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### ISRAEL TO SEEK \$100,000,000 IN AID FROM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Israel will ask the United States for \$90,000,000 to \$100,000,000 in financial and other forms of aid in the coming fiscal year, it was reported here today. The detailed plans of the first project, an irrigation program utilizing the waters of the Jordan River, are expected to be handed to Washington in the next two weeks.

Other aid projects which Israel will put before the U.S. are: an additional U.S. Export-Import Bank loan for local irrigation schemes not connected with the Jordan River program; surplus food stocks; material purchases; special financial assistance; aid from the Development Loan Fund; technical assistance and Information Media Guarantee grants.

The Accountant General of Israel withdrew today his ten-day-old ban on the expenditure of cash from the national Treasury. Instructions were issued when cash balances dwindled as tax receipts dropped while expenditures continued to mount.

### ISRAEL'S DEFENSE INDUSTRY REPORTED MAKING GREAT ADVANCES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Israel's defense industries have made great strides in the direction of buttressing the nation's security effort, top Defense Ministry officials stated today at a public meeting.

Among the great advances made, they said, was progress toward the manufacture and assembly in Israel of French jet trainer planes. The armaments industry is now turning some of its efforts toward supplying the civilian market for spare auto parts and chemicals which civilian industry has not yet begun to manufacture.

It was also revealed that one of the leaders of a recent United Jewish Appeal mission which visited Israel recently had offered to invest \$600,000 in cattle raising in order to provide a supply of meat for the army.

### METAL WORKING PLANTS IN ISRAEL SHUT; INDUSTRIALISTS DECLARE LOCKOUT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- All metal working plants in Israel remained shut today, the first day of a new work week, as the industry called a lockout in protest against new duties imposed by the government. The industry was also protesting tightened regulations which held down raw material imports.

The metal workers union last night instructed its members to disregard the announcement that the plants would be closed and to report for work as usual. The union announced that any lockout would be regarded and treated as "a breach of the collective labor agreement."

### ISRAEL DENIES SUFFERING CASUALTIES IN SKIRMISH WITH JORDANIANS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- An Israel army spokesman denied today a Jordanian assertion that two Israelis were killed in an exchange of fire in the "triangle" area of central Palestine.

The incident occurred Friday when an Israeli patrol on Israeli territory near Metzger was fired upon by Jordanian positions across the line. The Israelis replied with sharp fire and the Jordanians were silenced. The Israelis suffered no casualties.

In a similar situation yesterday, Syrian patrols fired on Israeli soldiers near Mishmar Hayarden. The Israelis silenced the Syrians, again without suffering any casualties.

### AMERICAN SECT SEEKS TO MOVE TO ISRAEL FOR PERMANENT SETTLEMENT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet will decide at an early meeting on the application for admission of a group of 100 American members of the Subbotnik sect, a Christian group which observes Saturday as the Sabbath.

The Subbotniks came to the United States from Odessa and now reside in Texas. They applied to the Israel Consulate at Los Angeles for permission to emigrate to Israel.

## BRITISH LABOR PARTY CONVENTION PLEDGES GUARANTEE ISRAEL FRONTIERS

LONDON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- A plea for a fresh approach toward a peace settlement by negotiation between Israel and the Arab states was voiced in a policy statement on the Middle East adopted by the British Labor Party at its annual national conference at Scarborough.

Among the points urged by the Laborites in the approach to a negotiated settlement is Arab recognition of Israel and an end to the anti-Israel blockade and boycott. It also asked resettlement of the Arab refugees with outside assistance and compensation for those who have lost their land.

Additionally, the Labor Party statement called on the Big Powers to remove the Middle East from the arena of the cold war and that they make an attempt to institute a balanced disarmament program in the region. The great powers, operating through the United Nations should guarantee the existing borders of the states in the Middle East, including Israel, the statement said, and that any adjustment must be by mutual consent.

"I want to give a pledge to this conference that we stand by our policy to demand of the Great Powers a guarantee of the Arab-Israel frontiers," Hugh Gaitskell, Labor Party leader, declared in winding up the foreign affairs debate at the conference.

In a reply to a speech by Dr. S.A. Miller, Poale Zion delegate, Mr. Gaitskell said that settlement of the Middle East problem could help lead to a solution of the problem of general world disarmament. "Our constructive policy on the Middle East presented by Aneurin Bevin in the House of Commons last April made a deep impact on world opinion. It was well received throughout the world," he stated.

"While the Labor Party believes that the desire of the Arab people for greater unification must be recognized, we tender our view that there should be no aggression across the frontiers," Mr. Gaitskell declared. "We gave our pledges about Israel's frontiers and we stand by them. Our foreign policy statement, including the section on the Middle East, is an excellent basis for the foreign policy of a future Labor Government."

## ARABS FAIL IN ATTEMPT TO BAR ISRAELIS FROM MEDITERRANEAN PARLEY

FLORENCE, Italy, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Arab delegates at the Mediterranean Conference now being held here failed to secure the barring of two members of the Israeli delegation following the intervention of the Italian Foreign Ministry. The conference is attended by Christians, Moslems and Jews from Mediterranean countries gathered to consider common problems and common elements in their civilizations.

The storm blew up when Arab delegates to the parley initiated by Giorgio La Pira, former Mayor of Florence, threatened to leave unless two members of the Israeli group were barred. They objected to Reuven Shiloan and Maurice Fischer, officials of the Israel Foreign Ministry.

In response to the Arab threats, voiced by Tharwat Okacha, Ambassador to Rome of the United Arab Republic, the Israelis said that each delegate had been invited and had come in his personal capacity and that if any were barred, all would leave. While the dispute was pending, however, Prof. Meir Plessner, an Orientalist at the Hebrew University, lectured at the conference on "The Common basis of Judaism, Christianity and Islam." The other Israelis stayed away.

However, at the urging of the Italian Foreign Ministry, Prince Moulay Hassan and the Israelis agreed to the compromise. In opening the parley, the Prince had stressed that all delegates were here in personal capacities, none representing their governments, and would "talk freely and fraternally about Common Mediterranean problems." The opening session, at which delegates from 26 different nations were present, were attended by Italy's President Gronchi and Premier Fanfani as well as hundreds of Italians prominent in every walk of life.

(The Israeli press was greatly exercised today over the Florence developments, reporting in great detail each new incident as it occurred. The press noted that before the Israelis left for Florence, Mayor La Pira had promised that he would find some solution to the Arab threats and that the Israelis had therefore proceeded to Italy. Later, the press here said, La Pira changed his position.)

## ISRAEL DELEGATION, HEADED BY ESHKOL, ARRIVES IN INDIA FOR MONETARY TALKS

NEW DELHI, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and other members of the Israeli delegation to the International Monetary Fund and World Bank conferences here laid a wreath today before the monument to Gandhi, martyred Indian leader.

The delegation will meet with Indian Government financial experts and leaders of the nation's business and banking community.

### ISRAEL PLANS TO COUNTERACT MOSCOW'S ANTI-ISRAEL TRADE BOYCOTT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Israel was pictured today as considering steps to counteract the complete trade boycott imposed by Moscow against it for the past two years.

Until now leading Israelis have not publicly indicated concern with the Soviet Union's economic campaign launched during the Sinai Operation when the USSR unilaterally cancelled an oil-for-citrus agreement. Since then, in a crude mockery of an arbitration hearing Israel's claims for damages resulting from breach of the oil pact were rejected by the Moscow Chamber of Commerce, arbitration authority under the terms of the pact. A number of other, lesser trade agreements have been broken.

Israel apparently hoped for an improvement in the situation but has been disappointed. Now, the Israelis are said to be looking into ways to point up the USSR's use of economic warfare at a time when Moscow claims the West is engaged in trade aggression.

### SOVIET "TOURISTS" ADDRESS MEETINGS AGAINST EMIGRATION OF JEWS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- In their eagerness to discredit Israel and to discourage Russian Jews from wanting to go there, Soviet authorities have organized mass meetings for Jews in various cities where "tourists" who recently visited Israel get up and testify to the allegedly horrible conditions of life in that country.

This was learned here in a letter from a Jew living in the USSR to a relative here. The writer indicates that Russian Jews do not believe the calumnies being spread by the "tourists," who were members of the first group of Russians to visit this country since its establishment. However, there are hints in the letter that Russian Jews are concerned over the possible effects of such a slander campaign.

The letter, which was reproduced in the local press, says that tourists not only describe the "horrors" of life in Israel, but also show slides and short films on Israel. In some of them, isolated slums are described as typical housing in Israel. One "tourist" in a series of newspaper articles has described the "unbearable sufferings" of the immigrants to Israel and the miserable food, housing and employment conditions said to abound in the Jewish State.

### ANTI-SEMITIC TERROR RAGING IN RUMANIA; MASS ARRESTS REPORTED

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- "Anti-Semitic terror has locked the Jewish communities in a grip of fear and terror unmatched since the Iron Guard days, the New York Post reported this week-end in an article from Vienna by its correspondent Seymour Freidin. The correspondent emphasized that mass arrests have even hit Jewish communities.

Some 2,000 Jews have arrived in Vienna in the past few weeks from Rumania en route to Israel, the Associated Press reported here today from the Austrian capital.

### GERMAN MINISTERS STUDY FORMATION OF BODY TO PROBE NAZI POGROMS

HAMBURG, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- A proposal to create a commission to investigate war crimes, concentration camp crimes and pogroms against the Jews has been placed before the current meeting at Bad Harzburg of provincial Ministers of Justice. It is expected that the Federal Justice Ministry will back the formation of such a body.

The recommendation follows a recent decision by the West German Supreme Court which, in effect, rejected the jurisdiction of Allied occupation courts in the punishment of German war criminals, and opened up the possibility that all Nazis might be re-tried in West German courts.

### BONN AGREES TO ACCEPT COLLECTIVE PROOF ON PROPERTY STOLEN BY NAZIS

PARIS, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- French Jewish organizations have completed negotiations with the West German Government by which the Bonn Government will accept collective proof that furniture and other household goods stolen by the Nazis from Jews in France went to the Reich, it was announced today.

Although West German indemnification legislation calls for individual proof as a basis for restitution claims, the Bonn Government accepted the contention that the overwhelming majority of Jews whose property was taken were not in a position to furnish proof.

Local Jewish organizations, on the other hand, have documentation to show that hundreds of car loads of such furniture were shipped to Nazi Germany. The number of Jewish apartments pillaged by the Germans in France totalled over 71,000, it was indicated.

### STRASBOURG SYNAGOGUES PERMIT WOMEN TO VOTE ON CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

PARIS, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- In a striking innovation in French Jewish religious practice the Consistory of the Lower Rhine Department has voted to give all single women and widows over the age of 30 the right to vote on synagogue matters as "heads of the household." The consistory has jurisdiction over all synagogues in the city of Strasbourg, a leading Jewish center in this country.

## VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN MINISTERS DEFEND RABBI AGAINST SEGREGATIONISTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Clergymen in Virginia today rose to the defense of Rabbi Emmet A. Frank of Alexandria's Temple Beth El who was attacked by segregationists for championing school integration in a Yom Kippur sermon.

The clergymen, who declared they were not concerned with what Rabbi Frank said but with his right to say it, included eleven Protestant ministers in Alexandria, and a Fairfax County Unitarian Minister.

The eleven Virginia Christian ministers voiced "strong disagreement" with the attack on Rabbi Frank. They said "church and temple, minister and rabbi must endeavor to speak to the deepest needs of people." The Rev. E.H. Sommerfeld of Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church in Virginia said segregationists "held the big stick of anti-Semitism over the rabbi."

## U. J. A. NATIONAL LEADERS TO VISIT 75 U.S. CITIES ON "GOOD WILL TOUR"

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- National leaders of the United Jewish Appeal will participate in the UJA's third annual "good will tour" during October for an intensive series of community relations visits to Jewish communities throughout the country to advance refugee aid and welfare programs, it was announced today by Morris W. Bernstein, UJA general chairman.

The "good will tour" is made up of 20 nationally prominent leaders of the UJA who have volunteered to tour some 75 key cities throughout the country during October to help coordinate the current philanthropic endeavors which are of mutual concern to the National UJA and the local Jewish welfare organizations, of whose fund-raising campaigns the UJA is a major beneficiary.

The "good will tour" will not engage in fund-raising activities. The main objective of the tour is to share information and exchange views with local groups on UJA's humanitarian efforts, and to strengthen the partnership which exists between the UJA and local Jewish communities in dealing with those problems.

## EBAN ADDRESSES JEWS IN KANSAS CITY; SAYS FRIENDSHIP TOWARD ISRAEL GROWS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 5. (JTA) -- Israel is receiving "much help from friendly nations," Ambassador Abba Eban told an Israel bond dinner here. The function, one of the largest Israel-oriented activities in this city in recent years, was attended by 600 persons who purchased Israel bonds for their admission.

"We fully understand the pre-occupation of the United States with the crisis in the Middle East. We in Israel have maintained reticence, but we know that if Lebanon and Jordan lose their independence, our is threatened, too. Ten years ago," Mr. Eban pointed out, "we were obsessed by the solitude which surrounded us. Today we enjoy a growing circle of friendship on the five continents."

Turning to Israel's economic situation, the Ambassador said that the present period is one in which "we will need help to bridge the gap between resources and need." Israel bond sales are of prime importance, he stressed, to Israel's planned expansion of agriculture, industry and exports.

## MOROCCAN IMMIGRANT WINS FIRST PRIZE IN JERUSALEM FOR BEST SUKKAH

JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem municipality awarded prizes today for the best Sukkahs built by city residents, while the Jewish population throughout Israel prepare to bring the week-long Sukkoth holiday to a climax with joyous Simchat Torah celebrations. The first prize went to a Moroccan immigrant, father of seven children, who built his first Sukkah in Israel this year.

During the past week tens of thousands of pilgrims undertook the climb up Mt. Zion to stand and look down on the Wailing Wall, just a few hundred yards away in Jordan territory. The annual open house offered by President Ben Zvi during the intermediate days of Sukkoth drew thousands of visitors, many bringing bouquets. Young and old, representing every walk of life in Israel, the visitors filed past the President and Mrs. Ben Zvi, receiving season's greetings. The greetings of the Moslem and Druze citizens of Israel were conveyed to the First Family by the elders of those communities.

## 1,200 ATTEND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ISRAEL EXPLORATION SOCIETY

SAFAD, Israel, Oct. 5. (JTA) -- The 14th annual conference of the Israel Exploration Society opened here with 1,200 Israeli scholars and archaeologists, some of them with world-wide reputations, in attendance. The opening lecture on Galilee in the Canaanite era was delivered by Prof. Benjamin Mazar, president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.