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## ISRAEL RE-EVALUATES MILITARY NEEDS; PLANS TO MEET ARAB STRENGTH

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Israel's aim in the field of guarding the country's security must be to obtain superiority in effective deterrent forces, the Cabinet has decided.

That decision resulted today from careful evaluation of a discussion held by the Cabinet yesterday, when the military needs of Israel, posited against Egypt's recent acquisition of long-range missiles and of other military developments, were discussed by the Government.

The full-scale Cabinet debate on security took place after detailed reports by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who is also Minister of Defense, and Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres. Among the items discussed were:

The need to re-evaluate Israel's policy of military-supply procurement, in view of the changes in the power balance as between Israel and the Arab states; the possible need for a supplementary budget for defense purposes; and the need for mobilization of all of Israel's resources to help rectify the present imbalance.

In general, the Cabinet felt, a change in the nation's attitude toward security and defense problems is indicated by the new military developments.

## ISRAEL RESUMES FLIGHTS TO LONDON; CONSIDERS SOBLEN ISSUE ENDED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Israel today ordered its nationally-owned airline, El Al, to resume flights to and from London. The order, rescinding previous instructions suspending London flights by El Al, followed the cancellation of a request by the British Government which had demanded that El Al fly the convicted espionage agent, Dr. Robert A. Soblen, to the United States. An El Al spokesman here said today: "We are no longer a party to the Soblen affair and are not unhappy about the situation."

(In New York, A. M. Sonnabend, president of the American Jewish Committee, issued a statement today saying: "The American Jewish Committee believes that the cause of justice would best be served by the prompt return of Dr. Robert Soblen to the United States. We therefore support our State Department's efforts to facilitate his return and commend the efforts that have been made by American Jewish leaders in asking the Israeli Government to take steps which would complete Dr. Soblen's journey to the United States.")

Israel's part and actions in the Soblen affair were reviewed here today by a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry. "The procedures now initiated in Britain," the statement declared, "indicates the correctness of the assumption by the Israel Government that a solution could be found without any of the parties being required to act against its own laws."

Recalling that Dr. Soblen came to Israel on June 26 with false papers, that he was immediately detained, and expelled on July 1, the statement stressed the Government's position which held that a fugitive from justice, properly tried and convicted by American courts, could not benefit from Israel's Law of Return. The statement pointed out that that position had been voiced explicitly by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and endorsed by a majority of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

With the expulsion of Dr. Soblen, the statement noted, "Israel's part in this case was terminated. He was no longer under Israel's jurisdiction, and thus there was no basis for involving Israel or El Al in any further steps regarding Soblen. Any participation by the Israel Government or by an Israeli aircraft or vessel in the removal or deportation of Soblen from Britain to the United States would have been contrary to Israeli law. Therefore the Israel Government could not take such action."

The statement emphasized that "at no stage was the Israel Government asked by the United States to take action not in conformity with Israel's law."

## U. S. JEWISH COMMUNITIES URGED TO GIVE MORE ATTENTION TO EDUCATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Jewish communities in the United States were urged today "to give as much emphasis" to Jewish education as they give to philanthropy, social service and community relations.

This request was voiced by American Jewish educators speaking at the First World Conference on Jewish Education which opened here last night with more than 500 delegates -- educators and laymen -- from 28 countries participating. The conference was opened last night with lengthy addresses by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, and Label Katz, co-chairmen of the World Conference of Jewish Organizations which is sponsoring the education parley.

Julius Fliegelman, of Los Angeles, chairman of the American delegation, urged at today's session the establishment of "an international monetary fund for the financing of Jewish education in underprivileged communities." He also advanced the idea of "establishing a common market for the free exchange of experiences in the field of Jewish education." The raising of the status of Jewish teachers was also urged by speakers at today's session.

### Dr. Goldmann Warns on Possible 'Disintegration' of Jewish Youth

Dr. Goldmann, in his opening address last night of the six-day education conference, warned that "a lack of incentives and motivations about why one should remain Jewish" could create a process of disintegration within the present generation of youth outside Israel. He stressed that the only effective counteraction "is a real system of Jewish education culminating in Jewish day schools."

The world Jewish leader challenged the "mental attitude" of "many good Jews" who fear that popularizing of Jewish day schools may be interpreted as an attempt at "ghettoization" or conflicting with emancipation and equality of rights. Such a view, he said, is "based on a completely erroneous concept of democracy and equality."

Mr. Katz, while not sharing Dr. Goldmann's fear of disintegration of Jewish life in countries outside of Israel, said that life in countries outside of Israel can be meaningful and substantive in Jewish terms, only when the keystone to it is Jewish education. "There are no shortcuts," he declared.

The B'nai B'rith president urged the establishment of a "worldwide Jewish education body" to provide "some functional unity to scattered and fragmentary efforts" at Jewish education in the Diaspora. Such a world council, he said, could operate as a specialized center of information and research on an international scale while also stimulating joint efforts for teacher training and organizing assistance for smaller Jewish communities.

## ISRAEL GOVERNMENT SATISFIED WITH EFFECTS OF CURRENCY DEVALUATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Yaakov Arnon, director-general of the Israel Finance Ministry, today appraised the country's economic situation, six months since the Israel pound was devalued to a rate of three for a dollar, and found that "our economy now stands where we had reckoned it would" at this point. He warned, however: "I can not say the worst is over. Six months is too short a period in which to judge the success of devaluation."

Mr. Arnon noted there has been an increase in Israeli imports and a relative mild rise in prices. He predicted a 10 per cent increase in production for 1962. Viewing the employment situation, he noted that overall employment has not decreased and that, despite the large immigration, the number of unemployed has declined both relatively and absolutely.

The official's appraisal stated that he was even more convinced now than he was last February, when devaluation took effect, that pegging the pound at three per dollar had been the correct move.

## ISRAEL TO GRANT INCME TAX DEDUCTIONS ON GIFTS TO KEREN HAYESOD

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Treasury has agreed to grant income tax deductions on contributions to the special drive for 9,000,000 pounds (\$3,000,000) for immigration and absorption needs to be launched here next fall by the Keren Hayesod, fund-raising arm of the Jewish Agency, it was announced here today.

Individuals will be entitled to 30 per cent income tax deductions on contributions to the special drive while companies will be granted 50 per cent deductions on their contributions exceeding those of last year.

#### MOROCCAN MINISTER SAYS JEWS CANNOT BE REGARDED AS MOROCCANS

CASABLANCA, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Minister for Islamic Affairs here was reported by the opposition press today to have stated that Jews in this country cannot be regarded as Moroccans but only as "proteges" of the Government.

At the same time, the newspaper Allal al Fassi said that no foreigner can be a Moroccan unless he embraced Islam. The opposition press declared itself unwilling to accept the views of Allal al Fassi, and termed the stand of the Minister for Islamic Affairs "anti-Jewish and racist."

Aodelkader Layachi, Pasha of Mogador and Governor of Casablanca, today received the leaders of the new Jewish Committee, headed by Levi Ensoussa. He expressed his wishes for the success of the Jewish Committee's work.

#### AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT ADOPTS LAW TO AID NAZI VICTIMS ABROAD

VIENNA, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- A law providing assistance to former Austrian residents living abroad, who suffered damages through loss of their occupations or through discontinuation or interruption of their education, during the Nazi regime, was adopted here today by the Austrian Parliament.

The new law benefits former Austrian residents in these categories, regardless of their former or present nationality. Those who lost their occupations will receive \$360. Others, whose education was discontinued or interrupted during the Nazi regime in this country, will get \$240.

#### BONN ORDERS ACTION AGAINST TEACHER WHO SAYS NAZIS DIDN'T KILL JEWS

BONN, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Disciplinary action was ordered today against a teacher at the Bielefeld Teachers College for remarks considered pro-Nazi which he made to students.

According to the charge against the man, he had said that the reports of the mass murder of Jews by the Nazis were "fairy tales" and that the methods of teaching contemporary history, including the history of the Nazi period, constituted "a lie."

#### BRAZIL BANS MAILING OF 'MEIN KAMPF'; PROHIBITS ITS IMPORTATION

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- An order banning the mailing of Hitler's "Mein Kampf" anywhere in Brazil, or the importation of the book, was issued here today by Helio de Almeida, Minister of Communications. The order was issued to the Postal Administration and to all port authorities.

With this order, Brazilian import, sale, distribution or mailing of the Hitler book, in any language and from any source, becomes complete. Candido de Oliveira, Minister of the Interior, had already banned the sale or distribution of a Portuguese-language edition of "Mein Kampf," printed recently at Sao Paulo.

#### THREE AGED JEWS ATTACKED IN WASHINGTON UPON LEAVING SYNAGOGUE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Three Jews, including the president and vice-president of a Washington synagogue, were attacked and beaten by teen-aged boys as they left the prayer services.

The three, all nearing 70, were set upon by a group of teen-agers following Sabbath services at the Southeast Hebrew Congregation. Abraham Johan was slapped viciously by a tall youth as a crowd of about 20 roared with laughter. The teen-agers also struck Charles Macklin, president of the synagogue, and Josef Litman, the vice-president, on their departure from the synagogue. Metropolitan police, who investigated the assaults, said they did not have a written report on the case.

#### ESHKOL TO BE PREMIER DURING BEN-GURION'S VISIT TO SCANDINAVIA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol will be acting Prime Minister, when Premier David Ben-Gurion leaves for his tour of Scandinavia, the Cabinet here decided, according to an announcement today.

In case Mr. Eshkol must leave Israel prior to Mr. Ben-Gurion's return, the Cabinet has designated Minister of the Interior Moshe Haim Shapiro as the second alternate at the head of the Government. Mr. Eshkol may have to go to Washington, to attend a meeting of the board of governors of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, will again lead Israel's delegation to the United Nations General Assembly this year, the Government announced today. The Cabinet has voted that Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative at the U.N., will head the delegation after Mrs. Meir leaves. The Assembly will convene September 18.

STATE DEPARTMENT CRITICIZED FOR STAND ON SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The State Department's refusal to indicate any displeasure over government-inspired anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union was sharply criticized today in a statement issued by the Workmen's Circle, national Jewish fraternal and cultural organization.

Nathan Chanan, the organization's general secretary, called the State Department attitude "sadly reminiscent of the attitude that prevailed during the Hitler period. There seems to be a feeling," he said, "that the Jews must be sacrificed for the larger diplomacy of the nation. Apparently, we haven't yet learned that persecution is a cancer which, if permitted to spread, engulfs all of society."

The State Department announced its "hands off" policy in turning down a proposal by Senator Thomas J. Dodd, a Connecticut Democrat, that President Kennedy recall the U. S. Ambassador at Moscow for two weeks "for the publicly declared purpose of reporting to the President on the persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union." In writing to the President, Senator Dodd noted that "the American people have watched the mounting persecution of the Jews in the Soviet Union with a combined sense of horror and helplessness."

Two months ago, the Workmen's Circle took the lead in organizing a National Indignation Week to protest Soviet anti-Semitism. Mr. Chanan said today that the protest would be continued "indefinitely in various forms." He announced that currently the Workmen's Circle's 560 branches in 31 states and Canada are being asked to memorialize the execution in Russia ten years ago of 24 first-rank Yiddish writers and journalists.

He emphasized that, while many of the Communist victims of Stalin's rule-by-murder have been "rehabilitated" under Khrushchev by acknowledgment of the injustice done them, "not one of the executed Jewish writers has been so rehabilitated," and added: "However much Khrushchev may differ from Stalin," Chanan said, "he apparently concurs completely in Stalin's design for cultural and religious genocide in Russia's community of three million Jews."

17,887 JEWISH CHILDREN ATTEND PROTESTANT SCHOOLS IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- A revised edition of the Jewish school population in Protestant schools in Greater Montreal was issued here today by the Canadian Jewish Congress research division. The study shows that there were 77 Jewish children in the Protestant schools here in 1877, the number increased to 14,134 in 1924, decreased to 8,590 in 1942, and went up again to 17,887 in 1962.

This year, according to the study, Jewish children formed the majority in 18 of the 98 Protestant schools. Of these 18, only one is in the old area of Jewish settlement in this city. There were also 15 schools where, in 1962, Jewish children formed more than 20 per cent, but less than 50 per cent, of the total enrollment; of these, only two were in the old area of Jewish settlement in this city.

PANAMA ISSUES POSTAGE STAMP SHOWING JEWISH CENTER IN BALBOA

PANAMA, R. P., Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Republic of Panama has issued a postage stamp showing the National Jewish Welfare Board's Armed Forces Service Center in Balboa, Canal Zone. The stamp, a light blue 21-cent air mail, is one of a series of 20 commemorating "Liberated de Cultos" or freedom of religion. The building is identified on the stamp as the "Sinagoga de la Zona del Canal."

The JWB Center has been since 1940 the focal point for religious, cultural and recreational activities for American servicemen stationed in the Canal Zone. Rabbi Nathan Witkin, director of the Center, who has served as JWB representative in the area since 1937, has been honored by the communities of the Canal Zone and of Panama for his work in fostering cultural relations among North Americans and the local residents, and most recently was awarded the Order of Balboa, the Republic of Panama's highest decoration.

ISRAEL PLANS TO BE REPRESENTED AT NEW YORK WORLD FAIR IN 1964

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Israel Government announced that Israel wants to be represented at the New York World's Fair in 1964. The announcement reverses a previous ban of Israeli participation in the 1964 event which had been due to budgetary considerations. Tourist Industry Development Corporation was instructed today to make the necessary arrangements for Israel's participation, and to prepare a representative Israel exhibit.

Israel had agreed two years ago to participate in the fair at New York, envisaging a \$2,000,000 pavilion on a site chosen at the fair grounds at Flushing Meadow. That decision was canceled, and today's move reinstates the previous plan. However, Israel must now find out whether the site it picked in 1960 is still available.