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### STATE DEPT. OUTLINES U.S. POLICY ON ISRAEL; EXPLAINS AID TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, July 11, (JTA) -- The United States Government has not changed its policy toward Israel and has no intentions to weaken its support of Israel, Assistant Secretary of State James P. Grant assured today.

The assurance was given in a letter addressed to Louis Segal, general secretary of the Farband-Labor Zionist Order. Mr. Grant was replying to communications sent by Mr. Segal to President Kennedy and Secretary of State Dean Rusk, in which he raised a number of questions, including a question as to why the U.S. delegation to the United Nations supported the Security Council's censure of Israel, when Israel retaliated last March against Syrian aggressions in the Lake Tiberias area.

Explaining "background factors," Mr. Grant assured that "one of our most important friends is, of course, Israel." In regard to Israel, he stated, "there has been no change of policy. Our good will and support are demonstrated by the fact that the level of United States economic assistance to Israel is substantially higher now than for several years past. All of us can take great satisfaction in the skill and industry with which Israel has used these and other resources in its miraculous development."

Replying to Mr. Segal's inquiry as to the U.S. participation in the Security Council's censure vote against Israel, Mr. Grant stated: "We feel that Israel failed to make adequate use of United Nations facilities in dealing with the shooting incidents with Syria." He argued that Israel might have taken the whole issue to the Security Council before launching its retaliatory raid. Israel has seldom chosen to try out the Council procedures to rectify a complaint because they have felt the Soviets would use the veto. However, the very fact of Security Council consideration can often cause a pacifying effect on a troubled area," the State Department official pointed out.

In regard to recent, increased American aid to Egypt, Mr. Grant said that such aid has been extended to the Cairo Government to help the United Arab Republic "to devote its attention to pressing domestic problems. "We recognize of course," he stated, "that there are going to continue to be policy differences between the U.S. and the U.A.R., but think we can be in a better position to moderate these by responding to requests for help in badly needed, planned economic development."

On the general issue of possible Arab-Israel peace negotiations, Mr. Grant explained that every U.S. policy statement "emphasized our encouragement and willingness to lend full support to any reasonable effort to bring about a permanent Arab-Israeli settlement." However, the State Department official declared, the U.S. delegation at the United Nations did not support a 16-power resolution introduced in the General Assembly last fall, calling for such direct Arab-Israeli talks, because the U.S.A. was advancing a resolution of its own, dealing with the Arab refugee problem.

The State Department official said the U.S. Government was aware of the fact that the Arabs "will continue to be unwilling to sit down at the peace table until progress in some of the major, specific problems, which divide the two sides, demonstrates that solutions which protect the national interests of both the Arabs and Israel are possible."

### Congress Adopts Warning on American Aid Aimed Against Egypt

WASHINGTON, July 11, (JTA) -- The House of Representatives adopted today an amendment to the 1962 foreign aid bill, proposed by Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, warning nations like Egypt against purchasing Soviet military equipment, if they are to participate in the United States economic assistance program.

The amendment coincides with one previously adopted in the Senate, submitted by Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republican. Thus, passage of the amendment in the final conference form of the 1962 foreign assistance bill is certain.

Rep. Halpern cited threats recently voiced by Nasser of renewed aggression against Israel. Both the Republican and Democratic leadership endorsed the Halpern move, which was adopted by voice vote.

#### KNESSET APPROVES SOBLEN'S DEPORTATION; REJECTS NON-CONFIDENCE MOTIONS

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament supported today the action of the Government in the deportation of Dr. Robert A. Soblen, defeating three non-confidence motions by a vote of 53 to 28. The Herut party abstained.

Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion defended the Government handling of the case of Dr. Soblen who fled to Israel to avoid serving a life sentence in the United States for espionage for Russia. The Prime Minister told the Knesset that the expulsion was carried out under laws involving illegal entry. He rejected opposition charges that the expulsion action was motivated by pressures of the United States Department of State.

The Prime Minister said the Government had been unaware of the fact that an American detective attended the deportation and escorted Dr. Soblen, who tried to commit suicide on the departing plane and was landed in Britain, where he is now in a hospital awaiting the outcome of a plea for a writ of habeas corpus.

Mr. Ben-Gurion reiterated that Israel cannot become a haven for criminals from abroad. He also disclosed that when the American Ambassador approached him on the case, he told the envoy that it was purely an internal Israeli affair.

#### RABBI MAIMON, FIRST ISRAEL MINISTER FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, DIES; WAS 87

TEL AVIV, July 11. (JTA) -- Rabbi Yehuda-Leib Maimon, Israel's first Minister for Religious Affairs and one of the founders of the World Mizrahi Organization, died here last night in a hospital where he was placed ten days ago, after a heart attack. He was 87 years old. His last wish was that no eulogies be held for him at the funeral service.

Born in Bessarabia as Judah Leib Fishman, he received his rabbinical education in Lithuania and then returned to Bessarabia where he held the post of rabbi in Ungeni from 1905 till 1913. In 1913 he emigrated to Palestine. During World War I he was condemned to death by the Turkish regime which ruled Palestine, but upon the intercession of American Jewish leaders he was freed.

Although he resigned from the Israel Cabinet in 1951 in a dispute with Premier David Ben-Gurion over the education of immigrant children, he was highly respected by the Premier. In one of the letters written recently by Mr. Ben-Gurion to Rabbi Maimon, the Premier said: "If you were Minister for Religious Affairs, relations between Orthodox and non-religious Jews would be considerably better."

An author of many books and one of the greatest world authorities on Jewish Religion, Rabbi Maimon founded the Rabbi Kook Institute in Israel which has published hundreds of books in the field of Judaica. Since his resignation from the Cabinet 11 years ago, he devoted himself primarily to writing. He enjoyed the highest esteem in Israel as a great scholar who combined vision and practical statesmanship.

Among the posts he held at various times were: chairman of the organizing committee for the Chief Rabbinate of Israel; president of the central committee of the World Mizrahi Organization; vice-chairman of the Jewish Agency; and head of the Rabbi Kook Institute. In addition to many books, he also wrote hundreds of articles and monographs on religious, Zionist and general topics. He also possessed one of the most extensive private libraries here, including more than 40,000 volumes, rare editions and manuscripts.

#### American Section of Jewish Agency Expresses Sympathy to Family

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose Halprin, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency here, today sent the following cable of condolence to the family of the late Rabbi Maimon in Israel:

"As a sage in world Jewry, as a leader in world Zionism, and the first Minister for Religious Affairs in the State of Israel, Rabbi Maimon will always remain one of the unforgettable in Twentieth Century Jewish history, even as Israel reborn will always bespeak his long and great life dedicated to the upbuilding of the Jewish Homeland and the redemption of homeless Jewry."

#### LIFTING OF PRICE CONTROLS LEADS TO RISE IN COST OF BREAD IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA)-- Bread prices will go up from a third to a half next month over present prices and there will be corresponding rises in the prices of eggs and milk products but not of milk itself. The price increases follow a Ministerial Committee decision to remove subsidies and lift price controls from these foods.

In announcing this move in Israel's new economic policy, Pinhas Sapir, Commerce and Industry Minister, said a money grant would be made to wage earners to compensate for the increases in the cost of living arising from the bread and dairy price increases.

### JEWISH REFUGEES FROM ALGERIA ARRIVE IN FRANCE ON SEVEN SHIPS; MANY AGED

PARIS, July 11. (JTA) -- Seven ships carrying refugees from Algeria, including an undisclosed number of Jews, arrived in Marseilles today. Among the Jewish refugees are a large number of aged and social welfare cases.

Recent reports from Algeria indicate that less than 30,000 Jews remain there now. Of these, not more than about 2,000 are left in Oran. The vast majority of the Jews fled from Oran in the last 10 days.

The major French-Jewish welfare organization, Fonds Social Juif Unifie, has managed to cope with the tidal wave of Jewish refugees from Algeria. The Jewish refugees have been settled in a number of centers, including some in Alsace, Southern France and Brittany. However, a very large number of Algerian Jewish refugees still remain in Paris and in the capital's immediate suburbs.

North African observers here believe that the Algerian situation, concerning Europeans in general, including the remaining Jews there, shows definite improvement. The reported agreement today between the opposing factions in the Algerian Provisional Government is believed to indicate an easing of the situation regarding the Europeans, including the Jews.

### GERMANY AND ISRAEL SIGN PACT TO AVOID DOUBLE TAXATION FOR BUSINESS

COLOGNE, July 11. (JTA) -- An agreement to avoid double taxation on Israeli-West German business transactions was signed by Dr. Felix Shinnar, head of the Israel Purchasing Mission here and Minister Aldir von Haften of the West German Foreign Office.

The agreement contains provisions stipulating rights of taxation on income and corporation taxes and includes some special provisions to facilitate West German investment in Israel.

### CANADIAN-BACKED COMPANY SEEKS NEW OIL FIELD OFF ISRAEL'S COAST

TEL AVIV, July 11. (JTA) -- A Canadian-backed prospecting company began today a comprehensive geophysical survey of the continental shelf area off the Mediterranean coast of Israel in a hunt for new oil fields.

The survey, covering 1,200 square miles, was started by the Petrocana Company, which was organized for that purpose by the Sancana Company of Canada. The Petrocana firm has been granted exclusive licenses to search for oil in the Israeli Mediterranean offshore area and to develop what petroleum potential it may find. A recent report on Israel's oil potential listed the offshore area and the coastal plain as the most promising.

### W. J. C. LEADER LAUDS ARGENTINE GOVT. MEASURES AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- Warm appreciation of Argentinian Government action to halt the recent outbreak of anti-Semitic incidents has been voiced by Samuel Bronfman, vice-president of the World Jewish Congress and chairman of the organization's North American Executive.

In a statement issued at World Jewish Congress headquarters here, Mr. Bronfman said that the World Jewish Congress had maintained close watch on the situation and had sent a message of solidarity to Argentinian Jewry.

"We have learned with great satisfaction that the Argentinian Government has announced stern measures against the perpetrators of these acts and that, as a result, the situation has considerably improved. We are confident that the Argentinian Government will take the necessary measures to implement the policy so commendably announced," the World Jewish Congress leader stated.

The measures to put an end to the anti-semitic attacks were outlined by Dr. Carlos A. Adrogué, Minister of the Interior, in a nation-wide radio and TV broadcast to the Argentinian people. "The people of Argentina can be absolutely sure that the Government will unswervingly and decisively mete out due punishment to those who initiate and maintain a climate of insecurity and insubordination, threatening violence. The Government cannot allow such excesses, and it shall be inflexible in performing its duty," Dr. Adrogué announced.

The Minister said that his Government would not tolerate the attacks. He added that the difficulties facing the country had been "aggravated by tensions created by anti-democratic groups which are the heirs of Nazism and of one of its most degrading manifestations - anti-Semitism. The assaults against our Jewish citizens, their synagogues, institutions, establishments and homes, are unworthy of the Argentinian way of life, and unacceptable in the present stage of our civilization," he stated.

RABBINICAL CONVENTION CALLS FOR CLOSING JEWISH CENTERS ON SATURDAYS

MIAMI BEACH, July 11. (JTA) -- A resolution calling on all local Jewish federations in the country to see to it that YMHA's and YWHA's are closed on the Sabbath was adopted here today at the closing session of the 26th annual convention of the Rabbinical Council of America. The delegates elected Rabbi Abraham Avrutick, of Hartford, as president of the organization of Orthodox rabbis.

Other resolutions adopted at the convention requested the Government of Argentina to suppress all anti-Semitic incidents and to afford full protection to Argentine Jews; called upon the State Department to make every effort to protect American firms and businesses from the effects of the Arab boycott, and urged withholding of American aid from the Arab states as long as the boycott exists.

The resolutions also requested that the Department of Justice add George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi party to its list of subversive organizations; called upon the Post Office Department to ban all hate literature from the U.S. mails; and requested that Congress enact a civil rights law safeguarding "the basic rights of all our citizens to vote in all State and Federal elections."

Another resolution called upon the American Jewish community "to intensify the various campaigns for the United Jewish Appeal, State of Israel bonds, and the investment of private capital in Israel."

Rabbi Avrutick succeeds Rabbi Charles Weinberg, of Malden, Mass., who was elected honorary president. In his acceptance address, Rabbi Avrutick called upon Congress, all state legislatures, and the U.S. armed forces to recognize Saturday as a legal day of rest for all observant Jews, just as Sunday is recognized legally as a day of rest for Christians.

KATRIEL KATZ, NEW ISRAELI CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK, ASSUMES POST

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- Katriel Katz, until now Secretary to the Israeli Government, at Jerusalem, assumed here today his position of Israel Consul-General in New York, with the rank of Ambassador. He succeeded Arie Eshel.

Born in Warsaw in 1908, Ambassador Katz came to Palestine in 1924; headed the public relations and education departments of the Haganah; was official spokesman for the Israel Defense Forces in 1949, joined the Foreign Ministry in 1949, and was the Government's official envoy in Hungary and in Poland.

140 AMERICAN TEENAGERS FLY TO ISRAEL SUMMER CAMP; 50 MORE TO FOLLOW

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- A group of American youths, aged 13 to 17, left for Israel today aboard an El Al jet airliner to participate in a seven-week summer camp program sponsored by the National Committee for Labor Israel in cooperation with Histadrut. The Israeli camp-site is Kfar Hayarok, a modern agricultural training center of Histadrut north of Tel Aviv.

The 140 campers will be joined at Kfar Hayarok by an additional group of 50 American teenagers scheduled to depart from New York on July 19. Both American groups will spend the summer together with 150 Israelis of their own age and will participate in a program of activities which includes field-trips to all parts of Israel, informal Hebrew studies, sports, arts and crafts and optional work on the village farm.

According to Dr. Sol Stein, executive director of the National Committee for Labor Israel, this summer camp program, the first of its kind to be sponsored by an American organization, will give American Jewish youngsters the opportunity of spending a summer in the atmosphere of modern Israel and of establishing direct contact with the pioneering youth of the Jewish state. Such contacts, Dr. Stein pointed out, will "strengthen the bond of unity between the American-Jewish community and the Israeli Jews and deepen the existing friendship between the U.S. and the State of Israel."

RABBI PEKARSKY, HILLEL DIRECTOR AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, DEAD

CHICAGO, July 11. (JTA) -- Rabbi Maurice B. Pekarsky, director of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Chicago, died here today at the age of 58. Known as the "dean" of Hillel directors, he previously had served as a Hillel director at Cornell and Northwestern Universities. From 1950-55, he directed the Hillel Foundation at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, which he also founded.

Born in Jedwabno, Poland, Rabbi Pekarsky was a cum laude graduate of the University of Michigan and had a masters degree from the Jewish Institute of Religion. In 1958, his 25th anniversary in Hillel Foundation service, he was awarded an honorary doctor of Hebrew Letters degree by Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion. His survivors include a brother, Herman M. Pekarsky, executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Essex County, New Jersey.