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### AMERICAN DELEGATE ASKS UNITED NATIONS BODY TO ACT ON ANTI-SEMITISM

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Judge Philip Halpern, the United States representative on a subcommission currently debating discrimination in the field of religious rights and practices, called on the United Nations today to act now on the current outbreaks of anti-Semitism. He told the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, that he will present a formal resolution to implement his demand for action.

The anti-Semitic outbreaks, said Judge Halpern, "are like eruptions of a volcano. But the volcano is not the problem. The problem is the subterranean stream."

The jurist said his resolution would urge governments to engage in programs of education on the evils of racism. Furthermore, he said, he will ask the subcommission to call on governments to report "forthwith" whether such anti-Semitic occurrences had taken place in their countries, and how these manifestations were dealt with.

Judge Halpern urged that such information be sent to the Secretary General of the United Nations, who would act "as a post office" and transmit the information to all UN members "without arziysis." In the light of these reports, he said, the subcommission should examine the causes of the current outbreaks and decide on further action.

Judge Halpern told the subcommission it was essential that all nations be alerted to the fact "that this is a live issue in the United Nations, that our organization is not blind to what is going on, and that we will not stand aside again as in the past."

At the same session of the subcommission, Dr. Isaac Lewin, representative of the Agudas Israel World Organization, expressed grave concern over the fact that "swastikas have once more appeared on Jewish houses of worship."

### Governments Move to Check Swastika Epidemic

LONDON, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Protests against the swastika-smearing plague, and promises of vigorous governmental action against the participants in the hate campaign, alternated in dispatches from virtually the entire Western world today with reports of further anti-Semitic incidents.

In Vienna, the Austrian Cabinet heard a report about the spate of incidents in that country from Minister of the Interior Josef Aflritsch, who ordered that any culprits caught be treated with "utmost sternness." At the same time, Austrian police authorities reported new outbreaks of swastika-daubings from Salzburg, Graz and other cities.

In Brussels, Prime Minister Gaston Eyskens told Parliament that the recent racist and anti-Semitic incidents were viewed gravely by his Government. "If our penal code," he said, "is not sufficient to deal with the situation, the Government will invite Parliament to vote the necessary legislation. We hope that our judiciary will show a timely severity to the culprits."

### Argentine Replies to Israel Protest Note

Argentina, in a note given to the Israel Foreign Ministry at Jerusalem, pledged itself to "take the firmest steps to prevent any attempt to create an atmosphere of racial hatred." The Argentine note was the first governmental reply given Israel in response to demarches in nearly all world capitals made by the Israel Government, expressing concern of the current wave of anti-Semitic manifestations.

In Australia, where more incidents were reported from Melbourne and the country's capital, Canberra, the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Harry F. Jensen, called a public meeting tonight to discuss the outbreaks. Sydney police, meanwhile, detailed special squads to guard all Jewish communal property in the city.

Similar guards over synagogues and other Jewish organizational headquarters were assigned in Salisbury, Rhodesia, and in the larger centers of Jewish population in the Union of South Africa.

In Skövde, Sweden, a motion picture theatre showing the town's premiere of the film, "The Diary of Anne Frank," had been smeared with the swastika.

In Paris, more than 5,000 persons crowded into the "Salle de la Mutualite" last night in a protest meeting against the anti-Semitic outbreaks called by the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism.

In London, British Pathe Films exhibited a documentary motion picture depicting the current wave of anti-Semitism against the perspective of Nazi atrocities committed during World War II. The firm will show the film in 400 British movie houses beginning tomorrow, and will export the picture to 87 foreign countries, including Egypt.

At Montreal, the Canadian Jewish Congress thanked Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and others for their expressions of "general revulsion" over the few anti-Semitic incidents there. It held that, "while these incidents may be inspired by the example of neo-Nazism in Germany, they appear to be the acts of a lunatic fringe--a form of imitative hooliganism--and should not be taken as the work of an organized anti-Semitic movement in Canada."

It warned, however, that "unfortunately, the manifestations of anti-Semitism in Germany cannot be considered in the same light. Canadians have a right to expect drastic action by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to suppress the current spate of incidents, and to root out ex-Nazis from positions of influence in government and education."

In Washington, President Eisenhower, at a news conference, said he supported American authorities in West Berlin who clamped a ban on information to the press about the records of former Nazis. The President indicated that the American mission in Berlin was justified in banning information and staying out of "political affairs." The State Department was reported as feeling that the information about former Nazis might be embarrassing, at this time, to the West German Government.

#### NO EVIDENCE OF NEO-NAZI PLOT HERE, N.Y. COMMISSION HEAD SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Alfred J. Marrow, chairman of the New York City Commission on Intergroup Relations, said today that commission investigation of anti-Semitic incidents in the Greater New York area showed no evidence that any international neo-Nazi underground was involved here.

He said that hate literature distributed by neo-Nazi groups helped to trigger the spate of anti-Semitic incidents locally, but that the evidence indicated that such groups were operating independently of each other. He declared that, if there was any international influence affecting such activities, it was most likely that the "established" hate-peddler groups had been emboldened to greater activity by the Christmas Eve desecration of the Cologne synagogue and by the incidents which followed the desecration in many parts of the world.

Dr. Marrow said the commission, working with police, had alerted people to report the distribution of bundles of gummed labels imprinted with the swastika. He said that unidentified individuals had passed the bundles out to young people in subways and other public areas. The packages of labels contained no clues to their distributors, according to Dr. Marrow.

The 55 staff members of the commission, as part of their investigation of the incidents, plan to interview the culprits who have been arrested, as well as their relatives, friends and neighbors to learn something about the background of the vandals, the chairman asserted.

#### New York Mayor Expresses Concern Over Incidents

At New York City Hall, Mayor Robert Wagner expressed his "concern" over the incidents to a group of representatives of 25 foreign language publications. New York Superintendent of Schools John J. Theobald announced that special emphasis will be given in all city schools to programs for human relations and intergroup cooperation.

Mayor Wagner also alerted the police department which, according to a departmental spokesman, is continuing vigorous probing of all incidents here. Yesterday's outstanding anti-Jewish manifestation, in which 87 headstones were defaced in the Baron De Hirsch Cemetery, in Staten Island, was being thoroughly investigated, the police department spokesman said, but "nothing new" had as yet been revealed.

A three-acre section of the cemetery, the largest Jewish burial ground in the vicinity, was found smeared with swastikas and with German terms for "Death" and "Fatherland." On many of the gravestones, the Star of David was smeared with yellow paint.

The swastika menace has spread to college campuses, in many of them the butt being the local headquarters of the Hillel Foundation, headquarters for Jewish students. Among the Hillel Foundation smearings reported were incidents on the campuses of the University of Pennsylvania, and Ohio State University at Columbus. A student at the university in Columbus was arrested on a charge that he had perpetrated the outrage there.

At Boston University, students discovered this morning that the walls of a number of dormitories had been defaced overnight with the swastika.

Elementary schools were also not immune. At Port Jefferson, L.I., a school principal's desk had been smeared with the swastika--apparently by thieves who also stole \$85 from the desk. In Los Angeles, an American flag was torn up overnight by persons who had broken into an elementary school and defaced a wall with the swastika.

### SAYS DROP IN ISRAEL FUNDS WOULD BE 'DEATH WARRANT' FOR NEEDY JEWS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13, (JTA) -- A warning that relaxation in fund-raising for Israel would be "tantamount to writing a slow death warrant for those Jews who still need help" was voiced last night by Gen. Chaim Laskov, Israel Chief of Staff.

Speaking to members of the Canadian Jewish Study Mission at a dinner here, he said that "world Jewry now has the time and the duty to prepare for the immigration and absorption tasks facing Israel. History will judge the present generation harshly if its support proved to be too little and too late."

Earlier the mission was received by President Ben-Zvi and Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, who urged the members to send their children to Israel for a year of study and who stressed the importance of learning Hebrew by Jews living outside of Israel.

### GOVERNMENT COMMISSION NAMED TO ADMINISTER JERUSALEM AFFAIRS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13, (JTA) -- A 13-member commission to manage Jerusalem's municipal affairs, following annulment last week of last November's municipal election, was named today by Dr. Joseph Burg, acting Minister of the Interior.

The commission, which will serve until new elections are held or the results of the election are re-validated, is headed by former Mayor Ish-Shalom and includes representatives of all parties in the suspended Municipal Council.

A bill authorizing the Jerusalem District Court to validate 50 previously rejected ballots cast in the elections to this city's municipal government, was approved by a parliamentary committee today. If the measure is adopted, it will eliminate the need to hold a new election here.

### RABBIS REJECT AGE LIMIT FOR CANDIDATES FOR CHIEF RABBINATE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13, (JTA) -- The Israel Rabbinical Council has rejected a Government proposal to restrict the post of Chief Rabbi to candidates under 70 years of age.

The rabbinical group met at the request of Rabbi Jacob M. Toledano, Israel Minister of Religions, who explained the reasons for the proposed amendments to existing regulations governing elections to the post. After a lengthy discussion, the rabbis decided to oppose the age limitation amendment contending that its promulgation without the Israel rabbinate's approval would be invalid.

The objections made it virtually certain the elections for a successor to the late Chief Rabbi Isaac Herzog, originally scheduled for February, will be postponed until after Passover.

### ISRAEL FARM COOPERATIVE DEMANDS HALT ON DAIRY IMPORTS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13, (JTA) -- Officials of Tnuva, the Histadrut agricultural marketing cooperative, called on the Government today to discontinue further imports of dairy products in order to eliminate unnecessary surpluses, in milk, butter and cheese. The demand was made at the annual meeting here of the marketing body, which dealt with the problems of agricultural production and farm surpluses following a peak production year in 1959 in which Tnuva handled farm products totaling 277,000,000 Israel pounds (\$155,120,000).

Tnuva also demanded that the Government decrease farm acreage under tomato and carrot cultivation because of a glut of these products on the local market.

Production in 1959 showed a 31 percent increase in dairy products over the previous year; an increase of 11 percent in eggs, 10 percent in vegetables and poultry, 44 percent in fruit and 37 percent in fish production.

### BRIGADIER SHALTIEL TO HEAD NEW ISRAELI ANTI-BOYCOTT UNIT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13, (JTA) -- Brigadier David Shaltiel, former Ambassador to Mexico, has been appointed head of the Foreign Ministry's newly created department of economic and political planning, it was announced here today.

The new department will "investigate political factors interfering with Israel's economic ties abroad and will plan steps for the removal of those factors." Observers here believed that Arab interference with Israel's foreign trade would be among the factors to be tackled by the department.

### BRAZIL TO DELETE ANTI-JEWISH ALLUSIONS IN SCHOOL REFERENCE BOOKS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 13, (JTA) -- The Brazilian Ministry of Education appointed a special commission today to revise encyclopedias and dictionaries used in the public schools to eliminate anti-Semitic allusions and definitions.

A campaign to purge the schoolbooks was launched here two years ago by Dr. Fernando Leviaky, a local attorney. Dictionaries used in the schools now define a Jew as "a devil, Satan, swindler." A synagogue is defined in an encyclopedia as "a center for dishonest merchants."

Dr. Leviaky received wide support for his proposed revisions from prominent Brazilian political figures, clergymen and writers. A new dictionary recently published privately--not for use in schools--has already eliminated the anti-Semitic interpretations.

## KIRSHBLUM URGES SYNAGOGUE GROUPS TO AFFILIATE WITH ZIONIST MOVEMENT

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 13, (JTA) -- All American synagogue movements were urged today by a Religious Zionist leader to affiliate with the World Zionist Organization.

Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum of New York, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, opening the 50th jubilee convention of the Religious Zionists of America, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, told the 800 delegates such affiliation would "revolutionize the structure of world Zionism so overwhelmingly that secular ideas will no longer determine the overall direction and path of Zionist-oriented policies."

Rabbi Kirshblum also said that one of the principal purposes of the religious Zionist movement in the United States was to combat "the tendencies toward cultural assimilation among American Jews by the inculcation of an intensive program of Jewish education."

He urged the delegates to act to increase the number of Jewish day schools, centers of Jewish learning and adult education for Jews throughout the United States. Without "the infusion of deep religious and traditional values," he warned, Zionism "is an incomplete, watered-down and empty concept."

Rabbi Isaac Stollman of Detroit, president, told the delegates that the outbreak of anti-Semitic incidents "constitutes such a grave menace to the texture of world freedom that emergency measures by the United Nations should be taken immediately to eradicate this vicious phenomenon."

He added it was also "indispensable" that all agencies of Government in the United States, including the FBI, "proceed promptly to seek out and apprehend those mentally disordered and reactionary persons who are wreaking havoc with America's great democratic heritage."

## MIAMI GROUP OBTAINS STOCK MAJORITY IN ISRAEL-AMERICAN OIL

NEW YORK, Jan. 13, (JTA) -- The Israel-American Oil Corporation announced today that it had completed an exchange of shares with the "Miami Group" under which it acquired a 20 percent interest in Israel Oil Ventures, which operates the Heletz-Brur oilfields in Israel. The Miami group, headed by Xaver Federman, Samuel Friedland and Max Orovitz, obtained in exchange 80 percent of the common shares of Israel-American Oil.

Seven new directors were elected to the Israel-American board following the exchange. The new board elected George Friedland, chairman; George S. Buchanan, president; Xaver Federman, vice-president; Samuel Stein, vice-president; Reuven Dafni, secretary-treasurer, and J. A. Brin, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Israel-American common is listed on the American Stock Exchange.

## SHERATON HOTELS CORPORATION TO MANAGE NEW TEL AVIV LUXURY HOTEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 13, (JTA) -- Israel's tourist industry may double or triple in the next five years, from the present near-100,000 tourists per year to 200,000 or 300,000, a ranking American hotel expert declared here today.

The statement was made by Irving Shubert, senior vice-president of the Sheraton Corporation of America, who signed an agreement this morning for management and operation of a new, \$3,400,000, 200-room luxury hotel in Tel Aviv. The new hostelry will be ready for occupancy later this year, Mr. Shubert announced. It will be known as the "Sheraton-Tel Aviv."

Construction of the hotel was first started by a group of Israeli investors in 1951. Through the American-Israeli Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Israeli interests were taken over by a group of American investors headed by Sidney Stackler, of Chicago. The group is the Hotel Corporation of Israel.

Avraham Harman, Israel Ambassador to the United States, and Yohanan Beham, United States Director for the Israel Tourist Office, attended the ceremonies today when the contract for operation of Sheraton-Tel Aviv was signed between the Sheraton firm and the Hotel Corporation of Israel. The Sheraton hotel chain operates 54 hostleries in the United States and Canada.

## B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL TO WEIGH USE OF REPARATION FUNDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13, (JTA) -- Procedures for the allocation of West German restitution funds awarded it last year and plans to inaugurate international B'nai B'rith offices in Europe, Israel and Latin America, will be considered by the B'nai B'rith International Council at its initial meeting in Amsterdam January 26-27.

The Council, headed by Philip Klutznick and representing B'nai B'rith constituencies in 37 countries, will also review reports by an Anti-Defamation League study team now in West Germany.

B'nai B'rith also announced that construction will start on a B'nai B'rith House in Tel Aviv next week. Label A. Katz, president of the organization, Ogden Reid, Jr., United States Ambassador to Israel and Israeli Government officials will participate in cornerstone exercises January 20 for the \$350,000 modern styled structure.