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### BEN GURION VACATIONING IN FRANCE; DEPARTURE FROM ISRAEL HELD SECRET

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, it was officially confirmed today, is vacationing in France. He left Israel last Friday under such conditions of secrecy that some of his associates in the Israeli Cabinet did not even know of his departure until Sunday's Cabinet meeting.

Correspondents had been informed in advance of Mr. Ben Gurion's departure but a strict security ban prevented any disclosure until his arrival at Marseilles was reported.

Mr. Ben Gurion, accompanied by his wife and two aides, sailed from Haifa aboard the Israeli liner Theodor Herzl. Reservations were made for an unidentified personage and the line and the ship's crew were not aware of the personage's identity until the Ben Gurion party boarded the liner.

Mr. Ben Gurion, who underwent a physical check-up last week and was given a clean bill of health, was ordered to take a complete rest and his physicians recommended a sea voyage. As on previous occasions, Mr. Ben Gurion accepted the advice of Israeli security officers and agreed to a complete black-out on his movements.

The Ben Gurion party reached Haifa port by a circuitous route on Friday and boarded the liner only a few moments before its scheduled sailing. As soon as the party boarded the ship, the gangplank was hauled in and the ship made ready to move out to sea.

### Ben Gurion Greeted by Mayor Upon Landing in Marseilles

PARIS, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gurion landed at Marseilles last night, arriving on the Israeli liner, the S.S. Theodor Herzl. They were greeted officially by the Prefect of Marseilles, M. Haas Picard.

The Israel Embassy here would not discuss the Prime Minister's plans in France, insisting he is here only for rest. Embassy officials said Mr. Ben Gurion will not hold any meetings of an official nature in this country.

### ISRAEL PROTESTS AGAINST SYRIAN VIOLATION OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Israel has protested sharply to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization against Syrian violations of the Armistice Agreement along Lake Tiberias, it was announced here today.

Israel charges that Syria has built a brick factory in the Arab village of Nuqeib, near the ten-meter strip of the Lake Galilee shore which is considered Israeli territory. Each day, the Israelis complain, Syrians are seen at work inside the ten-meter strip, operating three pumping stations which they have built there for feeding water to the brick factory.

According to Israeli circles, no reply to this complaint has as yet been received from the UN Truce Supervision Organization.

### PLAN TO FORM PALESTINE "GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE" OPPOSED IN CAIRO

LONDON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el-Husseini, is described as "the most dangerous man in the Arab world," in the current issue of the largest Cairo Arab weekly, Rose el-Youssef. The publication condemns his plans to form a Palestine government-in-exile with the backing of a foreign government which is not identified.

This is the first time that a leading Egyptian publication has attacked the exiled ex-Mufti. At the same time, the Cairo newspaper "Al Alan," organ of the right-wing Istiqlal Party, reported today that the formation of a "Palestine Government," backed by an army capable of "taking the offensive against the State of Israel," will be proposed at the next session of the Arab League, to be convened at Casablanca, December 1.

"Al Alan" is reported stating that the "Palestine Army" will be placed under the command of Col. Ali Abu Nazer, a former officer in the Jordanian Army. Under the plan proposed to the League, declares the Cairo newspaper, all Arab states that are members of the League will join in financing the new "government" and its army.

## ARAB "UNANIMITY" AGAINST U.N. PLAN FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IS DOUBTED

LONDON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The recommendations advanced by United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, for the resettlement of Arab refugees in the Middle East area by taking them out of the camps and creating for them productive jobs under a five-year plan to be financed up to \$2, 000, 000, 000 by international funds, were rejected yesterday at the end of a 10-day conference of representatives of nine Arab countries held in Beirut.

Despite this rejection, the Lebanese press in Beirut is strongly in favor of Hammarskjold's recommendations, and is opposed to the manipulations by United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser to use the Arab refugees for the purpose of maintaining restlessness in Jordan and other Arab countries which he would like to swallow up. The Times of London reports from Beirut today that the "unanimity" with which the conference there rejected Mr. Hammarskjold's plan was intended only for public consumption, in an effort to dispel the persistent opposition of the Lebanese press.

The conference of the representatives of the Arab countries repeated the demand that the Arab refugees be given the right to return to Israel. Represented at the conference were all the Arab League countries, except Tunisia. The decision of the conference will be transmitted to a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Arab lands which will open in Casablanca on September 1 to work out strategy for the session of the United Nations General Assembly which is opening in New York on September 15.

(The New York Times, in a cable from Beirut today, says that "from the tone of some editorials in the Arab press, it is believed that there was pressure within the conference to work out a set of counter-proposals that might have been considered a positive response to Mr. Hammarskjold." The cable emphasizes that one editorial in an Arab newspaper denounced "those who demand positive action.")

An evaluation made here of the sentiments in the various Arab countries, with regard to Mr. Hammarskjold's recommendation to have the Palestine refugees absorbed within five years in the Middle East area as a productive element, indicates that Jordan, which has the largest number of Palestine refugees, is rather favorably inclined toward the plan advanced by the UN Secretary General, which would not only relieve Jordan of the refugees, but would provide huge funds for Jordan's economic development.

Similarly, it is understood here that Lebanon, where the population is half Christian and half Moslem, is also interested to see the 100, 000 Palestine refugees removed from the country, since their remaining there would add to the Moslem population, and thus affect the present balance between the Christians and the Moslems.

### Arabs Plan to Ban Turkish Tobacco Because of Deal with Israel

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 19. (JTA) -- The tobacco industry here has received word that an Arab ban will soon be imposed on Turkish tobacco and cigarettes because of Turkish tobacco business with Israel.

It was reported that the Arab conference held in Beirut, Lebanon, decided that all Arab states would boycott all kinds of Turkish tobacco, and cigarettes containing Turkish tobacco, because of "the establishment of joint Turco-Israeli cigarette factories."

The restrictions on Turkish tobacco would be lifted only if Turkey severed its business connections involving tobacco with Israel, the report reaching the tobacco industry here, said.

### Arab League Blacklists 75 Ships for Ignoring Anti-Israel Boycott

LONDON, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Seventy-five more ships, including vessels flying the flags of the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, Greece, Norway and Denmark, have been placed on the Arab League's blacklist for ignoring the League's anti-Israel boycott.

According to a report received here today, the additions to the blacklist were made at the last meeting of the Arab boycott committee at Beirut, Lebanon, which preceded the Arab parley on Mr. Hammarskjold's recommendations for the resettlement of the Palestine refugees.

## ISRAEL REPORTS INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OF COPPER AND PHOSPHATES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Production of copper, phosphates and other raw materials in the Dead Sea area increased last year by 11 percent, as compared to the preceding year, it was announced here today by Minister of Development Mordechai Bentov. Production of these materials in 1958 reached 679, 000 tons, said Mr. Bentov.

Production of electricity in the country, the Development Minister said, increased last year by 19 percent, by comparison with 1957. Exports of the chemical and metallurgical products, Mr. Bentov said, increased last year by 13 percent, reaching a value of 11, 000, 000 Israeli pounds (\$6, 050, 000). Mr. Bentov foresaw still further growth in production and development in Israel.

## LARGEST JEWISH COMMUNITY IN POLAND HAS NO "MINYAN" FOR SYNAGOGUE

VIENNA, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Social, cultural and other secular activities are very vigorous among the Jews in Wroclaw, Poland, which is the largest center of Jewish population in Poland, but the synagogue can barely muster a quorum of 10 male adults for Sabbath services, according to a report in the latest issue of *Folkshtimme*, Warsaw Yiddish-language newspaper, received here today.

One of the two synagogues that were the pride of German Jewry when the city was known as Breslau, a part of Germany, is still in existence, according to the report. The "New" Synagogue of Breslau was destroyed by the Nazis in 1938. The synagogue in use now had been gutted inside under the Nazi rule. Services are held every Saturday, but the sexton complained to the *Folkshtimme* writer "it is difficult to assemble a minyan."

The two old Jewish cemeteries in Wroclaw are intact, but many of the tombstones are reportedly in "sad" disrepair. Among famous men interred in one of the cemeteries were the Jewish historian Heinrich Graetz, who taught at the Theological Seminary in old Breslau, and the German philosopher of Socialism, Ferdinand Lasalle. The Theological Seminary does not function now.

By contrast with the situation he found at the synagogue, the *Folkshtimme* writer reported lively activities at the Jewish Folk Club, the local headquarters of the Jewish Social and Cultural Union, the Yiddish Theatre, and the vocational training classes conducted by ORT.

The writer reports that the Jewish library in Wroclaw contains 6,000 volumes, of which 2,000 are in Yiddish, and also displays Yiddish newspapers published not only in Poland but also in Rumania, the United States and Argentina. The library has registered 450 regular readers, of whom about a third read Yiddish.

Economically, the Jews of Wroclaw are reportedly "getting by." There are Jews at work in the big railroad car factory in the city, and in some plants making precision instruments. There are reported to be "many Jews" in the "free" professions, medicine, law, teaching, public service, etc. Some Jews are taxicab drivers.

## YOUNG LEADERSHIP HELPED COMMUNITY DRIVES THIS YEAR, C. J. F. W. F. REPORTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Young Jewish community leaders--graduates of leadership training programs--have made a greater impact in community campaigns this year than ever before, both as leaders and as workers, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds reported here today.

The report states that 12 communities have established Leadership Awards to give recognition to young people of outstanding promise, who have shown active interest in Jewish community work. The cities making these awards are: Baltimore, Newark, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Miami, Kansas City, Dayton, Elizabeth, Norfolk, Richmond and Montreal.

In Los Angeles, the Jewish Federation-Council organized a group of young business executives, aged 26 to 40, into a Community Service Committee. Through the activities of this committee, about 140 of its members have been placed in important positions on boards and committees of Jewish and other agencies. The placement program resulted from discussions held at monthly meetings, visits to agencies, interviews of members with executives of agencies, and other direct contacts with Jewish institutions.

The Community Service Committee is not a separate fund-raising division in the Jewish Welfare Fund campaign, but each individual is expected to contribute generously to the Fund and to work in the campaign organization--in the division in which he belongs. Not only has the QSC program given new leaders to the fund-raising campaign, but it also stimulated veterans and attracted young men to community service on a planned basis, bridging the gap between two generations.

In Detroit, the Jewish Welfare Federation's Allied Jewish Appeal campaign serves as the instrument for systematic leadership recruitment and training. A Junior Division there is governed by a board of directors of 36, annually elected. The president is appointed to the Federation board of directors. The Division also has representatives on the three Federation budgeting and planning divisions.

The three main program areas for the Junior Division include: recruitment of young persons; education for communal service, and participation in the annual campaign. Agencies are provided with the opportunity to evaluate Junior leadership for their boards through actual contact which includes Junior liaison to their boards and joint participation in budgeting and planning.

The report of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds gives particular credit to the role played by young leaders in the local campaigns in Akron, Baltimore, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Hartford, Louisville, Memphis, Minneapolis, Toronto, Waterbury and in a number of other communities.

## TRUMAN TO ADDRESS HADASSAH CONVENTION; 2,500 DELEGATES TO ATTEND PARLEY

NEW YORK, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Former President Harry S. Truman will address the 45th annual national convention of Hadassah, which will open in St. Louis on September 13, it was announced today by Dr. Miriam K. Freund, national president of Hadassah.

Mr. Truman will be the principal speaker at the opening plenary session of the convention, which will also be addressed by Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister of Israel, and by Arthur S. Flemming, United States Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. The four-day convention will formulate Hadassah's program for the United States and Israel for the next 12 months.

More than 2,500 delegates--representing Hadassah's 318,000 members in 1,288 chapters and groups in 49 States and Puerto Rico--are expected to attend the convention, Dr. Freund said. High on the agenda will be a discussion of United States foreign policy and international affairs, with special emphasis on latest developments in the Middle East.

## JEWISH IMMIGRATION INTO CANADA REMAINS STATIONARY, OFFICIAL DATA SHOWS

OTTAWA, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Jewish immigration into Canada during the first half of 1959 is holding its own, despite a 10 percent decline in total immigration into the country, according to the government's quarterly immigration bulletin, issued here.

During the last three months, 842 Jews came into the country bringing the half-year total to 1,166, as compared to 1,146 during the first six months of 1958. About half of these immigrants are from Israel, numbering 549 for the last half year.

## SWASTIKA PAINTED ON JEWISH COMMUNITY GROUNDS IN GLEN ROCK, N. J.

GLEN ROCK, N. J., Aug. 19. (JTA) -- For the third time in seven months, a swastika, painted in bright red, was found this morning on a sign at the site here where the Jewish community is preparing to build a community center. Mayor Fred Demarest announced that "these destroyers of property, when caught, will be dealt with severely."

Abe F. Berliner, chairman of the center's building fund committee, declared he was certain that the repeated painting of the Nazi symbol was the work of cranks, rather than of anti-Semites. A resident of Glen Rock for 16 years, Mr. Berliner asserted he had "never found a trace of anti-Semitism" here.

## GEN. ARAMBURU, EX-PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA, LAUDS ISRAEL'S ARMED FORCES

TEL AVIV, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Former Argentine President Pedro Aramburu today praised the Israel Army for the deep sense of responsibility shared by the rank and file of the forces resulting in a strong discipline which does not require the armed services to maintain an artificial distance between officers and lower ranks. General Aramburu, on a week's visit to Israel, was guest of the Israel Journalists Association at the Lokolow House here.

The former Argentine President, who expressed satisfaction at what he saw in Israel, said he had two main objectives in coming here--seeing how Israel succeeded in raising the standard of living of inhabitants coming from various countries, and viewing the country's achievement on conquering the desert.

## LIBERIA ASKS ISRAEL FOR MEDICAL EXPERTS TO ESTABLISH EYE CLINICS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 19. (JTA) -- Israel has accepted an invitation from President William V. S. Tubman, of Liberia, to send experts to that country to develop ophthalmic medicine, and help in the establishment of eye clinics.

A leading Israel eye specialist, Professor Isaac Michaelson, of the Hebrew University Medical School, will shortly leave for Liberia to make a study and advise on problems concerning the establishment of eye clinics there.

On returning to Israel, Professor Michaelson will be accompanied by several young Liberian doctors who will receive special training in ophthalmic medicine at Israel hospitals, while two Israel eye specialists will fly to Liberia to assist in the opening of the clinics.

## TWO YIDDISH DAILIES HAVE 146,000 CIRCULATION IN NEW YORK AND CHICAGO

NEW YORK, Aug. 18. (JTA) -- Current circulation of the Jewish Daily Forward is 71,219 in New York and 14,000 in Chicago, according to a survey of the foreign language press in the United States made by the Editor and Publisher, the newspaper field's trade paper. The circulation of the Jewish Day-Morning Journal is given as 53,116 in New York and 8,000 in Philadelphia.

The publication points out that the Yiddish press in the United States reached its high point in circulation in 1914, when 10 Yiddish dailies had a combined circulation of 762,910, second only in the foreign-language field to the German-language dailies. The Yiddish press circulation jumped ahead of the German papers in 1919, exceeding it by as much as 200,000, the Editor and Publisher reports.