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### U.S. AFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S INTEGRITY; ISRAEL SEEKS U.S. ARMS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban resumed this week-end discussions on the Middle East situation with senior officials of the State Department, it was learned here today. The effect of the coming summit meeting has been extensively discussed between the State Department and the Israeli Embassy in recent weeks, including lengthy conversations with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

While the exchange of views continues and has not yet fully crystallized, the following points have emerged so far in the exchange between the two governments since July 14:

1. The United States has strongly affirmed its support for the integrity and independence of Israel, which it regards as equal to Lebanon in terms of American commitments. Israel representatives are urging that this policy be given clearer and more concrete expression.

2. A list of items of new defensive equipment is now under consideration. Some of these are unlikely to cause much difficulty as they belong to categories already authorized in the recent past. It is too early to predict the outcome of the request for heavier equipment, which is the main source of Israel's concern. Ambassador Eban has invited Shimon Peres, director general of the Israel Defense Ministry, to come for consultations on these matters.

3. There is still much obscurity about the scope and character of the projected summit meeting of the Security Council. The United States has told Israel that it favors her participation if matters affecting Israel arise. But the published statements of President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles indicate a desire to limit the conference to the specific matters which led to its convening, namely, the Soviet charges against the Western intervention in Lebanon and Jordan and the American charges of recent "indirect aggression" in the Middle East.

Israel has not been a central element in either of those two problems. Israel circles, however, doubt whether the discussion will in fact be confined to matters not affecting Israel, and consider it probable that Israel will in the end have to exercise her rights under the UN Charter to be represented.

Israel representatives have been given to understand that there is no foundation to newspaper reports that the United States is proposing an arms embargo for all or part of the Middle East. There is a Soviet proposal for an embargo on the whole Near and Middle East including Turkey and Iran, which the United States rejects.

Israel is understood to believe that a Security Council conference such as that proposed will, at most, be able to agree on certain broad principles, and will not be a substitute for direct negotiations on outstanding disputes. The principles which in the Israel view should be endorsed, comprise the integrity and independence of states, including Israel; guarantees against changes of existing borders by force; settlement of disputes by direct negotiations; and cessation of hostile acts, blockades, and inflammatory propaganda.

#### Eban Outlines Israel's Views on the Summit Meeting

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The belief that the time has come for the United States Government to express itself with greater clarity on its security commitments to Israel was expressed here last night by Ambassador Eban on "Face the Nation," a national television program. He also called for Great Power guarantees to the Middle East states, including Israel.

He asked U.S. arms for Israel as a deterrent to aggression, on the same free basis which the United States has provided the Arab states with arms. He noted that the new regime in Iraq had benefited from vast quantities of U.S. munitions previously shipped to that country.

A summit meeting should strengthen the independence and integrity of the Middle East states, promote direct negotiations between states of that region and end indirect aggression, he said. On the chances of a direct meeting of Israel with the Arabs, Mr. Eban said Israel had always been willing and that it was up to the Arabs. A very grave threat to Israel

security would develop in the event of Jordanian collapse, Ambassador Eban said. He would not answer hypothetical questions on possible Israeli military measures in that contingency.

Questioned about a possible negotiated Middle East settlement at a UN summit meeting, Mr. Eban said he doubted whether Israel-Arab differences were really the main current problem in the region. He pointed out there was no direct connection of Israel with recent developments in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and the Sudan. He attributed major current difficulties to general anti-Western ferment.

#### BEN GURION SAYS ISRAEL MUST STRENGTHEN ITS SECURITY; REVIEWS SITUATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Israel's greatest problem is strengthening its security, Premier David Ben Gurion told a closed plenary meeting of the Jewish Agency executive in a 90-minute review of current developments in the Middle East. He underlined the government's determination to take every necessary and possible step to fortify the army and bring its equipment up to date.

At the same time, he called immigration and settlement the most urgent tasks of the Jewish people. "We need more Jews and we need them quickly," he told the Zionist leaders gathered from all parts of the world. He asked for an all-out increase in immigration from all corners of the world.

The Agency executive today appointed a nine-man committee of financial experts to draft detailed plans for the "new financial arm" which the last Zionist Actions Committee authorized to raise within the Zionist movement as additional funds for investment in Israel. The committee was instructed to bring in its plans in the shortest possible time.

As explained here, the new financial instrument will sell shares abroad in a new holding company which would invest its capital in various Israeli development projects, most of which are already paying dividends. One of the tasks of the drafting committee is to schedule the new organization's fund-raising schedule in various countries so as to avoid clashing with and undermining the United Jewish Appeal and the Israel bond drive.

#### ISRAEL CONFIRMS CESSATION OF BRITISH FLIGHTS OVER ISRAEL TO JORDAN

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The cessation of British overflights of Israel territory with troop and supply planes from Cyprus to Jordan was confirmed here today by authoritative Israeli circles.

It is understood that when the British shrugged off continued Israeli requests for an end to the violations of Israel air space, the British Ambassador was called in and told, in the firmest tones, that the flights must cease.

(In London, British defense officials disclosed today that they had established a new supply route for British forces in Jordan that would avoid Israel territory and use of Israel air space. In future supplies to Britain's paratroops in Jordan will go through the port of Akaba, on the Gulf of Akaba, overland to the interior. A contingent of supply troops arrived in Akaba to handle the shipments.)

Although, by coincidence, the final Israeli demand came on the same day the Soviet Union protested to Israel against the British action, it was stated here that there was no connection between the two developments. The Israeli demand was motivated by two interconnected factors:

1. Israel's desire to avoid further involvement in the British intervention in Jordan, particularly since Israel feels the presence of British troops in that Arab land neither prevents Jordan's disintegration nor presents a barrier to Nasser's expansion.
2. Israel's suspicion that Britain is again playing an anti-Israel game in Jordan. Commenting on London reports that Israel would march into Jordan if Hussein fell, Israeli political circles hinted that these reports constitute another British attempt to set up Israel as a bogey to convince Jordan that British troops are needed in the country to prevent an Israeli attack.

However, Israeli sources do not deny that if Jordan falls apart, Israel will be face to face with an entirely new security situation. It is felt here that in such an eventuality, Israel's actions will be determined by her own security interests.

#### UNITED NATIONS REPORTS ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The United Nations Technical Assistance board has provided to Israel projects, supplies and equipment costing a total of \$2,902,823 in the last eight years, according to figures issued here today. During that period the UN also financed fellowships for 267 Israelis who served outside their country, and at the same time sent 238 UN experts to Israel.

As its contribution to UN Technical Assistance programs, Israel has paid and pledged a total of \$323,800, has provided the UN with 53 experts and has accommodated in Israel 25 fellows sent there by the United Nations.

### GOLDMANN SAYS MID-EAST STABILIZATION NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union is an important factor in the Middle East and the West must recognize this, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Jewish Agency, declared today, adding that Middle East stabilization is not possible without Russia. This fact, he pointed out, is of utmost importance to Israel.

Addressing a press conference, Dr. Goldmann revealed that he had held three long discussions with Premier David Ben Gurion on this subject. He said differences between their views were now "minute."

Turning to other matters, the World Zionist Organization president said the Jewish Agency executive had discussed in the past few days ways and means of mobilizing the entire Jewish people to support Israel in the present regional crisis.

Dr. Goldmann also gave the press conference a brief report of the World Jewish Congress executive session in Geneva last week, at which he had presided. He underlined that for the first time in a decade, representatives from the Hungarian Jewish community and observers of the Polish Jewish community had attended the WJC session.

Despite the presence of delegations from behind the Iron Curtain, he went on, the WJC parley had adopted unanimous resolutions, reasserting the right of every Jew to migrate to Israel, and urging the Rumanian Government to enable the reunion of Jewish families split between Rumania and Israel.

Dr. Goldmann expressed the hope that Polish Jewry would re-affiliate with the World Jewish Congress and that it would be followed by other communities in Communist countries. He added the hope that ultimately such a development would lead to the opening of the door to contact with Soviet Jews.

### GOLDA MEIR ARRIVES IN PARIS; WILL CONFER WITH DE GAULLE TODAY

PARIS, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir arrived in Paris today from Switzerland where she spent a week-end resting from her recent illness. She is scheduled to confer here tomorrow with Premier Charles de Gaulle and Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville.

She was greeted at the airport by M. de Murville, Israel Ambassador Yaacov Tsur, French protocol officials and scores of newspapermen and photographers and cameramen for television and newsreels. The press this morning greeted her anticipated arrival as "one of the most important political visits" for France.

Addressing newsmen at the airport, Mrs. Meir said she was grateful to France's leaders for receiving her in a meeting which she described as "vital" for Israel. She said she was pleased, "as always," to come to France, "Israel's best and greatest friend."

Mrs. Meir's schedule tomorrow calls for luncheon with M. de Murville at the Quai d'Orsay, together with Ambassador Tsur and senior French Foreign Ministry officials. Later in the afternoon, she will confer with Gen. de Gaulle on the Middle East situation and Israel's position in relation to it.

### JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY IN DEADLOCK OVER BAN ON MIXED BATHING

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The most heated discussion to take place in the Jerusalem municipal council in the past five years ended inconclusively just before midnight tonight with a 10 to 10 tie vote on a proposal to ban mixed bathing in the new pool in Jerusalem.

The Agudas Israel, National Religious Party, Herut and General Zionists united to demand a legislative ban but were held off by the Labor parties. During the debate, Mapai Mayor Gershon Agron suggested that the municipality recommend to the management of the pool--now a Mapai-sponsored group of kibbutzim--that special days be set aside during the week for men and for women separately so that Orthodox Jews could use the pool at such times. Other days, however, he would leave for mixed bathing.

In the course of the debate, one opposition councillor admitted that mixed bathing was permitted at the Mizrahi-sponsored Kibbutz Tirat Zvi. However, he insisted that Jerusalem's special status must be observed, else Jerusalem "will lose its special place in the eyes of the world."

### PRICES OF CIGARETTES, ALCOHOL AND COOKING GAS GO UP IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A general increase in the price of cigarettes, alcohol and cooking gas went into effect throughout Israel today in the wake of an increase in customs taxes. The increase, between 10 and 15 percent, is understood to be intended to provide revenue to meet some of the needs of the current Middle East political situation.

## 6,500 JEWS LIVE TODAY IN YUGOSLAVIA, COMMUNITY LEADER REPORTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A report on the development of Yugoslav Jewry since the end of World War II, written by Dr. Albert Vajs, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia, was released here today by the World Jewish Congress. The report establishes that there are only about 6,500 Jews in Yugoslavia.

Dr. Vajs, who is a member of the executive of the World Jewish Congress, describes the change in the overall atmosphere of the community. "From a traditional religious community, the Jewish community in Yugoslavia has grown into a progressive national minority group, which renewed its Jewish life after liberation from fascist rule, and, with the assistance of the Yugoslav authorities and the support of large sections of the public, in free and voluntary cooperation with the Jewish institutions and organizations in other countries, has achieved significant results in the field of social and cultural activity."

Dr. Vajs claims that the Yugoslav Jews, "judged by their vitality, rank among the most positive Jewish communities in the present day Europe, though numerically among the smallest." Israel's pivotal role in developing Jewish culture and strengthening the bonds linking Jewish communities throughout the world, is emphasized by Dr. Vajs. Despite differences between the various communities, they regard "the State of Israel as the strongest pivot for the preservation of Jewish cultural values and a guarantee of further development," the Yugoslav leader declared.

## POLE WHO KILLED JEWS DURING NAZI OCCUPATION GOES ON TRIAL IN POLAND

VIENNA, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Joseph Kokot, a Pole accused of having killed at least 150 Jews and Poles during the Nazi occupation and of having indulged in a blood lust even without orders from the Germans, has gone on trial in Zezov, Poland, according to a report which reached here today.

Known as "The Devil," to his victims, Kokot is charged with having wiped out a Jewish family of eight persons in the village of Albigava and then followed this mass murder with the shooting of several Polish villagers. Kokot, according to the report, pleaded only "partly guilty." He admitted to several killings "on orders from higher-ups."

## KASPER ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF ANTI-SEMITIC PARTY; WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- John Kasper, notorious anti-Semite, who was released from Federal prison in Atlanta last week, today announced that he is forming a new national anti-Semitic political party which will attempt to nominate a Presidential candidate.

Kasper said the new party's objectives would include expulsion of Jews from "any kind of public life." The party was described as based on what he called "racial nationalism." It would advocate the "colonization of the Negroes to send them to Africa."

Kasper is visiting in Alabama at the home of retired Admiral John Crommelin, one of his most ardent supporters. He is meeting with leaders of various "White Citizens Councils."

## LEADERS OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS LEAVE TODAY FOR TOP-LEVEL TALKS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A group of leaders of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, representing communities from all parts of the United States and Canada, will depart by plane tomorrow for Israel to hold top-level discussions there with government and welfare agency officials. The discussions will continue for about three weeks.

The delegation is the first ever sent to Israel on an official basis by the Council, which is the national association of 213 central Jewish community organizations. Member agencies of the Council annually raise the bulk of all funds allocated to meet philanthropic needs in Israel and in the United States.

A series of intensive meetings have been scheduled to allow the Council leaders to meet with Israeli Government officials and leaders of the Jewish Agency for Israel and other welfare organizations. They are designed to give the American Jewish leaders first-hand knowledge of the problems faced by Israel in the reception of immigrants, their absorption, and in the administration of other social welfare programs. In turn, the Americans will seek to interpret to the Israelis the development and method of operation of American Jewish community organizations.

Specific topics for discussion include: the role of the Jewish Agency in meeting Israel's welfare needs, the status and problems of the Israel economy, integration of immigrants to Israel, agricultural developments, the Joint Distribution Committee-Malben program of aid to the aged and handicapped, fund-raising, health and welfare developments, vocational training, and religious institutions.

The Jewish leaders will also meet with John J. Haggerty, director of the United States Operations Mission, and his staff, on the progress of the U.S. Government program of aid to Israel. The group will be led by Herbert R. Abeles of Newark, president of the Council.