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### ISRAEL STARTS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON ON LOAN FROM WORLD BANK

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Discussion of a World Bank loan to Israel for development projects and enterprises was opened here this week-end. Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, called on president Eugene Black of the World Bank to discuss the new loan.

The question of a World Bank loan to the United Arab Republic to be used for improvement of the Suez Canal was discussed last Thursday at the State Department by UAR Ambassador Mostafa Kamel. After talking with Under Secretary of State C. Douglas Dillon, the ambassador told reporters he reviewed relations between the two countries, especially from the economic point of view.

### MORE THAN 100 JEWS REPORTED ARRESTED IN RUMANIA; INTERVENTION FAILS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- More than 100 Jews have been arrested in Rumania in recent months, according to reports received here today. Among the arrested was a close relative of Theodor Herzl, the "father of political Zionism." Her parents and husband arrived in Israel some time ago.

Attempts by the Israel Government to intercede on behalf of a number of those arrested who had worked for the Israel Legation in Bucharest, were reported to have failed. The Israel Government had tried both in Jerusalem and Bucharest, to secure the release of the Legation employees.

The Rumanian authorities have claimed that the arrests were for "economic crimes" and have maintained that it is an internal affair, in which Israel has no right to intervene. The "clarification" of the charges against the Legation employees, which the Rumanian Government promised to release has never been given, the report stated.

Idov Cohen, a Member of the Knesset, Israel's parliament, today told a public meeting here that the Rumanian Immigrants Association was planning to take a number of steps on behalf of the arrested Jews, including the calling of a mass meeting and an appeal to international organizations asking for intervention against renewed mass arrest of Jews in Rumania.

### CHANGE IN ISRAEL'S ELECTORAL SYSTEM SOUGHT; NATIONAL REFERENDUM URGED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Organization of a non-partisan committee for electoral reform, aimed at changing the present European type of direct proportional representation to the American-British type of constituency, was announced today.

The new committee, organized by former Army Chief of Staff Yigael Yadin, issued a public call for a national referendum on the proposed change. The committee includes Dr. Amos de Shalit, the famous physicist, and other non-party personalities.

The national election campaign is now in full swing with colorful posters and cartoons covering billboards and public meeting places throughout the country. Electric signs have been mounted at key points while every hall is booked until the last Saturday before election.

The Mapai Central Committee today approved the party's platform for the forthcoming elections which are to take place on November 3. Major items in the platform include the introduction of constituency elections; the introduction of direct elections for mayors of cities and towns; secondary education for all who wish it; and the strengthening of the defense forces.

The Mapai platform also stresses mobilization of the country's resources to enable the absorption of immigrants; a foreign policy supporting the United Nations Charter and peace with the Arabs based on recognition of their territorial sovereignty; friendship with all nations irrespective of their internal regimes; and the strengthening of ties with newly independent states.

The program of the Religious List demands that all legislation be based on the Torah and calls for the abrogation of the anti-traditional regulations concerning identity card registration. Other parties are expected to complete the phrasing of their platforms during this week.

## ISRAEL GRATIFIED WITH DEBATE ON SUEZ BLOCKADE AT U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Israel has received with somewhat qualified gratification the speeches by the various United Nations delegates on the blockade by Egypt of Israel shipping and cargoes through the Suez Canal.

Israel is gratified by the fact that 12 out of 24 speakers expressed their countries' support for freedom of passage through the Canal for all nations. This seems to be a higher percentage than was expected here.

However, only one -- Uruguay -- mentioned Israel's right specifically, while only one -- Denmark -- mentioned specifically the detention by Egypt of the Inge Toft. This is less than expected. Israel was particularly gratified by the unequivocal stands taken by Italy and Turkey which have close ties with Egypt.

## PRESIDENT OF U.N. ASSEMBLY LAUDS ISRAEL; PAYS TRIBUTE TO GOLDA MEIR

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Israel has justified fully the hopes placed upon her by those nations who had voted for her establishment and for her admission to the United Nations, Dr. Victor Andres Belaunde, of Peru, President of the UN General Assembly, declared at a dinner at which representatives of all Latin American countries paid tribute to Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister.

Israel's progress as well as Israel's stand at the United Nations on various issues have always reflected an attitude based on justice, Dr. Belaunde pointed out. The Latin American countries were represented at the dinner either by their foreign ministers or by the heads of their delegations to the United Nations.

Mrs. Meir, who recently visited the Latin American countries, conveyed through the assembled diplomats her thanks to their governments for the generous hospitality given to her by them. She said that the role played by Latin American countries in the establishment of Israel will constitute a golden page in Israel's history.

Mrs. Meir has been seeing a great number of foreign ministers during her present attendance at the UN General Assembly session. She expects to see more of them at a dinner to be given tomorrow evening by Yosef Tekoah, head of Israel's permanent delegation to the United Nations. On Wednesday Mrs. Meir will tender a special luncheon for all women delegates to the UN Assembly now in session.

## \$75,000,000 INVESTED IN PROSPECTING AND DEVELOPING HELETZ OIL FIELD

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- More than \$75,000,000 has been invested during the past six years in prospecting and developing Israel's only significant oil find, the Heletz field, according to a report in the Israel Government Yearbook which will be published this week. Despite intensive exploration, the report declared, the Heletz field supplies less than 10 percent of Israel's annual consumption of 100,000 tons of oil.

About half of the total investment has been made by outside oil companies who have had less luck in striking oil than domestic companies who originally found the Heletz field. Experts here felt that because of this, most of the investments in the future were likely to be made by Israel firms, including the new National Oil Company which recently sold 10,000,000 pounds worth of stock in a public sale.

## 'ROOF COMPANY' FOR GOVERNMENT-OWNED INDUSTRIES URGED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- A recommendation for the creation of a "roof company" to coordinate control of the many government-owned industrial corporations in Israel was urged again today by the Technical Advisory Board of the Ministry of Development.

The board is headed by Sir Ben Lockspeiser, noted British scientist. It includes scientists and experts from Israel and abroad and it meets twice a year.

The initial recommendation was made six months ago but the Government has not acted to implement it. The board, in its report today, stated that Government development companies could be made profitable if they were grouped under one head along the lines of large American corporations which have wholly-owned subsidiaries.

## WALTER EYTAN NAMED ISRAEL'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO PARIS; SUCCEEDS TSUR

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The appointment of Walter Eytan as Israel's new Ambassador in Paris was officially announced here today. Mr. Eytan was the Director General of the Foreign Ministry since Israel's establishment.

The appointment of the highest Foreign Ministry official to the Paris post underscores the importance which Israel attaches to her relations with France.

Mr. Eytan is replacing Yaakov Tsur, who was appointed Deputy Director General of the Ministry and is expected to be appointed Director General in the near future.

### POPE ORDERS PASSAGES OFFENSIVE TO JEWS, MOSLEMS OMITTED FROM PRAYER

ROME, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Pope John XXIII ordered this week-end the specific omission of passages offensive to Jews and Moslems from the prayer of consecration of mankind to Christ, the King. The prayer is recited annually in Roman Catholic churches on the Feast of Christ the King, which is observed on the last Sunday in October.

The new version of the prayer, published in the "Acta Apostolicae," official organ of the Vatican, omits the following passage from the old prayer:

"Be the King of all those who are still shrouded by the darkness of idolatry or Islam, and do not refuse to lift them all to the light and to Your kingdom. Look, finally, with merciful eyes on the children of the people which was once the chosen people: may the blood already invoked on them descend on them too, as a cleansing bath of redemption and life."

The prayer still contains the passage: "Be the King of those who live in the deception of error and are separated from You as a result of discord."

### KHRUSHCHEV'S 'EVASIVE ANSWERS' ON JEWS CRITICIZED BY B'NAI B'RITH

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The "evasive answers" given by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to questions about the status of Soviet Jews showed that "his regime persists in the old Russian Government practice of manipulating anti-Semitic prejudice whenever it serves political expediency," Henry Edward Schultz, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said here last night at a dinner honoring Label A. Katz, international B'nai B'rith president.

More than 600 guests attended the dinner which also heard an address by James P. Mitchell, Secretary of Labor, denouncing bigotry. The address was delivered for the Secretary of Labor by his assistant George Lodge, since Secretary Mitchell was detained in Washington by the White House talks on the steel strike.

Mr. Katz said that "positive progress" is being made in intergroup relations in the South year after year. The dinner in his honor was tendered in connection with the annual executive committee meeting of the Anti-Defamation League held at the Roosevelt Hotel here. Jewish leaders in the South were told at the meeting that they should not fear taking a "positive stand" on the segregation issue and should not be influenced by "violence against synagogues."

Mr. Schultz emphasized that anti-Semitic activities "have had little effect upon traditional friendly attitudes toward Jews in the South." Benjamin R. Epstein, the executive director of the league, predicted that exclusion of Jews by college fraternities "will virtually disappear as an official practice" in two years.

### UNIVERSITY CHAPTER WITHDRAWS FROM NATIONAL FRATERNITY; OBJECTS TO BIAS

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Sept. 27. (JTA) -- A second Wesleyan University chapter of a national fraternity has voted to end its national affiliation because of discrimination issues, University officials reported today.

The Wesleyan chapter of Alpha Chi Rho voted to withdraw after the national fraternity refused to abolish a clause in its ritual which required all members to accept Christian theology. Chapter officials said that while the national fraternity did not bar non-Christians, "a non-Christian certainly could not take part in the ritual."

Earlier this month, the Wesleyan chapter of Sigma Chi voted to quit the national fraternity because the parent organization restricted membership to "bona fide white students."

### DENVER LEADERS TO REPRESENT U.S. RELIGIOUS JEWRY AT UNESCO PARLEY

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Two Denver leaders were designated to represent the Synagogue Council of America at the national conference sponsored by the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO on Latin-American relations. The conference is scheduled to begin here on Tuesday.

The Denver leaders are Morris E. Adelstein, Robert Gamzey, editor of Intermountain Jewish News, it was announced by Rabbi Max Davidson, president of the Synagogue Council. The Council is the national coordinating agency for the major branches of the Jewish religious community, comprising the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the Rabbinical Assembly of America, the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Union of Orthodox Congregations, and the United Synagogue of America.

The Synagogue Council represents the common religious interests of its constituent bodies in their relations with the United Nations, UNESCO, the U.S. Government, and the national Catholic and Protestant Church federations.

#### EISENHOWER CALLS FOR BROTHERHOOD IN U.S. ; SAYS IT STRENGTHENS NATION :

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- "As Americans and as fellow human beings we share a common brotherhood," President Eisenhower declared today in accepting the honorary chairmanship of Brotherhood Week which will be observed next February 21-28, under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Announcement of the President's leadership was made today by Cornelia Otis Skinner, actress and author, who is serving as national chairman of Brotherhood Week.

The brotherhood shared by all Americans, the President said, "provides the basis for a strong and productive national life." This spirit in our land and around the world, he added, "can advance the highest hopes of the family of man." The celebration next February marks the 27th observance of Brotherhood Week, first established in 1934.

#### AMERICAN JEWISH LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL FAVORS PROJECTED W. Z. O. EXPANSION

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Support for the decision of the Zionist Actions Committee to have non-Zionist groups represented in the World Zionist Organization was voiced today at a meeting of the national board of directors of the American Jewish League for Israel, held at the Hotel Wellington here.

Judge Louis Levinthal, honorary president of the League and member of the 19-man Constitution Committee of the World Zionist Organization, reported on the "far-reaching and fundamental changes" in the structure of the WZO, which are now under consideration. "The overwhelming majority of American Jews," he said, "are demonstrating their sincere concern for Israel and in the creative survival of the Jewish people. They are fully worthy of membership and representation in the World Zionist Organization without regard to political party affiliations."

Ezra Shapiro, president of the League, outlined a program of activities for the League for the coming months. He also expressed the hope that before long, Jews living in the Soviet Union and in other Communist countries "will be given the freedom of exercising their human prerogative of emigrating to Israel, if this be their desire, especially in the process of reuniting families."

The meeting was also addressed by Dr. Israel Goldstein, honorary president of the League, who just returned from a world tour. Dr. Goldstein said: "The most conspicuous lack in most of the Jewish communities in Asia and Africa, especially in the smaller ones, is the lack of adequate Jewish education for the youth and the woeful shortage of Jewish teachers." He also reported that Israel is highly respected by many of the nations of Asia and Africa for its social and economic liberalism.

The meeting, which was also addressed by Louis Lipsky, decided to convene the annual conference of the League in New York during the first week in December.

#### DR. GLUECK DISCOVERS ANCIENT ROAD IN NEGEV; PREDATES ABRAHAM'S TIME

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The discovery of an old Negev route that was ancient even in the time of Abraham, was announced here this week-end by Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, who recently returned from a summer archaeological exploration which he conducted in the Negev under the auspices of the David Klau Foundation of New York.

Estimating that the road is more than 5,000 years old, Dr. Glueck said he discovered that the highway, which runs from Sedeh Boker to the Jordanian border, joined the King's Highway of Biblical mention in Transjordan. His findings, he added, convinced him that the road "had actually been the major east-to-west connection of Israel with Arabia and Egypt."

He described "sites belonging to the period of Abraham, going back some 4,000 years, and other sites belonging to the period of the Judaean Kingdom, tenth to sixth centuries B.C., and still another to the Nabataean and the Byzantine periods." It was the Biblical mention of King's Highway, "the Beduin tracks which always follow ancient ones," that led him to discover this ancient route.

#### COL. GOREN, CHIEF CHAPLAIN OF ISRAEL ARMED FORCES, ARRIVES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Colonel Shlomo Goren, chief chaplain of the Israel Armed Forces, who is probably the only rabbi who is also a paratrooper, arrived in the United States in order to participate in the intensified effort for Israel bonds in synagogues on the High Holy Days.

Colonel Goren is one of his country's outstanding religious leaders and has accompanied Israel's troops under peaceful conditions and in combat. He has participated in and completed various training courses, including the parachute jump, which earned for him the winged insignia of the Israel Parachute Corps. He is a veteran of many campaigns, including service with the Haganah during the British Mandate.

As a military chaplain, Colonel Goren has compiled a special prayer book and also a Haggadah for the Israel Army, to weld a single liturgy for the men who come from diverse Jewish communities and backgrounds. In addition, he has composed many prayers for various situations in army life during battles and peace time.