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## U. S. AND BRITAIN BUILDING UP ISRAEL'S MILITARY STRENGTH, MOSCOW SAYS

LONDON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union today accused the West of building up Israel's military strength for a "new adventure" in the Middle East. Pravda said "we cannot fail to notice that the Western Powers have been feverishly arming Israel during the past months."

The Communist newspaper said "Israel has recently signed agreements for the supply of arms with Britain, France, Belgium, Italy and the United States. This confirms the reports that the British and U. S. imperialists are once again counting on Israel preparing a new adventure."

(In Washington, Secretary of State Dulles said today that the State Department has received vague reports on a new Soviet arms deal with the United Arab Republic but had no "hard" information on it. He said that, therefore, he did not feel in a position to confirm or deny reports of a massive new Soviet arms deal with Col. Nasser. Reports on such a deal were carried by London newspapers from their correspondents in Cairo.)

## Britain Will Seek to Relieve Tensions in Middle East, Queen Says

LONDON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The British Government will continue to cooperate with the United Nations and through regional pacts in an effort to relieve tensions in the Middle East, Queen Elizabeth II declared today in a speech from the Throne.

The occasion for the address, prepared for the Queen by the government, was the reopening of Parliament at the end of its summer recess. In the presence of the assembled members of Parliament and the diplomatic corps, in an atmosphere of traditional pomp, the Queen declared:

"My Government will continue to support the United Nations, NATO and other regional pacts of which they are members--Bagdad Pact. They will cooperate with the United Nations and the countries of the Middle East in any measure likely to relieve tension."

## J. D. C. CONFERENCE IN GENEVA HEARS REPORTS ON JEWS IN POLAND, CHINA, INDIA

GENEVA, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Since its return to Poland in December, 1957, the Joint Distribution Committee has already assisted one-third of Poland's 45,000 Jews, Samuel Haber, JDC director for Poland, reported here today at the four-day JDC country directors meeting. The JDC, expelled from Poland in 1949, was allowed to return at the end of last year.

Most pitiful of all, is the plight of the 12,000 Jewish repatriates returned to Poland from the USSR, Mr. Haber said. "They returned devoid of means to a country that is no longer home for them. Their former homes were occupied by others, the towns they had once lived in were devoid of Jews. The most that the government and local Jewish communities could do for them was to provide them with temporary assistance. Unlike the Christian repatriates, the Jews had no homes, no relatives, no friends to turn to until they could find themselves a new asylum," Mr. Haber concluded.

Max Braude, ORT director, reported on the organization's vocational training set-up which operates schools in 18 Polish cities for some 2,600 students, 2,300 of whom are adults learning new trades. Ninety percent of the students are repatriates, he reported, and the others are Jews being displaced from managerial positions, government posts and other places in the Polish economy.

Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice chairman, reported on his recent trip around the world during which he studied the situation of Jews in China, India, Pakistan, Australia and Southern Asia. Outside of a few cities, such as Hong Kong and Singapore, the Jewish population of Southeast Asia consists of small communities of between 50 and 150 persons, Mr. Leavitt said.

"Cut off from the main body of Jews elsewhere," he continued, "there is a danger of assimilation and eventual extinction." The number of Jews in the area have "dwindled steadily and unless we find the means to keep them together and provide a Jewish education for their youth, they may well disappear entirely," he warned. He said Jews in India, though not persecuted as Jews, live in misery and their communities are breaking up as many immigrate.

## BEN GURION STARTS TALKS WITH MIZRACHISTS ON REJOINING THE CABINET

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28, (JTA) -- Talks began today between Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and leaders of the National Religious Party on the question of the religious party's return to the coalition Government.

The religious bloc, made up of Mizrachi and Poale Mizrachi, quit the Government several months ago in a dispute over the definition of a Jew for identity card registration purposes. The majority voted then in favor of a liberal definition which would permit anyone declaring himself a bona fide Jew to be registered as such. The religious parties, backed by the Chief Rabbinate, insisted that Jewishness had to be defined according to Jewish law.

The talks which opened today were aimed at finding a definition acceptable to both sides. Observers said a final decision was likely before the end of the week when Moshe Shapira, religious party leader who quit as Minister of Religions in the dispute, was scheduled to leave for a visit to the United States.

## U.S. GOVERNMENT TO GIVE \$23, 000, 000 FOR ARAB REFUGEE RELIEF THIS YEAR

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The United States Government pledged \$23, 000, 000 to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency engaged in providing relief for Arab refugees. The sum constitutes the American contribution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959. An announcement to this effect was made yesterday by Senator Bourke B. Hickenlooper, member of the American delegation, at the Ad Hoc Committee of the UN General Assembly.

As in the past, he said, the United States would make payments against this pledge to an extent not exceeding 70 percent of total contributions to UNRWA. In line with this policy, the United States had already deposited for UNRWA's use the sum of \$11, 500, 800, representing half of its pledge. The United States, he went on, was also prepared to pledge, in addition to the above sums, the amount of \$3, 750, 000 for any resettlement or repatriation activities of UNRWA initiated during the United States fiscal year ending June 30, 1959. This additional contribution would be made to the extent that it did not exceed 70 percent of the total contributions for these specific activities.

In making this offer, Senator Hickenlooper stressed, the U.S. Government realized "that little significant progress has been made in taking refugees off the relief rolls and in setting them up in conditions of self-support." He urged that all concerned, "particularly Israel and the Arab states, bend every effort to provide for some more satisfactory means of dealing with the refugee problem than the mere continuation of the present system."

(The New York Times, in an editorial today, pointing out that the Arab countries are "resisting" the integration of the Palestine refugees, wrote: "It is agreed that the problem of the refugees is one of the thorniest in the whole area of the troubled Middle East. Israel has urged that its solution be made a part of a whole general settlement in the interest of peace. This is sound, as far as it goes, but in the meantime irritating problems must be solved. The more that can be done in the United Nations to put those problems into the broadest possible context, the better." Other New York newspapers commented in a similar vein.)

## EBAN TO HOLD HIS PRESENT POSTS IN WASHINGTON AND AT UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, who was elected president of the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot, will continue to serve in his present post in Washington and as head of the Israel delegation to the United Nations, Maurice M. Boukstein, vice president of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute, announced today.

"Ambassador Eban's acceptance of this great academic honor will not deprive him of the opportunity to continue to be of service to the State of Israel in whatever capacity he may be called upon to serve now and in the future," Mr. Boukstein said. He added that "there is every expectation that under the leadership of Ambassador Eban, the Weizmann Institute will continue to grow and play an ever increasing role in the advancement of science and fundamental research."

## CANADA'S NEW AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO ISRAEL PRESIDENT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Miss Margaret Meagher, Canada's new Ambassador to Israel, presented her credentials today to President Itzhak Ben Zvi. Miss Meagher, Canada's first woman to achieve Ambassadorial rank, is also the first woman Ambassador accredited to Israel.

The Canadian Ambassador was introduced to the President by Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister. Further emphasizing the historical feminine aspect of the ceremony was a guard of honor consisting of women soldiers of Israel's army drawn up at attention in the audience chamber.

PROF. BOEHM OUTLINES GERMANY'S VIEW ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Bonn may tackle the problem of diplomatic relations with Israel as a consequence of Bonn's taking a "new look" at its relations with Eastern European countries and with East Germany, Prof. Franz Boehm, head of the West German delegation which worked out the terms of the German-Israel reparations pact, said here today.

Prof. Boehm, addressing a foreign press correspondents' luncheon, noted that under its present policy Bonn breaks off relations with any country which recognizes East Germany. Therefore, he said, Bonn was cautious about exchanging envoys with Israel lest the Arab states, in retaliation, recognize the Berlin Communist regime and thereby force Bonn to sever relations with them.

However, Prof. Boehm implied that Bonn was undergoing a change of heart with respect to East Germany and in the event of a new line in this direction might be more willing to recognize Israel. The logic of this position, according to Dr. Boehm, appears to be that if the Arabs retaliate by recognizing East Germany, Bonn would not be in a position where it would be forced to cut loose from the Arabs.

Commenting on the question of individual restitution for Nazi victims, Prof. Boehm expressed confidence that all valid claims would be paid by March, 1962. He estimated that the total to be paid out in this type of indemnification would reach the equivalent of \$4,500,000,000.

INDEMNIFICATION PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS DECREASING IN GERMANY

BONN, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Payments to victims of Nazism under Germany's indemnification legislation is actually decreasing, Allgemeine Zeitung, a Jewish paper, charged today.

The newspaper said that while total payments to victims came to 470,000,000 deutschemarks in the third quarter of 1957, they dropped to 413,000,000 in the first quarter of 1958 and still lower to 398,000,000 in the second quarter of this year.

Computing that a total of 240,000,000,000 marks would eventually be paid out on account of war losses and damages, Allgemeine Zeitung said that only 20,000,000,000 would go to victims of Nazi repression, torture and murder as a result of both the indemnification laws and the reparations treaty with Israel.

(In Britain today, the Manchester Guardian, commenting on the compensation situation, noted that German law courts are "becoming more expert in finding reasons for reducing payment, and not only are they turning down an ever greater percentage of claims, but they are dealing with fewer claims as time goes on.")

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS ASK CANADIAN GOVERNMENT FOR MORE IMMIGRATION

MONTREAL, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Canadian Jewish organizations interested in immigration have submitted a memorandum to Mrs. Ellen A. Fairclough, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, outlining proposals for action to assist prospective immigrants from Poland and Hungary and Egyptian refugees, it was announced here today by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The efforts of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society in behalf of increased immigration possibilities in Canada promise to open more opportunities in the second half of 1958, the United Hias Service declared in a report issued here. In the first half of 1958, United Hias said, 1,146 Jews entered Canada from a number of countries.

SEN. JAVITS ASKS EISENHOWER TO SUMMON PARLEY ON SYNAGOGUE BOMBINGS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The White House today received a request from Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, asking the summoning of a White House conference to discuss the bombing of religious institutions and schools.

In a communication to the White House, Sen. Javits urged the President to call a conference "at the earliest practicable date through which the moral leadership of our country can best be mobilized." The Senator told the President that bombings were directed against Americans "who are Negroes or of the Jewish faith as well as other Americans seeking the enjoyment of constitutional rights for their fellow citizens."

In Little Rock, Arkansas Governor, Orval E. Faubus today promised retaliation against anyone who bombed Arkansas schools or religious institutions in the heat of racial or religious prejudice. The Governor's statement followed anti-Semitic hoax threats to bomb Little Rock's two synagogues.

Gov. Faubus said "I pledge to all the people of this state to exercise all my power and influence to protect and guard the life, limb and property of all individuals and groups, to which all are entitled under our democratic system of government."

### 13,000 JEWISH POSTAL WORKERS IN N. Y. AFFECTED BY NEW REGULATIONS

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Conservative and Reform rabbis joined today with Orthodox spiritual leaders in protest against New York Post Office regulations which require new postal employes to work on Saturdays.

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, president of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America, which launched the fight on the issue several months ago, and Rabbi Emanuel Holzer, met yesterday for 90 minutes with Postmaster Robert K. Christenberry, who issued the order. Both sides declined to comment on the talks, saying only that further talks were scheduled.

Particularly affected, according to the rabbinical group, are postal employes in Manhattan and the Bronx, where 13,000 of the 37,000 postal workers are Jewish. New appointees have been required to sign a memorandum agreeing to work on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays on request.

The effort of the Orthodox rabbis was endorsed by the New York Board of Rabbis, which includes Reform and Conservative, as well as Orthodox members. The board said the action of the local post office was "tantamount to setting up a religious qualification for obtaining a position" in the post office system.

### ARGENTINE TEACHER WHO SEGREGATED JEWISH PUPILS CRIES "COMMUNISM"

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- A Jewish parents committee fighting for the ouster of Mrs. Maria Teresa Quiroa de Nocetti as principal of a school where she segregated Jewish from non-Jewish students today denounced her statement that she was a victim of "Communist provocation."

The committee said that the fact was that the principal was "trying desperately" to give the issue a political aspect in order to hamper the investigation and exert pressure on the Jewish parents.

Mrs. de Nocetti, principal of Commercial School No. 16, made her statement to Argentina's leading daily, La Prensa, asserting that a Communist daily was the first to protest her anti-Jewish attitudes. The parents committee published a statement in the Jewish press assailing the principal's "diversionist manoeuvre" as a "slandering attempt" to place on others the blame for her actions.

The statement refuted the principal's claim that she was the victim of "a Communist plot" by citing findings of an investigation, undertaken on orders of Luis Mackays, Argentine Minister of Education, proving conclusively that the principal had engaged in discriminatory and anti-Semitic tactics.

### SHARETT ARRIVES IN U. S. TODAY; WILL SPEND MONTH TO AID BOND DRIVE

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Former Prime Minister Moshe Sharett of Israel will arrive at Idlewild Airport tomorrow aboard El Al Israel Airlines for an intensive one-month coast-to-coast tour in behalf of the Israel bond drive.

Mr. Sharett, who also served as Israel's first Foreign Minister, has taken a leading role in the Israel bond drive on previous visits to North America. He was one of the principal speakers at the recent International Mobilization Conference for Israel Bonds in Jerusalem. His tour coincides with peak activities for Israel bonds in leading cities of the United States and Canada.

### BRITAIN'S FIRST ASHKENAZI SYNAGOGUE, 255 YEARS OLD, CLOSED

LONDON, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- The Duke Street Synagogue, Britain's first Ashkenazi synagogue, closed its doors after final services last night. It had been in operation continuously for 255 years.

The first Ashkenazi synagogue opened in any English-speaking country, it gave rise to a number of Britain's leading Jewish organizations. It is located in the East End, a Jewish populated district.

Badly damaged during the Nazi blitz of London, the building was temporarily reconstructed. Now it will make way for a street widening project and its spiritual place will be taken by a number of other synagogues which were established since the war's end.

### U. S. JEWS TO COMMEMORATE COMMUNITIES IN UKRAINE ANNIHILATED BY NAZIS

NEW YORK, Oct. 28. (JTA) -- Professor Selman Waksman, noted Jewish scientist and Nobel Prize winner, accepted the honorary chairmanship of the Association to Perpetuate the Memory of Ukrainian Jews, it was announced today. Dr. Waksman was born in Kiev, the Ukraine, and came to the United States in 1910. The Association will soon publish the first 400-page volume on the history of the Jews in the Ukraine in memory of the hundreds of thousands of Jews who were annihilated there during the Nazi occupation.