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## KENNEDY URGES AMERICANS TO PRAY AT HOME OR CHURCH; AVOIDS OTHER COMMENT

WASHINGTON, June 27. (JTA) -- President John F. Kennedy today declined to state whether he personally agreed with the Supreme Court decision banning prayer in the public schools. He was asked this question at his press conference.

Mr. Kennedy, in explaining his views on amendments proposed yesterday in Congress to sanction prayers and Bible reading in public schools, said that he had not seen such measures and would have to make determination of the effect on the First Amendment. He said that some agreed and others disagreed with the Supreme Court judgment and that if Americans support the Constitution even though possibly not agreeing with the decision, they can make religion more meaningful through prayer at home or church.

Experts on constitutional procedures indicated that the odds were substantial against adoption of such an amendment, which involves a two-thirds vote in both the House and Senate and ratification by legislatures in three-fourths of the states. The procedure has taken years in approval of some amendments to the Constitution.

Washington newspapers today editorially voiced reservations concerning the Supreme Court decision. The Washington Evening Star said it thought "school authorities in Washington should not act hastily to abandon religious exercises in the city's public schools." The Washington Daily News said the decision was "another case in which the law and common sense collided head-on, with the law coming out on top."

The Baltimore Sun took exception to the Supreme Court ruling, stating editorially that "any study of American history makes clear that our country was founded by religious men and women and that our Government was based on religious as well as democratic principles."

### Leading New York Newspapers Support Supreme Court's Decision

NEW YORK, June 27. (JTA) -- Strong editorial support for the U. S. Supreme Court's historic and controversial ban on prayer in the public schools was expressed today by such leading newspapers as the New York Times and the New York Herald-Tribune.

Declaring that "prayer is personal," the Times editorial said: "Nothing could be more divisive in this country than to mingle religion and government in the sensitive setting of public schools, and under the circumstances regarded by minorities as coercive. Our history counsels against that course, and the Supreme Court has wisely turned us from it."

The Herald-Tribune editorial stated: "The court ruled, 6 to 1, that recital of the prayer was in nonconformity with the intent of the Founding Fathers. No matter how much we minimize the possibility that such a prayer could lead to a state religion--Justice Stewart, the lone dissenter, argued his case with conviction--it is difficult to see how the court, once having agreed to consider the case, could have arrived at any other conclusion."

The New York Post declared that the Supreme Court did not, "as some foolish men are saying, vote to 'abolish God.' It voted to affirm the proposition that prayer in a free society is a private affair. It is."

Two New York dailies criticized the decision. The Journal American said that "the Hearst newspapers believe" the decision "is a misinterpretation of the Constitution." The World-Telegram and Sun argued that the principle upheld by the court was "the right to take religion or eschew it altogether but in so ruling, the Supreme Court has opened itself to an endless stream of questions and challenges."

The American Civil Liberties Union, noting that several related suits were moving through lower courts en route to the Supreme Court, predicted today that there would be a drive in all parts of the country against religious practices in the public schools. The organization said the goal of the campaign would be to eliminate Christmas and Chanukah observances, Easter programs, recitation of the Lord's prayer and baccalaureate services. Suits involving many of these practices are at one stage or another in state and federal lower courts.

The ACLU said it planned to ask its 33 affiliates throughout the United States to measure local public school practices against the Supreme Court decision.

# JEWS IN ALGERIA PLEAD TO HAVE THEIR CHILDREN TAKEN TO FRANCE

PARIS, June 27. (JTA) -- A "save our children" campaign was in full swing today among the remaining Jews of Algeria, particularly in the strife-torn city of Oran where new bloodshed is feared with only three days to go before Algeria becomes independent under Moslem rule.

Some 200 unaccompanied child refugees have arrived in France and several hundred more are expected before July 1. The total may reach 3,000 before the end of the year, according to projections prepared by Jewish social workers.

Looming over the Algerian drama is the tragedy of countless children threatened with physical violence and exposed to daily scenes of unparalleled bloodshed and violence. Their parents are anxious to get them to metropolitan France at the earliest possible moment.

One hundred and fifty Jewish child refugees have been placed in Jewish communal institutions in Strasbourg and the Fonds Social Juif Unifié, the principal Jewish welfare agency, is making special efforts to arrange similar facilities in Paris and other centers. The buildings on the outskirts of Paris formerly used by the Alliance Israelite Universelle Teachers Seminary have been prepared to receive several hundred Jewish children and work is in preparation on other sites.

A representative of the Joint Distribution Committee is in Algeria. Together with the FSJU, he is arranging for the transport of children to France. With some 3,500 Jewish refugees arriving in France over the past weekend, the influx is reaching unprecedented totals. Most Jews are seeking to leave Algeria before independence day though French authorities have pledged to provide transportation after July 1.

# NON-JEWS JOIN ARGENTINE JEWS IN PROTEST AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH VIOLENCE

BUENOS AIRES, June 27. (JTA) -- Non-Jewish commercial groups and students expressed solidarity today with the Jewish community here which ordered all Jewish shops, factories and schools to close tomorrow in protest against an outbreak of anti-Jewish violence. The acts of anti-Jewish terror culminated in the abduction last Monday of a 19-year-old Jewish girl by three thugs who carved a swastika with a razor on her body.

The Federation of Credit Cooperatives and the Chamber of Commerce of Wholesalers announced today that they would join in the Jewish stoppage tomorrow. At the same time student associations of three schools of the University here came out with a strong demand to the Argentine Government for "most energetic measures" to deal with the anti-Semitic outbreaks. These were believed to be a response from fascist elements to Israel's execution of Adolf Eichmann.

The Argentine Society of Writers issued a statement commenting on the Government's published communique energetically condemning the anti-Semitic acts. "it is necessary that the action be as firm as the words," the writers said. They warned that the citizens of Argentine "must keep alert" because if the police continued to "demonstrate its inefficiency" in the situation, it might be necessary to ask military forces to take measures "against the enemies of the Fatherland."

The student groups similarly declared that if "the offered parties seek satisfaction by their own means, the guilt for the consequences will fall exclusively on the authorities which do not prevent or repress the violence."

Meanwhile, the Deputy Police Chief, Miguel Garcia called a press conference in the presence of the father of the girl, who also had been burned with cigaret ends. The police official stressed that his department had not sought to delay its investigation and rejected charges of some publications which said that the police "tended to support certain ideological groups."

He insisted that the police followed a policy of investigating everything but without trying to examine the faith, race or political ideologies of those involved. ~~On~~ television station broadcast a statement that the identity of the anti-Semitic criminals was known to authorities and that if the officials did not act on that knowledge, the station would announce those names.

The principal newspapers published today editorials strongly condemning the attack and asking for swift action by the police. The leading daily, La Nacion, declared in an editorial that "this shameful action unfortunately does not constitute an isolated fact. It is well known that our diligent police are able to put an end immediately to such excesses which degrade our community to the level of a primitive people."

Officials of the DAA, central Jewish representative body, expressed concern today over the fact that no reply has yet been received to a request sent by the organization last Thursday for an audience with Police Chief Enrique Green to discuss the machine gunning Thursday morning of a Jewish restaurant here.

The failure of the police authorities to reply to the DAA request is considered here as another indication of police laxity over anti-Jewish violence.

#### ISRAEL'S IMMIGRATION PROGRAM REPORTED FACING 'MOST CRUCIAL TEST'

NEW YORK, June 27. (JTA) -- "The immigration and rehabilitation program of the Jewish Agency for Israel, is facing its most crucial test in a decade," it was reported here today by Dr. Isador Lubin, noted American economist and consultant to the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., and Aryeh L. Pincus, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, Jerusalem.

Mr. Pincus came to New York for consultation with UJA leaders on problems of financing the resettlement of an increasing number of immigrants. Dr. Lubin just returned from a survey trip to Israel. Both submitted their reports to a meeting of the board of directors of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc. at the Agency's headquarters here.

Among the factors which precipitate the current critical situation, they noted the continued increase in the tempo of immigration, the shortage of housing for new arrivals and the age composition, family size and health status of the immigrants.

"At the same time that Israel is trying to put its economy on a sound and more competitive basis, this rising tide of immigration is creating new inflationary pressures and new strains on the country's economic resources," Dr. Lubin noted. He explained that this apparent contradiction between Israel's economic policy and its immigration policies could be explained only by the young nation's determination to give priority to the rescue of Jewish lives.

"This is not a one-time crisis that will resolve itself by the end of the fiscal year," Mr. Pincus declared. "From what we know about conditions in a number of countries from where Jewish communities are on the move, it appears that we are in for a hard, long and steady pull which may extend over the next three or four years. Though what we face is by any definition an emergency, we cannot approach it with the traditional emergency campaign psychology. We must get set for a sustained top level effort for a long time to come."

Mr. Pincus added that he sometimes felt that American Jewry has come to take the great epic of mass immigration for granted. "Some people seem to think that because we have done a truly incredible job of absorption in the past, we in Israel will always manage somehow regardless of what help we receive from world Jewry," Mr. Pincus stated.

"Unfortunately, this confidence in our ability to perform miracles is not warranted. The impossible we ask only of ourselves. But the possible, to its utmost and sacrificial limits, we must also ask from American Jewry. These immigrants who must leave their countries of residence for no other reason than for their being Jews are the responsibility of world Jewry as much as they are that of Israel," the Jewish Agency treasurer said.

#### THREATS WILL NOT FRIGHTEN ISRAEL ON JORDAN IRRIGATION PLAN, MEIR SAYS

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- No threat of any kind will influence Israel to slow down work on the Jordan River irrigation project which is vital to Israel's development and which will be completed as quickly as technical considerations permit, Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, declared today in Parliament.

She made the statement in reply to several questions and suggestions made by Knesset deputies during debate on her Ministry's budget. She rejected a proposal by Herut deputy Aryeh ben Eliezer that Israel should "get tough" with Ghana and base its relationships with African states on a "quid pro quo" approach.

Mrs. Meir said she was not prepared to demand from Ghana an explanation of what constituted friendship and added that what Israel was doing in Africa was more than "policy," that it was a continuation of the traditions of the Jewish people.

Asking whether Israel should make the sending of doctors to fight malaria or trachoma contingent on the way African states vote in the United Nations, she asserted that such an approach would be a failure of Israel's historic instincts. She said she agreed that Israel should strive to improve relations with the Soviet Union. However, she pointed out, the Soviet's hostile attitude and refusal to maintain even commercial relations was not attributable to Israel's votes in the United Nations. Other countries which do not vote with the Soviets do not suffer the same treatment, she said.

#### U.S. EXTENDS FULBRIGHT PROGRAM IN ISRAEL; PLANS EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- An extension of the United States Educational Foundation in Israel for the exchange of Israeli and American students and educators was announced here today.

The budget for the project--popularly known as the Fulbright program--will be 450,000 pounds (\$150,000) for the first year starting July 1, which is 180,000 pounds (\$60,000) more than during the previous year. The program will provide grants for travel to the United States for 25 Israeli students and educators and for 15 opposite numbers to come to Israel from the United States.

During the five years the program has been in operation, using foreign currencies obtained from the sale of surplus American products, grants have been provided for 79 Israelis and 92 Americans to exchange study tours.

U.S. TRADE MISSION CONCLUDES VISIT TO ISRAEL; RETURNS WITH PLANS

TEL AVIV, June 27. (JTA) -- An official United States trade mission concluded a four-week visit with plans to recommend 362 enterprises in Israel as potential areas of interest to American exporters and investors.

There were indications that the mission participants felt that the four weeks was too short a period to cover all such potential fields and it appeared likely that the mission would recommend that another American business delegation should be sent to Israel for a more comprehensive study of such possibilities.

AMERICAN PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN ISRAEL TOTALS \$40,000,000 ANNUALLY

TEL AVIV, June 27. (JTA) -- Israel will need more than \$1,000,000,000 in investments next year, delegates to the Third International Congress of Bi-National Chambers of Commerce were told today. Most of the possible investments will go to development projects and basic industries as well as housing projects.

Nathan Straus of New York, president of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce, told the opening session that American private investment in Israel has increased 500 percent since the Congress was started in 1955. He said that as compared with American private investment then of \$8,000,000 a year, the total now was \$40,000,000 annually.

He also reported that the number of American firms operating in Israel had neared the 200 mark and that they included such well-known companies as Studebaker-Packard, Dun and Bradstreet and Fairbanks-Whitney, all members of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce. He reported that 17 countries were represented in the Congress which was greeted by Pinhas Sapir, Commerce Minister.

ISRAEL PREPARES FOUR-YEAR ECONOMIC PLAN; WILL INCREASE EXPORTS

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- The Treasury's Economic Development Authority submitted today a four-year plan for economic development which envisages a 20 percent annual increase in exports to raise export earnings from \$441,000,000 last year to \$1,020,000,000 in 1966 and to cut the foreign trade deficit from \$400,000,000 to \$250,000,000.

The report was submitted to the Cabinet's Ministerial economic committee. The next stage will be preparation of a detailed program for each of the four years and for each branch of the economy. The plan projects a population increase of 110,000 annually, including 72,000 immigrants, to reach a total of 2,500,000 in 1966.

The plan projects an increase in national output of nine to ten percent annually and a limitation of the increase in annual per capita consumption to 2.5 percent as compared with an average annual increase of five percent during the 1951-59 period.

The plan also calls for a drastic increase in the rate of personal savings to reach 10 percent of the national income of 776,000,000 pounds (\$288,000,000) by 1966. That would cover half of Israel's investment needs with the other half coming from the capital investments. Investments in Israel presently are being financed entirely by the import of capital. The four-year plan assumes the continuation of full employment.

U.S. CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN TO VISIT ISRAEL; WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SWIG

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- Earl Warren, the Chief Justice of the United States, is scheduled to arrive here July 7 for a week's visit. He will meet President Ben-Zvi, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and members of the Israel Supreme Court. The Chief Justice will be accompanied by Ben Swig, prominent San Francisco Jewish leader.

PERU AND ISRAEL SIGN BROAD CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

LIMA, June 27. (JTA) -- Peru and Israel signed today an agreement for a wide-ranging cultural exchange program. The program provides for creation of chairs in the universities of the two countries for studies of the respective languages, literatures, history and arts of the two countries and for the exchange of scientists and educators.

MAURICE FRANKS, PROMINENT JEWISH LEADER IN SO. AFRICA, DIES; WAS 73

JOHANNESBURG, June 27. (JTA) -- Maurice Franks, a prominent leader of the Jewish community here and former president of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, died here yesterday at the age of 73. A leading barrister, Mr. Franks was also formerly chairman of the Board of Jewish Education here.

ERWIN WOLFSON, VICE-PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN TECHNION SOCIETY, DEAD

NEW YORK, June 27. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Erwin S. Wolfson, a leading builder of many of Manhattan's skyscrapers, and prominent Jewish communal leader, who died yesterday at the age of 60. Mr. Wolfson was a member of the International Board of Governors of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa and was vice-president of the American Technion Society.