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### INTERNATIONAL COURT REFUSES TO ACT ON ISRAEL'S CLAIM AGAINST BULGARIA

THE HAGUE, May 26. (JTA) -- The International Court of Justice ruled today it had no competence to deal with Israel's claim for damages against Bulgaria in the shooting down of an El Al airliner in 1955 with a loss of all 58 lives aboard.

England, Australia and China voted in favor of the Court's jurisdiction but 12 nations voted against. The ruling was based on agreement with the initial preliminary objection of Bulgaria that a declaration accepting compulsory jurisdiction of the court in 1921 could not be considered as constituting compulsory jurisdiction now. Bulgaria argued she was not a member of the United Nations when the El Al plane was shot down and, therefore, not subject to international court decisions.

### DR. GOLDMANN WARNS ON DANGERS FOR JEWISH SURVIVAL; URGES GREATER UNITY

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- The emancipation of the Jews from ghetto life and their integration in free societies is creating a new danger for Jewish survival greater than that which threatened Jewish survival in previous centuries, Dr. Nahum Goldmann told the B'nai B'rith triennial convention here tonight.

His speech, in which he urged that the danger be fought through programs of Jewish unity, contrasted sharply with that delivered last night by Philip M. Klutznick, B'nai B'rith president, who rejected predictions of the doom of emancipated Jewish life outside of Israel.

Dr. Goldmann told the 1,300 delegates that two great psychological experiences which had strengthened Jewish consciousness--the Nazi holocaust and the emergence of Israel--no longer existed as challenges for Jewish life. He urged programs of close cooperation of Jewish communities and between Israel and the rest of the world's Jewries.

He listed as two other threats to Jewish unity the cold war, which he said had split Soviet Jews off the main stream of Jewish life, and "natural differences" between Jews of Israel and other Jewish communities. He said the fate of the Jews behind the Iron Curtain represented one of "our most tragic problems," with "a danger of the loss of 3,000,000 more Jews to spiritual disintegration and complete loss of Jewish consciousness."

The world Jewish leader said it was "one of the miracles of history and impressive proof of our stubborn will to survive that large parts of East European, and particularly Soviet Jewry, still maintain the will to be Jews." To fill the gap between Jews living a completely Jewish life in their own state and Jews living abroad as minorities, Dr. Goldmann proposed a "system of relationships which will create permanent ties and methods of mutual influence."

### EBAN GETS ISRAELI CITIZENSHIP; OVERSIGHT CORRECTED BY INTERIOR MINISTRY

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- After he had served Israel as Ambassador to the United States and chief delegate to the United Nations for more than a decade, it was discovered today that Abba Eban was formally not a citizen of Israel. The oversight was remedied immediately by the Ministry of Interior signing a special order granting him citizenship and thus enabling him to run for Knesset.

The oversight was discovered when a check of the election register showed that Mr. Eban was not listed. The unique situation arose from the fact that he had British nationality because of his birth in South Africa. He could hold dual citizenship, but apparently he never thought it necessary to apply formally since he held an Israeli diplomatic passport.

Mr. Eban will not be able to vote in the November elections, in which he will be a candidate, because the qualifying date for voting was last December.

### ISRAEL RESUMES DRAINAGE WORK IN HULEH AREA; USES HEAVY EQUIPMENT

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- Israelis have moved heavy digging and dredging equipment into the Lake Huleh area in north-eastern Israel and resumed today the work of deepening and widening the drainage canals that are converting the area from a swamp into fertile farmlands. Work on the project was interrupted several months ago when Syrian Army forces opened fire on workers in the area.

## ESHKOL EXPLAINS NEED FOR ENFORCING COMPULSORY IMMIGRATION LOAN

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister, said today that the disputed 40,000,000-pound compulsory immigration loan was needed to cover past and current budget deficits. Opposition parties have led a fight to force suspension or cancellation of the loan, originally floated to help finance the East European immigration at the start of the year.

The Minister told the Knesset Finance Committee that there was a deficit in the last budget of 20,000,000 pounds and a 22,000,000 pound deficit in the current budget. He said the earlier deficit had been caused by the failure of the voluntary immigration loan and the current deficit by expenditures for housing for immigrants.

## BEN GURION BACKS RAISE OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY TUITION; NOTIFIES STUDENTS

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion notified the students of the Hebrew University today that he saw no reason to alter a Cabinet decision approving action by the University authorities in raising tuition fees.

A majority of the students went out on strike to protest the tuition increase from 250 to 400 pounds (\$140 to \$222) a semester after the Cabinet had approved the University's decision. The five-day strike collapsed quickly last week when the authorities suspended classes. The student body which organized the strike had made no reply by tonight to the Premier's statement.

## ISRAEL PERMITS KEEPING PART OF GERMAN RESTITUTION PAYMENTS ABROAD

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Treasury today again eased currency restrictions with a decision to allow recipients of restitution payments from West Germany to retain one-third of such funds in foreign currency for unrestricted use abroad. The remaining two-thirds must be exchanged for Israel currency.

The recipients also will receive a 20 percent premium for the two-thirds, in addition to the official 1.8 pounds per dollar rate.

## SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES NOMINATION OF REID AS U.S. ENVOY TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, May 26. (JTA) -- The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today confirmed by a vote of 10 to 4 the nomination of Ogden R. Reid as United States Ambassador to Israel. No obstacles are expected when the nomination comes before the Senate for final confirmation within a few days.

The four negative votes were cast by chairman William Fulbright of the Committee and three other Democrats, Theodore F. Green of Rhode Island, Russell B. Long of Louisiana, and John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts. Three other Democrats did not vote. Sen. Mike Mansfield of Montana was absent and Senators Frank Church of Idaho and John J. Sparkman of Alabama abstained.

Senators Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, Wayne Morse of Oregon, Albert Gore of Tennessee and Frank Lausche of Ohio, the other four Democrats on the committee, joined the six Republican members in voting for the nomination.

Mr. Reid, 33, is a former editor of the New York Herald Tribune, who told the Senate Committee at the hearings that he and Mrs. Reid have been studying Hebrew for the past six months. His performance at the hearings convinced a majority of the committee, including the four Democratic Senators who voted for him, that he was qualified.

## BEN GURION STRESSES DULLES' FRIENDSHIP FOR ISRAEL; CABLES EISENHOWER

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion said today that the death of John Foster Dulles was "a grievous loss to the United States and to mankind as a whole" but that "his life's work will endure as an eternal monument to a great statesman."

In a cable to President Eisenhower voicing the sympathies and condolences of the Government and people of Israel, Mr. Ben Gurion referred to the late Secretary of State as the "unfailing support to you and to every freedom- and peace-loving people."

The Israeli Prime Minister described Mr. Dulles as "a statesman who, in large measure, guided the international politics of all the free nations." He recalled the visit by Mr. Dulles to Israel six years ago which, he said, "left a deep impression in the hearts of many of us." The people of Israel, said Mr. Ben Gurion, regarded him as a wise and loyal friend, even at times when there were differences in their views.

"We knew that he appreciated our young state as the bastion of human freedom, spiritual and material progress," he declared. "He was devoted to the spiritual heritage of our prophets and was the true friend to all people endeavoring to preserve internal and external freedom."

## GERMAN DEPUTIES PLEDGE TO SEEK COMPENSATION FOR RUMANIAN JEWS

JERUSALEM, May 26. (JTA) -- Three members of the West German Parliament who are visiting Israel promised a delegation of Jews formerly resident in Rumania that they would call the attention of the West German authorities to the compensation claims of some 50,000 former Rumanian residents here for losses and injuries suffered under the Nazi regime.

The German deputies received a deputation representing these people here today and heard its appeal for speedy action by the West German authorities on claims estimated to total \$50,000,000. The deputation pointed out that the claimants were mainly aged and infirm persons whose holdings, valuables and cash had been seized from them during the Nazi occupation.

## NAZI DENTIST WHO REMOVED GOLD TEETH FROM CAMP INMATES IS CLEARED

BERLIN, May 26. (JTA) -- One of the chief dentists of Hitler's SS, who supervised removal of gold teeth and fillings from murdered concentration camp inmates, has been given permission to continue his practice in West Berlin, it was learned today.

The dentist, Herman Pook, who was sentenced to ten years in jail at Nuremberg for his war crimes, was cleared when a West Berlin Health Department official said a summons had been withdrawn. The official said that "proof of serious offenses" by Pook "has up till now not been presented."

Pook admitted that the extractions, which he supervised under Himmler's orders from September 1943 until the end of the war, resulted in a "profit" of about 4,000,000 reichsmarks annually. Sentenced in 1948, Pook was released after three years by United States authorities.

## CLAIMS CONFERENCE REMINDS JEWISH GROUPS ON DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- Organizations seeking grants from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany were reminded by the Conference today that those groups seeking allocations for the year 1960 must file their applications not later than June 30, 1959.

The reminder noted that the applications must be submitted in 20 copies to the New York headquarters of the Conference. They must contain a detailed description of the activities for which the funds are requested, and must include budgetary data as well as information on other sources of income which may be available to the applicants for the projects in question.

The Claims Conference, by the terms of the Agreement it had concluded with the Federal Republic of Germany, is able to allocate funds only for those activities which contribute to the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution, in accordance with the urgency of need.

## CLEVELAND YOUTHS FORM NAZI-STYLE PARTY; BREAK INTO ISRAEL BOND OFFICE

CLEVELAND, May 26. (JTA) -- A 15-year-old high school student with a genius-level I. Q., was scheduled for psychiatric examination today after his four-student Nazi-style Bund was charged with breaking into and vandalizing a Cleveland Israel Bonds office.

The four youths, all of whose names were withheld, were accused of destroying mail, slashing an Israel flag and smearing swastikas on the walls of the Israel Bond office. Juvenile Court Judge Margaret Spellacy said she would not sentence the four youths until the leader was examined by a court psychiatrist and the other three completed writing essays on good government.

The four youths tried to distribute anti-Semitic literature among their 3,000 fellow students at Collingwood High School. It was this material which led school officials to investigate and to act against the four "Bundists."

The leader, who has an I. Q. of 148, admitted he had made up a death list which included President Eisenhower, financier Cyrus Eaton and other notables. He told Judge Spellacy the group intended to "get rid of all the Jews and Communists." He said he had made 300 threatening telephone calls to the Israel Bond office he and his companions, who addressed him as "The Fuehrer," later vandalized.

## SUNDAY CLOSING BILL PASSES IN NEW JERSEY; NO PROVISION FOR JEWS

NEWARK, May 26. (JTA) -- Both legislative houses in New Jersey today passed a Sunday closing bill. The controversial measure passed the democratic ruled assembly with only three votes to spare and the Senate with none extra. Governor Meyner has given his broad approval to the idea of Sunday closing and is expected to sign the measure into law. The bill has no provision for those who regularly observe another day of religious rest.

## LAG B'OMER CELEBRATED IN ISRAEL; YOUNGSTERS DANCE AROUND BONFIRES

TEL AVIV, May 26. (JTA) -- The skies over Israel's population centers glowed last night from hundreds of traditional Lag B'Omer fires lit by youngsters who later danced around them until the early hours of today.

The religious phases of the holiday were observed mainly in Meron, north of Safad. More than 50,000 worshippers made the annual pilgrimage to the tomb of the sage, Shimon Bar Yochai. Thousands of tourists watched the pilgrimage which began with the carrying of a scroll from Safad to the Tomb.

At the Tomb, Rabbi Jacob Toledano, Minister of Religions, and Police Minister Bechor Shitreet supervised the lighting of a huge bonfire. Police detachments with first aid equipment were on hand but no serious accidents occurred. Dancing at the site continued through the night and the ceremony today was climaxed at a fete in which hundreds of three-year-old children had their first haircut.

## SCHOOL CENSUS SHOWS GROWTH OF JEWISH POPULATION IN CANADIAN SUBURBS

MONTREAL, May 26. (JTA) -- The growth of Jewish concentrations in Canadian suburbs was illustrated in figures released today by the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, showing a 300 percent increase in the proportion of Jewish school children in a Montreal suburb since 1954.

The Protestant Board, which operates public schools for all children in Montreal except the Catholic children, reported that the number of Jewish school children in the Cote St. Luc area increased from 88 to 1,485 during the past four years. Jewish children formed 26 percent of the total school enrollment in 1954, but this proportion rose to 78 percent in 1958.

## HAIFA TECHNION NAMES ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AFTER PROF. LOWDERMILK

TEL AVIV, May 26. (JTA) -- The engineering department of the Haifa Institute of Technology was formally named today after Prof. Walter C. Lowdermilk, American soil engineer and father of the Jordan Valley Authority Project.

The ceremony was held at the Technion campus on Mount Carmel attended by Gen. Yaacov Dori, Technion president, and representatives of the Hebrew University and the Ministry of Agriculture. Prof. Lowdermilk was lauded as a "man of prophetic vision and pioneer of science and one of Israel's greatest friends."

## JEWISH BRAILLE INSTITUTE OF AMERICA DEDICATES BUILDING IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- The Jewish Braille Institute of America today dedicated its new building here. Mrs. Caroline K. Simon, Secretary of State of New York, and Miss Rebecca Randall, representing the Jewish blind of England, will be the principal speakers.

In addition to maintaining a free circulating library of Braille books and talking book record of Jewish interest, the Institute publishes the Jewish Braille Review, a monthly literary magazine, and also issues Hebrew-English Braille prayer books and the Bible in Hebrew Braille.

## HARRISON STARTS \$1,000,000 JEWISH CENTER; FIRST SYNAGOGUE IN 263 YEARS

HARRISON, N. Y., May 26. (JTA) -- For the first time since this community was founded 263 years ago, ground was broken here for the construction of a million dollar Jewish Community Center with a synagogue to serve some 650 Jewish families. Present at the ground-breaking ceremonies were many of the state's civic, political and religious leaders.

## EX-GERMAN JEWS IN U.S. PLANT GROVE IN ISRAEL NAMED AFTER ADENAUER

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- A grove of one thousand trees named for German Chancellor Dr. Konrad Adenauer is being planted in Israel "as a token of gratitude" for his efforts to effect restitution to Nazi victims. A certificate of purchase of these trees from the Jewish National Fund was presented today to the German Consul General here, Dr. Georg Federer, by a committee composed of former German citizens.

## CULTURAL FOUNDATION COMMISSIONS ISRAELI TO COMPOSE VIOLIN CONCERTO

NEW YORK, May 26. (JTA) -- Paul Ben-Haim, Israel composer now in the United States, has been commissioned by the America-Israel Cultural Foundation to compose a violin concerto for the Israel violinist Zvi Zeitlin. The commission has been made possible by a gift of \$1,500 from Mrs. Lionello Perera, a musical patron. Mr. Ben-Haim came to this country for the American premiere by Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic of his symphony, "The Sweet Psalmist of Israel."