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### EISENHOWER CORRECTS HIMSELF; SAYS DULLES, NOT HE, WARNED EBAN ON SINAI

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower today opened his press conference by announcing that he wanted to correct remarks he made last week about Israel and former Ambassador Abba Eban.

The President said he had his staff look up the record. He found he was mistaken in saying he personally warned Mr. Eban in advance against Israel's Sinai action in October, 1956. At his press conference last week, the President had stated that he told Mr. Eban that Israel should not conclude that American Jewish considerations and the November Presidential election would prevent American opposition to Israeli military action.

The President explained today that he actually made the remarks to the late Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, who was to meet with Mr. Eban a few minutes later. Mr. Eisenhower indicated that Mr. Dulles, at his direction, told Mr. Eban of the White House views.

Mr. Eisenhower said the error showed his memory was not perfect. He explained that he confused in his mind Mr. Dulles' talk with Mr. Eban with a subsequent visit by the Israel Ambassador to the White House.

### ISRAEL READY TO ACCEPT U.N. PROPOSAL FOR DIRECT TALKS WITH SYRIA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Israel was reported ready today to accept a United Nations proposal for direct talks with Syria under UN auspices if the agenda was restricted to the topic of preventing further Syrian incursions into the demilitarized zone southeast of Lake Tiberias. The proposal was offered by Gen. Carl C. von Horn, chief of the UN Truce Supervision Organization.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the UN Syrian-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission said tonight that Syria had not as yet replied to an order issued yesterday by the Commission directing Syrian troops to pull out of the area on the Israel side of the demilitarized zone where military skirmishes have been going on for the last five days.

Following this announcement, Israel sources made it plain that they expected Gen. von Horn to use his maximum influence in support of the Commission's order for the withdrawal of the Syrian troops.

United Nations sources indicated meanwhile that efforts were continuing to arrange the three-way meeting proposed by Gen. von Horn. It was reported that Israel officials had stressed, in their initial reply to the proposal, that the Syrians could have no standing on the status of the demilitarized zone and that Israel wanted assurance that in any such three-way meeting, that status would not be on the agenda.

Israel sources today estimated that the Syrian forces which returned to the village of Tawafik, in the demilitarized zone, were comprised of between 40 and 50 soldiers who have entrenched themselves in the rubble of the village.

The Syrians renewed in the early hours of the night their sporadic fire, directing it at an area near Beit Katzir, one of the Israel towns in the zone. The 20-minute burst of firing involved small arms, machineguns and a few mortars. No casualties were reported.

The shooting last night came after a relatively quiet day in the area although, according to Israel sources, five Syrian soldiers disguised as farmers crossed the drainage ditch separating Israel from Syrian fields and started ploughing in Israel soil. They were not challenged and soon returned to Tawafik.

The Israel Army spokesman exhibited to foreign press representatives some of the arms captured by Israel troops in the raid on Tawafik, which climaxed four days of Syrian firing. The weapons included some of the latest Soviet guns sent to the United Arab Republic. These included a fully-automatic Kalashnikov 20-round carbine and a Czech-made 82-mm. recoilless anti-tank gun, which were believed to have been shipped to the UAR since the 1956 Sinai campaign.

OWNERS OF 'INGE TOFT' ORDER CAPTAIN TO UNLOAD ISRAEL CARGO AT SUEZ

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The captain of the Danish freighter Inge Toft, which has been impounded at the Port Said entrance to the Suez Canal since May 21, has been ordered by his Danish employers to unload the Israel-originated cargo in his hold, according to a Cairo radio announcement monitored here today.

Refusing comment on the report, Israeli officials here said only that the "ship's owners have the right to decide what to do." The Inge Toft skipper has persistently refused to unload the cargo, which had originated in Haifa and was consigned to purchasers in the Far East, because the Egyptian authorities had announced they would confiscate the cargo as soon as it was unloaded.

The Cairo report was no surprise to Foreign Ministry officials who have known for ten days that United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold failed to convince the United Arab Republic authorities, during his visit to Cairo last month, that they should release both the Inge Toft and the Greek ship Astypalea. The latter was impounded with another Israel-originated cargo on December 17.

It is understood here that keeping the Inge Toft at a dock at Port Said since May has cost a total of about \$250,000.

Israel Delegates Confer with Hammarskjold; Stress Suez Issue

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The Israel delegation at the United Nations confirmed today that it had asked Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold to arrange for the withdrawal of Syrian forces from the demilitarized zone in the Lake Tiberias sector which was the scene of a week-long series of clashes.

This confirmation came after Israel's acting permanent representative, Yosef Tekoah, accompanied by Arieh Eilan, another delegation member, conferred with Mr. Hammarskjold for 90 minutes today. The conference today, however, was concerned almost entirely with the Suez Canal impasse, it was ascertained. It was affirmed that the Syrian situation was only mentioned but not discussed.

ISRAEL MAY FACE 'GRAVE' MILITARY TEST IN NEXT DECADE, BEN-GURION SAYS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion warned today that in the next decade Israel might face "a grave and perhaps decisive military test."

Speaking at the opening session of the ninth convention of the Histadrut, the Prime Minister said that he did not know of any other nation "so thirsty for peace" as was Israel. Peace, he declared, was a vital necessity for a young nation wrestling with the creative enterprise of reviving its homeland while surrounded by enemies plotting its destruction.

It was impossible, he said, to predict what a particular dictator might do if he thought he had the power to carry out his aims by force and that "in our area there are dictators who make no secret of their aims and quite openly proclaim daily their designs against our very existence.

These dictators, he told the convention, receive arms from "mighty powers over whom we have no control or influence." He warned that Israel "must not rely too much on our past brilliant victories. Circumstances of relationships and relative strengths are constantly changing and the test of the future will be unlike those of the past."

The Prime Minister also reiterated his hope for substantial immigration from countries "where Jews live disconnected from their brethren and from Jewish culture."

In his address, he stressed that the achievement of labor unity in political activity, in the collective sector and in the affairs of state was the principal task before the Histadrut and the State in the next decade.

ARAB ANTI-ISRAEL BOYCOTT INVOKED FOR SHIPS CARRYING U.S. SURPLUS FOOD

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today disclosed that American-owned ships which have ever stopped at Israeli ports are barred from carrying surplus farm commodities which the United States sends to Arab countries under Public Law 480.

Documents in the hands of the AJC include copies of ship-charter contracts between the United Arab Republic and American shipping companies which specifically bar merchant vessels which have ever touched Israeli ports.

The American Jewish Congress said today it would file a protest with the Department of Agriculture, which administers the surplus commodity program.

LAST MINUTE NEWS

SYRIA COMPLAINS TO U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST ISRAEL; SEEKS NO ACTION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic formally complained to the Security Council here tonight that Israel has "renewed acts of aggression by Israeli armed forces" on the Syrian border. A letter to this effect was presented by UAR delegation chairman Omar Lutfi to Sir Pierson Dixon, of Britain, this month's president of the Council. Israel was also expected to submit a letter tonight.

### KRUPP'S COMPENSATION TO JEWISH SLAVE LABORERS TERMED INADEQUATE

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Members of the British House of Lords bitterly criticized as inadequate today the plans of German industrialist Alfred Krupp to pay 500,000 pounds sterling compensation to the 12,000 surviving Jews who had worked as slave laborers in Krupp's industrial empire during the Nazi regime.

Lord Stoneham asked whether "40 pounds per head is an appropriate compensation to the Jews who have suffered under this man whose personal fortune is now estimated at 14,000,000 pounds."

Lord Lansdowne, Joint Parliamentary Undersecretary for the British Foreign Office, replied that the British Government could not pass judgment on an action taken voluntarily by foreign subjects. He added that the deadline for filing of compensation claims by former Krupp slave laborers had been extended from January 25, 1960 until January 31, 1961 and that a full report on the matter would be presented to the British Government by the mixed committee set up to study the question.

Other members of the House of Lords also sharply condemned the "inadequate compensation" as well as Allied policies in West Germany. Lord Aitmore said those policies had made "this slave labor user the richest man in Europe." Other peers recalled the sufferings of the Jewish slave workers during the war years.

### BRITISH PARLIAMENT GETS BILL MAKING RELIGIOUS INSULTS PUNISHABLE

LONDON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A bill to make racial and religious hate-mongering and insults punishable with six months' imprisonment or a 100-pound fine was presented to the House of Commons today by Sir Leslie Plummer, Labor MP.

The measure will be presented for a second reading on March 18. Sir Leslie, in offering the measure, recalled the recent spate of anti-Semitic and swastika daubings and said they might be the work of an international fascist gang.

He warned that "something must be done to prevent these manifestations from growing to disastrous proportions." His bill is not supported either by the Government or the shadow Cabinet, nor by Jewish communal organizations which feel it might drive a wedge between the Jews and the rest of the British people.

### ITALIAN PARLIAMENT ACTS ON ANTI-SEMITISM; PASSES LAW ON GENOCIDE

ROME, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- In an atmosphere of official condemnation of the recent outbreaks of anti-Semitism, the Chamber of Deputies today passed a law calling for the prevention and repression of genocide.

The law, adopted by a vote of 359 to 12, labels genocide a "crime against the rights of peoples," and denies political asylum in Italy to anyone guilty of genocide. The law provides that, for persons responsible of genocide, "extradition must be a legally and universally established rule." Fascist members of the Chamber voted against the law.

### GERMAN STUDENTS DEMAND REMOVAL OF 43 FORMER JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS

BONN, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A formal complaint was lodged by the Social Democratic Students Association against 43 former judges and prosecutors of Hitler's people's tribunals, it was disclosed today. The complaints were filed with authorities in Baden-Wurttemberg and West Berlin.

The League of Christian Democratic Students at the same time demanded here yesterday that Dr. Theodor Oberlander resign as Federal Minister for Refugees. The students said that aside from allegations of Dr. Oberlander's participation in the massacre of Jews in Lemberg during the war, his Nazi party membership disqualified him from holding an influential Government post.

Dr. Oberlander responded to the latest demand for his resignation by again declaring his determination not to resign. He said the decision on his staying in Chancellor Adenauer's Cabinet was a matter for the Cabinet and the Christian Democratic party to decide.

Two swastika daubers were given heavy sentences today at Schorten, near Wilhelmshaven after conviction of smearing the Nazi symbol on tombstones in the town's Jewish cemetery. One of the men was sentenced to 22 months' imprisonment, the other to 20 months.

Police announced today that a 17-year-old former mental patient, A. Hofmann, had confessed he tried to set fire to the Amberg synagogue on January 13. Police said the former fireman told them that he tried to destroy the synagogue because he hated "the Jews, the police and the fire brigade."

### Swastikas and anti-Jewish Slogans Appear in Istanbul

ISTANBUL, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Swastikas and anti-Jewish slogans appeared again today in this city and in Izmir. Nazi emblems and slogan "Jews, Get Out" in English and German were also daubed on telephone booths at Yesilkoy airport here. The local press today published a statement by the Turkish National Youth Organization, endorsing the protest against anti-Semitism issued by the World Association of Youth.

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## 'SMALL EXPLOSION' ROCKS SPRINGFIELD SYNAGOGUE; POLICE INVESTIGATE

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Several windows were shattered last night in an explosion that rocked Temple Beth El, which was a target of swastika vandals last month. Synagogue officials said that a "small explosion" had been set off on a window sill, resulting in little damage to the building other than the broken windows.

On January 8, a Nazi swastika painted on an old window shade was raised in front of the temple, but, at the request of temple officials, the police did not make the incident public. Bits of glass from last night's explosion have been sent to a police laboratory for investigation.

## METHODIST BISHOP INVITES RABBIS TO PREACH IN 400 CHURCHES

BOSTON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Bishop John W. Lord of the Boston area Methodist Church extended an invitation to rabbis to preach the Sunday sermon in some 400 Methodist churches throughout New England.

The Bishop said he decided to invite rabbis to Methodist pulpits "to demonstrate how strongly we feel about the concept of the brotherhood of all people." The idea, he stated, was motivated by the anti-Semitic outbursts here and overseas. "Police action is necessary but so is the expression of abhorrence of such extremes by Christian groups," he declared.

He said such expressions of interfaith good will were not unusual, explaining that in 1959, "we held our annual New England Methodist Conference in Temple Ohabei Shalom at the invitation of our Jewish friends in Boston."

## WORLD ORT UNION APPROVES BUDGET OF \$6, 250, 000 FOR WORK IN 1960

GENEVA, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A budget of more than \$6, 250, 000 to finance ORT trade schools in 1960 in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and South America was approved here by the executive committee of the World ORT Union. More than 39, 000 Jews were trained last year in these schools which are functioning in 20 countries.

The budget voted for contains significant increase in ORT program areas in which the need is the greatest. A large part of the increase is allocated for expansion of ORT trade schools in Israel. The executive also heard a report on the financial agreement with the American Joint Distribution Committee under terms of which ORT will receive \$1, 700, 000 in support of activities abroad. The balance of the ORT budget is to be met by membership income and grants by governments and communities where services are provided.

## HADASSAH CONFERENCE DECIDES TO EMBARK ON A SHEKEL-SELLING DRIVE

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Hadassah will embark upon an unprecedented shekel-selling campaign in connection with the 25th World Zionist Congress scheduled to convene in Jerusalem next December. This was disclosed today in a joint announcement by Dr. Miriam K. Freund, national president of Hadassah, Miss Juliet N. Benjamin, Hadassah's chairman of the United States Shekel and Election Board, and Mrs. Mortimer Jacobson, Hadassah's national chairman for Zionist affairs.

The decision was taken today at the closing session of Hadassah's mid-winter conference. The announcement by the Hadassah leaders disclosed that the shekel-selling campaign will be conducted throughout the American Jewish community in an attempt to enroll the maximum number of American Jews in the Zionist movement. The 518, 000 members of Hadassah automatically own shekels, payment for which is included in Hadassah dues. More than 200 top Hadassah leaders from all parts of the United States participated in the mid-winter conference.

## JERUSALEM MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS RULED VALID; NEW ELECTIONS IN REHOVOT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The Jerusalem District Court ruled today that the results of the disputed November 3 municipal elections were valid.

The ruling, issued by Judge Miriam Benporath, dismissed General Zionist claims to a seat on the 21-member Jerusalem Municipal Council. In the revalidated election, Mapai had won eight seats, Herut and Mizrahi four each, Agudat Israel three and Achdut Avodah and the Progressives, one each.

Major changes in party support developed from the election held in Rehovot yesterday after the initial elections last November were invalidated by a court order.

Mapai retained its five seats on the Rehovot Municipal Council. The General Zionists lost one of its previous two seats, Herut lost its one seat, Mapam which failed to win any seats in the November balloting, picked up a seat in the second election and the religious party added one seat to its previous one. Agudat Israel kept one seat.