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## JUSTICE DEPT. WILL NOT REQUEST LEGISLATION TO CURB "HATE MAIL"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- A high Justice Department official source said today that while the swelling stream of anti-Semitic "hate mail" is deplorable, the Department will not request new legislation to curb it.

This indication came in the wake of a meeting of top Justice and Post Office Department officials. The meeting was called to discuss the increasing "hate mail" and its relation to the recent bombings of synagogues. In their formal statement, officials promised "to cooperate vigorously" in action. They noted that "the difficulty, of course, is that many of these publications will not violate present laws even though they are warped and abhorrent."

Representatives of both departments said they would "study the possibility" of new legislation to bar such publications from the mails. But "the problem, of course, is to determine a way to accomplish this within the framework of Constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech." It was after this statement that the indication came that the Justice Department would not request new legislation.

(In St. Louis, about 80 persons, including 30 children, were forced to flee from the local Young Men's Hebrew Association building because of a bomb threat, police reported. After the YMHA received a warning that it would be blown up, police squads searched the building but found no explosives. It was regarded as an anti-Semitic hoax.)

F. B. I. director J. Edgar Hoover announced today that special law enforcement conferences will be held during November and December at which the FBI will outline to state and local law enforcement officials the cooperative services of the FBI in connection with bombings and threats against synagogues, churches, and schools.

Mr. Hoover expressed belief that "these outrages can be materially curbed by an aroused public opinion, a coordinated effort on the part of Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies and by stern treatment of the perpetrators." The conferences to be set up by the FBI will be held throughout the United States.

In Arlington, Va., the local B'nai B'rith lodge has asked Helen S. Lane to resign from the Arlington school board because of her friendly association with two publishers of anti-Semitic literature. The resolution request was in the form of a resolution unanimously adopted by the executive committee of the local B'nai B'rith lodge.

The resolution is expected to come before the County Board of Supervisors on Saturday, but the board has no power to remove a school board member. A school board member can be removed only through grand jury action.

## BRITAIN ASSURES ISRAEL NO BRITISH ARMS WILL BE LEFT IN JORDAN

LONDON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Israel has received assurances from the British Government that no British arms will be left behind in Jordan when British troops are withdrawn from the Arab state, diplomatic circles reported here today.

A report from Cairo published in the press here today says the reason Vice President Abdel Hakim Amer of the United Arab Republic is now on a visit to Moscow, is to obtain from the Soviet Union utterance of a public warning to the United States, Britain and France not to intervene in Israel's behalf in the event the withdrawal of Western forces from the Middle East precipitates an uprising in Jordan with intervention on the part of Israel.

Field Marshal Amer, who is also Defense Minister of the United Arab Republic, conferred twice this week in Moscow with Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev and with other top officials of the Soviet Government and Communist Party. The Cairo dispatch said that the Amer visit is intended to explain to Moscow that its direct military intervention would not be needed to handle Israel--that Nasser is confident he can do that with the unified Arab forces--but that Moscow should warn off the West.

JEWISH AGENCY DENIES REPORTS ON TALKS WITH EAST EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency here denied today reports which appeared in the press stating that the recent increase in the number of Rumanian Jews emigrating to Israel came as a result of negotiations between the Jewish Agency and the Rumanian Government. The denial emphasized that all reference to an "agreement" was baseless.

The statement said that the same applies to reports about alleged negotiations with the Hungarian Government for the emigration of Jews from Hungary to Israel. The Jewish Agency emphasizes that it has "no contact whatsoever with either of the two governments."

The statement points out that "the arrival of Jews from Rumania in Israel came as a surprise to the Jewish Agency." It adds that all statements regarding an "exodus of Jews from Eastern Europe" can be described as gross exaggerations. "Any reports as to anticipated emigration and as to Moscow's role certainly do not derive from any facts known to the Jewish Agency," the statement said.

2,500 ISRAELI DIAMOND POLISHERS GO ON STRIKE; INSIST ON WAGE INCREASE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Twenty-five hundred Israeli diamond polishers went on strike today closing down production in polishing and cutting shops in this city and nearby Natanya.

The reason for the strike was the refusal of the shopowners to pay a cost of living bonus. The diamond polishing industry provides Israel with a major source of foreign currency.

NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION INTRODUCED BY GENERAL ZIONISTS IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The General Zionist party formally introduced today a motion for a vote of non-confidence against Prime Minister David Ben Gurion's Government following the disclosure that a Mapai Minister asked an Israel official in New York to raise funds for Mapai Party youth clubs. The motion will be debated in Knesset next week.

The General Zionists charged that Pinchas Sapir, Minister of Trade and Industry, sent a request on his official stationery to Aryeh Manor, head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in New York, asking Mr. Manor to raise \$10,000. The disclosure was made by the General Zionist daily, Haboker, which published a copy of Mr. Sapir's letter. The non-confidence motion charged that Mr. Sapir had misused his official status for fund-raising for the Mapai.

The Minister confirmed the request, asserting that friends in the United States from time to time contributed funds through him for various cultural projects and institutions, such as theaters, special schools, youth clubs. He said the \$10,000 request was in the same category.

Denying that he had made the request in any official capacity, Mr. Sapir said that, on the contrary, he had made the request on the basis of asking for a personal favor and that his letter to Mr. Manor had accordingly been marked "strictly personal." Asked why he had used Ministry stationery, he said he did not have any personal stationery.

PRESIDENT OF WEST GERMANY TAKES NOTE OF COMPLAINTS ON COMPENSATION

LONDON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- President Theodor Heuss of West Germany last night took note of complaints about the inadequacy of the German compensation programs for victims of Nazism and admitted that the program was "makeshift" though he asserted that the Bonn Government and Parliament regarded the problem as of "paramount" human and political concern. The President is on a four-day visit of state to Britain.

No one would dream of "belittling" the terrible things which have happened in Germany, the German President declared. Germany, he continued, knew it was her duty to make amends, but compensation would always be a makeshift, a piecemeal task. He said there were still 2,250,000 compensation claims outstanding.

President Heuss today spent 30 minutes browsing through the Wiener Library, a specialized collection of 50,000 books and 200,000 clippings and references pertaining to Nazism, Fascism and Jewish sufferings under these regimes. The anti-Nazi President was given the warmest reception he has yet had in Britain by a large group of former German Jews, employees of the library and its director and president, Dr. Alfred Wiener and Leonard Montefiore. The President remarked to an aide that "today is the first time I felt at home."

Prof. Heuss looked up his own name on a secret Gestapo list of "unpatriotic Germans" and spent some time examining the portrait of Dr. Konrad Adenauer, currently Chancellor of West Germany, which appeared in a 1933 Nazi volume as a photograph of "Cologne's Jewish Mayor." The President showed himself as thoroughly informed on the suffering of the Jews under the Nazis.

Z. O. A. PARLEY CPENS; GOLDMANN, NEUMANN ANALYZE ISRAEL'S PROBLEMS

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The 61st annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America opened here tonight with major addresses by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, ZOA president, analyzing the present situation in Israel and dealing with problems affecting the Zionist movement in the United States. More than 1,000 delegates and guests attended the opening session of the four-day convention.

Dr. Goldmann told the delegates that a certain improvement is now being noticed in Israel's situation. The process of Arab unification, which seemed to be a very fast one after the revolution in Iraq, and which threatened Israel with an encirclement by hostile Arab regimes, apparently is proceeding much more slowly in recent weeks and meeting greater difficulties than originally appeared, he said.

"The cleavage within the Arab bloc between the Nasser group and his opponents has become serious and it looks that for the time being, even after the evacuation of the British forces in Jordan Hussein will be able to maintain himself, at least for a certain while," Dr. Goldmann stated. "What is more important even is that the Western world is assessing Israel's importance with greater understanding than ever before and is more ready more than ever to enable Israel to maintain its independence and integrity."

On the other hand, Dr. Goldmann warned that in the long run Arab nationalism was bound to grow and reach a certain measure of Arab unity, a fact which Israel will have to take into serious consideration from the point of view of its long term policies. "The main question with regard to Arab nationalism is if it will remain aggressive and destructive or turn into more constructive and cooperative channels. Both the relationship of the Arab world to Israel and to the West will depend on this crucial problem of how Arab nationalism in the future will develop," the world Zionist leader said.

Dr. Goldmann Lists Three Major Problems Facing Israel

Dr. Goldmann listed three key problems which Israel must solve as normalization of relations with the Arab world, attaining a larger measure of economic independence and achieving more effective cooperation between Israel and Jewish communities throughout the world.

Dr. Goldmann said there were grounds for hoping that normalization of relations with the Arab world might be achieved in Israel's second decade. In reviewing the problem of economic independence, he noted that important sources of funds during the first decade would diminish or end soon, particularly reparations payments from the West German Government, which currently represent the largest single item in Israel's overseas income. This development, he stated, will require the Jews in other countries to make good the loss of such income.

The World Zionist leader called the problem of increasing cooperation between Israel and world Jewry the most decisive of the three issues. He said that economic phases of such cooperation might be more difficult than in the first decade, particularly if any large immigration from Eastern Europe, including the Soviet Union, should materialize in the next ten years.

Israel will not be able to solve any of these problems without an increasing degree of participation by the Jewish people as a whole, Dr. Goldmann warned. He said this fact increased the importance of the Zionist movement which has the task of mobilizing the Jewish communities for a large measure of the responsibility of aiding Israel to become fully consolidated both politically and economically in its second decade.

Dr. Neumann Voices Appeal to Arabs for Peaceful Cooperation

Dr. Neumann voiced a fervent appeal to the Arabs--the Arab peoples, to their intellectuals and forward-looking leaders--calling upon them to "let us both, together begin to cultivate a brighter vision for the future, rather than nurse the bitter grievances of the past."

At the same time, the American Zionist leader warned that "the comparative lull in the Middle East is likely to be broken at any moment by new and greater explosions, as the result of Nasser's relentless bid for empire."

In his call to the Arabs, Dr. Neumann warned: "You cannot hope to destroy Israel. Neither the Israel nor we, nor the world at large will ever permit it. Nor can Israel, whatever its growth, ever seek your destruction. These facts and not the irresponsible visions and provocations of adventurers, are the inescapable realities to which all of us must accommodate ourselves. The peaceful cooperation of the Jews and Arabs striving fraternally towards a common good--that must be our vision of the future."

THREE UNIVERSITIES IN HOLLAND INTRODUCE HEBREW FOR THE FIRST TIME

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Three of this country's highest seats of learning--historic Leyden and Utrecht Universities, and the Amsterdam Municipal University--have announced that, for the first time, they have scheduled courses in the Hebrew language and Hebrew literature.

## AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE PARLEY OPENS; WILL DISCUSS BOMBINGS

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Problems of violence in both the North and the South, anti-Semitic currents in the South, challenges in the Middle East and aspects of Jewish integration in the United States will be discussed at a national executive board meeting of the American Jewish Committee which opened here tonight. Five hundred delegates from all parts of the country will attend.

Delegates will hear a comprehensive analysis and report on desegregation tensions throughout the United States, particularly as these affect education, housing, labor, human rights generally, as well as Jews and Jewish institutions. There will be a detailed examination of extremist groups in the South, the dangers of anti-Semitism and community problems in coping with violence and hate peddlers.

The meeting will discuss the threat of Nasser-Soviet domination in the Middle East and its meaning for Israel's security. It will also evaluate the United States foreign policy in relation to Israel and the Middle East.

Dr. John Slawson, AJC executive vice president, addressing the opening session, asserted "no one voice nor one group could speak for the Jews in the United States." He emphasized that a "centralized authority" in Jewish life in the United States "was theoretically unsound and practically unfeasible," and decried any conception that "there exists a Jewish position on American domestic policy or a Jewish position on American foreign policy."

Jewish community groups, he stressed, should be organized "within the framework of voluntarism and each Jewish organization should express only the views of its own particular constituency." He said that the "nature of Jewish communal organizations in America must correspond to the nature of American society and tradition."

### Southern English-Jewish Press Reacts to Synagogue Bombings

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Editors of English-Jewish weeklies in the South called this week for Federal and community-wide reaction to the bombing of the Jewish Temple in Atlanta and the lesser blasts and attacks on synagogues.

In newspapers published, circulated and read in the deep South, editors have pointed out: The reign of terror has transcended state lines; violence was preceded and encouraged by public figures calling for defiance of the courts and the rule of law in the integration issue, that the pattern of attacks on Jewish institutions bears a frightening parallel to the coming of Hitler to power in Germany.

The Miami Floridian, published in a city which less than a year ago was on the same firing line as the Atlanta and Peoria communities now, charged that Attorney General Rogers "absurd" contention that it was the responsibility of the local law enforcement authorities to handle bombing of synagogues had "encouraged the Peoria blast."

The Observer of Nashville, Tenn., commented that a "sober-minded society must counter with determination" this challenge to a free society and its values and must resolutely fight to "preserve the safety of its institutions, the dignity of law, the cherished freedoms for which men have labored and fought and died."

The Hebrew Watchman, of Memphis Tenn., stated flatly: "This is not a Jewish problem alone." The Texas Jewish Post, published in Dallas, said in a page one editorial: "It is a pattern designed by those who would like to see the United States of America become a totalitarian country."

Similar expressions of the significance of the attacks on Jewish houses of worship for both the Jews and all others in the U.S. were voiced by English-Jewish newspapers in other parts of the country.

## 150,000 JEWS SERVING IN U.S. ARMED FORCES, J. W. B. REPORTS AT PARLEY

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- About 150,000 Jews are now serving in the U.S. armed forces, it was reported here today by the National Jewish Welfare Board at the opening of a series of conferences to map the JWB program for religious and morale activities among Jews in the armed services in 1959.

More than 240 delegates are attending the meetings which will last four days. The delegates also will decide on the JWB program of cultural and recreational services for its 355 affiliated Jewish Community Centers and their 595,000 members.

## JEWISH CANDIDATE ELECTED MEMBER OF SAO PAULO PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Jacob Saivador Zveibel, a leading member of the Jewish community of this city, has been elected to the Sao Paulo provincial legislature. A member of the Republican Party, Zveibel served as a member of the Sao Paulo City Council before running for state office.