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## EUROPE'S CAPITALS RECEPTIVE TO ISRAEL'S VIEWS, GOLDA MEIR REPORTS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Returning today from a three-week tour of Europe's capitals, Foreign Minister Golda Meir reported that it was far easier on this trip to explain Israel's position in relation to Middle East developments than during previous contacts with Western leaders.

Among the men with whom she conferred on this trip were: French Premier Charles de Gaulle and his Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville; Italian Premier Amintore Fanfani, and British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd.

Two major factors made it easier to explain Israel's stake, she said: Israel's stability in a restless area and her military and socio-economic strength. Problems which even a year ago seemed unexplainable to foreign statesmen are now readily accepted. From this experience, she said, she had deduced that Israel must increase both her economic and military strength and the stronger and more stable she becomes the more obvious this will be to the world.

Mrs. Meir was met at the airport by diplomats, officials of the Foreign Ministry and government leaders. She went to Jerusalem for a meeting of the Cabinet to present her detailed report.

## ISRAEL SPENT \$1,000,000 ON MILITARY NEEDS IN TEN YEARS, ESHKOL REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Israel has spent one billion dollars in its ten years of existence to build and equip its armed services, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol tonight told the opening session of the first international Israel Bond conference ever held in Jerusalem. Three hundred and fifty delegates from the United States, Canada and Latin America are attending. (Premier Ben Gurion was scheduled to address the conference later tonight.)

Mr. Eshkol said that in the absence of such sources of funds as the bond organization, Israel would not have been able to push her economic development at its present pace because of the tremendous needs of the defense establishment. "Israel bonds," he said, "enabled us to press forward with development while we used our own resources for our security."

After reviewing development progress year by year, the Finance Minister said that the crucial problems faced by Israel in the past would be overshadowed by even graver problems in the near future. He noted that the Egyptian-dominated Arab alliance is increasing in strength while arms pour into the neighboring Arab states in an unabated flow.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice president of the Israel Bond Organization, reported that in its seven years of existence the bond drive had netted Israel \$347,640,000--one-third of the total Israel budget for development purposes during that period. Ira Guilden, New York Jewish leader who presided over the opening session, reported that \$24,000,000 worth of bonds had already been sold this year toward a goal of \$75,000,000.

## BRITISH GOVERNMENT REPORTED AGREEING TO SELL DEFENSIVE ARMS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Britain has definitely agreed to supply Israel with defensive arms, it was reported here today by well informed sources. The report arose in connection with the arrival here of Shimon Peres, director general of Israel's Defense Ministry, who is said to have come to discuss the types and quantities of arms to be acquired.

These well informed circles believe that Israel is attempting to obtain anti-submarine weapons, anti-tank rockets, heavy artillery and armored equipment. It is understood that the basic agreement for the provision of arms was reached between Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir during her recent visit to London.

Mr. Peres, accompanied by Ambassador Eliahu Elath, called today at the Defense Ministry. He is scheduled to make a call at the Admiralty tomorrow.

## AMERICAN JEWISH FEDERATIONS LEADERS COMPLETE WIDE STUDY IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- A delegation of American Jewish welfare fund and federation leaders completed today an 18-day visit to the State of Israel which their leader, Herbert Abeles, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, called "exceptionally constructive." This was the first delegation sent by the CJFWF to Israel since the country's establishment.

Mr. Abeles asserted that as a result of talks between the American communal leaders and officials he felt the CJFWF "should be able to work more closely with Israeli officials who are responsible for the most effective use of the funds which federations transmit through the United Jewish Appeal and other channels."

The delegation's impressions of Israel and the recommendations it will make will be developed in a written report to some 800 American Jewish communities. Members of the delegation were chiefly interested in Israel's movement toward economic independence. Their discussions with responsible Israeli officials were centered about how this development will affect the amount of assistance required from American Jewry.

Mr. Abeles said that the reparations income due Israel from Germany and the repayments which Israel must make within the next four or five years on bonds sold since 1951 were the background of the talks. The Americans held some 25 separate talks with top Israeli officials in the past two and a half weeks, including two long conferences with Premier David Ben Gurion.

## AMERICAN-FINANCED COMPANIES START OIL DRILLING OPERATIONS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Oil drilling operations were begun today by two American-financed companies, Pan-Israel Oil Company and Israel-Mediterranean Petroleum, 20 miles southeast of Tel Aviv. The well, which will be drilled to a depth of 13,000 feet, is located on a 98,000-acre petroleum concession jointly owned by these companies.

According to Mr. H. I. Harris, chief geologist for Pan-Israel and Israel-Mediterranean, the drilling site is the result of ten months of intensive seismograph studies using special American crews and equipment brought to Israel by the companies in August, 1957.

Mr. Harris advised that the joint venture by Pan-Israel and Israel-Mediterranean will seek oil in the Heletz sands, which now produce approximately 2,000 barrels daily from 20 wells in the nearby Heletz field, and will also investigate deeper prospective reservoirs. He said the well will require approximately three months to reach its total depth.

The completion of the Ashdot-Haifa oil pipeline and the arrival at the Haifa Refineries of the first oil via the pipeline was hailed in ceremonies today in Haifa.

## U. N. RESOLUTION ON MIDDLE EAST CRITICIZED IN CANADIAN PARLIAMENT

OTTAWA, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The Arab-sponsored resolution on the Middle East which was adopted last week by the emergency session of the United Nations General Assembly failed to reach the crux of the problem in the Middle East--agreement between Israel and the Arab countries, it was reported in Parliament here today by Sydney Smith, Minister for External Affairs. His view was supported by Lester Pearson, former Minister for External Affairs, who won the Nobel Prize for peace.

Mr. Smith, who returned from the United Nations session, told . . . Parliament that there was "reason to hope that the cordial relations now established between the Arab states will be carried forward into their individual and collective relations with non-Arab states of the region."

He said he had deduced this from "remarks of some of the Arab leaders representing several of the Arab countries" and that he looked upon that possibility "as a result which can logically flow" from the Assembly deliberations. He added that "in some measure I expect it from activities which the Secretary General will shortly undertake in this area."

(The New York Times reported today from Beirut that the adoption by the General Assembly of the Arabs' resolution to settle their family quarrels is bringing the problem of Israel back into the spotlight. "Comment here indicates some minds are turning toward the idea that the Arab agreement will make it possible to liquidate the conflict with Israel not through peace but through superior strength by union among the Arab countries," the report says. "Along with applause for the resumption of friendship among the Arab states there are suggestions that now is the time to think again of crushing Israel.")

## ISRAEL HAS ONE DOCTOR FOR EVERY 425 INHABITANTS; SURPASSES U. S.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Israel, with one doctor for every 425 inhabitants, has more doctors per capita than any other country in the world and more are needed, delegates to the Fourth World Assembly of the Israel Medical Association were told here.

Israel's supply of physicians was compared with that of the United States, France and Britain with ratios of one doctor for 700, 900 and 1,000 inhabitants, respectively.

## BONN CHARGED WITH GIVING DISTORTED PICTURE OF INDEMNIFICATION PAYMENTS

DUSSELDORF, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The German people has been given a distorted picture of Bonn indemnification payments in an official report, the Allgemeine Wochenzeitung der Juden charged today.

An editorial in the Jewish organ takes issue with the fact that the official government Bulletin reported recently that by the end of the current fiscal year victims of Nazism will have been paid 7,000,000,000 deutschmarks, "one-fifth of this year's total Federal budget."

The distortion lies in the fact that the seven billion mark total, (approximately \$1,750,000,000) was paid out over a total of several years, not in this fiscal year as implied, the editorial points out. In addition, the sum includes funds paid out by the various states as well as the Federal Government. An additional distortion is created by the government's failure to point out that indemnification payments to victims of the Nazis make up but a fraction of the Hitler war costs to the German people, the newspaper underlines.

### German Trade Unions Charge Government with Paying Pensions to Ex-Nazis

BONN, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The Trade Union movement of Lower Saxony in West Germany today accused the Federal Government of spending "millions of marks" in grants and pensions on "murderers and killers," listing 51 former Nazis and "enemies of democracy" as receiving such benefits.

The charges were made in a brochure which cited several cases. They revealed that Paul Koerner, former assistant to Herman Goering, who, the brochure charged, was receiving a pension of \$500 a month. Also that Egger Reeder, former SS leader responsible for massive deportations from Belgium, was given a cash grant of \$7,000 in back pay, and a monthly pension of \$400.

The widow of Reinhard Heydrich, former Gestapo chief, who conducted the examination of Jews, has received since 1950 a large pension although she owns a prosperous boarding house, the brochure asserted.

## VERDICT IN TRIAL OF NAZIS WHO KILLED 5,000 JEWS EXPECTED THIS WEEK

ULM, Germany, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Officials of the court in which a group of former Gestapo and SS members of the Tilsit Einsatz Commando are being tried for the murder of more than 5,000 men, women and children, indicated today that a verdict could be expected on August 29.

Most of the concluding testimony consisted of pleas by the ten defendants that they had acted under orders and in "good faith." Most of them also stressed that they were aware of the burden of "moral guilt" they had placed on themselves.

Werner Hersmann, the Tilsit SS leader, declared he was "deeply ashamed" to have become one of Hitler's "instruments and that he bowed his head "in guilt before the victims of the Jewish people." Hersmann, for whom the prosecution has asked a life sentence, pleaded he had had enough time to repent, declaring that since 1945 he had been detained in 18 internment camps and 19 prisons, serving 10 years and five months.

Preliminary investigation in preparation for the forthcoming trial of a number of Nazi guards and SS leaders at the Mauthausen concentration camp is expected to continue into the fall, the prosecutor's office here announced today. It is believed that the main trial will get under way early next year.

Chief defendant will be SS leader Karl Chmielewski. Evidence against him has been amassed from the testimony of more than 100 witnesses already questioned. Other Mauthausen guards have been turned over to the authorities in Cologne and Bonn for trial.

## DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS IN EMPLOYMENT REPORTED IN CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Discrimination against Jews seeking employment in firms owned by non-Jews is "a widespread problem" in this area, according to a report submitted here to a state commission investigating the status of civil rights in Ohio.

The evidence of discrimination was submitted to Gov. O'Neill's Advisory Commission on Civil Rights by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Cincinnati. The Governor's commission sat here to discuss questions involving employment of minority groups in the area. The commission was set up last April to study the status of civil rights in Ohio. It has made employment discrimination its first order of business.

Testimony submitted by the Jewish group noted that religious discrimination in employment is often practiced subtly, sometimes taking the forms of hiring Jews within only certain departments of a firm, as well as denial of equal promotional opportunities.

It was noted that the reluctance of aggrieved job applicants to lodge formal complaints has tended to obscure the extent of discrimination. Information was also cited which indicated that the presence of Fair Employment Practice laws tends to substantially decrease the frequency with which job applicants are questioned about their religious affiliation.

# ADMIRAL RICKOVER ACTS AS EISENHOWER'S REPRESENTATIVE ON "NAUTILUS"

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Rear Admiral Hyman Rickover, son of a Jewish immigrant who pioneered the Navy's work in nuclear ship propulsion, was compensated today for a snub by Washington officials earlier this month when he was not invited to the White House for President Eisenhower's presentation of a medal to Commander William R. Anderson, skipper of the atomic-powered submarine Nautilus.

Today Admiral Rickover, who is referred to as "the father of the atomic submarine," boarded the Nautilus here as personal representative of President Eisenhower to share the greetings given by New York to the craft's daring crew which completed the historic voyage through the Arctic Ocean, crossing under the North Pole and thereby marking a new age in man's development. The Congress, which was greatly displeased with the "passing over" of Admiral Rickover at the White House reception, last week voted a gold medal for the admiral in recognition of his work. New York City will present medallions to Adm. Rickover and Comdr. Anderson tomorrow.

There have been indications that the repeated snubs by high Navy officers and the withholding of his promotion to Vice Admiral was due to the fact that he is a Jew. This has been denied by Assistant Navy Secretary Richard Jackson in a letter to the House Armed Services Committee.

Admiral Rickover, according to a statement this week by his father, an 83-year-old Jewish tailor of Chicago, is interested in Jewish problems and contributes to Jewish philanthropic institutions. He was born in the town of Makova, near Flock, in Poland, and was brought to this country as a boy of 6. He studied at Annapolis, from which he graduated in 1922 with the highest honors. He was later sent by the Navy to study at Columbia University as an electrical engineer and has been with the Navy since.

## JEWS IN SO. AFRICA MOURN DEATH OF PREMIER; BACKED JEWISH EQUALITY

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of South Africa mourned today Johannes G. Strijdom, Nationalist Prime Minister who died yesterday at the age of 65. Mr. Strijdom's term of office was characterized by a marked friendliness toward Israel and a cordiality toward the Jewish community backed by a strongly-worded guarantee, scrupulously observed, of its equal position among the white population of this country.

A message of condolence by Edel Horvitz, chairman of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, broadcast today over the national radio service, called the Prime Minister's "last heroic battle" to carry out his public duties in the face of ill health "typical of his fortitude and devotion."

Chief Rabbi Louis I. Rabinowitz, in a statement late yesterday at the dedication of a new youth center adjoining the Great Synagogue of this city, spoke of the Prime Minister as a man who filled the Biblical qualifications of a ruler who "kept God's word at his hand and often turned to it for guidance."

Before he became Prime Minister, Mr. Strijdom publicly welcomed the establishment of the State of Israel and on Israel's first birthday he represented the then Prime Minister Daniel F. Malan at the Israel Embassy reception here, voicing the Nationalist government's friendship for the Jewish State.

In his first interview with the JTA after his accession to the Prime Ministership in 1954, Mr. Strijdom, one of the architects of the current policy of apartheid, stated: "The rights of the Jews as full and equal citizens in South Africa with all other sections of the white population remain the same under my government as under all previous governments of the Union."

## FIRST LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUES OPENED

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- The first Latin American conference of representatives of Conservative synagogues opened here last night in the Great Hall of Sociedad Hebraica Argentina. Delegations participating in this session, which has been hailed as a major step toward strengthening Jewish consciousness in South America, included Conservative leaders from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Panama, Uruguay. There were also delegates from the United States and Israel who were invited as guests.

The U.S. delegation is headed by Dr. Abraham Heschel, noted Conservative thinker and professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who delivered the major address at last night's opening on the fundamental problems of the Western Jew. Other speakers included Maz Mazar Barnett, president of Congregacion Israelita Argentina; Emilio Gutkin, president of the Buenos Aires Jewish Community Council; Dr. Guillermo Schleisinger, leading Liberal Rabbi in Buenos Aires; Dr. Alfredo Hirschberg, Brazilian community leader, and Dr. Ernst Simon, Israeli philosopher.

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION IN ISRAEL CLOSES; HAD \$600,000 VISITORS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (JTA) -- Some 600,000 persons visited the Israel Tenth Anniversary exhibition at the Binanei Haumah buildings here during the 77 days it was open, officials reported. Mayor Gershon Agron formally closed the exhibition today.