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### MORE SYNAGOGUES RECEIVE BOMB THREATS; NEWARK SYNAGOGUE ATTACKED

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Fourteen windows were smashed in an attack today on Temple B'nai Abraham in Newark, New Jersey, while bomb threats were received by synagogues in three other New Jersey cities. The Newark police are investigating the attack on the synagogue.

Rep. Robert W. Kean, New Jersey Republican, said in Newark that "every American has a stake in these indecent acts. We must react with cold determination and a willingness to approve the necessary laws." Rep. Kean called for "tough Federal laws cracking down on terrorists."

Former Senator Herbert H. Lehman, in a comment on the wave of synagogue bombings and threats against Jewish and Christian religious institutions, declared that responsibility for these extremist developments must be shared by all who "advocate overt resistance" to the rule of law. He spoke at the 14th annual conference of the Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith. The meeting was also addressed by Henry E. Schultz, president of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

### Confidential Files on Anti-Semitic Groups Ransacked

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The files of the national headquarters of the Jewish War Veterans were ransacked over the week-end with mounting evidence leading police to a theory that the break-in was motivated by anti-Jewish espionage.

An investigation disclosed that items of value that would attract a common thief were ignored. The intent of intruders was apparently to study the confidential records of the JWV including that organization's files on hate groups.

The FBI was "in touch" today with an extensive investigation launched by police in nearby Arlington, Va., following a bomb threat that forced cancellation of services at Arlington Unitarian Church yesterday at which Rabbi Emmet A. Frank, of Alexandria, was scheduled to deliver a guest sermon. Rabbi Frank has been a target of segregationist wrath because of a recent sermon in which he advocated equality for Virginia Negroes. The rabbi will address the church next Sunday.

A group of Unitarian ministers in the District of Columbia area said the bomb threat was part of "a dangerous nationwide pattern of lawlessness and violence." Chairman Ralph Kaul of the Arlington County Board of Supervisors said "it is a sad day when a small group of extremists can intimidate and disrupt a church service." The Rev. Ross A. Weston, pastor of the church, said Rabbi Frank was being invited back because the church will not be intimidated.

(Many West German newspapers are deliberately playing down and sometimes suppressing reports of the wave of anti-Jewish bombings and threats in the United States, it was reported today. German publishers were described as fearing that wide publicity about American anti-Semitism might regenerate anti-Semitic violence in West Germany.)

### BEN GURION SETS DEADLINE FOR RELIGIOUS MINISTERS TO REJOIN CABINET

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion has set November 14 as the deadline for the return of the National Religious Party to the coalition government, he informed his Cabinet at a regular meeting yesterday.

If the religious ministers do not return by that date, he warned, he would distribute their portfolios--which he now holds personally on a temporary basis--among the other Ministers. The portfolios previously held by religious leaders are Posts, and Religion and Social Welfare.

The religious elements in the Ben Gurion government walked out several months ago in the wake of a sharp disagreement widely known as "who is a Jew." The religious party objected to a proposal that the government distribute identity cards permitting each resident to identify himself as a Jew on his own authority, without recourse to Jewish law or religious authority. The split left the Ben Gurion coalition in command of a tiny majority in Parliament.

### ISRAEL ARMY CHIEF ORDERS STUDY OF JUDGMENT OF KAFR KASSEM TRIAL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Army Chief of Staff Chajm Laskov instructed the chief military prosecutor today to study the judgment of the Kafr Kassem trial to determine whether further trials shall be ordered in the killing of 43 Arab citizens of Israel two years ago.

The prosecutor has been told to speed a decision on whether Col. Issachar Shadmi, commander of the border district in which the incident occurred, should be indicted for issuance of an illegal "shoot to kill" order to border patrolmen imposing a sudden curfew. The court which convicted eight of eleven officers and men involved in the shootings, sharply rebuked Col. Shadmi, who appeared at the trial as a prosecution witness.

The curfew was imposed on the afternoon of October 28, 1956, just prior to that night's assault on the Sinai Peninsula. Arab farmer families, returning from the fields unaware of the imposition of the curfew, were shot down as wilful violators of the military order. The country was aroused by the deed and the government attempted to make amends by payment of damages and compensation and by trying those responsible.

In an aftermath of the sentencing of eight officers and men of the Israeli border patrol in the Kafr Kassem trial, the Herut Party announced today it would introduce a bill in Parliament clarifying a soldier's duties with respect to obeying a commander's orders.

The Herut said it feels that the situation in the wake of the Kafr Kassem convictions has left confusion in the minds of soldiers and may undermine discipline, unless duties are clearly stated. At the same time, the party asked the government to "draw all conclusions" from the court's condemnation of Col. Shadmi, the officer who handed down the original "shoot to kill" orders in imposing the curfew.

### ISRAEL CABINET MEMBERS SEEK INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL WAGE FREEZE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Mapai Ministers in Premier David Ben Gurion's coalition Cabinet are pressing behind the scenes for a general wage freeze commencing January 1, it was reported here today. It is understood they are facing sharp opposition from the left-wing Socialist and Achdut Avodah Ministers.

The present wage agreements call for automatic cost of living raises if the cost of living index rises a specific number of points in any quarter. Mapai Ministers insist that an immediate wage freeze is a must to keep Israeli goods competitively priced in world markets and to hold in check consumer purchases in Israel. They assert that this is a necessary first step to prevent the nation's fiscal situation becoming critical in four years when large payments of German reparations cease.

### JEWISH AGENCY DISCUSSES MEASURES TO COPE WITH INCREASED IMMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Emergency measures designed to aid Israel in coping with increased immigration pressure, particularly from Eastern Europe, through increasing the income from the United Israel Appeal movement all over the world, were discussed here today by the Jewish Agency executive.

Among the suggestions put forth was one that Premier David Ben Gurion and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, convene jointly in Israel an emergency meeting of United Israel Appeal leaders from all countries except the United States. The purpose of the extraordinary session would be to brief world Jewish leaders on the nature of the immigration crisis.

It was further recommended that increased immigration be made the central theme of all Israel fund-raising efforts abroad and all discussions with Jewish leaders visiting Israel. A special fund-raising effort in Israel itself was projected, as was the calling of series of meetings of European and Latin American Jewish appeal leaders in January and the dispatch of a special delegation of experts on immigration to the forthcoming UJA meeting in the U. S. this December.

### ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE RATIFIES JOINT MANAGEMENT OF J. N. F. LAND

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Actions Committee ratified an agreement providing for joint management of all Israel Government controlled and Jewish National Fund owned lands. The pact, for five years, is automatically renewable for another five unless either party serves notice of non-renewal.

The administration of the lands held by both parties will be under a Cabinet Minister. The JNF will assume responsibility for development, afforestation and cultivation policies on the lands and, for this purpose, will be authorized to raise funds abroad. The agreement does not call for either party to deed title to its lands to the other.

## HADASSAH PRESIDENT DEFINES VIEWS ON ALIYAH AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Dr. Miriam K. Freund, national president of Hadassah, today called upon American Jewry to strengthen the Zionist movement in the United States not only as an instrument of assistance to Israel but as "a vital means" of perpetuating Jewish life and the Jewish heritage.

Dr. Freund spoke at the 44th national convention of Hadassah at the Hotel Fontainebleau here, which is being attended by 2,500 delegates and guests representing Hadassah's 315,000 members throughout the United States, Alaska and Puerto Rico. The Hadassah president declared that "as there cannot be a truly Jewish life outside of Israel without an Israel, there cannot be a creative Israel without a truly Jewish life in the diaspora."

Dr. Freund challenged the judgment of "many Israel leaders, who believe that Zionism has as its cardinal task aliyah--emigration to Israel." She stated: "While we in Hadassah believe that aliyah is part of the Zionist movement, we do not agree with those who assert that Zionist ideology means that those who call themselves Zionists must give up the land of their birth and settle in Israel. We believe that it is one of the tasks of the Zionist movement to create conditions which will encourage many young people in their desire to live full creative Jewish lives in Israel, if they believe that such fulfillment is not possible for them outside of Israel."

Discussing the recent bombing of houses of worship in various parts of the United States, Dr. Freund said that President Eisenhower's "outspoken indignation" following the bombing of the synagogue in Atlanta, Ga., "gave voice to the conscience of the American people." She called upon Hadassah's membership "to rise up against the spread of hate and bigotry in the United States. We must fight it in the home, in the school in the community--wherever it exists."

Mrs. Nathan D. Perlman, Hadassah's national chairman for vocational education, declared that through its vocational training program, Hadassah has become an important factor in Israel's industrialization and absorption of new immigrants.

A special message to the convention was received from President Eisenhower, who commended Hadassah as a "continuing inspiration to all who seek to preserve and promote the humanitarian principles of democracy."

## JEWISH LEADER SEES NO IMPROVEMENT IN POSITION OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A "striking improvement" has occurred in Anglo-Israel relations, Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said at a meeting today of the Board. "We hope and pray that this friendly relationship will continue and grow and will not again give way to attempts to appease the unappeasable," Mr. Janner said.

Touching upon foreign developments affecting Jews, Mr. Janner said there had been little change in the position of Jews in the USSR. He charged that a group of Russian Jewish tourists who visited Israel had upon their return to Russia presented a "completely distorted picture" of the situation in the Jewish State and had clearly demonstrated that they had been sent "touring" to provide anti-Jewish propaganda.

## NAZI RESPONSIBLE FOR MASS MURDER OF JEWS GOES ON TRIAL IN POLAND

VIENNA, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Polish authorities in Warsaw began today the trial of Erich Koch, gauleiter of Poland and of the Ukraine, who was responsible for the mass murder of hundreds of thousands of Jews, Poles and Russians.

The last of the German war criminals awaiting trial in Polish courts, Koch today heard the Polish prosecutor demand his death by hanging for inhuman crimes and mass annihilation in ghettos, concentration camps, forced labor camps and "pacified" villages. It is anticipated that the trial will last about two weeks.

At the war's end, Koch managed to escape from Poland and made his way to Germany where he lived in hiding for five years. In 1950, branded an international war criminal by an Allied military tribunal, Koch was apprehended by the British in their zone of occupation in West Germany, and handed over to the Poles for justice.

## CONCENTRATION CAMP GUARD, NOW ON TRIAL, TELLS OF NAZI BRUTALITIES

BONN, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A tale of systematic brutality practiced on Jewish and non-Jewish prisoners at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp was detailed in a German court here today at the trial of Gustav Sorge and Wilhelm Schubert, former SS guards at the camp.

Sorge told the camp that prisoners frequently died after two days of "shoe testing," when they were shod in German army shoes and boots and forced to "march on the double" 128 miles a day. The Nazi also testified that guards punched and kicked new prisoners when they arrived in order to "take the starch out of them."

U. J. A. SENDS OVERSEAS MISSION TO EUROPE AND ISRAEL; TO STUDY AID NEEDS

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Fifth Overseas Study Mission of the United Jewish Appeal will leave New York October 29 for a survey of Jewish aid requirements in Europe and Israel. The mission is made up of 94 nationwide UJA leaders.

Primary concern of the mission in Israel will be to make an on-the-spot survey of the most critical unmet needs--what is lacking in the jammed-up absorption programs to give a proper start toward a new and productive life to so many of the thousands of immigrants who have found a haven in Israel since 1955 and to advance the economic maturity of some 400 post-statehood immigrant farmsteads. All mission members meet their own expenses.

A full report of the findings of the Study Mission will be presented to the UJA annual national conference which opens in New York on December 13, and which will weigh heavily in charting the Appeal's 1959 campaign objectives. The mission's first stop will be Geneva, Switzerland, where they will confer with officials of the Joint Distribution Committee.

The JDC discussions will be the first order of business in the UJA mission's intensive, on-the-scene survey of Jewish needs in Europe. The mission will board a special El Al-Israel Airlines plane in Geneva and proceed to Israel on November 1. During their stay in Israel, the UJA mission will hear from President Itzhak Ben Zvi, Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and other Government leaders. They will also hold important discussions with Jewish Agency leaders in the areas of immigration and absorption.

Leaders of the mission include Edward M. M. Warburg, UJA honorary chairman; Morris W. Bernstein, UJA general chairman; Dewey D. Stone; Joseph Holtzman and Joseph Meyerhoff, all UJA national chairmen; Fred Forman, chairman of the UJA National Campaign Cabinet; Mrs. Jack A. Goodman of Indianapolis, Ind., chairman of the UJA National Women's Division; Max M. Fisher, UJA big gifts chairman; Albert A. Levin, UJA chairman for regions, and Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice chairman.

CANADIAN JEWISH LEADERS FORM NEW BODY TO REVITALIZE FUND-RAISING

OTTAWA, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A conference of Jewish community leaders from all parts of Canada held here decided to form a National Council for Fund Raising as a step toward revitalizing fund-raising in Canada for the needs of the United Israel Appeal and the United Jewish Relief Agencies, which provides funds for the Joint Distribution Committee, ORT, and other agencies engaged in overseas relief work.

The conference was convoked by Samuel Bronfman, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and Lawrence Freiman, president of the Zionist Organization of Canada. Both were elected co-chairmen of the new Council. The conference was addressed by Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir on the urgency of the situation in Israel, and by Saul Hayes, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, on emigration possibilities from East European countries.

The functions of the new body were defined at the conference as follows: 1. To seek new leadership across Canada; 2. Obtain higher allocations for overseas needs; 3. Stimulate Canadian Jewish missions to Israel; 4. To prepare for a mammoth conference in Montreal in January for a full explanation to the Canadian community of Israel's request for Canadian material support and the resettlement and rehabilitation of overseas Jewry.

In a joint statement, Mr. Bronfman and Mr. Freiman declared: "The Canadian Jewish Community has been fortunate in having shared in the unprecedented growth and development of Canada. Its population of 245,000 represents a useful, dignified and prosperous segment of the total Canadian people. Furthermore, the Canadian Jewish community is among the most prosperous in the entire Jewish world and as such it must continue to demonstrate its acceptance of its share in the responsibility for the solution of world Jewry's problems."

J. C. A. TO AID ORT WORK AMONG REPATRIATED JEWS IN POLAND

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish Colonization Association decided this week-end to make additional financial grants to the ORT to aid its work among Polish Jewish, particularly those repatriated to Poland from the USSR in recent years.

The Association's administration council, headed by Sir Henry d'Avigdar Goldsmid, also planned ICA's activities in Israel for the coming years. The Association's loan fund successes with immigrants in Argentina and Brazil was singled out for special praise.

JEWISH LEADERS IN FRANCE CONFER ON AID TO OSE IN ISRAEL

PARIS, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Moshe Erem, chairman of the OSE executive committee in Israel and head of the Knesset Committee for Social Welfare and Health, met here today with French Jewish leaders to map a drive to increase a support for OSE activities in Israel.