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### ISRAEL TO START OPERATING ATOMIC REACTOR THIS YEAR; AIDED BY U.S.

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- An experimental atomic reactor is nearing completion south of Tel Aviv and is expected to be in operation by the end of this year, according to a joint announcement of Prof. D. E. Bergman, chairman of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission, and William Baxter, American Charge d'Affaires in Israel.

The announcement was made during the first visit to the plant by the press. The reactor, valued at \$800,000, was purchased with the help of the American Atomic Energy Commission from the American Machinery and Foundries Company. The United States made a grant of \$350,000 for the purchase which was made under a 1957 agreement between the two governments based on the American Atoms for Peace plan.

The 5,000-kilowatt reactor is of the "swimming pool" type. It is situated on sand dunes near Rishon le-Zion. While it cannot be used for atomic power production, its availability will open a new phase in Israel scientific studies. Scientists will be able to study various aspects of operating such reactors. The reactor also will make possible research in isotopes for medical and agricultural purposes in addition to pure research.

Israel nuclear scientists, it was pointed out, have made important progress in two main areas of reactor operation. They have discovered an inexpensive way to extract uranium from phosphates without diminishing the basic characteristics of the phosphate, and Weizmann Institute scientists have invented means of producing heavy water in a relatively inexpensive way. Quantities of such waters are already being exported to countries with which Israel cooperates in atomic energy research.

### SENATORS WATCHFUL OVER RESTORATION OF U. S. GRANT AID TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 10. (JTA) -- Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey, a ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said today he thought it necessary to follow the special assistance issue involving Israel, to make sure Israel is actually restored to the grant aid list.

The Senator, a Minnesota Democrat, said he thought a fight still lies ahead. He said he would continue work on the matter, to see that Israel receives fair treatment as events progress.

Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, who fought with the State Department on the Israeli grant issue, said today that the action of Congress in taking a strong stand on this question caused the State Department to review the matter and may now result in the actual inclusion of Israel in the program for fiscal year 1960. He credited Congress with a show of strength on this issue, sufficient to cause a change in the State Department's policy.

C. Douglas Dillon, Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs, had indicated to the Foreign Relations Committee that the State Department might restore the grant. Mr. Dillon pointed out that, if such action were taken, it would result from "psychological" considerations rather than for "economic" reasons, because the Department remained unconvinced of the "economic" necessity for restoring Israel to the grant aid list. He indicated that Israeli representations here on the grant were voiced far less than those from Congress.

### A. D. A. Convention Urges Continuation of U. S. Grant Aid to Israel

A resolution adopted today at a national convention of the liberal political group, Americans for Democratic Action, said: "The recent proposal of the Administration to eliminate grant aid to Israel cannot be justified" and "Congress should insist upon the continuation of such aid to Israel."

The resolution also stated that the first objective of the U.S. in the Middle East "should be to arrange for the exclusion of the Arab states and Israel from the theatre of the cold war. These efforts should be made to the maximum extent possible within the framework of the United Nations. The United States should propose a Great Power guarantee of the security and territorial integrity of the Arab nations and of Israel."

The ADA also resolved that the United States should "vigorously press for an equitable solution of the Arab refugee problem, with a peaceful settlement of all other Arab-

Israel issues. " It urged that "patient pressure must be exerted for such a settlement by the encouragement of steps that lead to a recognition by the Arab people that Israel has the right to exist and is in the Middle East to stay. "

The ADA also urged continued technical and economic assistance to the countries of the Middle East.

#### ISRAEL SEEKS SPECIAL LOAN FROM U.S. FOR NATION-WIDE WATER PROJECT

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- Israel still has not received a reply to its request to the United States, made several months ago, for a special loan to finance a nation-wide water project, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today. He added he understood the request was still under study by the U.S. State Department.

The undisclosed sum requested by Israel was to be used for a water program designed to be integrated into a regional water plan along the lines of the never-implemented Johnston plan for the Jordan Valley, if and when such a plan was put into effect.

It was learned meanwhile that Jordan, which has consistently rejected the regional water plan, was proceeding with an independent Yarmuk River project. This involved preparation of a new bed for the river and the possibility of diversion of Yarmuk River water from Israel settlements in the Jordan valley.

#### U. N. CHIEF DISCUSSES ISRAEL'S GRIEVANCES WITH EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

GENEVA, May 10. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld met for six hours yesterday with Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Foreign Minister of the United Arab Republic, apparently discussing Israel's grievance against UAR confiscation of Israel-originated cargoes passing through the Suez Canal in non-Israeli ships. The meeting was held at Lausanne.

Meanwhile, the issue of UAR actions against Israel in the Suez Canal seems to be unsolved. There was word that the UAR will permit an Israeli ship to pass through the Canal on May 15, when a Danish vessel is scheduled to attempt the Canal passage with a cargo of Israeli cement. But UAR authorities are reported to have told the United Nations that permission for this ship's passage is not to be considered as a precedent.

One thing is certain, as far as Israel's Suez grievance is concerned. Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, UN Undersecretary for Political Affairs, who visited both Cairo and Jerusalem recently, achieved no concrete results. Mr. Hammarskjöld himself said so at a press conference here, although the UN Chief credited Dr. Bunche with having made "useful contacts" on his Middle Eastern tour.

#### REUVEN SHILOAH, LEADING ISRAELI DIPLOMAT, DEAD; SERVED IN WASHINGTON

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- Reuven Shiloah, former Israeli Minister Plenipotentiary to Washington, and political advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since the State was established in 1947, died of a heart attack in his sleep early this morning, at Tel Hashomer Hospital here. He was 50.

Mr. Shiloah's sudden death came as a shock to many here in government and diplomacy who have known him as one of the most brilliant men in Israel's foreign service. He was admitted to the hospital last week, when his physicians suspected a heart ailment. Since he was very tired from overwork, the doctors decided over the week-end to keep him in the hospital a few days longer, and to work out a program of quiet recuperation. Death came during the early hours today from a blood clot.

Born in this city in 1909, Reuven Shiloah studied at Tachkemoni High School here, and took degrees at the Hebrew University at the Teachers Seminary. He served on special missions for the Jewish population here to Iraq and to Kurdistan, in 1931 and 1932, and became political secretary to Histadrut in 1932, serving in that post until 1936.

Later, he organized the intelligence service of the Jewish self-defense organization, Haganah, and also served on the staff of the political department of the Jewish Agency. From 1936 to 1948, he was liaison officer between the Jewish Agency and the British Army authorities in Palestine. In 1945, he was a Jewish Agency observer at the United Nations founding conference in San Francisco.

(In Washington Israel Ambassador Abba Eban said today: "I have no words to express my grief and shock at the sudden death of Reuven Shiloah. He was amongst my dearest friends, and my constant partner in so many enterprises. He made priceless contributions to Israel's international progress, not least in the field of American-Israel relations. His wise counsel and passionate industry will be sorely missed.")

Mr. Shiloah is survived by his widow, Betty, who is American-born; two sons; and a daughter. The funeral will take place here tomorrow.

## JEWISH LEADERS IN EUROPE TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AT BRUSSELS

GENEVA, May 10. (JTA) -- Executive heads of central Jewish welfare organizations from seven European countries will convene at Brussels, Belgium, Tuesday, for a three-day seminar and discussion of common problems. The Joint Distribution Committee is sponsoring the conference.

In announcing plans for the conference, Charles Jordan, European director general of the Joint Distribution Committee, declared that the agenda will include problems of fund-raising, leadership development, publications, public relations and community organization. In attendance will be representatives of central Jewish organizations from Italy, Britain, West Germany, Austria, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg.

## ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL OBSERVED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- The eleventh anniversary of the rebirth of Israel was observed here today at a special service held at Shearit Israel Synagogue. Israel's Consul-General Simcha Pratt was the official representative of his government at the service.

A pledge to continue working in partnership with Israel's people for the "aspirations of free men" was made by Morris W. Berinstein, United Jewish Appeal General chairman, in a cable sent to Prime Minister David Ben Gurion on the occasion of Israel's 11th Independence Anniversary which will be celebrated on May 13th.

In his message to the Prime Minister, Mr. Berinstein stated that he spoke for millions of American Jews in expressing admiration for Israel's people and for their willingness and generosity in welcoming nearly a million newcomers who have sought new lives in Israel. Mr. Berinstein reaffirmed the partnership between the people and the American Jewish community in "the inspiring venture" of rebuilding, rescue and rehabilitation of Jews.

A salute addressed to the government and people of Israel on the occasion of the 11th anniversary of the State of Israel's independence was extended today on behalf of the entire membership of the Zionist Organization of America by the organization's president, Abraham A. Redelheim. The salute was coupled by a call to all Zionists for intensified efforts to safeguard Israel's integrity and its economic growth and to rally under the banner of the ZOA as "the oldest and major instrumentality for Jewish survival."

Mr. Redelheim spoke at a two-day meeting of the National Executive Council, ruling body of the ZOA between conventions, attended by Zionist leaders from all parts of the country. The enrollment of 1,100 new Life Members in the ZOA on the occasion of the 11th anniversary of the State of Israel was also announced by the ZOA president.

## U. N. DELEGATES TO PAY TRIBUTE TODAY TO EBAN AT FAREWELL DINNER

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 10. (JTA) -- A major international tribute will be paid tomorrow to Ambassador Abba Eban at a dinner in the delegates dining room of the United Nations, it was announced today by Yosef Tekoah, Deputy Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations.

More than 400 United Nations delegates as well as top diplomatic and civic leaders will participate in the salute to the Ambassador, who is returning to Israel after ten years as Israel's chief representative in Washington and before the United Nations. The dinner is being sponsored by the Israel Mission in conjunction with the National Testimonial Committee for Ambassador Eban.

(In Washington, a farewell luncheon was given for Mr. Eban by the State Department this week-end at the Blair House with Assistant Secretary of State William Rountree acting as host. Guests included Army Chief of Staff Lemnitzer, Central Intelligence Director Allen Dulles, Acting ICA head Leonard Saccio, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Edward B. Lawson, and others. Toasts were exchanged in honor of the presidents of the United States and Israel.)

## EX-COMMANDER OF WOMEN'S CORPS IN ISRAEL NAMED TO POST IN WASHINGTON

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- Col. Shoshana Gershonovitz, former commander of the Women's Corps of the Israel Army, left for the United States today to take up the post of special attache to the Israel Embassy in Washington. Col. Gershonovitz will be the liaison officer between the Washington Embassy and women's organizations in the United States.

The liaison post was established in recognition of the importance of women's organizations working in the United States on behalf of Israel. In order to assume the new position in Washington, Col. Gershonovitz retired from the Army. She has been succeeded by Lt. Col. Dina Werth, who is also known in the United States where she visited on behalf of the Israel bond drive.

## JEWISH LEADERS TO PARTICIPATE IN GOVT. PARLEY ON CHECKING BIAS

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- A group of 30 national Jewish leaders from all parts of the United States will participate in a special three-faith conference tomorrow at the Sheraton-Park Hotel here in an effort to strengthen the anti-bias program of the President's Committee on Government Contracts of which Vice President Richard M. Nixon is chairman.

The Jewish leaders were invited by the Vice President to attend the conference, the first of its kind for bringing to bear on the anti-discrimination program of the President's Committee the influence and support of the three major religious faiths. The task of the President's Committee is to assure that firms obtaining government contracts do not discriminate in their hiring and dismissal of employees.

The Synagogue Council of America, the National Council of Churches and the National Catholic Welfare Conference are coordinating participation of their respective religious communities in the all-day meeting.

## TOP ARAB DIPLOMAT DRINKS TOAST WITH PRATT AT ISRAEL PAVILION IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- A top ranking Arab diplomat visited an Israeli enclave here this week-end, shook hands with Israeli diplomats, and drank a toast with the Israelis -- lifting a glass of Israeli champagne. It all happened at the United States World Trade Fair, which is being held at the New York Coliseum, and where Israel's pavilion is attracting wide attention.

The Arab visitor was Dr. Charles Malik, of Lebanon, former chairman of that country's delegation to the United Nations and president of the UN General Assembly. Dr. Malik had just started his tour of the Trade Fair, when he came to the Israeli pavilion. Instead of passing it by, as most people thought he would do, he entered. In the pavilion, he shook hands with Israel's Consul General Simcha Pratt, and greeted other Israel officials as well as Israeli hostesses. Dr. Malik and Mr. Pratt drank a toast, on Israeli champagne, and posed for photographs together.

## GOLDA MEIR IS INVITED TO VISIT SEVEN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, will visit seven Latin American countries during a five-week tour lasting from May 20 to June 30, according to an announcement by the Foreign Ministry spokesman here today.

Although "other friendly Latin American countries" invited Mrs. Meir, the spokesman stated that she will have time only for Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela. During the visit to South America, all Israeli diplomatic representatives in Central and South America will gather for a meeting with the Foreign Minister, to be held at Montevideo on June 29.

## DR. JONAS SALK HAILED IN ISRAEL; DELIVERS LECTURES AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- The most prominent guest of the Israel Government today is an American, hailed in the Israel press as "savior of humanity." He is Dr. Jonas Salk, discoverer of the anti-polio myelitis vaccine.

Dr. Salk delivered two lectures at Hebrew University today. One address was scientific, given at the medical school. The other lecture, on "Man in Evolution," was delivered before a general audience, with Prime Minister David Ben Gurion as chairman.

Dr. Salk arrived Thursday night for a 10-day official visit. Accompanied by Israel Barzilai, Israel's Minister of Health, Dr. Salk visited some laboratories at Tel Aviv where the Salk vaccine is made, and spent the Sabbath at Mr. Barzilai's kibbutz, Negbah. Last night, he was the guest of Mr. Ben Gurion. He has been presented with wreaths, greeted by the public, and cheered wherever he has gone.

## MEDEL FISHER HONORED FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE IN J. N. F. OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, May 10. (JTA) -- Mendel N. Fisher was honored this week-end, in a special resolution, for the completion of 25 years of service in the office of executive director of the Jewish National Fund of America. The resolution was introduced by the president, Dr. Harris J. Levine, and was unanimously adopted by the board of directors of the JNF.

The resolution lauds Mr. Fisher for "the exceptional ability and consecrated devotion with which he has pursued his high task over this long period of years, winning great multitudes of friends for our work and contributing vastly to the growth and expansion of JNF activities in hundreds of Jewish communities throughout the length and breadth of this country." It expresses to Mr. Fisher "the deepest gratitude for a superlative job done in the face of great and mounting difficulties."