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## DE GAULLE PROMISES FRANCE'S ACTIVE AID TO ISRAEL IN CASE OF DANGER

TEL AVIV, May 17. (JTA) -- Israel had a promise today from President Charles De Gaulle of France of active French support if Israel again faced danger. The promise was conveyed by Guy Mollet, who was Premier of France at the time of the Suez campaign.

In a speech before a mass meeting sponsored by the Israel-French Friendship League, M. Mollet said President De Gaulle had asked him to convey to Israel a message of friendship from the French nation. Also that France would come to Israel's aid if Israel was endangered.

The French President also said, according to M. Mollet, that Israel could rely on French help in its constructive efforts. "President De Gaulle wanted the people of Israel to know that though he had not been in power during 1956, he had supported fully the French decisions on aid to Israel and on French participation in the Suez campaign," M. Mollet stated.

Pierre Gilbert, French Ambassador to Israel, described M. Mollet as the "man who threw a lifebelt to Israel" during the decisive days of 1956. Mollet said that the only thing he regretted about the 1956 campaign was that his ally, an apparent reference to Britain, could not bring the operation to a conclusion. He compared the French decision to help Israel in 1956 with the then Premier Leon Blum's decision to help the Spanish Republicans in the 30's.

## HEBREW UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RESUME STRIKE OVER RISE IN TUITION FEES

JERUSALEM, May 17. (JTA) -- Hebrew University students were on strike again today in a continuing dispute over a rise in tuition fees. The dispute had led to the appointment of a committee headed by Supreme Court Justice Simon Agranot, which had recommended an increase in tuition fees from 250 to 400 pounds per semester.

When the Minister of Education Zalman Aranne approved the increase, the students organized a protest in front of the Prime Minister's office. In response, Premier David Ben Gurion met with the students and persuaded them to return to their classes on his promise that the matter would be re-studied.

Last Thursday the students met again and rejected an appeal from the Prime Minister, who this time asked postponement of the walk-out for two weeks during which he said he would study the students' demands. He explained he had not been able to do so until now because of his work load.

Meron Benvenisti, chairman of the Students Association, who had opposed the breaking off of re-negotiations and resumption of the strike, resigned as soon as the students voted to resume their walk-out.

## VOTING IN HISTADRUT ELECTIONS STARTED; 635,000 ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

TEL AVIV, May 17. (JTA) -- Balloting was underway today throughout Israel in the elections for offices in the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, after a burst of last minute electioneering by some of Israel's best vote-getters.

Some 635,000 Histadrut members were eligible to vote. In the last Histadrut elections, 85 percent of the eligible voters cast ballots. The balloting got underway last night when night shift workers voted.

Pinchas Lavon, Histadrut general secretary, made a final appeal for a quiet and orderly election at the 2,000 polling stations throughout Israel. Prime Minister David Ben Gurion spoke last Friday night at the Haifa stadium. Yesterday morning he spoke at a meeting in Tel Aviv. Former Prime Minister Moshe Sharett and former Army Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Dayan also addressed meetings as did Mapam Ministers and Knesset deputies at rallies in the major cities.

The Prime Minister, in his speeches, stressed Israel's goals in the second decade, which he listed as populating the Negev, fostering Israel's security, providing high educational opportunities for the masses, total integration of newcomers and absorption of another one million immigrants.

## EBAN CALLS AT WHITE HOUSE; TAKES FORMAL LEAVE OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

WASHINGTON, May 17. (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba S. Eban of Israel called at the White House last Friday to take formal leave of President Dwight D. Eisenhower upon completion of his nine years of service as Ambassador of Israel to the United States. Mr. Eban presented his letters of credence to President Harry S. Truman on September 5, 1950.

In taking leave of the President, the Israeli envoy conveyed to him the gratitude and appreciation of the Government and people of Israel to the Government and people of the United States for the moral support and economic aid they had extended during the eleven years since Israel's establishment as an independent nation.

The meeting between the President and the Ambassador lasted about 25 minutes during which the President reportedly discussed the world situation and the Middle East and the two exchanged views on the state of American-Israeli relations. When the Ambassador was about to leave, President Eisenhower wished him well in the future.

In connection with the leave-taking, the full text was made available of President Eisenhower's message to the America-Israel Society dinner last Wednesday night in Mr. Eban's honor.

"I am happy," Mr. Eisenhower wrote, "to recognize once again the work of your organization in promoting goodwill and friendship between the people of the United States and Israel. The mutual understanding achieved by such efforts adds strength to the foundation of peace. On the 11th anniversary of the independence of Israel, it is fitting that Ambassador Eban be honored as an outstanding citizen of his country in the United States. Please give him my congratulations and best wishes."

## ZIONIST LEADER MEETS WITH U. S. OFFICIALS ON MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, May 17. (JTA) -- Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, chairman of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, saw a number of leading U. S. officials this weekend for general discussion of the situation in the Middle East.

He met with Chairman J. W. Fulbright, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Deputy Undersecretary of State Robert D. Murphy, and Assistant Secretaries of State Rountree and Macomber. He was accompanied by I. L. Kenen, Washington representative of the committee.

## GOLDA MEIR TO LEAVE HOSPITAL TODAY; WILL PROCEED TO LATIN AMERICA

TEL AVIV, May 17. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, who was taken to Beilinson hospital Friday suffering from severe fatigue, will be released tomorrow and depart on her Latin American tour Tuesday as originally scheduled, it was announced today.

Hospital officials decided to have her remain in the hospital when a medical check-up indicated the extreme tiredness. Mrs. Meir was forced to cancel a speech to a Mapai meeting and an appearance at a special reception at the Mexican legation. Doctors blamed a particularly hectic two weeks, as Mrs. Meir rushed to wind up affairs in preparation for her tour, for the fatigue.

## BEN GURION MAKES FIRST VISIT TO ARAB TOWN; PLEDGES FAMILY REUNIONS

NAZARETH, Israel, May 17. (JTA) -- Israel is ready to permit Moslem residents to make the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, Prime Minister David Ben Gurion said today during a visit at the Garqa Elgarbiya village.

He spoke at a gathering of Arab notables and citizens and was presented with a symbolic key to the village and made an honorary citizen. It was his first visit to an Arab town since Israel was proclaimed and the start of a tour of minorities districts.

The entire populace of the village turned out for his arrival and the Prime Minister told them that the Israel Government would make every effort to effect Arab family reunions and would assure each such rejoined family enough land for a viable farming unit.

The Prime Minister said he regretted that border conditions barred the end of military government in the area but he promised the maximum relaxations possible and gave assurances that the "necessary restrictions" would not interfere with the daily lives of the villagers. He told the villagers that both Israel and the Arab states needed peace for prosperity and development for their mutual good as well as for regional progress.

## BEN GURION HOPES FOR RESUMPTION OF EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM MOROCCO

TEL AVIV, May 17. (JTA) -- Hope that migration of Moroccan Jews to Israel would be renewed soon was expressed by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion at a large meeting of North African Jews held in Nathanya.

Those attending the meeting were brought from other parts of Israel for a gathering in connection with the election campaign of Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor. In addressing the North African Jews, Mr. Ben Gurion called for the complete integration of all streams of Jewry in Israel.

### AMERICAN-MADE PHONOGRAPH RECORDS GLORIFYING NAZIS BANNED IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, May 17. (JTA) -- An order for the confiscation of the documentary American-made phonograph record, "Speeches and Songs of Nazi Germany," was issued Friday by a lower court here. The order applies to all of West Germany.

The court ruled that the long-playing record, featuring speeches by Hitler, Goering and Goebbels, glorified the Nazi state, ridiculed democratic government and was in effect clearly anti-Semitic. Dr. A. Wolf, State Attorney, declared that the distribution of the record clearly implied "public condonation of crimes and of Nazi propaganda against democracy" and that its distribution therefore was a violation of West German federal law.

The record was banned two weeks ago by a Nuremberg court on the basis of a Bavarian law banning the showing of Nazi symbols. Store owners in Dusseldorf evaded a confiscation order by pasting strips of paper over the swastikas on the illustrated holder of the record. Previous court rulings against sale of the record had only local application.

### WHITE HOUSE PARLEY TO DEVELOP PLANS FOR SOLUTION OF REFUGEE PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, May 17. (JTA) -- Support of legislation to make available to eligible refugees unused United States immigration quota visas up to a maximum of 10,000 a year will be considered at a two-day meeting this week under the auspices of the White House.

President Eisenhower has invited 200 American leaders to attend the May 21-22 White House conference to develop a program for United States participation in World Refugee Year, a project which developed from a United Nations General Assembly resolution on December 5 last year.

The two goals of the World Refugee Year which begins June 1 and of the White House meeting are to awaken people everywhere to the needs of refugees in many countries and to mobilize all private and public resources to help the refugees.

Among the refugees for whom these goals are sought are the Arab refugees from Palestine, the Jewish refugees who fled from Egypt after the Suez campaign of 1956 and a substantial number who fled from Iron Curtain countries.

### JEWISH CONGRESS COMPLAINS TO STATE DEPT. ON ARAMCO BOYCOTT OF JEWS

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- Documents never before made public have been uncovered showing how Saudi Arabia ordered the Arabian American Oil Co. (Aramco) to boycott a list of American business firms owned or managed by Jews, it was disclosed today by the American Jewish Congress.

The same documents--contained in the files of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination--also reveal that Aramco has been forbidden by the King of Saudi Arabia from employing Jews in the United States as well as in Saudi Arabia, the AJC charged in a letter to Acting Secretary of State Douglas Dillon.

The letter, signed by Dr. Joachim Prinz, national president of the American Jewish Congress, criticized the role of a State Department official--Assistant Secretary William M. Rountree--in securing an exemption for Aramco from the New York anti-discrimination law. The Jewish group asked for a meeting with Secretary Herter to discuss how best to "protect the rights of American citizens against foreign religious bigotry."

Mr. Rountree, according to the AJC statement, had written to the New York State Commission Against Discrimination that if Aramco were required to comply with the state law this might "prejudice the company's operations" and "probably adversely affect other United States interests in Saudi Arabia as well."

Dr. Prinz's letter declared: "By taking this position, the State Department has sanctioned nullification, by a foreign monarch, of American laws whose egalitarian concepts he finds unacceptable. We cannot believe that the Department will persist in a policy which so grossly subordinates the rights of citizens to the expedencies of international bargaining."

In its complaint, the AJC charged that Aramco violated the New York anti-discrimination law by refusing to hire Jews. The case is now before the New York State Supreme Court on appeal. A hearing is scheduled for this Friday before Justice Samuel M. Gold in the State Supreme Court.

### CONVENTION OF CONSERVATIVE RABBIS OPENS; PLEADS FOR AID TO ISRAEL

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., May 17. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the United States Government to restore immediately grants-in-aid for Israel was approved tonight at the opening session of the 59th annual national convention of the Rabbinical Assembly of America. The convention of the Conservative rabbis will end Thursday.

The 500 rabbis acted after hearing a proposal to that effect from Rabbi Isaac Klein of Buffalo, N. Y., president, who in his presidential message discussed at length the relations between the United States and Israel.

## NASHVILLE CHIEF OF POLICE TESTIFIES ON ANTI-JEWISH BOMBINGS

WASHINGTON, May 17. (JTA) -- The police chief of a major southern city has testified that investigation of the bombing of a Jewish center in that city, Nashville, Tenn., has produced evidence indicating an inter-state terrorist gang.

Police Chief Douglas E. Hosse told a House Judiciary subcommittee studying possible anti-bombing legislation that "the Jewish center bombing followed a pattern extended all over the southeast part" of the United States. He called the violence occurring in other southeastern cities at about the same time "amazingly parallel."

The dynamiting of a synagogue in Miami occurred on March 16, 1958, the same day the center in Nashville was bombed. In the following month, he noted, a Jewish institution in Jacksonville, Fla., was bombed and an attempt, which fizzled, was made to dynamite a synagogue in Birmingham, Ala.

The police chief said he believed that the sudden abatement of the wave of threats and bombings was due to knowledge that the FBI has been investigating the violence. He urged adoption of federal anti-bombing legislation "to remove the reign of fear and terror." He was supported by Abe Goldstein, of Atlanta, speaking for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

## MEMBERSHIP IN JEWISH CENTERS REPORTED REACHING 606,000 IN 1958

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- Membership in Jewish centers and YM and YWHA's affiliated with the National Jewish Welfare Board reached 606,000 last year, the JWB reported today. The report also showed that 349 full-time and part-time Jewish chaplains served Jewish servicemen in the United States and abroad.

The JWB, the national association of Jewish centers and YM-YWHA's, also noted in its 1958 annual report, that 27,465 recreational, cultural, religious and social programs were conducted for the armed services. The JWB is the government-authorized agency for religious, morale and welfare activities for Jewish servicemen and hospitalized veterans.

## I. L. G. W. UNION PLEDGES \$1,000,000 FOR COMPLETION OF HOSPITAL IN ISRAEL

MIAMI BEACH, May 17. (JTA) -- The International Ladies Garment Workers' Union which is holding its convention here, today announced that it will contribute another \$1,000,000 for the completion of the Kupat Holim Hospital in Beersheba, Israel, now being built with the financial aid of the ILGWU. This will be the second \$1,000,000 contributed by the labor union for the Israel Beersheba Hospital.

The announcement was made at a luncheon of 200 ILGWU leaders here at which Luigi Antonini, first vice-president, delivered an address in which he assured the support of the union to Israel and the Histadrut--Israel's Federation of Labor--as long as such support will be needed. Ephraim Yivron, representative of the Histadrut executive, greeted the ILGWU leaders on behalf of Israel's organized labor movement.

## NATIONAL JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS MOURN DEATH OF LLOYD DINKELSPIEL

NEW YORK, May 17. (JTA) -- National Jewish organizations here today mourned the death of Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel, prominent American Jewish leader who died this weekend at his home in San Francisco after a brief illness, at the age of 59. He was president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, a member of the National Campaign Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal and active in various other national Jewish organizations.

One of San Francisco's outstanding communal leaders, he was a past president of the San Francisco Jewish Welfare Fund and for four years the president of the San Francisco Jewish Welfare Federation. In 1950 and 1955 he headed delegations of San Franciscan Jewish leaders to Israel. He was a lieutenant of infantry in World War I and a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force during World War II. In 1945 he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

## ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS HELD IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 17. (JTA) -- Under the chairmanship of Brazil's Foreign Minister, Francisco Negroao Deslima, and with a personal message from President Juscelino Kubitschek, 4,000 Jews and non-Jews participated last night in the celebration of Israel's eleventh Independence Day here.

BUENOS AIRES, May 17. (JTA) -- An address by Arye Levavi, Israel Ambassador to Argentina, on the national radio and lengthy articles on Israel in major newspapers were among the highlights of the Independence Day observance here. The envoy gave a reception at the embassy for Jewish leaders in the evening. The Argentine General Zionists sponsored a banquet at which the guests of honor were Dr. Luis Mackay, Minister of Education, Dederico Fernandez de Monjardin, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies.