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## BEN-GURION SAYS HE SEEKS NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM CANADA FOR ISRAEL

OTTAWA, May 25. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion told a press conference here today that Israel would depend on the strength of its own armed forces and "our many friends in the world" to repel any attack by the United Arab Republic. At the same time he revealed that he was not seeking military equipment from Canada.

Mr. Ben-Gurion said UAR President Nasser did threaten Israel and that this was a matter of concern to the government of Israel. Asked if he thought the time would come when the Arab world would accept Israel, he said: "We do not need any acceptance. We exist." He added, however, that sooner or later the enemies of Israel would recognize the Jewish State was here to stay. He said he thought this condition could be advanced by a general easing of world tensions.

Mr. Ben-Gurion told the press conference that he felt the situation in the Middle East had eased in recent years and he paid tribute to the part played in this by the Canadians serving with the United Nations Emergency Force. On a variety of other topics, the Israeli leader made these observations:

1. He would not say what sentence Adolf Eichmann should get if found guilty at the trial in Jerusalem of the crimes charged against him. He said this was for the judges to decide. As to Eichmann's capture by Israeli agents, he said that while this had been against the law, he believed they did the right thing.

2. Jews in Russia were not accorded the rights given other Soviet citizens, but he would not describe them as being persecuted. He said he would make no representations on this to Soviet Premier Khrushchev because "I don't think it would do any good."

3. Present relations between West Germany and Israel were "satisfactory," he said.

4. The Nazi regime was responsible for the terrible persecution of the Jews, he said, but more understanding and good will by countries that were not invaded by the Nazis could have saved many Jews.

5. He could not say what he would discuss in impending talks with President Kennedy and later with President de Gaulle of France until these talks took place.

Mr. Ben-Gurion did not disclose at his press conference today any details of his talks with Canadian Prime Minister Diefenbaker; however, the latter told reporters that the talks ranged over the Middle East situation and technical aid to underdeveloped African countries. Great emphasis was placed "on the need of economic assistance and aid to these countries without strings," the Canadian Prime Minister said.

### Canadian Prime Minister Describes Ben-Gurion as 'Quite a Philosopher'

Mr. Diefenbaker stressed that there had been no discussion of troubles between Israel and her Arab neighbors. He said it was emphasized that Israel, a country that has received economic assistance in the past, is now ready to contribute to other countries and is already doing "quite an expanding job on economic assistance." The Canadian Prime Minister also described his distinguished visitor as "quite a philosopher."

Mr. Diefenbaker said the trade talks between the two countries were being left to the trade ministers meeting concurrently with the Premiers. In 1960, Canadian imports from Israel, mainly diamonds and citrus fruits, amounted to \$2,400,000. Canadian exports to Israel, mainly wheat, asbestos and aluminum, amounted to \$6,200,000. This was an increase in Israel's earlier trade deficit.

Discussions this morning between Trade Minister Hees and Israel Trade Minister Pinhas Sapir, which continued through the day, led to agreement in principle that the two countries should exchange trade missions composed of businessmen and government leaders. Details were left to be worked out by diplomatic representatives and specific commodities were not discussed.

A spokesman for the Israelis said there was no discussion of a Canadian loan or other aid to Israel but that Israel might need some special financial arrangements--such as guaranteed credits--to increase trade.

This afternoon Mr. Ben-Gurion called on Mayor Charlotte Whitton at Ottawa City Hall. He was given a tremendous ovation when he visited the House of Commons gallery this

morning. He will visit Quebec City and Montreal before flying to New York to confer with United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold Monday and President Kennedy on Tuesday.

An Israeli reporter asked Mr. Ben-Gurion at his press conference what value he saw in his personal conferences with Mr. Diefenbaker in Ottawa and those scheduled with Mr. Hammarskjold and U.S. President Kennedy next week in New York. "We need a worldwide understanding among all peoples," Mr. Ben-Gurion replied, "and I think this is the right way to obtain it. While of course I am not optimistic that these meetings will lead immediately to world peace and understanding, I am sure it will be achieved in time."

The same question was put to Mr. Diefenbaker. He told the Canadian press: "Having regard to conditions in the world today and the freedom and ease of transportation which makes personal visits possible anywhere in the world, there are many advantages that can come from personal diplomacy. No matter how carefully communications--letters and cables--can be worded, there is nothing that can take the place of personal discussions and the give and take that flows from a face-to-face meeting."

#### Ben-Gurion to Meet with French President De Gaulle on June 6

PARIS, May 25. (JTA) -- Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion will lunch with French President Charles de Gaulle at the Elysee Palace on June 6 following political talks between the two statesmen, it was reported here today.

Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir, now visiting various European countries, will be in Paris at the same time as Premier Ben-Gurion and will accompany him when he calls on French leaders, including Premier Michel Debre and Foreign Minister Couve de Murville. Mr. Ben-Gurion's visit will be official but without public ceremony.

#### ROOSEVELT'S EFFORTS TO SAVE HUNGARIAN JEWS REVEALED AT EICHMANN TRIAL

JERUSALEM, May 25. (JTA) -- United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the King of Sweden gave Admiral Horthy, wartime dictator of Hungary, an ultimatum in 1944 to cease deporting Jews or Hungary would be subjected to a fate worse than any other warring country, it was revealed at the Adolf Eichmann trial here today.

According to the testimony by Pinhas Freudiger, president of the Budapest Jewish Community at that time, Horthy failed to reply to the ultimatum, delivered to him by the Swiss Minister, M. Jaeger. The ultimatum expired on June 30, and British and American bombers bombed Budapest on July 2. The next day, Admiral Horthy told Jaeger he had ordered that Jewish deportations from Hungary cease--but the Hungarian dictator's order was countermanded by Eichmann, Freudiger testified.

Mr. Freudiger's testimony about Roosevelt's effort to help the Hungarian Jews came after two spectators in the courtroom lost control of their emotions and shouted out, one of them leveling an accusation against Freudiger. For the first time since the Eichmann trial was convened, the court recessed for 20 minutes after those outbursts.

Sander Szilagyi and Avraham Cassirer, both emigres from Hungary, created the scene in the courtroom after Mr. Freudiger had told of several meetings with Eichmann and with the latter's deputy, Dieter Wisliceny. Mr. Freudiger had just identified Eichmann, sitting in his bullet-proof, glass-enclosed dock, as the Gestapo officer who directed the deportation of more than 600,000 Hungarian Jews to death camps when Mr. Szilagyi jumped up in the audience, waved at the witness and screamed "You helped the Germans and saved your own family. Mine was sent to death."

Mr. Szilagyi also shouted at the witness, before he was removed by guards, "you told us not to escape." As he was taken from the courtroom, he sobbed, "my whole family was exterminated. Put yourself in my place."

Mr. Cassirer, who lost 69 members of his family and relatives, including his wife and two children, shouted at Eichmann, "Murderer, beast of prey--there are still Jews who were not exterminated who will see that you get yours."

Mr. Freudiger told the court today that by the end of June 1944, only three months after the Nazi occupation, 80 percent of Hungarian Jews were deported. Asked by prosecutor Gavriel Bach if he could identify the defendant, the witness said "he remains in my memory in uniform and high boots, shouting at me in the master race tone of voice. Despite that I think this is the same man."

He said that mass deportations started at the rate of 4,000 a day on May 15, 1944 and that by July 4, some 600,000 men, women and children had been deported. He told of receiving a clandestine letter saying that 1,400,000 Jews had already been murdered at Auschwitz.

Mr. Freudiger told, in his testimony today, how Eichmann, directing the extermination of Hungarian Jews from his field office in Budapest, fought against plans to exchange Hungarian Jews for ransom money from abroad, and how he outwitted Admiral Horthy. He described a meeting with Eichmann which occurred when the Hungarian Jewish leader sought to discuss the fate of Hungarian Jews arrested for traveling on trains.

ALGERIAN REBEL LEADER EVADES ANSWERING QUESTION ON TREATMENT OF JEWS

EVIAN, France, May 25. (JTA) -- The head of the Algerian rebel group negotiating with France on Algerian independence hinted at a press conference here today that his government would not recognize the existence of separate communities in an independent Algeria.

Bel Hassem Krim, the chief negotiator, also declined to answer questions put to him in writing by correspondents who wanted some indication about the rebel organization's attitude toward the Jewish community of Algeria. It was noted that throughout their stay in Evian FLN spokesmen have usually expressed themselves freely on most subjects but not on the matter of the future of Algerian Jews.

The French Radio reported today that a Jewish businessman whose name was not indicated, was stabbed to death Wednesday in Oran by Algerian FLN terrorists. The broadcast said such terrorist attacks were on the increase in spite of the French-Algerian independence talks now underway in Evian.

At the same time it was reported here today from Paris that an armed European underground organization, the OAS, has warned all Europeans in Algeria, including the 150,000 Jews there, that they must not leave their Algerian homes or emigrate, or they would "suffer the consequences," it was learned here today.

The OAS warning threatens "reprisals" against all Europeans who leave Algeria even for summer vacations, having announced it will bomb and loot the homes of all who leave even temporarily. The warning by the OAS is viewed here as a serious threat to Algerian Jews, many of whom have already registered for emigration to France or to Israel.

MARCHIONESS OF READING REPORTS IN NEW YORK ON NORTH AFRICAN JEWRY

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- A report on recent developments in the situation of the Jews of North Africa was given here today by the Marchioness of Reading, co-chairman of the European executive of the World Jewish Congress at a luncheon of the WJC's International Advisory Council. Lady Reading emphasized the role played by American Jewish leadership through the Council in support of the work of the Congress.

Commenting on the reactions in Europe to the Eichmann trial, the WJC leader said that the recrudescence of anti-Semitism had been expected as the trial proceeded in Jerusalem. That this had not happened, Lady Reading declared, was due in great measure "to the effective work done by the World Jewish Congress in places where it had been most helpful."

JEWS PLEDGE LOYALTY TO THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC

JOHANNESBURG, May 25. (JTA) -- The South African Jewish Board of Deputies today sent a message of congratulations to President-elect Charles Robert Swart on his election as the first President of the republic. The Board's message declared:

"The Deputies, as the representative body of South African Jewry respectfully offers you its congratulations on your election as the first president of the Republic of South Africa and its warmest wishes for a successful and happy term of office. As loyal citizens of South Africa, the Jewish community will continue to play its part in the well being and progress of the state."

ROCKWELL AND NINE FOLLOWERS ARRESTED IN NEW ORLEANS; PICKETED 'EXODUS'

NEW ORLEANS, May 25. (JTA) -- George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi party, and nine of his "stormtroopers" wearing swastika-decorated arm-bands, were lodged in jail here last night. Police authorities who arrested the men charged them with "disturbing the peace in a manner which would unreasonably disturb and alarm the public."

The arrests took place in front of a movie house showing the film "Exodus," which they tried to picket. But prior to their arrest, the Nazis--except for Rockwell himself--had a tough time. While Rockwell flew down here from his headquarters at Arlington, Va., his band of "stormtroopers" came in a German-made bus decorated with anti-Semitic and anti-Negro slogans, proclaiming their vehicle a "hate bus." Police forced them to remove or cover the hate signs, arrested the driver for a traffic violation, and made it clear they were unwelcome in New Orleans.

Rockwell vowed that he and his Nazi "stormtroopers" would remain in jail until cleared of all charges. He said "We couldn't post bail if we wanted to. We are broke." The authorities said the Nazis would be held and prosecuted as would any other lawbreakers.

B'NAI B'RITH CONTRIBUTES \$2,000 TO 'TRACTORS' DRIVE FOR CASTRO PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, May 25. (JTA) -- President Label A. Katz of B'nai B'rith today made known in a letter to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt that the Jewish organization was contributing \$2,000 to the "Tractors-For-Freedom" drive to save Cuban prisoners of the Castro regime.

Mr. Katz said Jewish scripture held that to save a life was the greatest reward a man could achieve and that the contribution was in keeping with this philosophy.

CONFERENCE OF EDUCATORS GETS PROGRAM FOR SECONDARY JEWISH EDUCATION

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 25. (JTA) -- A four-point program to improve Jewish secondary school education and increase the number of students enrolled in Jewish high schools in the United States was outlined at the 35th annual conference of the National Council for Jewish Education which opened here today.

Dr. Samuel H. Dinsky, educational consultant of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, told 300 Jewish educators and education leaders from all over the United States that there are 43,000 students in Jewish secondary schools in America today, constituting 7.7 percent of the total Jewish school enrollment of an estimated 554,000 elementary and high school students.

"This figure is indicative of the significant gain in the field of secondary Jewish education during the last half century, since the first Hebrew high school was founded in 1912 in New York City," Dr. Dinsky declared at the opening session of the four-day conference. He said that the 43,000 Jewish high school students are distributed among three types of secondary schools: one-day, 47.4 percent; week-day afternoon, 40 percent; and all-day Jewish schools, 12.6 percent.

This indicated that "the largest number of Jewish high school students is participating in the least intensive religious education program, while the smallest number is enrolled in the most intensive program," Dr. Dinsky noted. He proposed:

1. Secondary Jewish education should be made primary in the interests and values of the American Jewish community.
2. The one-day secondary Jewish school program be increased to two or three days.
3. Attention should be focused on a secondary Jewish teacher program in the Hebrew teacher colleges of the United States to provide a core of professionally trained teachers for the secondary Jewish education programs.
4. A national commission for Jewish Education should be established to plan and implement an organized and sustained program of promoting, coordinating and raising the standards of secondary Jewish education in the United States.

Elijah Bortniker, executive director of the Jewish Education Association of Essex County, New Jersey, emphasized that the "boy or girl who quits the Jewish elementary school at about the age of 13 ceases his or her Jewish learning. Any further acquisition of Jewish knowledge, Jewish understanding or appreciation of Jewish values is too accidental and spotty to amount to anything substantial," he said, adding that it was essential for a "reasonable fraction" of the total Jewish school population to continue the high school level "in order to give meaning to the elementary Jewish school as well. Without such continuation our entire educational program may well be questioned."

BOSTON COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL CLOSES 1961 DRIVE; RAISED \$5, 227, 150

BOSTON, May 25. (JTA) -- Greater Boston Jewry soared past the one hundred million mark in unified fund-raising over the past 20 years as a result of the 1961 appeal of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies which closed its campaign tonight with \$5, 227, 150.

In announcing the results to more than 400 leaders at the closing dinner, general chairman George Shapiro declared this was the 12th time, since 1946, that the campaign produced more than \$5, 000, 000 for local, national, overseas and Israel. Louis P. Smith, president of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, told the vast gathering that the success of the Appeal was "a tribute to its leadership and to the maturity of the greater Boston people who once again demonstrated their sense of responsibility to meet ongoing needs of Jewry everywhere."

A highlight of the victory fete was president Smith's announcement that David Kane, advance gifts chairman of the 1961 Appeal, a trustee of Beth Israel Hospital and a prominent supermarket executive, has been selected as general chairman for the 1962 campaign. Mr. Kane returned from Israel two days before the closing dinner.

CONNECTICUT SENATE PASSES SLAUGHTER BILL ACCEPTABLE TO ORTHODOX JEWS

HARTFORD, May 25. (JTA) -- A Humane Slaughter bill acceptable to Orthodox leaders in Connecticut was sent to the House of Representatives today after unanimous approval by the State Senate. If the measure is approved by the House and signed by the Governor, it would take effect January 1.

Among the provisions in the Senate-approved measure is a statement that nothing in the bill "shall be construed to prohibit, abridge or in any way hinder the religious freedom of any person or group." The provision specifies that "the handling or other preparation of livestock for ritual slaughter are humane and are not to be regulated by any terms of this act."

ARCHIE GREENBERG, FORMER COMMANDER OF JEWISH WAR VETERANS, DIES IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, May 25. (JTA) -- Archie H. Greenberg, former national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, and for the last 35 years on the staff of the New York Board of Education, died yesterday.