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## ISRAEL MAY BE AFFECTED IF CONGRESS CUTS MUTUAL SECURITY AID PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Fear that Israel may be affected if Congress reduces the \$3,500,000,000 Mutual Security Aid program was felt here today following a renewed appeal by President Eisenhower against any cut.

Mr. Eisenhower voiced his appeal at his press conference today. He said any reduction in the proposed foreign program would mean that statesmanship is sinking to a very low level. He added that he could think of no action that would be more detrimental to the U.S. interests than one of reducing Mutual Security Aid to spend more on domestic projects.

The President did not refer specifically to the question of aid for Israel but to the foreign assistance program involving all beneficiaries, throughout the world. An aid reduction affecting Israel would come at the very time Israel is seeking to rally its economic strength to accommodate a new flow of immigration from Rumania.

In the current fiscal year Israel is receiving \$7,500,000 special assistance. But her application for a development loan has not yet been approved. Israeli prospects for sustained American assistance at the level of recent years are largely dependent on the fate of pending administration requests to Congress for renewed development loan fund money and the whole Mutual Security program.

Israel, in the last fiscal year, received \$7,500,000 in special assistance and a development loan of \$15,000,000. This was in addition to many millions worth of surplus agricultural products and loans from the U.S. Export-Import Bank.

## ISRAEL CABINET MAY FACE NEW CRISIS; ISSUE IS TAX ON MIDDLE CLASS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Progressive Party today blew up a new political storm by threatening to walk out of the Ben Gurion Cabinet unless the coalition supported its proposals to amend the income tax law in favor of middle income groups.

If the centrist party, with its five seats in Parliament, withdraws, the coalition will still be in command of a small majority--64 seats in the 120 member House. But to hold that control, the Mapai-Mapam-Achdut Avodah partnership would have to lean heavily on five deputies from three splinter Arab parties.

The Progressives, whose chief strength comes from professionals and middle class voters, are apparently concerned that if they continue to go along with the austerity-heavy taxation regime without affording relief for their adherents, they will suffer at the forthcoming national elections.

## GOLDA MEIR TO SPEND MONTH IN U.S.; TO REPORT ON RUMANIAN EMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- On the eve of her departure for the United States, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel Foreign Minister, was briefed today on the adverse effects on Israel's agriculture of a Jordanian project to divert the Yarmuk River.

Mrs. Meir will spend a month in the United States visiting larger communities and bringing a vivid picture to American Jewry of the emergency problems which Israel faces in connection with the transportation and settlement of the large masses of Jewish immigrants from Rumania.

At today's briefing, Mrs. Meir was told by members of Foreign and Security Committee of the Knesset that the Jordanian project to divert the Yarmuk waters, for which Jordan received an aid grant of \$3,000,000 from the United States, will turn the river, a tributary of the Jordan River, so that none of it will flow into the old course. Israel has rights to use water from the Yarmuk and has, in the past, used some 200,000,000 cubic meters of water annually. Unless the project is amended, Israel stands to suffer heavily from lack of this water.

Meanwhile, the project has been rushed and 700 Jordanian laborers, working around the clock, have already managed to divert some 20,000,000 cubic meters, endangering 12,000 dunams (3,000 acres) of cultivated land inside Israel.

## BEN GURION MAKES POWERFUL APPEAL FOR IMMIGRATION; SAYS IT SAVES JEWS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion declared that the "Jewish nation would never have arisen without immigration in the past and will not survive without immigration in the future."

Addressing the opening session of the ninth national convention of the Histadrut, which was attended by delegates from all over Israel and trade union observers from European, African and Asian countries, the Premier stressed that "the right to exist and the power to exist" are immigration, "or in other words--the redemption of Jewry."

In an address devoted completely to the problem of immigration and an exhortation to the Histadrut to accept leadership in support of immigration as a duty, the Premier said that "just as immigration saves Jews from extinction in the Diaspora, so it builds a homeland and insures that it will become a beacon to the nations." He said that acceptance of immigrants from one European country--noting that the exodus might spread to other states in the area--was a "fateful mission" of the State of Israel.

## ISRAEL INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SPAIN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Israel is interested in establishing diplomatic relations with Spain, Foreign Minister Golda Meir indicated in Parliament today.

The indication came in the form of her denial that Israel had, as reported, rejected the hand of friendship proffered by Spain. Israel wants friendly relations with all countries, including Spain, she said. She expressed regret at press reports that the Spanish Foreign Minister had said Spain would never recognize Israel. She said she hoped he was misquoted.

Mrs. Meir also stressed that the Jews of the world, including those in Israel, recall with gratitude the actions of Spanish leaders during the war to save Jews from the hands of the Nazis.

Meanwhile, it was reported today that about 75 percent of the 20,000,000-pound loan floated to help absorb the 100,000 immigrants expected from East Europe this year has been subscribed. It was predicted that the remaining five million pounds would be subscribed by the end of February when the loan campaign ends.

## ARAB BOYCOTT OF U.S. JEWS IS "OF GREAT CONCERN" TO STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Arab governments' discriminatory practices affecting American citizens and U.S. firms are "of great concern" to the United States, the State Department said in a letter to chairman Hubert H. Humphrey of the Senate Foreign Relations Near Eastern Subcommittee.

The letter was in reply to an inquiry by Sen. Humphrey, Minnesota Democrat, about blacklisting of U.S. firms by Jordan. Declaring that the United States found the Arab boycott "of great concern," the letter said:

"We do not recognize it and have protested to the Arab governments their discriminating practices which affect United States firms and citizens. The government and its representatives abroad will continue to emphasize to the Arab governments, as occasion permits, that there should be no discrimination against American firms because they carry on business relations with Israel."

## ANTI-SEMITISM IN GERMANY MUST BE "WATCHED, FOUGHT," BERLIN MAYOR SAYS

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- There are anti-Semitic tendencies in West Germany at present, West Berlin's Mayor Willi Brandt declared today, and these must be "watched and fought." However, he added, "there is no danger as to the basic attitude of the German people and its government."

At a general press conference here, Mayor Brandt was asked to comment on the recent spate of anti-Semitic incidents in Germany and on charges that a number of the German states are procrastinating in regard to restitution and indemnification of individual victims of the Nazis. To this question, Mayor Brandt replied:

"I would not state the truth if I said there are not still certain anti-Jewish elements in Germany and, beyond that, certain elements left from the Nazi period. It would be strange if in a country like Germany where a large percentage of the population for a certain time favored Hitler, it would be strange if nothing was left of that attitude. It would not be possible, it would not be natural."

"I must confess, being a man who participated in anti-Hitler activities, that not all of Germany was one large resistance camp against Hitler. But the groups are much smaller and the entire German press and almost the entire German people react against them. This is true of the general public, the general citizen, the Federal government and the governments of the states."

## AUSTRIA CONSIDERS ACTION ON CLAIMS FROM GERMANY BY NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government is considering diplomatic action to settle its dispute with the West German Government over claims of Austrian nationals who suffered damages and mistreatment at the hands of the Nazis, it was reported here today in informed sources.

The Austrian Government has asked for extension of the deadline for filing claims by Austrians under a Bonn-Vienna pact. The German attitude is considered discriminatory by Austrian officials because Bonn has expressed willingness to negotiate similar claims put forward by eight West European nations.

(From London it was reported today that the problem of compensation to Jewish victims of the Nazi regime in Austria was discussed here by Rudolph Pitterman, Austrian Vice Chancellor, and Dr. S. Levenberg, London representative of the Jewish Agency.)

## GERMAN LEADER PLEDGES TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM "WHENEVER IT OCCURS"

LONDON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- A pledge to "fight anti-Semitism whenever it occurs," was made here by Dr. Erich Ollenhauer, leader of the West German Social Democratic Party, addressing a meeting of the bureau of the Socialist International which is currently in session here.

Dr. Ollenhauer declared that German Socialists must condemn renewal of anti-Semitic incidents in Germany which he described as "fortunately, isolated occurrences." He asserted that the large majority of public opinion in Germany, led by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and German democrats, is opposed to racial hatred and stressed that, for their part, Germany's Social Democrats were determined to fight anti-Semitism whenever it occurred.

Dr. Ollenhauer spoke in reply to Dr. S. Levenberg, representative of Poale Zion, who voiced appreciation of the stand taken by the Bonn authorities and by the Social Democratic Party but voiced concern over recent anti-Jewish developments that have taken place in Germany.

The Socialist group expressed warm appreciation of the assistance given to Asian and African countries by the Israel labor movement. It voted to place the Middle East question on the agenda of the biennial conference of the Socialist International next July. On motion of the French Socialists, the bureau adopted a resolution of condolence on the death of Josef Sprinzak, Speaker of the Israeli Parliament.

## GERMAN WAITER SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS FOR ANTI-JEWISH INSULTS

DUSSELDORF, Germany, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- A local court convicted Hans Paul Rabe, a 58-year-old waiter, of libel and public condonation of crimes for insulting a fellow townsman by calling him a "dirty Jew whom Hitler forgot to gas."

The court sentenced Rabe to six months' imprisonment, rejecting a defense motion for a suspended sentence. "It is in the public interest that punishment be executed," the judge declared.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Interior of the province of North Rhine-Westphalia posted a 10,000 mark reward for information leading to the arrest of people responsible for painting swastikas on churches and public buildings in Dortmund and Horn. The Dortmund Jewish center was not touched.

In Bad Hersfeld, a court suspended a two-month sentence on a local scrapdealer who was convicted of libel in a similar case. He told a butcher that he would not "buy anything from a half-Jew."

## BIROBIDJAN POST OFFICE RESUMES "JEWISH AUTONOMOUS REGION" CANCELLATION

PARIS, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- For the first time since Stalin's death, letters received here from Birobidjan carry a postal cancellation of mark of JAO, the equivalent of the Russian phrase "Jewish Autonomous Region." In the intervening five years the cancellation read "District of Birobidjan."

Postal cancellations, clues to the political fate of the Siberian area assigned Jews as a state of their own in the late 1920s, have changed five times in the 30-year history of the region. The first cancellation bore Hebrew characters.

## LODZ MAINTAINS JEWISH LIBRARY WITH YIDDISH AND HEBREW BOOKS

VIENNA, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The city of Lodz, Poland, maintains a Jewish library consisting of 15,000 books, most of them in Yiddish and Hebrew, according to a report in the Warsaw Yiddish-language newspaper, Folkshtimme, received here today. The report states that the library has 300 regular readers. The most popular authors among the library's regular readers are Sholem Aleichem, Sholem Asch, I. L. Peretz, and Mendele Mocher Seforim.

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## INTEGRATION ISSUE DEBATED AT A. D. L. PARLEY IN FLORIDA; VIEWS VARY

MIAMI, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- An intense debate on the role of the Anti-Defamation League in relation to integration was one of the chief features of a Florida-wide meeting of ADL leaders in West Palm Beach. After the debate, in which a number of Florida Jews called for the ADL to drop the integration issue and others asked backing of the national ADL policy, a resolution was adopted by the 125 delegates urging that the ADL cooperate with "patriotic organizations in support of the continued operations of free schools in the State of Florida."

At a session devoted to the "role of a Jewish defense agency in the South today," Paul Jeffrey, of Ft. Pierce, demanded that the League "get out of the field of civil rights." Insisting that "we must safeguard the well-being of Jews," Mr. Jeffrey said that while the ADL is committed to battling against both racial and religious discrimination, it must not remain so "if such battles endanger the position of Jews."

Similar views were expressed by Barney Cohen, of Orlando, Louis Ossinsky, Sr., of Daytona Beach, and Frank Kleinfeld of St. Petersburg. In general, these speakers felt that if they actively supported integration in the South, Jewish agencies would disturb local Jewish-Christian relations.

Supporters of the ADL national policy backing integration, included Paul Seidman of Miami Beach, chairman of the Florida board, Al Schneider, chairman of the Jacksonville Community Relations Council, and George Talianoff, national ADL commissioner and former chairman of the Florida board. Mr. Schneider hit out at the "fear of boycott" which he held explained Southern Jewry's "inclination to be silent. If we do not speak up for freedom for all peoples because, as Jews, we believe it may hurt our economic status, then we are giving up the basic American right of freedom of speech and expression," he said.

Other resolutions adopted at the state session called for investigation by the authorities of the mailing of hate literature; for study of existing statutes which relate to criminal libel with a view to strengthening them; and, for the ADL to draft legislation to bar hate literature from the mails and to punish group libel.

## ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE NAMES BODY TO COMMEMORATE JOSEPH SPRINZAK

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The presidium of the World Zionist Actions Committee yesterday named a committee to prepare a memorial commemoration for the late Joseph Sprinzak, who died in office as Speaker of the Knesset.

The committee, which represents all Zionist parties, will call movements and organizations throughout the Jewish world to note the commemoration on the 30th day of his death and to subscribe funds for the planting of a wood in his honor.

The presidium, meeting under the chairmanship of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, named Berl Locker as acting chairman of the Actions Committee until the next Committee meeting in Jerusalem between June 1 and June 10.

### Memorial Meeting for Sprinzak Held in N. Y. Consulate

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Abba Eban, and Mrs. Rose Halprin, Acting Chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in New York, paid tribute to the memory of the late Joseph Sprinzak at a meeting yesterday at the offices of the Israel Consulate General in New York.

The speakers expressed the profound sorrow of Jewish communities throughout the world at the loss of one of the outstanding Israel leaders. "Israel's Consul General, Simcha Pratt, presided. Taking part also were members of the Jewish Agency executive in New York, the executive of the Zionist Actions Committee and the American Zionist Council, as well as executives of other Zionist groups, members of the Israel mission to the United Nations and the staff of the Consulate General in New York.

## SO. AFRICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS MOURN DEATH OF PREMIER MALAN

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The South African Jewish Board of Deputies and the South African Zionist Federation sent messages of condolence today to the family of former Premier Daniel F. Malan, who died Saturday.

When Dr. Malan came to power at the head of a Nationalist Party upsurge, he promised a delegation from the Board of Deputies that his government would treat Jews with complete equality. It and all subsequent Nationalist governments have kept that pledge.

Dr. Malan's government, headed by a Nationalist party which during World War II had shown many evidences of Nazi sympathy, converted the de facto recognition of Israel extended by the Smuts government into de jure recognition.