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## STATE DEPT. DENIES KENNEDY INTENDS TO INVITE NASSER AND BEN-GURION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- A report in the Israeli press that President Kennedy intends to invite President Nasser of Egypt and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel, separately, in official visits to the United States was denied here today by the State Department.

State Department spokesman Lincoln White said he had checked on the report and had found that there was nothing in it. Other Washington sources similarly indicated that there was no basis for this report. They pointed out that if Nasser were to come to the session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, he would probably be seen by President Kennedy if he requested such an audience. But all indications point to the fact that no official invitation would be extended to him by the White House.

## ECONOMIC COUNCIL TO TAKE UP ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR LINK TO EUROMART

BRUSSELS, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The Council of the European Economic Community will discuss Israel's long-standing request for some kind of link with the six-nation Common Market at its session next week, it was indicated here today.

After many studies and conferences, the EEC Council instructed the EEC Commission to make a product-by-product analysis of the effects which the progressive implementation of the EEC common external tariff policy and the introduction of a planned uniform agricultural policy might have on trade between Israel and the six nations.

The study was made by the EEC commission in cooperation with the Israel mission to the EEC here. At its July session, the commission turned over to the Council of Ministers its findings. The Council then instructed the committee of permanent representatives--the Ambassadors of the six member countries to the EEC--to examine the findings in preparation for the discussion planned at the September 24 Council meeting and suggest steps to be taken to meet Israel's wishes.

European Economic Community sources said that in addition to the problem of Israel, per se, a solution might serve as a precedent for other countries hoping to achieve arrangements with the Euromart short of full membership. Members of the Secretariat of the Council confirmed widespread opinion here that a solution might be found through a form of commercial agreement although it was stressed that only the Council of Ministers can give the mandate for negotiations with Israel and that the negotiations themselves will determine the form and content of the hoped-for agreement.

## EGYPT REPORTED KIDNAPING ROCKET DEALER TO PREVENT PACT WITH ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Heinz Krug, a West German dealer in missiles whose disappearance from Munich is being investigated by the German authorities at Munich, was about to sign an agreement with an Israeli firm, it was revealed in the press here today. He "was apparently kidnaped by the Egyptians to prevent him from signing such pact," Haboker, a morning newspaper here, said.

Wolfgang Pilz, a second German, associated with Krug as well as with Professor Eugen Saenger, the Stuttgart jet propulsion expert who has been credited with having furnished the rockets recently launched by Egypt, is also being sought by Munich police. Munich dispatches here indicated that, thus far, the German police have found no trace of either Krug or Pilz.

According to Haboker, it is anticipated that Krug will show up soon after he will be "reated" by the Egyptians and threatened against signing a rocket pact with an Israeli firm. It was originally rumored in Munich that Israeli secret agents have abducted Krug. His family reported him missing after he failed to return from a car trip several days ago. His locked Mercedes was found abandoned in a Munich street. Police discounted rumors that the Israelis had seized Dr. Krug. They said Dr. Krug was last seen with "an Oriental looking stranger named Mister Saleh."

HADASSAH CONVENTION ADOPTS \$9, 838, 243 BUDGET; LAUDS U. S. AID TO ISRAEL

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The 48th national convention of Hadassah concluded here today with the adoption of a \$9, 838, 243 budget for 1962-63 programs in the United States and Israel. Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky was re-elected national president to a third term.

The convention adopted a resolution calling upon the United States Government "to make it a condition of foreign aid that no country receiving American aid be permitted to engage in economic warfare with other countries receiving similar assistance." At the same time, the resolution expressed confidence that the United States "will continue its generous aid program to Israel as an important aspect of established American policy."

The resolution also called upon the United States "to make it unequivocally clear to the Arab states that it will not permit any country to discriminate against American citizens or American business enterprises who do business with Israel, whether this discrimination is in the form of economic blacklisting, the denial of travel permits, or other restrictive acts, in violation of free trade and movement."

In another resolution, Hadassah recorded its appreciation for the work of the United States Operations Mission in Israel. The activities of the USOM "have contributed materially to the economic, scientific and cultural development of Israel, particularly in the fields of agriculture and industry, and the training of personnel in new skills and techniques," the resolution stated.

"Hadassah further notes with gratification that American aid to Israel in the form of generous grants and loans has been a material factor in this growth and development, and is gratified that Israel's economy is now sufficiently stable to receive American aid in the form of repayable loans through the various lending agencies of our government" the resolution declared.

Golda Meir Stresses Israel's Desire for Peace with Arabs

Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir, addressing the convention, predicted that the time would come "when we will sit around the table and negotiate" with the Arabs. However, she said, until that happens, the only problem facing Israel is "Arab acceptance of the fact that Israel is there and will remain."

The Foreign Minister told the 2, 000 delegates that there was no outstanding problem between Israel and the Arab states that could not be solved "easily and painlessly." She stressed that "there is nothing Israel wants as much as peace. There is nothing Israel needs as much as peace. With all the bleakness of the desert, the desert of hate around us is more bleak."

Dr. Miriam K. Freund, former national president of Hadassah and now chairman of the executive of the American Zionist Council, told the session: "The continuing function of the Zionist movement is the need to shape the character of the next generation so that its identification with the Jewish ethos is made more stable. Of course, it is true that the transmission of those values which will root it in Judaism is made more possible because of the Jewish State. However, as Jewish life in the United States becomes strengthened, there will also come a corresponding spiritual strength for Israel."

Dr. Freund said that "whether Zionism has a future" now that Israel has been established and "whether the Zionist movement and ideology has meaning now in the 1960's for us American Jews will come out of the thinking and the work of the movement itself." She said that since American Jewry is the largest and most important Jewry next to Israel itself, "this challenge presents itself most keenly to us."

ISRAEL GOVT. SETTLES 5,500 ARAB LAND CLAIMS BY DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- A total of 8,500 claims for former Arab lands have been settled by direct negotiations between the Arab claimants and the Government, it was announced here today in connection with the dedication in the Jerusalem Corridor of a new village for Israeli Arabs whose lands were appropriated by the Government for development or security reasons.

The village, the seventh in a series of new settlements for Arabs, is named Beit Nakuba, after the village abandoned by the Arabs during the War of Independence. In festive ceremonies today, representatives of Arab and Jewish villages in the area greeted the newcomers to the village and pledged cooperation for their speedy integration.

Homes and properties in Beit Nakuba will be turned over to 33 Arab families who remained in Israel after they fled from the original village. The new property represents compensation by the Government for the lands they left behind.

Some 12,500,000 pounds (\$4,167,000) have been paid in compensation by the Israeli Government and 35,000 dunams (8,750 acres) of alternative cultivated lands were given to the Arabs in exchange for the abandoned property. Another 3,000 claims involving 9,000 dunams (2,250 acres) and compensation payments, are expected to be settled within the next 18 months.

CATHOLIC ORGAN PUBLISHES 'JEWISH' ISSUE; DEFENDS FREE STAND ON PRAYER

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The right of the American Jew to resort to Supreme Court action in support of objections against official prayers in public schools, without being labeled "secularist" or atheistic, was forcefully upheld here today by Commonweal, a Catholic weekly edited by laymen. In a special, 16-page issue, devoted entirely to "The Jew in American Society," Commonweal pointed up its rejection of viewpoints previously expressed by "America," a Jesuit weekly.

The latter periodical, in an editorial in its September 1 issue, had taken sharp issue with the broad endorsement voiced by the American Jewish community after the Supreme Court ruled, last June, that officially prescribed religious prayers in the public schools are unconstitutional. Equating such Jews with "secularists" and atheists, "America" had warned that Jews taking sides with the 6 to 1 opinion of the Supreme Court were possibly encouraging an increase in anti-Semitism. In its September 15 issue, "America" denied it had intended to raise the bugaboo of anti-Semitism, but maintained its previous position on the entire controversy.

Today, Commonweal, releasing the contents of its special edition, dated September 28, explained that the issue was motivated by "unfortunate or muddled" thinking about the role of the Jews in American society. To help clarify matters, Commonweal declared, it obtained contributions from four prominent Jews and one Catholic scholar whose articles are included in the special issue.

The contributors are: Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, chairman of the Social Action Commission of the Synagogue Council of America, which represents rabbinical and congregational organizations of the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements in the United States; Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, leader of the Lubavitcher Hassidic movement; David Danzig, program director of the American Jewish Committee; Michael D. Zeik, professor of history at Marymount College, a Catholic institution; and Arthur A. Cohen, author and director of the religious department of the publishing firm of Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

The Commonweal symposium concludes with a statement entitled "A Word to Catholics," by the weekly's managing editor, James O'Gara, who asserted: "The Jew has to be perfectly free to argue for this or that constitutional or political position to his heart's content, whether we agree or not. For the sake of discussion, say that every Jew in the country wants prayer eliminated from the public school. It is their right to argue for their convictions, and I can see no justification for suggesting that the Jews will thereby 'paint themselves into a corner of social and cultural alienation,' as 'America' thought might be the case."

Lubavitcher Rebbe Backs Federal Aid for Parochial Schools

Rabbi Hertzberg, referring to the 22-word New York Regents prayer which was banned by the Supreme Court ruling of last June, questioned whether the "present anger in some Catholic quarters about the Supreme Court decision is really occasioned by a short prayer of little, if any, religious significance." "What stands behind the concern," he stated, "is the great problem of the future financing of the parochial schools, in which Federal money seems more remote."

The Lubavitcher Rebbe's article, entitled "An Orthodox Rabbi's Plea for Parochial School Aid," was reprinted by Commonweal from "The Jewish Forum." It did not allude at all to the controversy revolving around the Supreme Court's prayer ruling, nor around the opposing views of Commonweal and "America," but constituted a plea for Federal aid to parochial schools.

Contending that such aid would not violate the principles of separation of church and state, the Hassidic leader noted that precedents already exist in Federal and state aid for free transportation to parochial school pupils, the provision of food surpluses to such schools, and other assistance. He declared that Released Time programs have been successful, have demonstrated no governmental interference with religious education, and have resulted in returning thousands of Jewish children "to their fold." Schools that fear governmental interference need not accept such aid, he held.

Mr. Danzig stated that the entire controversy regarding the Supreme Court's decision on official prayer in public schools has caused American Jews to ask themselves "whether they will be permitted to participate in the cooperations and competitions of American pluralism on the same basis and with the same rights as Protestants and Catholics." He asked further: "Granted that prudence is a virtue and that all groups should be prudent, must Jews alone be guided exclusively by considerations of prudence?"

Mr. Danzig alluded to the fact that, this summer, pressure by Catholics in Massachusetts had resulted in that State Legislature's reversal on adoption of an amendment to the Sunday Blue Laws, which would have permitted Sabbatarians to keep their businesses open on Sundays if they close Saturdays. The Catholics, in this instance, he noted, used legislative pressure instead of the juridical process.

Mr. Cohen asserted that "the Jew cannot be effectively 'political' if to be politically realistic means accommodating to a politics which is Christian or to a society whose

ethos, principles and conduct are Christian. If, then, the Jew must choose between a society which is Christian and one which is religiously neutral, he will obviously prefer the latter. The Jewish community--in all its sinfulness, trust and devotion--wishes only to insure that, if American society becomes religious, it shall still have access to it."

The other article by Professor Zeik is a review of writings by Catholic scholars who hold that Christian-Jewish relations must be based on principles bridging the theological gulf between the two religions.

#### JEWISH CONGRESS WARNS AGAINST FEDERAL AID TO RELIGIOUS COLLEGES

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress today declared in telegrams to majority and minority leaders of the Senate and House that the inclusion of religious colleges in the Federal Aid to Education Bill is violative of the Constitutional guarantee of the separation of church and state.

"It also violates the principle that religious institutions must be supported by voluntary contributions of their adherents and that tax funds may be expended only for institutions which are subject to public regulation and control," the telegram stated. The message was sent following approval of Senate and House conferees of the inclusion of sectarian colleges in the bill for aid to higher education.

#### AMERICAN CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ISRAEL FORMED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The formation of the American Christian Association for Israel was announced today by its president, Dr. Howard M. LeSourd. The American Christian Association for Israel is a national educational and philanthropic organization seeking to promote friendship and understanding between the Christians of America and the people of Israel, and to advance the cause of Arab-Israd peace.

The Statement of Principles of the new organization declares: "We shall devote ourselves to the presentation and interpretation of Israel's vital role as a democratic force in the world of today, and as a nation with an indispensable mission in saving a people and redeeming the Holy Land."

"In the troubled context of our current world we hail Israel as a land of freedom under God," the statement continues. "It is on the side of free men in the struggle against totalitarianism of all kinds. We count it among our allies as a nation dedicated to liberty, justice and peace. We assume as part of our Christian duty the obligation to welcome its contribution and to contribute to its growth."

In a special statement announcing the new organization Dr. LeSourd declared that "the ACAI will seek to advance the cause of peace and brotherhood in the Middle East that both Israelis and Arabs may, in fellowship, overcome the ancient and pressing problems of this storied area of the world." Lectures and special studies will mark the group's program. The first research project scheduled is an investigation of the subject "What is the relationship of anti-Zionism and anti-Israellism to anti-Semitism?"

#### SCHOLARS FROM 14 LANDS HOLD THREE-DAY PARLEY ON JEWISH LIFE IN EUROPE

BRUSSELS, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Some 70 scholars from 14 countries took part here today in the opening session of the Conference on Jewish Life in Contemporary Europe organized jointly by the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and the National Center for Higher Jewish Studies at the University of Brussels.

During the three-day conference, the scholars will deal with such topics as the sources and methods for Jewish geographical statistics, spiritual trends and the reconstruction of Jewish communal life. Participating in the sessions are scholars from Belgium, Denmark, France, West Germany, Britain, Yugoslavia, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Israel, Italy, Portugal, the United States and Switzerland.

#### 'ISRAEL DAY' OBSERVED AT INTERNATIONAL FAIR IN TURKEY

ISTANBUL, Sept. 19. (JTA) -- The international fair in Izmir observed "Israel Day" today with visits by Government officials, the city's mayor and leading businessmen to the Israel pavilion. The visitors were entertained by an Israeli folk dance group, viewed slides on Israel and were treated to a special program of recorded music.

#### HARRY WAISBERG, JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADER, NAMED JUDGE IN TORONTO

TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 19. (JTA) -- Harry Waisberg, a prominent attorney and active Jewish communal leader, was today appointed a judge of the County of York. He succeeds the late Judge Samuel Factor, who died several weeks ago. Mr. Waisberg is a member of the Joint Community Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and he has served on committees of the Zionist Organization of Canada and had held office in the B'nai B'rith here.