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### ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES RENEWED U. S. ATTEMPTS TO WOO NASSER

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The policy of the United States in connection with the rivalry now prevailing between Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, president of the United Arab Republic, and Gen. Abdul Karim el-Kassem, Premier of Iraq--inasmuch as it may affect the interests of Israel--was a subject of discussion at Israel's Cabinet meeting today. Foreign Minister Golda Meir reviewed the latest Middle East developments at the meeting.

Israeli circles believe that renewed attempts on the part of the United States to seek Nasser's friendship are unlikely to succeed in the long run. They point out that Nasser's interests clash with Washington's desire for stability in the Middle East. They are of the opinion that any effort to woo Nasser may cause grave damage, by undermining the anti-Nasser elements in the pro-Western Arab countries.

(The Washington Post, a leading American newspaper, says in an editorial: "A word of caution is in order in welcoming the resumption of American wheat sales to Egypt. More normal relations with the UAR are certainly desirable. However, it is important to avoid giving the impression that the pendulum is swinging all the way in the direction of Nasser. Nasserism is no more attractive merely because Col. Nasser is making anti-Communist noises." Pointing out that it was Nasser himself who introduced strong Soviet influence in the Middle East, the editorial stresses that "he has been playing the West and East alternately, so his motives must remain aspect.")

### DAYAN CHALLENGES "OLDER GENERATION"; WANTS YOUNG LEADERSHIP IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- General Moshe Dayan, former chief of staff of the Israel Army, last night publicly challenged the "older generation" leadership of the Israel Government and the Jewish Agency, as well as the leadership of Histadrut, the Israel Confederation of Labor which plays a powerful role in the country's politics.

Broadening his attacks to include also the Mapai Party, principal component of the coalition Government, Gen. Dayan told a public meeting here that the veteran leadership of both the Mapai and Histadrut should give way to younger men. He is a member of the Mapai.

"The young generation," said the 43-year-old Israeli war hero, "who fought the War of Liberation and the Sinai Campaign, has a better understanding of Israel than those who have been sitting for 20 years on the fifth floor of Histadrut headquarters." The fifth floor of the labor federation's headquarters is the site of the offices of the principal leaders and executives.

Gen. Dayan declared that there are too many employees on the public payrolls now. He claimed that 5,000 workers could be pared from the payrolls of the Government, the municipalities and the Jewish Agency, at an annual saving of at least 20,000,000 pounds. The sum of 20,000,000 Israeli pounds is exactly the amount being raised here currently through semi-compulsory public subscription, as a special loan for immigration absorption.

Gen. Dayan also voiced opposition to another policy of some of his own party leaders in Mapai, when he declared himself against a joint election ticket of all the labor parties--Mapai, Achdut Avodah and Mapam. A number of important Mapai leaders are reportedly behind such a unity move, aimed at the general elections to be held in this country in the summer of 1959.

### SHARETT TELLS ISRAELIS NOT TO INDULGE IN CRITICISM AGAINST U. S. JEWS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Israeli appeals for increased emigration of American Jews to this country should be based on positive aspects, rather than on negative criticism of American Jewish life, Moshe Sharett declared here today. The former Prime Minister and ex-Foreign Minister made that statement in an address to a meeting of the Mapai Party, reporting on his recent trip to the United States.

Rebukes and condemnations against American Jews, he said, will not help produce greater American-Jewish immigration into Israel. If such an increase is desired, stated Mr. Sharett, then stress should be laid on the positive aspects of the possibilities of a

richer and fuller Jewish life in Israel. American-Jewish life, he said, has not been shaken by an occasional act of the dynamiting of a synagogue here or there.

Mr. Sharett said he found the economic standards among American Jews generally high, and "American comforts stronger than any ideology." Only a long educational process, he held, would bring about an increase in American Jewish emigration to Israel, where proper living and housing conditions would have to be prepared.

#### IRAN REPORTED READY TO EXTEND DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Press dispatches from Teheran today announcing that Iran has decided to extend diplomatic recognition to Israel, puzzled authorities here. They said they have received no official word on the subject, one way or another, from the government of Iran.

Iran recognized Israel after its formation in 1948. However, in 1951, when Premier Mohammed Mossadegh nationalized the country's oil resources and started on a policy of wooing the Arab states, he recalled the Iranian envoy from Israel and stated publicly that he has withdrawn recognition from Israel. Actually, Iran never notified Israel formally about this "cancellation" of recognition, so that, de facto, Israel still is recognized by the Teheran Government.

The two countries carry on normal consular activities, granting visas to each other and recognizing each other's passports. In the view of Israel officials, therefore, the only change that could come about juridically would be a shift from de facto recognition to de jure recognition.

But such steps are usually taken after diplomatic notification and talks among officials of both countries. There has been no official word on this score whatever from the government at Teheran, and no request has been made for renewal of exchange of diplomatic representatives between Iran and Israel, it was stated here today.

#### U. S. HELPS BUILD MODERN HIGHWAY LINK BETWEEN HAIFA AND TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Due to American financial and technical aid, there is a new highway link today between Haifa and this city, saving 15 minutes in the motor run between these two important centers.

The new link, a section of modern roadway, between Nathanya and Hederah, was opened this week-end. It was built under the supervision of an American, Harold Monson, who was brought to Israel by the United States Operations Mission.

#### NORWEGIAN SHIP CARRYING CARGO TO ISRAEL THROUGH SUEZ REACHES EILAT

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The S.S. Sylvik, a Norwegian freighter that has been overdue at the Port of Eilat after negotiating the Suez Canal, is safe in port today. Fears had been voiced that it might have been seized by the United Arab Republic while passing through the Canal.

The Sylvik brought more than 2,000 tons of sulphur for the phosphate plant in Timnah, north of Eilat. When it finally landed, the captain of the vessel reported that the delay in his passage through the Suez Canal was due to relatively normal causes, involving formation of a southbound convoy, and some further slowing-up because another ship ahead of the Sylvik had developed engine trouble.

#### LACK OF RAIN AFFECTS ISRAEL CROPS; RABBINATE PROCLAIMS DAYS OF PRAYER

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Israeli agricultural experts expressed fears today that the unseasonal delay in winter rains this year may result in severe curtailment of Israeli crops in some areas, due to water shortages.

The Chief Rabbinate has proclaimed tomorrow and Thursday as special days of prayer and supplications, not only in regard to the drought but also in regard to the damage caused by this year's swarms of locusts. Much of Israel's countryside has been plagued by these two occurrences--the pests and the aridity--which have affected agriculture all the way from the Negev to the coastal plains.

The rainy season should have started more than a month ago. Thus far, however, there have been light rains only two or three days in most parts of the country, and there has been practically no rain at all in the Negev. As a result, some winter crops have already had to be plowed under. Now, with the rains still delayed, some summer crops are being threatened also. There is not enough water on hand for irrigation purposes.

#### ISRAELI AUTHORITIES DEPORT JEW SOUGHT BY FRANCE ON CHARGES OF FRAUD

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Joseph Janovici, a Jew who fled to Israel from France a year ago, following his conviction there on charges of fraud and financial manipulation, was deported from Israel Friday, it was announced here today. He was shipped back to France on the vessel Theodor Herzl.

## INDEMNITY PLANNED FOR GERMANS WHO PAID NAZIS FOR JEWISH PROPERTY

BONN, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Finance Ministry here is preparing a law to indemnify Germans who, in good faith, paid twice for properties of victims of Nazism.

These so-called "loyal purchasers" paid going-market prices for properties put on the market by the Nazis. The Nazi regime kept the money, instead of turning the proceeds over to the victims. Later, under Republic restitution laws, the "loyal purchaser" had to pay the victim, thus being subjected to double payments. The new law is designed to wipe out this inequity.

## GERMAN YOUTH TO ATONE FOR NAZI CRUELITIES; MOVEMENT LAUNCHED

BERLIN, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A movement whereby German youth will have an opportunity of expiating some of the wrongs committed by the Nazi regime, has been launched here by the Evangelic Academy.

Under the plan, youths will be sent to a number of countries--first of all to the Soviet Union, Poland and Israel--to participate in the "signs of expiation" actions. The youths will participate in reconstruction work in the countries, to help repay in part for the havoc wrought by German National Socialism.

## ZIONIST LABOR CONFERENCE ASKS FOR EASING OF U.S. IMMIGRATION LAW

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A resolution appealing to the new U.S. Congress, which starts its session on January 7, for the elimination of the discriminatory provisions of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Law, was adopted here today at the concluding session of the three-day national conference of the Farband--Labor Zionist Order. The resolution urged Congress to end the concept of "desirable" and "undesirable" peoples and races.

Another resolution calls upon the members and branches of the Farband to broaden and intensify their efforts in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, the Histadrut campaign, the Jewish National Fund and the Israel bond campaign. Louis Segal, general secretary of the Farband, reported to the conference that members of the Zionist labor order purchased Israel bonds totalling about \$35,000,000 during 1958. He emphasized that they also participated actively in the UJA and in the JNF.

Mr. Segal reported that the Farband has now 82,000 members. He said that the Farband was conducting a nation-wide cultural and educational program among its members, and that it was also organizing English-speaking youth branches throughout the country. The Farband, he said, is also planning the building of homes for the aged for members reaching retirement age.

Meyer Brown, president of Farband, announced that he would submit a four-year plan to intensify the activities of the order with a view that the younger English-speaking members should be inspired to continue the traditions of the Farband. The conference concluded with a banquet honoring Mr. Brown on his 70th birthday.

The establishment of an annual award for outstanding journalistic achievement in the Yiddish, Hebrew or English-Jewish press in the name of Mr. Brown was announced at the conference. Two prizes will be awarded annually to the two journalists who make the greatest contribution toward enlightening the Jewish public on an outstanding issue of Jewish concern.

## CONFERENCE OF U.S. JEWISH EDUCATORS CRITICIZES HEBREW TEACHING

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A program for coordinating and improving teaching methods of Hebrew on all levels in the United States was recommended here following a three-day conference of 60 leading American Jewish educators, representing a cross-section of Jewish religious and cultural organizations in the country. The Jewish Agency was charged with the task of preparing the groundwork for such a coordinating project.

The speakers at the conference--who represented more than 30 organizations and institutions of higher learning--were unanimous in their criticism of "sporadic and unscientific" methods of teaching Hebrew, which fail to take into account the latest findings in the field of linguistics. They urged extensive use of new audio-visual teaching aids such as phonograph records and tape recorders, which could extend a Hebraic atmosphere beyond the classroom into the Jewish home.

They deplored the fact that American teachers of Hebrew often lack fluency in the language they teach, and asked that Israeli educators working in the United States pass through a preliminary training period which would enable them to relate more significantly to the American child and American language habits.

The conference emphasized the lack of a suitable body to coordinate the plethora of educational institutions and organizations and to channel the contributions of individuals to the field of Hebrew language teaching.

## DETROIT JEWISH CAMPAIGN SETS NEW POLICY FOR SHARING BY AGENCIES

DETROIT, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A new policy for a partnership of sharing alike in gains or losses in all Allied Jewish Campaigns by local, national and overseas agencies and beneficiaries, including Israel, was adopted here at an all-day 1959 pre-campaign budget conference. Max Fisher, last year's campaign chairman, who reported for a steering committee of 22 which outlined the new program, made the following proposals to the conference which adopted them unanimously.

The philosophy for the forthcoming drive is to be based on the 1958 campaign income. All allocations are to be frozen at the same level as in 1958, and a firm partnership is to be established between all local, national and overseas agencies. "If we are truly partners," Fisher asserted, "then all have to share in losses as well as in gains." The formula adopted by the conference provides that if more money is raised this year, most of it is to go to the United Jewish Appeal for Israel and overseas relief.

Any sum to be raised in excess of last year's contributions totalling \$4,995,691 is to be divided proportionately, the sum for all causes outside the UJA being set at a maximum of \$80,000 out of the first \$300,000 to be raised in excess of last year's gifts. If the increase is to be only \$100,000, non-UJA agencies are to receive \$20,000 more and the balance to go to the UJA. If the excess over 1958 is to be \$200,000, non-UJA agencies will receive \$40,000. Sums raised in excess of a \$300,000 increase over last year are to go to the UJA.

Mr. Fisher expressed the hope that there will be a larger outpouring of gifts to assure stability for all agencies affiliated with the Allied Jewish Campaign. He expressed the view that the formula adopted by Detroit, for share-alike allocations in losses as well as gains, will serve as a guide for communities throughout the country. The recommendations of the budget conference now go to the Jewish Welfare Federation's executive committee and board of governors for final approval.

Irwin L. Cohn was introduced at the budget conference as the chairman of the 1959 Allied Jewish Campaign. Leonard N. Simons is to be the associate chairman. In the concluding address at the conference, Mr. Cohn made a strong plea for the raising of standards of giving. Drawing some comparisons, he pointed out that there are 700 members in Detroit's three country clubs, the value of each membership being at least \$5,000. "But there are only 175 people who give \$5,000 or more to the drive," he declared. Reminding the gathering that there are 50 beneficiaries in the drive and 26,000 contributors, he showed that the average gift to Israel is only \$81 per capita and to local agencies only \$49 per capita. "This," he said, "is a bad inventory. This year we must do a lot better job than in the past."

## G. J. F. W. F. COMPLETES FIRST PHASE OF YEAR-LONG CULTURAL STUDY

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The first phase of a year-long study on national Jewish cultural programs was completed this week-end by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, it was announced here today. A preliminary report on key problems facing nine selected Jewish cultural agencies was submitted to a committee composed of 25 outstanding Jewish scholars.

The Council is conducting the study to ascertain the nature and extent of research, scholarship, publication and archival activities and the problems confronting the national cultural organizations. The Council also plans to evaluate the direction the actual cultural programs are taking, as well as the question of how the communities can most effectively support such activities.

Among the agencies involved in the first phase of the study were: The American Academy for Jewish Research, American Jewish Archives, the American Jewish Historical Society, the Conference on Jewish Social Studies, the Congress for Jewish Culture, Dropsie College, Histadruth Ivrit, the Jewish Publication Society and YIVO. The fact-finding and analysis is now being extended to several other organizations, which include cultural programs as part of their operations.

The survey will form the basis for consideration and policy recommendations to be made early next year by the Council's Board Committee for the National Jewish Cultural Study. The study is being conducted with the assistance of a technical advisory group, under the guidance of a special Council committee. Julian Freeman of Indianapolis, a former president of the Council, is chairman of the committee, and Arthur Gelber of Toronto is vice-chairman.

## JOHN HORWITZ, B'NAI B'RITH LEADER, DEAD; WAS ACTIVE IN THE MIDDLE WEST

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 28. (JTA) -- John H. Horwitz, former national vice-president of B'nai B'rith, and prominent in mid-Western Jewish communal affairs, died here, aged 45. Mr. Horwitz was a member of the executive committee of the southwestern region of the National Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. He was also president of the Oklahoma City Zionist District from 1946 to 1940.