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## U.N. TRUCE CHIEF TELLS SECURITY COUNCIL ISRAEL 'WEAKENED' HIS AUTHORITY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., April 4. (JTA) -- Major General Carl C. von Horn, Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, told the Security Council here today that Israel's 11-year-old boycott of the Syrian-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission has "greatly weakened" his authority and is "inconsistent" with the objectives of the Syrian-Israel Armistice Agreement of 1949.

He cited a Council resolution, adopted in 1951, to bolster his accusation. Israel has been boycotting the Mixed Armistice Commission since 1951.

General von Horn's statement on the MAC was part of a supplementary report on the current Syrian-Israeli situation, in which he replied in writing to questions asked of him at yesterday's Council session dealing with the Israeli and Syrian charges and counter-charges of aggression.

In his answers, he also accused both Syria and Israel of denying "freedom of movement" to the UN military observers in the demilitarized zone along the Lake Tiberias shore opposite Israel.

The Council, which met today for the purpose of hearing General von Horn's replies to specific queries, adjourned after a 20-minute session and will reconvene tomorrow morning after all participants have had the opportunity to study the UNTSO chief's supplementary report.

### Israel Places Draft Resolution Before Security Council

Meanwhile, as the session opened, Israel placed formally before the Council a draft resolution, which would express the Council's "grave concern" over "the attacks by Syrian armed forces against citizens and territory of Israel."

In presenting the document formally, Michael S. Comay, chairman of the Israel Delegation here, had altered the draft somewhat from a proposal for a resolution which he placed before the Council yesterday as a "tentative suggestion." In yesterday's version Mr. Comay had asked the Council to "condemn" Syria instead of merely voicing "grave concern."

The rest of the Israeli draft, however, is harsher than the previous suggestions. The draft would have the Council not only express "grave concern" but would also call upon Syria to abide fully by all the provisions of the General Armistice Agreement, and in particular, to prevent all illegal crossings from Syrian territory, to cease all interference with Israel activities on Lake Tiberias, and to desist from firing into Israel territory.

No member of the Council today made any comment whatever, publicly, either about the Israel resolution or about the Von Horn report. While a large section of General von Horn's new statement concerned itself with the Mixed Armistice Commission, he also made these points: "No fortified position" on the Syrian side where Israel's military forces staged the March 17 raid which preceded the current Syrian and Israeli complaints, was seen by the UN military observers as "existing or destroyed."

### Jewish Leaders Express Concern to Kennedy Over U.S. Stand

NEW YORK, April 4. (JTA) -- The Conference of Presidents of Major American Organizations today sent a message to President John F. Kennedy expressing "deep concern over the preliminary position of the United States Government in the current discussions in the United Nations regarding the Syrian-Israel dispute."

"That position," the message said, "implies that the United States is more critical of Israel's response to Syrian provocation than it is to the aggressive action by Syria. Should such position be reflected in action by the Security Council, we believe this may have dangerous repercussions by encouraging the Syrians to continue their aggressive action against Israel. In our judgment, the recent incidents on the Sea of Galilee are part of a chain of events resulting from Syria's continuous provocation, military pressures and terrorism on Israel's frontiers."

(In Washington, Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York visited the White House today and conferred with President Kennedy on the attitude of the American delegation at the United Nations in the Israel-Syrian conflict now before the Security Council.)

### EUROPEAN MINISTERS DECIDE TO STUDY LINK FOR ISRAEL WITH COMMON MARKET

BRUSSELS, April 4. (JTA) -- The Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community, currently in session in Brussels, today discussed at length the question of Israel's request for some kind of link with the Common Market.

The council decided to instruct an EEC Commission to examine in detail the problems confronting Israel as a result of the EEC common agricultural policy and the EEC external tariff policies. Since the commission will also be instructed to establish contact with Israel for the proposed examination, a form of collaboration will be set up between the EEC commission and Israeli officials.

It was expected that the arrangement would make it possible for the EEC unit to obtain a clear view of Israel's problems in relation to the six-nation European market and to suggest appropriate solutions to the Council of Ministers for those problems.

### ISRAEL CABINET BODY RECOMMENDS RISE IN RENTS; TO REACH 400 PERCENT

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- The Ministers' Committee on Economic Policy recommended today that rents be increased for apartment and business premises by ratios ranging from 15 percent to 400 percent. The new rents, to affect premises now restricted as to rentals, under a law in effect since 1953, would go into effect next September 1.

The increases vary with the size of the premises, the largest boost being in respect to offices, shops and other business establishments. Furnished flats would not be affected. Government-owned premises would not be subjected to increases before April 1963.

### KNESSET DENOUNCES HIDING OF BOY KIDNAPED FROM NON-ORTHODOX PARENTS

JERUSALEM, April 4. (JTA) -- A resolution denouncing the hiding of ten-year-old Yosselle Schumacher as a criminal act and calling on the public for maximum effort to return the child to his parents was approved without objection last night by Israel's Parliament. The boy has been hidden by Orthodox Jews since he was abducted from his non-religious parents some two-and-a-half years ago.

The resolution wording was a compromise between the deputies who wanted an amnesty for those involved in the hiding of the boy--if he was returned--and the deputies insisting on the child's unconditional return. Approval was preceded by a heated full-dress debate.

A rider proposed by Agudat Israel, which voted for the resolution, that the Knesset call on those who "have exploited the incident to besmirch religious Jewry" to cease such "incitement" was defeated. Police last year raided an Agudat Israel settlement and arrested several of its members in a search for Yossele.

Deputies participating in the debate cited the appeals of rabbis, including the ultra-Orthodox rabbis, for the child's immediate return. They were divided, however, on the issue of promising amnesty to those holding the boy. Orthodox speakers advocated non-prosecution but other deputies said that such a condition would be tantamount to blackmail to which the Government should never agree.

The final form of the resolution did not make any mention of the term "kidnaping" or the issue of amnesty. It was presented as a joint resolution on behalf of the opposition and the Government coalition, with the exception of the Communists who abstained from voting and the Agudat Israel deputies who supported it with their rider.

### ROCKWELL EJECTED FROM SENATE HEARING; REFUSED TO REMOVE SWASTIKA

WASHINGTON, April 4. (JTA) -- George Lincoln Rockwell and two of his henchmen were ejected from a Senate hearing today after refusing a police order to remove their swastika lapel insignias.

The three Nazis were spotted by by Capitol police in the audience at a Senate committee hearing testimony by retired General Edwin Walker regarding alleged muzzling of military officers by Pentagon officials. When Rockwell and his two aides refused the order to remove their insignia they were forcibly ejected, creating a brief but noisy disturbance which failed to affect the progress of the hearings. No formal charges were placed against them.

Capitol police explained that Senate rules forbid the wearing of any political insignia inside the Capitol. The protesting Rockwell, who expressed admiration for General Walker, loudly asserted that his swastika insignia was no different than "a rotary lapel crest."

### VIENNA PARLIAMENT APPROVES PACT ON PAYMENTS TO NAZI VICTIMS IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, April 4. (JTA) -- The General Assembly of the Austrian Parliament approved by an overwhelming majority today the Austrian-West German financial agreement setting up a joint compensation fund for victims of the Nazi era in Austria.

Under the agreement, West Germany will contribute about \$80,000,000 or about half of the total joint fund for such payments to political and racial persecutees. A total of 157 deputies--all members of the Socialist and Peoples' Parties--voted for the agreement. Only eight deputies of the right-wing Austrian Freedom Party, known for its neo-Nazi tendencies, voted against ratification.

## JEWISH WELFARE BOARD OPENS FIVE-DAY CONVENTION; CONSIDERS REORGANIZATION

MIAMI BEACH, April 4. (JTA) -- The National Jewish Welfare Board opened its five-day biennial convention here today to discuss recommendations to reorganize and update its services and structure so as to deal with the impact on American Jewish life of the sweeping postwar sociological changes in this country.

The recommendations are the outgrowth of a report based on a year-long study by 51 JWB leaders from all parts of the country. It will be presented at a plenary session tomorrow. The study and recommendations developed from recognition that conditions affecting JWB's two major areas--service to Jewish community centers and camps, and religious and morale service to Jewish personnel--have undergone radical changes since 1948 when the organization made its last self-examination.

The 100th anniversary of the establishment of the nation's Jewish military chaplaincy was marked at the opening session tonight with the participation of Major General Frank A. Tobey, Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army and chairman of the Armed Forces Chaplains Board, and Dr. Bertram W. Korn, expert on Jewish participation in the Civil War.

Dr. Korn told the opening session that the contemporary revival of Judaism in the United States in an environment "remarkably free of prejudice and resentment" toward Jews was connected with the work done by Jewish military chaplains during World War II.

### Defense Department Presents Citation to JWB Commission

Acknowledging that "many other factors" were involved, he told the convention that he was convinced "this development" could not have taken place "without the return to civilian life of hundreds of thousands of young Jewish men who gained a healthy, self-respecting, affirmative attitude towards their own Jewish identity in the midst of the terrifying experiences of war because they were served by Jewish chaplains and because Judaism had been given the highest possible status by governmental and military authority."

General Tobey presented a citation to the JWB Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy which recruits, gives ecclesiastical endorsement to and serves Jewish chaplains in the military and Veterans Administration hospitals. The citation was presented on behalf of the Department of Defense and accepted by Solomon Litt, JWB president, on behalf of the JWB.

Another feature of the evening session was the presentation of a citation for "distinguished contributions to social welfare" to Mrs. Florence G. Heller of Glencoe, Ill., a JWB vice-president and philanthropist. In 1959, Mrs. Heller provided the funds which led to the establishment of the Florence Heller Graduate School for Advanced Studies in Social Welfare at Brandeis University. Two years later she contributed \$1,000,000 in endowment funds to the school.

## JEWISH LEADER NAMED U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ON U. N. SUBCOMMITTEE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 4. (JTA) -- Morris B. Abram, a prominent attorney in Atlanta, Ga., and active in Jewish communal affairs, was nominated by the United States delegation here today as the American representative on the Subcommittee on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Mr. Abram will succeed Judge Philip Halpern, of Buffalo. The nomination is tantamount to election.

Mr. Abram, who is 42, was a member of the American prosecution staff during the Nuremberg trials of Nazi war criminals in 1946. Since last year he has been general counsel for the United States Peace Corps. He is a member of the civil rights commission and national commission of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a member of the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee, and a member of the joint social action commission of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

## JEWISH COMMUNITY IN ST. LOUIS HONORS TRUMAN; SPEAKS AT ISRAEL BOND DINNER

ST. LOUIS, April 4. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 leaders of the St. Louis Jewish community paid tribute tonight to former President Harry S. Truman at a dinner which officially launched the St. Louis 1962 campaign for Israel Bonds. Mr. Truman, in expressing his appreciation, lauded the progress made by Israel since its establishment in 1948 and its recognition by his Administration.

Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, in a cable to the gathering, hailed Mr. Truman as a leader of the free world "whose foresight and devotion to liberty have linked him eternally to the fulfillment of the ancient prophetic vision of the rebirth of Israel."

Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, presented to Mr. Truman a silver breastplate for the Torah, or sacred scrolls of the Law, inscribed to the former President "whose name will be linked for all time with the rebirth of the State of Israel."

Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, cited Mr. Truman as "a world statesman, whom history will forever celebrate as an enlightened leader dedicated to world peace, to freedom and to human justice."