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## EISENHOWER 'REGRETS' ANTI-NASSER AMENDMENT IN FOREIGN AID BILL

WASHINGTON, May 16. (JTA) -- A White House spokesman today said that President Eisenhower considered the "freedom of the seas" amendment in the foreign aid authorization bill a "regrettable" move that might affect American-Egyptian relations.

Mr. Eisenhower's views became known today when the White House announced that the President had signed the bill immediately before his departure Saturday for the Summit meeting in Paris. The White House revealed that Mr. Eisenhower thought Congress erred in asking him to consider severing aid to Egypt because of that country's anti-Israel shipping blockade and boycott.

In a statement on the new legislation, issued by the White House, Mr. Eisenhower said: "The act embodies essentially all of the requests I have put forward as necessary for the successful continuation of the Mutual Security program and, with one regrettable exception, the Congress has resisted the addition of amendments which would adversely affect our foreign relations or impair the administration of the program."

A White House spokesman said the "regrettable" amendment Mr. Eisenhower referred to was the amendment that expressed the sense of Congress in condemnation of Nasser's anti-Israel shipping restrictions in the Suez Canal and elsewhere. In the amendment, Congress asked the President to sever aid to Egypt if Nasser continued his discriminatory practices.

State Department sources, meanwhile, revealed that the Department acted at the personal direction of Mr. Eisenhower when it fought the Douglas-Keating amendment, as the measure was known. Chairman J. W. Fulbright, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, now in Israel, was advised by cable of the President's statement, terming the amendment "regrettable." Senator Fulbright bitterly opposed the amendment.

## HAMMARSKJOLD DISCUSSES SUEZ CANAL BLOCKADE WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold today resumed talks with British officials on his visit here on two principal problems, the Middle East and the South African apartheid policy.

The United Nations official met for two hours Friday with British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd and will confer next with Sir Roger Stevens, the Deputy Undersecretary of State for Middle East Affairs. Prior to his talks with Mr. Hammarskjold, Mr. Lloyd met for an hour Friday with Arthur Lourie, Israel's Ambassador to Britain.

British sources here indicated that the Foreign Secretary received a report from the UN official on the recent Suez Canal crisis and on Mr. Hammarskjold's tentative plans for a modus vivendi on the issue within the UN framework.

While Britain has given no official response to the new Suez crisis created by American maritime union picketing of the Egyptian ship, the Cleopatra, in New York harbor, it was believed that Mr. Lloyd conveyed to the Secretary General Britain's stand for freedom of navigation for ships of all nations through the Suez Canal.

## SEN. FULBRIGHT CONFERS WITH BEN-GURION; WILL REMAIN 36 HOURS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 16. (JTA) -- United States Senator J. W. Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, arrived here this afternoon. He came from Jordan, via the Mandelbaum Gate between the Israeli and the Jordanian sectors of Jerusalem.

Immediately after his arrival, Sen. Fulbright went into conference with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. The latter returned here a day earlier from his home at Sdeh Boker to receive the American Senator.

Mr. Fulbright is scheduled to spend 36 hours in Israel. Tomorrow, he will be taken on a tour of the southern region, through the Negev area, then to the north, through Galilee. In the evening, he will be entertained at dinner at the home of Foreign Minister Golda Meir. Mr. Ben-Gurion will be among the guests at this event.

## AMERICAN COMMUNITY LEADERS LAUDED FOR PARTICIPATION IN JEWISH AGENCY

NEW YORK, May 16. (JTA) -- The reorganization of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc. constitutes "very gratifying evidence of the readiness of American Jewish community leaders to broaden the base of responsibility for our rehabilitation and resettlement work in Israel," Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, acting chairman of the New York section of the Jewish Agency declared here today on her departure for Israel.

Mrs. Halprin, who will attend the plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, stressed that such broader participation had long been sought by the Jewish Agency. She expressed her appreciation of the "constructive and harmonious spirit in which the directors of the new American corporation have joined forces to serve a great humanitarian program.

"The composition of this new board is one of a number of recent developments in American Jewish life which point towards increased cooperation and unity," Mrs. Halprin said. She pointed to the Presidents Conference as another evidence of the growing desire to establish suitable frameworks for joint action and recalled that recently a number of public statements had raised the question of creating an over-all representative body for American Jewry.

"There is certainly need for greater unity in American Jewish community life," Mrs. Halprin declared. "Yet the initiative for such closer cooperation and coordination must come from those groups which are currently active in Jewish public affairs. The development of constructive and responsible lay-leadership from within these groups is one of the basic requirements for solving communal problems and maintaining a healthy and stable community life."

## ISRAEL TO PRODUCE LOW-PRICED SMALL AUTOMOBILE FOR MASS MARKET

JERUSALEM, May 16. (JTA) -- The prototype of a small, Israeli-made automobile that will sell at low price for the mass market will be ready for road tests in two months, Michael Tzur, director-general of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, announced here today.

Designed by a European auto-making firm, the car will be "a simple vehicle," without frills, inexpensive to operate, and featuring stability of construction rather than appearance, Mr. Tzur declared. Ease of maintenance will be stressed, he said.

Declining at this time to estimate the purchase cost of the new car, Mr. Tzur stated the price will be low enough for the popular trade, permitting wider sections of Israel's population to own and operate individual means of transportation at a cost many people can afford.

It is assumed here that the body of the new automobile, and most of the engine's parts, will be made in this country. The engine block and other parts will be imported. But the outlay in foreign currency for the new automobile, it was said here, will be only about 20 percent of the foreign currency needed for the average automobile on Israel's roads now.

The idea of building a new small car here developed last year when Regie Renault, of France, discontinued assembly of its Dauphine car in Israel, bowing to Arab boycott pressures. The new auto will combine, it was said, various features of several small cars made now in Europe.

Meanwhile, it was learned here today, the Kaiser-Frazer assembly plant in Haifa is ready to begin soon to assemble the Studebaker Lark model for the local market as well as for export.

## AMERICAN GROUP TO GET 50 PERCENT OF PROFIT IN ZARCHIN DESALINATION

JERUSALEM, May 15. (JTA) -- The three-sided contract on the Zarchin desalination process signed here last week by the Ministry of Development, the American Fairbanks-Whitney Corporation, and Alexander Zarchin, covers rights to all of Dr. Zarchin's past and future desalination inventions, it was reported here today.

The agreement gives 50 percent of the profits to Fairbanks-Whitney, the Chicago firm which will set up the desalination plant in Eilat; 35 percent to the Israel Government; and 15 percent to Dr. Zarchin, the Israeli inventor who developed the process.

## WELL INTO WHICH JOSEPH WAS TOSSED BY HIS BROTHERS REPORTED DISCOVERED

LONDON, May 16. (JTA) -- The site of the biblical city of Dothan has been discovered by an American archaeological team in the Jenin area of Jordan, on the northwest bank of the Jordan River, according to a dispatch from the Jordanian capital of Amman, received here today.

The Amman report stated that Dr. Joseph Free, head of the archeological team, said he had also discovered the well into which Joseph--later Prime Minister of ancient Egypt--was tossed by his brothers, as told in the Bible. Dothan was built 5,000 years ago. After suffering partial destruction from war, it was, according to scientific records, totally destroyed by an earthquake.

## AMERICAN LEADERS PLEAD FOR RESTORATION OF JEWISH RIGHTS IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, May 16, (JTA) -- Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Associate Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, Thurgood Marshall, Legal Counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Reverend Doctor Reinhold Niebuhr, Professor of Applied Christianity at Union Theological Seminary, today appealed to world leaders to give serious consideration to the situation of Soviet Jewry.

In a statement issued here, the four signatories said: "At a time when the minds and hearts of men are bent toward serious efforts to enhance understanding among the nations, and to advance peace in the world, we are moved, as a matter of elementary conscience, to call attention to an injustice which seriously disturbs the international atmosphere and which requires humane redress.

"We speak of the discrimination against the Jewish minority in the Soviet Union--the pattern of differential treatment to which Soviet Jews are subjected as an ethnic-cultural and religious group. Such discrimination stands in utter contradiction to the ideological background of the USSR, as well as to its constitutional and legal framework. No less is it offensive to all men of good will and good conscience concerned with the rights of minorities everywhere," the statement emphasized.

The four distinguished civil libertarians cite the fact that though the Jews are specifically recognized as a "nationality" in the Soviet Union, "they are the only group of this kind which since 1948 has been deprived by official policy of any of the attendant rights accorded to all other nationalities in the Soviet Union." These include schools, newspapers, publishing houses and theatres in the national language, and instruction in the cultural and historical traditions of the people.

The statement also notes that religious Jews are hampered in the practice of their religion by the closing of synagogues and the official ban on the Hebrew language. And unlike the Russian Orthodox, Baptists and Moslems, "Jews are prevented from having a nation-wide federation of religious communities.

"This unhappy situation has been brought into sharp relief by the systematic and organized campaign of Soviet press incitement against Judaism as a religion and on individual Jews as anti-social elements," the four signers stressed. They concluded their statement with "an appeal of humanitarian concern" to the Soviet authorities calling for the following five steps:

1. Reinstatement of full cultural facilities for the Jewish minority;
2. Permission for Jewish religious institutions to practice their rites freely and to establish formal contact with each other;
3. Permission for Soviet Jewish cultural and religious institutions to establish contact with their counterparts in the outside world;
4. Permission for Soviet Jews to be reunited with their dispersed kin in Israel and throughout the world; and
5. To end the anti-Jewish press campaign.

## SOME ANTI-JEWISH PASSAGES REPORTED OMITTED FROM 'PASSION PLAY'

LONDON, May 16, (JTA) -- Some anti-Jewish passages have been deleted from this year's script to be performed by the Passion Play participants at Oberammergau, Germany, according to press dispatches received here today from Bonn.

The annual Passion Play opens at Oberammergau tomorrow, and reports are that about half a million persons are expected to view the spectacle this year. The Bonn dispatches recall that American historians recently alleged that the Passion Play's original script "repeated some of the worst prejudices of medieval and modern times, and constituted an attack on both history and religion."

One of the accusations reported here is that Hans Schwaighofen, who portrays Judas in the Passion Play, had at one time drawn illustrations for anti-Semitic leaflets.

## COMMUNIST GERMANY CHARGED WITH TOLERATING EX-NAZIS IN CABINET

BERLIN, May 16, (JTA) -- Ex-Nazis are occupying prominent posts in the East German (Communist) Government, including the Cabinet, the judiciary, parliament and in universities, according to a report published here today by the West Berlin "Committee of Free Jurists."

Communist propaganda has been charging, recently, that former Nazis occupy high places in the Federal Republic of Germany. In hitting back, the committee today made public these facts:

East German Minister of Agriculture Hans Reichelt and Minister of Supply Kurt Meier are former Nazis. Two other former East German Cabinet members--former Minister of Health Luitpold Steidle and Werner Winkler, ex-Minister for the Chemical Industry--resigned only a year ago because West German sources revealed their Nazi past, according to the committee here.

The committee here contends that the rectors of the universities of East Berlin and Greifswald are former Nazis, as well as the rector of the Teachers Seminary at Potsdam. According to the report, 56 members of the present East German parliament are former Nazis, as against 29 ex-Nazis who served in the same chamber prior to the last elections in 1958.

# IMPRESSIVE CELEBRATION OF DR. HERZL'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY HELD IN BASLE

BASLE, Switzerland, May 16. (JTA) -- With solemn ceremonies stressing the late Dr. Theodor Herzl's direct contributions to political Zionism, which led to the rebirth of Israel as a sovereign state, world Jewry's official celebration of Dr. Herzl's 100th birthday was observed here tonight in the very hall where the first Zionist Congress was convened by him in 1897. Dr. Herzl was born in Hungary in 1860.

The hall was filled to its 2,000-seat capacity, while 1,000 others watched the proceedings over closed-circuit television in another auditorium, and 1,000 additional people milled outside, listening to loud speakers.

In the hall where the world Zionist movement was formally launched under Dr. Herzl's leadership in 1897, a plaque commemorating that event was unveiled. The plaque, inscribed in Hebrew and German, was made in Israel and brought here by the Israel Government's official representative to the ceremonies, Minister of Justice Pinhas Rosen.

Others participating in the ceremonies, and addressing the meeting, included Karl Peter, President of the Basle cantonal government; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization; and Zvi Lurie, head of the organization department of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem.

## UKRAINIANS IN MONTREAL OBJECT TO TELEVISION PROGRAM ON PETLURA

MONTREAL, May 16. (JTA) -- About 800 Ukrainians today picketed the offices of the government-owned Canadian Broadcasting Corporation here, protesting against a television program on the French-language network, dealing with the trial of Sholom Schwartzbard, a Jew who shot the Ukrainian leader Simon Petlura in France, in 1926.

Petlura was president of the short-lived Ukrainian Republic, which he set up in fighting the new Bolshevik regime in Russia, in 1917. During his rule, Ukrainian Jews suffered atrocious pogroms in which many thousands were annihilated. Schwartzbard was tried on a murder charge in Paris in 1926, and acquitted when the court accepted the facts of the Petlura-directed pogroms as the motive for Petlura's death.

The television series, being broadcast every Tuesday night by CBC, was denounced by the Ukrainian pickets as "inaccurate" and as an "insult" to the 500,000 Ukrainians living in Canada. Placards carried by the pickets demanded the immediate firing of the CBC men responsible for the broadcasts. A seven-man delegation of the pickets met, during the demonstration, with J. J. Trudeau, CBC director of information, who promised to relay their grievance to CBC President Alphonse Ouimet, at Ottawa.

The pickets wound up their demonstration by parading to the Cenotaph here which, they said, "commemorates our national hero, Petlura, as well as the Ukrainian soldiers of two world wars." There was no decision today as to whether the series will continue as scheduled on Tuesday night of this week. According to the Ukrainian leaders, the film forming the basis of the TV program was made in France but was banned in that country.

## J. D. C. ACTIVITIES IN ISRAEL DISCUSSED AT TWO-DAY PARLEY IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, May 16. (JTA) -- Rehabilitation activities in Israel of the Joint Distribution Committee were discussed here this weekend at a two-day conference of Malben, the JDC's social welfare agency here. The conference, which was attended by Malben director Louis Horowitz and Charles Jordan, overseas director of the JDC, heard reports on various welfare problems confronting Israel.

Dr. Yosef Burg, Minister of Social Welfare, declared, in an address at the conference, that the overlapping of social welfare services in Israel, "though highly regrettable," was "one of the prices we pay for the fact that we are living in a dynamic society." Those immigrants who arrived here soon after statehood and were not properly integrated, he added, "were mainly hard-core cases and aged." Dr. Burg said his Ministry cooperates fully with Malben to aid these groups.

## N. Y. STATE COMMISSION ORDERS RESORT TO OMIT BIAS PHRASES FROM ADS

ALBANY, May 16. (JTA) -- Trowbridge Farm, a resort near Kyserike, N. Y., was ordered by the State Commission Against Discrimination this week-end to "cease and desist" using biased phrases in its promotional literature. The order included Mrs. Sylvia Trowbridge, owner of the farm resort.

A complaint against the farm had been filed with SCAD by Robert E. Sachs, a Jew. He told the commission that he had received in the mail a brochure from the farm, stating that the resort has been "serving Christian clientele since 1911." Mr. Sachs said the phrase indicated to him that Jewish clientele was not solicited by the farm or desired by it.

In issuing its order, SCAD ruled the brochure violated the state law which prohibits distribution of material indicating bias in a place of public accommodation against persons belonging to a particular race, creed or color.