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## MOSCOW INTENSIFIES ANTI-ISRAEL DRIVE; SAYS U. S. MAY GIVE ROCKETS TO ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Soviet delegation to the United Nations today distributed propaganda being charging the United States and Britain with arming Israel in preparation for "aggression" against the neighboring Arab countries.

The United States, according to the material disseminated here by members of the Soviet delegation, is conducting negotiations with Israel to equip the Israel army with rocket installations. Britain is charged with selling Israel not only submarines, but also radar equipment, helicopters, jet aircraft, heavy tanks and other armaments valued by Soviet authorities at \$140, 000, 000.

"Military facilities are being built in the Negev desert in the immediate vicinity of Arab territory," states a Soviet tract handed out today to delegation members and correspondents at the United Nations. "The United States intends using this area as a testing ground for rocket weapons," it adds. It alleges that Israel, the United States and Britain are planning anti-Arab aggressions.

Similar allegations were voiced by the Moscow Radio last Friday. The Moscow broadcast said Israel is "viciously subversive to dying imperialism." It contended that the United States and Britain were both giving top priority to stepping up arms shipments to Israel.

At the same time, the Moscow broadcast urged the Soviet people to read the anti-Israel book, "The State of Israel, Its Position and Policy," just published by the state-owned Soviet Political Literature Publishing House. The broadcast also asserted that Israel's 1948 war for independence was "not really a war between Arabs and Jews, but actually a war which was provoked by foreign imperialists who were striving to retain their positions in this part of the world."

### West Building Up Israel's Military Potential, Moscow Alleges

Parallel with the Moscow broadcast in the Russian language, the Soviet radio also carried a broadcast in Arabic beamed to the Arab countries. The broadcast dealt with Israel's complaint to the United Nations Security Council against the recent Syrian shelling of Israeli villages.

"It is obvious that there is a strong desire to give the events on the Syrian-Israeli borders a wide international significance," the broadcast said. It claimed that "it was the Israeli frontier guards who began the exchange of fire."

Asserting that "the West is devoting great care to the strengthening of Israel's defensive potential," the Soviet broadcast told the Arabs that "recently, a large number of Israelis arrived in the United States, France and West Germany for military purposes" and that "the Israeli Chief of Staff went to France on a secret mission."

"If war between the Arabs and Israel should break out again, the United States would try to benefit from it for the purpose of realizing its aims after declaring that the situation threatens world peace and makes Western armed intervention necessary," the Soviet radio "warned" the Arabs.

## NASSER WILL DEMAND WITHDRAWAL OF U. N. FORCES FROM GAZA, CAIRO RADIO SAYS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic will demand of United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld when he visits Cairo that the UN Emergency Force be withdrawn from the Sinai Peninsula and the Gaza Strip, the Cairo radio indicated today.

Cairo would agree to the continued presence of UNEF troops only if they were also posted on the Israeli side of the demarcation line, the radio said. In that event, Cairo would want UNEF merged with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization and have the combined unit police all of Israel's borders with her neighbors. It added that the United Arab Republic would also raise the question of the Arab refugees with Mr. Hammarskjöld.

## ARAB PLANES FLYING OVER ISRAEL MILITARY POSITIONS, DAMASCUS CONFIRMS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Radio Damascus confirmed today that planes of the United Arab Republic have been flying over Israeli army concentration points. The announcer asserted that Israeli troop formations were massing near the Israel Syrian border and boasted that Syria's army was ready to "repulse any attack."

Meanwhile, Israel Army Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Chaim Laskov yesterday visited the border settlements in the Huleh area which were shelled by Syrian guns Dec. 3. Settlers told him they wanted Israel to stand behind the recent statement in the Security Council by Abba Eban, Israel's delegate, that further Syrian aggression would be treated like an act of war.

The Israeli press expressed the view today that the Security Council's decision to let Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold look into the Israeli complaint during his forthcoming visit to the Middle East meant that once again the Israel Army was left in sole possession of the task of securing Israel's borders and the safety of its villages and residents.

## SUEZ CAMPAIGN ISSUE DEBATED IN COMMONS; GOVERNMENT REJECTS PROBE

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The 1956 Suez Campaign became the subject of acrimonious debate in the House of Commons last night when Anthony Head, who was Secretary of State for War then, strongly defended both the military effort and the then Prime Minister Anthony Eden's decision to launch the campaign.

The "tragedy" of the campaign, Mr. Head asserted, was "that the operation stopped when it did." He added that Mr. Eden had been right in deciding that Communist infiltration into "a backwards country could be halted only by energetic action." The former Cabinet official made his points during a stormy debate in which the Opposition demanded the appointment of a select committee to investigate the Suez campaign and the events which led to it.

Richard Crossman, Labor MP, asserted that there must have been collusion with Israel, if not in planning then by the giving of assurances to the Israelis of French air support. He asserted that Israel "could not otherwise have started the operation" and called the Government's refusal to name a special committee "a conspiracy of silence."

George Wigg, also a Labor MP, said there was a "dangerous myth" in the Middle East at the present time to the effect that Israel "inflicted a great defeat on the bulk of the Egyptian army and that if the same thing happened tomorrow, the same thing would happen again." He said he did not think it would.

A Government spokesman said that all the desired information was available in official dispatches and he rejected the demand for a select committee.

## NEW INVASIONS OF LOCUSTS IN NEGEV; MORE EXPECTED FROM JORDAN AREA

TEL AVIV, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- New sky-darkening swarms of locusts have been sighted in various parts of the Negev and more may be coming up into Israel from Jordan territory south and east of Elath, it was revealed today even as hundreds of settlers aided by government experts, three insecticide spraying planes and scores of motor vehicles battled some of the greatest pest invasions in years.

Most of the threatened crops in southern Israel seem safe for the moment, but if new millions of red locusts arrive they may yet deal the Israeli economy a severe blow. The results of last week's battle have left many settlements in the Western Negev covered by a layer of dead red locusts. Villages in the North and Central Negev report new invasions today.

The arrival of the insects had been forecast earlier in the year by an international anti-locust center in London which had studied the pest in the Middle East. But the extent of their invasion far outdid anything forecast by the experts.

## BEN GURION TO MEET WITH EDITORS ON LATEST PRESS RESTRICTIONS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion pledged today that he would meet with editors to discuss their complaints against the latest restrictions by government agencies on newsgathering.

Mr. Ben Gurion made his promise in Parliament in reply to questions concerning the most recent instructions to civil servants to release no information to the press--regardless of whether it is classified secret or not--unless it is specifically intended for publication purposes.

## TOURISTS SPENT \$25,000,000 IN ISRAEL DURING 1958, HIGH OFFICIAL REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Tourists to Israel spent about \$25,000,000 during 1958, Theodore Kollek, director general of the Prime Minister's Office, reported today. He said that about \$12,000,000 was spent by the tourists on hotels and food purchases. The rest was earned by El Al National Airlines and Zim Navigation Company, he said.

## JEWISH GROUPS DEFINE OPPOSITION TO RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Nine national Jewish religious and community relations agencies today issued a joint statement opposing the observance of religious festivals in the public elementary and high schools. "In our view, such observance constitutes a violation of the traditional American principle of separation of church and state," the statement said.

The statement was released by the Joint Advisory Committee of the Synagogue Council of America and the National Community Relations Advisory Council in response to requests for the position of these organizations regarding Chanukah and Christmas programs in the public schools.

"Religious liberty is an indispensable aspect of democratic freedom; indeed it is the very foundation of American democracy," the Jewish organizations declared. "As a nation of people attached to many different religious faiths, or to none, we owe our survival and our unity to the universal acceptance of the uniquely American concept that the relationship between man and God is not and may not be subject to government control or regulation."

The statement pointed out that "the growth of democracy in the United States is in large measure a product of that unique principle in our basic law that puts religion outside the jurisdiction of the state. Any impairment of that principle threatens religious liberty and brings other basic freedoms into jeopardy."

Regarding joint religious holiday observances in the schools, the statement goes on to say: "Joint religious observances such as Christmas-Chanukah and Easter-Passover, are in our opinion no less a breach of the principle of separation of church and state and violate the conscience of many religious persons, Jews and Christians alike."

While recommending that local Jewish communities take such action as may be appropriate to safeguard the right of non-participation of Jewish children where religious holiday observances are nevertheless held in the public schools, local Jewish communities are urged to consult with the Joint Advisory Committee before taking formal or public action on these matters.

The Synagogue Council of America is the coordinating agency for the following Conservative, Orthodox and Reform national rabbinical and congregational organizations: Central Conference of American Rabbis, Rabbinical Assembly of America, Rabbinical Council of America, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and United Synagogue of America.

The National Community Relations Advisory Council is the coordinating agency for six national organizations--American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and United Synagogue of America--and 43 local, state and regional Jewish community relations councils throughout the country.

### N. Y. State Court Rules in Favor of Nativity Scene on School Grounds

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Judge Elbert T. Gallagher of the State Supreme Court here ruled against the suit of 28 residents of nearby Ossining, New York, who sought to prevent the erection of a Nativity scene on public school grounds in the town.

Leo Pfeffer of the American Jewish Congress, attorney for the 28, announced he would take an appeal to the state's Appellate Division. The American Jewish Congress will file a "friends of the court" brief in support of the 28.

Isaac Toubin, executive director of the AJC, declared: "The question at issue is whether a scene depicting the birth of Jesus--the symbol of one religion--may be placed on public property that belongs to people of all religions." A similar suit last year was also turned down by the Supreme Court at White Plains.

### Jews Volunteer to Serve in U. S. O. Centers During Christmas

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A practical demonstration of inter-faith cooperation on a mass scale is being given this Christmas-time as volunteers of the National Jewish Welfare Board take over at USO Clubs for servicemen and centers the duties of their non-Jewish counterparts, enabling the latter to observe the Christian holiday.

The JWB workers will also participate in Christmas activities at Veterans Hospitals and Military bases. This will enable their associates to spend the holiday with their families, and attend church more easily.

The action by the JWB is part of a reciprocal program at USO centers in which the Christian volunteers also step in and handle duties of Jewish volunteers to permit them to observe their High Holy Days throughout the year.

## EISENHOWER RECEIVES DELEGATES TO YOUTH CONFERENCE; JEWS PARTICIPATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower yesterday received at the White House the delegates to the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth, including several national Jewish leaders who are members of the delegation. The President urged the delegates to strengthen the spiritual values which are the foundation of America through the school, home and religious institution.

Among the delegates were Philip Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, Mrs. Moise Cahn, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, and Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, executive director of the Synagogue Council of America. Danny Kaye, another member of the delegation, was also present.

Earlier, the delegation met at the opening of a three-day session and assigned Rabbi Tanenbaum to its theme committee, Mr. Klutznick to the finance committee and Mrs. Cahn to the organization committee.

## CHAPLAIN TO BRITISH QUEEN PROPOSES HOLDING OF CHRISTIAN-JEWISH PARLEY

LONDON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Canon C. E. Raven, Chaplain to Queen Elizabeth II, today urged the calling of a conference between Christians and Jews of all regions to set out their fundamental religious convictions, not as much in theological terms as in terms of their ethical and social significance.

The Canon made his proposal at a meeting of the Council of Christians and Jews, which he suggested might call the parley. He thought the Council might also sponsor a commission to explore knowledge of Judaism during the first century as part of a program of exploration and interpretation of the deeper and abiding elements of the human community.

Such a study, he felt, might make an essential contribution to the understanding and attainment not only of tolerance but of the family life of mankind which both religions inherited. Dr. Raven's address was the fifth Robert Waley Cohen Memorial Lecture of the Council.

## JEWS IN ARIZONA URGE EDUCATION OF IMMIGRANTS TO COMBAT NAZI HABITS

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 17. (JA) -- A call for the Phoenix community to initiate a campaign of educating immigrants in the principles of American democracy was voiced here today by the Jewish Community Council as a result of the arrest of a German immigrant youth charged with anti-Semitic violence against a local Jewish family and a Jewish nursing home.

The 21-year-old former member of the Hitler Youth movement, Reinwald Lewitz, and two other youths were said to have signed confessions admitting a four-month crime spree including an attempt to set fire to the Kivel Nursing Home, firing nine bullets into the home of William Himmelfarb and an arson attempt on the Himmelfarb home. Police quoted Lewitz and his companions, Thaser W. Atterbury, 18, and James S. Farett, 16, as saying they planned to set up a "private concentration camp" in the desert.

The Jewish Community Council resolution condemned the un-American activities of the trio and urged that "the Phoenix community establish a means of educating new immigrants to this city in American principles of toleration and fair play; and further, that this council urges all its affiliated members to take the leadership in strengthening our democratic system so that these incidents cannot be repeated."

## HEBREW UNIVERSITY TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM AMERICAN STUDENTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Applications from American and Canadian colleagues who wish to spend a year of study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem will be accepted through January 15, 1959, it was announced here today by the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

The one-year study program, for both graduate and undergraduate American Students, in its fifth consecutive year, is under the direction of a committee headed by Prof. Oscar I. Janowsky of City College of New York. In addition to classroom study, the program includes tours of Israel and visits to historic and interesting sites.

The year-long program, which begins in July, 1959, is in two parts: the first, four-month course being devoted to intensive study of Hebrew at an Ulpan training center; the second eight months is devoted to courses at the University, including history, literature, Bible and related subjects. American students will share living quarters with Israeli students at the new campus at Givat Ram, Jerusalem.

## ISRAELI EXPERT TO PROCEED TO COLOMBIA AS ADVISER TO BOGOTA GOVT.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Arie Attir, an Israeli expert in office management, will go to Colombia to advise the Bogota Government on methods to increase its administrative efficiency, it was announced today. Mr. Attir goes under the terms of the United Nations technical assistance program.