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### EISENHOWER WANTS U. N. ASSEMBLY TO DISCUSS BROAD MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower said today that a special session of the United Nations General Assembly should discuss not alone Lebanon but the broader problems of the Middle East and their underlying causes.

Pointing out that the causes of present difficulty are wider than the Lebanese situation, Mr. Eisenhower told a press conference the United States wants to discuss the whole regional situation. The President said he would attend the United Nations session if he found it necessary or desirable.

Mr. Eisenhower said the United States believed in Arab nationalism and granted diplomatic recognition to the United Arab Republic because of this belief. He stressed the need for improved living standards in the Arab world, especially, and urged legitimate economic development.

The President pointed out that the United States sought acceptance of the Eric Johnston irrigation plan but that neither the Arabs nor Israel could accept the political consequences of agreement to a scheme that would be of mutual benefit to them. He urged capital investment for private economic development and said the United States must also give aid.

### U.S. MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO RESUME FLIGHTS OVER ISRAEL TO JORDAN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Arrangements are being made in Israel for the resumption of American flights across Israeli territory to supply British troops in Jordan, it was understood here today following yesterday's meeting between Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and Acting Secretary of State Christian Herter.

Mr. Eban, accompanied by Shimon Peres, director general of Israel's Defense Ministry, called yesterday on Mansfield Sprague, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security. They also called on Rear Admiral C. K. Bergin, Director of Regional Affairs at the Pentagon. They discussed security affairs in the Middle East with both American officials. Ranking members of Congress and military officers of the U.S. forces attended a luncheon in honor of Mr. Peres tendered today by Ambassador Eban.

#### Israeli Officials Mum on Reports of Agreement on Overflights

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Israeli officials refused today to discuss press reports that Israel had agreed to the resumption of the British airlift of men and supplies from Cyprus to Jordan over Israel territory.

These officials drew questioners' attention to a statement issued by Ambassador Abba Eban in Washington yesterday after his meeting with Acting Secretary of State Christian Herter. The essence of that statement was that there had been no change in Israel's policy on overflights.

The newspaper Maariv reported that on Tuesday afternoon an American jet plane had entered Israel airspace, crossing Kibbutz Menara en route from Lebanon to Jordan.

Privately, Israel sources do not rule out the possibility of an official change in policy as far as overflights are concerned. It is felt that the policy is subject to wide political negotiations. However, it does not seem connected to Israel's efforts to obtain arms from the West.

The impression here is that Israel has made some progress in Washington and London in its arms quest. However, Israeli observers, recalling past optimism, are skeptical about the final outcome.

### AMERICANS BELIEVE U.S. WOULD NOT REJECT ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR ARMS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The hope that the United States would not turn down Israel's present request for arms was expressed today in American circles here. The general feeling among Americans here is that Shimon Peres, Director General of Israel's Ministry of Defense who is now visiting the United States, will not return empty handed from Washington

## ISRAEL PRESENTS ITS VIEWS ON JORDAN SITUATION TO BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

LONDON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan today conferred for more than an hour with Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath on Israel's stand toward the situation in Jordan and the Anglo-American attempts to bolster the present regime there.

The conference took place at the request of the Israel Ambassador, while in the British press and in some political circles criticism was voiced of Israel's insistence that Britain end flights over Israel by supply planes en route to Jordan. It is understood that the explanations given by Mr. Elath to the British Prime Minister were along the following lines:

1. Israel considers that Jordan has been virtually lost to the West and, therefore, sees no point in helping Britain maintain the Hussein regime for a very short duration. Israel does not dare to risk having British arms fall into the hands of an Arab army which is still at war with Israel. It cannot, therefore, permit further British overflights over her territory. Israel would, however, reconsider its decision in the event of an emergency.

2. Israel does not "at present" contemplate any military move against Jordan's western bank (the Palestine territory occupied by Jordan in 1948) nor against any other strategic Jordan territory. Israel, however, reserves all its rights in the event of a partition of Jordan by the Arab States or a takeover of the country by President Nasser's United Arab Republic.

3. Israel urgently requires arms to bolster her security and wants to purchase British arms "on a purely commercial basis" to enable her to withstand the pressure of an anticipated encirclement by the Nasser forces.

The Macmillan-Elath meeting today was backgrounded by mounting political excitement and a spate of rumors in the press and in Whitehall circles. An alleged Israeli "operational plan" to march to the west bank of the Jordan and occupy former Palestine territory is being widely rumored. The London Daily Mail reported that Israel Premier Ben Gurion "has urged British Ambassador Sir Francis Rundell to agree to a partition plan for Jordan as a minimum solution for the present severe crisis."

Anthony Nutting, former British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, called for a "get tough policy towards Israel. He urged that Britain, with the strongest American backing, should inform Ben Gurion that unless Israel grants clearance for British withdrawal and for the evacuation of King Hussein, Britain will send aircraft with fighter protection across Israeli territory and any interference by Israelis would be considered an act of war."

A can of beer symbolized for many Britishers today the political and logistic isolation of Britain in the Middle East. The report here that beer has been rationed to one can a day for each of the 3,000 paratroopers in Jordan has brought home to the British public, as no other single factor could have done, the difficult position in which the British find themselves in the Middle East now.

While Labor Party spokesmen called for a "complete reappraisal" of British policy and the Laborite London Daily Mirror editorially advised the Government today to come to terms with Egyptian President Gamel Abdel Nasser who is "the dominating Arab figure," and rule out armed intervention in the Middle East, Tory backbenchers called for a "tough" policy to compel Israel to provide transit facilities for supplies for the British Forces in Jordan.

## GOLDA MEIR EMPHASIZES IN PARIS ISRAEL'S NEED FOR DEFENSIVE ARMS

PARIS, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Israel's desire for peace and her need for defensive arms were emphasized here today by Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir at a crowded press conference.

Asked a direct question whether French Premier Charles de Gaulle or Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville had promised her arms, the Israeli Foreign Minister avoided a direct reply. Instead, she expressed Israel's desire to maintain a balance of arms which had now been upset.

She pointed out that the Arabs had threatened to push Israel into the sea, a threat which Israel took seriously and which was lent ominous weight by Egypt's possession of an underwater fleet which rendered unsafe the sea, Israel's last unthreatened frontier.

Mrs. Meir stressed that Israel will never draw back to her 1948 borders which, she underlined, had been invalidated in the Arab invasion of the Jewish State. Israel will not give up an inch of her territory, just as she had no intention of taking Arab territory, the Foreign Minister stressed.

Asked about overflights of British troop and supply planes, Mrs. Meir declared they had been allowed only when the situation was critical. She dismissed as "hypothetical" a question whether permission would be given under Western pressure. She was asked what Israel's attitude would be toward the presence of Iraqi troops in Jordan. Her reply was that security was the Jewish State's first concern and that the presence of Iraqi troops in neighboring Jordan would be dealt with if it occurred. At the same time, she emphasized the close ties between Israel and France.

# ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER TO DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST WITH ITALIAN PREMIER

ROME, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Mrs. Golda Meir is due to arrive here at the end of the week to start talks on the Middle East situation with Premier Amintore Fanfani.

Premier Fanfani told the Chamber of Deputies here today that Mrs. Meir had asked him for the meeting. The Israel Foreign Minister is now in Paris conducting important political discussions with top French statesmen and is expected to remain here till Saturday.

# UNITED JEWISH APPEAL STRONGLY LAUDED IN SENATE FOR AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal was highly praised in the Senate today by a number of leading Senators of the Republican and Democratic parties who called for maximum support of the UJA and lauded American Jewry for its financial contributions to Israel and to needy Jewish communities overseas.

Sen. Herbert H. Humphrey, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Near Eastern Subcommittee, a Minnesota Democrat, said the Senate should encourage support of the United Jewish Appeal and other such undertakings. He termed Israel America's "only really dependable ally in the Middle East."

Sen. Alexander Wiley, Wisconsin Republican and ranking Republican on the Foreign Relations Committee, said of UJA supporters: "I take my hat off to the selfless devotion of the people who are giving to sustain this friendly land (Israel)." He said the UJA should be praised. He pointed out that support of Israel contributed to America's self-preservation.

Sen. Paul Douglas, Illinois Democrat, called for resettlement of Arabs in Arab countries and noted that Arabs readmitted to Israel in large numbers might constitute a fifth column. He suggested a guarantee of existing borders. Sen. Joseph S. Clark, Pennsylvania Democrat, associated himself with the views of colleagues in support of Israel and the UJA.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits told the Senate that recent anti-Israel statements by Sen. Ralph Flanders, Republican of Vermont, "are so susceptible to exploitation by bigots here and elsewhere that they cannot be allowed to go unanswered." He strongly lauded the UJA and refuted allegations by Sen. Flanders against Israel.

# JEWISH AGENCY ISSUES CALL TO WORLD JEWRY TO BOLSTER ISRAEL'S SECURITY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The "supreme task" of the Zionist movement is to rally Jewry to the cause of Israel's security and integrity, which are of central significance for the future of the Jewish people, the Jewish Agency executive declared here today in a statement published at the conclusion of four days of plenary deliberation.

The statement stressed that world Jewry's efforts must be directed toward assisting Israel primarily in the sphere of immigration and settlement, for which Jewry is directly responsible.

Reporting on its reappraisal of the task of the Zionist movement "in the light of the dramatic changes which have placed the Middle East in the forefront of world attention," the Agency executive declared: "Although the prevailing calm here is evidence of Israel's self-confidence, the changes have created a new situation of tension and uncertainty whose consequences can be most far-reaching.

"The citizens of Israel," the statement continues, "are preoccupied with the heavy growing burden of defense and security and cannot be expected to carry the additional load of immigration, settlement and absorption costs and the Jewish people are called on to increase their financial efforts to the greatest possible proportions. We have entered a new period when the entire Jewish people must be fully aware of the gravity of the problems facing Israel."

In this connection, it called for strengthening Israel through immigration and settlement. In conclusion, the statement pledged the Jewish people to "do all in their power to develop Israel, consolidate its integrity and independence."

# LEADING PAPER IN INDIA URGES ARABS TO CONCLUDE PEACE WITH ISRAEL

NEW DELHI, India, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The Times of India, commenting on the Middle East crisis, writes that "if there is an irresistible case for recognizing and supporting Arab nationalism there is an equally impressive case for insisting on a more realistic Arab acceptance of the fact of Israel."

"To insist that Israel is a threat to Arab nationalism is ridiculous," continued the paper. "Israel's desire for peaceful negotiations has yet to be answered by a similar desire on the part of the Arabs. Reference to 'liquidating' Israel have more than anything else created the impression of an intolerant, aggressive and uncompromising nationalism that might not unreasonably cause apprehension beyond the limited and uneasy boundaries of Israel. If Arab nationalism wishes to be recognized as a responsible and constructive force, it must prove its willingness to live in peace with Israel."

## JEWISH WAR VETERANS CHARGE U.S. TOBACCO FIRM WITH BOYCOTTING ISRAEL

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The British-American Tobacco Company and its American subsidiary, the Brown Williamson Tobacco Company, were accused here today at the 63rd annual convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S. of yielding to Arab pressure to boycott the State of Israel.

In a "White Paper" submitted to the convention, the foreign affairs committee of the Jewish veterans organization emphasized that the British American Tobacco Company remains one of the few major corporations in international trade which has admittedly changed its trade policies as a result of Arab pressures to boycott Israel.

In describing the JWV investigation of the policies of the British-American Tobacco Company, the White Paper said that the company "attempted to create a smokescreen to conceal its motives in cutting off trade for Israel. Such cowardice and deceit in international trade should be exposed and every effort should be made to prevent their companies from appeasing those Arab nations which seek to permeate their medieval trade practices throughout the world. While many firms and governments throughout the world have resisted Arab approaches to boycott Israel and knuckle under to the Arab intimidations and threats, some companies, among them the British-American Tobacco Company, have capitulated to such pressures."

The White Paper offered the following conclusions after a two-year investigation of the operations of the British-American Tobacco Company and its American subsidiaries: 1. Open admission that British-American was yielding to Arab pressure should be made public knowledge. 2. Efforts by Brown and Williamson to relieve itself of responsibility for its refusal to ship cigarettes to Israel should be denounced as an attempt to deceive the American people. Brown and Williamson, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of British-American should not be permitted to weasel out of its responsibility for cooperating with the immoral Arab boycott, the White Paper stated.

(High officials of the Brown and Williamson Tobacco Company, when contacted by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at the company's headquarters in Louisville, Ky., said they had no comment on the charges of the Jewish War Veterans.)

## WORLD JEWISH STUDENT PARLEY DECIDES TO COUNTERACT ARAB PROPAGANDA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- The World Union of Jewish Students, meeting here at its 12th conference, decided today to launch an intensive drive to counter anti-Israel misinformation spread by Arab student propagandists on campuses throughout the world.

The 80 delegates representing student organizations in 20 countries also set up a special fund to finance visits to Israel by students from African and Asian countries. Another resolution stressed the need to establish contact with Jewish students in Eastern Europe. Although the union was non-political, Soviet bloc countries had denied it contact with fellow Jewish students.

## LITTLE BIAS AGAINST JEWS IN EMPLOYMENT REPORTED IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6. (JTA) -- Jews are the least discriminated against in employment among the so-called minority groups in San Francisco, according to a study just completed by the Council of Civic Unity under a grant from the Columbia Foundation.

The report, based on a study of the 1955-56 situation, was said to reflect the current situation substantially. It declared that Negroes, Orientals and persons of Latin American origin were most discriminated against in that order. The report also noted discrimination against Catholics by various firms in the city.

The report established that firms which were largely Jewish-owned or managed did not give preferential treatment to Jews in employment and advancement. A second part of the report will survey the situation in San Francisco in relation to hospital, health facilities, housing and public accommodations for minority elements.

## ATLANTIC CITY BANK INSTITUTES INSTALMENT PAYMENTS ON ISRAEL BONDS

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Aug. 6. (JTA) -- An Atlantic City bank announced today it would make loans to prospective purchasers of Israel Bonds to enable them to effect the purchase and would take repayment in weekly instalments.

Elwood F. Kirkman, president of the Boardwalk National Bank, said his bank would lend up to 75 percent of the face value to prospective Israel Bond buyers. To acquire a \$1,000 Israel Bond, Mr. Kirkman said the buyer will be required to pay \$250 in cash and he can then take a loan of \$750 from the bank.

"The bond will be sent immediately to the purchaser and he will be able to draw interest from the beginning. He will repay the bank for the \$750 at the rate of \$15 per week, plus interest and bookkeeping costs." The bank president is a member of the Christian Committee for State of Israel Bonds.