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### STATE DEPT. CLARIFIES POLICY ON PROTECTING U.S. JEWS FROM ARAB BOYCOTT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7: (JTA) -- The State Department today indicated that it has no plans to act in the Arab boycott against American Jews and American business firms unless it was shown that the boycott was based on religious discrimination and not on affiliation with Israel.

The statement was made by John S. Hoghland, Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations, in a letter to Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, who had asked for State Department comment on the latest Arab League boycott action against Eddie Cantor and six American business firms.

The State Department official reiterated earlier statements that the United States did not recognize or condone the boycott of Israel, "particularly as it affects American citizens or firms;" But, he added, the boycott, "as it has been represented to us by the Arab states, does not use race or religion as a basis for restricting trade with the Arab states, but rather is applied to individuals or firms who have particularly close relationships with the State of Israel;"

As examples of activities which were considered "grounds for blacklisting" by the Arab states, the State Department official listed "establishing a factory or branch office in Israel, aiding Israel causes, investing capital in Israel, encouraging the sale of Israel products and providing technical assistance to Israel;" He added that the blacklisting of Eddie Cantor and the six American firms "has been applied because the individual and firms concerned violated boycott principles;"

"Should evidence be presented to the Department that in the cases which you have cited there has been discrimination against the individuals or companies concerned on the basis of religion, you may be assured that the Department would take action appropriate to the situation and in consonance with our national interest," the State Department official concluded;

### MRS. MEIR EXPLAINS ISRAEL'S DECISION NOT TO ADMIT ARAB REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7: (JTA) -- The resolution against admitting Arab refugees to Israel, which was adopted by the Israel Parliament last night, will serve as a basis and guide for the Israeli delegation at the United Nations when the debate on the Arab refugee problem begins at the U.N. Assembly at the end of this month or early next month, it was indicated here today.

Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, is scheduled to proceed to the United States in time to participate in the debate; The UN Assembly will take up the Arab refugee problem on the basis of the annual report submitted to it by The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the refugees and on a report to be submitted by the UN Palestine Conciliation Commission;

Mrs. Meir said it was up to Israel as a sovereign state to decide who might enter its territory and that the idea that others should decide the question was as inconceivable as their right to decide who should immigrate into the United States or the Soviet Union;

She said that "when we believed that the war had ended in 1949," Israel announced its readiness then to accept up to 100,000 Arab refugees as part of a general peace settlement but this was ignored; The proposal has since lapsed, she added, because the situation has changed;

### ISRAEL-AMERICAN OIL CORPORATION DROPS PROSPECTING OF OIL IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Nov. 7: (JTA) -- The Israeli-American Oil Corporation, which incorporates the "Miami group" of investors in Israeli enterprises and which has invested more than \$3,500,000 in unsuccessful prospecting for oil in Israel, announced plans today to drop prospecting and become a general development corporation;

Yekutiel Federman, president, said the revamped firm will have the name of Israel-American Industries; It will finance a new hotel and textile factory in the Arad section, a new development area; The project, he estimated, would cost 3,000,000 pounds (\$1,680,000); It will include a housing project on Mount Carmel, in Haifa;

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7: (JTA) -- A Ministry of Welfare official denied today that his Ministry had intervened in the case of an unwed Jewish mother and her Arab lover because of Israel's religious marriage law. He made it clear that this was done only to protect the safety of the infant boy until the situation was untangled, and not for religious motivations;

Azriel Stern, director of Adult Probation Services of the Ministry, thus described to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the position of the Ministry in the arrest of 19-year-old Yaffa Ajami, whose romance with an Arab Moslem brought her into conflict with both families and with the law. The father of the child is 22-year-old Abdul Rahim Majdaleh, whom she met and fell in love with when they were both living in Ramat Gan.

According to initial reports on the situation, the couple did not wed because under Israeli law they could not do so as long as each held to his or her faith. Two years ago, they tried to run away and the girl's parents made her a ward of the Ministry of Welfare.

In defiance of a court order, they moved into a flat in Tel Aviv and the girl became pregnant in the fall of 1960. During the final month of pregnancy, the girl was visited by her parents, who are wealthy Iraqi Jews, and agreed to place the child in an institution for a month after its birth.

The boy was born four months ago and placed in a Ministry of Welfare institution in Ramat Gan. At the end of the month, the institution officials refused to yield the infant on grounds that since the parents were not married, they could not give the baby a proper home. On October 22 the mother went back to the home and took the child away. She was arrested three days later and the child was returned to the home.

Facts Differ in Some Ways from Report Published in N. Y. Press

Arraigned on a charge of kidnaping in Magistrate's Court, she denied the charge and subsequently brought suit to get a reversal of the court order committing her child to the home. During the time such cases are pending, according to Mr. Stern, the Ministry may ask the Juvenile Magistrate's Court for an order to take a child from the parents if it is believed the child's welfare requires it.

Mr. Stern's report differed in several ways from earlier reports published in the New York Times. He said that the relationship between the unwed parents was not clear. He said that neither was prepared to adopt the other's religion and thus pave the way for marriage. He even expressed doubt that the Moslem wants to marry the Jewish girl.

The probation officer also said that when the girl became pregnant, both at first wanted to arrange for an aborting of the birth. However, when the decision was made, the girl was too far advanced in pregnancy and any such action would have endangered her. Even then, the official said, the Moslem youth insisted that the girl go through with it but she refused.

Originally, he said, his Ministry had proposed to the court that the child be left with the parents on condition that the child was not to be removed from Tel Aviv without the Ministry's permission. However, he said, after the court heard the facts, it decided that the infant should be placed in the home.

Mr. Stern said that in the first month, the mother did not visit the home to see her baby and the Moslem forced her to make later visits. The probation official voiced the suspicion that the Moslem did not want to marry the girl at all and that he was trying to get payment from her parents for leaving her alone.

He also said that the problem was not the girl's first brush with the law. A year and a half ago she was charged with burglary and placed on probation after a court hearing, he stated.

ISRAEL'S EXPORT RISING; REACHED \$205, 800, 000 IN FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1961

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7: (JTA) -- Israel's exports, during the first 10 months of 1961, amounted to \$205, 800, 000, compared with a total of \$179, 600, 000 in the same period last year, according to figures issued here today by the Government's Central Bureau for Statistics. Industrial exports, including diamonds, rose during the period, while citrus exports declined.

There was a 16 percent increase in Israel-United States trade during the first half of 1961, compared with the same period in 1960. Trade between the two countries in the respective periods totaled \$84, 524, 000 in the six months of this year.

United States exports to Israel totaled \$67, 888, 000 in that period and Israeli exports to the United States reached \$16, 636, 000, compared with \$12, 615, 000 in the first half of 1960. The increase in United States exports stemmed from the delivery of two Boeing 707 jet airliners costing more than \$8, 000, 000. The \$4, 000, 000 rise in Israeli exports was due mainly to an increase of \$3, 682, 000 in export of polished diamonds.

## ANGLICAN CHURCH ORGAN IN CANADA CARRIES VITRIOLIC ARTICLE AGAINST JEWS

TORONTO, Nov. 7; (JTA) -- An article questioning the loyalty toward their countries of all Jews in lands outside Israel, attacking Israel for its "injustice" to Adolf Eichmann, and excusing the Nazi leadership of Germany for its program of anti-Semitism, appeared in the latest issue of the Huron Church News, the official publication of the Anglican Church in London, Ontario. The Canadian Jewish News, published here, calls the article "a sad document of bigotry plus perfidy."

The article was written by an Anglican priest, the Reverend H. R. Rokeby-Thomas. According to the Canadian Jewish News, the Rt. Rev. George Luxton, Anglican Bishop of the Diocese and editor-in-chief of the Huron Church News, said, when asked about Rev. Thomas' article: "The views expressed in Rev. Thomas' article are his own, and it is not my duty to condone or denounce his opinions." The Bishop is quoted as telling the Canadian Jewish News: "You seem to be too sensitive to criticism."

Under the title "Current Comment--The Jewish Problem," the Rev. Thomas wrote in the church organ: "The Jew does not want to recognize that he subscribes to a racial association which must, by its nature, except in the State of Israel, conflict with his loyalty to the country in which he lives, on any issue not acceptable to his cultural and religious association with the people of his race all over the world. Moreover, the Jew is often expecting that Christians should temporize their own faith and missionary obligations to accommodate extremely sensitive Jewish feeling."

The article assailed Israel for violating Adolf Eichmann's "rights," and stated: "The real need is research into the motivation of the Jewish people living in nations where they are alien by race, religion, and resist assimilation into the average citizenship of the country."

Accusing the Canadian Jews of being "one of the strongest voices opposing Christian education in the schools," the Anglican priest declared: "Yet their forbears were at one time eager to accept asylum and hospitality; in Canada. They came as 'guests of the house,' and now they want to change the pattern and way of life."

### Says There Can Be No Peace Between Christianity and Judaism

The Rev. Thomas stated that councils of Christians and Jews, such as exist in the United States and Canada, "are little areas of compromise, unacceptable to either Christianity or Judaism, and could indeed be delaying the real facing of the fundamentals involved, because they are 'crying peace where there is no peace.' Peaceful coexistence has never proved possible for Christianity and Judaism in the same country," Rev. Thomas asserted.

The priest proposed that "an annex" be created to the State of Israel, by giving Israel the mandate over Southwest Africa. "This is not a heavily populated area," he stated. "The present Negro population could well benefit if Israel would come in and do an enlightened work of education and civilization. In such a proposition as this, its objectivity, its opportunity, indeed the Jewish people might find a task which would enable them to put their own unhappiness behind and give them the joy of helping others."

As to Nazi Germany, the Rev. Thomas declared: "To dismiss the treatment of the Jewish people under the Hitler regime in Germany as a simple case of political exploitation is to avoid the very heart of the matter. Nazi leadership exploited a situation which already existed. There had been elements of behavior on the part of the Jewish people in Germany which had made them collectively unpopular. One of these factors was, of course, their natural growth in numbers, which was not their fault, but it did make them an uncomfortable 'bloc' from the political and economic points of view, especially with their tendency to fraternize together."

The priest concluded that "the real solution is in a new pattern--not in an uneasy co-existence which erupts ever so often." He emphasized that "Christianity can never compromise its missionary challenge in relation to any other ideology."

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS ESTABLISHES HONOR CORPS

NEW YORK, Nov. 7; (JTA) -- Formation of a National Honor Corps which would provide "elite volunteer leadership in new and untried areas of building inter-religious and inter-racial brotherhood" was announced here today by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Mrs. Robert Z. Greene was named as chairman of the new group.

Members in the corps, according to the announcement, will be limited to outstanding Americans who, during the last 33 years, had won the NCCJ's Brotherhood Awards. These include President Kennedy; Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller; Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations Undersecretary; and Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States.

## N.J. SUPREME COURT REJECTS JEWISH CLAIM AGAINST SUNDAY CLOSING LAW

TRENTON, N.J., Nov. 7; (JTA) -- The New Jersey Supreme Court rejected yesterday the claim of a Jewish merchant that the state Sunday closing law violated his rights as an Orthodox Jew.

In sustaining the law by a 4-3 vote, the New Jersey court cited a majority ruling by the United States Supreme Court that Sunday closing laws in other states did not violate the rights of those who observed the Sabbath on Saturday. The New Jersey law was adopted two years ago by referendum in 12 of the state's 21 counties. It bans the sale on Sunday of clothing, furniture, building material and appliances.

The decision upheld the conviction of David Fass, a West New York merchant who was arrested for selling carpeting on Sunday. He appealed the arrest on grounds that as an Orthodox Jew, he had to shut his store on Saturdays, and that because the Sunday law forced him to close his store on that day, he was under economic disadvantage.

Mr. Fass also contended that the law contained an exception for those who observed the Sabbath on Saturday. Associate Justice John J. Francis, who delivered the majority opinion, said that the exception did not apply to merchants who "openly expose to sale on Sunday, any goods, wares, merchandise or other article."

## DR. SCHWARTZ REPORTS SUBSTANTIAL GAINS IN ISRAEL BOND DRIVE IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, Nov., 7; (JTA) -- The Israel bond drive is now on the threshold of the biggest year in its history, Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, reported today following a campaign tour of Western European communities.

Discussing the progress of the Israel bond program in European countries, Dr. Schwartz said that in the first ten months of the current year sales overseas amounted to \$2,484,100 as compared with \$1,734,550 for the comparable period of 1960. He paid tribute to the leadership of Baron Edmond de Rothschild, president of the Israel Bond Organization for Europe, in stimulating an increase of some 40 percent in the sale of Israel bonds this year.

In an estimate of the status of the over-all campaign in the United States, Canada, Latin America and Europe, Dr. Schwartz pointed out that as of October 31, the 1961 drive was running approximately 12 percent ahead of last year. However, he emphasized that the chances of establishing a new sales record in 1961 were dependent on the results in the crucial months of November and December, the two traditionally biggest months in the campaign calendar.

## ISRAELI TRUCKS TO BE ASSEMBLED IN MEXICO; LOCAL PLANT TO BE ERECTED

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 7; (JTA) -- Mexican industrialists have entered an agreement with an Israeli firm at Haifa, whereby Israel will furnish automotive parts for a truck assembly plant to be erected in this country, it was announced here today.

Under the pact, 60 percent of the truck parts to be used by the new assembly plant will be shipped by the Haifa firm. A group of Israeli technicians is expected to arrive here soon to instruct the Mexican workers in the use of the Israeli materials.

The agreement is the second automotive pact between Mexican industrialists and Israelis. Recently, a plant was opened at Tijuana for assembly of the Israeli "Sabra," a compact automobile made in Israel.

## JEWISH CEMETERY DESECRATED IN BRAZIL; VANDALS DESTROY 30 TOMBSTONES

NEW YORK, Nov. 7; (JTA) -- Vandals destroyed more than 30 tombstones in the Jewish cemetery at Curitiba, south of Sao Paulo, Brazil, according to information received today by headquarters of the World Jewish Congress here. The Community Council of Curitiba immediately advised both the local police and the Parana State authorities.

Police investigations have not yet led to the apprehension of anyone responsible for the attacks. If local police action fails to round up the culprits, the central representative body of Brazilian Jewry plans to raise the matter directly with the Brazilian Ministry of the Interior, the report said.

## ISRAEL SENDS KINDLED TORCHES TO U.S. FOR ARMISTICE DAY CEREMONIES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 7; (JTA) -- Two torches, kindled at the Mount Herzl Military Cemetery here, were flown to the United States today to represent Israel at Armistice Day ceremonies next Saturday at Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C.; and at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California. Israel is one of six nations asked to send torches to ceremonies commemorating American war dead.

At special torch-kindling ceremonies here, an honor guard stood at attention while representatives of the Armed Forces and the Israel Veterans Association laid wreaths on the memorial. Psalms and the kaddish were recited by an Army officer.