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## VICE PRESIDENT OF U. S. S. R. DISPLAYS INTEREST IN ISRAEL IMMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- Israel's immigration and absorption problems were among the topics touched on when Israel's new Ambassador to Moscow, Aryeh Harel, presented his credentials to A. Koditsa, Vice President of the Soviet Union, according to a report received here today by the Foreign Ministry.

Israel circles here do not attach much political importance to the fact that the conversations went beyond the usual exchange of platitudes on such occasions. However, they consider of some significance the fact that the atmosphere was friendlier than usual in Mr. Harel's receptions.

The credentials were presented to Mr. Koditsa because of the illness of President Voroshilov. The references to Jewish emigration followed a general question from Mr. Koditsa who also inquired about Israel's collectives and agricultural settlements.

## GERMANY REDUCES REPARATIONS PAYMENTS TO ISRAEL; BUYS ISRAEL COPPER

COLOGNE, March 12. (JTA) -- The reparations payments protocol between West Germany and Israel for the budgetary year beginning next April 1 was signed here today by Dr. A. Von Haus of the West German Republic and F. Shinnar, head of the Israel Mission at Cologne.

The West German Republic has reduced its commitment, according to the new protocol, from the 310,000,000 marks stipulated by the 1952 reparations agreement to 250,000,000 marks. Otherwise, the major provisions of the new protocol are quite similar to those of the past year.

It was learned today that Israel has delivered a shipment of copper cement to Germany from the King Solomon copper mines, in the Negev, where the installations have been brought from West Germany as part of reparations payments. Israel Purchase Mission officials estimate that during the next five to six years, even after termination of the reparations agreement, exports from Israel to West Germany will rise to a total of 80,000,000 marks annually. During the same period, they believe Israel imports of replacement parts for West German equipment will amount to between 100 and 120 million marks.

## ARAB LEAGUE DECIDES TO COMPETE WITH ISRAEL IN WOOING AFRICAN NATIONS

LONDON, March 12. (JTA) -- The Arab League Council has asked all member states to press the Italian Government not to "endanger its friendly relations with the Arab peoples" by expanding its economic relations with Israel, it was reported here today from Cairo. The Council also was reported to have decided on a large-scale "friendship campaign" with the African countries to counteract Israel's friendly relations with several of those countries.

The 31st session of the Arab League Council dealt mainly with the "Palestine problem" and adopted a number of resolutions, including one calling for a meeting of member states at a "high level" to formulate a common Arab policy to "recover the territory of Palestine." The Council also called on all member states to fight within the United Nations "the moral and material support which this organization gives to Palestine, thus harming the interests of the Palestine Arabs and compromising peace in the Middle East."

Expressing "anxiety" about the immigration of East European Jews to Israel, the Council named a special committee to fight this "reinforcement of the Zionists," and to contact the Governments of Rumania, Poland and Austria to obtain "immediate cessation of Jewish emigration to Palestine."

## JORDAN TO SEEK U. N. TRUSTEESHIP OVER ARAB PROPERTY IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- Samir Riffai, Premier of Jordan, has declared Jordan intends to spearhead an effort at the next United Nations General Assembly to have a UN Trusteeship committee named for abandoned Arab property in Israel, it was reported here today.

The Jordan Premier said that the Arabs will request that such a committee be named to take over the Arab property, collect rents and transfer the proceeds to the owners.

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## NEW YORK U. J. A. STARTS 1959 DRIVE WITH \$10,000,000 IN ADVANCE GIFTS

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- Confidence that "the sacrifices which Israel's people have already undertaken" on behalf of the new immigrants from Eastern European lands "will be matched by the thoughtful generosity of American Jewry," was expressed here tonight at the Inaugural Dinner of the 1959 campaign of the New York United Jewish Appeal.

Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, said she was sure that "this year's campaign for the United Jewish Appeal will measure up to the vastness of the human needs we must meet." Advance gifts announced at the dinner put the campaign past the \$10,000,000 mark.

The Israel Foreign Minister told the dinner guests that "the thousands of immigrants who are coming to Israel today will intensify Israel's industrial development and will help speed the nation's achievement of economic independence."

Mrs. Meir warned, however, that "until their multi-faceted skills can be applied to increasing Israel's productivity, the problem of absorption has already proved enormously costly." Our own taxes, and our own cost of living, have been abruptly increased to meet the problem created by this great influx of men, women and children who have chosen Israel as the nation in which they can find self-fulfillment for themselves," she said.

"Israel's people alone cannot bear the full burden," she continued. "They can only share this great obligation with the other major Jewish communities of the world, chief among them the Jews of the United States."

Mrs. Meir expressed her "warmest thanks" to the guests of honor, Governor Averell Harriman and Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller. "Both these distinguished men," she said, "have shown deep humane sympathy for the plight of Jews during years of great catastrophe and in the last decade have shown their appreciation for the vision of an Israel re-born. They have understood Israel's importance not only to Jews but also its value as a democracy and society built upon the principle of the dignity of the human being."

Gov. Rockefeller, and former Gov. Harriman were presented with gold plaques, the Annual Chairmen's Award for distinguished service to the cause of UJA. Herbert H. Lehman, Honorary General Chairman of the national UJA, made the presentation.

## ISRAEL DIPLOMATS IN WASHINGTON DISCUSS PROBLEMS WITH U. S. LEADERS

WASHINGTON, March 12. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today made known that he conferred at length with Senator J. W. Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on international problems, especially involving Israel and the Near East. An exhaustive exchange of views took place in the meeting which lasted more than an hour.

Israel Embassy Minister Yaacov Herzog today met with William Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs and later told newsmen the meeting covered a general discussion of American-Israel relations and developments in the Near East.

## NOTORIOUS AMERICAN ANTI-SEMITE FORMS NEW PARTY "TO FIGHT JEWS"

WASHINGTON, March 12. (JTA) -- The formation of a new anti-Jewish group was announced here today by Lincoln Rockwell, notorious anti-Semitic agitator who has been involved in anti-Jewish picketing of the White House. The new group is designated in material disseminated here as the "American Party, World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists." Rockwell proclaimed himself as the "commander" of the new organization.

Elaborately-printed material distributed by Rockwell at various points in Washington displays swastikas and lauds Hitler openly. The announced program of Rockwell's group says: "Our purpose is to be nothing less than a world-wide effort to free humanity from Jewish domination."

The program includes the intention to conduct "a scientific study to determine if the Jewish virus is a matter of environment and can be eliminated by education and training, or if some other method must be developed to render Jews harmless to society." It also announces that the group will "establish an international treason tribunal to investigate, try, and publicly hang, in front of the Capitol, all non-Jews who are convicted of acting consciously as fronts for Jewish treason." The Rockwellites also promised to "cancel all debts owed to Jews by non-Jews, where there is evidence of unfair or immoral business methods or conspiracy."

## EX-GESTAPO OFFICIAL GOES ON TRIAL FOR KILLING JEWS IN GALICIA

VIENNA, March 12. (JTA) -- Josef Gabriel, a former Gestapo official, went on trial today on charges of personally shooting 300 Jews and 50 Jewish children during the Hitler period in East Galicia.

The State's Attorney's indictment charged that Gabriel did his killing with pistols and machineguns in the Polish towns of Borslaw, Stryj and chose Jews from camps in these towns for liquidation. Witnesses have been brought to Vienna from all parts of the world for the trial which is expected to last eight days.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKS APPROVAL OF BILL AFFECTING SYNAGOGUE BOMBING

WASHINGTON, March 12. (JTA) -- Attorney General William P. Rogers asked a House Judiciary Subcommittee to approve a bill that would empower the FBI to apprehend fugitives fleeing after bombing synagogues or schools.

Mr. Rogers told the subcommittee yesterday that the Justice Department was seeking the proposed legislation to provide a federal deterrent to the bombings of religious and educational structures. He termed such bombings "a type of outrage that has shocked all decent, self-respecting people." He said the hate bombings were "manifestations of racial and religious intolerance that are of extremely serious national and international concern."

The bill urged by the Attorney General would implement an earlier request by President Eisenhower. It would make it a felony to flee across a state line to avoid local prosecution or custody for bombing or burning any religious or educational facility. Mr. Rogers revealed that the FBI, to coordinate efforts to cope with hate bombings, has held 176 field conferences with top local police officials, attended by over 8,000 officers representing 3,687 local law enforcement agencies.

He reported that the bombings confront local police with difficult investigation and detection problems. "A bombing is one of the most difficult types of crime to solve," he said. "Evidence and clues which might otherwise be available are ordinarily destroyed by the blast. Nor does the perpetrator obtain tangible 'fruits,' the sale or disposal of which can be traced. Moreover, since the offense is usually committed at night, there are usually no eyewitnesses. To collect, sift and analyze whatever physical evidence remains requires not only a great amount of effort and patience, but also expert training, equipment, and experience.

"Although local officials have been diligent in their efforts to apprehend the offenders, it is clear that the interstate aspects of the offenses require utilization of the resources and powers of the Federal Government," the Attorney General pointed out. He said there should be a clear jurisdictional basis on which the FBI can proceed in bombing cases. He emphasized that the present Justice Department proposal would meet the situation "in a moderate and practical manner." He noted that provision of federal authority would be a "supplement to, but not a substitute for, state and local action."

Herman Edelsberg, Washington representative of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, testifying before the House Judiciary Subcommittee, drew a distinction between H. R. 4457, the anti-bombing measure supported by the Attorney General, and H. R. 1240, another bill that would make it a federal crime to ship explosives across state borders for the purpose of bombing any building.

"Both bills have the same objective--that of preserving primary state and local law enforcement responsibility for the investigation of unlawful dynamitings and at the same time providing for FBI investigation when dynamitings do occur. H. R. 1420 would, however, ensure immediate FBI investigation in the event of a dynamiting by creating a rebuttable presumption that if a dynamiting occurs, the explosives were shipped in interstate commerce," the ADL argued.

## JEWS CONGRESS CHALLENGES PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BIBLE-READING LAW

PHILADELPHIA, March 12. (JTA) -- Pennsylvania's school Bible-reading law was challenged in U. S. District Court here today by the American Jewish Congress as "religious oppression" barred under the U. S. Constitution.

Lawyers for the Jewish organization presented arguments in supporting two parents who seek to upset a State law calling for reading of "at least ten verses from the Holy Bible at the opening of each public school day, by the teacher in charge." Defendants in the case are the school district of Arlington Township, near here, and its four members.

Chief Judge John Biggs of the Third Judicial District presided at today's hearing, which followed a three-day trial concluded late in November and the filing of briefs by both sides. The AJC had filed a brief as "friend of the court." Leo Pfeffer of New York, director of the AJC Commission on Law and Social Action, advanced three main arguments challenging the validity of the Pennsylvania statute:

1. By requiring school children to commit a devotional act, the statute violates freedom of religion and separation of church and state as guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.
2. By introducing sectarianism into the public school, the statute causes divisiveness, animosity and jealousy. This affects all children but is particularly harmful to children of minority faiths.
3. By bringing government into a field where it is neither desirable nor necessary, the statute shifts responsibility for religious education from the home--where it belongs--to the school, where it does not.

The AJC official said it was clear the Pennsylvania law requires reading from the Bible as a "devotional" or religious act. He noted that the statute refers to the "Holy Bible," that it requires the reading to take place at the opening of each school day and that it forbids any comment on the verse read. The hearing was concluded today and decision reserved.

## JEWS IN FRANCE CELEBRATE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEWISH CONSISTORY

PARIS, March 12. (JTA) -- The 150th anniversary of the Central Consistory of the Jews of France and Algeria was observed here last night in ceremonies at the Rue de La Victoire Synagogue. The Consistory was founded by Napoleon in 1908.

Speaking before an audience which filled the synagogue to capacity and which included rabbis and Jewish community leaders from Belgium, Luxembourg and Italy, Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, Grand Rabbi of France, traced the history of the Consistory which was established by Napoleon. The Jews of Belgium, Luxembourg and Italy were originally represented in the strong Sanhedrin set up here in 1808.

George Wormser, president of the Consistory, read the roll of all the leaders of the Consistory and all the French Grand Rabbis in the 150 years. Andre Malraux, Minister of State for Cultural Affairs, today inaugurated a special exhibition on Jewish life in France during the last 150 years. The exhibit is held at the French National Archives.

## 300 PHILADELPHIANS PLEDGE \$1, 376, 500 AT OPENING OF JEWISH APPEAL

PHILADELPHIA, March 12. (JTA) -- With pledges of \$1, 376, 500, the Jewish community launched its 1959 Allied Jewish Appeal campaign here at an inaugural dinner at the Warwick Hotel. Three hundred key AJA supporters at the dinner contributed to the initial sum. This also included amounts pledged in advance gifts since the beginning of the year.

F. Gordon Borowsky, general chairman, hailed the result as a presage of victory in the campaign. Abba Eban, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, made his farewell appearance here. "The existence of Israel now assures Jewish migrants of a land of their own in which to settle and start life over," he said. "The country needs the help of American Jews to carry out its mission and continue its development while guarding against the threats of its enemies."

## 600 AMERICANS AND CANADIANS SETTLED IN ISRAEL DURING LAST YEAR

NEW YORK, March 12. (JTA) -- More than 600 Americans and Canadians have settled in Israel in 1958, it was announced here today by Louis Segal, chairman of the Aliyah Committee of the Jewish Agency in New York. He reported that among the Americans and Canadians who settled in Israel last year were 84 chaluatim, 159 professionals and skilled workers, 16 middle-class settlers, 114 retired persons and 81 persons who planned to attend Ulpanim--intensive seminars for Hebrew and allied subjects--prior to investigating job opportunities. The figures include the families of the immigrants in each category.

Mr. Segal stressed that many American and Canadian immigrants are transferring investment capital or monthly retirement incomes to Israel. "The Aliyah Committee is very gratified to note the increasing interest in immigration to Israel evidenced by American Jews of all age groups. It is encouraging to find that not only young people but a growing number of persons living on retirement income are seriously considering to settle in Israel," he stated.

Mr. Segal added that in view of the increased interest in Aliyah, Yizhak Kurland, director of the Economic Department of the Jewish Agency, has been invited to pay an extended visit to the United States. Mr. Kurland is a specialist in problems of middle-class Aliyah. Also expected to arrive shortly in this country from Israel is Abraham Russ, who will concentrate primarily on land settlement.

## J. D. C. HEAD IN EUROPE NAMED CO-CHAIRMAN OF INTERNATIONAL BODY

GENEVA, March 12. (JTA) -- Charles H. Jordan, Director General of the Joint Distribution Committee in Europe, has been named co-chairman of the newly-organized International Committee for World Refugee Year.

The new committee was initiated by 21 agencies serving refugees on an international level. The goal of the committee is cooperation in support of World Refugee Year, which has been proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly and will be started this year. Dr. Elfan Rees of the Commission of The Churches on International Affairs is chairman of the committee.

Dr. Rees and Jordan will head a nine-man executive committee made up of representatives of the World Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the Lutheran World Federation, the League of Red Cross Societies, the World Federation of United Nations Associations, the International Catholic Migration Commission, and the Friends Service Committee for Refugees. All non-governmental agencies working for refugees throughout the world have been invited to join the committee.

## WIFE OF BERL CORALNIK DIES SEVEN DAYS AFTER HUSBAND'S DEATH

JERUSALEM, March 12. (JTA) -- Anni Coralnik, 62-year-old widow of the late Berl Coralnik, died this morning from a heart ailment exactly seven days after the death from a heart attack of her late husband, who for many years had been chief correspondent for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Israel. Mrs. Coralnik was hospitalized seven months ago. She was never told of her husband's death.