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### ISRAEL WATCHING IRAQI DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY; ABSTAINS FROM COMMENT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Office today declined to make any comment on the revolution in Iraq which elated Egyptian Premier Nasser, following the assassination of the 49-year-old Iraqi Premier General Abdul Karim Kassem last Friday.

(The general feeling in the United States was that the new regime in Iraq may spell danger for the present regime in Jordan and may eventually affect also Israel. In Washington, the State Department said that "it was too early" to assess the implications of the Iraqi coup d'etat with respect to "relations with Iraq's neighbors." A State Department spokesman indicated it might take several days before the situation might be clarified.)

Israeli quarters were following today the latest developments in Iraq very closely. They said that proper evaluation of the situation will be possible only after more details are received about the nature of the new regime. The consensus among observers here appears to be that the new Iraqi regime would favor better relations with Nasser but will not seek any form of political union with him and thus not bring about any major changes in the political complexion of the area.

Colonel Mohammed Aref, who heads the new government in Iraq, is known in Israel for his pro-Nazi sentiments. It is considered likely that he will not rush into an unprepared union with Egypt, especially since his cabinet includes a substantial number of members of the socialist Baath Party which is dedicated to Pan-Arab unity but is nevertheless against Nasser.

However, it is taken into consideration here that the revolution in Iraq may have its impact outside of Iraq's frontiers, especially on Jordan where internal opposition to King Hussein appears to have grown recently. The opinion prevailing here is that much will depend on the stability of the present regime in Iraq. A weak regime would invite intensified subversive activities both from Nasser's side and from the side of the Soviet bloc. This would set in motion developments apt to upset the political balance of power in the area.

Meanwhile Cairo Radio is being kept busy broadcasting appeals to the Syrians to follow the example of Iraq and overthrow their government. Syria has always been sensitive to changes in Iraq, and Nasser is losing no time to exploit the Iraqi situation for stimulating trouble in Syria.

### ISRAEL'S DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIALS DISCUSS ACQUISITION OF ARMS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- A week-long meeting of Israeli Defense Ministry representatives in many parts of the world was concluded here today. The conference, it was reliably learned, was devoted chiefly to problems of purchasing arms and military equipment for Israel's defense forces.

Interest centered here on the quick visit to Israel by Charles Adams, president of the Raytheon Corporation, the American firm from which Israel is slated to purchase the Hawk ground-to-air missiles. Mr. Adams stressed, during his 30-hour visit, that he was here on a "private" mission. Nevertheless, among the Israelis with whom he met were Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who is also Minister of Defense, and Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres. Mr. Adams departed for the United States on Friday.

### 'Period of Heroism' Is Not Yet Over for Israel, Eban Warns

PARIS, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Israel is not yet finished with its "period of heroism," Abba Eban, Israel's Minister of Education and Culture, warned here today. "A glance at the map," he cautioned, "will show that the region's entry into the ballistic era bodes ill to Israel."

Mr. Eban was one of the principal speakers here at the annual conference of the French section of Keren Hayesod, the fund-raising arm of the World Zionist Organization. The conference, which closed tonight with an address by Mr. Eban, adopted a resolution calling upon the Jews of France to increase their financial interest in Israel.

In his warning, Mr. Eban told the conference: "Israel's intellectual and technological superiority, which is counterbalanced by numerical and territorial inferiority, might get lost without a particular educational effort. Several Arab countries are beginning to understand the importance of educational advancement."

## SOVIET STATEMENT VAGUE IN DENYING POGROMS IN UZBEKISTAN CITIES

LONDON, Feb. 10, (JTA) -- The Soviet press agency Novosti has circulated this week-end a joint statement issued in Uzbekistan by Jewish and Moslem clergymen denying reports issued by the B'nai B'rith at a press conference in Washington last month that "blood libel" pogroms on Jews took place in the two Uzbekistan cities of Tashkent and Margelan.

The denial made no reference to the blood ritual libels. The closest it got to the specific charges was to refer to "rumors of some kind of strife" between Jews and Moslems arising from "some misunderstanding on religious grounds." The joint Jewish-Moslem clergy statement said the "rumors" were "absolutely untrue" and the facts reported were "fabricated."

The Guardian here carrying the Soviet denial, points out that the Moscow joint Jewish-Moslem statement avoids mention of the relevant facts and therefore "adds plausibility" to the original reports.

The joint statement referred to reports involving both cities. The B'nai B'rith had charged that in Margelan, a Jewish woman named Mazol Yusupova was accused of having kidnapped and killed the two-year-old child of a Margelan Moslem for a "ritual murder." According to the charge, she was arrested and formally charged with abduction and murder and reports of the arrest touched off mob rioting against the Margelan Jews. It turned out that the child had been kidnapped but by a Moslem woman.

The denial in the Moscow joint statement took the form of a query: "What did in fact happen in Margelan? A little Uzbek girl was reported missing. The panic-stricken parents were frantic with worry. The state authorities took every measure to find the child. The search lasted for days. It finally turned out that the girl had been kidnapped by an Uzbek woman from Andizhan who was mentally unbalanced because of sterility. Does this incident offer any grounds for religious strife? Of course it does not."

In Tashkent, the B'nai B'rith charged, the Jews were assaulted last May 9 following spread of a rumor that Abigail Bangieva, a 70-year-old woman who runs a small shop, had taken blood from the ear of a Moslem girl for use in a Passover ritual. Wild rioting against the Jews of Tashkent followed.

The joint statement, in its comment on this charge, said: "On May 9 last year, a fight broke out between an Uzbek and his neighbors, three Bokhara Jews. This is certainly a regrettable fact but what is to be done about it? Although the state and we, the clergy, are making every effort to get people to stop, heavy drinking and fighting, incidents entailing both sometimes occur. Certain people painstakingly amplify this hooliganism to make it fit into the category of 'religious strife' and are trying to prove that there is some kind of religious feud between Moslems and Jews."

## OFFICIAL OF BERLIN SENATE SUSPENDED FOR MAKING ANTI-SEMITIC REMARKS

WEST BERLIN, Feb. 10, (JTA) -- The Berlin Senate disclosed today that Henry Hirte, a civil servant in the Senate's education department, had been temporarily suspended from office for having made some anti-Semitic remarks. Informed sources said he would probably be suspended indefinitely and face court proceedings. He was in charge of the Department of Schools.

Court officials in Kiel indicated today that an official investigation would be started into reports that Heinrich Krause, a district court judge here, made serious anti-Semitic remarks in a restaurant. The remarks were initially reported by some of Judge Krause's colleagues to the court president, who in turn informed the Schleswig-Holstein Justice Ministry which is expected to make an official investigation.

## MOROCCAN JEWS IN FRANCE TO FORM PERMANENT ORGANIZATION; CALL MEETING

PARIS, Feb. 10, (JTA) -- A provisional Association of Moroccan Jews now living in France announced today it planned to call a mass meeting next month of all Moroccan Jews in France to form a permanent association and elect officials.

The provisional association was established by a number of one-time leaders of Moroccan Jewry. They said the new association will cooperate closely with French Jewry in defending the rights of its members. The new association will coordinate its efforts with existing French Jewish organizations, particularly the Fonds Social Juif Unifié, the major Jewish social welfare organization.

## SON OF AIR MARSHAL BOASTS HE IS LEADER OF BRITISH NAZI MOVEMENT

LONDON, Feb. 10, (JTA) -- The son of a former British Royal Air Force hero in the Second World War today boasted that he took over the leadership of the British National Socialist movement after the group's leader, Colin Jordan, was jailed several months ago for his Nazi activities.

Michael Slatter, son of the late Air Marshal Sir Leonard Slatter, said "I am proud to be a member of the National Socialist movement and I admire Hitler as a great man."

# KLUTZNICK REVIEWS AMERICAN-ISRAEL RELATIONS; LAUDS KENNEDY'S STAND

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- "There is no gap" between President Kennedy's publicly expressed attitude toward Israel and his "earnest and dedicated performance," as proved by his decision to permit Israel to purchase the Hawk anti-aircraft missile, Philip M. Klutznick, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, declared here tonight. "The independence and security of Israel," he affirmed, "are an element in the U.S. foreign policy."

Mr. Klutznick, who retired from his ambassadorship at the conclusion of the last UN General Assembly, was the guest of honor here at the annual Order Day dinner of Bnai Zion, American fraternal Zionist organization. The 1,200 guests at the dinner devoted also toward raising funds for two additional Bnai Zion Foundation projects in Israel and to highlighting the work of the Jewish National Fund, heard many tributes to Mr. Klutznick in messages from President Kennedy, Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir, and many other American and Israeli notables.

In his message, President Kennedy noted that Mr. Klutznick has occupied various high government posts during 10 years under the Administrations of Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and the present Washington Administration. "In all of these positions of responsibility," said Mr. Kennedy, "his talent and ability won him the respect of his colleagues and the appreciation and thanks of his country. I am happy to join in the tributes to Phil Klutznick on this occasion."

Taking note of the function's interest in the Jewish National Fund, President Kennedy added: "I should like to wish you success in your efforts, through the Jewish National Fund, to transform arid wastes into habitable, fertile and productive soil. President Truman once referred to this as 'the initiation of the Point Four program for underdeveloped nations.' All such efforts to raise the productivity of underdeveloped lands and increase standards of living deserve encouragement."

## Describes Kennedy's Decision to Provide Israel with Hawk Missiles

In his address, responding to the tributes, Mr. Klutznick told the assemblage: "In my two years of intimate concern with events inside the Administration, affecting American-Israel relationships, I found no gap between President Kennedy's views, as he stated them earlier, and his present and dedicated performance as our nation's chief executive." He took occasion to deny as "complete and unfounded nonsense" the rumors that he quit the UN delegation post due to "alleged dissatisfaction with the Administration's attitude toward Israel."

Mr. Klutznick surveyed the entire range of American-Israel relationships, emphasizing general U.S. policies in the Middle East and the problems the U.S.A. faces in its dealings with many nations, including not only Israel but also the Arab states and the nations of Africa, Latin America and Asia. He noted that both Israel and the United States have their own, individual interests.

"Israel," he said, "is sovereign and as such acts as she should in what she considers her own best interest. It is no less true of our own nation. Israel is not a satellite of the United States or of the West; nor is the United States a satellite of Israel. Both nations are blessed with able, intelligent and energetic leadership. Where energy, intelligence and movement are present, possibilities for occasional differences arise even while the fundamental relationship is sound and friendly."

Mr. Klutznick described the events immediately preceding Mr. Kennedy's announcement of his decision to permit Israel to purchase the Hawk missiles in this country. "I was among those privileged to be in Washington," he said, "to listen to President Kennedy explain what he proposed," to a small group of Jewish leaders. "Briefly, in excellent prose and with perfect logic, he traced the history of the United States policy and commitments in the Middle East. He then announced his determination to provide the Hawk to redress what might appear to be a developing and dangerous lack of military balance."

"Other than President Truman's prompt recognition of Israel on its birth, this is the highlight in the relationships between the United States and Israel," Mr. Klutznick stressed. "In something more than words, it expressed the United States vital concern with Israel's security. This is a severe and meaningful test of genuine friendship." Mr. Klutznick also pointed out that the United States has administered a firm and unaltering commitment to help Israel overcome its natural handicaps and attain a self-sustaining economic growth."

Another major address at the dinner was delivered by Sen. Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, who was guest of honor. Sen. Morse said: "In the future, we are going to be compelled to look much more carefully at the nations receiving American assistance to make certain that, in helping them, we are truly advancing the cause of freedom. I do not think there are many nations that stand higher in this respect than does Israel."

Norman G. Levine, president of Bnai Zion, as toastmaster, introduced also other guests of honor, among them New York Mayor Robert F. Wagner; Ambassador Katriel Katz, Israel's Consul-General in New York; and Mendel N. Fisher, secretary of the JNF.

## LABOR ISRAEL CAMPAIGN GETS \$1,000,000 AT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- A million dollars incash was presented here today at the mid-winter conference of the National Committee for Labor Israel, at the Hotel Commodore, in the first phase of the 1963 Israel Histadrut Campaign. A roll call of delegations representing scores of communities and hundreds of Jewish and labor organizations was conducted by Dr. Sol Stein, national executive director of the campaign. Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, national chairman, presided over the conference.

Two special representatives of Histadrut addressed the conference--Mayor Joseph Levy of Eilat, and Dov Barnir, Hebrew journalist and member of the First Knesset. Mayor Levy reported that Eilat, would increase its population threefold in the next four years, from 8,500 to 25,000. He noted that Eilat was becoming a major tourist attraction as well as an important sea link between Israel and the Far East and East Africa, bypassing the Suez Canal which is closed to Israel shipping.

Mr. Barnir, completing a six-week coast-to-coast lecture tour, told the conference that "the importance of Histadrut in the construction of Israel is still widely underestimated among many members of the American Jewish community. They must be informed about the facts: without Histadrut there would have been in Palestine no agriculture, no industry, no self-defense, no pioneering effort in a backward country devoid of experience and natural resources." Zalman Shazar, head of the education and cultural department of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, also addressed the conference.

Dr. Stein announced the establishment of an Educational Department that would seek "to clarify the affinity between American Jewry and Israel, and present the ideals of Histadrut as the twentieth century mission of our people, a mission in which American Jewry can find its fulfillment while enriching its American heritage." Dr. Judd L. Teller, well-known author and lecturer, has been named director of the department.

## LABEL KATZ HONORED IN LONDON; NOTABLES ATTEND LUNCHEON IN COMMONS

LONDON, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Label A. Katz, international president of B'nai B'rith, who has been visiting here, was honored at a luncheon in the House of Commons this weekend, with many British, Israeli and other notables in attendance. Sir Henry d'Avigdor Goldsmid, Conservative member of Parliament, was the host.

Among those attending the luncheon were Moshe Sharett, former Israeli Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, now chairman of the Jewish Agency executive; London Ambassadors and counsellors of Israel, the United States and Ireland; Lord Craigton, Minister of State for Scotland; Lord Morrison, former Deputy Prime Minister; Lord Silkin, former Minister for Town and Country; and Sir Roger Stevens, Undersecretary of State in the Foreign Office. Others included members of both Houses of Parliament, and leading representatives of a number of Jewish organizations.

## PROF. BUBER HONORED IN ISRAEL ON 85TH BIRTHDAY; GREETED BY ADENAUER

JERUSALEM, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University and the Israel Academy of Sciences jointly gave a luncheon here to Professor Martin Buber in celebration of the savant's 85th birthday. Dr. Buber was president of the Academy of Sciences until 1962 when he resigned for health reasons.

The North Rhine Westphalian Government plans to establish a university chair in honor of the birthday event, it was reported today from Dusseldorf. The chair will be established either at Bonn, Cologne or Munster in conjunction with the Martin Buber Institute for Jewish Research. Dr. Buber lectured at Frankfurt University up to 1933, the year the Nazis came to power.

Among congratulatory messages received here, honoring Prof. Buber, were cables from Dr. Heinrich Luebke, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, and Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, president of the Bundestag, lower House of the West German Parliament. Dr. Adenauer noted in his message that Germans today "remember reverently the impact of Professor Buber's philosophical works on German spiritual life." President Luebke praised "the interpretive, creative, spiritual work" of Prof. Buber, stressing "the influence exercised by Buber's teachings on the responsibility for one's fellow creatures."

## JACOB ALTMAYER, JEWISH MEMBER OF WEST GERMAN PARLIAMENT, DEAD; WAS 73

BONN, Feb. 10. (JTA) -- Jacob Altmaier, Jewish member of the Bundestag, lower House of the West German Parliament, died here yesterday, aged 73. Death came suddenly after he had attended a meeting of the Bundestag.

A journalist since 1913, and active in the Social Democratic Party, Mr. Altmaier was also a member of the Consultative Assembly of the European Council. He had been given large credit for helping to bring about the German-Israeli reparations agreement in 1952, and for his work on behalf of restitution and indemnification of victims of Nazism.

From 1933, when Hitler came to power, until 1946, he lived mainly in France and Britain. He lost more than 30 relatives during the Nazi holocaust. Tribute to his memory was voiced in Parliament by leaders of the principal political parties in the House.