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### DR. GOLDMANN DISCUSSES JEWISH CLAIMS WITH AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR

VIENNA, May 18. (JTA) -- A discussion of Jewish demands for restitution for losses suffered during the Nazi regime in Austria was held today during a meeting between Dr. Julius Raab, Austrian Chancellor, and Dr. Nahum Goldmann.

According to informed sources, the topics discussed included proposals for a property restoration fund, claims for destroyed Jewish communal property, trust corporations for heirless property compensation, compensation for victims of Nazism and a pension law for self-employed persons.

Government sources indicated that the Chancellor promised the utmost restitution possible in the framework of Austrian financial capacity. Dr. Raab advised Dr. Goldmann to confer on details with Finance Minister Reinhard Kamitz.

(In Jerusalem the Jewish Agency announced that Dr. Goldmann would inaugurate in Vienna today the Herzl House, which will be the new headquarters of institutions of the Vienna Jewish Community and of Zionist organizations.)

### KNESSET REJECTS AGUDAH NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION AGAINST BEN-GURION

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today rejected by a vote of 61 to 6, a motion of non-confidence by the ultra-Orthodox Agudat Israel party in an attempt to rebuke Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion for his challenge last week to the traditional biblical version of the Exodus story.

Premier Ben-Gurion had claimed that only 600 Israelites left Egypt in the Exodus instead of the 600,000 mentioned in the Bible. He also suggested that the Israelites were in Egypt for two generations rather than the 400 years indicated in the traditional version.

The six Agudah deputies were the only members voting in favor of the motion. Members of the National Religious Party, which participates in the Government coalition, voted against the motion on the grounds that the Knesset was not a suitable forum for a discussion of the issue. In setting forth his version of the Exodus story last week, Mr. Ben-Gurion stressed that his views were personal ones.

In replying to the Agudah motion today in the Knesset, the Premier categorically rejected any suggestion that his opinions were "anti-biblical." His views on the Bible, which were sharply attacked by the religious press and in sermons over the weekend, also included the opinion that it was the Jews who chose God and not God who chose the Jews.

Despite their vote against the non-confidence motion today, leaders of the National Religious party as well as "Hatzofe," the official organ of the party, bitterly criticized the Premier over his expressed views challenging the biblical statements.

Rabbi I.M. Levin of the Agudah, who introduced the motion, begged the Prime Minister to retract, describing Mr. Ben-Gurion's theory as absurd and a "Hillul Hashem" (Desecration of the Name.)

The Prime Minister, replying, reiterated that his views were those of an individual and said he was just as proud of the Jewish past as was Rabbi Levin. He added that the motion was not a subject for debate in the Knesset "which cannot reconstruct the history of over 3,000 years." He urged Rabbi Levin to respect other views as he expected others to respect his.

The Prime Minister did, however, express regret that Kol Israel had "redundantly" rebroadcast his theory as he gave it to the press. The right wing Herut and the General Zionists abstained in the vote.

### COLLAPSE OF SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN PARIS PROVOKES CONCERN IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- Political sources expressed concern today over the possibility that a renewal of the East-West cold war stemming from the collapse of the Paris summit meeting might result soon in increased Middle East tension. No official comment was made.

Israel leaders, including Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, had repeatedly expressed the hope in recent months that a genuine easing of East-West tensions would also lead to

tranquility in the Middle East. The Prime Minister's pre-summit trips to the United States and Britain were connected with hopes for guarantees of Middle East stability. These hopes were considered damaged if not shattered by the Paris debacle.

Some observers here speculated that the likely renewal of the cold war would increase the pressure of the major powers, particularly Russia, on uncommitted nations. Such a development in the Middle East, it was suggested, might again strengthen the bargaining power of the Arab countries and might bring new Soviet arms shipments to Egypt and Iraq.

Israelis were reported well aware of the fact that when cold war tensions mount, it is usually the "traditional" danger zones which first feel the new crisis and the Middle East usually is in that category.

#### Nehru Discusses Possible Effects on Middle East of 'Summit' Debacle

LONDON, May 18. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Nehru of India and President Nasser of the United Arab Republic discussed yesterday the possible implications for the Middle East of the collapse of the summit meeting in Paris, the Times of London reported today from Cairo. Nehru, who is on a seven-day visit to the UAR, will visit Arab refugee camps in the Gaza Strip today.

The London press also reported today that the Iraq boycott of the French auto firm, Regie Renault, was lifted yesterday and immediately re-imposed. The anti-Israel Boycott Office in Baghdad announced it had lifted the ban because the French company had withdrawn from operations in Israel. It added that the ban had been continued because the Iraq Government had decided to establish an economic boycott against France in support of the Algerian liberation movement.

#### SENATOR FULBRIGHT INDICATES NO CHANGE IN HIS ISRAEL-ARAB STAND

TEL AVIV, May 18. (JTA) -- Senator J. W. Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, left today for Paris after a 36-hour visit during which he was obviously impressed by Israel's achievements. Political sources here indicated, however, that the visit apparently had not changed the Senator's public position about the Israel-Arab conflict.

(In a dispatch from Jerusalem, The New York Times reported that Senator Fulbright had proposed that Israel should permit some of the refugees to return and that on his return to the United States he intended to seek to set up an impartial group of experts to study the Arab refugee problem and recommend solutions.)

The Arkansas Democrat said in an interview that his tour had convinced him that the refugee problem was at the root of Arab-Israel hostility. He said that with an advance commitment from Israel of cooperation in a major resettlement program, he felt the Arab countries could not object to an investigation into the desires of the refugees themselves.

Senator Fulbright was seen off by Ogden R. Reid, American Ambassador to Israel, and key officials of the Israel Foreign Ministry.

#### THREE-YEAR LIMIT SET FOR FOREIGNERS EMPLOYED IN ISRAEL'S CIVIL SERVICE

JERUSALEM, May 18. (JTA) -- Foreigners employed here by the Government civil service have been given a three-year reprieve from the regulation that all civil service employees must be Israeli nationals and must swear allegiance to the Government of Israel.

The Government announced that change in civil service rules today, giving the foreign nationals in Government service three years to decide whether they would change their nationality to Israeli--or quit the civil service.

There are several hundred foreign nationals in Israel employed by the Government, most of them in high-ranking civil service jobs where they are rated as experts. Several months ago, when the Civil Service Administration promulgated a regulation requiring all Government employees to be Israeli nationals, there was grave concern that the experts would have to resign.

Under today's change in the regulations, the foreigners will not be required to swear allegiance to Israel. In order to comply with the Official Secrets Act, they will have to pledge, however, that they will obey that law. They will also have to promise to accept civil service discipline.

#### JEWISH SECTION IN ALGERIAN TOWN BOMBED; SEVERAL JEWS REPORTED WOUNDED

ALGIERS, May 18. (JTA) -- A young Jewish girl, A. Nahman, was mortally wounded in Setif when a bomb exploded in the city's Jewish section, authorities reported today. The girl was tossed 20 feet in the blast.

A number of Jewish passers-by were wounded but their names and the degree of their injuries were not disclosed. The attack has shocked the local Jewish community.

## JEWISH AGENCY IN U.S. DISCUSSES FUNCTIONS OF ITS ISRAEL REPRESENTATIVE

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- Unanimous agreement regarding the general concept of the position of the person who will be sent to Jerusalem by the reorganized Jewish Agency in New York to act as its representative in Israel was reached at the first meeting of the board of directors of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc. held here this week, it was announced today by Dewey Stone, chairman of the reorganized body.

The meeting, held under Mr. Stone's chairmanship, also discussed the qualifications of the man who will fill that post. Views were exchanged at the meeting with respect to a number of potential candidates.

The directors also discussed the establishment of suitable channels of public information. They felt that in view of the fact that the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., through the United Jewish Appeal, will be the major beneficiary of all central Jewish fund-raising agencies in the United States, it was of utmost importance that progress reports on its plans and operations be made available regularly to the press and to the communities.

The board of directors also approved plans for the 1960 Bankers Study Mission to Israel. These missions, which have visited Israel annually over the past years, have been highly effective in giving top officers in United Jewish Appeal or Jewish Agency loan operations a first-hand picture of the activities for which these funds are used. Financial and budgetary questions, as well as a consideration of the present fiscal policy of the Jewish Agency for Israel Inc., were also taken up at the meeting.

In closing the meeting, Mr. Stone expressed his appreciation of the excellent attendance--many board members had especially come in from out-of-town--and his gratification at the sustained high level of productive discussion throughout the all-day session. He termed the meeting "a most auspicious beginning for the activities of this body and a milestone in our work on behalf of Israel's immigrants."

## CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION REFUSES TO WITHDRAW FILM ON PETLURA

MONTREAL, May 18. (JTA) -- The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation today refused to bow to demands of Ukrainians in this country that it withdraw a television program documenting the trial in Paris, in 1926, of Sholom Schwartzbard, a Jew who shot and killed the anti-Semitic Ukrainian President Simon Petlura. The program, on the air every Tuesday night for the last few weeks over the French-language television network of the CBC, went on last night as scheduled.

About 800 Ukrainians have been picketing the local headquarters of CBC this week, demanding the cancellation of the filmed TV show which was produced in France. The Ukrainians charged that the film was "inspired assassination," "exalts vengeance" and "envenoms relations between Jews and Ukrainians in Canada."

In Parliament at Ottawa, today, Minister of Revenues George Nowland not only denied all these claims but said also that he is investigating a report that K. Rohowsky, secretary of the Canadian Ukrainian Committee, here, admitted he was backed by relatives of the late Gen. Petlura.

Petlura, a nationalist leader in Ukraine, set up an independent Ukrainian Government after the Bolshevik revolution in 1917. During his brief regime, many thousands of Jews were killed in pogroms. Schwartzbard shot him on a Paris street in 1926 and was acquitted by a French court when he claimed he was entitled to vengeance for the murder of many Jews.

Alphonse Ouimet, head of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, in announcing today that the TV program will not be canceled, denied a claim by the Ukrainians who said the film had been banned in France. On the contrary, he said, the film had been made for the television program of Radiodiffusion Francaise, the French Government-owned broadcasting company. M. Ouimet said the program is based on the records of the Schwartzbard trial and "reconstructs the trial as it took place."

## ATTORNEY GENERAL CONTINUES TO FIGHT DETROIT SUBURB PRACTICING BIAS

DETROIT, May 18. (JTA) -- A demand by the Grosse Pointe association that they be shown legal cause requiring abandonment of their program for screening out "undesirables" among prospective home buyers was met today by Attorney General Paul L. Adams with four citations that the program was illegal.

He said the point system, which imposes special handicaps on prospective Jewish home purchasers in the swank Detroit suburb, was in conflict with state laws on discrimination in public accommodation and fair employment practices.

He contended also that restrictive covenants were illegal both in Michigan and in the United States and that Michigan therefore could not charter a corporation which violated that rule. His other two points concerned technical issues of stock and distribution of assets by Grosse Pointe Properties, Inc.

The Michigan Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union urged the Michigan Legislature to adopt legislation which would incorporate in state housing laws the concept of non-discriminatory open occupancy standards.

## CONFERENCE OF JEWISH SOCIAL STUDIES DISCUSSES IMPACT OF ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- Some 250 special scientists, educators and communal leaders took part this evening in the annual meeting of the Conference on Jewish Social Studies which dealt with the impact of anti-Semitism on the Western World.

The meeting, which was under the chairmanship of the honorary president of the Conference, Professor Salo W. Baron of Columbia University, featured addresses by Rabbi Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress and Dr. Rudolph M. Lowenstein, president of the New York Psychoanalytic Society. Rabbi Prinz discussed "The Resurgence of Anti-Semitism" and Dr. Lowenstein spoke on "The Psychology of Anti-Semitism."

## ARAB MINISTER ACTIVE IN SPREADING ANTI-ISRAEL PROPAGANDA IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 18. (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador here, Yosef Tekoah, today protested strongly to the Brazilian Foreign Ministry against anti-Israel "hatred and racial insults" spread here in the last five days by the United Arab Republic's deputy foreign minister, Hussein Z. Sabri.

Mr. Sabri came here Friday on a "goodwill" mission, after visiting several other Latin American countries. At a press conference here yesterday, he told newspapermen that Nasser would never meet Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion because that "would involve recognition of Israel, which is unacceptable to us." He also stated that the UAR would not enter into a non-aggression pact with Israel, charging that "Israel would not keep such a pact, just as Hitler never honored agreements."

In his complaint, Mr. Tekoah pointed out that the UAR foreign ministry official "has turned his goodwill mission into a campaign of hatred, spreading racial insults and national discord on a continent traditionally opposed to any form of discrimination."

## BONN DECORATES DETROIT WOMAN FOR FOSTERING GERMAN-JEWISH RELATIONS

DETROIT, May 18. (JTA) -- A gold medal and a citation for working to "foster a better spirit of understanding between world Jewry and the West German Government," was presented here today to Mrs. Marguerite Kozenn Chajes, an internationally known soprano.

The medal, the Knights Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, was presented to Mrs. Chajes by the acting German Consul in Detroit, H.G. Schober.

## ISRAEL'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, May 18. (JTA) -- Joshua N. Shai, Israel's new Ambassador to Costa Rica, arrived here to present his official letters of credence to President Mario Echandi Jimenez. The ceremony is scheduled to take place tomorrow morning.

During his visit here, Mr. Shai will also confer with the Foreign Minister, and other members of the Cabinet. Early next week he will go to Managua, to present his letters of credence to the President of Nicaragua. Until now, Israel was represented in Guatemala, Costa Rica and Nicaragua by its Ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Shai makes his headquarters at Guatemala City.

## MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER STRESSES ISRAEL-MEXICAN CORDIAL RELATIONS

MEXICO CITY, May 18. (JTA) -- Israel's new Ambassador to Mexico, Mordechai Schneerson, presented his credentials today to Mexican Foreign Minister Manuel Tello. In his statement to the new Israel envoy, Foreign Minister Tello stressed the cordial relations between Israel and Mexico.

## ISRAEL OFFICE IN U.S. PUBLISHES VOLUME ON ISRAEL'S STRUGGLE FOR PEACE

NEW YORK, May 18. (JTA) -- A factual history of the rebirth of Israel, including most basic documents dealing with the various steps taken by governments and the League of Nations after World War I in the direction of recognition of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine, was published here by the Israel Office of Information. The 187-page volume, entitled "Israel's Struggle for Peace," was prepared for free mailing to organizations and interested individuals.

## REMAINS OF 18TH CENTURY ITALIAN JEWISH SCHOLAR REINTERRED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 17. (JTA) -- The remains of Rabbi Hayim Yosef David Azulai, known as the HYDA, eighteenth century author, traveler and father of modern Hebrew bibliography, was reinterred here today after being flown here from Italy. President Ben-Zvi eulogized the revered rabbi before the burial services.

The body of the Jewish sage was escorted by a delegation of notables, including Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, from the airport to Jerusalem where it was placed in the courtyard of the Yeshurun Synagogue. Thousands filed past the bier to pay homage to Rabbi Azulai who was born in Jerusalem and died in Leghorn, Italy. Scores of Yeshiva students escorted the bier to the cemetery where the Chief Rabbi recited the kaddish.