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## BELGRADE CONFERENCE ADOPTS STATEMENT ON ARAB REFUGEES; MUM ON ISRAEL

BELGRADE, Sept. 6; (JTA) -- The conference of "neutralist" nations concluded here last night with the adoption of a policy statement declaring that "the participants condemn imperialist policies in the Middle East and proclaim the necessity of the restoration of the full rights of the Arab refugees according to the United Nations charter."

The reference to the Middle East, which did not mention Israel by name, was contained in a general condemnation of colonialism which referred to Algeria, Angola, the Congo and South Africa.

Trustworthy sources reported that the United Arab Republic sought to persuade the other countries to approve a resolution condemning Israel as "an imperialist tool," calling for the liquidation of all "imperialist bases" in the Middle East and African countries, and calling on the neutralist states to take action to force Israel to implement UN resolutions on partition and the Arab refugees.

More than a quarter of the delegations opposed the UAR draft. Led by Premier Nehru of India, Yugoslavia, Ceylon, Burma, Nepal, Ethiopia, Ghana and Cyprus joined to win omission of the UAR draft from the final conference documents. The opposing countries won agreement from a majority of the delegations to a proposal that references to any conflict directly involving any of the participating countries should be omitted.

The outcome was generally considered a moral victory for Israel and a considerable improvement over the results of the Bandung and Casablanca conferences, both of which condemned Israel along the lines of the defeated UAR proposal here.

## HOUSE AUTHORIZES WITHHOLDING AID FROM LANDS SHOWING BIAS TO U.S. JEWS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6; (JTA) -- The House adopted today the Halpern-Rooney amendment authorizing the President to withhold U.S. economic assistance from nations discriminating against American citizens because of religious bias. The amendment was incorporated into the Mutual Security Appropriations Bill to remedy the deletions made in the House anti-bias clause in last month's Mutual Security authorization bill by a Senate-House conference.

The amendment, passed today, was sponsored by Representatives Seymour Halpern, New York Republican and John J. Rooney, Democrat, also of New York. The amendment was supported by Chairman Thomas E. Morgan, Pennsylvania Democrat, of the House Foreign Affairs committee, and Chairman Otto Passman, Louisiana Democrat, of the Foreign Operations Appropriations sub-committee.

Senate elements displeased by what they termed the "watering down" of the anti-bias clause in the authorization bill indicated they would strongly back the new amendment in the appropriations bill when it comes before the Senate. The new amendment said:

"It is the sense of Congress that any attempt by foreign nations to create distinctions because of their race or religion among American citizens in the granting of personal or commercial access or any other rights otherwise available to United States citizens generally is repugnant to our principles; and in all negotiations between the United States and any foreign state arising as a result of funds appropriated under this title these principles shall be applied as the President may determine."

Rep. Halpern said it was "of vital importance" that the amendment, when also approved by the Senate "be implemented by the Executive Department." He stressed that "nothing short of this amendment to the Foreign Assistance Appropriations Act is satisfactory to carry out the sense of Congress as expressed heretofore in previous appropriations bills and it fulfills the principle espoused by the President linking social justice and morality to our foreign aid program."

"To omit this provision as did the earlier bill would have been interpreted as a retreat on the part of Congress--an appeasement--which could only lead to more flagrant violations of decency and international law on the part of certain (Arab) nations receiving our aid," Rep. Halpern said. With adoption of the amendment, he said, "there can be no question here as to the sense of Congress."

Rep. Rooney said the amendment was "bi-partisan" and did not require debate because it was passed in previous years and was a measure designed to protect American citizens from "foreign discrimination."

## ISRAEL PRESIDENT ENTRUSTS BEN-GURION WITH FORMATION OF NEW CABINET

JERUSALEM, Sept; 6; (JTA) -- President Ben-Zvi today completed his round of talks with representatives of Israel's political parties and asked Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion to undertake the task of forming a new Government.

The President met yesterday with leaders of Mapai, Herut, the Liberals, Mapam, Achdut Avodah and the religious group. He expressed a wish for a prompt formation of a new Cabinet and thus end the current caretaker Government now in its seventh month.

Parallel with the presidential consultations, a Mapai committee headed by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol began talks with other parties for a coalition headed by Mr. Ben-Gurion. Three of the Mapai party's partners in the outgoing coalition--the Liberals, Mapam and Achdut Avodah--went on record as favoring a reconstitution of the former coalition, together with the National Religious party but with the condition that Mapai forego a majority in any new government.

Pointing to Mapai's loss of six seats in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, in the August 15 election, the three parties argued for proportional representation in the distribution of Cabinet portfolios. Mapai lost five seats in the voting and one seat resulting from the loss of an Arab affiliate list.

The National Religious party told the Mapai negotiators that it would not insist on Mapai yielding its customary majority in a new Cabinet, but that it favored widening the coalition to include Herut as well as the ultra-Orthodox Agudas Israel. Herut has never been represented in an Israel Cabinet.

It was generally believed that Mapai would refuse to yield on its demand for a Cabinet majority and instead would prefer to take the risk of a narrow coalition to include all the religious parties. This arrangement would add four seats from Mapai's Arab affiliates, 12 from the National Religious Party, four from Agudas Israel, and two from Poale Agudas Israel, the Orthodox labor party, to Mapai's 42 seats for a slender majority of 64 of the Parliament's 120 seats.

Agudas Israel, which fell short 94 ballots from a fifth seat, gave notice meanwhile that it would challenge the results at two polling places, one in Tel Aviv and one in Jerusalem. Party officials charged that "irregularities" in Tel Aviv deprived them of a fifth seat which went to the Liberals and they demanded a recount of the Jerusalem polling station results which were invalidated on a technicality by the Central Election Committee.

Since the party's strength is greatest in Jerusalem, a successful appeal on either challenge would make the united religious bloc a more potent factor in any considerations of a narrow coalition. The appeal will be brought before the Knesset which is the only body authorized to act in ballot disputes. If a Knesset majority sustains the appeal and if the disputed ballots actually turn out to be for the Agudas Israel, the Liberals will lose one of their 17 seats.

## ISRAEL RESUMES TRIAL OF MILITARY SPECIALIST CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE

TEL AVIV, Sept; 6; (JTA) -- The trial of Lt. Col. Israel Beer, Israeli military analyst accused of espionage on behalf of a Communist power, presumably Russia, was resumed in District Court here today after the conclusion of a court recess.

As soon as the court reconvened, the Government prosecutor requested that the hearing be closed to the public, and the court granted the request. Until now, nearly 20 security officers and police personnel have testified on behalf of the prosecution in the closed sessions of the court. The trial is expected to end by October 15.

## ISRAEL REQUESTS EXTRADITION OF ORTHODOX ISRAELI ARRESTED IN LONDON

JERUSALEM, Sept; 6; (JTA) -- Israel today formally requested the extradition of Shalom Shtarkes, who was arrested last month in London on suspicion of his having taken part in the abduction of his nephew Yossele Schumacher.

The nine-year-old boy was originally taken from his parents by his maternal grandfather Nachman Shtarkes because he felt the boy was not receiving a proper Orthodox upbringing. Nachman Shtarkes was returned to jail last month when he failed to produce the boy during a probationary period granted by an Israeli court. It was then indicated that the abducted boy was smuggled from Israel to London by his uncle, Shalom Shtarkes, and is believed to be still in England.

## U.N. SPECIAL ENVOY TO SPEND TWO DAYS IN ISRAEL ON ARAB REFUGEE ISSUE

JERUSALEM, Sept; 6; (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, who is now in the Middle East as a special emissary of the Palestine Conciliation Commission to study the Arab refugee problem, is expected in Israel on Sept. 14. He will remain in Israel for two days. Dr. Johnson is scheduled to meet Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, before she leaves for New York to attend the 16th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

U.N. AGENDA FOR NEXT ASSEMBLY PUBLISHED; ONLY TWO ITEMS CONCERN ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 6; (JTA) -- The United Nations today made public its agenda for the next session of the General Assembly, convening September 19. Among more than 90 items to be placed before the 99 members of the UN, only two affect Israel-Arab relations directly. They are:

1; The Arab refugee situation, to be debated in the context of the annual report of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East; 2; The further status and operation of the United Nations Emergency Force, on guard against infiltration of Israeli territory or international waters on the borders of the Gaza Strip, and on the shore of the Gulf of Akaba at Sharm-el-Sheikh, in the Sinai Peninsula;

A total of 1,151,024 Arab refugees were registered as eligible for relief by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, according to an announcement made here by the UN today. The announcement stated that the figure would be included in UNRWA's forthcoming annual report to the General Assembly. This is an increase of 40,024 in the overall registration of the Arab refugees in the year ending June 30, 1961.

BEN-GURION HOPES NEXT MACCABIAH WOULD INCLUDE ATHLETES FROM RUSSIA

TEL AVIV, Sept. 6; (JTA) -- A hope that the next world Maccabiah may include Jewish athletes from the Soviet Union, and other Iron Curtain countries was expressed at Ramat Gan Stadium, before an audience of 45,000, last night, by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. He was the principal speaker at colorful ceremonies that formally concluded the week-long sixth Maccabiah Games, in which Jewish athletes from 26 countries participated.

"It is our wish and hope," said the Premier, "that, in the next Maccabiah, side by side with you, there will also be groups from North African countries, from Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Soviet Russia. There is nothing to prevent them--when freedom spreads also in those countries--from coming to Israel, even if only for a few days."

Mr. Ben-Gurion also proposed that the next world Maccabiah include contests in Hebrew, reading of the Bible in the Hebrew language, and Jewish history. Mike Herman, former New York University track star, was awarded a special plaque for having amassed the highest number of gold medals among the men. The women's championship plaque was awarded to Madelaine Bergman, of Australia.

ISRAEL BOND CAMPAIGN EMPLOYEES GO ON STRIKE; MOVE CALLED 'UNJUSTIFIED'

NEW YORK, Sept. 6; (JTA) -- Some 400 professional and clerical employees of the Development Corporation for Israel which conducts the Israel bond campaign in this country, went out on strike today for increased wages and fringe benefits. The bond workers, who are members of the Community and Social Agency Employees Union, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, failed to report for work in bond offices throughout the country today after the union and the bond organization failed to reach agreement last night.

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, said there was no justification for the strike by the union representing its professional and clerical workers. He pointed out that the organization had made the most liberal and generous concessions.

Dr. Schwartz said: "By any standards, our employees receive very good salaries and enjoy the best working conditions and benefits of any organization in the field. The action of the union in calling this strike is totally incomprehensible and the responsibility for any disruption of our activities in behalf of Israel will be solely that of the union leadership and not of management."

CANADIAN GOVT. TO SEND TRADE MISSION TO ISRAEL, MINISTER ANNOUNCES

OTTAWA, Sept. 6; (JTA) -- The Canadian Government has decided to send an official trade mission to Israel early next year to establish closer commercial relations between the two countries and to explore investment opportunities in Israel, it was announced here today by George Hees, Minister of Trade and Commerce.

At a meeting today with Israel Ambassador Yaacov Herzog, it was decided that the two countries should exchange trade missions, the one from Israel scheduled to visit Canada later this year. Mr. Hees said the decision to establish closer trade relations with Israel was enhanced by the visit here last May of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who was accompanied by Israeli Minister of Commerce and Industry Pinhas Sapir. He said the possibility of appointing a Canadian trade commissioner in Israel, was being studied.

An Israel Embassy spokesman expressed appreciation of the fact that the official Canadian commission would interest itself in the possibilities for Canadian investment in Israel. Within the past four months, Canadian private investments in Israel have totaled \$5,000,000. Projects for a further \$5,000,000 in investments are under consideration by Israeli investment authorities.

### THIRD-GENERATION AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTH REPORTED SEEKING JEWISH IDENTITY

STARLIGHT, Pa., Sept. 6; (JTA) -- "The Jewish student community, the constituency of which is primarily third-generation American Jews, is characterized by a search for Jewish identity and desire for Jewish participation," Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn, national director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, declared here addressing 200 students at the National Hillel Summer Institute.

"The positive attitudes of Jewish college students today towards Jewish religious and cultural identification," he said, "give us good reason for faith in the emergence of a creative, informed and knowledgeable Jewish community of the future."

Rabbi Kahn predicted that within 30 years, two out of every three American Jews will have attended a college or university. He based his prediction on the fact that two-thirds of present-day Jewish high school graduates enter institutions of higher learning.

### JEWISH HOSPITAL GETS \$240,000 FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR MEDICAL STUDY

NEW YORK, Sept. 6; (JTA) -- The Maimonides Hospital of Brooklyn announced today an award of \$240,000 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to Dr. Adrian Kantrowitz for further studies in the use of electronic circuits in stimulating bodily processes.

Dr. Kantrowitz, director of cardiovascular surgery and surgical research, has been studying the use of such circuits to restore control to malfunctioning and nonfunctioning parts of the body, a new area of investigation in the field. He also will continue his investigation of the use of an auxiliary heart to correct improper functioning of the heart.

### NEW JERSEY PASSES BILL OUTLAWING RELIGIOUS BIAS IN PRIVATE HOUSING

TRENTON, N.J., Sept. 6; (JTA) -- A watered-down bill outlawing racial and religious discrimination in the sale or rental of private housing was before Governor Robert Meyner today for an expected signature.

The original bill approved by the New Jersey House had exempted only rentals of rooms in one-family houses and in two-family houses occupied by the owner. Senate amendments widened the exemptions to include rentals in three-family houses occupied by the owner and sale of houses in developments of less than 10 dwellings.

### COMMITTEE IN DETROIT HOPES TO SOLVE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER DISPUTE

DETROIT, Sept. 6; (JTA) -- An informal citizens committee named by the president of the Detroit Jewish Welfare Federation to resolve the long-standing dispute over Sabbath programing at the Detroit Jewish Community Center expressed hope today that a solution could be found in the controversy.

The Federation president, Max M. Fisher, said he had named the committee not in his capacity with the Federation but as a public spirited citizen anxious to end communal controversy which might harm overall community programs. The dispute had led to formation of a Committee for Center Sabbath closing. Members of the informal citizens committee include Federal Judge Theodore Levin and Philip Stollman, Orthodox leader. The committee has held one meeting with representatives of the Center and the Sabbath closing committee.

The Detroit rabbinate, however, charged, in a statement to the Jewish News of Detroit, that the Detroit rabbinate was being ignored in the proceedings. Rabbis Leizer Levine and Haskel Gruber, speaking for the rabbis, said they should be consulted and the Center should be closed Saturday preceding the meeting to discuss plans to solve the deadlock.

### SOLOMON GILINSKY, EDITOR OF JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 6; (JTA) -- Solomon Gilinsky, editor and executive director of the Jewish Encyclopedia Handbook, died at his home here of a heart attack. He was 73.

He had edited three volumes of the encyclopedia in Yiddish and English and was editing other volumes for publication this year. The Lithuanian-born editor was a member of the Jewish Socialist Labor Bund in the Warsaw City Council from 1927 to 1938 and was brought to the United States in 1941 by the Jewish Labor Committee.

### MRS. BRIN, EX-PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, DEAD

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 6; (JTA) -- Mrs. Fannie Fliegelman Brin, of Minneapolis, noted Jewish women's leader, died here at the age of 76.

Mrs. Brin was president of the National Council of Jewish Women from 1932 to 1938 and was honorary president of the Council's Minneapolis section at the time of her death.