israel tenth anniversary celebrations in Finland began here with a gala performance by Inbal, the Israeli Yemenite dance theatre, at the Finnish National Opera House where the President of Finland, Speaker of its Parliament and many other personalities were prominently present in boxes. Afterwards, Israeli Charge d' Affaires Shoham held a reception, one of several scheduled this week in honor of the anniversary.

STOCKHOLM, April 28. (JTA) -- Special services for Israel's independence anniversary were offered in the Great Synagogue of Stockholm this week-end when Chief Rabbi Kurt Wilhelm likened the importance for the Jewish people of Israel's independence with the emancipation a century ago of the individual Jew. At a reception given by Ambassador M. Yachil, leading diplomats and members of the Swedish Cabinet and Parliament joined representative Swedish Jews and personalities of the world of science, education and culture in hailing Israel's anniversary.

SYDNEY, April 28. (JTA) -- A ten-foot high cake ornamented to commemorate the ten tribes of Israel was the centerpiece of Sydney's celebration of Israel's 10th anniversary. In Melbourne, a huge outdoor rally in the Olympic Games Stadium featured James G. McDonald, first United States Ambassador to Israel, as the speaker.