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### AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANIES INVEST \$4.5 MILLION IN ISRAELI HOUSING

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- Two major United States life insurance companies have invested \$4,500,000 in a new, \$10,000,000 project for the construction of 2,000 new housing units in Israel, it was announced here today.

The two firms, the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company and the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, provided the funds to American Associates, newly formed corporation of which Jack D. Weiler is chairman, on 15-year notes, guaranteed by the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., which will lease the units to be constructed. Additionally, American Associates will provide \$1,000,000 of its own capital, and will have \$4.5 million proceeds of subordinated capital participation by an agency of the Israel Government. The guarantees make it possible for the first time for American insurance companies to provide funds for immigrant housing in Israel through American-based corporations.

The \$10,000,000 which American Associates will provide will finance construction of 2,026 housing units, accommodating about 10,000 persons. American Associates will buy these units from the Israel Housing Authority and lease them to the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., for distribution to new immigrants. The units will be in the two newly developed towns of Ashdod and Ashkelon, on the Mediterranean.

### Stone, Weiler Laud Pioneering Nature of Method for Increasing Immigrant Housing

Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., noted today that the project pioneered a method of obtaining loans in the United States to finance immigrant housing against rent guarantees to be extended on behalf of the new immigrants by the Jewish Agency out of its share in the nationwide United Jewish Appeal.

Mr. Weiler reported that "this new way of putting part of our housing budgets on a rental basis will make it possible to substantially increase the number of housing units available for new immigrants in the current fiscal year." He indicated that the establishment of American Associates paved the way for an increased mobilization of commercial capital for immigrant housing in Israel.

Associated with Mr. Weiler in American Associates are Irwin S. Chanin, Laurence Tisch, Louis Glickman, Lawrence Schacht, Charles B. Benenson, Aaron Chilewich, Ira Guilden, Samuel Lemberg and Solomon N. Petchers. Negotiations for formation of American Associates and for the insurance company loans were conducted by Gottlieb Hammer, executive vice-chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., and Maurice M. Boukstein, counsel for the Jewish Agency.

Final agreement between American Associates and the Israel Housing Authority was concluded this morning, at 4 a. m., over a two-way teletype circuit.

### ISRAEL OPENS INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS WITH MOURNING FOR 12,000 CASUALTIES

JERUSALEM, May 8. (JTA) -- One-minute blasts of sirens and of ship, factory and rain whistles sounded throughout Israel this morning, to mark the start of services for Israel's war dead. Memorial Day, traditionally, ushers in the observance of Israel's Independence Day, and commemorates the 12,000 servicemen and women who were killed or lost as a result of Israel's War of Independence 14 years ago. The memorial actually began Monday night, when candles were lighted in synagogues everywhere in Israel.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion broadcast a special Independence Day address tonight, declaring that Independence Day was Israel's "greatest landmark since the people became free in the days of Saul and David." He said that while, 2,500 years ago, some 50,000 Jews returned from Babylon, 20 times that many settled in modern Israel -- not from one country but from nearly one hundred. "This is the first ingathering of the exiles in our story, the only one of its kind the world has ever known," he said.

Israel's greatest achievement, which he said was not yet sufficiently appreciated, was to come a "unifying center, a spiritual fortress for Jews throughout the world, East and West." He added that the Jewish State could not be considered faithful to its mission "without a profound emotional attachment" to Jews throughout the world.

### Ben-Gurion Stresses Difficulties, Dangers on the Road Ahead

Independence Day, he told his people, was not merely a festival, but also an occasion for the State and the people to take stock of their position and achievements. He said it "must

be borne in our minds and engraved on our hearts that the Nation has not yet arrived at journey's end. The way ahead is still long and difficult, and strewn with pitfalls and dangers."

He said Israel's economy was not yet self-supporting, that Israel "has not yet guaranteed to the whole younger generation the educational and social standards required to continue the maintenance of the spiritual and moral advantage which is our only secret weapon both on the international scene and for military tests that may yet be in store."

The Prime Minister cited the new economic policy set in motion with the devaluation of the Israeli pound, last February 9, and warned that essential economic reforms could not succeed without the planned, concerted efforts of all concerned, including workers, employers, managers, experts and professionals, as well as Israel banks, local authorities and the national Government. He appealed for all-out cooperation to cut costs and improve productivity of Israel's industry.

He said that, while Israel's population had more than doubled in the 14 years of Statehood, there were still millions of Jews in other countries who were doomed to spiritual extinction if their longing to settle in Israel remained unfulfilled. He added that "as long as we have not brought in these millions, there can be no ease in Israel, and our primary and supreme task will not have been achieved."

#### Soviet Envoy Heads Diplomats Greeting Ben-Zvi; Haganah, Irgun Honor Dead

Members of the diplomatic corps, United Nations representatives and heads of foreign missions called on President Izhak Ben-Zvi this afternoon. The dean of the diplomatic corps, Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Bodrov, felicitated the President, the Government and the people on behalf of his colleagues, who had assembled for a reception by President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi.

A parade of veterans of the Haganah the pre-state Jewish underground army, was reviewed by President Ben-Zvi as part of memorial observances. Countrywide traffic came to a halt, workers in fields, factories and offices honored Israel's war dead by observing two minutes of silence. At sundown tonight, the same sirens signaled the close of Memorial Day and immediately ushered in observance of Israel's 14th Independence Day.

In a special Order of the Day, Chief of Staff Zvi Tzur recalled the bravery of the fighters in the War of Independence who, he said, with virtually no weapons "but with a spirit that guides us to this day," won over Arab odds. "It is because of those who gave their lives that we can light our festive lights tonight," he added.

A special ceremony was held in front of the Great Synagogue of Tel Aviv today, in memory of the Haganah dead. At Beersheba, members of the one-time underground Irgun provided a portion of the honor guard stationed at the southern city's memorial light.

#### Peres Notes New Weapons Acquired by Arab States, Pledges Israel Deterrence

Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres said today that "it cannot be said that the danger to Israel has decreased." He said that, although both Israel and the neighboring Arab countries had acquired new weapons, the huge advantage of the Arab states in that respect remained unchanged. He added that the Arab rulers "continue to threaten Israel and to wave their swords against this country."

He asserted that no threat would prevent Israel from carrying out its development plans, including the countrywide irrigation plans which include pumping water from Lake Tiberias to the Negev. He stressed that Israel would continue to maintain a powerful deterrent force to prevent any immediate danger.

A large influx of prominent personalities, particularly from the new African states, was climaxed by the arrival of Leon M'ba, president of Gabon. He was welcomed by President Ben-Zvi, Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister; and military chiefs. Previously, officials of Senegal and Liberia arrived.

#### JAVITS CALLS FOR 'FRESH LOOK' AS AMERICANS CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, told an Israel Independence Day rally here tonight that the time had arrived for "a fresh look at the Middle East, and the development of United States policy toward the countries in that area."

Senator Javits spoke at a celebration of Israel's 14th anniversary sponsored by the Brooklyn Region of the Zionist Organization of America and the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council. The celebration was one of numerous such events held and scheduled throughout the United States.

Senator Javits contended that, in the light of the past history of the Nasser regime in Egypt, "we are justified in regarding negotiations" for a "massive United States aid program" to Egypt "with a good deal of concern." He said "the time has come for the Kennedy Administration to compare its promises on the Middle East with its actions so far," and he reiterated that the United States "should persist through the United Nations and in direct diplomacy to bring the nations of the Middle East together."

New York City's official Israel Independence Day Event will be held tomorrow in the New York City Council chamber. Mayor Robert F. Wagner will officially proclaim the

day as Israel Independence Day. Another major event tomorrow will be a reception for United Nations diplomats to be given by Michael S. Comay, head of the Israel delegation to the UN.

Former President Harry S. Truman will receive an award as the first head of State to recognize Israel tomorrow night from the Jewish National Fund. He will be guest of honor at a JNF "Tribute to Truman" event at Hunter College.

#### Diplomatic Corps Watches Israel Film as Celebration Opens in Capital

WASHINGTON, May 8. (JTA) -- A black-tie audience of members of the diplomatic corps, Government officials and many other Washington notables attended a premier showing tonight of an Israeli-produced film, "They Were Ten." The Israel Embassy sponsored the showing in observance of Israel Independence Day.

The event was the first of a series commemorating the holiday in Washington. The America-Israel Society will be host tomorrow to 500 guests at an Independence Day luncheon. Many members of Congress are expected to take note of the event tomorrow on the House and Senate floors.

#### EUROPEAN POWER REPORTED RECRUITING SPY IN ISRAEL ON BEHALF OF ARABS

TEL AVIV, May 8. (JTA) -- A European Government, believed to be a Communist power, has been forcing recent immigrants to Israel to conduct espionage activities by threatening to punish their relatives, still living in Europe, it was reported here today by Bamaahne, the official publication of the Israel Armed Forces. The espionage information was believed to have been forwarded to Egyptian intelligence agents, the newspaper indicated.

The espionage network was uncovered when one of the immigrant agents, a Government engineer who is a reserve Israel Air Force officer, confessed to security officers that he had been forced to sign a pledge to spy in Israel before he left his country of origin. He said he had lost his job four days after applying for an immigration visa to Israel, and that he was summoned by Government officials who told him that they would allow his departure only on condition that he supply security information from Israel. They told him also that his parents would be held as hostages.

The newspaper said that the man supplied information, such as details of military air bases and troop movements, to a courier who had diplomatic status in Israel. The man, the paper said, realized that the information would be of little interest to a European power and must have been intended for the intelligence services of Arab countries.

#### BONN GOVERNMENT CHARGES U. S. JEW WITH SPYING ON BEHALF OF EAST GERMANY

KARLSRUHE, May 8. (JTA) -- A 42-year-old American, Harold N. Borger, went on trial in Federal court here yesterday as the first American citizen charged with spying in a West German court.

Borger said that because he was a Jew he did not agree with the idea of rearming West Germany, and that he was worried about the revival of anti-Semitism and militarism in West Germany. He said he had tried to get information for a man he believed to be an Israeli intelligence agent. Borger was charged with working for an East German intelligence agent since 1959. He was described as a former U.S. Air Force officer and an expert in chemical warfare.

#### FRESH FIGHTING BREAKS OUT IN ORAN MELLAH; 50 JEWS DETAINED BY FRENCH

PARIS, May 8. (JTA) -- Fighting broke out anew today in the mellah, the Jewish quarter, in the Algerian city of Oran, and French Government security forces imposed a strict curfew on the district, sealing off the Jews there entirely from contact with the outside world, according to authoritative news received here today.

Commandos believed affiliated with the OAS, the French anti-independence movements in Algeria, attacked French police bases in Oran last night. The commandos, according to the French, were presumably based in the Jewish quarter. The Government security forces said today that a house-to-house check in the mellah had yielded five machineguns and 100 rifles. The French have, thus far, detained about 50 Jews living in the Oran mellah, holding some for suspicion of affiliation with the OAS.

#### HARMAN REPORTS TO KNESSET GROUP ON RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES

JERUSALEM, May 8. (JTA) -- Israel's Ambassador to Washington, Avraham Harman, appeared before the foreign affairs and security committee of the Knesset (Parliament) today, reporting about the current relations between Israel and the United States. He is scheduled also to report on the same subject to the next meeting of the Cabinet, next Sunday.

Both Mr. Harman and Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, were summoned here last week for high-level discussions with Foreign Minister Golda Meir and other top members of the Government. Mr. Comay left for New York yesterday.

KENNEDY LAUDS IMMIGRANTS TO U.S.A.; WORKMEN'S CIRCLE ELECTS ZUKERMAN

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 8. (JTA) -- Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg, speaking here today at the 62nd anniversary convention of the Workmen's Circle, national Jewish fraternal and cultural organization, brought a message from President Kennedy, who praised the contribution of immigrants to American life.

"At the beginning of this century," the President said, "immigrants came to the United States in search of opportunity, and they gave more to this Nation in idealistic vigor and energy than many of them received in material reward. The concept of freedom was constantly refreshed and encouraged by new citizens," Mr. Kennedy stated. He said that today the country "looks not only to the immigrant from abroad, but also to those within our society who still seek equality and opportunity, to remind us of the true promise of American life and the obligation we have to serve that promise."

The Secretary of Labor told the delegates they could judge the progress made toward equality of opportunity in American life by comparing present-day conditions with the "bleak picture that existed 62 years ago, when the Workmen's Circle was founded." He recalled that immigrants then lived in New York and Chicago ghettos, hemmed in by barriers of language and economic and social discrimination.

"In our history," said Mr. Goldberg, "freedom has gained strength from the eager and energetic support of immigrants new to our shores. They have constantly reminded us that the price of freedom is best measured by the zeal and dedication that are put into the effort to achieve it." He praised the Workmen's Circle for its "significant part in this tradition. You have helped to give greater reality to the principles of justice and equal opportunity by accepting them as guidelines for your daily activities," he said.

In introducing the Secretary of Labor, Workmen's Circle president Israel Breslow said that the Secretary was at the convention as "an old friend who shares our Jewish traditions, our democratic and humanistic philosophy, our general outlook on life."

The convention today elected Jacob T. Zukerman, New York attorney and social worker, to succeed Mr. Breslow in the presidency. The latter had served two two-year terms. In his opening address as next president, Mr. Zukerman denounced vigorously the right-wing, extremist organizations in this country which, he said, "threaten the fabric of democratic society and decent American life." He specifically named the John Birch Society as a group he called "un-American and Communist."

Listing the organization's objectives in the near future, Mr. Zukerman said the Workmen's Circle would continue its efforts on behalf of fuller civil rights, liberalization of immigration laws, and medical care for the aged. The organization, he said, will also continue vigorously "to encourage the teaching of Yiddish literature and culture in every community."

MORRIS J. JANOFF, JEWISH STANDARD EDITOR, HONORED FOR HIS 'TIRELESS EFFORTS'

NEW YORK, May 8. (JTA) -- Morris J. Janoff, editor of the Jewish Standard, Jersey City weekly newspaper, was honored with the annual Amity Award of the New Jersey region of the American Jewish Congress here. He was cited at a dinner for his "tireless efforts in providing a dependable chronicle of Jewish life by focusing on those evils that would undermine our traditional freedoms for all peoples."

KATRIEL KATZ NAMED TO SUCCEED ESHEL AS N. Y. CONSUL-GENERAL FOR ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, May 8. (JTA) -- Katriel Katz, Secretary to the Government, has been appointed Consul General in New York, it was announced here today. Mr. Katz, former Israel Minister to Poland, will succeed Aryeh Eshel, who has been named Israel's Ambassador to Brazil.

BOSTON BETH ISRAEL PSYCHIATRIST ELECTED NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

TORONTO, May 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Grete L. Bibring, clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the Harvard University Medical School, and chief Psychiatrist at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, was elected today president of the American Psychoanalytic Association, at the organization's 49th meeting here.

BENTZEL TZALEWITCH, BUND LEADER, LABOR ORGANIZER, DEAD IN ISRAEL AGED 79

TEL AVIV, May 8. (JTA) -- Bentzel Tzalewitch, Israeli chairman of the Bund, the Yiddish-speaking organization, and a prominent labor leader in this country for more than a quarter of a century, died here Sunday. He was 79. Arriving here from Bialystok in 1922, he organized the first Palestinian trade union of Jewish bakery workers in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem. He is well known in the United States where he visited often, usually under the auspices of the Coordinating Committee of the Bunds and Affiliated Jewish Socialist Organizations.

DR. SIEGFRIED LANDAU, GERMAN-JEWISH LEADER IN CHILE, DIES AT SANTIAGO

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, May 8. (JTA) -- Dr. Siegfried Landau, for many years president of the Congregation B'nei Israel, and a member of the Council of Jews from Germany, died here today, aged 67. He was a prominent attorney at Leipzig before emigrating to Chile 20 years ago. For years he had been very active in Zionist and other Jewish communal affairs.