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## GOLDA MEIR DENIES HAMMARSKJOLD NEGOTIATED CAIRO COMPROMISE ON SUEZ

PARIS, July 22. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Golda Meir of Israel said here today that, according to United Nations sources, Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold had made no compromise suggestions regarding freedom of passage of the Suez Canal during his recent visit to Cairo, nor had he negotiated on any compromise proposals.

Mrs. Meir, who stopped off in Paris on her way back to Jerusalem from her Latin American tour, told a press conference that "as Secretary General, he (Mr. Hammarskjold) must defend the principles of the United Nations." She added that "of course, this does not mean that he did not listen to what the other side had to say."

The Israeli Foreign Minister would make no personal comment on the case of the Inge Toft, the Danish freighter held by the United Arab Republic at Port Said since May 21 because it carried cargo from Israel, but reaffirmed Israel's position on the right of free passage.

The Israeli diplomat noted with satisfaction that Mexico and Brazil had signed cultural accords with Israel and that Uruguay and San Salvador had signed commercial agreements. She voiced the opinion that, in the future, a number of Latin American countries would send local experts and technicians to Israel to observe Israeli methods and techniques.

Mrs. Meir told correspondents she did not expect that the caretaker status of the Israel Government would affect its efficacy in conducting foreign policy, noting that "we have had experience with caretakers before--and, moreover, everybody knows there is a cut-off date--the elections on November 3--for this caretaker experience."

## MIDDLE EAST "MAJOR FOCUS OF DANGER," EISENHOWER REPORTS TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, July 22. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower, in a report to Congress today on United States participation in the United Nations during 1958, termed the Middle East "a major focus of danger," but avoided direct reference to the Arab-Israeli issue.

Mr. Eisenhower termed the continuation of the United Nations Emergency Force on the Israel-Egyptian frontiers an important action. He recalled his own proposals "to prevent a new arms race spiral in the area." He credited the UN with achievement of a peaceful solution involving preservation of the independence of Jordan and Lebanon.

The President did not mention the continued anti-Israel blockade of the Suez Canal by Egypt in defiance of UN resolutions. He noted the UN impetus to a regional Arab development bank. He said this undertaking "could mark the beginning of a new era of economic cooperation and progress in the area."

## KNESSET HEARS REPORT ON DISTURBANCES IN BEERSHEBA AND MIGDAL HAEMEK

JERUSALEM, July 22, (JTA) -- Police Minister Behor Shitreet appeared today before the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, with a report on the disturbances in Beersheba Monday in which seven persons were hurt and 26 arrested. He also reported on earlier disturbances in Migdal Haemek in which 12 policemen were injured.

The Minister proposed that the Knesset refer the entire matter to a parliamentary committee without debate. However, his proposal was overruled. Signatures were being collected among Knesset members with a view to forcing a debate next week. Thirty signatures are necessary to request a parliamentary debate.

Mr. Shitreet told the Knesset that Beersheba police had been alerted and reinforced a few days before the rioting when it had been learned that a group was planning disturbances similar to those in Haifa. The police official called the riots "wanton criminal outbreaks" because, he said, there was no excuse of unemployment or other reason that might have served as an occasion for protests.

Discussing the riot in Migdal Haemek Sunday night--attributed to dissatisfaction of residents with work norms on Jewish National Fund projects in the Galilee--Mr. Shitreet said that the norms were based on recommendations of the Agricultural Trade Union and that they were generally filled in six hours, although an experienced worker could do it in four hours.

# JEWISH BODIES IN BRITAIN DISCUSS ISRAEL'S ARMS SALE TO GERMANY

LONDON, July 22. (JTA) -- Debates on the recent Israel arms sale to West Germany occupied the attention of delegates at meetings today of two of British Jewry's major Jewish organizations, the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Anglo-Jewish Association.

The debate at the Board of Deputies meeting centered around a report of the Board's Israel Committee, presented by chairman S. Teff. He told the delegates that the committee "fully realized that this was a most delicate matter and any sentiments shown by Jews were genuine, understanding and natural."

He pointed out that the Israel position was that Jews outside of Israel must understand the position of the Jewish State "hemmed in by implacable armies who obtain weapons from both blocs while we are left on our own and have to see to it that we have the means to defend ourselves should the time come."

Mr. Teff also cited Prime Minister David Ben Gurion's argument that Israel had not rearmed West Germany and that the \$3,000,000 worth of Israel arms sold to the Bonn Republic could not make any real difference on the issue. Mr. Teff added that if this was a question of defense and self-preservation, the question "must be left to Israel."

Several speakers criticized the AJEX, the Jewish Veterans Organization, for submitting a protest note about the arms transaction. Speakers argued this should not have been done without the knowledge of the Board. A suggestion was made that the Board's grant to AJEX be withdrawn.

Responding for the veterans, A. Bard said criticism of Prime Minister Ben Gurion did not imply a lack of love or devotion for Israel and that those who "merely kept silent and acquiesced" in such actions "undermined Israel's integrity." He termed the "threat" of withdrawal of the Board grant to AJEX "unworthy" of the Board. Two other delegates, A. Shloimevitch, and Harry Goodman of Agudath Israel, also assailed the arms agreement.

President Janner said he agreed that the ultimate decision must be left to Israel and that he did not believe Mr. Ben Gurion would take action not in Israel's best interests. He appealed to the Board to take no further action on the question.

A similar stand was taken by R. N. Carvalho, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, at a meeting of the organization's Council. He said the AJA had always maintained that Jews who were not citizens of Israel had no right to intervene in domestic issues there.

"While we understand the very real conflicts which the sale must arouse in many Israelis," he said, "the Association does not feel that it should make any statement which would influence feelings, or make more difficult the resolution of the problem, especially since the debate in Israel is not unconnected with the forthcoming general elections there."

## GERMAN DEFENSE MINISTRY DENIES BUYING ARMS FROM EGYPT; TALKS GOING ON

BONN, July 22. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the West German Defense Ministry, responding to widespread reports of an arms agreement with the United Arab Republic, today denied that "up to the present moment" such a pact had been reached.

The reports were that negotiations had been in progress between the two countries since last March when two West German defense officials visited a munitions plant in Egypt. It was also reported that a 26,000,000-mark contract had been signed with the UAR to "neutralize the negative effect" which the recent Israel sale of \$3,000,000 worth of arms might have had on diplomatic and commercial relations with the Arab countries.

Economic experts in Bonn indicated unofficially that arms negotiations with the UAR were in progress and that hopes were being attached to the projected agreement as likely to lead to closer West German economic relations with the UAR.

Much interest has been expressed in industrial circles here about the recent UAR announcement that construction contracts for the second phase of the huge Aswan Dam in Egypt were still "completely open." Dr. Ludwig Erhard, the Bonn Minister of Economics, had indicated his willingness to visit Egypt in the fall to discuss West German participation in the building of the dam.

## U. S. GOVERNMENT TO SPONSOR INSTRUCTION IN MODERN HEBREW AT HARVARD

WASHINGTON, July 22. (JTA) -- Modern Hebrew, together with Arabic, Persian and Turkish, will be taught at a government-sponsored center at Harvard University, it was reported here today by U. S. Commissioner of Education Lawrence G. Derthick. The program will be conducted under the foreign language provisions of the National Defense Education Act.

The center will provide not only instruction in modern Hebrew but also in the cultural and economic aspects of present-day Israel. Fellowships are being awarded to graduate students to do advanced work in the languages under the new program which includes many tongues other than those of the Near East.

JEWSH SAGE, KNOWN AS "SCULENER REBBE," ARRESTED IN RUMANIA AS "SPY"

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- A frail and ailing 65-year-old rabbi, who has provided a home for dozens of orphaned Jewish children in the post-war period, in Eastern Europe, has been arrested, along with his son, by Rumanian authorities on charges of "suspicion of treason and espionage," it was reported here today.

The sources said that the charges on which Rabbi Alexander Portugal and his son, Rabbi Hillel Portugal, were detained three months ago in Bucharest were absurd and that the two rabbis have not been tried. They are being held until an investigation is completed.

The senior Portugal, who is known as the "Rebbe of Sculene," had been deported to Trans-Dniestra, a section of the Ukraine given to Rumania by the Hitler regime during World War II. He promptly began to gather there Jewish orphans and at the end of the war, he took hundreds with him to Czernowitz, which the Soviets had annexed. He started an orphan asylum in Czernowitz.

According to the reports, the homeless throughout Rumania learned of his kindness and began coming to his asylum. A group of Jewish children in Odessa left the Soviet asylum there and joined Rabbi Portugal in Czernowitz. The Soviet authorities responded by arresting the rabbi but released him to go back to "my children."

Early in 1947 he moved to Bucharest where he resumed his work with Jewish orphans and again attracted the displeasure of the Communist authorities, who dissolved his asylum. The Communist regime arrested him, an administrator of his asylum and three youths who helped him. After four months of detention, the Rumanian Government released the five Jews.

Many of Rabbi Portugal's wards went to Israel during 1950 and 1951 but there were still many homeless orphans and he continued his efforts, personally adopting many of them. To help as many as he could, Rabbi Portugal began traveling from town to town in Rumania, despite warnings from authorities to stay home. Finally, on the second day of Passover, last April 23, the police came to his home, arrested him and his son and several friends.

Travelers who visited Rumania have spread the details in many countries out of concern for his health. There has been a report his weight has fallen to 90 pounds and there is doubt he can survive the investigation.

NEW YORK TENNIS CLUB PLEDGES NOT TO PRACTICE BIAS IN MEMBERSHIP

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- Sworn testimony that the West Side Tennis Club--center of charges that it had bars against Jewish and Negro members--has adopted a bias-free membership policy was given yesterday by its vice-president, James G. Heiges.

Mr. Heiges announced this policy at a hearing of the New York City Commission on Intergroup Relations, which is holding a series of hearings on membership policies of private sports clubs in the metropolitan area. The hearings stemmed from a disclosure by Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Nobel Prize winner and United Nations Undersecretary, that he and his son, Ralph Bunche, Jr., had been denied membership because they were Negroes. The commission opened its hearings with testimony last Friday from Dr. Bunche.

Mr. Heiges spent about an hour yesterday and after the hearing, Dr. Alfred J. Marrow, chairman of the commission, said the vice-president had made a statement under oath that the club "will accept members who meet its regular qualifications without regard to race, creed or national origin." Dr. Marrow said the commission accepted the statement "on behalf of the people of the City of New York."

A public report will be issued after a third hearing scheduled for later this month with officials of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, which has used the West Side Tennis Club stadium for championship tennis matches. Following Dr. Bunche's disclosure, the club's board of governors accepted the resignation of Wilfred Burglund as president. Dr. Bunche had declared that Mr. Burglund had told him the club did not accept Jews or Negroes.

Youngstown Jews Urged to Boycott Functions Held in Biased Clubs

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, July 22. (JTA) -- The Youngstown Jewish Times, in its current issue, called today on people who would otherwise not be admitted to clubs in Youngstown that "maintain a discriminatory ban" to refuse to attend quasi-public affairs and meetings held on their premises.

In a front-page editorial on the West Side Tennis Club situation, the paper declared that "what goes for Forest Hills should also pertain to Youngstown. Here, too, we have clubs that maintain a discriminatory ban. These clubs, too, are used for quasi-public affairs and meetings. Many of them are of a community nature, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade, Community Chest and other groups.

"Persons who otherwise would not be allowed past the portals of these clubs attend these meetings. They shouldn't. And they should tell their organizations why," the editorial urged.

## CANADIAN JEWRY TO CELEBRATE 200 YEARS OF SETTLEMENT IN CANADA

MONTREAL, July 22. (JTA) -- Canadian Jewry will mark the 200 years of its existence in Canada with a series of functions starting early in the fall and continuing into the spring of 1960, Lavy M. Becker, chairman of the National Bicentenary Committee, announced today.

One of the most colorful ceremonies will take place in Three Rivers on September 7. Three Rivers three times elected Ezekiel Hart, son of Aaron Hart, the first Jewish settler in Canada, to the Legislative Assembly of Lower Canada. The voters gave him their support despite the Assembly's refusal to seat him because he was a Jew. The controversy had a key role in the subsequent enactment of full civil rights for all Canadian citizens.

Another ceremony will be held here at the site of the Shearith Israel synagogue, the first in Canada, which was erected in 1777. Two special dates have been established for national observance. October 24 has been designated Bicentenary Sabbath and August 9 has been proclaimed Bicentenary Camp Day with programs for Jewish summer and day camps.

Individual Jewish communities are expected to develop special local celebrations such as the Festival of Music, Arts and Letters planned by the Adult Education Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress Eastern Region. The event also will be marked at the Plenary sessions of the Canadian Jewish Congress here October 29-November 1.

## CHARLES JORDAN INSPECTS J. D. C. OPERATIONS IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

BUENOS AIRES, July 22. (JTA) -- Charles Jordan, general director of overseas operations of the Joint Distribution Committee, said today on his arrival here that the purpose of his visit was to look into the work of Latin American offices of the JDC.

He said that he would also examine Latin American programs of the Jewish Claims Conference. He reported that in visits to Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, and Chile, he had observed the programs of many Jewish institutions assisted by funds from the Claims Conference. As co-chairman of the International Committee for the World Refugee Year, he will contact non-governmental organizations here and will also talk with local United Nations officials.

## "DR. BLUESTONE CHAIR IN EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE" ESTABLISHED AT HEBREW U.

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- A chair in experimental medicine in the name of the late Dr. Joseph I. Bluestone has been established at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem, it was announced here today by the American Friends of the Hebrew University.

Dr. E. Michael Bluestone, a New York physician and a son of the late Joseph Bluestone, disclosed that a donation of \$108,000 for the chair was earmarked from the estate of his younger brother, Dr. Moses A. Bluestone. The new chair will be held by Dr. Jack Gross, an American, who is Professor of Experimental Medicine and Cancer Research at the Hebrew University.

The gift to the Jerusalem university represents the devotion to the cause of Zionism and Israel by two generations and three members of the Bluestone family, all physicians. Dr. Joseph Bluestone, who died in New York on November 2, 1934, aged 84, was a native of Lithuania and a medical graduate of New York University, who practiced medicine on New York's lower East side for 40 years. He was an active Zionist and a communal leader who organized the first Chovevei Zion Society in the U.S. in 1882.

## CANADIAN FUR INDUSTRY TO HELP BUILD TRADE SCHOOL IN TIBERIAS

MONTREAL, July 22. (JTA) -- The Canadian Fur Industry will contribute \$100,000 for the construction of a trade school in Tiberias, Israel, Philip Grossman, chairman of a dinner for the project, disclosed today.

The dinner was held in honor of El Herman, a leading figure in the Canadian fur industry, who recently returned from a visit to Israel. He reported to the dinner guests on the work in Israel of the Histadrut.

## WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS SECTION FORMED IN DENMARK BY LOCAL GROUPS

NEW YORK, July 22. (JTA) -- The establishment of a section of the World Jewish Congress in Denmark by eight communal bodies there was reported here today by Dr. Isaac Schwartzbart, director of the WJC's organization department.

This allows Danish Jewry to appoint a delegate to the forthcoming plenary assembly of the WJC in Stockholm. There are in Denmark at present about 6,500 Jews, of whom 99 percent reside in Copenhagen. The community has an official status recognized by a governmental decree of 1814.