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### ISRAEL CABINET LIFTS COALITION DISCIPLINE ON SALE OF ARMS TO GERMANY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27; (JTA) -- The Cabinet decided at its weekly session yesterday that the principle of coalition discipline would not apply to the issues involving the sale of arms to West Germany or to the question of maintenance of military government in Arab areas of Israel. The principle of coalition discipline, formulated by the Cabinet two weeks ago, provides for the automatic resignation of any Cabinet member who votes in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, against any Government decision or who abstains from supporting a Government measure.

Other issues on which Cabinet members will be allowed freedom to vote, provided the questions do not involve a vote of confidence in the Government, are: religious matters of conscience; a general election law or proposals for reform of the election system; elections by the Knesset for President of the State, State Controller or nominations committees for judges of civil or religious courts.

Cabinet members also expressed general approval of a four-year plan for the development of Arab villages. The plan, which was presented by Agriculture Minister Moshe Dayan, would cost 30,000,000 pounds (\$16,800,000) and is intended to raise the income of Israel's Arab farmers. The project, which would be administered by the Ministry of Agriculture with other ministries cooperating, provides for the construction of roads, electric and water installations and school buildings. The Cabinet at its next session is expected to appoint an interministerial committee to expedite the project.

### SO. AFRICAN JEWS GRATIFIED WITH PREMIER'S STATEMENT ON THEIR RIGHTS

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 27; (JTA) -- The South African Jewish Board of Deputies voted unanimously here today to approve a statement presented by Dr. Teddy Schneider, chairman of the Board, welcoming the clarification by Premier Hendrick Verwoerd of the rights of South Africa's Jews.

The issue had arisen as a result of a letter sent by Premier Verwoerd to A.S. East, a former Jewish Cape Town councillor. In that letter, the Premier had noted that, in the recent parliamentary elections here, many Jews had voted for parties other than the dominant National Party. In his statement on behalf of the Board of Deputies, Dr. Schneider declared:

"The Premier's clarifying statement dispelled the disquiet caused by his private letter to Mr. East, and reaffirmed the democratic right of Jewish citizens to support whatever parties they wished to support. The Prime Minister thus endorsed what has been the consistent standpoint of the Deputies, namely that Jews, no less than other citizens, participate in political life, and exercise their political rights in accordance with their personal convictions and beliefs—not as members of a group but as individual citizens.

"Referring to differences which have arisen between Israel and South Africa at the United Nations, the Prime Minister stated that his criticism of Israel had nothing to do with his attitude to Jewish citizens of South Africa. The Prime Minister thereby affirmed the principle that group relations between different sections and the Republic should not be influenced by or made dependent upon the foreign policy of any other State.

"The citizens of South Africa, however close their religious or cultural ties with any other country may be, cannot be identified with the policy of that country. Whatever the differences are that have arisen between South Africa and Israel, we trust sincerely that, in the interests of both countries, the friendly relations which always existed between them will continue and will not be impaired.

"The Prime Minister has appealed to all to keep the country free of anti-Semitism, as it has been for more than a decade. We trust his appeal will be heeded, and hope that, as the basic issues have now been clarified, this controversy will be allowed to end," the statement concluded.

### Ben-Gurion Justifies Israel's Stand on So. Africa at United Nations

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27; (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion declared in the Knesset (Parliament) today that Israel cannot adopt an attitude of indifference to a regime which upholds discrimination in the most extreme form. He made the statement in reply to two motions filed in the Knesset, demanding a debate on Israel's anti-Apartheid votes in the United Nations General Assembly, affecting South Africa. "Apartheid," said the Premier, "is catastrophic, and would cause great harm to South Africa itself."

PALESTINE COMMISSION REPORT TO U.N. ASSEMBLY CHANGED UNDER ARAB PRESSURE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov; 27; (JTA) -- Arab pressures on Dr. Joseph E. Johnson, the Palestine Conciliation Commission's special representative dealing with the Arab refugee problem, resulted in vital changes in Dr. Johnson's report, submitted to the United Nations General Assembly last Saturday, it became known here today;

The report, it developed today, was the second Johnson draft. He had submitted his first draft for comment, but not for changes, to both Israel and the Arab representatives here on November 14; But, under the pressure of the Arabs, he changed his report so that the final draft omitted or altered important points found unsatisfactory by the Arabs. Among the changes were these:

1. In the November 14 draft, Dr. Johnson stated the historical fact that, in 1947, the Jewish Agency accepted the United Nations plan for the partitioning of Palestine, while the Arab Higher Committee rejected the plan. In the final report, the Arab rejection of the 1947 partition resolution is not mentioned.

2. The November 14 draft had stated clearly that, in 1948, the day after Israel declared its independence, the Arab armies invaded Israel. The final draft stated that "endemic" Arab-Israeli violence was "transformed" after the termination of the British mandate, on May 15, 1948 "into organized warfare between the Arab States and the newly proclaimed State of Israel." There is not a word to indicate how the warfare had begun, or by which side.

Responding to the Arab objections, Dr. Johnson made other changes, altering various formulations throughout in such a way as to equate Israel's position with Arab recalcitrance;

The Arabs objected to mention of the plan for economic integration of the Middle East, proposed in 1959 by the late Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, and their rejection of that plan. Dr. Johnson bowed to Arab wishes, mentioning the Middle East economic integration plan but divorcing it largely from a connection with Hammarskjold, whose prestige lent weight to that plan.

He left out the fact that the Arabs rejected the Hammarskjold plan out of fear that its implementation would have led to resettlement of the Arab refugees in Arab countries, and their integration into the general Arab economy in the Middle East. All previous clauses in Dr. Johnson's draft, showing Arab refusal to accept amelioration of the refugees' position, were also deleted by Dr. Johnson from his final report.

Israeli Delegation at U.N. Abstains from Commenting on the Report

The major changes made by Dr. Johnson were in the second of three sections into which he had divided his report. The first section dealt with the mandate, which the Assembly voted last April, instructing the Palestine Conciliation Commission to re-study the Arab refugee issue, especially in connection with the possibility of "repatriating" the refugees or obtaining compensation for them from Israel. It is under the mandate that the Commission appointed Dr. Johnson as its special Middle East emissary last August.

The third section carried Dr. Johnson's conclusions, including a recommendation that the Commission continue for the next year to try to bring some solution to the tense refugee issue.

The middle section is what Dr. Johnson called "Factual Background Information," containing a historical survey of the entire problem from 1947 to 1961. In its letter of submission to the Assembly, the full Commission stated: "Without attempting to pass judgment on the historical section of the report, the Commission warmly endorses Dr. Johnson's conclusions." Thus, it was pointed out today, the full Commission had virtually disassociated itself from Dr. Johnson's handling of the "factual background."

The Israel delegation refused today, as it has consistently since the Johnson report was issued Saturday, to make any comment on it whatsoever, either pro or con. On the whole, it is understood, Israel does not mind Dr. Johnson's conclusions, calling for continuance of this type of effort for another year and expressing faint hopes that a "step-by-step" solution of the Arab refugee problem might be evolved.

It was felt here that, while Dr. Johnson did yield to Arab pressure, he may have rejected still other Arab demands. But it was pointed out that the Arab alterations which he did accept resulted in a historical picture which eliminates credit to Israel and shows no Arab blame at all.

The refugee debate, in the Assembly's Special Political Committee, will open late this week, although it may be postponed until December 4. The fact that Dr. Johnson let the Arab wishes influence his report was not being hailed by Arab representatives here today. Arab spokesmen predicted freely that they will attack important sections of the Johnson report, blasting his hopes that, by appeasing them, he would get them to accept the report as a whole.

### PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE NOTIFIED ON RESUMPTION OF EICHMANN TRIAL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27; (JTA) -- Both the prosecution and the defense attorneys in the trial of Adolf Eichmann, were officially notified today that the reading of the verdict and judgment in the case would begin on December 11 at 9 a.m. in Beit Ha'am where the trial proceedings against the Nazi war criminal ended four months ago.

If Eichmann is found guilty, Attorney General Gideon Hausner and defense attorney Robert Servatius will both address the court before the sentence is issued.

### GERMANY AND AUSTRIA SIGN TREATY ON INDEMNIFICATION OF NAZI VICTIMS

BONN, Nov. 27; (JTA) -- West Germany and Austria today signed a treaty, negotiated last summer, under which the Federal Republic will contribute funds to help Austria indemnify Austrian victims of Nazism, about 100,000 expellees from Eastern countries, and Austrians who lost money when the Nazis confiscated social insurance funds after annexing Austria in 1938.

While West Germany's total contribution to the Austrian compensation program will amount to 330,000,000 Deutschmarks (over \$80,000,000), only a part of that will ultimately go to the Nazi victims, among whom there are many Jews. It is estimated that, of about \$45,000,000 that Austria will pay to the Nazi victims, Germany will contribute about \$34,000,000. The treaty signed today is expected to be ratified by the West German Parliament next month.

### MORE SYNAGOGUES CLOSED IN RUSSIA; RELIGIOUS LEADERS REMOVED FROM POSTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 27; (JTA) -- The New York Herald Tribune reported today that five more religious leaders of Jewish communities in the Soviet Union have been removed from their posts as lay chairmen of their congregations, and that synagogues have been closed down in at least a dozen cities in the USSR.

The five Jewish leaders reportedly removed, on orders of the Ministry of Religious Cults, are: Mr. Bardokh, Kiev; Mr. Fried, Minsk; Mr. Kaob, Vilna; Mr. Yeruzalinsky, Tashkent; and Mr. Zilberman, Riga.

The synagogues freshly closed down, according to the report, include houses of worship at Stalino, Kaszviurt, Kobuleti, Saratov, Rezinak Kremenchug, Poltava, Viliki-Luki, Soroka, Novgorod-Volinski, Kalinovitz, Tukum (near Riga) and Czernovitz.

### NOTED YIDDISH WRITER IN POLAND GOES ON TRIAL FOR 'CALUMNY' AGAINST RUSSIA

PARIS, Nov. 27; (JTA) -- Naftali Hertz Kahn, a noted Yiddish writer in Poland, will go on trial in Poland tomorrow on charges of "calumny against the Soviet Union," the newspaper Le Monde reported today.

Mr. Kahn was arrested almost a year ago when he returned to Poland from Rumania, and was at first charged, at the request of Soviet Union authorities, with "treason and espionage." However, Poland has rejected the USSR's request to extradite him, and is now going to try him on the lesser, but still serious, charge of "calumny."

According to Le Monde, there seems to be no connection between the Kahn case and the recent arrests of leading Russian Jews in the Soviet Union. The newspaper stated that Mr. Kahn is in poor health, and expressed the hope that the Polish court would show him clemency.

### SOVIET JEWISH GENERAL IS ASSURED HE WILL BE GRANTED ISRAELI VISA

JERUSALEM, Nov. 27; (JTA) -- Lieutenant General David Dragunsky, the Soviet Jewish army officer currently visiting Paris, will be granted a visa to visit Israel if and when he should request one, the Foreign Ministry spokesman declared here today.

The spokesman expressed the Government's readiness to grant a visa on commenting on a press conference in Paris this weekend in which Gen. Dragunsky said he would like to visit Israel but was "sure Ben-Gurion would not grant me a visa."

### ALLIANCE ISRAELITE LEADER DECORATED BY KING OF MOROCCO IN RABAT

RABAT, Morocco, Nov. 27; (JTA) -- King Hassan II conferred the order of the Commander of the Ouissam Alaouite upon Marcel Franco, president of the American Friends of the Alliance Israelite Universelle and vice-president of the Central Committee of the Alliance.

The honor was conferred on Mr. Franco on behalf of the King by M. Filaly, director of the Royal Cabinet at a dinner honoring Mr. Franco given by Driss Benouna, Director General of Protocol.

Among the guests at the dinner were Education Minister Ben Abbes; Driss Douiri, Minister of Economy; Abdelkader Benjelloun, Minister of Labor and Ambassador Bonsal of the United States.

### \$3,575,661 RAISED BY COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The unprecedented total of \$3,575,661 has been raised in the 1961 Joint Campaign for Combined Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal of Montreal, it was announced today by general chairman Gordon Brown.

Alvin Bronstein, executive director, explained that the 1961 results represent the increase of close to \$263,000 over the total amount raised in 1960. This sets a new record for the largest sum ever raised in an annual campaign in the history of the Montreal Jewish community. It is also the greatest amount ever achieved in one campaign by any Jewish community in Canada.

### ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ENDORSES ISRAEL BOND CAMPAIGN

CHICAGO, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- The House of Representatives of the State of Illinois has endorsed the State of Israel bond campaign as "a potent instrument for the economic strengthening of the democracy of Israel, which is dedicated to the principles of human brotherhood and enlightened fellowship among all nations and creeds."

The Illinois legislative body adopted a resolution in support of the Israel bond drive in conjunction with the "Man of the Year" dinner in Chicago on Sunday, December 17 in honor of Harris Perlstein, veteran Jewish civic and communal leader of Chicago. The "Man of the Year" dinner honoring Mr. Perlstein will mark the climax of the 1961 campaign for Israel bonds in Illinois.

### DETROIT JEW LEAVES \$500,000 TO WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY FOR RESEARCH

DETROIT, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- A sum exceeding \$500,000 has been left to Wayne State University, for research in blood diseases with particular emphasis on leukemia by its College of Medicine, in the will of William D. Traitel, who died last month. The will was filed for probate today by Mr. Traitel's attorney, Morris W. Stein.

Mr. Traitel left to his employees and secretary, who worked with him in his real estate office here, a portion of his estate. To his endeared friend, C. Allen Harlan, goes his collection of art objects and exquisite wood carvings. A bachelor, Mr. Traitel, who died November 6 of a heart attack, was the son of a New York theatrical agent. He lived here alone, practically in seclusion.

### QUEBEC MINISTER NAMES JEWISH REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNCIL FOR ARTS

QUEBEC CITY, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- George Laflamme, Quebec Provincial Minister for Cultural Affairs, today announced the appointment to the Government-sponsored Council for Arts of David Rome, director of the Jewish Public Library of Montreal and Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in that city.

The appointment of a Jewish representative to the 26-man body composed of leaders of French and English culture in the Province was seen as a recognition of Yiddish and Hebrew culture by the Quebec Government which prides itself on its policy of fair treatment to all ethnic groups. The Provincial Government has already given financial support to the Montreal Jewish Library. The Arts Council will advise the government on means of advancing culture in the province and will make recommendations on requests for grants.

### ISRAEL COHEN, AUTHOR AND NOTED ZIONIST, DIES IN LONDON; WAS 82

LONDON, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Israel Cohen, veteran Zionist, journalist and author, died here today at the age of 82. A former secretary of the World Zionist Organization, he played an important part in the development of the Zionist movement since the beginning of this century.

Born in Manchester, Mr. Cohen served on the staff of the London Tribune from 1906 to 1908. He was secretary of the British Zionist Federation in 1909-1910 and then served with the English department of the World Zionist Organization in Cologne and Berlin from 1910 until he was interned by the Germans in 1914. After serving as WZO director of publicity, he was named general secretary in 1922 and held that post until 1929. He had been a member of the Board of Deputies of British Jews since 1931.

Among his works were "Jewish Life in Modern Times," "The Journal of A Jewish Traveler," "History of the Jews in Vilna," "Contemporary Jewry," "A Short History of Zionism" and "The Rebirth of Israel."

### I. RABINOVICH, DEAN OF STAGE DESIGNERS IN RUSSIA, DIES IN MOSCOW

LONDON, Nov. 27. (JTA) -- Isaac Moisevich Rabinovich, a Soviet-Jewish decorative artist and the dean of Russian stage designers, has died in Moscow, it was reported here today. He was for many years the leading designer of the defunct Moscow State Jewish Theatre and had also worked on the decoration of the Moscow subway system.

Among the outstanding productions with which he was connected were several operas and plays at the Moscow Art Theatre and the Bolshoi Theatre.