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## CONSTANTINE JEWS LEAVE CITY; FEAR VIOLENCE AFTER FRENCH-ALGERIAN PEACE

PARIS, March 14. (JTA) -- Anticipating new and even increased violence to follow the imminent announcement of agreement between France and the Algerian rebel leaders, Jews in Constantine, Algeria, are leaving the city in largenumbers now, it was reported here today from Algiers.

No more than 5,000 Jews are believed left in Constantine. Unable to quit Algeria because of the prohibition against "desertion" decreed by the OAS--the French underground organization fighting to keep Algeria French--the Constantine Jews were reported to be seeking temporary refuge in Oran and Algiers which have big enough European populations better able, the fleeing Jews hope, to cope with inter-communal strife.

However, both Oran and Algiers have been left in recent weeks without Jewish communal leaders and with little material resources. Less than a dozen rabbis are still in Algeria. Wherever lay leaders have been able to flee to France they have done so. Even Oran's famous Jewish "self-defense" units, which repulsed a Moslem mob last Rosh Hashanah, have disintegrated during the last few weeks.

The disappointment of Algerian Jews over the mounting violence accompanying the move toward a cease-fire was reported typical of all non-Moslems in Algeria. Both Arabs and Europeans were actively preparing for the cease-fire announcement. Many Europeans were busy surrounding their homes with barbed wire and skopkeepers put up specially reinforced steel curtains to protect their store windows.

## ARAB STATES SPLIT ON ANTI-ISRAEL BOYCOTT; LEBANON RAISES QUESTIONS

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- Israel's bid for some kind of link with the European Common Market has caused new rifts among Arab League countries, it was reported here today from Beirut.

Questions are again being raised in Lebanon as to who is being hurt most by the Arab boycott--Israel or members of the League, such as Lebanon. Pierre Gemayel, member of the Lebanese Cabinet, was quoted as saying that the boycott was applied by Arab League officials without regard for Lebanon's economy and "with too much regard for Egypt's economy."

He was also quoted as demanding that the Boycott Office in Lebanon should be attached to the Lebanese Foreign Ministry and that alleged offenders of the blockade should have every opportunity to answer boycott charges and of having their names removed from the League blacklist.

According to the reports, these views are opposed by other Arab League states, who contend that trade with Israel amounts to "trading with the enemy." Foes of Lebanon also were reported to assert that the Lebanese Ministry of Economics, to which the boycott office is attached, has remained silent. They say that if this Ministry cannot judge the effect of the boycott on the Lebanese economy, then no one can.

Observers here said that the dispute springs partly from Lebanon's consistent attempt to remain poised between opposing forces. Lebanon was understood to be opposed to views that if Israel receives a link with the EEC, all Arab countries should sever relations with EEC countries on the premise that the Common Market was simply a device to serve western and colonial ends.

It was reported that Lebanon and a few other Arab countries felt that the best way to deal with EEC problems was for the Arabs to form a corresponding trade area on an Arab or Afro-Asian or non-aligned basis. The Arabs have scheduled two meetings at which they hope to clarify these issues. One will be a conference of all Arab boycott offices which will open in Khartum tomorrow. The other is a meeting of the Arab League council in Saudi Arabia at the end of March.

## Iraq Ruler Announces He Has Military Plan 'to Liberate Palestine'

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- Premier Kassem of Iran has announced he has prepared a "precise military plan to liberate Palestine," it was reported here today from Baghdad.

## ISRAEL CAN LEND \$6,100,000 TO U.S. FIRMS FOR BUSINESS, WASHINGTON SAYS

WASHINGTON, March 14. (JTA) -- The United States Agency for International Development reported today that Israel has \$6,100,000 available for lending to United States firms, or their affiliates, for business development or expansion of foreign trade.

The funds are available as the result of the sale of surplus U.S. agricultural products under the U.S. Food-for-Peace program. Borrowers make repayment in local currency. Foreign businessmen are also eligible for the loan funds provided their proposed use of the currency will result in the sale of U.S. agricultural commodities.

(Authoritative Administration sources in Washington today revealed that Egypt has been the third largest recipient of Soviet bloc economic assistance outside the Iron Curtain countries, an authoritative Administration source reported today. Egypt has received a total of \$615,000,000 in aid since 1954, the Administration spokesman said. Soviet aid generally takes the form of large-scale, low interest credits, he explained.)

## ISRAEL MINISTER OF JUSTICE DEFENDS PROJECTED PRESS LIBEL LAW

JERUSALEM, March 14. (JTA) -- The first official reaction to the widespread criticism of Israel's new draft law on press libel came today from Justice Minister Dov Joseph.

Addressing the National Council of the Chamber of Advocates, he said the sweeping measure was necessary and "a good thing" for the nation. He said he would reply to press attacks on the measure only when he submits it to Israel's Parliament.

## ISRAEL INCREASES ALLOWANCES OF FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR TRAVEL ABROAD

JERUSALEM, March 14. (JTA) -- The Israel Treasury announced today a boost in annual foreign travel allowances from \$150 to \$250 per person.

Some 35,000 Israelis travel abroad each year and the additional expenditure in foreign currency will amount to about \$3,000,000. The Treasury move was expected to ease pressures on the free market for dollars and it may reduce the free price which rose to ten percent above the new legal rate of three Israeli pounds per dollar.

It was also disclosed that foreign currency held by Israeli residents in special bank accounts would continue to receive seven percent net of tax for time deposits.

## GERMAN JEWS WHO LIVED IN AUSTRIA MAY GET AUSTRIAN COMPENSATION

VIENNA, March 14. (JTA) -- An amendment to the pending legislation in Parliament, providing Austrian indemnification for persons who suffered from Nazi persecutions in this country, was introduced here by the Cabinet today. It liberalizes the proposed compensation law so that German Jews who lived in Austria will also be eligible for payments.

While the amendment speaks merely of German nationals who had lived in Austria under the Nazi regime, the fact is that most of the persons in that category were Jews. Parliament's subcommittee studying the proposed legislation is now scheduled to meet March 21 to decide finally on the agreement between Austria and West Germany, under which the Bonn Government will make a 50 percent contribution to Austria's restitution program.

## YUGOSLAV NEWSPAPERS INSIST ON EXTRADITION OF ARTUKOVICH FROM U.S.

LONDON, March 14. (JTA) -- Yugoslav newspapers have begun a new campaign demanding the extradition from the United States of Andrija Artukovich, called "the Eichmann of Yugoslavia," who lives now in Los Angeles, according to a report from Belgrade received here today.

Borba and other leading Belgrade newspapers are also demanding that other "murderers of Jews" now residing freely in various Western countries, including the United States, be sent back for trial. Artukovich, who was Minister for Internal Affairs in Croatia during the reign of the pro-Nazi Government there, is held by the Yugoslavs to be "personally responsible" for the murder and deportation to death camps of about 35,000 Croatian Jews.

## U. J. A. APPOINTS 83 COMMUNITY LEADERS TO NATIONAL CAMPAIGN CABINET

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- The appointment of 83 prominent community leaders to the National Campaign Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal to spearhead the nationwide 1962 campaign to raise \$95,000,000 was announced today by Melvin Dubinsky of St. Louis, who will again serve as Cabinet chairman.

Members of the 1962 UJA Cabinet, which is the organization's top policy-making and planning body, come from 42 cities in 24 states across the nation, Mr. Dubinsky noted. Twenty-two of those named represent new appointees, the remaining 61 having served previously.

"In our concerted effort to raise \$95,000,000, which includes the \$35,000,000 Special Fund to finance the increased immigration to Israel and other lands, we are indeed fortunate to be able to depend on the combined talents and wise counsel of these outstanding communal leaders," Mr. Dubinsky declared. "They have proved their readiness to lead in this massive humanitarian undertaking to assist 600,000 persons in need by giving of their time, energy and full personal support."

## 21 JEWISH GROUPS ASK FOR 'BLUE LAW' EXEMPTIONS IN NEW YORK STATE

ALBANY, N. Y., March 14. (JTA) -- A delegation representing 21 national and New York Jewish groups told a New York State legislative committee today that the state's compulsory Sunday-closing law forces Orthodox Jews, Seventh-day Adventists and other Sabbatarians to make a "cruel choice" between violating their religious beliefs or suffering economic hardship.

The statement was made at a hearing of the State Assembly Codes Committee on proposals to amend the state Sunday law. Speaking on behalf of the delegation, Leo Pfeffer of New York, general counsel of the American Jewish Congress, said that enforcement of the law against such Sabbatarians "constitutes a serious infringement of their civil, religious and economic rights." He urged legislation which would exempt "all those who observe another day as their Sabbath" from the state Sunday closing law.

The AJCongress representative noted that among the 34 states with general Sunday closing laws, "no less than 23 provide some form of exemption for Sabbatarians." He cited such exemptions in the laws of Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Oklahoma and Vermont."

(In New York, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America declared in a resolution today that the New York state Sunday closing law was "patently discriminatory" and that it "penalizes religious observance by imposing upon firms operated by observant Jews economic sanctions." The Orthodox Union urged the New York Legislature "to enact without further delay measures to exempt from the restrictions of the Sunday closing law establishments which are closed on the seventh day of the week in observance of the Jewish Sabbath.")

### Protestant Council of Churches Supports Jewish Demand

Theodore Conklin, speaking for the Protestant Council of New York City and the New York Council of Churches, told the legislators that "because of our belief in the freedom of religion for all, we shall support legislation for the protection of those who regularly keep another day of the week as Holy time and do not labor or engage in business on that day."

Other speakers in the delegation included Hyman Fliegel, former president of B'nai Zion; Rabbi David Hollander, Religious Zionists of America; Rabbi Herman Kieval of Albany, for the United Synagogue of America; Rabbi Elihu Kasten, legislative chairman of the Rabbinical Council of America; Adolph Stern, grand secretary of the B'rith Abraham; and Rabbi Samuel Walkin of New York, Poale Agudath Israel of America.

The organizations represented also included the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council; the Farband-Labor Zionist Order; Jewish War Veterans; Labor Zionist Organization of America; Mizrahi Women's Organization of America; New York Association of Reform Rabbis; New York Board of Rabbis; New York Federation of Reform Synagogues; Pioneer Women of America; Rabbinical Assembly of America; Synagogue Council of America; Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, and the Zionist Organization of America.

### Minneapolis Grants Exemption from Sunday Closing Law

MINNEAPOLIS, March 14. (JTA) -- The Minneapolis City Council, which had overridden a mayoral veto of a Sunday closing law minus an exemption for seventh-day Sabbatarians, reversed itself under public pressure and approved without dissent an amendment providing such exemption.

The exemption clause had been a part of the original measure but was struck out when City Attorney Keith Stidd expressed the opinion that it would create legal complications. The City Council promptly passed it 10 to two over the Mayor's veto.

The Mayor, who said he was still opposed to the idea of a Sunday closing law in principle, said he would permit the amendment to become law without his signature. The amendment went into effect Sunday.

The Mayor also assailed a stipulation in the amendment which requires merchants avail themselves of the exemption to file a notice with the Minneapolis police department. He said that registration with the police department rather than the city clerk, represented "a form of police surveillance which seems to be implicitly incriminatory."

The amendment represented at least a token victory for the Minnesota Jewish Community Council, the Minnesota Rabbinical Association and the Seventh Day Adventists who led the fight on the original Sunday closing bill. Their campaign led to the council's reversal over the opposition of the Minneapolis Downtown Council and the Minnesota Retail Federation.

## BRAZILIAN ARMY TO HAVE FIRST JEWISH GENERAL; IS NATIVE OF COUNTRY

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 14. (JTA) -- Colonel Rafael Zippin, a Jew, has been raised in rank to Division General of the Brazilian Army, the Defense Minister announced here today. He is the first Jew to hold the rank of general in Brazil. Colonel Zippin is a native of Porto Alegre.

## J.N.F. LAUNCHES NEW \$250,000,000 LAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- A new quarter billion dollar Land Development Program of the Jewish National Fund has been launched in Israel, Dr. Joseph P. Sternstein, incoming JNF national executive director, who has just returned from the World Conference in Jerusalem, reported at a press conference here today.

The JNF program for the conquest of Israel's wastelands will have a time of duration of 20 years, Dr. Sternstein said. The \$250,000,000 are to be collected in the entire free world. About 70 percent of this vast amount will be raised in the United States through JNF traditional collections and through the Foundation for the Jewish National Fund which receives bequests and assignments of insurance.

Dr. Sternstein reported that the impact of the massive JNF land development program is already being felt all over Israel, particularly in the fields of agriculture, employment and security. "Inasmuch as the Jewish National Fund has been officially designated by the Government of Israel as the exclusive instrument for land development, reclamation and afforestation throughout the entire territory of the State, its giant program will be a major factor in Israel's progress in the coming decades," declared Dr. Sternstein.

"The program," he said, "will considerably step up Israel's agricultural production, stimulate its economy and provide for the absorption of hundreds of thousands of additional immigrants. The program will provide several million work-days for newcomers to Israel, and will strengthen the security of the State by establishing 28 border settlements and the building of security roads along the borders of Israel."

## PRESIDENT KENNEDY RECEIVES ADOLPH HELD; AGREES TO ADDRESS RALLY

WASHINGTON, March 14. (JTA) -- Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, was received here yesterday by President Kennedy, who accepted an invitation by Mr. Held to address a rally to be held by aged citizens in New York's Madison Square Garden, on May 20.

The President will speak on his plan for legislation to provide medical care for the aged. Mr. Held came to see the President in his capacity as president of the Golden Ring Clubs of Senior Citizens, which will sponsor the rally. He was accompanied by Zalman Lichtenstein, secretary of the Golden Ring Clubs.

## IDLEWILD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN NEW YORK TO HAVE A JEWISH CHAPEL

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- Plans and architectural designs have been completed for the construction of three chapels--Jewish, Protestant and Catholic--at New York International Airport at Idlewild, the New York Port Authority announced today. The plans have been under consideration for three years.

Officials pointed out that the approved designs "recognize the individuality of each faith, and yet architecturally unite the three chapels in a common sense of aspiration." The chapel for each of the faiths was designed by a different architect. Bloch & Hesse, of New York, designed the Jewish chapel.

## MAYOR WAGNER, JEWISH LEADERS EULOGIZE ALEXANDER KAHN AT FUNERAL

NEW YORK, March 14. (JTA) -- Leaders in all walks of Jewish life, as well as Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York, today attended the funeral of Alexander Kahn, noted American Jewish leader and former general manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, who died last Monday at the age of 80. He was buried in Mt. Carmel cemetery of the Workmen's Circle, largest Jewish fraternal organization in this country.

Mayor Wagner, eulogizing the Jewish leader at the funeral ceremonies in Park West Memorial Chapel, stressed his services not only to the city but also the United States. President Kennedy had similarly emphasized Mr. Kahn's services to the U.S. in a message sent to him on his last birthday.

Other speakers who eulogized Mr. Kahn at today's funeral ceremonies included Adolph Held, chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee; State Supreme Court Justice Matthew Levy; Federal Judge Paul Hays; Dr. L. Fogelman, acting editor of the Jewish Daily Forward; Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee; Dr. Joseph Schwartz, executive vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization; Nathan Chanin, leader of the Workmen's Circle; and Alexander Rose, president of the Liberal Party, of which Mr. Kahn was a founder and vice-president.

## REMAINS OF RABBI BURACK, LEADER OF U.S. ORTHODOX JEWRY, BURIED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 14. (JTA) -- The remains of Rabbi Aaron D. Burack, a former member of the faculty of Yeshiva University and a leader of American Orthodox Jewry, were interred in the Sanhedria Cemetery here today after having been flown here from New York. Rabbi Burack died in New York in October 1960.