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### EISENHOWER PLEDGES STRENGTHENING OF TIES BETWEEN AMERICA AND ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Praising the people of Israel for having "created a dynamic society," President Eisenhower today pledged the United States Government "to strengthen the already close ties of friendship and mutual understanding" between the U.S.A. and Israel.

Mr. Eisenhower's pledge was voiced to Avraham Harman, Israel's new Ambassador here, when he presented his formal letters of credence to the President in a ceremony at the White House.

Mr. Harman expressed to Mr. Eisenhower "the gratitude of the Government and people of Israel for the help and support we have received" from the United States Government. He added that "this is a solemn moment for me, for I am deeply conscious of the firm ties of friendship between the United States of America and Israel."

Referring to his previous tour of duty in this country, when he was Israel Consul - General in New York, Mr. Harman told President Eisenhower "I know I can look forward to understanding."

"To us," continued Mr. Harman, "the United States of America stand as a mighty nation whose policies are based on the sanctity of human life, and are directed to the Biblical vision of peace and fraternity among the peoples of the world. The young State of Israel seeks to guide its development in accordance with this vision, which it has inherited from its ancient prophets.

"In dedicating myself to the furtherance of the friendship between our countries, I hope that I may be privileged to receive at your hands the encouragement which was extended in such generous measure to my distinguished predecessor."

#### Israel Has Created A 'Dynamic Society'

Replying to Mr. Harman's address, the President told the new Ambassador:

"I am deeply grateful for the sentiments you have expressed about my country's dedication to peace and our efforts to that end. Indeed, no nation is too large or too small to share in the great task of securing peace in the world. In pursuing this cause, both of our countries draw inspiration from a common spiritual heritage, and are guided by our belief in the dignity of man and the right of all nations to enjoy freedom and independence.

"The people of Israel, many of whom have embarked on a new life in new surroundings, have created a dynamic society, whose achievements in the social, economic and scientific fields have won widespread admiration. The United States is pleased to have assisted Israel in its economic development, and wishes Israel every success in its endeavors to build a prosperous and stable economy.

"As you undertake your duties here, you may be assured that the United States Government will extend to you full cooperation in making your mission a successful one, and will work with you to strengthen the already close ties of friendship and mutual understanding between our two countries."

Mr. Harman also extended to Mr. Eisenhower, on behalf of Israel's President Itzhak Ben Zvi, "his best personal wishes for your continued good health and for the welfare of the United States of America." Among the Israeli people, Mr. Harman told General Eisenhower, "your name is cherished, in a direct, personal way, as the commander of the forces who delivered the remnant of our people in Europe from the evil which was launched against humanity 20 years ago. The greater part of these survivors are today free citizens of Israel."

In response, Mr. Eisenhower told the Ambassador: "I should be grateful if you would transmit to His Excellency, the President of Israel, my warm personal regards, and my hope for his continued good health and for the progress and prosperity of Israel."

Mr. Harman is Israel's third Ambassador to Washington. Eliahu Elath served in that post two years and was followed, in 1950, by Abba Eban, who headed the Embassy here from 1950 to May, 1959.

### HAMMARSKJOLD REFUGEE PLAN DOES NOT GO FAR ENOUGH, U.S. HOLDS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's plan for integrating the Arab refugees into a large-scale economic development program in the Middle East "seems not to go far enough," Francis O. Wilcox, Assistant United States Secretary of State, declared today.

"Unfortunately," said Mr. Wilcox, "political factors in the refugee situation have hampered progress towards a fundamental solution of this problem. It is an issue which constitutes a potentially dangerous element of instability in the Near East. The United States," continued Mr. Wilcox, "believes both Israel and the Arab host states have a serious responsibility to strive for a resolution of this problem in a spirit of mutual accommodation."

Pointing out that UNRWA's mandate expires next June, the State Department official declared that this year's Assembly "must examine the refugee problem in a fundamental way." He said "the United States would be interested in all ideas which may be put forward at the Assembly. While we regard favorably certain elements of Mr. Hammarskjold's plan, we are concerned that it seems not to go far enough in providing the means by which adequate progress toward an ultimate solution could be made."

"The United States considers that all of the states in the area must face this vexatious problem with realism and with compassion for the lot of the refugees themselves. Our keen interest in the future of these refugees is a continuing one. We shall do all that is reasonably possible to assist in making progress toward an equitable solution."

### GOLDA MEIR VOICES TRUST U.N. WILL ASSURE ISRAEL'S RIGHTS AT SUEZ

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, is "confident" that the United Nations General Assembly, which opens tomorrow, "will do all in its power to see to it that Israel enjoys equal rights and privileges that other members of the United Nations enjoy in shipping and trade through the Suez Canal."

Mrs. Meir made that statement in addressing the 45th annual convention of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, which is meeting here.

Scoring the United Arab Republic, in her address last night, for failure to live up to its obligations to keep the Suez Canal free as an international waterway, Mrs. Meir declared: "The canal should be free and open for all--and we think we are part of that 'all'."

The Israeli Foreign Minister also expressed the hope that "friendly European governments" will permit all Jews who wish to be reunited, with their families "to emigrate to Israel. Israel, she declared, is making preparations to receive an immigration of "large numbers," adding that, while Israel needs large immigration, "large numbers of Jews need Israel."

The only solution of the Arab refugee problem in the Middle East is the resettlement of the refugees in the lands where they now live, the convention was told by Mrs. Rose Halprin, former national president of Hadassah and acting chairman of the Jewish Agency executive.

"It is our hope," said Mrs. Halprin, "that perhaps, somewhere in the Arab world, there will be found leaders who, knowing what they know, will have the courage to say to their people: 'We will let you go; we know we cannot keep you living in degradation.'"

Mrs. Halprin pointed out that 50 percent of the so-called Arab refugees "never saw Israel, were not born there, did not come out of Israel."

Dr. Miriam K. Freund, national president of Hadassah, told the delegates that there "must be no Zionist interference" in the political structure of Israel. The primary objective of the Zionist movement, she declared, "is to assure the survival of Jewry by strengthening every phase of Jewish cultural and spiritual life."

Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, national chairman of Hadassah's Zionist Affairs Committee, condemned President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic for interfering with freedom of shipping through the Suez Canal, and declared "the time has come for the society of nations to express their condemnation of Nasser's tactics."

### PIONEER WOMEN SEEK \$3,000,000 FOR WELFARE AND BUILDING PROGRAMS

CLEVELAND, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- A two-year \$2,000,000 goal for social welfare and educational services in Israel and a five-year \$1,000,000 building fund were approved today by the 16th biennial convention of Pioneer Women, the women's Labor Zionist organization.

The building fund will permit extension of facilities through Israel, especially in the new immigrant settlements. Three projects were undertaken: a vocational school for girls at Beersheba; a home economics school at Nachlat Yehuda; and acquisition of buildings in Haifa for home economics courses.

#### NEW YORK GROUP WITHDRAWS BID FOR SEPARATE MEETING WITH KHRUSHCHEV

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The New York Board of Rabbis said today that it had requested the Soviet Embassy in Washington to cancel its request for a meeting with Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev during the Soviet leader's visit to this country.

The Board's action was taken "for the sake of Jewish unity" in the light of the concerted effort by 20 organizations participating in an ad hoc conference of Jewish organizations to secure a meeting between Mr. Khrushchev and a representative American Jewish delegation.

#### BONN GOVERNMENT REJECTS PROPOSAL FOR AMNESTY ON WAR CRIMES

BONN, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The West German Government has no intention of considering a general amnesty for war crimes and crimes against humanity, a Ministry of Justice spokesman said today. An amnesty, covering all such crimes prior to 1945, was demanded last week by the right-wing German Party.

The demand was made on Chancellor Konrad Adenauer by Dr. Herbert Schneider, chairman of the German Party, who proposed that when Dr. Heinrich Luebbe took office as president this week, he use the occasion to declare a general amnesty.

The Free Democratic Party, a member of Dr. Adenauer's coalition, was said today to be prepared to discuss the possibility of an amnesty which Dr. Schneider said should apply for "all acts whose origins are found in National Socialism and the chaos of war."

Members of all parties in the Federal Parliament were described today as sympathetic to an appeal from the HIAG, the welfare organization of the SS, the Hitler Elite Guard, that some 1,500 former high-ranking SS officers be considered eligible, under section 131 of the German basic law, for government pension.

A paragraph of that section, gave general amnesty to Nazi Party members who had not been convicted of crimes against humanity and who had occupied lesser positions in the Nazi hierarchy, thus permitting them to qualify for pensions and other benefits.

In a petition circulated to all members of the Federal Parliament, the HIAG claimed that the regular SS force, the Waffen-SS, had not been involved in crimes against humanity. Members of the Gestapo--the Nazi secret police--and other key units in the Hitler organization, were drawn from the SS.

#### NEW LEADERS BELIEVE GERMANY HAS PAID DEBT TO JEWS, DR. PRINZ REPORTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Joachim Prinz, national president of the American Jewish Congress, told the quarterly meeting of the administrative committee yesterday, that after a decade of "atonement" by Germany's political leaders for Hitler's crimes against the Jews, a new generation was coming to power with a growing belief that Germany had paid its debts for the excesses of the Nazi regime and that the record of the past must be forgotten.

Reporting on a survey of social and political conditions that he undertook in Germany this summer, Dr. Prinz warned that "German-Jewish relationships appeared to be entering a new stage, one that will require close and careful watching by all men of good will who cannot lightly dismiss the horrors of the Nazi era."

One bright spot in the present German picture, Dr. Prinz said, is the role of the press, radio and television in exposing renewed outbreaks of anti-Semitism, attacking growing neo-Nazi movements and warning of anti-democratic developments in the country.

Dr. Prinz said that there was a growing belief among the new political generation now rising to power in Germany that the restitution payments made by the Federal Republic had wiped the slate clean.

Dr. Prinz contrasted this new and growing belief with the policy followed since the creation of the Federal Republic ten years ago by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and President Theodor Heuss, who he said had been "emotionally involved in atoning for the crimes of the Hitler regime."

#### TEN JEWS UNOPPOSED FOR SEATS ON SOUTH AFRICAN PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Ten Jews are among the 83 candidates for the four Provincial Councils of the Union of South Africa whose nominations are not opposed and who thus will be automatically elected on October 14. The provincial councils are next to importance to the South African Parliament and control education and other regional matters in their area. All ten are members of the United Party.

Another seven are among the 261 candidates who will fight it out for the remaining 87 seats.

#### CANADA NAMES PROF. MAXWELL COHEN AS MEMBER OF ITS U. N. DELEGATION

OTTAWA, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The Ministry for External Affairs has announced the appointment of Prof. Maxwell Cohen of the law faculty of McGill University as a member of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations.

Prof. Cohen, 49, is a native of Winnipeg. He was admitted to the bar in 1939 and has served as a counsel in legislative investigations and as a consultant to the UN Technical Assistance Administration. He has been active in Jewish and Zionist affairs in Canada.

#### CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS PLENARY SESSION TO MARK ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

MONTREAL, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Jewish communities in all the ten Canadian provinces have completed election of delegates to the 12th plenary session of the Canadian Jewish Congress which will be held here October 29-November 1. It is at this session that the Congress receives its mandate from the Canadian Jewish community to represent its interests.

Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker will address the delegates at the dinner in honor of the Bicentenary of Canadian Jewry. The conference will also commemorate the 40th anniversary of the founding of Congress in 1919, and the 25th year of its reorganization in 1934.

The four-day sessions will cover the entire range of Congress' programs and activities, and a record number of delegates is expected. Every recognized Jewish organization, group and society is expected to send representatives.

#### JEWISH MERCHANTS CHALLENGE PENNSYLVANIA'S SUNDAY 'BLUE LAW'

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Five Orthodox Jewish merchants of Philadelphia have filed suit in the United States District Court here challenging the constitutionality of Pennsylvania's new Sunday blue laws.

Although these merchants keep their stores closed on Saturday in observance of the Jewish Sabbath, they are not permitted to remain open on Sunday under the new laws which make no exception for those observing any other day than Sunday as their Sabbath.

Attempts to amend the Sunday closing bill in the State Legislature before its passage, so as to provide exemption for those observing other than Sunday as their Sabbath, were unsuccessful.

#### INBAL TROUPE TO GIVE 78 PERFORMANCES ON SECOND AMERICAN TOUR

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- The INBAL, dance theatre of Israel, will make its second American tour this Fall under the auspices of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation and the management of S. Hurok, it was announced by Samuel Rubin, president of the Foundation. The INBAL will give 78 performances in 27 communities in the United States and Canada, commencing in Princeton, N.J., at the McCarter Theatre, October 4, and will include two-week engagements in Los Angeles and New York City.

INBAL's 1959 tour will be featured by four new numbers: two spectacular dances in which the whole company will participate, "Desert" and "Exodus--On Eagle Wings," a series of dances created to mark the tenth anniversary of the termination of the Yemenite Jewish exile, and their coming to Israel in 1948; and two song numbers "Fly My Dove" and "Women."

#### ISRAEL CABINET MINISTERS TO REPORT TO BOND PARLEY ON NEEDS

NEW YORK, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir and Finance Minister Levi Eshkol will discuss Israel's economic needs during the next five years at the National Economic Conference for Israel, which opens in Chicago on Friday under the auspices of the State of Israel Bond Organization, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the organization, announced here today.

More than 800 Jewish businessmen and communal leaders from the United States and Canada will attend the conference, which will inaugurate the Fall phase of the 1959 campaign to sell \$75,000,000 in Israel bonds. The gathering will also mark the attainment of a peak of \$400,000,000 in bond sales since the first issue was floated in 1951.

#### ISRAEL ROKACH, LONG MAYOR OF TEL AVIV AND GENERAL ZIONIST LEADER, DEAD

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14. (JTA) -- Israel Rokach, for many years Mayor of Tel Aviv and a leader of the General Zionist Party in Israel, died here last night following a heart attack. He was 62.

Mr. Rokach, who was Deputy Speaker of the Israeli Parliament, served as Minister of Interior from 1953 to 1955 when the General Zionists participated in the Government coalition. He was among the party's leading candidates for the forthcoming Knesset elections.

Born in Jaffa, Mr. Rokach was an electrical engineering graduate of the Polytechnical Institute in Zurich, Switzerland. He was a member of the Tel Aviv Municipal Council from 1922 to 1953 and served as Mayor of the City from 1936 to 1953. He had been a member of the Knesset since 1949, for four years commuting between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem while holding the dual posts of deputy and Mayor of Tel Aviv.