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## KNESSET HEARS REPORT ON BEN-GURION'S REQUEST FOR TALKS IN MOSCOW

JERUSALEM, April 5. (JTA) -- The fact that Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion did request a meeting in Moscow with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev was finally confirmed officially in Parliament here today.

Mr. Khrushchev had told newsmen in Paris, before leaving the French capital a few days ago, that there had been no request for a meeting with Ben-Gurion. Israeli circles here expressed surprise when the Khrushchev statement was received in press dispatches. Today Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, appearing in the Knesset on behalf of Mr. Ben-Gurion--who is on vacation--set all unofficial reports straight.

Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, said Mr. Eshkol, made a "formal" request to visit Moscow about four months ago in a conversation with Michael Bodrov, the Soviet Ambassador here. Mr. Ben-Gurion had told the Russian envoy he was willing to meet with the Soviet leader at the latter's convenience.

When Mr. Ben-Gurion returned from his trip to Washington and London, the Finance Minister continued, he was told by Mr. Bodrov that there was as yet no answer to the request from his government. According to Mr. Eshkol's official statement, Mr. Bodrov said he would visit Moscow soon, and would inquire into the status of the Ben-Gurion request.

## ISRAEL STRESSES FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AT U.N. CONFERENCE IN GENEVA

GENEVA, April 5. (JTA) -- The issue of freedom of navigation, which concerns Israel not only in regard to shipping through the Suez Canal but also because Arab states have been advocating steps that might result in curbing Israel's freedom of marine movement in the Gulf of Akaba, came forcefully to the front here today at the second United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.

The conference, which has been in session since March 17, has on its agenda only two items: the breadth of the so-called "territorial sea," involving the limitation of sea area that a nation may claim as being under its own jurisdiction; and the limitation of fishing areas.

Arab spokesmen have been insisting since the conference opened that the "territorial sea" limitation be fixed at 12 miles. Such a limit could be interpreted as denying to Israel the right to use the Gulf of Akaba, which is bordered not only by Israel but also by the United Arab Republic and Saudi Arabia.

At this afternoon's session of the conference, Israel's delegation chairman, Gideon Rafael, reasserted Israel's traditional insistence on the claim that the "territorial sea" does not extend beyond six miles.

"We are in favor of the fullest measure of freedom of navigation," Mr. Rafael declared, "and this would be impaired by any undue extension of territorial sea or any other restrictive measures changing well-established rules and practices. We consider that the maximum of six nautical miles for territorial sea meets the requirements."

Regarding fishing rights, the Israeli said his Government would accept extension of the six-mile limit to an additional six miles if suitable safeguards were provided to "avoid undue harm to existing rights."

Mr. Rafael made a plea for agreement by the conference on the two points on its agenda, calling upon all opposing sides to find compromises. But in regard to territorial sea limitations, he insisted, Israel is "anxious to guard against any encroachment upon our sovereignty, which is the shield of our independence and liberty."

He pointed out that Israel's merchant marine has increased from "negligible beginnings" to 250,000 gross registered tons, and stated "we are planning further increase in the near future. Our ships are sailing the seven seas. We have invested much effort in the development of our fishing fleet and industry."

Referring to Israel's geographical position, and the importance of her communications, Mr. Rafael said that it was his Government's view that "the area of the territorial sea should be kept within the narrowest possible limits."

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH ADDRESSES JEWISH DEPUTIES BICENTENNARY DINNER

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- The Duke of Edinburgh warned here last night that, if anti-Semitism should gain the upper hand in Britain, "the jungle world be upon us." He made the statement in an address before 1,300 Jewish leaders celebrating the bicentenary of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, which was founded in 1760.

The British people in general, said the husband of Queen Elizabeth II, "have adopted a democratic attitude toward the Jewish minority in their midst, but prejudice does sometimes break through."

Calling for deepening of the "democratic attitude," Prince Philip recalled "the terrible persecutions suffered by the Jewish people under the Nazis," and asserted: "It is terribly easy to get the worst out of people. But constant work is needed to bring out the best."

The Duke recalled the Jewish community's services to Britain, particularly in the fields of science, art, education and entertainment, and pointed out that "thousands of Jewish soldiers gave their lives toward the defense of Great Britain." He paid high tribute to the work of the Board of Deputies.

Among messages to the bicentennial dinner were special greetings from Queen Elizabeth, from Sir Winston Churchill and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan. Representatives of all British political parties were at the event, as well as many of the country's most eminent scientists, writers and artists.

### Prime Minister Macmillan Says England Is Proud of Its Jews

Gratitude for Britain's welcome of the Jewish people was expressed by Barnett Janner, president of the Board, and by Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie. Mr. Janner thanked Britain for the "important part it played in the establishment of Israel," and for the Balfour Declaration.

Looking toward the Board's plans for the near future, Mr. Janner stressed particularly the need for intensification of activities in the field of foreign affairs, and called for the promotion of "measures to ensure protection of human rights."

The greetings from Prime Minister Macmillan were read by Charles Hill, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, who told the celebrants: "Englishmen could be and are proud of the fact that, in no country in the world outside Israel are the contributions of the Jewish citizens greater, or more deeply appreciated by the overwhelming mass of the people, than in this country."

Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Labor Party, paid high tribute to the State of Israel, expressing the hope that "one day, through peace in the Middle East, that State will bring enormous benefits to all countries in the area." Recalling his meeting here two weeks ago with Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Mr. Gaitskell called the Israeli statesman "a man of extraordinary vision who continues to understand all values in life."

The thanks of the Israel Government for British Jewry's aid, and Israel's gratitude for the part played in that work by the Board of Deputies, were voiced at the dinner by Arthur Lourie, Israel's Ambassador here. Mr. Lourie lauded the Board not only for the part it played in helping re-establish the State of Israel but also for its "effective work in defending the rights of Jews everywhere."

### BRITISH MUNICIPALITY CONSIDERS ACTION AGAINST GOLF CLUB BARRING JEWS

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- The Middlesex County Council had under consideration today a decision on whether to order a local council to terminate the lease of a golf club accused of barring Jews from membership.

The issue was brought to the county council's attention by Mrs. Joyce Clyne, a non-Jewish member of the club who said that while she was not Jewish, she was bringing up the matter because she felt that "non-Jewish people are more discredited by discrimination than Jews."

The club, which is in the jurisdiction of the local council of Rickmasworth, leases its land from the county council at a nominal fee.

### RABBIS FROM EUROPEAN LANDS CONFER; NO 'IRON-CURTAIN' DELEGATES

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- The second conference of European rabbis concluded today with expression of the hope that representatives of East European communities would join in the third conference in 1961.

The rabbinical delegates sent greetings to the spiritual leaders and members of the Jewries of Eastern Europe "whom we consider to be an integral part of the world community of Jews" and thanked them for the "sincere words of greetings" which the conference received from them.

The 35 rabbis included representation from Britain, Ireland, France, Holland, Belgium, West Germany, and a representative of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America. They adopted a number of resolutions designed to strengthen Orthodox and to oppose non-Orthodox tendencies.

# J.D.C. HELPS PLACE AGADIR JEWISH REFUGEES IN CASABLANCA HOMES

GENEVA, April 5. (JTA) -- Charles H. Jordan, overseas director general of the Joint Distribution Committee, today denied reports that 500 Jewish survivors of the Agadir earthquake had been left to fend for themselves, after being turned out of the Moroccan Army barracks at La Jonquiere, near Casablanca.

The JDC director reported that 330 of the Jewish refugees are being sheltered in private homes in Casablanca and other cities under plans worked out by the JDC and the Jewish Community of Casablanca. The other 170 refugees have returned to their homes in the village of Inezgane, several miles from Agadir which sustained little damage in the earthquake.

Mr. Jordan has been in close touch with the JDC office in Casablanca since the disaster. He indicated that the JDC will continue to supply food, clothing, medical care and other assistance to those refugees still needing them with funds provided by the United Jewish Appeal. He noted that the housing of the Agadir refugees in the army barracks at La Jonquiere had been an emergency measure. It had been clearly understood, he added, that this was to be only a temporary expedient until other arrangements could be made.

## \$750,000 FOR U. J. A. RAISED AT AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS DINNER

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- More than \$750,000 in contributions to the 1960 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York were announced at a dinner held tonight in the Hotel Pierre under the sponsorship of the American Jewish Congress and in honor of Samuel Bronfman, chairman of the North American executive of the World Jewish Congress and Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress.

The principle speaker, Dr. Goldmann, stressed the "urgent necessity" of using the present period to consolidate Israel's economy and to complete the absorption of the first million immigrants who entered the new state since its creation 12 years ago.

"It is encouraging to know that American Jewish leaders increasingly recognize the long-range nature of the task," Dr. Goldmann declared. "The building of Israel and the absorption of its immigrants is a process that will take at least the lifetime of a generation. Fund-raising techniques and policies must be based on this understanding," he declared.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, former president of the American Jewish Congress, presided at the dinner and presented Mr. Bronfman and Dr. Goldmann with shofars, traditional Jewish symbol of piety and freedom in recognition of "outstanding contributions in the service of the Jewish people and in the cause of human freedom."

## JOINT DEFENSE APPEAL LAUNCHES \$6,100,000 FUND-RAISING DRIVE FOR 1960

NEW YORK, April 15. (JTA) -- The 1960 nationwide Joint Defense Appeal fund-raising drive for \$6,100,000 was launched here tonight at a dinner in Hotel Plaza attended by more than 300 community leaders and presided over by Irving M. Engel, honorary president of the American Jewish Committee.

The Joint Defense Appeal is the joint fund-raising arm of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Andrew Goodman was honored at the dinner for his JDA leadership.

## MICHAEL COMAY, HEAD OF ISRAEL'S MISSION TO U. N., PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 5. (JTA) -- Michael Comay, former Israel Ambassador to Canada and a ranking official in the Israel Foreign Ministry, today presented his credentials to Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold as Israel's Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

## SHIMSHON ARAD BECOMES ISRAEL'S ACTING CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Shimshon Arad today became acting Consul General for Israel in New York as Consul General Simcha Pratt returned to Israel aboard the S.S. Zion. Mr. Pratt is going home to become director of the Division of International Organizations in the Foreign Ministry at Jerusalem. Benyamin Eliaz will succeed Mr. Pratt as Consul General about May 1.

## BRITAIN AND ISRAEL SIGN EXTRADITION PACT; COVERS NO POLITICAL CRIMES

LONDON, April 5. (JTA) -- Britain and Israel signed an extradition treaty today at the Foreign Office. Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd signed the document for Britain and Arthur Lourie, the Israel Ambassador here, signed for Israel. The treaty is retroactive to January, 1957.

The treaty does not cover political crimes. It bars extradition of persons who have been resident in the country of refuge for three years. It permits extradition to one country of a citizen of the other as, for example, of an Israeli who is accused of a crime in Britain and has returned to Israel, or of a British subject wanted on charges in Israel.

## DETROIT ALLIED JEWISH CAMPAIGN RAISES \$3, 291, 154 TOWARD 1960 DRIVE

DETROIT, April 5. (JTA) -- Initial gifts to the Allied Jewish Campaign totaling \$3, 291, 154--representing 68 percent of last year's total of \$4, 850, 000--were reported here at a dinner meeting addressed by Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-president of the United Jewish Appeal. The objective of the Allied Jewish Campaign this year is to exceed the \$5, 000, 000 figure, Irwin I. Cohn, campaign chairman said.

The campaign total of \$3, 291, 154 was announced to the gathering by Isidore Sobeloff, executive vice-president of the Jewish Welfare Federation. Mr. Sobeloff urged the campaign leaders "to go forward, to keep working, to use information they received to persuade and to convince others, in the hope that we will do better than ever before."

## UNITED JEWISH CAMPAIGN IN ARGENTINA VOTES TO DOUBLE ITS INCOME

BUENOS AIRES, April 5. (JTA) -- The largest gathering of Jewish representatives from all over Argentina, comprising 400 delegates from 200 communities, closed here enthusiastically last night as the twelfth annual conference was concluded by the United Jewish Campaign.

The conference voted to push this year's campaign vigorously, envisaging at least duplication of last year's contributions from Argentine Jewry toward resettlement, absorption and rehabilitation of immigrants in Israel. The conference paid special tribute to the Jewish National Fund which, this year, is celebrating its fortieth anniversary. Isaac J. Levin was re-elected as president of the United Jewish Campaign.

## MEXICO-ISRAEL CULTURAL AGREEMENT SIGNED; PACT INITIATED LAST YEAR

MEXICO CITY, April 5. (JTA) -- A Mexico-Israel cultural agreement, negotiated since June 1959, was signed here today by Dr. Manuel Tello, Minister of the Exterior, and Shimon Amir, Israel's charge d'affaires. The move for this pact was initiated here by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, when she visited the Mexican capital in 1959.

"I am very happy to re-emphasize through this agreement," said Dr. Tello at the signing ceremony, "that Mexico and Israel enjoy the friendliest relations."

## LAWRENCE WIEN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- Lawrence A. Wien, philanthropic leader, was elected 17th president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, at a meeting of the organization's board of trustees last night. Mrs. Randolph Guggenheimer and Samuel Lemberg were elected as vice-presidents of the Federation. Gustave L. Levy, who retired last night after three years as president, was elected as an associate chairman of the board of trustees and an honorary trustee-at-large.

Mr. Wien has had wide experience in the activities of the Federation. Last year he served as president-elect, and before that was chairman of the 1958-59 fund-raising campaign and associate chairman in 1957-58. He is a trustee of Brandeis University and chairman of its National Development Council. He initiated and sponsors the Wien International Scholarship Program at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. Under the Wien Scholarship Program 100 students from 50 foreign countries are granted a year of study at Brandeis. Each student receives a scholarship of \$4, 000 for travel, tuition, room and board.

## TWO DETROIT JEWS PRESENT 450 SETS OF ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA TO SCHOOLS

DETROIT, April 5. (JTA) -- Mayors, superintendents of schools and board of education heads from 46 Michigan cities today acclaimed two Detroit Jewish merchants, Al and Tom Borman, who presented to the officials 450 sets of the Encyclopedia Britannica for use in public and parochial schools throughout the State.

Certificates for the encyclopedias were presented to the city officials and educators at ceremonies here at the Veterans Memorial Building. Prior to the ceremonies, at a luncheon in the office of Mayor Louis C. Miriani, the Borman brothers presented certificates for the book-sets to Miss Louise Grace, president of the Detroit Board of Education.

Among those receiving the gifts officially on behalf of the schools with which they are connected were Rabbi Richard C. Hertz, of this city; E. F. Wiese, assistant superintendent of schools for institutions conducted by the Lutheran Church; and the Rev. John Zwiers, for the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit.

## TWO JEWISH CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES IN NEW YORK ANNOUNCE THEIR MERGER

NEW YORK, April 5. (JTA) -- The merger of two Jewish child-welfare agencies--the Jewish Child Care Association of New York and the Jewish Youth Services of Brooklyn--was announced here today in a joint statement issued by Irving Mitchell Felt, president of the Association and Harry Rothman, president of the Brooklyn agency.

As a result of the merger, 125 foster homes in Brooklyn will be added to the Association's 350 homes. The Association also maintains the Pleasantville Cottage School in Westchester and the Edenwald School in the Bronx. The merged agencies will operate as the Jewish Child Care Association of New York.