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BEN-GURION REPORTS TO CABINET ON TENSE SITUATION AT SYRIAN FRONTIER

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet, holding its regular Sunday meeting here today, heard a detailed report on the Syrian border situation from Prime Minister and Defense Minister David Ben-Gurion, while the situation in the North, along the Syrian frontier, was quiet but tense.

Informed sources reported that Syria has moved half of its army to the area in the demilitarized zone, on its side of the border, overlooking Lake Tiberias. Heavy Syrian armor, not permitted in the zone according to the terms of the 1949 Syrian-Israeli armistice, has been placed in positions overlooking the Israeli villages of Tel Katzir and Hzon. Heavy tanks have also been placed by the Syrians in those positions threatening Israeli territory.

Observers saw also twin-barreled Russian machineguns of unusually long range. These Soviet guns have a bore of 14 millimeters--whereas the armistice terms limit each side to guns of a maximum bore of eight millimeters.

Israel may file formal complaints against this Syrian mobilization before the United Nations, it was indicated here after the Cabinet session.

Western diplomatic sources here and at Tel Aviv expressed the opinion that Syria may be facing an internal crisis and has mobilized forces along the Israeli border in order to solidify Arab backing in case of internal troubles. There were reports that, while half the Syrian army was on Israel's border, the rest of its soldiers have fanned out over the countryside to suppress any trouble that may arise inside the country.

In the Arab world, there has been prompt reaction to Syria's provocative calls for support against the Israelis. Statements backing Syria have been issued in the capitals of Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. On the other hand, Mr. Ben-Gurion has made clear that Israel will defend itself against Syrian aggression. Israel, he said, will "hunt out" Syrian snipers, not only those firing from military positions but also "in places where, perhaps, they think we cannot harm them."

U.N. ENDS DEBATE ON ARAB REFUGEE ISSUE; TO TAKE UP RESOLUTIONS TODAY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The 110-member Special Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly concluded its three-week debate yesterday on the Arab refugee problem, following a prolonged address by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, on Friday, and the introduction of a resolution by the United States on the refugee issue. Today the Committee will start discussion of the following three resolutions proposed during the debate:

1. A resolution sponsored by 21 nations calling for direct negotiations between Israel and the Arab countries.
2. A resolution offered by three pro-Arab Moslem countries asking for the appointment of a United Nations custodian over the property left in Israel by Arab refugees.
3. The U. S. resolution, suggesting a status quo by extending for two years the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugee, which expires next summer.

The American resolution, introduced by Carl T. Rowan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, altered the Washington Administration's stand somewhat, by calling for a two-year extension--until June 30, 1965--of the expiring UNRWA mandate. Previously, Mr. Rowan had told the committee that the U. S. Government favored limiting UNRWA's new mandate to only one year. Under Arab pressure, however, the U. S. accepted a two-year extension. The U. S. still prefers a year-to-year re-evaluation of UNRWA's activities, Mr. Rowan said.

Mr. Rowan also told the committee he hoped that the sponsors of the two other resolutions before the body would withdraw their drafts, instead of pressing for votes. The United States had made it clear earlier that it opposes both these resolutions, finding the peace-talks call "untimely" and considering a UN property custodian inside Israel as an infringement on Israel's sovereignty.

Golda Meir Says Arab Attitude Breeds War

Mrs. Meir, in her address, dealt at length with both these resolutions. Starting with a statement detailing the development of the Arab refugee problem from its beginning

in 1948 to date, she pointed out that, had the Arab states accepted the UN resolution on the partition of Palestine back in 1947, "the history of the Middle East would have taken an entirely different course--a course of cooperation, friendship and constructive development for all, without war and the destruction of life and property, and without refugees."

Noting that the speakers in the debate had made no attempt to help solve the refugee problem, but had only "proclaimed their theme: Israel must not exist," the Israeli foreign policy chief stated:

"Even if the Arab Governments are as yet unwilling or incapable of understanding the spiritual and moral sources of the aspirations of the Jewish people for the renewal of its statehood, they will have to accept the fact that statehood will not be given up, even in the face of aggressive speeches or threats of force. "The Arab attitude," she said, "breeds not peace, but war."

#### Criticizes U.N. Commissioner's Report on Arab Refugees

She criticized Dr. John H. Davis, Commissioner General of UNRWA, for his annual report, presented to this very committee, which "specifically recommends the exclusion of all economic and development projects for the future of the refugees." She referred to the fact that Dr. Davis had told the UN in his report that Arab "feelings" oppose any solution but "return" of the refugees to Israel or their compensation by Israel, calling that attitude by Davis as one that goes beyond his UN mandate.

"When Dr. Davis goes beyond the immediate scope of his mandate," she said, "to tell us of the feelings of the whole Arab Middle East, would it not at least be proper for him to ascertain and report the views and feelings of the people of Israel on this subject as well? And, in describing Arab feelings, would it not be relevant to enlighten us about the spirit and intent in which the Arabs claim repatriation?"

The Israeli Foreign Minister illustrated that "spirit and intent" by quoting recent statements by Arab leaders calling for out-and-out war against Israel. She cited a declaration by Dr. Izzat Tannous, one of the refugee spokesmen who addressed the committee here last week, showing that he had called, in Beirut, for the raising of an army of at least 157,000 Arab refugees through "compulsory mobilization" for a war against Israel.

"I think we are entitled to ask," she said, "whether the refugees so enlisted continue to be wards of UNRWA." She cited an official UN report showing that refugee children are being educated to help "restore" their Palestinian "homeland" through "bloodshed." "What would the attitude be," she asked, "of any country represented here regarding the admission into its territory of people brought up in this spirit?"

#### Rejects Resolution Calling for Custodian of Arab Property

After further attacks against the Davis report, Mrs. Meir rejected outright the Moslem-Arabic resolution calling for the naming of a UN property custodian in Israel. She reminded the committee that Israel many times offered to compensate refugees for whatever properties they had abandoned in Israel, but noted that such an accounting must include properties left in Arab lands by 500,000 Jews who emigrated to Israel, as well as property destroyed by Arab government in their war against Israel.

Coming to the 21-member resolution calling for direct peace negotiations, she said this draft "points at the very root" of the entire Arab-Israeli problem. "We have always taken the view," she stated, "that all outstanding issues between nations, including, of course, those between us and our neighbors, should be discussed between us and our neighbors."

#### ISRAEL TO MAINTAIN STABILITY OF PRICES AND WAGES, ESHKOL SAYS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, assured the economic committee of the dominant Mapai Party, at a meeting here today, that the Government is firmly determined to maintain stability of prices as well as of wages. His stand was endorsed at the meeting by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

The Finance Minister also pledged the Government not to increase taxes, and said he will force local governments as well to keep from increasing taxes. In spite of these warnings, the Mapam and Communist parties have formed special workers' "actions committees," in an effort to force Histadrut, the Israel Federation of Labor, to reject the Mapai stand. The leftists called for warning strikes and emphasized that they are against freezing the wages.

Meanwhile, new cost-of-living indices published officially today showed that prices have gone up again during the first half of this year. These increases will, in turn, force upping of the cost-of-living allowances paid to workers. Manufacturers have given assurances that they will absorb the hiked allowances, while the Government is also ready to make some concessions. The net result, it was predicted, is that there will be no general price increases for consumer goods in 1963.

### ARAMCO AGREES TO STOP DISCRIMINATING AGAINST JEWISH JOB APPLICANTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The six-year legal battle against the employment practices of the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO) appeared ended yesterday with agreement by the oil firm to obey an order by the New York Commission for Human Rights to stop discriminating against Jewish job applicants.

The agreement was contained in a stipulation entered into by ARAMCO, the American Jewish Congress--which fought the issue through the courts--and the Commission for Human Rights. Shad Poller, chairman of the American Jewish Congress governing council, called the agreement a "major victory in the fight for equality for all our citizens."

Under terms of the stipulation, ARAMCO waived any right to contest the decision handed down last September by the Commission which ruled that the oil firm had illegally questioned job applications about their religion and had refused to hire Jewish applicants for its offices in New York City or for its oilfield operations in Saudi Arabia.

The company also waived any right to challenge the validity of the Commission's order requiring it to cease and desist from any discriminatory practices and to take certain steps to wipe out the effect of past discrimination; and to withdraw its application to the New York Supreme Court for an order to annul the Commission's decision.

The Commission correspondingly withdrew its counter-application for a court order to enforce the decision but the commission reserved the right to apply to the court for an enforcement order if at any time in the future it deemed ARAMCO guilty of further discrimination. Such an order would be enforceable by contempt proceedings, American Jewish Congress officials said.

### AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE SENDS DELEGATION TO ISRAEL; INVITED BY GOVT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A delegation of leaders of the American Jewish Committee, headed by A. M. Sonnabend, president, left today for a two-week survey and consultative mission to Israel at the invitation of the Israeli Government.

"The delegation will confer with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, other top Government officials, as well as representatives of Christian and Moslem groups in Israel," an announcement said, adding that the AJC leaders "were invited to visit Israel by Mr. Ben-Gurion to discuss first hand Israel's current economic, political and cultural concerns." Mr. Sonnabend announced that the Committee mission will discuss the following situations:

1. Steps toward establishing a peaceful solution of tensions in the Middle East which will involve productive development of the entire region;
2. Israel's economic problems, especially those created by the upcoming decrease in German reparations payments;
3. The process of integration in Israel of North African Jews;
4. The status of Christian and Moslem minorities in Israel; and
5. The Arab refugee problem.

The delegation will also discuss the development of educational programs "to clarify relationships between Israelis and Jews in the United States and the rest of the world," Mr. Sonnabend stressed.

### ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT PERMIT ROCKWELL TO HOLD PARLEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- An assurance that the Argentinian Government would not welcome any application by George Rockwell, or anyone else, to hold an international Nazi congress in Argentina was given by Ambassador Mario Pico, Argentinian representative at the United Nations, to the World Jewish Congress in New York.

Dr. Pico, who was accompanied by Dr. Julio Barboza, First Secretary, and Roberto Dalton, Press Attache, was the guest of Samuel Bronfman, vice-president of the WJC, at a luncheon here. In welcoming the Argentinian diplomats, Mr. Bronfman expressed the concern of the World Jewish Congress at recent manifestations of anti-Semitism in Argentina.

The Argentinian Ambassador is returning to Buenos Aires to become director of the Argentine Foreign Ministry's Department for International Organizations and Treaties. He re-stated his government's repudiation of the actions of Tacuara, a movement that he described as a group of irresponsible adolescents. Such activities were in open conflict with the Argentinian way of life, he said.

### ARGENTINE POLICE ARREST GANG BLAMED FOR ANTI-JEWISH ATTACKS

LA PLATA, Argentina, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Police arrested seven teen-age youths and uncovered thereby a gang blamed for a series of anti-Semitic attacks in the Buenos Aires area.

The young men, in their late teens, possessed automobiles, firearms, and ammunition. They planned to establish a military training camp near La Plata to teach the arts of anti-Jewish violence. The gang maintained strict discipline. Punishment for any member who failed to obey was a dose of castor oil.

# FORD FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES \$6,000,000 GRANT TO BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY

WALTHAM, Mass., Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Ford Foundation today announced a \$6,000,000 grant to Brandeis University to support its over-all academic development. The Foundation called for the funds to be matched on a three-to-one basis during the next three years. Brandeis accordingly, must raise \$18,000,000 by 1966 to earn the grant.

The grant was made under the Foundation's Special Program in Education, created in 1960 to advance the development of selected private universities and colleges as centers of higher educational excellence. Brandeis, cited by the Foundation for its "distinguished academic record," will receive an immediate payment of \$2,000,000 which it plans to use to recruit new faculty, to make library acquisitions and to expand fellowship, research and academic programs. Under a ten-year program newly drawn up by Brandeis, the Foundation grant with its matching funds would be used solely for academic purposes.

Brandeis president Abram L. Sachar described the grant as "a turning point in the history of Brandeis University. It does for economic stability what Phi Beta Kappa accreditation did for academic stature," he said, alluding to the national liberal arts honor society which last year authorized Brandeis to form a chapter.

## 18,000 TO ATTEND CHANUKAH FESTIVAL FOR ISRAEL IN NEW YORK TONIGHT

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, will be the guest of honor and principal speaker at the Chanukah Festival for Israel Bonds in Madison Square Garden tomorrow evening, it was announced today by Ira Guilden, chairman of the Chanukah Festival Committee. She will address an audience of 18,000 Israel bond investors who will attend the event.

Admission to the Festival, which will be held again on Tuesday evening, January 1, is free to those who purchase Israel bonds. Tickets to the first performance are sold out, Mr. Guilden said in his announcement, but some tickets are still available for the January 1 performance. A special feature of the Chanukah Festival will be the appearance of the Rinat Choir from Israel, a 42-voice choral ensemble.

## SASSOVER RABBI SIGNS PACT TO BUILD RELIGIOUS TOWNSHIP IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- An official signing ceremony of the purchase agreement between the Government of Israel Land Authority and the Grand Rabbi H. Y. L. Teitelbaum, the Sassover Rabbi, took place here today. The tract of 65 acres of land located between Bnei Brak, Petach Tikva and Savyon in Greater Tel Aviv, has been sold by the Government of Israel to the rabbi for the purposes of the establishment of a new religious township.

The suburb will bear the name of "Yissmach Moshe" to perpetuate the name of the famous founder of the Hassidic dynasty, one of the ancestors of Rabbi Teitelbaum, whose works are known by this name. The township will consist of housing units for five hundred families, mostly from the United States and Western European countries, followers of the Sassover Rabbi.

According to plans the settlers will establish factories, light industries and artisan shops, which will produce chiefly for export. The marketing of most of the products will be handled mainly by the rabbi's followers in the United States and other countries. At the signing today the Government of Israel was represented by Consul Chaim Zohar. Special prominence was given to the occasion by the presence of Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, Rabbi Mordecai Kirschblum and Louis Segal, members of the Jewish Agency executive, and Rabbi E. J. Duschinsky of the Religious Aliyah Department.

## MANE KATZ LEAVES \$333,000 PROPERTY AND \$83,000 IN CASH TO HAIFA

HAIFA, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The late Mane Katz, the noted painter who died in Israel about two months ago, left the bulk of his estate including paintings and other property worth an estimated 1,000,000 pounds (\$333,000) and 250,000 pounds (\$83,000) in cash, to the Haifa Municipality, according to the terms of his will ordered executed here today by a Haifa court. Mr. Katz also left cash grants to two brothers and a number of friends.

## LEADING AMERICANS ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES FOR GEORGE SOKOLSKY

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Funeral services for George Sokolsky, noted newspaper columnist who died this week-end at the age of 69 at his home here, were held in the Central Synagogue. The services were conducted by Rabbi David Seligson, assisted by Rabbi Joshua Goldberg, retired captain of Navy chaplains.

Honorary pallbearers included former President Hoover, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, General Douglas MacArthur, Federal Judge Irving R. Kaufman, Senator Everett Dirksen, (R. Ill.), Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, (D. Conn.), Sen. Barry Goldwater, (R. Ariz.), Mayor Wagner, Bernard M. Bsruch and others.

Born in Utica, N. Y., and raised in the Lower East Side of New York, Mr. Sokolsky, whose parents were religious Jews, studied at the Columbia School of Journalism, and held honorary degrees from Notre Dame and St. Bonaventure Universities and the University of Montana. He wrote numerous books, including a book, "We Jews."