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### KENNEDY CONDEMNS MID-EAST ARMS RACE, PROMISES PEACE 'INITIATIVE'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Senator John F. Kennedy, the Democratic Presidential candidate, warned today that the arms race in the Middle East was jeopardizing the opportunity for peace there. He pledged that, if elected, his administration "will waste no time in taking the initiative for peace, and all the authority of the White House will be used toward that end."

In a letter to former Senator Herbert H. Lehmann, made public here tonight, Senator Kennedy condemned the continued blockade against Israeli shipping through the Suez Canal, and declared that the United States had "a particular, moral obligation" to see that all discriminations were removed at the canal.

The Democratic candidate's letter coincided with reports that the arms flow from the Soviet bloc to the United Arab Republic was increasing. He said, "I feel that the opportunity for peace is jeopardized by the arms race in the Middle East. An international effort should be made to prevent this dangerous race. If this cannot be done, then at the very least we should not condone any imbalance between the powers. For imbalance also leads to war."

He said there had been "too much rhetoric and too little leadership" on the subject of the Suez Canal blockade. He charged that "our policy in Washington, and in the United Nations, has permitted defiance of our 1957 pledge with impunity" by the Nasser regime.

Senator Kennedy continued: "I America's solemn word is to have meaning, if the resolutions and decisions of the United Nations are to be binding on all parties, if the Mutual Security amendment, which I co-sponsored, is to serve as a guide, if the Democratic platform is to receive more than lip service--the influence of the United States and other maritime powers must be brought to bear on a just solution that removes all discrimination from the Suez Canal."

Senator Kennedy said that "the State of Israel, when it withdrew its forces from the Sinai Peninsula, received a pledge from both the United States and the United Nations that Israeli shipping rights in the Suez Canal would be supported. This is a United Nations stand in which we have particular moral obligation." He gave assurance that "the next Democratic Administration will waste no time taking the initiative for peace, and all the authority of the White House will be used toward that end."

### NIXON PLEDGES 'TOP PRIORITY' TO MIDDLE EAST PEACE IF ELECTED

CHICAGO, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Vice President Richard M. Nixon repeated today a pledge that the question of Middle East peace "will be one of the top priorities of the new Administration if I am elected President."

In a letter to David Borowitz, Chicago manufacturer and Jewish communal leader, made public here today, Mr. Nixon noted that "the problems in the Mid-East, affecting Israel and her neighbors, have been many and complex, and many remain. I hope these will be solved peacefully, to the mutual benefit of all concerned, and I have pledged that this will be one of the top priorities of the new Administration, if I am elected President."

Mr. Nixon declared that "this will be the cause for many conferences and discussions and, as I have always done in the past, I shall call upon my good friends to discuss these problems and give serious consideration to the proposals that will aid this country in its quest for peaceful solutions of problems affecting domestic and international issues."

### CANADIANS TOLD EITHER PARTY WILL TAKE LEADERSHIP TOWARD PEACE

MONTREAL, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Both major American parties have pledged renewed efforts to bring about Arab-Israel peace negotiations, and "the American policy vis-a-vis the Middle East is, therefore, not a controversial issue," I. L. Kennen, of the America-Israel Public Affairs Committee, declared here today.

"Whatever Administration is elected," Mr. Kennen said, addressing the closing session of the 35th convention of the Zionist Organization of Canada, "will exercise renewed initiative for the settlement of the Israeli-Arab differences."

A resolution urging the Canadian Government to "take the leadership in the search for peace in the Middle East" was voted by the convention. (See related story, Page 3.)

### BRITISH LEADER DISCLOSES CONFIRMATION OF JEWISH PRIVATIONS IN U.S.S.R.

LONDON, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- R.N. Carvalho, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, said tonight that he had received an eye-witness confirmation of wide-spread reports of discrimination against Jews in the Soviet Union.

In a report to the association's Council, Carvalho said that he had recently held discussions with a "distinguished Jewish observer," whom he did not name. He said that person had spent many years in Russia in an official position and, in that capacity, had a unique opportunity of studying Jewish life there. He added that the individual had confirmed "in greater detail the list of official and unofficial privations which Russian Jews must bear."

The Anglo-Jewish leader also revealed that the "concern of the Jewish world" for the welfare of Moroccan Jews was brought directly to the attention of the Crown Prince of Morocco, when the Prince visited Britain recently. Mr. Carvalho said he was unable to give any details, but that he was hopeful the Prince was returning to Morocco "with the knowledge that the situation is being watched."

He also disclosed he held a meeting Sunday with representatives of the American Jewish Committee and the Alliance Israelite Universelle, at which a discussion was held on the three-year-old program called "Community Service." The talks, he said, made a "noteworthy contribution to the rebuilding of Jewish life on continental Europe."

### EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET SHELVES FRENCH MOVE TO ADMIT ISRAEL

PARIS, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The question of association of Israel with the European Common Market, a subject of vigorous dispute within the countries making up the ECM, was shelved today for later consideration by the Foreign Ministers of the six member nations.

Israel's candidacy was raised last night at a meeting of the Foreign Ministers by Maurice Couve de Murville of France. The move was immediately opposed by a number of other Foreign Ministers, including Antonio Segni of Italy.

Resistance to acceptance of Israel, it was indicated, is based on several arguments. One is that the constitution of the ECM provides admission only to European countries and their African associates. A number of countries, it was also reported, were reluctant to admit underdeveloped countries which have not yet reached the stage of economic and industrial development of the European members.

A third point is the objection of some member countries, such as Italy, which have close economic relations with the Arab world. Finally, a number of Common Market members fear Israel's export competition, particularly in citrus fruits.

The European Common Market, an economic unit of France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, is considered widely to be a first step toward greater European political integration. For Israel, association with the ECM would have not only economic but political benefits.

The Foreign Ministers fixed December 4 as the date for their next meeting at which it was considered possible that the question of admission of Israel might be re-examined.

### ISRAEL PLANS SIX NEW TOWNS, 70 INDUSTRIAL PLANTS IN NEGEV

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Plans for the establishment of 70 industrial enterprises in six new townships in the Negev were announced today by Michael Tsur, director-general of Israel's Ministry of Development.

He said the towns, with a total population of 60,000, were slated to be established next year in the Negev areas that are as yet unsettled. The planned enterprises are in the field of light industries, which do not require large transportation budgets.

### 60,000 IRANIAN JEWS IN ISRAEL CELEBRATE BIRTH OF SON TO SHAH

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Israeli President Izhak Ben-Zvi sent greetings today to the Shah of Iran on the occasion of the birth of the Shah's son. The greetings were inscribed on a parchment scroll, along with verses of the prophecy of Cyrus from the book of Yeshayahu. The new heir will be given the names of Reza and Cyrus.

On Monday night, 60,000 Israelis of Persian origin celebrated the birth of the Iranian Crown Prince. Free drinks were served by restaurant owners of Persian origin.

Although no formal diplomatic relations exist between Israel and Iran, trade and cultural relations between the two countries are expanding. There was a marked increase in such relations after Nasser's recent attacks on the Shah, and Cairo's incitement calling on the Persian people to revolt. This week, a top official of the Israeli Ministry of Agriculture left for Teheran to negotiate the establishment of experimental cotton growing farms in Iran, staffed with Israeli advisers.

## QUEBEC PREMIER ORDERS PROBE OF ANTI-SEMITIC FASCIST'S ACTIVITIES

MONTREAL, Nov. 1 (JTA) -- The Quebec Attorney General has been instructed to investigate the activities of Henri Bellefeuille, the avowed Canadian Fascist, Premier Jean Lesage told the 35th Canadian Zionist Convention here today.

Bellefeuille, a Sorel, Quebec draftsman, appeared Sunday night on a Canadian national television program which also featured George Lincoln Rockwell the leader of the so-called American Nazi party. The Sorel draftsman claims to be the leader of a group of 400 to 500 native Canadians who meet in Montreal each month. Bellefeuille has been quoted as declaring "I am anti-Semitic and proud of it."

The Quebec Premier told the convention that Canadian history is a history of minorities, because all Canadians are members of minorities and recognize the need for accommodation among various groups. He said Jews were saved from absolute merger with Canada's dominant groups by their right to religious and ethnic independence within the common framework of the search for freedom.

He said that the abilities of Canadian Jews enables them to enter either French speaking or English-speaking groups at will. He added it was the task of cultural, business and political leadership to be aware of excessive delays in the rise of minority groups to full participation in Canadian life because of prejudices.

Professor Salo Baron of New York, addressing the convention, said the interplay of Israel and the lands of Jewish dispersion would be a permanent aspect of the Jewish scene for the indefinite future. He said this could be beneficial to the Jewish people, and also to the world at large.

Alan Bronfman, president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, told the delegates that the Jewish people did not need an Eichmann trial to remind them of atrocities. He said "our wounds defy all healing, and will continue for many more years. Who in their minds or hearts can accept the enormity of Germany's crimes against Jewry?"

## J. D. C. SETS PROJECT FOR PERMANENT AID TO AGED VICTIMS OF NAZISM

GENEVA, Nov. 1 (JTA) -- A pilot project to assure a minimum lifetime maintenance on an annuity basis for aged refugees from Nazi persecution in five European countries was announced here today at the 15th annual overseas conference of the Joint Distribution Committee.

Charles H. Jordan, overseas director of the JDC, said that the availability of funds from World Refugee Year collections made the experiment possible. Funds also will be provided by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, he said.

Saul Kagan, of New York, secretary of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, reported to the JDC conference that, in addition to \$70,000,000 received by the Claims Conference for relief of needy Nazi victims during seven years of operation, more than \$1,000,000,000 had been paid in individual Jewish indemnification claims under legislation negotiated by the Claims Conference and approved by the West German Government.

In describing the annuity project, Mr. Jordan said that estimated costs for a first group of 100 men and women, averaging 77 years of age, would be \$250,000. The refugees to be benefited live in Italy, Austria, Germany, Spain and France. He said preliminary tests of the idea had been carried out in Italy by the Inter-governmental Committee for European Migration, the UN High Commissioner and the JDC.

The annuity plan, Mr. Jordan said, was designed to provide a permanent solution for the care of the aged so that, instead of being dependent on charity they could live out their days in peace, dignity and self-respect. In all cases, he added, World Refugee Year funds will have to be supplemented or matched by the JDC. He expressed the hope that the plan would become "a pattern for additional funds for the care of hundreds of other refugees in similar circumstances."

Mr. Kagan, in his report, said direct relief rehabilitation for Nazi victims had always and would always continue to have primacy in Claims Conference allocations. He said 80 percent of the \$70,000,000 spent to date were for direct aid to some 156,000 beneficiaries of JDC program.

## BELGIAN OFFICIALS ATTEND DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TO JEWISH MARTYRS

BRUSSELS, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- A memorial to the Jews of Arlon who were deported and murdered by the Nazis was dedicated today at the town's new Jewish cemetery. Civilian and military authorities of the province and the municipality attended the ceremonies. The memorial was established by the Jewish community of Arlon in memory of the 30 percent of the town's Jewish population exterminated by the Nazis.

## JEWES FIGHT FORCED CHRISTIAN OBSERVANCES IN MIAMI SCHOOL SYSTEM

MIAMI, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Testimony was resumed today in the lawsuit here testing the constitutionality of a variety of sectarian religious practices in Dade county schools, after Circuit Judge A. Fritz Gordon ruled that the United States Constitution did not protect persons from "embarrassment caused by non-conformity."

The issue which led to Judge Gordon's ruling developed from efforts by the plaintiffs to show that the voluntary religious programs in the public schools were really not such, because children who sought to use their right to be absent were put under social pressure. The practices include Bible reading, recitation of the Christian "Lord's Prayer," and observance of Christian religious holidays.

At issue are two cases involving five plaintiffs who contend that the religious programs violate both the Florida State and Federal Constitutions. Three Jews and a Unitarian are plaintiffs in one suit; a professed agnostic is the plaintiff in the other. The two suits are being tried simultaneously, with the American Jewish Congress and the Florida Civil Liberties Union providing legal assistance.

Dr. Michael Gilbert, a Miami psychiatrist, gave typical testimony on the issue, asserting that a pupil who asked to be excused during a religious program faced social pressures "which are more inimical to his welfare than if he did attend."

The psychiatrist's line of testimony was challenged by E. F. Brigham, attorney for nine churchmen intervening on behalf of the Dade County School Board. He contended that the Constitution "does not protect one from the embarrassment that always attends non-conformity whether in religion, politics, behavior or dress." Judge Gordon upheld that argument, but allowed plaintiffs to submit the testimony for the record in the event of a reversal of his ruling.

## VANDALS ATTACK QUEENS SYNAGOGUE UNDER COVER OF HALLOWEEN 'PRANKS'

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- New York police authorities today are probing an attack on a synagogue in suburban Queens Borough which resulted in the smashing of 12 windows and desecration of the house of worship with broken eggs.

About 30 young vandals attacked the synagogue last night, according to the congregation's spiritual leader, Rabbi Abraham Ginsberg, on the pretext that they were engaging in Halloween pranks. According to Rabbi Ginsberg, however, the vandals "have gone too far this time."

For seven years, the rabbi complained to police, the synagogue has been suffering sporadic attack by anti-Semites in the neighborhood. Eggs and rocks have been thrown at the synagogue often, he said, and "we have been averaging a broken window a week for the last year." Often, the rabbi said, the words "Jews Get Out" have been found scrawled on the sidewalk in front of the synagogue.

Rabbi Ginsberg made his appeal for protection today directly to New York City Police Commissioner Stephen P. Kennedy. He said the local police precinct has been promising "to keep an eye out" for attackers, "but this doesn't seem to do any good."

## AMERICAN NEWS BRIEFS

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The Mizrahi Women's Organization, meeting at the 35th national convention here, today voted a 1960-61 budget of \$1,280,000. The allocations include \$200,000 for the Jewish National Funds; "Freedom Forest" in Israel, as well as appropriations for child-care in Israel, youth immigration, and programs of vocational education and social service.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Sanford Solender, for the last 12 years director of the National Jewish Welfare Board's community center division, today was elected executive vice-president of the JWB, according to an announcement by national president Solomon Litt. Mr. Solender succeeds to the post left vacant by the recent death of Samuel D. Gershovitz.

CHICAGO, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- Isaac Stern, noted American violinist, was hailed here last night as America's "one-man cultural exchange ambassador" at a dinner concert attended by non-Jews and Jews alike who contributed a total of \$60,000 toward Israeli cultural enterprises mapped by the America-Israel Cultural Foundation. Mr. Stern appeared as soloist, with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra here.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The United States Public Health service has awarded a grant of \$393,000 to the Philadelphia Psychiatric Hospital, for the continuation of its present training and teaching programs. The hospital is an agency of the Jewish Federation-United Fund.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1. (JTA) -- The first Capital Funds Campaign of the San Francisco Jewish Welfare Federation in 14 years is under way here, with the goal of raising \$2,750,000 for building needs of Mount Zion Hospital and Medical Center, a group residence for the aged, and other welfare institutions.