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### MOROCCAN LEADER WARNS JEWS AGAINST EMIGRATION; URGES INTEGRATION

PARIS, June 22. (JTA) -- Jews in Morocco are told that they must be "integrated completely in the Moroccan nation" and that "it would not be to their benefit to have one leg here and the other one with the Zionists who drove out the Arabs" from Palestine, in a warning issued by Allal el Fassi, leader of the conservative wing of the Istiqlal Party.

In a statement published in the Moroccan press, reaching here today, the Moroccan leader comments on the recent arrests of Jews in Morocco and on the desire on the part of some Jews to emigrate from Morocco to Israel. The statement reads:

"A letter from an anonymous group of Jews asking our help has reached us. This letter speaks of the torture of several Jews who had been arrested on their way to Israel for having used false passports. The authors of the letter also note that the affinity of Jews to Israel is the same as that of Moslem Arabs to Mecca, and they ask us to intervene on behalf of the detainees.

"We are against the unjust treatment of Jews or of any other person. We regard Moroccan Jews as citizens sharing with us the same privileges and duties. On the other hand, the authorities concerned have denied the allegation of maltreatment. It should also be borne in mind that commerce in Morocco is a monopoly in the hands of Jews, who use their activities in local political associations as a means of ingratiating themselves with the officials who are in charge of issuing commercial licences.

"Nevertheless we demand, as a matter of principle, that justice be meted out to everyone. But as to allowing Jews to act as agents for foreign countries, no one could tolerate such a state of affairs, even from the standpoint of justice, and even if it were for the benefit of a Jewish State, particularly in view of the fact that Morocco has not extended recognition to the State of Israel. It is, therefore, the duty of all citizens to maintain no ties whatsoever with the State of Israel."

"Drawing a parallel between Israel and Mecca is inaccurate. The latter is, in fact, a religious centre of pilgrimage, whereas the immigrants to Israel come as settlers to bolster the numbers of those whom Ben Gurion is mobilizing to attack the Arab States as he did, with the collaboration of France and Britain, in the Sinai campaign.

"Moroccan Jews must be integrated completely in the Moroccan nation. It would not be to their benefit to have one leg here and the other one with the Zionists who drove out the Arabs. In spite of all that they did, we ask the authorities to treat them according to law and justice. We assume that the majority of Jews are in full agreement with us, and that only in the eyes of foreign agents does non-encouragement of emigration look like persecution."

### President of Tunis Expresses Understanding for Jewish Problem

TUNIS, June 22. (JTA) -- President Habib Bourghiba received in audience representatives of Tunisian Jewry who came to pay their respects to him and to thank him for the aid granted by the Government. The President asked his visitors to convey to the Jewish population his understanding for their internal problems. He expressed the hope that understanding will continue to prevail in the relations between Tunisian Moslems and Jews.

The municipal authorities at Sousse have been directed by Tunisian President Habib Bourghiba to allocate a special subsidy of 500 dinar to the Jewish community for the support of Jewish religious education and worship. President Bourghiba acted in response to an appeal sent to him by Isaac Hayat, president of the Jewish Community of Sousse.

### ISRAEL AND JORDAN START JOINT ACTION TO FIGHT LOCUST IN AREA

JERUSALEM, June 22. (JTA) -- Israel and Jordan started a joint campaign today to fight the locust plague affecting the entire region. Within an hour after an agreement was made this morning, at a meeting of the Israeli-Jordanian Mixed Armistice Commission, teams of Israeli and Jordanian anti-locust fighters started their joint war against the pests.

Ground crews synchronized their activities along the border, and were to continue around-the-clock operations. By daylight, Israeli and Jordanian planes were to join in spraying operations in the affected areas along the border.

## SENATORS MAY ASK U. S. TO RESIST SAUDI ARABIAN ANTI-JEWISH POLICY

WASHINGTON, June 22. (JTA) -- A Senate resolution calling on the State Department to resist anti-Jewish policies of the Saudi Arabian Government implemented within the United States by the Arabian-American Oil Co. may be introduced this session.

It was learned today that Senators consider the State Department's attitude not sufficiently mindful of the rights and human dignity of American citizens of Jewish faith. The resolution envisaged would proclaim the sense of the Senate on resistance to attempts by Saudi Arabia to export anti-Jewish policies to the United States through ARAMCO.

Meanwhile, William B. Macomber, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State, today reiterated defense of a State Department position that a finding against Aramco's anti-Jewish policies by the New York State Commission Against Discrimination would harm the company's operations in Saudi Arabia "and would probably adversely affect other U. S. interests there as well."

Mr. Macomber wrote Sen. E. L. Bartlett, Alaska Democrat, that "the Department does have an obligation to provide state authorities with information respecting the policies of other governments and of our own in foreign lands." The Senator had written Mr. Macomber in protest of a letter from the State Department to the New York State Commission. He termed the Department's letter "susceptible only to the reasonable interpretation that it was intended as a recommendation by the department."

Sen. Bartlett and other Senators became concerned over the Department's tacit defense of Aramco. They learned that Aramco was not only barring American Jews from employment in Saudi Arabia but also denying jobs to Jews in this country. Documents revealed that Aramco agreed to boycott a list of American business firms, owned or managed by Jews.

Senators made known they intend to ascertain whether anti-Jewish activities of Saudi Arabian diplomats in this country constitute an improper interference in American domestic affairs. They feel that if the State Department is lax in this area the legislative branch of the government must look into the situation.

## KNESSET TO DEBATE WHETHER ISRAELI MAYORS SHOULD GO TO GERMANY

JERUSALEM, June 22. (JTA) -- The issue as to whether an Israel municipal official has the right to attend the meeting going on in West Berlin now of the International Union of Municipal Authorities came to the floor of Parliament today. The Knesset voted to hold a general debate on the issue.

Last week, the City Council of Jerusalem forbade Jerusalem Mayor Gershon Agron to attend the conference in Germany. Today, Israel Rokach, a member of Parliament representing the General Zionists, voiced sharp criticism against the Mayor of Petach Tikvah, Pinhas Rashish, who is in West Berlin now attending that conference of municipal authorities.

Mr. Rokach accused Mayor Rashish of "abandoning" his municipal affairs, and of failing to bring the matter before his own City Council for fear he would be ordered not to go to Germany. Mr. Rokach charged the Petach Tikvah Mayor with going to Germany out of "selfish interests." Mr. Rokach questioned the propriety of any Israelis participating in any conference in Germany. Several other Israeli mayors are attending the Berlin meetings, in addition to Mr. Rashish.

The discussion on Mr. Rokach's motion was so stormy that, several times, Speaker Mordechai Nix threatened to have the disturbers ejected. The motion to hold a general debate on the issue was finally approved.

### Three Jewish Mayors from Israel Attend Berlin Conference

WEST BERLIN, June 22. (JTA) -- Several mayors of Israeli municipalities, including one Arab, are in attendance at the 16th International Congress of Municipal Authorities which is taking place here. As the Congress opened, an announcement was made that the Israel Government has invited the organization to hold its next session in 1961, in Israel.

Conspicuously absent is Mayor Gershon Agron, of Jerusalem, whose City Council voted last week a resolution forbidding him to attend the Congress. Mr. Agron today cabled the Congress an apology for his inability to carry out his plans to head the Israel delegation here. The Jerusalem Council forbade the Mayor to go to Germany, a member of a local opposition party casting the deciding vote on the issue, which was hotly contested.

Among the Israelis attending the Congress are Mayor Mordechai Alon, of Bin-Yamina; Mayor Pinhas Rashish, of Petach Tikvah; Mayor M. Zachar, of Tiberias; and Owa Issag, the president of the local Arab community of Baca el Garbia, Israel.

## JEWS IN GERMANY DISSATISFIED WITH GOVT. BILL AGAINST ANTI-SEMITES

FRANKFURT, June 22. (JTA) -- Criminal proceedings against anti-Semites should be brought by public prosecutors, and not be left to libel or defamation actions by individuals or by Jewish organizations, Dr. H.G. Van Dam, general secretary of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, declared here today. He criticized the government's proposed bill, in the Parliament at Bonn, which would enact legislation banning racial religious slander. Dr. Van Dam said that the proposed measure is "inadequate."

The government's bill is unsatisfactory, Dr. Van Dam declared, because it does not provide for public prosecution. He recommended the publication of the transcripts of recent trials involving former concentration camp officials, so as to make possible coordinated court action against anti-Semites. The Jewish leader was the principal speaker here today at the annual meeting of the Jewish Central Council. Among other speakers at the two-day session was North Rhine-Westphalia Minister of the Interior Dushes.

Dr. Van Dam voiced a protest against the slow process of indemnification proceedings. At the present pace, he said, indemnification will not be completed until 1966, while the legal deadline was supposed to be 1962. He estimated that the total needed for indemnification was an estimated 16 billion deutschmarks. He declared that, up to March 31, 1959, only 1,800,000 claims had been processed, of a total of 8,000,000 claims.

A pledge to fight "extremist movements" with every means at his disposal was voiced in his address by Dr. Dushes. The government of his state, he said, was determined to wipe out the extremist movements. Calling for stiffer measures against those responsible for Nazi crimes, he warned against "clandestine groups" who are aiding the Nazi criminals. "The German youth," stated the North Rhine-Westphalia Cabinet member, "are democratic and tolerant," but anti-Semitic and anti-democratic ideas are being disseminated by the middle aged Germans who had been "poisoned by Nazi ideals during Hitler's regime."

## JEWS IN SO. AFRICA CONDEMN ANTI-JEWISH INNUENDOS MADE IN PARLIAMENT

JOHANNESBURG, June 22. (JTA) -- "Anti-Jewish" references in South Africa's Parliament were denounced here today in a statement issued by the South African Board of Jewish Deputies. At the same time, an influential newspaper here, the Rand Daily Mail, attacked such practices editorially, calling on the Premier to "intervene and stop this evil before it gets out of hand."

The anti-Semitic references were made on the floor of Parliament here last week when a debate concerned the use of arrested natives for forced labor on farms. Jewish deputies, led by Mrs. Helen Zusman, denounced the practice. J.H. Schoombie, a member of the dominant Nationalist Party, then told Parliament: "If I were of Jewish descent, I would be the last person to raise this matter in the House."

Mr. Schoombie's reference was to the fact that a recent court action indicated that some of the farmers using impressed labor were Jews. However, last week, Chief Rabbi Louis I. Rabinowitz announced in the Great Synagogue here that, in response to his request, all but one of the Jewish farmers involved have already released the impressed laborers.

The Rand Daily Mail's editorial advised the Premier: "In the name of decency, let him tell his supporters he will have none of this disgrace to South Africa." The statement by the Deputies pointed out that "anti-Jewish references as such have fortunately been absent from public life for some time," and urged freedom of discussion of public issues without reference to a member's "religious or group affiliation."

## JEWSH BODY REPORTS INCREASE OF ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA IN LONDON

LONDON, June 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Defense Committee of the Board of British Deputies reported today an increase in anti-Semitic propaganda during the past few months. The report said anti-Semitism was openly used at recent meetings in London of the National Labor Party and the White Defense League.

The offices of the latter group have been called the "Arnold Leese House." The report said Leese was "the most notorious anti-Semite in Britain" who claimed to be the "English Streicher." Julius Streicher, editor and publisher of the "Sturmer," was the most rabid anti-Semite in Nazi Germany.

## JEWSH CENTRAL COUNCIL IN HUNGARY RESUMES PUBLICATION OF YEAR BOOK

LONDON, June 22. (JTA) -- The Central Council of Jews in Hungary has resumed publication of its annual year book. A copy of the year book for 1959, entitled "Uj Elet," was received here today. The 280-page volume contains a number of articles documenting the extermination of Hungarian Jews during the World War II period, as well as short stories and poetry by living and dead Hungarian Jewish authors.

#### DETROIT HAS 90,000 JEWISH RESIDENTS, SURVEY SHOWS; 27,000 FAMILIES

DETROIT, June 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish population of Detroit consists of 27,000 families numbering about 90,000 persons, the Detroit Jewish News reports on the basis of a survey completed by Dr. Albert J. Mayer, of Wayne State University. In 1956, the Jewish population reached a peak of 93,700 souls.

The Mayer survey is the first conducted here since 1935, when a total community of 75,800 was reported. The increase in population during the years between surveys, the Mayer report states, was due, almost exclusively, to a rise in the birth rate, which boosted the average family size to 2.30. A chart of age composition shows 28,700 persons (31 percent) under the age of 15; 8,400 (9 percent) between 15 and 24; 24,700 (26 percent) between 25 and 44; 25,400 (27 percent) between 45 and 64; and 6,500 (7 percent) over the age of 65.

The report indicates that the breakdown of the community into age groups will be significant in community planning during the next decades, and adds that communal facilities during the next 30 years will be subject to varying degrees of use. Because of the small number of 15-to-24-year-olds, the report observes that, even with a higher fertility rate, their numbers are so small that fewer children will be born in the next decade. Another problem foreseen by the survey, which already is generally known, is the increasing numbers of the aged.

In compiling statistics for the report, Dr. Mayer used a complicated system of random sampling, which was later tested and verified as being an accurate estimate of the Jewish population figures. The study attempted interviews with 824 households in a specific area known to contain 93 percent of the total Jewish population. Of those contacted 225 were known to be Jewish, while 556 were non-Jewish. The total area covered contains some 92,420 dwelling units.

#### CONVENTION OF REFORM RABBIS OPENS TODAY; WILL ADOPT FORMAL CODE

BRETTON WOODS, N.H., June 22. (JTA) -- More than 500 Reform rabbis from all over the United States and Canada assembled at Mount Washington Hotel here for the five-day convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis which starts here tomorrow.

Consideration of a formal guide for Reform Jewish religious practice will highlight the conference's deliberations. In the entire history of its existence, American Reform Judaism has until now always operated without an official binding code. Convention sessions will also seek to answer the question "Who is a Jew?" and will examine the goals of Reform Jewish education.

#### FRENCH STATESMEN ATTEND FAREWELL CEREMONIES FOR ISRAEL ENVOY

PARIS, June 22. (JTA) -- Leading members of the French Cabinet, former Prime Ministers Pierre Mendes-France and Guy Mollet, and outstanding scientists and literary figures of this country, participated in impressive farewell ceremonies here tonight as France bade von voyage to Israel's Ambassador Yaacov Tsur. Mr. Tsur is relinquishing his post to return home.

"Israel and France must continue to work together," declared Minister of State Jacques Soustelle, one of the leading figures of the Gaullist government at the rally. M. Mollet told the meeting: "The fact that all these people, who have so often opposed one another in French life, are here, united to say farewell to Israel's Ambassador, is a sign of the sympathy and understanding for Israel among all elements of our population."

Among the prominent personalities in attendance were former Ministers Daniel Mayer and Christian Pineau; Prof. Rene Cassin, vice-president of the Council of State; the writer Andre Maurois; and Francois Berrin, former head of the French Atomic Energy Commission.

"Israel is a country that offers particular reasons for attachment and interest for all of us," declared M. Soustelle. "For some, it is a biblical attraction. To others, the appeal is that of a young state making its way. To still others, Israel, by its very existence, represents a victory over racism and discrimination. No one can help but admire a people who have translated a dream into a reality."

#### ETTLINGER NAMED PRESIDENT OF SO. AFRICAN JEWISH BOARD OF DEPUTIES

JOHANNESBURG, June 22. (JTA) -- Bernard Ettlinger today was elected president of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, succeeding E. J. Horwitz, who has resigned following his recent election to the chairmanship of the South African Zionist Federation.

Mr. Ettlinger, a prominent attorney, had been president of the Board of Deputies from 1943 to 1949, and is now vice-president of the Transvaal section of the Board. Mr. Horwitz remains a member of the Deputies' executive as an honorary officer.