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### ISRAEL STEPS UP DRIVE FOR SUPPORT ON SUEZ ISSUE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Israel's diplomats abroad were stepping up efforts today to obtain support in the United Nations General Assembly debate for Israel's denunciation of the Suez Canal blockade and against a World Bank loan to Egypt for the canal's expansion so long as Egypt uses the canal as a political weapon.

This information was forthcoming as the Israel Foreign Ministry published a booklet dealing with press opinion in 24 countries throughout the world on the question of Israel's freedom of transit of the Suez Canal. As compared to similar previous roundups, the current review was notable for the number of editorials from Asian newspapers supporting the Israel position in contrast to the neutrality they showed formerly.

The Foreign Ministry's foreword to the booklet described the Suez Canal blockade of Israeli shipping as "a record of lawlessness and aggression and of deliberate violation of international commitments." It cited the various commitments Egypt had undertaken with respect to freedom of transit of the canal and declared that "any national claim to free use of Suez is indivisible and that the integrity of this claim cannot be violated with impunity in the case of any one nation."

### Hammarskjold Repeats Hope General Assembly Will 'Clarify' Suez Issue

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold reiterated today a belief he expressed in Brazil a week ago that he expected the Suez Canal issue to be "clarified" during the next session of the General Assembly "certainly by diplomatic means and perhaps publicly."

Mr. Hammarskjold was somewhat more explicit today on the controversial issue as to whether Egypt's anti-Israel blockade of the Suez Canal constituted a "conflict" with Israel or with the United Nations. Asked about his thinking with regard to that conflict, he said: "You may read the various United Nations resolutions and you may read the United Arab Republic's statements--but they do not seem to speak exactly the same language."

In listing the major issues on the Assembly agenda, Mr. Hammarskjold included the problem of the Arab refugees as one "question of significance." The Arab refugee problem, he said, "leads on to other aspects of the Palestine problem but, I hope, this question will be discussed without reference to the past."

Without naming specifically certain Arab leaders who oppose his refugee rehabilitation plan, Mr. Hammarskjold said that his proposal had been "read directly the opposite to its meaning." His plan, he declared, concerned "economic development as a means to an end." He insisted: "I do not see the solution of the refugee problem short of economic development"

### REDELHEIM CALLS FOR UNITED JEWISH FRONT ON MAJOR JEWISH, ISRAELI ISSUES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Abraham A. Redelheim, president of the Zionist Organization of America, assailed today "unilateral" Jewish efforts to obtain an audience with Soviet Premier Khrushchev next week.

Speaking at the opening session of the 62nd annual national ZOA convention, Mr. Redelheim warned against the "unseemly spectacle" of Jewish groups trying to "get into the act." He called such activities "tragic" and possibly disastrous because the future of Soviet Jewry might be at stake.

"The need for a unified Jewish community to speak with one united voice on issues affecting both Israel and the welfare of the Jewish people throughout the world has never been so poignantly demonstrated as at this very moment" in the bids to send a Jewish delegation to see the Soviet Premier, he told the more than 1,000 delegates and guests.

He said that "while considerable unity was achieved on this question on the part of 17 Jewish organizations within the President's Conference, the Soviet Embassy in Washington revealed only a few days ago that they have received letters from no less than six separate Jewish organizations desiring a meeting with Mr. Khrushchev."

Mr. Redelheim urged efforts to re-create the American Jewish Conference, which was dissolved in 1951. He said this would serve public notice that "American Jewry speaks with one voice on vital matters affecting the destiny of our people." He said it was urgent that Jewish groups refrain from "unilateral attempts to intercede with the Soviet Union and urged Jewish groups to join with the Presidents' Conference in any united action in connection with the Soviet Premier's visit.

He affirmed the mission of Zionism as a movement aimed at Jewish cultural survival and renaissance of Judaism outside of Israel, and rebuked those who had abandoned the movement on the assumption that Zionism's mission was terminated by the establishment of Israel.

Mr. Redelheim rejected the charge that the ZOA was identified with an Israeli political party and called on those who had left the ZOA to return. He proposed a commission to study the problem. He also recommended that the 1961 ZOA convention be held in Jerusalem.

Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican, told the convention "the greatest need of the Arabs today is Jewish partners--not Jewish enemies." He said he would like to see the Arabs "more concerned with economic well-being" and less concerned with their determination to annihilate Israel.

Governor G. Mennen Williams of Michigan told the convention that Soviet anti-Semitism must be exposed to the world. He said "world opinion considers Communism the enemy of Christianity. It is largely unaware of Russia's persecution of the Jews."

Nathaniel S. Rothenberg, national convention program chairman, formally opened the convention with a denial in which he voiced hope President Eisenhower would pursue with Mr. Khrushchev the problem of the Jews in Russia desiring freedom to emigrate to Israel. Israel Charge d'Affaires Yaacov Herzog conveyed greetings of the Israel Government. Rabbi Irving Miller delivered an address on the life and works of Theodor Herzl in connection with the centenary year, stressing the concept of "one people."

#### AMERICAN FIRM DENIES IT HAS CONFORMED TO ARAB BOYCOTT TERMS

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Merck, Sharp & Dohme, export division of Merck & Company, issued a denial today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency of an Arab report that the pharmaceutical firm had been removed from the Arab League boycott list after allegedly conforming with the League's anti-Arab policies on trade. A report to this effect was broadcast by the Baghdad Radio.

A spokesman for the export division said that "to the best of our knowledge, we have never been placed on an international 'blacklist,' adding that while the company had "no direct operations" in Israel, its products "are being sold in Israel by distributors."

The spokesman said that it was company policy to "make available the products of our extensive pharmaceutical research throughout the world without discrimination. We place no restrictions on the export of our products to any country, except those imposed by United States law."

#### Israeli News Briefs

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- A group of Belgian banks has granted a \$5,000,000 loan to the Israel Ministry of Finance, it was learned here today. The loan, for five years at six percent, is reportedly intended for development investment.

TEL AVIV, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- An armed Arab infiltrator was shot and killed when he opened fire on an Israel patrol in southern Israel, the Army spokesman said today.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Four Israel experts have left Israel to posts in Asia and Africa in the United Nations Technical Assistance program. They will serve in Nigeria and Burma.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Katriel Salmon, 45, former Israeli military attache in Washington, has been named Israel Minister to the Union of South Africa.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Scientists from 27 countries, including Communist lands, will attend the International Conference on Applied Biology opening Sunday at the Hebrew University. A principal item on the conference agenda will be the question of the relative merits of the live polio vaccine compared with the Salk vaccine.

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Israel's second annual Bible quiz contest was launched last night with preliminary contests in five Israel cities--Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Rehovot and Eilat. Hundreds of entrants took part in the written tests.

MONTEVIDEO, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Col. Shlomo Goren, Chief Chaplain of the Israeli Army, concluded a six-day stay in Uruguay during which he launched the local Israel bond campaign.

ITALIAN PENAL CODE TO PROTECT FREE OBSERVANCE OF RELIGION

ROME, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Measures to protect the "free profession of religious faith" in Italy were included today in draft revisions of the Italian penal code prepared for consideration by the Italian Cabinet.

The proposed measures provide prison sentences on conviction for attempts "to prevent others from professing a religious faith either in public or in private" or to attempt by force or threats of force to compel anyone to perform acts in violation of their religious beliefs.

These measures represent an innovation as there is no existing law covering this area. They were incorporated in widespread revisions of the Italian penal code known as the Codice Rocco, which was promulgated during the Mussolini regime. About one-fifth of the code is subject to revision.

SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN CANCELS PENSION OF FORMER HITLER AIDE

KIEL, Germany, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The Government of the State of Schleswig-Holstein has cancelled the pension it has been paying to Dr. Franz Schlegelberger, former Deputy Minister of Justice in the Hitler regime, the Finance Minister, Dr. Schaefer announced today.

Schlegelberger had been receiving a pension of more than 2,010 marks (about \$500) monthly. The State Government acted when it was established that Schlegelberger was not eligible to pension because he had committed crimes against humanity.

One of the charges that had been made against him was that he illegally transferred a Jew serving a term of imprisonment to the Gestapo for execution.

POUJADE BREAKS SILENCE, VOWS OUSTER OF 'JEWS, FOREIGNERS' FROM FRANCE

PARIS, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Pierre Poujade, the leader of France's fascist party, broke an extended silence yesterday with a sharp attack on "Jews and foreigners."

Addressing a gathering of a few hundred followers, Poujade assailed "stateless gangs" and "all those Jews and foreigners who ruin Frenchmen and sell our national wealth." He promised to "sweep away" the Fifth Republic as had been done with the Fourth.

A. D. L. OFFICIAL REJECTS GEN. GRANT'S 'SO-CALLED APOLOGY' ON LABEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- An executive of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith criticized today a retraction by General U. S. Grant, 3rd, chairman of the U. S. Civil War Centennial Commission, of material Gen. Grant had circulated defaming Jews in connection with the Civil War.

The article, "Abraham Lincoln and the Rothschilds," purported to show that Lionel and James de Rothschild conspired with Disraeli in London to split the United States and that the assassination of Abraham Lincoln was inspired by Jewish "international bankers." It was previously printed in Father Coughlin's "Social Justice" and other anti-Semitic periodicals. It was published by Gen. Grant in the bulletin of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States of which he is commander-in-chief.

General Grant, after more than two months of insisting on the validity of the material, wrote to Joseph F. Barr, national executive director of the Jewish War Veterans, Wednesday, that he had learned that the material had been "contradicted." He said he had found that it contained "several allegations and implications that are unsupported by sound historical authorities and so are probably false."

Herman Edelsberg, Washington director of the ADL, said today the issue was "far from closed." He noted that "this was no academic controversy that could be settled on the basis of a cagey, half-hearted, so-called apology. The sad fact is that a notorious anti-Semitic canard, which until recently was circulated anonymously in the gutter, is now being circulated by professional anti-Semites on the authority of Gen. Grant."

Mr. Edelsberg added that "the most primitive sense of decency and honor requires that an individual who put such a counterfeit article into circulation should withdraw and repudiate it without qualification." He added the hope that scholars of the Centennial Commission would obtain the publication in the official newsletter of a real repudiation that would destroy the effect of the fabrication once and for all."

He said that Sen. Joseph Clark of Pennsylvania had already asked colleagues on the Centennial Commission to do "just that."

The ADL official said that Gen. Grant was persuaded to accept the defamatory article by Philip M. Allen, editor of the Loyal Legion Bulletin. Edelsberg identified Allen as "a man whose open anti-Semitic career extends over 20 years." Edelsberg said American Jews could not be "complacent" as long as Gen. Grant "continues to protect Allen and maintains him as editor of this official publication."

CANADIAN JEWS DEPLORE DEATH OF DUPLESSIS, DELAY START OF ANNIVERSARY

MONTREAL, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Statements deploring the death of Premier Maurice Duplessis of Quebec were issued here today by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the National Bicentenary Committee of the Congress.

No date has yet been set for the ceremony launching the Bicentenary following cancellation of original plans because of the Premier's death. The ceremony was to have been held at Trois Rivieres on Labor Day, with M. Duplessis in a leading role. A new date, it was understood, will be fixed in agreement with the Trois Rivieres city administration.

Trois Rivieres was selected for the opening of the celebration of the bicentenary of Canadian Jewry because it first elected a Jew, Ezekiel Hart, to the Legislative Assembly.

CORNELIA OTIS SKINNER NAMED NATIONAL CHAIRMAN FOR BROTHERHOOD WEEK

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The appointment of actress Cornelia Otis Skinner as national chairman of Brotherhood Week, to be observed February 21-28, was announced today by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, sponsors of the annual event.

This is the first time a woman has been named to head the Brotherhood Week observance which began in 1934. In urging all communities to start planning for the observance, Miss Skinner said "we cannot call ourselves a completely free democracy if within our fine land there exists racial hatred."

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY REPORTS LARGEST ENROLLMENT IN ITS HISTORY

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, reported today that for the fifth consecutive year, the largest enrollment in the university's history will be recorded when the school opens its academic year Monday.

When all schools are in session, by October 5, Dr. Belkin said, more than 4,500 young men and women will be studying for undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees and diplomas. He said the figure represented an increase of more than 500 students over the last academic year. Each of the university's 17 schools has reported a rise in enrollment.

BEGIN MILLION DOLLAR SOCIAL SCIENCE CENTER AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

WALTHAM, Mass., Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Brandeis University has begun construction of a three-unit, \$1,000,000 center for the social sciences to be ready for the 1960-61 school year.

The new facilities will include the four-story Morris Brown Social Science Building housing psychology laboratories and teaching areas, as well as sociology, anthropology, and economics faculty offices. A child psychology laboratory and related programs will be housed in the second of the three buildings, Lemberg Hall, a two-story structure. The third building, the Schwartz Teaching Center, will have a lecture hall seating 300 persons and adjoining classrooms.

Completion of the center will bring to more than 40 the major facilities of the liberal arts college founded in 1948 as a non-sectarian, Jewish-sponsored institute of higher learning.

JEWISH BOOK COUNCIL LISTS 99 PAPERBOUND BOOKS OF JEWISH INTEREST

NEW YORK, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- A publication listing the titles of some 100 paperbound books of Jewish interest has been issued by the National Jewish Welfare Board's Jewish Book Council. The Council is the sponsor of Jewish Book Month to be marked from November 20 to December 20, when the new pamphlet will receive nation-wide distribution.

The booklet, "Paperbound Books of Jewish Interest," containing 99 titles, was prepared by Miss Diana Bernstein, director of JWB's Women's Organizations' Division. The booklet has 24 titles under fiction; 27 in the field of history and sociology; 22 in the category of religion and philosophy; nine listings for biography and autobiography; seven for literature; four for language, and six under miscellaneous.

ITALIAN CITY DEDICATES STREET IN NAME OF MARTYRED JEWISH CITIZEN

ROME, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- The city of Pisa today formally dedicated a street in the name of Prof. Giuseppe Pardo Roques, member of a leading Italian Jewish family, who was assassinated there by German S.S. troops, with his entire family, 15 years ago, during the Nazi occupation. Prof. Pardo Roques, who was widely known as a humanitarian and philanthropist, had served as Deputy Mayor of Pisa for many years.

DR. Z. F. FINKELSTEIN, WRITER, JOURNALIST, DEAD IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Z. F. Finkelstein, author and journalist, died here yesterday at the age of 72. Born in Lemberg, Poland, he participated in several Zionist congresses and for a time was the Vienna correspondent of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He emigrated to Israel in 1938. He was the author of a widely translated book on Theodor Herzl. He was the founder of the Austrian Settlers' Association here.