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### U. S. TO CONTINUE BILATERAL AID PROGRAMS IN MIDDLE EAST, DULLES SAYS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The United States Government definitely envisages Israel's situation as equal to that of the Arab states in current United Nations planning concerning both political and economic affairs in the Middle East, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles declared here at a luncheon given in his honor by the United Nations Correspondents Association.

Asked to comment on the fact that the Russians in recent statements concerning the Middle East have spoken often of "the Arab Middle East," Mr. Dulles replied: "That expression, I suppose, reflects the will of the Soviet Union to create the impression among the Arab countries that it is anti-Israel. They think they would gain political advantage from that attitude. On the other side of the coin, we can recall that the Soviet Union was pro-Israel in 1947 but they seem to think now that the other side is more beneficial for them.

"True, it is obvious that in regard to economic aid, various countries must decide for themselves whether they want it or not, but the principles of the non-use of force and of non-aggression must have general applicability to the entire area, and not merely to one sector of the region," Mr. Dulles emphasized.

Asked the meaning of a statement he made in his General Assembly address last Thursday to the effect that the United States intends "to carry forward its existing development programs" in the Middle East, the Secretary said:

"We expect to keep going the Export-Import Bank, the Development Fund and other instruments of that type, apart from the regional, universal plans for economic activity in the Middle East. As to whether the regional plan should monopolize the economic program in the Middle East--there is only one answer: we believe that the regional plan should not do away with the bilateral programs. We believe that all avenues should be kept open."

### GOLDA MEIR ARRIVES IN NEW YORK; LAUDS SENDING OF U. S. TROOPS TO LEBANON

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The American landing of troops in Lebanon helped the security of all states in the Middle East region, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, declared here upon her arrival to attend the current session of the United Nations General Assembly.

"All countries in the region are aided whenever any country in the Middle East finds that it has friends who are willing to assist in case of trouble," she said, referring to the U.S. troops in Lebanon. "Such help contributes toward the easing of tension in the entire region."

The Jewish people, she stressed, have been both aware of the seriousness of the Middle East situation and calm at the same time. "During these past few months, she said, "the people in our country have certainly been cautious about the situation affecting the region. But at the same time they did not allow the gravity of the situation to influence their daily work nor to affect their life in the slightest. There was absolutely no fear or panic among the people.

"Our population of course was not unaware that serious consequences to our country's security might have followed the recent situation," she continued. "Our people are sensitive to the international situation and our country's position. They are also aware, however, that we have many friends in the world who are anxious about our security and who see eye-to-eye with Israel in evaluating the Middle East situation."

Asked about Israel's program for the current General Assembly session, Mrs. Meir replied: "I cannot foresee any problems for us in the Assembly this year. At least I hope there will be none. Of course, we are part of the world and anything that affects our region of the world affects us as well."

### Hammarskjold Sends Aide to Jordan for Stabilization Talks

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Pier Pasquale Spinelli, United Nations Under Secretary in charge of the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, was named this week-end by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold to head a group of UN officials who will proceed this week to Jordan for consultations with King Hussein in connection with the UN decision to seek stabilization in the Middle East. Mr. Spinelli was a career diplomat in the Italian Foreign Service before entering UN service.

## ITALIAN PREMIER ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO VISIT ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES

ROME, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Premier and Foreign Minister Amintore Fanfani, concluding a foreign policy debate in the Italian Senate this week-end, announced his intention of visiting Israel as well as the United Arab Republic and stressed that his government hopes to strengthen its traditional policies of friendship with Israel and the Arab states while at the same time holding fast to its Western alliances.

The Premier noted that his government's activities in the Middle Eastern theatre were being followed with interest by Israel, the Arab states and United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. He emphasized that Italy had "never suggested" its services as mediator and owed its success to the "frankness and clarity" with which it had stated its position.

### News of Forthcoming Visit of Italian Premier Welcomed in Israel

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Top Israeli circles welcomed today Italian Premier Amintore Fanfani's forthcoming visit to Israel and his statement that the trip was not connected with any plans to mediate between the Jewish State and its Arab neighbors. This was hailed here as proof that Italy's conduct is a "balanced policy of friendship between Israel and the Arab states."

Premier Fanfani's visit to Israel was announced within 24 hours after Rome's acceptance of an invitation from United Arab Republic President Nasser to come to Cairo. Israelis feel that rather than desiring to offer his services as a mediator, the Italian Premier is interested in underscoring Italy's interest in the Middle East and to establish personal contacts with leaders in the Middle Eastern countries.

## ISRAEL GOVERNMENT PUBLISHES LIST OF TAX EVADERS SENTENCED BY COURT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The Income Tax Division of the Israel Treasury was the target of brisk criticism today for publishing in many Israel newspapers a large advertisement listing tax evaders who have been sentenced by the courts.

The advertisements listed each evader's name, address, charges and court fines. Those who criticized the action of the Treasury pointed out that publicizing the names of convicted evaders amounted to a second punishment for one offense. Also that the lists seemed restricted to medium and small tax evaders. There was considerable popular questioning as to "what's happening to the big evaders?"

## ISRAELI RABBIS ASK GOVERNMENT TO RESCIND REGULATIONS ON JEWISH IDENTITY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- A national rabbinical conference of 2,000 Israeli Orthodox leaders called on the Israel Government today to rescind its regulations allowing any individual to identify himself as a Jew for purposes of registration and allowing private, non-religious-sponsored burial societies to operate.

The parley, which was addressed by Israel's two Chief Rabbis--Isaac Herzog and Itzhak Nissim--warned the government that these "anti-religious moves" would alienate Jewry abroad and undermine Jewish unity. It fervently pleaded that these actions would destroy the "uniqueness" of Israel by an excess of secularism.

The issue of "who is a Jew," which surrounded the registration regulations, split the Israel coalition government some months ago and resulted in the National Religious Party walking out of the Cabinet, leaving Premier David Ben Gurion to govern with a bare majority. The regulation divesting the rabbinate of monopoly control of burial societies followed a wave of indignation when a child of mixed parentage who had died was refused burial in a Jewish cemetery.

## JEWS FORCED BY NAZIS TO WEAR YELLOW "MOGENDAVID" SEEK COMPENSATION

VIENNA, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Communities of Austria announced today that claims had been filed with the Austrian Government for more than \$1,200,000 in compensation for Jews forced to wear the Star of David on their clothing during the Nazi regime in Austria.

Community leaders estimated that there were more than 5,000 Austrian Jews each of whom was seeking the equivalent of \$240 in compensation for having been singled out for humiliation by the post-Anschluss regime in Austria. Other claims have been advanced in behalf of Jews forced to give up jobs, careers and studies as a result of Nazi persecution.

The community leaders further announced that some 1,500 Jews who ended up in Shanghai under internment by the Japanese plus thousands of others interned in Italy, Rumania, Hungary and Slovakia after fleeing Nazism in Austria were asking lump sum compensation amounting in aggregate to some \$4,400,000. Also, several hundred Jews who survived the Nazi terror until the Liberation in 1945 by hiding underground seek compensation of \$14 a month for the time they were living in hiding.

# BOON ORDERED TO PAY PENSIONS SEIZED BY NAZIS FROM JEWISH EXECUTIVES

BERLIN, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The Supreme Restitution Court, consisting of German and Western judges under the chairmanship of a Swedish judge, ruled this week-end that pensions seized by the Nazi regime from Jewish executives in private industry must be returned by the West German Government.

The ruling came on a plea by Mrs. Clara Birnholz of Putnam Valley, New York, who claimed pension benefits due her late husband, Dr. James Birnholz who retired in 1932 as an executive of Allgemeine Elektrizitaets Gesellschaft, a leading German electrical equipment firm. His pension was halted when he fled Germany in 1939 and in 1942 the firm was ordered to pay the Nazi Government the capitalized value of his pension.

The Supreme Restitution Court ruled that Mrs. Birnholz was entitled to pension payments worth approximately \$4,900 plus 25 percent interest on claims for five and one-quarter years from 1940 on. The private firm had resumed payments in 1950 until Dr. Birnholz' death in 1956. The widow made no claim on the company.

However, the ruling said that the company was obligated to continue the payments for the years not covered by the restitution decision (between 1945 and 1950). Mrs. Birnholz said that she and her husband had been pressing the claim for 18 years. It is believed that there are many persons now living in the United States who would benefit from the restitution court's decision.

# POLAND ANNOUNCES TRIAL OF NAZI WHO DIRECTED MASS MURDER OF JEWS

VIENNA, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The trial of Erich Koch, former Nazi Commissioner in the Ukraine, who directed the mass-annihilation of tens of thousands of Jews during the Nazi occupation of the Ukraine, will open in Warsaw on October 20, it was announced today by the Warsaw radio.

The trial is expected to last about three weeks. During the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials, it was testified that on Koch's orders Jews were executed in the Ukraine twice a month. Koch is especially responsible for the mass murder of many thousands of Jews in the city of Rovno, where he maintained his headquarters.

Koch was arrested in the British zone of Germany after the fall of the Nazi regime where he was working as a farm hand under an assumed name. He was handed over in 1950 to the Polish authorities to be tried in Poland as a war criminal. Several dates were set in Warsaw for his trial, but they were postponed because of his ill health. Medical authorities, who have visited him in the prison hospital in Warsaw, established that he is able to stand trial, the Warsaw radio reported.

# FRENCH EX-COMMISSIONER FOR JEWISH AFFAIRS UNDER NAZIS ATTACKS ISRAEL

PARIS, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- A slashing attack on Israel has been published by the anti-Semitic weekly "Aspects de France" in an editorial written by Xavier Vallat, one time Commissioner for Jewish Affairs in the puppet Petain Government of France.

Vallat, responsible for most of the anti-Jewish legislation of the Vichy regime, hit the "opportunism and fanaticism" of the State of Israel. He alleged various Jewish "sins" had been committed in Israel.

# JEWS IN GERMANY PROTEST EXHUMATION OF BODIES IN BERGEN-BELSEN CEMETERY

DUESSELDORF, Germany, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The Central Council of Jews in Germany protested today the proposed exhumation of the bodies of French concentration camp victims buried in a common grave in the Bergen-Belsen Cemetery.

The Council appealed to the French mission charged with the exhumation and the Ministry of the Interior of Lower Saxony to desist in the name of humanity and piety. The Council also suggested the creation of an international commission to supervise maintenance of the cemetery in which the martyrs are buried.

# B'NAI B'RITH PARLEY IN EUROPE WANTS KLUTZNICK RE-ELECTED FOR 3RD TERM

PARIS, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The European conference of B'naï B'rith, which just concluded here, unanimously called on Philip Kutznick to consent to his re-election for a third term as international president of the fraternal organization.

Other decisions adopted at the closing session were: to promote greater contact between European and Israeli districts of the B'naï B'rith; the creation of a European youth commission to stimulate cultural activities among young people; to call the European membership of the organization to travel to Israel for the international B'naï B'rith convention in Jerusalem next May.

# DR. GLUECK REPORTS DISCOVERY OF REMAINS OF ANCIENT VILLAGES IN NEGEV

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The discovery in the Negev of several villages dating back 2,500 to 3,000 years to the Judean Kingdom were announced here this week-end by Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and a prominent archaeologist. Dr. Glueck has just returned from another summer's archaeological field work in Israel.

Dr. Glueck, who has spent some 30 years tracking down Biblical sites in Palestine and Israel, reported the finding of remains of villages north of Makhtesh Ramon in the Negev Desert adjoining the Sinai Peninsula. He reported that some of the buildings were nearly intact and that the villages were protected by fortresses which kept marauding Bedouins at bay and probably guarded the route of the Queen of Sheba when she visited King Solomon.

The archaeologist expressed the belief that the Patriarchs of the Bible, particularly Abraham, probably lived some 4,000 years ago, not about 3,800 years ago as had been supposed earlier. He said that the discoveries in the Negev proved that there had been a flourishing civilization in that area in the earlier centuries but not several hundred years later.

# N. Y. CHURCH SECURES DEAD SEA SCROLL CONTAINING TEN COMMANDMENTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The Unitarian Church of All Souls in New York is the new owner of a Dead Sea Scroll which includes what is believed to be the earliest Hebrew copy of the Ten Commandments, it was announced here last week. The Decalogue, said to be in perfect condition, was purchased on the blackmarket for "several thousand dollars" by a member of All Souls Church.

The scroll had been placed in Archaeological Museum in the Jordan-held portion of Jerusalem. The acquisition was said to have been obtained in a "cloak-and-dagger" type of operation.

# JEWISH AGENCY ANNOUNCES OPENING OF FIRST HEBREW ULPAN IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The first Hebrew Ulpán in the United States, employing new techniques in the teaching of Hebrew to adults, will be opened in New York City on November 3, it was announced here today by Dr. Samuel M. Blumenfeld, head of the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency. The Ulpán will be under the direction of Dr. Mordecai Kamrat, Israel language specialist who initiated the Ulpán method nine years ago. The Ulpán will be conducted jointly with Histadruth Ivrit and in cooperation with national Jewish organizations and institutions.

The first American Ulpán will prepare students not only for Hebrew conversation but also for the reading of prayers, the Bible and modern Hebrew literature. The Ulpán is scheduled to last for a period of twelve weeks with classes meeting three to four evenings a week. Three American educators will join Dr. Kamrat in conducting the classes employing the Ulpán 'teamwork' approach to language teaching.

In announcing the opening of the Ulpán, Dr. Blumenfeld pointed out that the new project will not compete with the courses offered by other groups but is designed for those who wish to acquire a working knowledge of Hebrew through concentrated effort over a limited period of time. He added that the Ulpán would be of special assistance to community leaders who because of their affiliation with Zionist or other voluntary organizations have frequent occasion to visit Israel.

# TWO U. S. JEWISH YOUTH GROUPS SAIL FOR ISRAEL FOR WORK AND STUDY

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- A party of 38 young men and women, members of Habonim, the Labor Zionist youth organization, sailed for Israel to attend the eighth Youth Workshop in the Jewish State. The American and Canadian young people will spend 11 months at Kibbutz Kfar Blum in agricultural work and study seminars, interspersed with educational trips and excursions throughout Israel.

On the same vessel, the S.S. Zion, 21 members of Young Judea sailed for a year's living, working and studying in Israel's towns and settlements. The course is sponsored by the youth and hechalutz department of the Jewish Agency.

# AMERICA-ISRAEL CULTURAL FOUNDATION APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Ralph I. Goldman has been named executive vice president of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, it was announced today by Samuel Rubin, Foundation president. Mr. Goldman will direct the organization's program, succeeding Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld. The Foundation is concerned with furthering culture and education in Israel.

Mr. Goldman spent four years in Israel where he coordinated the United States Point Four and the United Nations Technical Assistance programs, as director of the Technical Assistance Department of the Prime Minister's office. Upon his return to this country in 1957, he was consultant to the American Committee for Israel's Tenth Anniversary. Before going to Israel, Mr. Goldman was associated with the Israeli Consulate in New York and served as director of the Center Jewish Community Center and Welfare Fund.