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### MOSCOW CHARGED WITH SEEKING TO PROVOKE NEW ARAB-ISRAEL CRISIS

PARIS, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The charge that the Soviet Union seeks to provoke a new and sharp Arab-Israel crisis, in order to force the Western Powers into adding the Middle East situation to the agenda of the summit meeting next May, is made today in Le Figaro, leading French newspaper.

At the same time it was reported here today that a partial mobilization has been carried out in Egypt. Reliable sources said the United Arab Republic had been requisitioning trucks and other vehicles.

Diplomatic sources suggested that UAR President Nasser's reasons for mobilizing now and in lending himself to the reported Soviet provocation were that he wanted to strengthen his position in the Arab world in his competition with Iraq and for internal propaganda purposes.

These sources indicated they did not consider Nasser's moves as a serious threat to Israel's security. Nasser's charge Monday that Israel was mobilizing was viewed here as a pretext to justify the UAR mobilization.

### Soviet Envoys Confer with Foreign Ministers in Israel and Egypt

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Soviet Ambassador Michael Bodrov was received here yesterday by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, for a 45-minute talk. The Soviet envoy requested the meeting following instructions he received from Moscow. A similar meeting was held Sunday evening in Cairo between the Soviet Ambassador there and Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi of the United Arab Republic.

Informed sources here said that the talk between Mrs. Meir and the Soviet envoy was on routine matters and was not connected with the Middle East situation. However, the Cairo radio said that the talk between the Soviet Ambassador there and the UAR Foreign Minister had to do with tensions in the Middle East.

(A report from Cairo today stated that the Soviet Ambassador in the Egyptian capital discussed the Israel-Syrian border situation with the UAR Foreign Minister. The New York Times reported today from Cairo that it is believed there that the Soviet Union is seeking "to soothe Arab and Israeli passions.")

### KNESSET DEFEATS MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE IN BEN-GURION CABINET

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A motion of no-confidence in Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's coalition Government was introduced today by the right-wing Herut party in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, and defeated by a vote of 58 to 16 with 13 abstentions. All of the 16 votes were by Herut deputies.

The motion charged the Prime Minister with giving moral justification to Arab infiltrators and to the harboring of infiltrators by Israeli Arabs. The charge was based on some remarks by the Prime Minister during the debate Monday on motions by Herut, the General Zionists and the Communists to abolish military government in Arab-populated border areas. The motions were defeated.

In the debate preceding the vote Monday, the Prime Minister said he understood "the human point of view" which motivated Israeli Arabs to give refuge to infiltrators. He said that if he were such an Arab, "perhaps in his place I would do the same thing."

Menachem Beigin, Herut leader, charged today in the Knesset that Mr. Ben-Gurion's statement on Monday was "an invitation" to Israel's 200,000 Arabs to support infiltrators and also "irresponsible remarks which threatened the security and future of the state." He added that if similar statements had been made by President Eisenhower, British Premier Macmillan or Soviet Premier Khrushchev, they would have created a "storm" in the Knesset from all parts of the House.

In a forceful reply, the Prime Minister said that it was only by understanding the motives of the infiltrators and of those who harbored them that the gravity of the situation could be gauged properly. The Prime Minister added that he also understood Nasser's feelings and that was why he had organized an army and Israel's defense. "It

is because I also understand the feelings of Arab rulers that I did not rely only on international law," he said. "I knew that the Arabs were ready to break that law."

He added that if he met President Eisenhower or Premier Macmillan, he would tell them that he understood why "a certain power" was supplying President Nasser of the United Arab Republic with arms and why Nasser wanted to use these arms "in a certain way." He said he could explain to them that such supplies were a "very grave matter" and that it was therefore necessary to act to preserve international law, which, he declared, meant strengthening Israel enough to deter the Arabs from attacking Israel.

#### LEADERS OF PRO-NASSER ARABS IN ISRAEL DETAINED; JOURNAL SUSPENDED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 24, (JTA) -- Several leaders of a small ultra-nationalist group of Israel Arabs whose slogan was reported to be "Nasser is our Ben-Gurion" were detained and their periodical suspended after extensive agitation against Israel authorities, it was disclosed today.

The group, which has its headquarters in Nazareth, split off recently from an earlier Arab group formed several years ago under the name "Popular Front" which called for bettering the conditions of Israel's Arab minority.

The smaller extremists group began publishing an unlicensed periodical in which they attacked Israel authorities and slandered Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and other officials, including the governors who direct military rule of the Arab-populated border areas, officials said.

They reported also that cells of Arab youth, principally intellectuals, were organized in the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Some of the Arab members openly announced their support of the regime of President Nasser of the United Arab Republic.

When authorities decided that the incitement had become dangerous, they closed down the periodical and detained several leaders, including a medical student and a law student at the Hebrew University, for investigation. All were released on bail.

Among those detained in Jerusalem and Haifa were editors and contributors to the banned periodical. They were charged with publishing a newspaper without a license. Police said the defendants used a subterfuge to conform to the regulation that a single issue of a publication does not require a license. The subterfuge was to publish the periodical with a slightly different name for each issue. The name always included the word "Earth" in Arabic so that its readers would know that it was the same journal.

#### BEN-GURION STRESSES ROLE OF ISRAEL'S SCIENCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENSE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24, (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion last night credited much of the success of the development of Israel's armed forces to Israel's technology, declaring that "Science is the essential factor in Israel's future."

He spoke in opening the first session of the reorganized National Research and Development Council, headed by Prof. Israel Dostrovsky, who is also director of the Israel Defense Ministry's atomic research.

Dr. Dostrovsky told the meeting that it was necessary to determine priorities in spending for science because a small country like Israel could not tackle all areas of research. He said Israel would have to strike a balance between utilitarian research and fundamental scientific research in which there is no certainty of immediate practical results.

The Council will take up first the coordination of research into all phases of Israel's water problems, on the prospects of basic chemical industries and on agricultural needs, he said.

#### TAX INCREASES ANNOUNCED IN ISRAEL EXPECTED TO YIELD 20,000,000 POUNDS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24, (JTA) -- Sharp increases in the prices of both consumer goods and raw materials were in prospect in Israel today as a result of major increases in customs and purchase taxes on a long list of commodities.

The tax hikes were announced by the Israel Finance Ministry this morning. They will boost prices for housing, electric appliances and other consumer goods. Also affected were raw material prices for the plastics, paper and glass industries.

Under the new rates, the Israel consumer will pay a 100 percent duty on all rubber products and most electric appliances, including kitchen appliances and light bulbs. Other commodity duties have been doubled. A new travel tax of 55 percent of the price of a ticket purchased in local currency was in effect as of today. It had been 40 percent. All of the new taxes are expected to yield 20,000,000 pounds.

Business spokesmen reacted sharply with warnings that the new rates may cause a spiral of price boosts throughout Israel's economy. Finance Ministry sources, however, expressed confidence that low prices in world markets for various raw materials would help to keep prices in Israel down.

## JEWISH POPULATION IN GREATER NEW YORK TO REACH 2,718,000 IN 1975

NEW YORK, Feb. 24, (JTA) -- The Jewish population of New York City, at 2,114,000, has reached the highest total in the city's history comprising 27.1 percent of the total city population according to a 400-page study of Jews in the New York area from 1900 to 1975, released today by the Demographic Study Committee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York. This is almost four times the size of the Jewish population of the city in 1900.

The Committee forecasts that between now and 1975 this total will rise slightly to 2,136,000 or a total of 25.7 percent of a projected city population of 8,315,000.

The forecast for the eight-county Greater New York area, including the five city counties, Nassau, Westchester and Suffolk counties, indicates an increase in Jewish population to 2,718,000, or 23.6 percent of a projected Greater New York population of 11,533,000 in 1975. At present the population stands at 2,579,000, forming 25.1 percent of the total population of the Greater New York area.

The almost 400 percent increase in the Jewish population of the city over approximately half a century is just one phase of the picture of tremendous economic and social changes taking place among Jews, and among other racial and ethnic groups in New York City and the contiguous counties, which the Demographic Committee carefully documents.

Buttressing its conclusion with numerous charts, tables and graphs, the study gives a composite portrait of the Jewish population of the New York area establishing the following:

1. The Jewish population of New York, though dispersed over more areas than it was 25 or 30 years ago, is more densely concentrated than it has ever been, and is continuing in this direction.
2. The older, highly concentrated Jewish neighborhoods such as the lower East Side, Williamsburg, and Brownsville have lost and will continue to lose their Jewish residents.
3. Jews have joined the trend to the suburbs, and significant increases may be expected to continue in Queens, Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties where the main share of Jewish population growth in the New York area between now and 1975 is predicted.

### Economic Progress of Jews in New York Area Stressed

4. Although poverty has not been eliminated, the Jewish population of the New York area has moved up the economic ladder, along with most Americans, and as a group has achieved a middle-income status.
5. The out-migration from Brooklyn, the Bronx, and Manhattan is predominantly of young, child-bearing families, but an in-migration of older households, after the children have grown, continues to Manhattan and the better residential neighborhoods in the city proper.
6. The Jewish population shows an increased proportion of elderly persons--nearly 10 percent over 65, and an increased proportion of young persons--nearly 20 percent are 5-16 years old, paralleling national trends of the total population, with significant implications for social welfare planning.

The Demographic Study Committee spent a year in making the study which was undertaken by the Jewish Federation beginning in the fall of 1958 with a view to long range planning of its services and facilities on behalf of its 116 affiliated medical and welfare agencies in Greater New York, it was reported at a press conference by Gustave L. Levy, president of the organization. The statistics and findings of the study were presented by C. Morris Horowitz, economist and demographer, who is consulting statistician for the Jewish Education Committee, and Dr. Lawrence J. Kaplan, economist and demographic consultant for the City Planning Commission, who conducted the survey.

Data used in the analysis was collected from many diverse sources including United States Census reports, surveys of religious groups, studies made by city groups including the City Planning Commission, the New York City Board of Education, and the Department of Health, and from vital statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and statistics of the United States Immigration Department.

## AMERICAN NAZI PARTY TO HOLD ANTI-SEMITIC RALLY IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24, (JTA) -- Fuhrer George Lincoln Rockwell of the American Nazi Party, exploiting support of his "free speech" rights by the American Civil Liberties Union and District of Columbia authorities, today announced he will hold a mass anti-Semitic rally here on April 1 on the grounds of the Washington monument.

He has filed an application with the U.S. Department of the Interior for formal permission to use the monument grounds for this open air meeting.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OPPOSES RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 24. (JTA) -- Teachers in American public schools who are Christian were urged today in a major study issued by the National Council of Churches, to avoid "temptations to make of the school a church and of the classroom an evangelistic hall."

The recommendation was contained in a study document on the relation of religion to public education which was authorized for publication by the Division of Christian Education of the NCC, the central agency for American Protestant church groups, with a membership of 39,000,000 congregants. The division is holding its annual meeting here.

The basic theme of the 30-page document is that "the people of the United States choose to keep the churches as institutions free from the control of the State, and the State free from the control of the churches." It said that "public school personnel should not aid in, or permit, the distribution of religious literature upon school property for the advantage of any sect or denomination." It stressed that "sectarian literature is out of place in the public school, except for the purposes of general education."

The statement urged "full compliance" with court decisions against distribution of Bibles in public schools, noting that "the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the distribution of a single translation of the Bible to children is an 'establishment of religion' prohibited by law."

The NCC document gave approval to temporary use of church buildings for public school instruction on the understanding that public schools should not enter into long-term arrangements for church facilities and that "public school buildings and facilities should be available at a fair rental to churches during an emergency" and on the same terms on which they are available to other non-profit groups in the community.

The statement was prepared under the direction of the Committee on Religion and Public Education of the NCC which said that it was not an official policy statement of the National Council, or an official position of any of the denominations cooperating in the work of the Division. The Division, in approving the statement, urged publication so that all interested groups could study it for the next three years and then report their reactions.

## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE GETS BILL BANNING HATE LITERATURE

ALBANY, Feb. 24. (JTA) -- The Rockefeller Administration sent today to the State Legislature bills to ban racial and religious discrimination in private housing and to make the publication or distribution of hate literature a crime.

Governor Rockefeller's measure would ban bias in the rental, sale or financing of dwelling units in buildings containing three or more apartments or in a development with ten or more housing units. It would also ban discrimination in the sale or lease of commercial space, a completely new proposal in anti-bias legislation.

The bill to make a crime of publication, distribution or possession of hate literature was offered by Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz. It is aimed at material which would "tend to incite hatred or ostracism of persons of any race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry."

The Attorney General said that there was no state law covering the hate literature. The measure, which he recommended to the Legislature for study, provides for fines of up to \$2,000 and one year jail penalties. Second offenses would be penalized more severely. He said he had consulted with religious and civic rights groups before drafting the bill.

## TWO RE-ARRESTED IN NORWALK FOR PAINTING SWASTIKAS ON SYNAGOGUE

NORWALK, Conn., Feb. 24. (JTA) -- A pair of 22-year-old youths, arrested three weeks ago on charges of painting swastikas on Beth Israel Synagogue, were arrested again on an added charge and were free on bail today awaiting a Superior Court trial.

The two are Harold Fahy, University of Virginia graduate, and a friend, William Arnold of Milford, Penna., who is staying with Fahy during a visit here. Arnold is a native of Germany and has an American citizenship application pending. Both claimed the daubing was a prank. The new arrest on bench warrants contained a charge of injury to a public building.

Rep. Samuel Googel, Connecticut House Majority leader, said that damage to a public building now carries a maximum \$5,000 fine and 20 years in prison under a bill he introduced which was passed at the last Legislative session and signed into law by Gov. Abraham Ribicoff last June 11. The previous penalties had been a maximum \$100 fine and six months in jail.