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## HAMMARSKJOLD TO STUDY "UNDERLYING PROBLEMS" AFFECTING ISRAEL AND NASSER

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold told the United Nations Security Council today that he expects on his forthcoming visit to the Middle East not only to look into the latest incident of the Syrian attack against Israel but also into the "underlying problems" affecting Israel and the United Arab Republic.

Mr. Hammarskjold virtually told the Council that he would prefer that it took no other action on the Israeli complaint against the Syrian shelling except to leave the dispute in his hands. His proposal was immediately endorsed by Henry Cabot Lodge, chairman of the American delegation, who took the floor right behind Mr. Hammarskjold. Both expressed deepest concern over the December 3 incident in which, according to the Israeli complaint, Syrian artillery fired several hundred shells into a number of Israel villages in the Huleh border region.

Observers here noted that one of Israel's prime purposes in filing the current complaint--which was to obtain expressions of concern from the UN and the major powers--seems already to have been achieved. Mr. Hammarskjold will spend three days in Israel during his forthcoming visit to the Middle East. He will fly to Jerusalem from Somaliland on the morning of December 31 and will leave Jerusalem for Amman January 3. He will return to New York January 8.

### Security Council Authorizes Hammarskjold to Act; Israel Upheld

After a majority of the Security Council, as well as Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, today upheld Israel's insistence that the Syrian attacks on Israeli villages in the Huleh area on December 3 was a "grave" and "serious" incident the Council agreed to Mr. Hammarskjold's suggestion that he make a new effort to "attack the underlying problems which are at the source of the tension" between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Near the end of today's session, Ambassador Abba Eban, chairman of the Israel delegation, once more told the eleven member body that the entire responsibility for the tensions along the Syrian border is the fact that "the United Arab Republic maintains a state of war." He told the Council that Syria has been maintaining a policy of belligerence against Israel and of obstructing Israel's plans for completing water projects in the Huleh area since 1951.

Once again as he did a week ago, Mr. Eban told the Council that all that Israel wants is peace and implied that if it does not get peace it will have to resort to the kind of defense it undertook against Syrian fire December 3. In answer to Mr. Eban, Dr. Omar Loutfi, head of the UAR delegation, said that his country will "not be frightened by attacks or concentration of troops" and that "if attacked, will repel the attack."

### Hammarskjold Scores Syrian Attacks on Israeli Villages

Mr. Hammarskjold told the Security Council it has always been his "firm view" that "no military action in contravention of the cease-fire clauses of the general armistice agreement can be justified." He added: "Personally, I note the incident before the Security Council with the deepest concern." He went on to say that another matter of concern were the underlying problems which had led to the present state of tension and the use of force. These problems called for serious efforts toward a peaceful solution eliminating the cause of tension.

Continuing, the Secretary General said he is concerned about the "deterioration" of conditions around the Huleh region and the Northern demilitarized zone in the last year, and even more concerned about "symptoms indicating that the deterioration is continuing." In this connection, he spoke of the dangers of a military build-up in "an area which has proved to be explosive." What had happened should be the turning point toward "more favorable" developments, he said.

U.S. delegate Henry Cabot Lodge told the Council: "The events of December 3 deserve our serious concern because they involve in fact armed action on a large scale." The American representative said that the Council "cannot condone action or the use of force in justification of earlier actions. We cannot agree," he said, "with those who say that the past justifies the present."

### EGYPTIAN JETS FLY OVER ISRAEL; DROP FLARES IN SOUTHERN NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- An Israeli protest to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization was expected today against Egyptian violation of Israel air space last night.

Egyptian jets flew over several inhabited areas of Israel, chiefly in the southern Negev, dropping flares. The flares lit up the night terrain in the vicinity of Elath, Mishmar Hanegev and along the Israel-Jordan demarcation line.

Trigger happy Syrian troops on the eastern side of the demilitarized zone in the Huleh area let loose with machine guns and automatic rifles last night, an Israeli military spokesman revealed today. There were no Israeli casualties, and the Israelis did not return the fire.

Hundreds of jeeps and trucks and major quantities of communications equipment used by the United Nations observer force in Lebanon are now being transferred to UN Truce Supervision Organization headquarters in Jerusalem. The equipment will be stored in UNTSO facilities in no-man's land between Israel and Jordan territory.

### FRANCE TO SUPPLY ISRAEL WITH 60 MODERN JET FIGHTERS, BRITAIN REPORTS

LONDON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Israel will shortly acquire 60 French jet fighters considered among the fastest and most maneuverable in their class, it was reported here today by "Flying Review," official publication of the British Royal Air Force.

"Flying Review" said that the planes, Mirage 3-A jets, were speedier and more modern than Mystere IV, the fastest jet in the Israel Air Force.

### ANTI-AMERICAN HOSTILITY MARKS ARRIVAL OF ROUNTREE IN BAGDAD

LONDON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Evidence of hostility on every hand greeted Assistant Secretary of State William Rountree when he arrived in Bagdad today on the second leg of his Middle East tour. The American diplomat had conferred yesterday in Cairo with Nasser, admittedly the most important target of Washington's attempt to win over Arab leadership.

Anti-American placards were pasted up or painted on buildings all over the Iraqi capital, the British press reported today. Even the United States Embassy was so plastered, despite protests to the authorities. Editors of Bagdad newspapers were encouraged to devote their lead stories to the "spontaneous protests" against Mr. Rountree's visit.

Popular slogans in English and Arabic in Bagdad today were: "Rountree Go Home," and "Rountree Do Not Stop On Our Beloved Land With Your Dirty Feet." According to a report in the London press, even tanks and armored cars assigned to guard the U.S. Embassy in Bagdad have such slogans on them.

### ISRAEL GOVT. TO RE-STUDY REGULATIONS BANNING INFORMATION TO PRESS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- A pledge that the new regulations forbidding Israeli civil servants from divulging to newsmen information other than that intended specifically for publication, regardless of its classification or non-classification, would be restudied, was given a meeting of editors here last night by David Rosolio, head of the Civil Service Commission.

The emergency meeting had been convened to plan and initiate countermeasures to the Civil Service Commission's instructions, which Israeli editors view as an attempt to muzzle the press. After hearing Mr. Rosolio, who was out of town when the disputed instructions were issued by a deputy, the editors agreed to withhold retaliatory action pending review of the instructions.

Meanwhile, the Attorney General also backed down from the attempt to restrict information to newsmen. All courts were instructed to once again make available to reporters files which were open to them before last week.

### TURKEY REACTIVATES TRADE WITH ISRAEL; MODIFIES EXISTING RESTRICTIONS

ISTANBUL, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Turkey has just taken a move which will reactivate trade with Israel, brought to a standstill recently as a result of a Turkish Government decision to restrict imports and exports to nations not encompassed in the European Payments Union.

Ankara authorities have allocated a quota of the equivalent of \$14,100,000 for exports to Israel during the current year. The import quota from Israel is not yet fixed, but is not expected to be less than an equivalent sum. Israel has already placed orders for \$1,000,000 worth of Turkish products.

## DAYAN FORESEES HARDER TIMES FOR ISRAEL; PREDICTS END OF "HONEYMOON"

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Current Israeli-Western relations were described here today as a "honeymoon," by Gen. Moshe Dayan, former Chief of Staff of the Israel Army. Speaking here at the first meeting sponsored by the Mapai at which he was featured, Gen. Dayan warned that the "honeymoon" might not last much longer.

He asked whether Israel was prepared for harder times ahead, insisting that the present relations between this country and the West was not the outcome of Israel's own work but merely the coincidence of the West's growing disillusionment with the Arabs. "It is quite likely the Arabs and the West will have a rapprochement," he said, and then Israel will face "harder times."

Gen. Dayan granted that the United States was the most friendly of all nations to Israel. But, he pointed out, the United States had agreed to supply Israel with arms only after Egypt had received arms from the Soviet Union.

Turning to the regional scene, the leader of the younger group in the top ranks of the Mapai opposed the idea of Israel's integration with the Arab states. With the present lower level of Arab life, he said, this would mean a step backwards for Israel.

The General defended his economic ideas, which have created quite a stir, reiterating his demands for increased production at lower prices, increased efficiency in industry and civil service "even if this causes temporary unemployment." He criticized the decision of the Histadrut last week to better social conditions of workers. This, he continued, would cost the state 20,000,000 pounds at a time it was looking for a 20,000,000 pound loan to cover immigration and absorption costs.

He attacked various groups of workers, like teachers and engineers, who look for higher wages while they are not prepared to increase productivity. He blamed his own party for failing to maintain a stable price situation last year, with the result that the budget has a 50,000,000 pound deficit.

## RABBI MAIMON STRESSES OPPOSITION TO BEN GURION'S DEFINITION OF "JEW"

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, one of Israel's most venerated Orthodox leaders and a personal friend of Premier David Ben Gurion, wrote the Premier today that Mr. Ben Gurion's position on the question of "who is a Jew" is the "mistake of your life."

Rabbi Maimon's letter came in response to a questionnaire sent to him and other Jewish scholars and religious leaders throughout the world for their opinion of how to register the children of a mixed marriage. On this, Rabbi Maimon replied: "The question 'who is a Jew' was established thousands of years ago when we became the chosen people. According to the Torah and tradition only a person born of a Jewish woman is Jewish."

(In New York, Rabbi Eliezer Silver, chairman of the presidium of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, emphatically denied today a report published in the Israel press that he sent a message of congratulations to Rabbi Jacob Toledano of Tel Aviv on the occasion of his appointment as Israeli Minister of Religions. Rabbi Silver declared that his message to Rabbi Toledano as chairman of the presidium of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis in America contained only a request to withhold acceptance of this position until the principle of "Who is a Jew" is established according to the Halachah.)

## ARAB CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE DECIDE TO INTENSIFY ANTI-ISRAEL BOYCOTT

LONDON, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The Arab Chambers of Commerce, concluding their eighth annual meeting in Cairo last night, called for an intensification of the boycott against Israel and, at the same time, for "greater competition with Israel" in the field of international trade. In addition, the Arabs passed a resolution recommending a boycott of French products.

The non-existent state of Palestine, together with the sheikdoms of Kuwait and Bahrain, were admitted to the Federation of Arab Chambers of Commerce. All had delegations at the Afro-Asian conference of Chambers of Commerce recently, but it is expected that at next year's session of the international parley the inclusion of Palestine will be opposed by many delegations which do not consider it a state.

## LOCUST APPEARS IN NEGEV; FOUGHT WITH CHEMICALS FROM PLANES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Israeli farmers and hastily-mobilized Ministry of Agriculture specialists began today a war on hordes of red locusts who have settled on the new crops in the Western Negev.

This morning planes equipped with chemical spray tanks joined the battle, even as new swarms were reported heading toward Israeli fields. The Western Negev has suffered from a prolonged drought and now, after the first rains brought young green shoots above ground, the crops are threatened again.

### U. S. JEWISH LEADERS TO SET UP PLANS FOR ISRAEL BOND DRIVE IN 1959

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- More than 450 leaders of Jewish communities from various parts of the United States and Canada will assemble in New York to discuss ways and means of continuing and expanding the Israel bond campaign in 1959, it was announced here today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the Israel Bond Organization. The conference will take place the second week-end of January.

In announcing the special meeting, Dr. Schwartz declared that the Government of Israel had recently taken action, through a bill adopted by the Knesset, to launch a new Israel bond issue in the United States early in 1959. Dr. Schwartz pointed out that the decision of the Israel Government to float a new issue of Israel bonds in 1959 was based on the fact that "the Israel bond campaign has firmly established itself as a financial instrument of increased strength in meeting Israel's economic development needs."

More than 40,000 hailed the progress of modern Israel in New York at two performances of the stirring eighth annual Chanukah Festival for Israel at Madison Square Garden. The second performance, attended by 20,000 persons, took place tonight. The two performances, arranged by the Israel Bond Organization, helped mobilize large sums of investment capital for Israel through the sale of bonds. New high levels of Israel bond response were also recorded in Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles, where similar Chanukah festivals were held.

Three of the outstanding personalities of the entertainment world were given special awards this week in recognition of their "exceptional services to the State of Israel during the first decade of its existence." At an Ambassador's Ball in Los Angeles, Eddie Cantor, Jack Benny and George Jessel were honored by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban, who presented to them special Tenth Anniversary Awards. Admission to the ball was limited to purchasers of \$1,000 or more in State of Israel bonds. Over \$300,000 in bonds were sold.

### JEWS ELECTED TO CITY COUNCILS IN ONTARIO; TORONTO MAYOR RE-ELECTED

MONTREAL, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress released today a summary of the results of the recent elections throughout Ontario, revealing that Nathan Philipps was re-elected Mayor of Toronto while Philip Givens and Herbert Orliff were re-elected aldermen in the Toronto City Council.

Elsewhere in the province, a number of Jews were elected to city and town councils and to school boards and other municipal posts. In North York Irving Paisley was re-named councillor, in Forest Hill Village Laurie T. Simonsky was re-elected reeve while Sidney H. Banks and Edwin Pivnick were named councillors. In York Township Harold B. Linden was re-elected councillor and in Kitchener Michael Walters was re-named councillor, rolling up the largest popular vote in the city.

### ROTHSCHILD FOUNDATION HELPS JEWISH EDUCATION IN FRENCH PROVINCES

PARIS, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- A new foundation recently established by Baron Edmond de Rothschild has begun making its initial grants to meet educational and religious needs in Jewish communities in French provincial areas, it was revealed today.

First grants provided for the salary of a Jewish teacher in the Vosges town of St. Die, the salary of a rabbi in Toulouse and tuition for correspondence courses for Jews in isolated areas. While the exact amount of the foundation is not known, it is reported to be in the neighborhood of \$350,000. The capital will not be touched; only the interest on the principal will be used for grants.

### AMERICAN-ISRAELI \$14,000,000 TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION FORMED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 15. (JTA) -- A new American-Israeli corporation has been formed to transport by freighter fruit from Nicaragua to the United States, it was announced here today. Its initial capitalization is \$14,000,000 and the Israel Government has approved an allocation permitting the new line to purchase refrigerated freighters from German shipyards within the framework of the West German-Israeli reparations pact. The vessels will fly the Israeli flag.

The Israeli partners are headed by Col. M. Kolnesher, who recently retired from active service after serving as Israeli air attache in Washington. American partners include New York banker Richard Quen, Blue, Hamm, Smith and Company, Nicaragua banana plantation owner, and Washington residents Z. Freilich and I. Davidson.

### ZENA HARMAN ELECTED HEAD OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF U. N. CHILDREN FUND

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 15. (JTA) -- Mrs. Zena Harman, director of the international organizations division of the Foreign Ministry, Friday was elected by members of the UN second committee as chairman of the program committee of United Nations Children's Emergency Fund.