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## BEN-GURION REVEALS U.S. ATTEMPT TO INITIATE ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE TALKS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8, (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion revealed today that the United States Government "recently initiated an attempt to bring about peace talks" between Israel and the United Arab Republic.

The Prime Minister made the disclosure in a lengthy article in the Government Year Book which was published today. The Prime Minister declared that "the initiative" in the effort "came from the supreme authority in the United States" and that it failed because of "obdurate opposition from the Egyptian dictator," President Nasser of the UAR.

He also disclosed that in the summer of 1950, Israel asked the Soviet Union to invite representatives of Israel and Egypt to peace talks. He added that the Soviets never replied to the requests.

Mr. Ben Gurion, in a discussion of the background and consequences of the 1956 Sinai campaign, warned against the "fallacy" of believing that the 1956 operation solved Israel's security problems. He said "basically, the problem is not solved."

He indicated a belief that the "wall of Arab hostility" would eventually be breached but that this would come, not by direct Israel action, but by strengthening of Israel's ties with the peoples of Asia and Africa on whom the Arab Governments tried to rely for support.

Mr. Ben-Gurion revealed that on November 7, 1956, the late John Foster Dulles as Secretary of State had warned Israel that the world was on the brink of a general war because of Israel's refusal to withdraw from the Sinai peninsula. Mr. Dulles also warned Israel that not only would all United States aid to Israel end, but also that Israel might be expelled from the United Nations, the Prime Minister added.

The two principal points of the lengthy review were that the Sinai campaign had limited objectives which were achieved and that withdrawal had been planned before the campaign was launched; and that the recent sale of Israel arms to the West German Army was necessary for Israel's security.

He described as the two specific objectives of the Sinai operation that of destroying marauders' bases in the Gaza Strip and safeguarding freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Akaba. He quoted himself as telling the Cabinet meeting which decided on the Sinai campaign that "Gaza is an embarrassing objective, a burden."

He also cited a statement to the Cabinet meeting that "there will be forces which will compel us to evacuate--there is America, Russia, the United Nations, India--I am more concerned about America than about the rest. America will compel us to leave."

The Premier on three separate occasions in his article strongly criticized India's Prime Minister Nehru for his "double stand" attitude in relations with Israel and the Arab countries.

## ISRAEL AND JORDAN PLEDGE EACH OTHER TO MAINTAIN BORDER TRANQUILITY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8, (JTA) -- Israel and Jordan promised each other at a meeting of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission last night to make efforts to maintain tranquility on the Israel-Jordan border and to avoid incidents, it was disclosed today.

The meeting was convened to discuss border incident complaints of both countries. Israel listed the murder on Rosh Hashanah of an Israel shepherd by Jordanians and subsequent shooting which prevented removal of the victim's body until Israel armored vehicles were moved into the area. Jordan complained that Israel had fired on Jordanian armored vehicles.

After both sides expressed intentions of goodwill and Jordan promised to deal with the shepherd's killers, both sides withdrew their formal complaints.

Meanwhile, Israel officials declined today to comment on a resolution adopted by the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission yesterday--in Israel's absence--condemning Israel for allegedly forcing some 350 Beduin across the border into the United Arab Republic from the Negev. They emphasized that Israel does not participate in meetings

of the Israel-Egyptian MAC and that all resolutions of the MAC are adopted on the basis of Egyptian testimony only and with an Egyptian vote to make a majority.

It was recalled here that several weeks ago the Israel Army spokesman declared that during the investigation by an Israel patrol of the murder of an Israel Army officer in the area, the patrol was fired on by Beduin. The spokesman said that a number of the Beduin fled across the border after an exchange of fire.

Israel had demanded that the Beduin tribe turn over the killers of the officer, after the killer's identity was learned. One accomplice was handed over to Israel Army authorities but the real murderers escaped and the tribe failed to capture them, it was pointed out.

#### SYRIAN GUNNERS ATTACK ISRAELI RECLAMATION WORKERS IN HULEH AREA

TEL AVIV, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Israel tractors resumed field work today in the Huleh area after an attack yesterday by Syrian gunners who opened heavy automatic fire against two tractors, setting one of them ablaze.

It was the first incident in the area after several months of relative quiet. In the past there have been repeated Syrian attacks on Israel reclamation work in the area.

#### STATE DEPARTMENT DISMISSES NASSER'S 'NEW OFFER' ON SUEZ ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- State department officials today studied an offer made by President Nasser of the United Arab Republic with regard to the Suez blockade issue and came to the conclusion that the offer contained no new element in the Arab-Israel dispute. In his proposal, Nasser said he would accept a United Nations commission to implement all United Nations resolutions related to Israel, including the 1951 Security Council resolution calling for freedom of transit in the Suez Canal.

The offer was made by Nasser in a statement to representatives of the American press in Cairo. It was obvious that the statement was primarily for propaganda purposes. Nasser emphasized that he would insist on the plan to give Palestinian Arab refugees the right to their former homes or to accept compensation, as well as on the 1947 plan for partition of Palestine and the internationalization of Jerusalem, if he were to accept the UN resolution on freedom of shipping in the Suez Canal.

Nasser said in his statement that "if Israel accepts all UN resolutions, we will accept the Security Council resolution of 1951." He was quoted as declaring: "We are ready to accept a UN board or commission to put these resolutions into effect for both Israel and us. But it would be unfair if only we are asked to implement the resolutions on our side while Israel does not implement those on her side." He said such a board might be the Palestine Conciliation Commission established in 1949 or a new body.

#### GOLDA MEIR REPORTS TO ISRAEL CABINET ON HER TALKS IN UNITED STATES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet today met to review its policy toward Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal following the return of Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister, from the United States where she addressed the United Nations General Assembly on the subject.

Mrs. Meir reported to the Cabinet on her talks with U.S. Secretary of State Christian H. Herter and the UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. It was understood that Mr. Herter and Mr. Hammarskjold had urged on Mrs. Meir continuation of "quiet diplomacy" as offering the best chance to obtain passage of Israel cargoes through the Suez Canal.

Mrs. Meir, it was reported, was assured that President Nasser of the UAR did feel the impact of the Assembly's general rejection of his Suez blockade, opposition by the world press and public opinion, diplomatic pressures and the delay in the projected loan to the UAR--all supposedly making it clear to Nasser that banning of Israel cargoes may not be worthwhile. Any easing of the blockade, however, will take time, it was understood Mrs. Meir was told, because Nasser fears loss of face.

Considerable opposition was reported within the Cabinet to the "keep quiet" diplomacy. Cabinet foes of such diplomacy fear that instead of facilitating a retreat from the blockade by Nasser, it would simply embolden him to continue and expand it. There was a belief among some Cabinet members that Nasser may issue formal legislation "legalizing" confiscation of future Israel cargoes.

The Cabinet was not expected to complete discussions on the Suez problem at today's session and is to continue talks on the problem next Sunday. It was reported that if and when the Cabinet decides to accept suggestions that Israel follow the "quiet diplomacy" approach, it is expected to ask for immediate release by the Egyptian authorities of the Inge Toft, detained at Port Said since May 21.

The Cabinet was also to hear today a report from Finance Minister Levi Eshkol on his conversations in Washington with Eugene Black, president of the World Bank, with regard to a loan which Israel seeks to secure from the bank.

#### 41 SENTENCED BY MOROCCAN COURT IN TANGIERS FOR SEEKING TO EMIGRATE

CASABLANCA, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Prison sentences and fines were imposed by the Moroccan Court of Tangiers on each of 41 persons tried October 5 and 6 on charges of allegedly seeking to emigrate from the country or allegedly having helped organize illegal emigration, it was learned here today.

Two of the defendants, who were arrested several months ago by Moroccan authorities, were each given one year in jail and ordered to pay 250,000 Moroccan francs, which is considered a very heavy fine.

The others brought before the court, which reportedly dealt with the defendants in a rather arbitrary fashion, received sentences ranging from six months suspended prison terms to six-month jail terms. No information was available about the conditions under which Moroccan police rounded up and arrested the 39 persons brought to trial in addition to the two men known to have been jailed.

#### ADENAUER RECEIVES JEWISH COMMITTEE LEADER; DISCUSSES EDUCATION

BONN, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today received Irving M. Engel, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, and discussed with him questions concerning the education of German youth in a way as to imbue them with democratic principles to counteract neo-Nazi propaganda.

Dr. Adenauer told Mr. Engel that "much more remains to be done in educating Germans in democratic principles." He predicted this will be accomplished quickly now that the country has achieved a large measure of economic well-being.

"Until recently," the Chancellor said, "the German people had to concern themselves primarily with reconstruction but now that there has been such material advancement, I believe they will turn more to matters of culture and education." Mr. Engel was accompanied by Zachariah Shuster, European director of the American Jewish Committee.

The meeting coincided with the release of a West German nationwide poll indicating that West German youth was still influenced to a considerable degree by Nazi ideology. The poll was conducted among West German youth in the 18 to 29 year age range by the German Institute of Social Research.

#### GERMAN COURT SEEKS WITNESSES AGAINST NAZI WHO KILLED JEWS IN KIEV

NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress in New York today received a request from a West German court to help find witnesses in connection with the prosecution of a war-time Nazi security chief in Kiev.

The district attorney of the Karlsruhe district court is conducting an investigation into the case of former SS Commander Erich Ehrlinger, who was commander of the Security Police in Kiev. Ehrlinger is said to be responsible for numerous arrests and mass-executions of Jews carried out in Kiev during the years 1942-1943.

#### WEST GERMAN MINISTER CHARGED WITH HAVING BEEN A NAZI YOUTH LEADER

BONN, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Charges that Theodor Oberlander, West Germany's Minister of Expellees and War Victims, was a Nazi collaborator and apologist for Nazi racist theories during the war, were made today by a leftist organization of victims of Nazism, which quoted the East German Communist press for its allegations.

Mr. Oberlander denied one of the charges--that he had participated in mass executions during World War II at Lemberg--stating that it was the Russians, and not the Germans, who murdered Polish citizens at Lemberg. However, the leftists also accused him of having been a leader of Hitler's Storm Troops, and of having written several Nazi publications, one of which allegedly referred to Communism as "Jewish materialism."

#### REPUBLICAN BODY URGES FEDERAL ACTION ON SYNAGOGUE BOMBINGS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- A Republican committee entrusted with the task of reviewing policy and making recommendations today urged that the government "make full use of its investigative powers in the case of crimes involving the destruction or attempted destruction of schools or places of worship."

To give impetus to civil rights, the committee recommended fair and equitable treatment for all citizens on all federal contracts using tax money. To this end, it was charged that the President's Committee on Government Contracts should be given "added stature through legislation which would give it Congressional recognition."

#### 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST JEWISH COLONY IN ARGENTINA CELEBRATED

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Celebrations marking the 70th anniversary of the founding of Moisesville, the first Jewish agricultural colony in Argentina, started today at that provincial town northwest of here. Public buildings in the town were decorated with flags for the occasion. The colony of Moisesville, named after the Biblical lawgiver, was settled in 1889 by a group of 80 Jewish immigrant families.

# PHILADELPHIA RABBIS CHALLENGE PENNSYLVANIA SUNDAY LAW IN COURT

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- The challenge to Pennsylvania's Sunday-closing law took on added significance today when the Philadelphia Rabbinical Association and the Philadelphia Board of Rabbis, representing Reform, Conservative and Orthodox rabbis here, filed a joint "friend of the court" brief in support of five local Jewish merchants who seek to upset the state's newly-stiffened "blue" laws.

The latest brief was submitted to a Federal District Court here in what looms as a major test case affecting separation of church and state. It was signed by Leo Pfeffer, associate general counsel of the American Jewish Congress, and Jacob Richman, president of the Pennsylvania State Region of the AJC, who are serving without fee for the two rabbinical groups.

Their brief brought to six the number of "amicus curiae" briefs already submitted in the case--five attacking the Sunday law and one in favor. Seeking to upset the law are the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, the Philadelphia Jewish Community Relations Council, the Delaware Valley Council of the American Jewish Congress and the two Philadelphia rabbinical groups. Supporting the measure is the Pennsylvania Retailers Association.

At a hearing before the court last month, the Jewish merchants charged that the law violated the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution by interfering with the free exercise of religion. They said they closed their stores in observance of the Jewish Sabbath and were unduly penalized because the law requires them to close on Sunday as well. The five Jewish storekeepers are being represented without fee by attorneys active in the American Jewish Congress.

Recently, Pennsylvania strengthened the penalties for violations of its Sunday-closing law, based on a statute dating back to 1794. The new law specifically bans the sale of certain items on Sunday and increases the penalty for violations from a maximum of four dollars to \$200, plus jail terms of 30 days for each sale.

## U. N. REPORTS ON FOOD AND DIETARY SURVEY AMONG IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Israeli scientists and medical authorities, aided by two United Nations agencies, are conducting a special food and dietary survey among immigrants in Israel, to determine the food and diet habits of the newcomers and methods for helping them eliminate disease and reduce infant mortality, according to a UN report published here today. The report appears in the monthly "United Nations Review" an official publication of the UN.

Dr. Sarah Bavly, head of the College of Nutrition and Home Economics in Jerusalem, is in charge of the survey, aided by physicians of the Hadassah Medical School, and the Israel Government's Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research. On behalf of the United Nations, the project is being aided by the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Health Organization. The Israel Government is meeting four-sevenths of the cost involved, the remainder being contributed by the UN agencies.

Especially-trained senior girl students from the College of Nutrition and Home Economics in Jerusalem are conducting the survey among 800 Israeli families, selected on the basis of economic and ethnic grouping, length of residence in Israel, type of settlement, and nature of occupation or work. The study includes a survey of food habits among Israelis who had immigrated from Poland, Rumania and Latin America. Cochin, India, Kurdistan, Yemen, Iraq, Morocco,

The UN report also points out that the school feeding program in Israel, helped by UNICEF, reaches about 120,000 children with a daily lunch, as well as 65,000 children with a cup of cocoa milk. This program, says the report, is considered an excellent way of teaching nutritious food education. "Both boys and girls," continues the report, "are taught how to--and in practice they do--cook, prepare and serve meals for their fellows in daily shifts. They can go home and teach mother a thing or two."

## ISRAEL WILLING TO PROVIDE BRAZIL WITH STORAGE FACILITIES IN HAIFA

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- Israel has declared its willingness to provide Brazil with storage and dock facilities in the Mediterranean port of Haifa. Janio Quadros, an opposition leader in the Brazilian Parliament, disclosed today that Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion had agreed to provide Brazil with the facilities, if asked to do so.

Mr. Quadros, a Presidential candidate in the forthcoming Brazilian elections, met Premier Ben-Gurion on a visit to Israel during his recent worldwide tour. In his discussion with the Israeli Premier, Mr. Quadros pointed out to Mr. Ben-Gurion the advantages of storage facilities at Haifa for Brazil's growing trade with the Middle East.

## ISRAEL SENDS SECOND SHIPMENT OF MEDICINES FOR TYPHOON VICTIMS IN JAPAN

JERUSALEM, Oct. 8. (JTA) -- A second shipment of Israel medicines for victims of the typhoon which struck Japan last month, was shipped out from here by air today. The supplies were donated by the Red Magen David and the Israel-Japan Friendship Society and were transported free of charge by Air France.