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### ISRAEL DENIES IT HAS A-BOMB; IS CONCERNED OVER EFFECT OF REPORTS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Israel Government sources strongly denied today reports that Israel was on the road to manufacture of atomic weapons. They expressed concern that the widely featured reports would adversely affect American-Israel relations and would give the United Arab Republic additional grounds for pressure on the Soviet Union for more armaments.

The Israel Atomic Energy Commission issued a statement this morning categorically affirming that "Israel is not engaged in the manufacture of atomic weapons. Atomic research in Israel is destined for industry, agriculture, medicine and science." The statement drew attention to the fact that a reactor with an ultimate capacity of 1,000 kilowatts had recently been put into operation. This reactor was constructed with American aid.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry said today it had "nothing to add" to the commission's statement. Formal denials of the A-bomb report were made today by the Israel embassies in London and Paris.

Soviet propaganda agencies were quick to seize on the A-bomb story to incite the Arab world against Israel and the West. Arabic-language broadcasts, beamed from the Soviet Union to the Middle East, summarily rejected the Israeli denials and warned of new dangers confronting the Arab world at the hands of Israel.

### U.S. Official Says Washington Queried Israel on Atomic Weapons

Two days ago, the Foreign Ministry categorically denied knowledge of reports that Ambassador Avraham Harman had been secretly and urgently called to the State Department in connection with the A-bomb reports. Its spokesman today said he did not know whether Washington had made inquiries of Israel.

(In Washington, the Israel Embassy declined to disclose any information with regard to the reported diplomatic communications and categorically denied any knowledge of a second atomic reactor in Israel.

(John A. McCone, chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, said last night that the United States had officially requested information from Israel on the reports. His statement, the Israel Embassy said, today had been "brought to the attention of the Israel Government."

(Mr. McCone told the Washington Post and Times-Herald that there was no relation between the suspected plutonium breeder reactor and the smaller reactor which the United States had helped to build. He said that "our information is incomplete and unofficial, but quite obviously this would be a second reactor.")

Israel, almost since its foundation, has pinned great hopes on the development of atomic energy as a source of fuel and power. A report by the National Planning Association in 1957 visualized development of atom-powered industrial communities in the Negev. Plans for the first research reactor was announced in 1958. The United States paid \$350,000 of the cost of its construction and, last March, provided the enriched uranium and other materials necessary for its operation. The reactor was first activated last July. It is located south of Tel Aviv at Yabi Rubin.

### French, Israelis Deny Cooperation on Nuclear Weapons Construction in Israel

PARIS, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Both French and Israeli sources here denied today reports that France had been assisting Israel to construct an atom bomb. The Israel Embassy said, in an official statement, that while France and Israel had a scientific agreement under which they cooperated on atomic energy, this agreement did not exist for military purposes and was exclusively for the peaceful uses of atomic energy. Under the agreement, the French benefit from Israeli production of heavy water while Israel's atomic scientists benefit from the results of experiments at the French national research center.

### Speaker Rejects Move for Commons Debate on Israeli A-Bomb Reports

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Speaker of the House of Commons rejected today a demand for an immediate debate on reports that Israel was making the atomic bomb. William Yates, a Conservative, interrupted a debate on the banning of atomic tests to call for debate on a matter of "great urgency" involving the Tripartite Declaration of which Britain is a signatory.

The Tory back-bencher told the House that France was "unilaterally" equipping the Israeli forces and was reportedly giving Israel the necessary technical aid to convert the reactor given it by the United States for peaceful purposes to the manufacture of atomic weapons. This, he asserted, was of concern to Britain because this country was a co-signatory to the agreement guaranteeing the status quo between Israel and the Arab States.

Israel's alleged potential to manufacture atomic weapons figured earlier in the debate when Eric Fletcher, a Laborite, said the question of a ban on atomic tests had assumed new and serious urgency in view of reports that France was proposing to supply Israel with atomic weapons. "If atomic weapons are spread throughout the Middle East," he warned, "the position will become increasingly grave."

#### London Paper Reports France, Israel in 'Secret Get-Together' on A-Bomb

The London Daily Mail bannered a sensational report of a "secret get-together" of France and Israel to give President Nasser of the United Arab Republic "a lot more to think about." The paper asserted that France was providing Israel with pitchblende or helping it to obtain it from other sources. Uranium is obtained from pitchblende. Further, the Mail reported, the French are giving Israel the know-how on building "cut-price" nuclear reactors and advice on how to "sieve out" explosive from non-explosive uranium.

The French and Israelis agreed to cooperate on a "Junior partner" basis last June during Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's visit to France, the paper said. The London Daily Express reported that France had offered Israel the use of its Sahara testing grounds in the Sahara desert to test its bomb.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR FIRST TIME, FAILS TO ACT ON PALESTINE REFUGEES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 19. (JTA) -- For the first time in 12 years, the General Assembly closed its debate on the Arab refugee problem today without adopting any resolution dealing with that thorny question or the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

All efforts by the Arab delegations to force through acceptance of proposals, rejected by Israel, to alter the United Nations handling of the Arab refugee problem, collapsed.

The Arab representatives tried to pressure the American, British, French and other Western delegations to introduce a resolution calling for appointment of a UN custodian over properties allegedly left in Israel by the Arab refugees. The Arab bloc also demanded enlargement of the Palestine Conciliation Commission from its present three members--United States, France and Turkey--to include six more members, three from the Communist countries and three from the so-called "uncommitted" nations of Asia and Africa.

The Western Powers--U.S.A., Britain and France, joined by Australia, New Zealand and Canada--fought back all such efforts by the Arab bloc.

Today's final session of the General Assembly's Special Political Committee decided to close the fall series of meetings without any resolution at all. Carlet Auguste, of Haiti, chairman of the committee, told the group that further discussion of the Arab refugee problem may be taken up "at a later date."

During a brief but hot debate, members of the Arab bloc, supported by the representatives of Great Britain, Bolivia and the Soviet Union, tried to pin down the chairman to a promise that the entire debate on the refugee situation would be reopened when the Spring session of the Assembly is convened next March 7. Israel and Australia insisted that there would be no purpose to further debate on the issue. Such a discussion, said Michael S. Comay, chairman of the Israel delegation, would be "politically and psychologically undesirable and unproductive."

After these exchanges however, M. Auguste still refrained from a definite promise that the refugee debate would be resumed in March. That would be done, he implied, only if a draft resolution were hammered out in the meantime in further negotiations between the Western sponsors of a mild, routine draft, and the Arab delegations which insist on the two points found objectionable to Israel.

#### ISRAEL TO RELEASE \$500,000 IN BLOCKED ASSETS OF ARAB REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Israel has decided to release about \$500,000 in blocked accounts here owned by Arab refugees, as well as bonds, stocks and jewelry owned by refugees. It will use Barclays Bank of London as the disbursing agency.

Several years ago, Israel released \$9,000,000 in blocked Arab refugee accounts through the Palestine Conciliation Commission. Those accounts were at the time at the Barclays branch here and in other foreign banks in Israel. The new release affects blocked Arab refugee accounts and other valuables now in the Bank Leumi and in the Israel Discount Bank. It is believed that the \$500,000 in cash, and the valuables to be released make up the balance of Arab refugee accounts in Israel.

### BRITISH JEWS SEEK TO SEE SOVIET ENVOY ON JEWISH SITUATION IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews had approached the Soviet Ambassador in London with a view to discussing with him the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union; however, no answer has been received thus far from the envoy, it was reported here today by Barnett Janner, president of the representative body of British Jewry.

At its meeting yesterday, the Board of Deputies adopted a resolution "taking the strongest exception to the suggestion that the British Government should afford to German armed forces facilities for military training within the British Isles." The Board discussed the subject at great length and most of its members voiced the opinion that the Board should declare its stand under all circumstances.

### EICHMANN'S GERMAN LAWYER CONFERS IN ISRAEL ON TRIAL PREPARATIONS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Cologne attorney Robert Servatius, who will defend Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann next March, conferred with Attorney General Gideon Hausner this morning on the preparations for the trial.

Mr. Servatius, who arrived in Israel last night, said that he brought a letter for the accused from Eichmann's brother, Robert. He said that Eichmann's wife will not attend the trial, which, he stated, he hopes will last only two months. The West German lawyer said he did not plan to meet with Eichmann today or tomorrow.

### GERMAN YOUTH RE-ARRESTED FOR SMEARING ANTI-JEWISH SLOGANS

COLOGNE, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Josef Schoenen, the 25-year-old German youth who desecrated the Cologne synagogue last Christmas eve and thereby touched off the daubing of swastikas and anti-Jewish slogans on Jewish institutions and public places in many countries, was re-arrested today a month after he had served his sentence in jail for last year's anti-Semitic act.

The German youth was re-arrested, together with another German youth, Willi Nickel, when they were both caught smearing swastikas and anti-Jewish inscriptions. Schoenen was employed as a sales clerk in a local store after he was released from jail a month ago.

### GERMAN AUTHORITIES ORDER NAZI PHYSICIAN TO STOP PRACTICING MEDICINE

BONN, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- West German authorities today ordered Dr. Herta Oberhauser, 49-year-old physician convicted of war crimes against women imprisoned during the war at the Ravensbrueck concentration camp, to stop practicing medicine, although she is still appealing a court order barring her from further medical practice.

Dr. Oberhauser had been sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment as a war criminal by the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal in 1947, but was released after serving only five years. She resumed her practice. Two weeks ago, a court in Hamburg ruled that she is barred from practice because of her war crimes. Her attorneys are appealing to a higher court. Meanwhile, however, she has been ordered to stop her practice.

### RESIGNATION OF NAZI-BACKED CHAIRMAN OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT DEMANDED

BONN, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Requests for the resignation of the chairman of the Rhineland-Pfalz Parliament, on the grounds that he had been elected to his post with the backing of neo-Nazis, were made at Mainz today by members of the Rhineland-Pfalz Parliament representing the Christian Democratic Union and the Free Democratic Party.

The new parliamentary chairman in the state is Franz Boegler, a member of the Social Democratic party. The complainants point out that he was chosen with the help of the two newly elected members of that Parliament, representing the neo-Nazi German Reichspartei, a party outlawed for its neo-nazism in all of the German states except Rhineland-Pfalz. One of Boegler's backers was, allegedly, a high-ranking officer in the SS, Hitler's Elite Guard, during World War II.

### WEST GERMANS EXAMINE VERDICTS OF NAZI 'SPECIAL COURTS'

BONN, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Two separate investigations are being conducted in West Germany into the verdicts handed down during World War II by judges on the Nazi "special courts," it was revealed here today.

In this city, the North Rhine-Westphalia Ministry of Justice is investigating the "special court" activities of Justice Heinrich Becker, now presiding judge of the Bonn District Court. He was a judge in the Nazi "special court" at Cologne during the war.

At Hamburg, the prosecutor reported today to the Hamburg State Parliament that he was reviewing 240 sentences handed down during the Nazi regime by "special courts" in that city. The prosecutor told Parliament that he had already found at least five cases of "obvious miscarriage of justice."

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## 18,000 ATTEND ISRAEL BOND CHANUKAH FESTIVAL AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- More than 18,000 persons attended the 10th annual Chanukah Festival for Israel tonight presented by the Israel Bond Organization at Madison Square Garden here. A second Festival will take place there on January 2.

Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller was principal speaker at the Festival, which climaxed the 1960 campaign in the New York area to raise \$15,000,000 in Israel bonds. Other speakers at the Festival included Dr. Israel Goldstein, chairman of the Festival Committee who made his last public appearance here before settling in Israel, and Ira Guilden, general chairman of the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds.

A high point of the Festival was the salute to the colors by 50 members of the Shomrim Society, an organization of Jewish police of New York City. Prominent artists participating in the Festival included 60 members of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

## 16 JEWS, INCLUDING TORONTO MAYOR, ELECTED TO ONTARIO MUNICIPAL OFFICES

TORONTO, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Fifteen Jews have been elected or re-elected to municipal offices in the recent balloting in this province of Ontario, in addition to Mayor Nathan Phillips, of this city, who was re-elected to another term as Mayor of Toronto, according to tabulations made here today by the Canadian Jewish Congress.

At Cornwall, Ontario, Bernard Miller was re-elected as Councillor. In Toronto, Philip Givens was elected to the Board of Control; David Rotenberg as Alderman; and J.S. Midanik to the Board of Education.

At Forest Hill Village, L. T. Simonsky was elected Sheriff, and Edwin Pivnick, deputy Sheriff. In the same village, four Jews were elected to the Board of Education. They are: Norman Borins, Mrs. Ben Grossberg, Samuel Hertzner and Peter Draimin.

North York elected Irving Paisley to the Council and Saul Cowan to the Board of Education. York Township elected Philip White and Charles Goodfellow to the Council; and Jack Young to the Board of Education.

## JEWISH SCHOOLS IN SO. AFRICA TO GET PRIORITY OVER NEW COMMUNAL PROJECTS

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The South African Board of Jewish Education named today a commission to study the financing of Jewish education. Judge Simon Kuper was named chairman.

The appointment of the new commission followed publication of a report recommending that no new Jewish communal projects be undertaken in Cape province until the existing Jewish day schools in the province were made financially secure. The interim report was made by the Herstein Commission which examined the Jewish educational structure in the province to formulate plans to meet capital and current operating deficits.

The report of the commission, which was headed by Capetown Judge Joseph Bernstein, was released jointly by the Cape Board of Jewish Education, the Western Province Zionist Council and the Cape Council of Deputies. The report also urged that top priority be given to Hebrew education in Jewish communal planning as well as a special campaign for funds to reduce the indebtedness of the Herzlia Jewish day schools in Capetown.

## NEW YORK JEWISH FEDERATION COMMEMORATES BENEFACTORS WHO LEFT BEQUESTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A new Memorial Wall was dedicated in the Felix M. and Frieda Schiff Warburg Room of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies here commemorating the thousands of men and women who have left bequests to the Federation for perpetual support of its 116 agencies.

Mayor Robert Wagner, addressing the audience, praised the contributions made by the Federation through its agencies. "The story of the generosity, the philanthropy, the love of mankind demonstrated by the Jewish people of our city through the years is one of the brightest pages of our history," he said.

## GERMAN GOVT. OFFERS FUND TO RESTORE ANNE FRANK HOME IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The West German Government has offered a second gift of 40,000 Deutschmarks (\$9,600) to complete the restoration of the "Back house," the Anne Frank Home, it was reported here today. The gift was announced to the board of the home by Dr. Henry Jordan, West German Consul General here.

## JUDAICA LIBRARY TO BE ESTABLISHED AT UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A gift of \$3,500 was presented here today to the University of British Columbia, for the creation of a Judaica library. The gift, by the Canadian Jewish Congress, was given to Dr. Norman Mackenzie, president of the university, and was acknowledged by Neil Harlow, university librarian.