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## DR. GOLDMANN URGES "FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE" IN JEWRY'S STAND TOWARD ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, March 30. (JTA) -- The need for a "fundamental change" on the part of the Jewish people in relation to Israel was emphasized here today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Jewish Agency, addressing an audience of more than 6,000 at the Municipal Theatre. The mass meeting marked the inauguration of the United Jewish Campaign for 1959 here and in other Latin American countries.

Pointing out that he had warned the Jews of the world against complacency during the Hitler period, and that he suggested the idea of securing reparations from Germany even when this was considered by some Jews as "criminal," Dr. Goldmann said:

"Now I sternly warn that the attitude of the Jewish people towards Israel needs a fundamental change in order not to leave Israel exposed in its most difficult stage of development. The possibility of a great catastrophe exists, if no such radical change will take place soon. The economic structure of the country may collapse under the obligations undertaken by Israel during the first ten years of its existence, plus the new obligations involved by the current immigration.

"I have the ungrateful mission to tell you what you do not want to hear," Dr. Goldmann continued. "It is important to stir up the Jewish people from their complacent and placid attitude toward Israel. The Jewish Agency never had a balanced budget, and has always been in debt. The Jewish people never gave nearly as much as needed. In fact, only about 50 percent of the means came from Jewish sources. "

"Now," the world Jewish leader pointed out, "American aid to Israel is steadily diminishing because Israel is not the most important thing for the United States. Similarly the payment of German reparations to Israel is nearing completion. The Jews, if they only wanted could build three Israels, because they have the means to do so, "Dr. Goldmann stressed.

#### Says Jewish Aid to Israel Is A Question of Moral Self-Respect

Emphasizing that the present generation of Jewry must take a more serious attitude toward Israel, the Jewish Agency head told the audience that the question of having a strong Israel is a question of moral self-respect, and not one of philanthropy. "It is difficult to create a state, but it is even more difficult to maintain it and to strengthen it. " he said.

Reviewing Israel's achievements under difficult circumstances in the first decade of its existence, Dr. Goldmann warned that Israel may face even greater difficulties in the second decade. He lauded the Jewish immigrants from the East European countries now reaching Israel. "They are real heroes," he stated. "They survived the Russian revolution, the Nazi period, Stalinism, and maintained their Jewishness. "

"These immigrants," Dr. Goldmann predicted, "will change Israel's face within ten years, once they are given the opportunity to apply their capacities and high cultural level. They cannot be kept in transit camps. Their immigration to Israel is the greatest miracle of our time. The governments of Eastern Europe understand now that they are unable to solve the Jewish problem in their countries. If the Jewish people will not be forthcoming with the enormous means needed, the miracle will be destroyed."

Earlier, Dr. Goldmann addressed the convention of 130 delegates from 11 Latin American countries which is being held here in connection with the United Jewish Campaigns corducted in these countries. The convention was also addressed by Eliahu Dobkin, chairman of the Keren Hayesod in Jerusalem, who explained the difference between the present immigration from East Europea countries to Israel and the previous immigration waves.

#### GERMAN SHIP CHARTERED BY ISRAEL PASSES SUEZ CANAL; EN ROUTE TO ELATH

TEL AVIV, March 30. (JTA) -- A West German freighter, the S.S. Hildegard, chartered by an Israeli shipping company, has passed through the Suez Ganal on the way from Haifa to Elath, apparently without Egyptian interference, according to word received here today.

The Hildegard will be used to carry bulk cargoes on a run between Elath and the Far East. Use of this ship will mark a turning point in Israel bulk-cargo shipments to Southeast Asian and East African ports. The cargoes will be transported overland to Elath. At Elath, the Hildegard will inaugurate use of the newest, large dock there, equipped to handle ships of up to 10,000 tons.

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## BEN GURION LASHES OUT AT COMMUNIST OBJECTION TO ISRAEL'S RESEARCH FOR U.S.

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- Research projects carried out for the American Government by the Hebrew University, Technion and the Weizmann Institute will continue, Premier David Ben Gurion said in Knesset today. He was answering a question raised by the Communist deputy, Esther Wilenska, who asked whether the Israel Government would not cancel the agreement to place Israeli research at the disposal "of military designs of the American army" and of NATO.

Miss Wilenska referred to press reports stating that a U.S. Air Force mission arrived in Israel and has studied the progress of research at the Weizmann Institute, Hebrew University and Technion. Alleging that these reports aroused anxiety among Israelis, she said that "wide local circles are disturbed about the dager of involving our country in aggressive plans of rulers of the United States against the peace of the world."

Premier Ben Gurion described the allegation as "unrestrained incitement against a friendly nation which is no less peace-loving than any other country in the world." He added that the research projects carried out by the American Government "aroused no anxiety whatsoever among wide circles of the Israel public." He denied that Israel is conducting any research for NATO. "If the Soviet Government should commission research work from us, we would willingly carry it out, "he declared.

#### ISRAEL'S POSITION AMONG NATIONS REVIEWED BY GOLDA MEIR IN KNESSET

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Golda Meir warned today that the latest developments in the relations between the United Arab Republic and Iraq might lead Western Governments again toward strengthening Egypt's dictator, Col. Camal Abdel Nasser. Those moves, she held, might be made out of a false hope that such steps would offer a prospect of attracting Nasser toward the West.

Mrs. Meir's analysis of the Middle East situation was part of a review before Parliament of Israel's present position among the nations. She was reporting in connection with her Ministry's 1959-1960 budget. "We have no doubts," she stated, "that such hopes about Nasser are utterly without foundation, and it seems to me that more people agree with us than otherwise."

Referring to Nasser's renewal of interference with shipping in the Suez Canal, Mrs. Meir declared: "In the face of these Egyptian violations, we have taken steps in all world capitals, and at the United Nations, and have met with a great deal of understanding. While the most recent ships passed through the Canal, this does not satisfy us, and we are continuing our efforts to ensure that such interference does not recur."

Describing the "revolutionary changes" that have taken place in Big Power evaluation of the Middle East situation, she stressed the fact that Nasser has been recognized as an ambitious dictator with expansionist aims. It is now realized, the Foreign Minister held, that Israel is only a secondary problem among the great issues of the Middle East.

Whereas the world previously considered the Middle East a homogeneous region, with the Arabs disturbed only by Israel, said Mrs. Meir, it is now being conceded that the Arabs are only half of the Middle East population.

#### Stresses Identity of Views Between Israel and United States

Discussing at length Israel's relations with the United States, Mrs. Meir stressed the fact that there was a rapid re-establishment of a friendly atmosphere after the Sinai campaign of 1956. At present, she said, there is a more complete identity of views concerning Middle East problems.

American public opinion, she said, how approaches Israel's evaluation of Nasserism and its subversive tendencies." The Foreign Minister recalled the wide scope of American assistance to Israel--from Jewish, non-Jewish and governmental sources--and voiced particular appreciation for expressions of warm friendship by America during Israel's tenth anniversary celebration.

Reviewing relations between Israel and France, Mrs. Meir said they are as friendly as ever. She recalled her recent meetings with President Charles de Gaulle and French Premier Michel Debre which, she said, were "conducted with the same good feelings which have been characteristic of all Israeli-French contacts." Economic relations with France were seen by the Foreign Minister as expanding, and trade between the two countries is growing.

Relations with Britain, she reported, have "become closer." Britain, she stated, remains Israel's most important customer, and the further development of economic ties is hoped for, especially in the fields of aviation, communications and investments. The Foreign Minister reiterated Prime Minister David Ben Gurion's previously expressed satisfaction with the recent agreement made among Britain, Turkey and Greece regarding Cyprus.

## SOVIET LEADER IGNORES QUESTIONS IN LONDON ON JEWS IN U.S. S. R.

LONDON, March 30. (JTA) -- Mikhail Souslov, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Supreme Soviet, demonstrated in London a readiness to talk with his British hosts on every imaginable tonic except Jews, it was reported here today.

Mr. Souslov, the top Soviet Communist theoretician, is now in Britain for a two-week stay. He proceeded at various occasions to duck all questions about Jews even under the most intensive questioning. This stand was in marked contrast to his ready flow of opinions on all other political issues, including the delicate Berlin problem and the current Geneva talks on control of nuclear testing.

At a private dinner, he was pressed by Sir Lesiie Plummer, British Labor MP, for assurrance, confidentially if necessary, that the Soviet Union would intervene with the Rumanian authorities to assure continuation of Jewish emigration and reunification with families in Israel on humanitarian grounds. Another issue raised by the non-Jewish MP was the future of Russian Jews and their chances for emigration.

Refusing to be drawn into any discussion on either topic. Mr. Souslov referred to the stereotyped Moscow amouncements that there was no Jewish problem in the Soviet Union, that Russian Jews did not want to emigrate and that "it is for the Rumanian authorities to reach their own decisions." He implied that he had mever heard about a Jewish emigration from Rumania.

Other Labor MPs, including Jewish Socialists known to be strong protagonists of peaceful co-existence between the East and West, were equally unsuccessful, though the Jewish questions were raised repeatedly at the dinner. A similar failure was registered at a luncheon tendered the Soviet official by the Foreign Press Association.

The interest displayed by British political leaders in the fate of East Euroge's Jews is linked with a renewal of interest in the nine Jews imprisoned in Czechoslovakia for "Zionist activities." Jewish and non-Jewish Socialist leaders were understood to have asked Mr. Souslov to intervene to obtain release of the the nine prisoners and permission for them to leave for Israel.

The answer of the Soviet leader was reported to be non-committal, but a number of top West European personalities were reported to have pledged themselves to continue working for their release. It is believed that many personal interventions will be made to Czech envoys in Western Europe and possibly directly to the Czechoslovak authorities in Prague soon.

#### HUNGARIANS WHO KILLED JEWS DURING NAZI REGIME SENTENCED TO DEATH

VIENNA, March 30. (JTA) -- A court in the Czechoslovak town of Kaschau has sentenced to death Ladislaus Darabos and Julius Koerroseey, former members of the Hungarian Arrow Guard, for atrocities gainst the Jews during the Nazi occupation of Czechoslovakia, according to reports received here today.

Three other former Arrow Guard members received life sentences, according to the report. The five men were charged with having murdered 500 persons and having sent 1,200 to concentration camps.

## WEST AND EAST GERMANY COOPERATE ON EVIDENCE AGAINST ANTI-SEMITE

WIESBADEN, March 30. (JTA) -- For the first time since the division of Germany, West Germany and the Communist regime in the East are cooperating in the acquisition of evidence relating to an alleged war criminal, Dr. Otto Schweinsberger, who is out on bail here on war-crime charges.

Officials of the Hesse Ministry of Justice today received photostatic copies of testimony allegedly proving that Dr. Schweinsberger halted legal proceedings in 1942 against an army official accused of participation in the murder of 75 Jews.

Dr. Schweinsberger was arrested last December, after he had booked airplane passage for Cairo, following the war-crime charges made against him by the East German Committee for German Unity. After his arrest, the public prosecutor at Frankfurt filed charges accusing him of slandering Jews and publicly condoning Nazi crimes. Until his arrest, he was chief prosecutor for the Hessian Ministry of Justice. He has been suspended from that post and is being kept under police surveillance.

#### BREMEN INDEMNIFICATION OFFICE PROVIDES FUNDS FOR NEW SYNAGOGUE

BREMEN, March 30. (JTA) -- The local government office for indemnification of victors of Nazism announced today that it has appropriated funds for construction of a synagoue. The house of worship will replace the synagoue destroyed here by the Nazis during the infamous "Crystal Night" in November, 1938. Bremen's Jewish population is approximately 150. There were 1,600 Jews living in this city when the Nazi regime came into power.

## U. N. MEMBER NATIONS SCCRED FOR INDIFFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS PACTS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 30. (JTA) -- Chaim Cohn, Israel's Attorney General, today critic.zed "the Great Powers" who are members of the United Nations for their disinterest in the adoption of the human rights covenants that have been pending for years before the General Assembly.

Mr. Gohn has been, for three years, a member of the UN Human Rights Commission, representing Israel. The covenants, however, must be adopted by the Assembly, and Mr. Gohn said he saw "no prospect at all of those covenants coming into force in the

The Israeli disagreed with some experts in the field of human rights who have taken the position that the United Nations might as well cease its efforts to adopt the covenants. These experts hold that the UN should rely, instead, on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, because most member states will probably refuse to sign the covenants when and if they are adopted here.

"The Declaration itself," stated Mr. Cohn, "has no binding force, and prescribes only minimum standards of behavior. I think I would prefer a covenant, even if it is signed only by 20 nations, rather than reliance on the beautiful words of the Declaration which have no sanctions. Under a covenant, a country could be sued for violating human rights."

#### ISRAEL REQUESTS BRAZIL TO EXTRADITE FORMER TEL AVIV OFFICIAL

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- Brazil was requested by Israel today to extradite Yathak Sharam, former clerk in the Municipality of Tel Aviv, who is accused of embezzling Tel Aviv city funds.

An extradition treaty between Israel and Brazil was signed several weeks ago, am still awaits formal approval by the parliaments of both countries. However, Brazil was asked by Israel to make a special case of Sharam, and permit his extradition even before the treaty goes into full effect.

#### "CANADA DAY" PROCLAIMED IN JERUSALEM; LAW SCHOOL BUILDING DEDICATED

JERUSALEM, March 30. (JTA) -- Today was "Canada Day" here, so proclaimed by Mayor Gershon Agron in honor of the dedication of the Hebrew University's new law school building, built through contributions by Canadian Friends of the University.

A special delegation of Canadians here for the dedication ceremony included Canada's Supreme Court Justice Ivan Cleveland Rand, and Allan Bronfman, president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. A feature of the new building is a replica of a court room, for student use. The room is equipped with all court room paraphernalia, including bench, a dock for the "prisoner," and witness stands.

#### REFORM JEWS DESIGNATE APRIL AS "JEWISH RELIGIOUS FREEDOM MONTH"

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- The nation-wide Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism today designated April as "Jewish Religious Freedom Month" in honor of the forthcoming Passover holiday and to commemorate the 85th anniversary of Reform Judaism's emergence in America as "a new birth of freedom for Jewish religious thought, ritual and worship."

The campaign is the central organization for support of the Reform Jewish Community's chief national institutions, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The two bodies are the oldest national institutions of Judaism in the Western Hemisphere. A. B. Polinsky, the campaign's general chairman, said in making he announcement that the 565 Reform congregations of the United States and Canada have been called on to hold special Sabbath services and other religious exercises "keyed to Reform Judaism's role in spreading Jewish religious liberalism."

## ISRAEL'S SHOLOM ALEICHEM STAMP PRESENTED TO AUTHOR'S SON IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 30. (JTA) -- Norman Raeben, son of the late Shoiom Aleichem, today was presented with sheets of a special stamp issued in Israel in honor of the centennary of the birth of his father. The presentations were made by Simcha Pratt, Israel's Consul-General here. The stamp carries the portrait of the great Jewish writer.

#### GOVERNMENT OF CHILE EXTENDS INVITATION TO ISRAEL 'S FOREIGN MINISTER

SANTIAGO DE CHILLE, March 30. (JTA) -- The Government of Chile today extended a formal invitation to Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister of Israel, asking her to visit here. The date for the formal visit has been fixed as June 3. It is known that, early this summer, Mrs. Meir is planning to visit a number of Latin American countries. She is expected to be accompanied by Dr. Moshe Tov, Israel's Ambassador to Mexico.