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### BASIC U.S. POLICY ON MIDDLE EAST OUTLINED BY TOP WASHINGTON OFFICIAL

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Four "basic ingredients" of the American policy for the Middle East were listed here tonight by Ambassador Chester Bowles, addressing the national biennial convention of the American Jewish Congress which is being attended by some 500 delegates from all parts of the country.

Mr. Bowles, who is President Kennedy's special adviser for Asia, Africa and Latin America, recently returned from a trip to the Middle East. He told the American Jewish Congress delegates that the "basic ingredients for a realistic American Middle Eastern policy" are:

1. The U.S. must be prepared to help all the nations of the area maintain their independence.
2. The instruments of the United Nations must be used to reduce specific tensions "and to prevent the Arab-Israel dispute from developing into an open conflict that could rapidly spread."
3. All Middle Eastern nations should be encouraged "to devote less time to angry propaganda debates with their neighbors and more to the solution of their own problems of internal development." The U.S. should also "give special priority assistance to those countries which are genuinely concerned with improving the lot of all their citizens, not just a wealthy few."
4. "A persistent, patient effort should be made to find some basis of cooperation between neighboring Middle Eastern nations, however tentative or restrictive the areas of cooperation may be."

### Bowles Praises Economic and Industrial Growth of Israel

Ambassador Bowles cited "some sign of progress" in easing the Arab refugee problem. Noting current efforts at a solution undertaken by Dr. Joseph Johnson, special representative of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission, he added: "Let us hope that there may be some attempt to reach agreement on arms limitation--unofficial, if not official."

Mr. Bowles praised the economic and industrial growth of Israel as "one of the most rapid rates of development in the world." He said Israel's foreign technical assistance programs now reached more than 20 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America and disclosed that more than 1,000 students from 52 countries were studying in Israel. This was a by-product, he said, of "the Arab boycott (that) has forced Israel to seek friends and markets outside the Middle East."

"Israel's neighbors are not yet in a mood to appreciate and applaud these efforts," he declared. "Israel's very success still generates an unreasoning antagonism. Yet even this may change as the Middle Eastern nations succeed in pushing forward their own national development plans, and as a new confidence begins to breed tolerance and understanding."

"Eventually, perhaps, we may see the emergence in the Middle East of a single dominant idea whose benefits are so important for all concerned that traditional differences may be forgotten, as the Common Market is now bridging similar differences in Europe," he told the AJCongress convention.

### Says Situation in Middle East Is Improving; Lists Reasons

The Presidential adviser listed three "important but unpublicized" developments that he said gave ground for "measured confidence" in an improved Middle East situation:

1. Communism as such is gradually losing its luster and the Soviet Union is emerging as "both a modern edition of Czarist Russia and a major cut-rate oil competitor to boot";
2. The U.S. is "much less tense in its relations with the nations of the Middle East and less inclined to expect immediate solutions to age-old conflicts";
3. Middle Eastern nations themselves are becoming "less focussed on conflicts with their neighbors and more interested in their own international development."

"These three changes," he said, "add up to a kind of quiet political and economic relaxation which, with a measure of good luck, may gradually make for lessening tensions and greater opportunities for all concerned."

U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL DISCUSSES ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUES WITH ENVOYS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 12. (JTA) -- Acting Secretary General U Thant has been holding a series of conferences here, the last two days, obviously discussing Israeli-Arab issues.

Today, for the second day in a row, he saw Michael S. Comay, head of the Israel delegation. Yesterday, after conferring with Mr. Comay, he talked with Farid Chehlaoui, chief of the Syrian delegation here. Mr. Thant also talked today with Mohamed H. El-Zayyat, chairman of the United Arab Republic delegation.

In each case, Mr. Thant was accompanied at the conferences by Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Undersecretary for Special Political Affairs, considered the chief expert on Israel-Arab issues among Mr. Thant's most intimate aides.

FRENCH PRESS DENOUNCES RENEWED ACTION AGAINST JEWS IN SOVIET RUSSIA

PARIS, April 12. (JTA) -- The renewed action in the Soviet Union against Jews, including the sentencing of Jews to death under various pretexts, flared into the open in the French press here today.

Newspapers from left to right, including the influential daily Le Figaro and the left-weekly Observateur, are carrying articles and editorials denouncing the recent spate of anti-Jewish acts in the Soviet Union. L'Humanite, organ of the French Communist Party, reacted to this press campaign today by printing an article claiming that the charges of anti-Semitism, leveled here against Soviet authorities, "are motivated exclusively by the cold war and the desire to smear the Soviet Union."

Andre Blumel, former president of the French Zionist Organization, announced today that he plans to visit the Soviet Union this summer with the intention of drawing the attention of high Soviet authorities to the grave anxiety caused by the Moscow attitude toward the Jewish minority in the USSR.

M. Blumel will go to Russia as a member of a delegation to be sent there by France-USSR, an organization devoted to the improvement of relations between this country and the Soviet Union, of which he is co-chairman. He questioned Sergei Vinogradov, Soviet Ambassador here, about the situation of the Soviet Jews, when they met recently at a luncheon honoring the Soviet diplomat, given by France-USSR. Mr. Vinogradov replied: "I know nothing about it; there is no such problem in Russia."

New York Students Demonstrate Against Soviet Ban on Matzoh

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Several hundred students from a majority of New York City college campuses marched silently in front of the Soviet Mission in the United Nations in protest against the ban on matzoh baking by Soviet authorities for this Passover.

The marchers carried a variety of banners protesting the ban. They were under instructions not to speak or demonstrate in any way and the schedule called for them to march back and forth in front of the mission for two hours.

In a statement issued prior to the march, the sponsors asserted that the ban was "the culmination of five years of gradual encroachment on this key aspect of Judaism" and that the ban was "part of a larger official attempt to destroy the bond between Soviet Jewry and the traditional roots of Judaism which have a national historical significance."

BRITISH SEPHARDIC CHIEF RABBI REPORTS PRO-JEWISH FEELINGS IN SPAIN

LONDON, April 12. (JTA) -- Dr. Solomon Gaon, the British Sephardic Chief Rabbi, said today that he had found everywhere in Spain on a recent visit a growing sympathy toward Jews and a desire to remove obstacles in the way of free practice of Judaism.

Dr. Gaon, who reported on his visit to the Board of Deputies of British Jews, also indicated that these obstacles had become formidable over the centuries. He said it would take time to establish a durable friendly relationship between the Spanish population as a whole and its small Jewish minority.

The Chief Rabbi said that the Jewish population had recently grown in two cities where there were Jewish communities--Madrid and Barcelona--although in both cities the numbers were still tiny. During his visit, he had interceded with prelates of the Catholic church and with important persons in the Spanish Government. He addressed audiences of both Jews and non-Jews.

TOP NAZI LEADER IN BELGIUM ARRESTED IN VIENNA; LISTED AS WAR CRIMINAL

VIENNA, April 12. (JTA) -- Police here announced today the arrest of Robert Jan Verbelen, 51, wartime deputy to the Nazi leader in Belgium, Leon Degrelle. The charge is "suspicion of having committed war crimes during the Nazi occupation of Belgium."

Verbelen, under death sentence in Belgium, where he had been tried in absentia for war crimes, has been living here under his own name since 1945, and acquired Austrian citizenship in 1959. During the war, when he held the rank of SS General, he was in charge of Nazi security services in Belgium.

## RADICAL CHANGES IN AMERICAN JEWISH LIFE FORESEEN OVER NEXT 40 YEARS

PITTSBURGH, April 12. (JTA) -- Jewish life in the United States will change radically over the next 40 years as a result of strongly developing economic, cultural, educational, religious and organizational trends that have emerged within the last decade, it was predicted here today by Dr. Jacob R. Marcus, noted Jewish historian and past president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, rabbinical body of the Reform branch of Judaism.

Dr. Marcus, who is president of the American Jewish Historical Society, spoke at a two-day conference and seminar sponsored by the CCAR. He cited 10 recent trends which he said are beginning to alter American Jewish life. He listed these as follows:

1. With the decline of Orthodox and classical Reform Judaism, the Conservatives and Neo-Reformers will bring about a distinctive type of American Judaism. The American Judaism of the future will continue to have Conservative and Reform institutional bodies but will be marked by similar rituals, forms of worship and religious mores.

2. The Jewish community is beginning to open its doors more widely than ever before to anyone who calls himself a Jew. This tolerance will increase rather than abate, especially in view of the rapid growth of inter-marriage.

3. The rapid rise of Parochial and private schools in the future to cope with the decline of the public school system due to lack of public funds will give impetus to the rise of Jewish parochial schools.

4. The Jewish community now served by some 90 independent privately owned weekly newspapers will be served by newspapers owned and controlled by the community itself. These newspapers will have no editorial policy. There will be a truce on all ideological differences in the interest of maintaining communal peace, even if it has to come at this price.

5. Jews will be found largely in the suburbs. They will feel themselves far more secure than at any time in the past, either in Europe or America. As a result, today's Jewish defense agencies will turn to the work of strengthening the community from within, building its morale, rather than to meeting outside calumnies, threats and discriminations.

### Work of Jewish Philanthropic Agencies Will Pass to Government

6. The work now being done on a large scale by Jewish philanthropic and health agencies will pass to government with the widening of the social security system and the rise of socialized medicine. The basic problem to be faced by the Jewish community in the next generation will be gerontological, the problem of the aged. This was no problem in the past because of the general low expectancy of life.

7. The Jewish community will also develop vocational services on a broad community level to cope with the increasing automation of American economic life. The Jewish community, which today has twice as many college graduates proportionately as does the non-Jewish community, will seek to solve the problem of cybernation through better education and the development of needed skills.

8. There will take place over the next 40 years the final emergence of the Jewish Community Center and YMHA as the suburban club of the Jewish middle classes. Huge million dollar buildings will rise incorporating health clubs, bowling alleys, and kosher-style snack bars. These will be a far cry from the slum settlement houses of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

9. The numerous Jewish agencies that proliferate on the American scene as independent bodies will be subordinated in each community to an over-all Jewish Community Council that will coordinate the activities of those agencies deemed necessary, and will control their budgets. The Council will be concerned with the welfare of the community as a whole, raising funds centrally for local, national and overseas causes. The Council will be representative of all elements in the community.

10. The synagogue will continue to occupy a primary place. The synagogue was central in Jewish communal life during the first days of Jewish settlement in America over 300 years ago, and has never lost its place in motivating Jewish life and in serving, if necessary, as a place of dissent.

## HISTORY OF UNITED NATIONS PRESENTED BY ISRAELI AUTHOR TO U THANT

UNITED NATIONS, April 12. (JTA) -- United Nations Acting Secretary General U Thant accepted today a copy of a new Pictorial History of the United Nations from its author, Dr. Jacob A. Rubin, at a special ceremony in the Secretary General's office.

It was pointed out that the 80,000-word book which has 645 photographs, was a product of cooperation from nationals of three of the smaller UN member nations, U Thant of Burma, Ambassador Boland of Ireland, and Dr. Rubin, an Israeli journalist. The Secretary General and Mr. Boland each contributed forewords to the book, which was published by Thomas Yoseloff, of New York.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE TESTIFIES ON DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

WASHINGTON, April 12. (JTA) -- The United States Government was urged today by the American Jewish Committee to take anti-trust action against realtors in the nation's capital who practice racial and religious discrimination in housing.

Irving M. Engel, honorary president of the organization, told the United States Commission on Civil Rights that "a pattern of planned housing discrimination" existed against Jews, Negroes and members of other minority groups. The commission is holding hearings here on discriminatory practices.

Mr. Engel asserted that in at least 13 separate residential areas in Washington and nearby Maryland suburbs realtors were responsible for "undemocratic and offensive practices" and a concerted refusal to deal with members of minority groups. He suggested that "this concerted refusal" might violate the Sherman anti-trust law.

CLAIMS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES DEADLINE FOR FILING 1963 APPLICATIONS

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Applications to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, by organizations, institutions and communities seeking the allocation of funds for the year 1963, must be filed before June 30, 1962, the Conference announced today.

Applications should be submitted in 20 copies to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, in New York, and should contain a detailed description of the activities for which funds are requested. The organizations submitting applications should also include precise budgetary data and information on other sources of income which may be available to the applicants for the projects in question.

"The Claims Conference, by the terms of the agreement it concluded with the Federal Republic of Germany, is able to allocate funds only for those activities which contribute to the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution, in accordance with the urgency of need," the announcement emphasized.

HEAD OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TRADE MISSION REPORTS ON PROGRESS IN ISRAEL

MONTREAL, April 12. (JTA) -- "Promising possibilities can exist for increased economic relations between Canada and Israel," E. R. Ernst, who headed a Canadian Government trade mission which has just returned from a survey of the economic situation in Israel, declared here last night.

Addressing the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, here, Mr. Ernst declared his mission had found "Israel has made astonishing progress despite tremendous economic, social and political problems. Mr. Ernst, chosen by the Government to head this country's mission, is assistant general manager of the Bank of Montreal.

WASHINGTON'S U. J. A. DRIVE REPORTS MUCH HIGHER GIVING THAN LAST YEAR

WASHINGTON, April 12. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal 1962 campaign in Washington is running ahead of totals for last year over the same period, campaign officials reported here today. Pledges made at an advance gifts dinner last night, plus individual gifts which "appear to be 40 to 50 percent above 1961," have put this year's drive well ahead of last year, the officials noted. The Washington area's 1962 goal is \$2,500,000.

ISRAELI BLOSSOMS PRESENTED TO CITY OF NEW YORK AT U. J. A. AFFAIR

NEW YORK, April 12. (JTA) -- Rina Kishon, Miss Israel, presented today to the city of New York a collection of gladiola blossoms and bulbs. The token of friendship to the City of New York was presented at the Spring Festival Luncheon of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York in Manhattan's Central Park.

The blossoms were flown in yesterday by El Al Airlines. The flowers were accepted by the New York City Parks Commissioner Newbold Morris. The plants will be planted in Central Park. Mrs. Frances J. Bloustein, city-wide chairman of the UJA Women's Division, presided at the ceremony.

YAD VASHEM ANNOUNCES WORLDWIDE COMPETITION FOR MONUMENT DESIGNS.

JERUSALEM, April 12. (JTA) -- The Yad Vashem, the official authority for preservation of the memory of the Hitler genocide, announced today a worldwide competition for Jewish artists to submit designs for a 175-foot high monument to be erected on the Hill of Remembrance in Jerusalem.

The proposals, for which the deadline is July 29, will compete for prizes of up to 1,000 pounds (\$333). The amount planned for the memorial itself is 100,000 pounds (\$33,000).