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### SYRIAN GOVT. ISSUES DECLARATION AGAINST ISRAEL; EXPECTS SOVIET ARMS

LONDON, April 23. (JTA) -- A strongly hostile anti-Israel declaration was issued in Damascus today by the Syrian provisional government, calling for the "creation of a coherent Arab nation" to fight Israel. "This should be our first task," the declaration stated, according to a cable from Damascus published here.

"It is essential," the declaration continued, "to mobilize the intellectual and social powers of Palestinians, and put before them their responsibilities toward the Arab cause." The Syrian Government asserted that "a new start" must be made toward "Arab unity," hinting at a possible rapprochement between Syria and the United Arab Republic.

At the same time, a Syrian radio broadcast reported that Syria is slated to get a new shipment of Soviet arms. The broadcast said that the new arms agreement was reached during a recent visit to Moscow by a Syrian delegation.

### ISRAEL GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO RESIST LABOR PRESSURE FOR WAGE INCREASES

TEL AVIV, April 23. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Trade and Commerce, continued today to fight hard to hold Israel's economic lines against high increases of cost-of-living allowances to workers, due in July. While they met with leading industrialists here, the trade union department of Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, confirmed today a previous decision, calling for payments of cost-of-living allowances on a higher scale, beginning in July.

Histadrut is under great pressure to call for full cost-of-living allowance boosts in July. Two leftist parties, Mapam and Ahdut Avodah, are demanding a special Cabinet discussion on the subject. But Mr. Eshkol is determined to ask Histadrut to postpone its insistence on raising wages in July to meet higher costs of living resulting from last February's devaluation of the Israeli pound.

Mr. Eshkol and Mr. Sapir have proposed that the increased cost-of-living allowances paid through the issuance of new Government bonds -- a step which, Histadrut leaders feel, will not be acceptable to the Israeli workers.

The two Cabinet members are willing to relax certain Government regulations, easing taxation and surcharge payments, pledging the Government not to raise electricity costs, and lowering certain customs and duties. They hope that the burden of the higher cost-of-living allowances would not fall too heavily on the manufacturers, and that they might hold prices at the present levels for at least 18 months.

### U. S. Firm Loses in Ashdod Offer; Other U. S. Firms Bid for Dam Building

TEL AVIV, April 23. (JTA) -- Last-minute pressures exerted by Solel Boneh, the construction arm of the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, removed the American Kaiser Engineering Company from the Ashdod port construction project today.

The American firm was invited to replace the French partners of Solel Boneh in constructing the southern port. The move was made in an effort to make up for a nearly year-long gap in the construction time-table. However, the conditions offered by the American firm were rejected by Solel Boneh which chose, instead, to name another group of Solel Boneh contractors as the third partner in addition to the French firm.

Meanwhile, three United States firms are among five overseas companies taking part in a bid to build a big dam at the southern tip of the Dead Sea. The dam is designed to increase potash production 300 percent. Construction will be carried out under supervision of a Dutch firm in the combine.

Another American firm, Stern and Rogers, of Denver, will soon begin work on a \$14,000,000 potash plant at Sdom, with an annual capacity of 400,000 tons.

### EICHMANN'S WIFE EXPECTED IN ISRAEL; WILL GET AN ISRAELI VISA IN GERMANY

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JTA) -- Mrs. Vera Eichmann, wife of Adolf Eichmann, may arrive here soon to visit her husband when before the Supreme Court hands down a judgment on Eichmann's appeal of a death sentence for his role in the mass killing of 6,000,000 Jews in the Holocaust. It was reported here today. It is understood that Israeli authorities have decided to grant a visa to Mrs. Eichmann, who submitted an application in Germany through the Israeli Consulate in Cologne.

## U.S. GOVT. CRITICIZED FOR INITIATING 'ABERRANT JUSTICE' IN MIDDLE EAST

NEW ORLEANS, April 23. (JTA) -- The United States Government was criticized here today for initiating "aberrant justice" in the Middle East, by sponsoring the recent resolution at the United Nations Security Council censuring Israel for its retaliatory raid on the Syrian border where anti-Israel provocations had been carried on for many weeks.

The criticism was voiced by Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith, addressing a public meeting here. He said that American diplomacy "would better serve our national interests by vigorously encouraging direct peace negotiations" as called for by the Arab-Israel Armistice agreements. He condemned the UN resolution "for patently evading the real issue in the Israel-Syrian dispute: Which nation is prepared to negotiate a peace settlement, and which refuses to do so while engaging in provocative acts by shooting across the other's borders?"

The recent Security Council action, passed 10-to-0 with France abstaining, reprimanded Israel for a military raid March 16-17 on Syrian gun posts overlooking the Sea of Galilee. The area is a demilitarized zone under terms of the 1949 Armistice agreement. The U.S. resolution made no reference to Israel's complaint to the UN of Syrian artillery fire on Israeli fishermen and police boats in the weeks preceding the raid, except to deplore "hostile exchanges" between the countries.

Mr. Katz called the United States position "strangely inconsistent with our own national policy and actions, past and present, in Korea, in Berlin, in Southeast Asia and elsewhere, where our Government has taken appropriate defense measures against the military encroachment of aggressors. There is shameful irony," he said, "in the fact that Egypt, sitting as a member of the Security Council, with American acquiescence, can vote to censure Israel, while Egypt is still in flagrant violation of UN resolutions directing her to open the Suez Canal to free transit by all nations."

## STORMY ARGUMENTS MARK CONVENTION OF ISRAELI AUTHORS; GOVT. SCORED

TEL AVIV, April 23. (JTA) -- Angry words, stormy arguments, and wide disagreements marked the opening session today of the 20th annual convention of the Israel Authors Association. There were disputes between the modern writers and the younger generation, criticisms against the Government for not doing enough for Israeli writers, and a disagreement regarding the principal goal of Israel's writers today, with Minister of Education Abba Eban lined up in opposition to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

Mr. Ben-Gurion had written a letter to the association, read at the opening session, saying that authors should pay more attention to the vast immigration into Israel, which the Premier saw as the "central epic of our generation." As one of the principal speakers at the opening session, greeting the writers officially on behalf of the Government, Mr. Eban took issue with his Prime Minister on that point. "Creation is the author's only mission," said Mr. Eban. "If he writes on immigration or the integration of the immigrant in our society, so much the better. But writing, is, in itself, important."

Two famous Israeli authors, Haim Hazaz and Yehuda Burla, took out at both the Israeli public and its Government. Mr. Burla chided Israelis for not reading enough books. "We are known as the People of the Book," he noted, "yet unlike the Jews outside Israel, who patronize many books, the people of Israel have turned to the material life, do not possess books." Mr. Hazaz complained that the Government does not extend enough help to authors and poets, alleging that this fact is another illustration of Israel's turn toward the material as against the spiritual.

Writers of the older generation attacked the young, modern authors for their "modernistic" approach and method, while the younger men defended themselves and accused the earlier writers of failure to react to the life of today. The younger writers also demanded representation on the association's executive.

## U. N. COMMISSIONER ASKS ISRAEL TO EXTEND AID TO ALGERIAN REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JTA) -- A request to extend aid for the resettlement of Algerian refugees, most of whom are now in Morocco and Tunisia, has been received by the Israel Government from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in Geneva, it was reported here today. Israel, which holds membership on the Commission's 25-nation executive committee, was one of several countries to have received the request.

## KEEL LAID IN FRENCH SHIPYARD FOR 23,000-TON ISRAELI PASSENGER SHIP

STE. NAZAIRE, France, April 23. (JTA) -- The keel was laid here today for a 23,000-ton Israeli passenger liner, the SS Shalom, which will be finished late in 1963.

Shipyards officials said that the liner was designed to carry 1,071 passengers between Haifa and New York. The ship will have three open-air swimming pools and a cabaret.

## 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF PROF. GOTTHEIL CELEBRATED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 23. (JTA) -- The 100th anniversary of the birth of Professor Richard H. Gottheil, prominent Orientalist and first president of the American Federation of Zionists, which later became the Zionist Organization of America, was celebrated at ZOA House here today. A portrait of Professor Gottheil was unveiled in the lobby of ZOA House. Dr. Gottheil died in New York City in 1936.

#### GERMANY INVESTIGATES EIGHT NAZIS SUSPECTED OF KILLING 31,000 JEWS

WIESBADEN, West Germany, April 23. (JTA) -- The Wiesbaden prosecution office disclosed today it had begun investigation of the Nazi careers of eight former members of the Security Police.

The eight are suspected of taking part in the execution of 31,000 Jews and Russian prisoners of war in the Lublin district during World War II. The prosecution office said several hundred witnesses had been interrogated. The principal suspects were listed as former Criminal Commissars Hermann Worthoff, George Lothar Hoffmann, Johannes Mueller and Bruno Meiert.

#### BELGIUM RESTORES RIGHT OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO ORTHODOX JEWS

BRUSSELS, April 23. (JTA) -- The Commission for Complaints of the Belgian National Employment Office today restored the right to jobless benefits of an Orthodox Jew who refused to register on Saturdays.

Regulations require registration on each working day that a worker is jobless. When the Orthodox Jew refused to register on Saturdays, his jobless benefits were withheld and he filed a complaint.

His complaint was sustained by the Commission on reference to the Belgian constitution and to the Convention on Human Rights. The Commission agreed that the documents confirmed the rights of religious Jews to exercise their religion without any direct or indirect compulsion and that this covered the complainant's case.

The Commission noted that it was only as a consequence of Belgium's Catholic tradition that Sunday was considered a holiday and that it was permissible for Orthodox Jews to replace Saturday for Sunday as such a non-working day.

#### FOUR SOVIET JEWS--TWO SCIENTISTS, TWO ARTISTS --RECEIVE LENIN AWARD

LONDON, April 23. (JTA) -- Four Soviet Jews--two physicists, a pianist and a sculptor--received the highest Soviet decorations, the Lenin Prize, at Moscow ceremonies, according to dispatches from the Russian capital received here today. The prizes were presented formally yesterday at the celebration, in Moscow, of Nikolai Lenin's birthday. In all, about 100 Lenin Prizes were awarded for 1962 by the Soviet authorities.

The Jewish recipients are: Professor Lev Landau, considered by scientists in the West as among the foremost experts in nuclear physics; his associate Prof. Evgeni Lifshits, another famous physicist and mathematician, who with Prof. Landau heads highly important projects at the Soviet Academy of Science; Emil Gilels, the pianist; and sculptor Lev Kerbel.

Professors Landau and Lifshits, who reportedly contributed very significantly toward the development of the satellites sent into orbit by the Soviet Union, were cited specifically for their recent series of texts on theoretical physics. Mr. Gilels and Mr. Kerbel are also well-known to many Western critics. Mr. Gilels has made several highly successful recital tours in the United States and in other leading cultural centers throughout the world.

#### JEWS IN POLAND ENJOY EQUAL RIGHTS IN ALL FIELDS, POLISH ENVOY STRESSES

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- All educational institutions, professions and occupations are open to the Jews of Poland "not as a matter of benevolence but as the rights of citizens," Edward Drozniak, Poland's Ambassador to the United States, declared here last night.

He was one of the principal participants in ceremonies here commemorating the 19th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto revolt. Simon Federman, president of the American Federation of Polish Jews, presided at the meeting, attended by a capacity audience of more than 3,200 that jammed Manhattan Center here.

Poland's laws of today, said Ambassador Drozniak, as such laws affect the Jewish people, are "among the lessons we have learned from the bitter past, guaranteeing equal rights and opportunities for all citizens, forbidding the spread of hatred or contempt or humiliation of any citizen on the grounds of race, creed or nationality."

#### JEWS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ARE WELL PROVIDED WITH MATZOH, RABBI REPORTS

TEL AVIV, April 23. (JTA) -- Jews in Czechoslovakia were provided with all the matzoh they needed this Passover, it was reported today by Rabbi Bernard Farkas, of Prague, who is in Israel on a month-long private visit. Rabbi Farkas said the Czech matzoh bakery had sufficient matzoh to supply a number of other countries, including East Germany.

#### NINE MAJOR U.S. CORPORATIONS LAUDED FOR DROPPING JOB DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON, April 23. (JTA) -- Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson, in his capacity as chairman of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, today commended nine major corporations doing business with the Government for correcting discriminatory employment practices.

The firms, most of them in heavy industry located in the South, were called by the Vice President "bellwethers in the national program for equal employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, color or national origin."

#### MEXICAN JEWISH LEADER GIVES FULLY EQUIPPED INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL TO STATE

MEXICO CITY, April 23. (JTA) -- Highest officials of the Mexican Government, led by President Adolfo Lopez Mateo, today attended the dedication of a new Industrial School building, completely equipped, donated to the State of Estado de Mexico by Elias Sourasky, prominent banker and well-known Zionist leader here. Others participating in the ceremonies, in addition to the President, were Minister of Education Jaime Torres Bodet, and Mordechai Schneersohn, Israel Ambassador to Mexico.

Mr. Sourasky established a mortgage bank in Israel several years ago; created scholarships to the Hebrew University at Jerusalem; and is a staunch supporter of Hebrew educational institutions in this country.

#### PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION ISSUES \$2,000,000 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- Palestine Economic Corporation has registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission an issue of 81,725 shares of common stock to be sold at par value of \$25 per share, for a total of \$2,043,125, it was announced today. According to the Prospectus, the 36-year-old company had 616,730 shares of common stock outstanding, and assets totaling \$19,369,603 as of December 31, 1961.

The registration represents the balance of an offering of 120,000 shares originally registered with the SEC on September 27, 1961, of which 38,275 shares with an aggregate par value of \$956,875 had been sold as of March 31, 1962. Proceeds of sale are to be devoted to further participation of PEC in the development of Israel industry, agriculture, trade and construction.

#### HERBERT FRIEDMAN FLIES TO ISRAEL TO DISCUSS IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, left by air last night for a brief visit to Israel to discuss the problems of increased immigration to that country.

Rabbi Friedman is scheduled to meet with top officials of the Israel Government with Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency, philanthropic body dealing with the newcomers to Israel and which draws the major portion of its funds from the UJA, and with other Agency executives. He also is expected to visit the reception centers where the new arrivals are met and recently established development villages in outlying sections of the country where large numbers of immigrants are being settled.

Upon his return to the U.S., Rabbi Friedman will report his findings to officers of the UJA and other prominent leaders of the American Jewish community who are in the midst of a nationwide drive to raise \$95,000,000. In 1962 the UJA seeks a \$35,000,000 Special Fund to meet the pressing problems of the expected heavy immigration to Israel and other lands, along with a regular campaign goal of \$60,000,000.

#### ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION TO INAUGURATE SPRING DRIVE THROUGHOUT U.S.

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- The fourteenth anniversary of the State of Israel will launch intensive Spring phase of the Israel bond drive in communities throughout the United States and Canada, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization.

More than 300 campaign meetings honoring Israel's anniversary are scheduled for the months of May and June to stimulate wide response to the Israel bond drive for 1962, which is seeking to raise a minimum of \$66,500,000 for the development of the country's economy.

The anniversary celebrations, Dr. Schwartz pointed out, will mark the formal opening of Israel's "Decade of the Negev," during which the vast desert area must be developed with the aid of Israel bonds as a center of industrialization and immigrant settlement.

#### HAPOEL HAMIZRACHI CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

JERUSALEM, April 23. (JTA) -- The Hapoel Hamizrachi, religious Zionist movement, today celebrated the 40th anniversary of its founding at an assembly here attended by delegates representing the group's 70,000 members and 25,000 members of its affiliated youth movement and 80 agricultural settlements.

Among the major speakers at the celebration were Education Minister Abba Eban, on behalf of the Government; Kaddish Luz, Speaker of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament; Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim; Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive; and Jerusalem Mayor Mordechai Ish-Shalom. Interior Minister Moshe Shapira, leader of the Hapoel Hamizrachi, reviewed the achievements of the movement since its founding.

#### MENDL ELKIN, NOTED JEWISH CULTURAL FIGURE, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 88

NEW YORK, April 23. (JTA) -- Dr. Mendl Elkin, chief librarian of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, died here yesterday at the age of 88. Born in Russia, Dr. Elkin earned a degree in dentistry and practiced in Russia for six years. He then founded the Yiddish Kamer Theatre in St. Petersburg and later in Moscow. He left Russia in 1920 for Poland where he served as president of the Jewish Theatre Actors in Warsaw. He emigrated to the United States in 1923 and had been librarian at YIVO since 1938.