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### KING OF MOROCCO LIFTS BAN ON JEWISH EMIGRATION; ANNOUNCEMENT ISSUED

PARIS, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- King Mohammed V of Morocco has agreed to end all restrictions against Jewish emigration from Morocco, effective this week, it was officially announced yesterday in Rabat by the Moroccan Minister of Information, Ahmed Alaoui.

The announcement was made following the visit of a delegation of Moroccan Jewish leaders to the king. The Jewish leaders were invited to the palace for "an important communication." They were headed by former Cabinet Minister Leon Benzaquen and David Amar, secretary-general of the Council of Jewish Communities.

"All our Jewish subjects who want to leave the country, will be allowed to do so without any restrictions," the Moroccan ruler was reported to have told the Jewish delegation. However, an aide to Mohammed made it clear later to the delegation that "foreign" organizations would not be allowed to operate in Morocco either to assist the emigrants or to propagandize emigration.

In announcing the decision of the king, the Moroccan Minister of Information said that the new policy would not mean that Zionist organizations would have the right to "denaturalize" Moroccan citizens, nor that it meant that Moroccan authorities favor a mass-emigration.

(The New York Times reported today from Morocco that Interior Minister Embarek Bekkai said in an interview that Moroccan Jews were free to travel anywhere, except Israel. The report quoted the Minister as stating that Morocco did not recognize Israel and therefore Moroccan passports were not valid for travel to Israel, just as United States passports were not good for entry into Communist China. The Minister emphasized that Moroccan Jews who go to Israel would lose their property and their Moroccan citizenship.)

### Government Offices Get Instructions to Issue Passports to Jews

Jewish delegates met today with the Minister of the Interior and presented their grievances and requests. The Minister told the delegates that instructions had been sent to Government offices throughout Morocco that no obstacles should be placed in the way of granting of passports to Jews or restrictions on their freedom of movement. Such obstacles have been a principal cause of anxieties among Moroccan Jews for some time.

Minister Bekkai said that the instructions ordered the provincial authorities to issue passports to Jews on the same conditions as they are being issued to Moslems, without any unnecessary delay. At the same time he urged the Jews in Morocco not to leave the country. He accused "international Zionists" of stimulating Moroccan Jews to emigrate.

Jewish leaders were elated at the sentiments expressed by the king during the audience he gave them in his palace. At the request of the Council of Jewish Communities prayers were held in all synagogues throughout the country for King Mohammed V in recognition of his liberal attitude toward the Jewish population and for the recent measures which he adopted both to protect and to further the welfare of the Jewish population. The Council of Jewish Communities also paid tribute to Interior Minister Bekkai who, it is understood, interceded with the king to secure his protection for the Jewish population.

Jewish circles in Paris were of the opinion that the Moroccan king banked on the fact that, despite his permission, most Jews would not be able to take advantage of the easing of restrictions, since the poor Jews of the city mellahs would technically not be able to leave the country while the rich Jews would emigrate only in small numbers. Zachariah Shuster, European director of the American Jewish Committee, who just returned after a week's visit in Morocco, said that the king's assurance had done much to ease the anxiety and the sense of oppression felt by Moroccan Jews.

Meanwhile it was reported from Casablanca today that four Jews have been arrested there and will be publicly tried on charges of offenses against the internal security of the state after they had allegedly confessed to participation in clandestine emigration activities. They also allegedly confessed to the distribution of "Zionist" leaflets.

According to the report, Casablanca police claimed that they had "uncovered" a "network of Moroccan Zionists." Subsequent to police interrogation of the four, additional Jews were arrested.

It was also reported from Casablanca that the Jewish announcer of the Moroccan French Service was dismissed from his post several days earlier with no reason given for the dismissal. It was presumed that his name -- Leon Israel -- was a key factor.

# KNESSET DEFEATS MOTION TO SET TIME LIMIT FOR BEN-GURION ON CABINET

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A Herut motion to set a time limit for Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's efforts to assemble a new coalition Government was defeated today in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament. At the same time, a formal statement was made that the Mapai party would continue to make every effort to reconstitute a Government under Mr. Ben-Gurion as Prime Minister before supporting new elections.

The vote against the Herut motion was 49 to 23. The statement of Mapai support for Mr. Ben-Gurion was made by Mapai deputy Haim Zadok.

Eliyahu Meridor, who submitted the Herut motion, cited the lengthy delays which, he said, had made caretaker governments virtually permanent administrations. Israel has been governed by a caretaker coalition since Mr. Ben-Gurion resigned last January 31.

The Herut deputy urged that if a Premier-designate was unable to form a new Government within a specified time after being invited by the President to make the attempt, the President should ask another political leader to try.

Deputy Zadok called the Herut proposal an interference with the prerogatives of the President and said the proposal was without precedent in any Parliament. He also indicated that the Mapai wanted the same coalition reconstituted under Mr. Ben-Gurion as the one he dissolved by resigning.

## Mapai Prepares Itself for Eventuality of General Elections

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Efforts by leaders of the National Religious Party to induce other former coalition partners to rejoin a new coalition under Ben-Gurion's Premiership were reported today to have had no success.

Moshe Shapiro and Dr. Joseph Burg, two NRP leaders, met with leaders of the Mapam and the Progressive party. They reiterated Mr. Ben-Gurion's arguments that both security needs and the political situation made necessary a wide, rather than a small coalition, and the avoidance of new general elections.

Both Mapam and Progressive party leaders told the two religious leaders that there was no change in their position that they were ready to join a new coalition with Mr. Ben-Gurion's Mapai Party provided Mr. Ben-Gurion was not the Prime Minister. They added that the security considerations currently cited by Mr. Ben-Gurion should have prevented him from creating a Cabinet crisis in the first place.

Meanwhile, considerable opposition was developing within the Mapai against any far-reaching concessions to the Religious party to obtain their participation in a small coalition. In a move to prepare itself for the eventuality of general elections, the Mapai secretariat called on all local branches today to suspend routine activities and concentrate on inspecting voters registers to see that all party members are eligible to participate in an election.

## 'TOTAL WAR' ON ISRAEL PLANNED BY NASSER; ISRAEL HAS 'SUPERSONIC PLANES'

BEERSHEBA, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- General Zvi Tsur, Israel Chief of Staff, warned at a public meeting here today that the United Arab Republic was spending enormous sums to build its military machine for a total war on Israel.

He added that while UAR leaders were running into difficulties in that effort, there was not the slightest doubt that they were making progress toward their goal. He added that while Israel was still "one step ahead," it would have to work hard to maintain that advantage, which he described as a qualitative one.

(Addressing an audience in Damascus yesterday, President Nasser of the United Arab Republic, said: "The day of reckoning is drawing near and the United Arab Republic will drive the first nail into Israel's coffin and destroy the Zionists before they succeed in conquering the Arabs.")

The Israel Air Force now possesses "supersonic planes," Shimon Peres, Deputy Minister of Defense, disclosed last night at the Aviation and Astronautical Congress. He said the Air Force had started the process of phasing in the new high speed jets while pulling the last of its propeller planes out of service.

## AMERICAN FIRM TO LEND \$10,000,000 TO ISRAEL FOR DEAD SEA PROJECT

TEL AVIV, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- David Horowitz, Governor of the Bank of Israel, reported on his return from the United States today that he had found an alternative source to finance the expansion of Dead Sea operations.

An alternative was made necessary when negotiations with two American financial organizations, the First Boston Corporation and Lazard Freres, failed. He said the new source, an American financial group, agreed to lend the Dead Sea project \$10,000,000 for seven years at five and one-fifth percent. The two other American financial firms wanted a much higher interest rate, he stated.

He also reported that after the agreement was concluded, a new bid would be made to the World Bank for a loan for the Dead Sea expansion project and that the chances of getting such a loan were "excellent."

# JERUSALEM COURT GETS INDICTMENT OF EICHMANN; TRIBUNAL TO BE FORMED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The detailed charge sheet against Adolf Eichmann, the Gestapo colonel who directed the extermination of 6,000,000 Jews, was submitted to the Jerusalem District Court today. A trial court will now be formed of two district court judges under the presidency of a Supreme Court justice, presumably Justice Moshe Landau.

The charge sheet, like the document submitted February 1, lists 15 counts and 39 prosecution witnesses. It offers evidence directly contrary to Eichmann's claim in his Life memoirs that he was responsible only for the deportations of Jews and never gave any extermination orders.

The charge sheet accuses the 54-year-old Nazi of having given instructions "for extermination in Germany directly to local Gestapo commanders." In occupied areas of Europe, Eichmann is accused of acting through commanders of the Nazi security police. He is specifically charged with directing commanders of the Auschwitz murder factory to use the gas known as Zyklon-B to kill inmates and in 1942 and 1944 "the accused obtained a quantity supply of the gas for the purpose of exterminating Jews."

The charge sheet lists six of the Nazi death camps as the most important ones in carrying out the mass murders of European Jews. These were: Auschwitz, Chelmno, Belzec, Sobibor, Treblinka, and Maidanek.

Among the details of the program to hasten the "final solution of the Jewish problem" by the Nazis listed in the charge sheet are instructions by Eichmann to a Dr. Epstein, head of the Council of Elders in the Theresienstadt concentration camp to forbid births and interrupt pregnancies. In Berlin in 1942, Eichmann devised measures for the sterilization of partners in mixed marriages with the intention to destroy the Jewish people, according to the charge sheet.

The crimes against humanity lists the spoilation of the property of millions of Jews residing in Germany and the occupied countries. Measures listed in the charge sheet for this purpose included the establishment of a central authority for the emigration of Jews in Vienna. Czechoslovakia and Berlin even before Hitler launched World War II in 1939, under which properties were transferred to Germany. Hundreds of thousands of Jews, according to the charge sheet, were forced to finance their own deportations to extermination camps and other centers of mass slaughter.

## Indictment Lists Eichmann's Order to Loot Jewish Property

The properties stolen from the Jews in Poland during 1942 and 1943 were nominally valued at 200,000,000 marks but the actual value was far greater, the charge sheet declares. The stolen properties were those of individuals, of Jewish communities and assets of Jews murdered in German-occupied areas in Eastern Europe.

Until shortly before the end of the war in 1945, the freight trains which conveyed the victims to extermination camps and ghettos were being sent back to Germany loaded with despoiled properties and also such parts of the bodies of the victims as hair, gold teeth, artificial limbs and personal effects, according to the charge sheet.

The charge sheet asserts that the property was removed to Germany on orders of Eichmann and of others acting on his orders. The extent of this vast robbery was reflected in the fact that in the 635 warehouses in which the loot was stored at Auschwitz alone, the following items were found: 348,820 men's suits; 836,255 women's dresses and 38,000 pairs of men's shoes.

The loot at Auschwitz was even greater than this, the charge sheet disclosed because 29 other Auschwitz warehouses were burned by the Germans before they retreated from Poland in January 1945.

Eichmann was accused of personally devising in his Berlin office in October 1942 sterilization measures and of stating that application of such measures was a condition of "the right to remain within the area governed by the Reich." The charge sheet noted that other Nazi authorities favored deportations and in that case, Eichmann ordered separation of males and females to prevent any additional births of Jewish children.

Foreign correspondents covering the trial of Eichmann will not be able to use on Saturdays the special communications facilities being set up in the court building, the Ministry of Labor decided here today. After consultations with the Ministry of Posts, the Police Ministry and the Government Information Center, the Labor Ministry decided that the press would have adequate facilities through existing regular Sabbath communications facilities and that the court building, including the press rooms need not remain open on Saturdays.

The question of Sabbath operation of the special communications facilities in the court building, which was raised in the Cabinet meeting Sunday by Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen, was referred to the Ministries of Labor and Posts at that time. While trial sessions will not be held on the Sabbath, the correspondents were expected to file background stories on Saturdays.

# JEWISH CONGRESS OPPOSES STATE AID TO SECTARIAN COLLEGE STUDENTS

ALBANY, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- A delegation of 150 leaders of the American Jewish Congress told Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller yesterday they vigorously opposed, as unconstitutional, the Governor's revised plan to provide State funds for private and sectarian college students.

"Public funds should be used to support public educational institutions," Stanley H. Lowell, the delegation's spokesman, told the Governor at a meeting in his office here. The American Jewish Congress leader said the Governor's latest student-aid plan still violated a provision of the State Constitution forbidding use of public funds "directly or indirectly" in aid of sectarian schools or colleges.

"The American Jewish Congress is vigorously opposed to legislation that attaches aid to private and sectarian colleges as the price for vitally needed improvement and strengthening of New York's system of higher education," Mr. Lowell declared.

Another organization spokesman, Leo Pfeffer, told the Governor that the use of public funds for sectarian colleges would be both a "breach of separation of church and state and a danger to the independence of church-connected colleges from ultimate state control."

# ISRAELI ENVOYS IN 10 LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES CONFER IN MONTEVIDEO

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The possible repercussions throughout the South American continent of the forthcoming trial in Jerusalem of Nazi mass murderer Adolf Eichmann was under study today at a conference here of 10 Israel envoys to countries on the continent.

The conference, under the chairmanship of Chaim Yehil, director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, was convened primarily to study means to strengthen Israeli ties with the Latin American countries. Assisting Mr. Yehil was Avraham Daron, director of Latin American affairs in the Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Yehil told a press conference in Argentina that enormous streams of weapons were flowing to Egypt. He was received by Dr. Diogenes Taboada, the Argentine Foreign Minister, for a cordial courtesy visit. Angel Conteno, the Argentine Foreign Undersecretary, tendered the Israel official a luncheon which was attended by high officials of the Argentine Foreign Ministry.

Assurances of the "inflexible attitude" of the Uruguayan Government against any anti-Semitic manifestations was given today to Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, political secretary of the World Jewish Congress, during a visit here. The assurances were given by Cardinal Barbieri and Carlos Puig, the Minister of the Interior, in a discussion with the World Jewish Congress official on the problems of anti-Semitism.

# J.T.A. MAIL TO ISRAEL MIS-DIRECTED TO ARAB LANDS; COMPLAINT LODGED

NEW YORK, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency filed a complaint with the United States Post Office in New York today against the non-delivery of airmail to its office in Jerusalem. The complaint pointed out that airmail addressed to Israel was misdirected to an Arab country or countries, where it was subjected to censorship before being returned to the sender in the United States.

The JTA submitted with its complaint an envelope mailed from New York on Dec. 16 addressed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency office in Jerusalem, Israel. The envelope was delivered to the postal authorities in an Arab State, opened for inspection, resealed with a censorship stamp in Arabic and rubber-stamped, in French, to the effect that there was no communication with Israel. It was returned to the United States postal authorities and sent back by them to the original sender, the JTA in New York, exactly two months after it had first been posted.

The JTA asked the Postal authorities to investigate the circumstances under which American mail to Israel was being delivered to the Arab States and for assurances that mail it entrusts to the U.S. Post Office will, in future, not be so mis-directed.

# YAACOV HODESS, VETERAN ZIONIST JOURNALIST, DIES IN ISRAEL; WAS 75

JERUSALEM, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Yaacov Hodess, prominent journalist and veteran Zionist, who died here at the age of 75. Born in Lithuania, he came to England as a youth, where he worked for the London Daily Express from 1907 to 1928 and for Zionist publications. He became editor of the New Judea in 1924.

Mr. Hodess, who was closely associated with Dr. Chaim Weizmann and Nachum Sokolow, settled in Jerusalem in 1949, when he was named editor of Zion, a quarterly magazine published by the World Zionist Organization. Mr. Hodess was eulogized by former Premier Moshe Sharett and Education Minister Abba Eban.

# JULES PHILIPPSON, BELGIAN JEWISH LEADER, DEAD; WAS 80 YEARS OLD

BRUSSELS, Feb. 22. (JTA) -- Jules Philippson, a prominent Jewish banker and communal leader, died here at the age of 80. Mr. Philippson was a former vice-president of the Jewish Consistory of Belgium.