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### ISRAEL URGES U.N. TO ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR DIRECT ARAB-ISRAELI TALKS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Israel today made a plea to the United Nations to adopt a 21-member resolution pending in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee, calling for direct peace negotiations between the Arab states and Israel.

"However long and stormy this path of negotiation may be," Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, maintained, "there does not appear to be any other realistic path to a settlement."

"It is true," Mr. Comay stated, "that the Arab States are unwilling to walk this path with us. What are the alternatives? There are only two--either to leave the (Arab) refugee problem unsolved, maybe for decades to come; or to allow the situation to drift again into renewed warfare, with all the bloodshed, misery and destruction that would bring in its wake."

Mr. Comay spoke before the committee as, after three weeks of debate occupied chiefly by Arab attacks against Israel, the group reached its real objective--the consideration of resolutions on the touchy Arab refugee problem. One of the principal Arab detractors of Israel, Ahmad Shukairy, of Saudi Arabia, was missing today, and the Saudi Arabian position in the committee chamber was vacant. Shukairy left here Saturday, unannounced but not unnoticed, having been recalled from his post by Saudi Arabia's King Feisal.

A number of delegates, including Arabs embarrassed by his volatile speeches stirring anti-Semitism and endorsing the neo-Nazi Tacuara movement of Argentina, had asked King Feisal to take him away from the already highly charged UN scene. Shukairy said before he left, however, that he expects to be back here, possibly as the representative of Syria. Known as one who has been hired by several Arab governments previously--including Jordan and Syria--Shukairy assured friends, "I'll return."

### Jordan Pleads for U.N. Custodianship over Arab Property in Israel

The Special Political Committee has before it three separate resolutions: 1. The 21-member draft seeking peace talks between the Arab states and Israel; 2. A pro-Arab resolution, requesting the appointment of a UN custodian over Arab property in Israel; and 3. An American resolution, extending for two years after next June 30, until June 30, 1965, the expiring mandate of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

Mr. Comay's intervention today came after Jordan pleaded for the custodianship and rebuked the U. S. A. for not going far enough in backing the Arab claims against Israel. He came John D. L. Hood, of Australia. He rejected both the custodianship resolution proposed by the Arabs and the peace talks draft endorsed by Israel, saying that peace negotiations now would be "inopportune" and "impracticable."

Mr. Comay, however, told the committee that the only hope for a solution of not only a refugee problem but of all issues outstanding between Israel and the hostile Arab states lies in negotiations. He recalled that Israel and the Arabs had already engaged in negotiations when they completed armistice agreements in 1949. He noted that the Palestine Conciliation Commission, a body which reports to this very committee, had informed the committee three years ago that, in considering a solution of the refugee problem, the UN must take into account the fact that a settlement "would involve important commitments by Israel."

"At any rate," the Israeli said, "as far as the Government of Israel is concerned, it will consider its attitude and policy on the refugee question only with regard to the situation as a whole, and that situation includes the state of relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors."

Mr. Comay did not discuss his Government's position on the American resolution, indicating that his delegation may touch upon that draft later. But he strongly opposed the Arab demand for a property custodian inside Israel. He cited numerous international precedents to show that the UN could have "no competence" in that regard. Like the U. S. A. before him, during last week's portion of the debate, he insisted that such a custodian would in effect be violating Israel's sovereignty.

#### JEWISH CONSISTORY IN ALGERIA REVIVED; DR. GOSLAN ELECTED PRESIDENT

ALGIERS, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- For the first time since the days of bloody strife in this country last summer, prior to Algeria's acquisition of its independence, the Jewish Consistory met today, elected officers, and reconstituted the official Jewish community.

Dr. Henri Goslan, a veterinary who had previously served on all of the city's slaughtering establishments, and who had stayed neutral during the seven-year France-Algerian turbulence, was chosen president.

The old Algerian Jewish community, however, is not in existence any longer. Out of about 162,000 Jews here before the struggle for Algerian Independence, less than 6,000 remain.

The Consistory adopted resolutions pledging the Jewish community's loyalty to the new State and its fidelity to the President of the Republic. Another resolution requested all rabbis in the country to "invoke Divine benediction" on the new State.

#### JEWS IN MOROCCO ASSURED BY KING'S STATEMENT ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

CASABLANCA, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- While the official religion of Morocco is Islamic, the Moroccan State guarantees the free exercise of religious worship to all cults and faiths, King Hassan declared here today.

The King made the statement at a press conference at which he reviewed the successful endorsement of his newly proclaimed constitution during the country-wide referendum on December 7. The King's statement regarding freedom of worship for all faiths was seen here as assurance that the Jewish religion here will be accorded full freedom of practice.

#### ISRAEL CABINET APPROVES LARGE BUDGET; EXPECTS TAXES TO COVER IT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Cabinet yesterday approved a 1963-64 draft budget for submission to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament. While no details will be disclosed until the budget draft is actually introduced into the Knesset, it is understood to total close to 2,800,000,000 pounds (\$933,000,000) or about 500,000,000 pounds (\$167,000,000) more than the current budget. It is anticipated that the expenditures will be covered mainly by income tax revenues.

Although Finance Minister Levi Eshkol had promised there would be no general rise in taxes, several exceptions are believed incorporated into the budget. These include a land improvement tax now under discussion in the Knesset, higher inheritance taxes and higher imposts on travel abroad. The Government may also make use of a measure already approved by the Knesset granting the Treasury and the Knesset Finance Committee authority to impose purchase taxes on services.

It is understood that leaders of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, who received Mr. Eshkol's promise not to raise taxes in return for their undertaking to support extension of present salary levels for another year, do not object to the imposition of higher purchase taxes on luxury items.

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL HAUSNER RESIGNS FORMALLY; CABINET TO NAME SUCCESSOR

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Attorney General Gideon Hausner today formally carried out his announced resignation. He attended part of the Cabinet meeting yesterday at which Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion reported on the Attorney General's determination to leave his post over differences with Justice Minister Dov Joseph.

Mr. Hausner thanked the Cabinet for the confidence placed in him and the Premier expressed regret over Mr. Hausner's resignation. Dr. Joseph will assume the post of acting Attorney General until a successor is named by the Cabinet.

#### ISRAEL ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL HOSPITALIZATION AUTHORITY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The establishment of a National Hospitalization Authority, providing a four-year hospital expansion program at a cost of 60,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$20,000,000), was announced here today by Yitzhak Rafael, Deputy Minister of Health. There are now 16,000 hospital beds in Israel, Mr. Rafael said, representing a ratio of 7.2 beds per 1,000 population in this country.

#### GERMAN SAILOR SENTENCED IN ISRAEL FOR INSULTING JEWISH STATE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A German sailor was sentenced here today to four months in prison and a fine of 2,000 Israeli pounds (\$667) or six months additional imprisonment for insulting the State. The sailor, Manfred Goytlicher, was arrested after he voiced insults against Israeli Jews and called out, "Heil Hitler."

## MAJOR TEST CASE OF NEW YORK'S SUNDAY LAW STARTS AT COURT HEARING

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A major test of the constitutionality of New York's Sunday-closing law began today in Brooklyn Criminal Court at a hearing in which testimony will be given by spokesmen for the city's major newspapers, radio-TV stations, department stores and movie theatres.

The Sunday law challenge is being made by the American Jewish Congress, which has provided legal counsel for Charles Pam, an Orthodox Jewish grocer of Brooklyn charged with selling a can of tuna and a jar of baby food during prohibited hours on Sunday.

Marvin M. Karparkin, an officer of the American Jewish Congress who is representing Mr. Pam, said he would seek to prove that the New York State Sabbath law has been enforced only against small merchants like Mr. Pam but not against large firms that he said "are in clear and direct violation" of the law.

"On the basis of testimony adducing discriminatory enforcement of the law," Mr. Karparkin said, "we will seek to have the criminal information against Mr. Pam dismissed and the prosecution quashed as violations of the Federal and State Constitutions. We will seek to show:

"1. That the New York Sabbath law is an unnecessary infringement upon the Constitutional rights of persons who observe a day other than Sunday as their day of rest.

"2. That the law imposes an economic hardship on persons like Mr. Pam who, in good faith, close their places of business for religious reasons on a day other than Sunday; and

"3. That the Police Department, by cracking down against a grocery store operator like Mr. Pam, while ignoring other and far more serious violators of the statute, is guilty of discriminatory enforcement of the law, thus causing a denial of equal protection as guaranteed under the Fourteenth Amendment.

"If the law is to be enforced," the American Jewish Congress spokesman declared, "it should be enforced against all who violate the statute--among them: every radio and TV station that broadcasts on Sunday; every newspaper whose editorial and mechanical staffs work on Sunday; every drug store that sells cosmetics, toys and similar items on Sunday; every service station that sells anything besides gasoline, oil and tires on Sunday; every newsstand that sells books on Sunday. If the law is unenforceable equally, it should be amended or abolished."

## B'NAI B'RITH BOARD OF GOVERNORS HEARS REPORTS ON RUSSIA, ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The throttling of Jewish cultural life in the Soviet Union is leading to anti-Semitic outbreaks in that country and the scapegoating of Jews for "economic crimes," Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith told the 119th annual meeting of the organization's board of governors.

Mr. Katz charged that the USSR's policy of isolating its Jewish citizens "from their past, their traditions, while severing their every link with world Jewry," not only threatens the cultural extinction of almost 3,000,000 Soviet Jews, but weakens their physical security as well. "When Jewish culture is defamed," he said, "the Jew stands condemned before the masses, and all eyes turn upon him when domestic crisis or foreign danger makes men afraid."

Reports filtering out of the Soviet Union indicate an increasing trend in this kind of scapegoating "to divert attention from the miscalculations of the omniscient Communist leaders--when Soviet central planning miscarries, when agricultural and industrial experiments fail, and the economy creaks at the joints," the B'nai B'rith president declared.

The 200 B'nai B'rith leaders here also heard Israel's programs of "genuine cooperation" with Afro-Asian states described as among the "highest achievements" during its 14 years of statehood. Eliahu Elath, first Israel ambassador in Washington, now president of the Hebrew University, told a banquet session last night that in the past four years more than 3,000 students from Asian and African countries have studied in Israel and some 900 Israeli technicians and advisers have been sent abroad, mostly to the same states.

In the experiences of Israel, which has had to devise "accelerating techniques to meet problems that could not wait the kind of solution which takes generations to evolve," the smaller Asian and African nations are finding "at least partial answers to some of their own burning problems," Mr. Elath said.

"They saw that our very survival had often depended on our ability to tackle problems by unorthodox means, to improvise to meet the unexpected, to take great risks to meet greater dangers," Mr. Elath declared, adding that the new Afro-Asian states are finding "inspiration and example" in Israel as "a laboratory of ideas and experiments."

He said that Israel has not exaggerated its capacity to help, and the new nations, in turn, find their relations with Israel have "no strings attached, and with no political or other safeguards required."

### GOLDA MEIR ADDRESSES 18,000 PEOPLE AT CHANUKAH FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A capacity audience of more than 18,000 Israel bond purchasers accorded tribute to Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, at a sell-out performance this evening at the 12th annual Chanukah Festival for Israel, the high-point of the 1962 drive for Israel bonds in New York City.

The event, which featured a moving eulogy to the late Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, brought to \$11,000,000 the amount of Israel bonds sold in the New York metropolitan area since the beginning of the year. The drive will extend to the end of this month. A second and final performance of the Chanukah festival will be held on Tuesday, January 1.

Mrs. Meir, who was given a standing ovation by the capacity audience, expressed the appreciation of her government to the American people for their friendship and their interest in Israel's development. She urged continued investment in Israel bonds to make possible the reclamation of Israel's Negev, the country's southern desert region which occupies 60 percent of its land area.

### 9,000 CHILDREN ATTEND JEWISH SCHOOLS IN BRAZIL; CONSTITUTE 25 PERCENT

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- While there are 9,000 pupils enrolled in more than 30 Jewish schools in Brazil, they constitute only 25 per cent of the Jewish children of school age, Moshe Rolnik, president of the United Zionist Organization's Board of Jewish Education, reported here today. He said that there are 16 Jewish schools in this city, with 12 in Sao Paulo, and that 175 teachers are employed in all of the Jewish schools in this country.

Mr. Rolnik made his statement in opening "Jewish Education Month." During the next four weeks, he said, a family-by-family series of visits will be made by volunteers to every Jewish home in the country, in an effort to increase Jewish youth enrollment in the Jewish schools.

### 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF LUBAVITCHER REBBE OBSERVED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Thousands of Lubavitcher hassidim participated last night in the festive observance of the 150th anniversary of the death of Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi, the first Lubavitcher Rebbe who founded the Chabad-Lubavitch hassidic movement in Czarist Russia approximately 190 years ago. He died on the 19th of Kislev in the Jewish year of 5573.

Police had to cordon off the synagogue where the hassidim danced and related legends of the Rebbe until the early hours of the morning. The Lubavitcher Rebbe of today, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, lives in New York. He is a direct descendant of Rabbi Shneur Zalman and is the seventh in succession of the leaders of the Lubavitcher hassidic movement.

Rabbi Shneur Zalman was a disciple of Rabbi Dovber of Messeritch (whose Yartzeit is also on Kislev 19) the successor to the famed Baal Shem Tov. He became a legend in his own day as a towering Talmudical genius and Kabbalistic and Chassidic scholar.

### ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND MEMORIAL FOR WEIZMANN

ROME, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- Leading Government, political and scientific personalities in Italy participated this weekend in a memorial meeting to mark the tenth anniversary of the death of Chaim Weizmann, the first President of Israel.

In an address at the gathering, Professor Ernst Boris Chain, a recipient of the Nobel Prize for his work on penicillin, said that "Israel's neighbors will be the first to benefit from the achievements of the Weizmann Institute." He said this would be "the strongest affirmation of Dr. Weizmann's work."

#### Jews in Sao Paulo Mark 10th Anniversary of Weizmann's Death

SAO PAULO, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- The Sao Paulo Jewish community today concluded a series of events marking the 10th anniversary of the death of the late Chaim Weizmann with a public meeting sponsored by the local Zionist Organization. Earlier events included special observances in Jewish schools and by various youth movements and services in the city's synagogues.

### MEMORY OF VICTIMS KILLED BY NAZIS IN FRANCE HONORED IN PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 17. (JTA) -- A ceremony in memory of 100 French hostages, most of them Jews, shot by Nazi occupation forces on December 15, 1941, was held yesterday at the Auschwitz Memorial in Pere Lachaise Cemetery here. The ceremony was held under the auspices of the Association of French-Jewish Deportees, with former members of non-Jewish resistance movements also taking part.