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### BEN-GURION GREETED ON 75TH BIRTHDAY; WANTS NO PUBLIC FESTIVITIES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27; (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's desert retreat at Sde Boker had a large number of visitors today bringing good wishes to the Premier on his 75th birthday.

An elaborate program to celebrate the occasion had been prepared but it was shelved when the Prime Minister said he wanted any festivities restricted to his family and a few close friends; Sde Boker members scheduled a small party tonight in the communal dining hall at which Mrs. Ben-Gurion will serve cookies.

The numerous cables included one from Sir Winston Churchill; Burma's Premier U Nu wrote: "Your many friends and admirers in Burma join me in prayers on the occasion of your birthday blessing you with long life, good health and much happiness; We wholeheartedly hope you will enjoy many years so our turbulent world will continue to benefit from your wisdom and experience."

(Numerous Jewish organizations and leading personalities in the United States today cabled congratulations to Premier Ben-Gurion on his 75th birthday. The Yiddish-language daily newspapers carried editorials emphasizing Mr. Ben-Gurion's importance not only to Israel but also to the entire Jewish people; The New York Herald Tribune, one of the country's leading newspapers, stressed editorially Mr. Ben-Gurion's wish for a world reconciliation and peace.)

The Socialist International Bureau sent today a message of "warmest greetings" to Mr. Ben-Gurion stating: "We pay tribute to your distinguished services to the cause of Israel and world democratic socialism; Good wishes for your continued good health and vigor."

(In Brazil, Mr. Ben-Gurion's birthday was officially observed today in two distinct moves; Prime Minister Tancredo Neves cabled greetings to Mr. Ben-Gurion, congratulating the Israeli leader warmly on his birthday. At the same time, Governor Carlos Lacerda announced that a street in this Brazilian metropolis would be named after Mr. Ben-Gurion.)

### HAIFA POLICE ARREST ORGANIZER OF EGYPTIAN SPY RING IN ISRAEL

HAIFA, Sept. 27; (JTA) -- Haifa police claimed today that they had arrested the organizer of an Egyptian spy ring in Israel.

They identified the suspect as Hanni Arrabeh, 19, a former resident of the Shfayim health resort on the Sh'aron plain; Police officials said he crossed into Egypt last November and took part in broadcasts aimed at inciting Israel's Arabs and that he switched to intelligence work.

Meanwhile, a group of young Arabs in Haifa were reported today as having formed an organization to prevent deterioration in relations between Israeli Jews and Arabs; The group distributed leaflets stating that the Arab population wanted to live peacefully with its Jewish neighbors; It called upon the Arabs in Israel to restrain themselves and to indulge in no hostile demonstrations against the Israeli authorities.

"Let us carry on the fight against the Government's policy by legal means," the leaflets urged; "We want no hotheads to start anything rash;" Members of the organization said they intended to tour Arab schools to impress their views upon the pupils and prevent them from falling under the influence of Communist agitators against the Israeli regime;

Mayor Abba Khoushy of Haifa conferred in Town Hall with heads of the Christian and Moslem communities and expressed sympathy with the bereaved families of the Arab youth who had been shot while trying to cross the Gaza border illegally; At the same time he also expressed his grave concern that Communist elements were exploiting the incident to incite the Arab population to demonstrations; He asked the notables to do all in their power to calm the population.

The Arab leaders promised to comply with his request; Some of them later publicly urged the Arabs in their neighborhoods to abstain from any demonstration; (The New York Times carried an interview today with the 35-year-old Deputy Mayor of Nazareth, Abdul Aziz Zubi, in which the Arab leader expressed fear that the rancor and bitter Arab demonstrations in Nazareth last week had set the Arabs and Jews of Israel back 13 years in their

relations with each other. Deploing the demonstrations, he said: "Those Jews who had wanted to raise us to the status of equal citizens--and I think they were a majority--will be in a bad position to do anything for us now."

Calm prevailed throughout the country today following the publication of a post-mortem report establishing that the Arab youths who were killed while attempting to cross into the Gaza Strip last week were shot at a distance. The report also said that there were no signs of mutilation on the bodies when they were brought for examination to the Institute for Forensic Medicine at Abu Kabir. The report exposed the lie published by the Communist daily "Kol Haam" that the youths were tortured before they were shot.

#### MOSCOW CRITICIZED FOR BOYCOTTING U.N. FORCE AT ARAB-ISRAEL BORDER

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The refusal of the Soviet Union and other Communist countries, to support the United Nations Emergency Force is "a serious weakness" and is an example of lack of cooperation which "could be fatal to an existence of the United Nations," Britain's Foreign Secretary, the Earl of Home, warned the UN General Assembly here today.

The UNEF accounts, paid for by special assessments leveled on all UN members in fixed proportions, has a deficit of more than \$20,000,000 because the USSR and its satellites have consistently refused to contribute toward UNEF's support since the force was established in 1956.

Lord Home voiced his warning when he addressed the Assembly here this morning and referred to UN "experiments in collective police action" which, he said, have been "tentative and halting." "There is the United Nations force which polices the disputed frontier between the United Arab Republic and Israel," Lord Home said. "The majority in the Assembly would, I believe, acclaim that experiment as having contributed to the stability of the area and to have reduced the danger of war."

"But--and it is a very large but--it is not supported by the Communist countries. The refusal of one or more countries to sustain and help to pay for collective action approved by a two-thirds majority is a most serious weakness. We shall realize that when we come to discuss the budget, it could be fatal to the existence of the United Nations," the British statesman warned.

An item calling for a budget of about \$20,000,000 for UNEF's operation and maintenance for 1962 is on the Assembly agenda for discussion later during the current session.

#### ISRAEL STARTS BUILDING EIGHT STORY HOUSES IN EMEK; MOSTLY FOR IMMIGRANTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Seven and eight story apartment buildings now under construction by the Government Housing Authority, mostly for new immigrants, are expected to transform the Emek landscape, officials said today. The projects will provide 5,200 new housing units. They include apartment houses in Affuleh.

Some 650 units in buildings up to six stories in height will be built in Jerusalem, Beer-sheba and B'nai Brak construction will include units ranging from two-family cottages to four-story apartment buildings. Other towns included in the current housing program are Ramleh, Holon, Nahariya, Athlit, Ashdod, Hadera, Herzlia, Yavneh, Dimona, and Zichron Yaakov.

#### EL AL REPORTS \$877,000 PROFIT FOR FISCAL YEAR; WILL EXPAND SERVICE

NEW YORK, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- The El Al Israeli Airlines ended its 1960-61 fiscal year with a profit for the second straight year, the company reported here today. This year's profit, which amounted to 1,567,000 pounds (\$877,000), compared to earnings last year of 60,000 pounds (\$34,000).

The airline began the past fiscal year with four jet prop Britannias and four Constellations and is now operating two Boeing 707 jetliners, four Britannias and two Constellations, the report stated. The remaining two Constellations will be taken out of service next month with the Britannias scheduled to be replaced by Boeing 720-B medium range jetliners already ordered.

The Export-Import Bank has already approved a \$12,700,000 loan to cover 80 percent of the purchase cost of the new planes. El Al is expected to open new routes to Geneva and Frankfurt in the near future, the report disclosed.

#### 60 FRENCH BUSINESSMEN ARRIVE IN ISRAEL TO STUDY ECONOMIC SITUATION

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- A group of 60 French businessmen arrived here for a week's stay to study commercial and industrial life in Israel. They are the guests of the Foreign and Defense Ministries.

#### MOROCCAN MOSLEM SENTENCED TO LIFE FOR AIDING JEWS TO GO TO ISRAEL

CASABLANCA, Sept. 27. (JTA) -- Mohammed Diab Abbissi, a Moslem accused of "aiding Jews trying to get to Israel," today was sentenced here to life imprisonment. The court found him guilty on a charge of "harming the internal and external security of the State."

### SOVIET POET CRITICIZED IN MOSCOW FOR POEM DENOUNCING ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, Sept. 27; (JTA) -- Evgeny Yevtushenko, one of the most prominent young Russian poets, was widely criticized by leading Soviet writers and critics in Moscow today for a poem denouncing anti-Semitism, according to dispatches received here from the Soviet capital.

Yevtushenko has written a poem entitled "Babi Yar," in which he attacked anti-Semitism and declared that international Communism cannot triumph "until the last anti-Semite has been obliterated from the face of the earth." "Babi Yar" is the name of a district in Kiev where a vast mass grave contains the remains of tens of thousands of Jews slaughtered in the Ukrainian capital during the Second World War under the Nazi occupation.

The poem was published in the leading Russian literary publication, Literaturnya Gazeta. Just prior to its publication, Yevtushenko read the poem to a large audience in one of Moscow's concert halls, and the crowd, including many young people, applauded him wildly, the dispatches report.

Today, D. Starikov, a prominent Russian literary critic, attacked Yevtushenko, declaring his references to anti-Semitism were "provocative." Writing in "Literature and Life," organ of the Soviet Writers Union, Starikov denied that anti-Semitism exists in the Soviet Union and asked: "Why did the poet fail to mention the fight against anti-Semitism by Tolstoy, Chekhov, Gorko and Lenin?" Another famous Soviet poet, Alexei Markov, issued a statement calling Yevtushenko "a pigmy cosmopolitan."

### GESTAPO MEN GO ON TRIAL IN GERMANY FOR SHOOTING JEWS IN LITHUANIA

DORTMUND, Sept. 27; (JTA) -- Three former Gestapo members went on trial here today on charges of participation in the mass shootings of Jews in Lithuania in the spring of 1944.

Two of them, Alfred Krumbach, 54, and Wilhelm Gerke, 50, belonged to the notorious Tilsit Einsatz commando unit. They are charged with taking part in the shooting of 900 Jews. The activities of the unit, one of many created by the Gestapo to follow the victorious German troops with the assignment of killing Jews and "other undesirable elements," were the substance of two earlier major trials in West Germany during the past three years.

Hermann Ernst-Jahr, 51, the third of the defendants, was chief of the wartime Gestapo headquarters in Tilsit. He is being tried on charges of ordering the killing of six Jews who had been promised their lives if they succeeded in erasing traces of a mass grave of 300 Russian prisoners of war before the Red Army reached Tilsit. According to the indictment, the six were shot in the back when they finished their task.

### FIVE JEWISH CANDIDATES NAMED IN TURKEY FOR ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT

ISTANBUL, Sept. 27; (JTA) -- Sami Cohen, Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Turkey, was named today on the Republican People's party list for the general elections October 15 for a new Parliament.

Mr. Cohen is one of five Jewish candidates for Parliament in the elections. Dr. Isaac D. Taranto is the second Jewish candidate of the Republican People's party.

The newly established Justice party has offered two Jewish candidates, Leon Alauf, a businessman, and Isaac Chiprut, an attorney. The fifth Jewish candidate is another attorney, Eliya Bahar, for the New Turkey party.

### SWEDISH TRANSLATION OF BUBER TO BECOME MEMORIAL TO HAMMARSKJOLD

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Sept. 27; (JTA) -- The Stockholm publishing firm of Bonniers notified the United Nations headquarters today that, as a memorial to the late United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, it planned to publish a Swedish translation of "I and Thou," a basic book by the Israel philosopher Prof. Martin Buber which Mr. Hammarskjold wanted to translate.

The Stockholm publishers said that they received a letter from Mr. Hammarskjold, shortly before his death ten days ago, informing them that he was translating "I and Thou" into Swedish. Mr. Hammarskjold had also informed Prof. Buber of his work on the translation. Prof. Buber received the last Hammarskjold letter, at his home in Jerusalem, the very day the late Secretary-General met his tragic death in an airplane crash in Africa.

Bonniers said it will carry through the Hammarskjold plan for the translation and publish the book in memoriam to the late Secretary General "in the very near future." Mr. Hammarskjold's plan to translate Prof. Buber's work was believed, by persons here who knew the former UN chief well, to have been preliminary to proposing Prof. Buber for a Nobel Prize in literature.

Two recent Nobel Prize laureates in literature, Albert Camus and St. John Perse, had had their works translated into Swedish by Mr. Hammarskjold before they were given the coveted Nobel prize. Mr. Hammarskjold was a member of the Swedish Academy, the body which officially designates the Nobel laureates in the field of literature.

# NUMBER OF AMERICANS INCLINED TO VOTE FOR JEW AS U.S. PRESIDENT INCREASES

PRINCETON, N.J., Sept. 27: (JTA) -- A new Gallup poll on attitudes of American voters toward the idea of a Jew running for President indicated today a substantial increase in the number of those who would vote for such candidates. The findings were based on two polls on the question, one made in 1958 and one made in the latest poll.

The question put to the sample was: "If your party nominated a generally well-qualified man for President and he happened to be a Jew, would you vote for him?"

In 1958, 62 percent said they would, 28 percent said they would not and 10 percent replied "don't know." In the current poll, 68 percent said they would, 23 percent said they would not and nine percent said they didn't know.

An interim survey--made during the winter 1959-60 spurt of synagogue defacings and other anti-Jewish acts--found 72 percent as reporting they would vote for a Jew for President, 22 percent opposed and six percent in the "don't know" category.

The latest poll found that younger persons show less prejudice than older people and that college-educated respondents were less biased than those with a high school education.

Those in the 21 to 29 year age group replied as follows: 76 percent would vote for a Jew, 16 percent would not and eight percent didn't know. In the 30 to 49 year bracket, the percentages were 71, 21 and eight. In the 49 years and over bracket, the percentages were 62, 28 and 10.

College graduates replied were: 83 would vote for a Jew, 11 would not and six "don't know." High school respondents had these percentages: 73, 20 and seven. Grade school respondents replied: 55 percent would, 33 percent would not and 12 percent didn't know.

# CONNECTICUT COMMISSION EXTENDS PROBE OF BIAS AGAINST JEWISH HOME BUYERS

GREENWICH, Conn., Sept. 27: (JTA) -- An official of the Connecticut Civil Rights Commission indicated today the commission intended to call the president and several members of the Greenwich Real Estate board in its investigation of charges of bias against Jewish home buyers.

The investigation was touched off by the disclosure that Mrs. Olive Braden, head of a Greenwich real estate firm, had prepared a secret memo to her staff, giving detailed instructions on methods of screening out prospective Jewish buyers of homes. Mrs. Braden did not deny, at the initial hearing held by the commission three weeks ago, that she wrote the memo but she did deny circulating it to staff members. She told the commission that she took the action in desperation after being criticized by fellow members of the real estate board for selling a home to a Jewish client.

Irvin E. Friedman, chairman of the commission's enforcement division, said that the hearing, which is scheduled to be resumed October 9, will be extended in scope. He said the commission planned to subpoena John Kirwan, president of the Greenwich Real Estate Board and several members of the board. He also said that other towns would be checked in the commission's probe of real estate practices. Confirming that another investigation was being made in "a large Connecticut city," he declined to name it.

# LOS ANGELES JUDGE DISMISSES SLANDER CHARGES IN TELECAST ON ANTI-SEMITISM

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 27: (JTA) -- Riverside County Superior Judge Merrill Brown dismissed charges of conspiracy to commit criminal slander stemming from a telecast which charged that anti-Semitism was rampant in Elsinore, a California resort town.

Judge Brown held that the grand jury which indicted TV newscaster Pat Michaels and eight others, including some Elsinore city officials, was the "victim of hysteria." A friend of the court brief was filed in the case by the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.

The ACLU chapter asserted that the California statute under which the grand jury acted was a modern equivalent of seditious libel laws and added that such laws have been held to infringe on fundamental free speech rights in direct violation of the first amendment.

# GROVE IN HONOR OF ISAAC STERN, AMERICAN VIOLINIST, PLANTED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27: (JTA) -- Pablo Casals planted today the first saplings in the Isaac and Vera Stern Grove in the Jerusalem Forest near the capital's Sanhedriya quarter. The grove in honor of the American Jewish violinist and his wife was donated by the Prime Minister's office.

Mrs. Stern and Casals unveiled a plaque bearing the Stern names and Teddy Kollek, director of the Prime Minister's office presented the violinist with a scroll containing a message from Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. Among the guests were Yaacov Tsur, chairman of the Jewish National Fund board, Meir De Shalit, director of the Government Tourist Corporation, Aaron Propes, organizer of the recent international music festival held in Israel and a group of invited guests.